

## BSSH volunteers to be honored during annual luncheon

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

"Volunteers: The True Spirit of Caring" will be the theme of Thursday's Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Luncheon.

The luncheon recognizes and honors the hospital's volun-

teers for their many hours of dedication during the past year. This yearly event is held during National Volunteer Week and is the hospital's way of saying "thank you" to the 100-plus volunteers.

Service awards for the num-

ber of hours contributed will be given to volunteers, as well as special recognition awards for volunteers who will receive state awards at the upcoming State Volunteer meeting to be held in Lubbock April 27, 28 and 29.

Edna Faye Smith and Steve Smith will present the coveted Jack Y. Smith Award to the outstanding volunteer of the year at the conclusion of the luncheon.

The luncheon will be held in the hospital's Allred Building

Auditorium at 12 p.m.

Volunteers or those who are considering volunteering are encouraged to place reservations for the annual event with the Community Relations office. Please call 268-7271 to make your reservation.

## SEARCHING FOR GOODIES



Herald photos/Steve Reagan  
Event coordinator Kelly Zant and the Easter Bunny prepare to signal the start of the annual City Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning in Birdwell Park. At right, Brandyn Montanez, 3, "gets his ears on" prior to the start of the annual City Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning in Birdwell Park.



## Iraqi unrest

### Al-Jaafari's party digs in on premiership; body of prominent Sunni politician found

By BUSHRA JUHI

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The political snarl over choosing Iraq's new government tightened Monday as Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's party indicated it was standing firm for him to keep the post for a second term despite opposition from Sunni Arabs and Kurds.

Ali al-Adeeb, a top official in the Dawa party, said the group would not put forward anyone else as the Shiite Muslim nominee for premier unless al-Jaafari decided to step aside.

The announcement pointed to further delays in negotiations to form a broad-based government, an effort that has stumbled along for four months since the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections.

An alliance of seven Shiite parties has deferred to Dawa to decide whether the bloc should stand with its February decision to nominate al-Jaafari to head the new government. Sunnis and Kurds oppose him, saying he has failed to stop the recent surge in sectarian bloodshed, and neither side has enough votes to force a decision.

The standoff over al-Jaafari forced Iraqi officials to call off a plan for convening parliament Monday.

"Dawa cannot present any candidate unless al-Jaafari decides to step aside," al-Adeeb told The Associated Press. "So far his position has not changed. If he decides to quit, then Dawa will try to agree (by consensus) on a candidate. If not, we will resort to voting."

Al-Adeeb said he conveyed that position to U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, who has been pushing Iraqi leaders to break the impasse and form a new government that Washington consid-

ers vital for calming the insurgency as well as sectarian fighting that has worsened tensions the past two months.

Police on Monday discovered the body of the brother of a prominent Sunni Arab politician who is a major player in the negotiations over a new government.

Taha al-Mutlaq, brother of Saleh al-Mutlaq, went missing nearly three weeks ago while traveling to Salahuddin province to the north. At the time, Saleh al-Mutlaq said he thought the disappearance was politically motivated.

It was the second time in the past week that the brother of a major Sunni politician has died violently. On Thursday, Mahmoud al-Hashimi, whose brother heads Iraq's largest Sunni Arab party, was slain along with a companion as they drove through a mostly Shiite area of east Baghdad.

Baghdad police reported finding 15 other corpses in what appeared to be sectarian violence: Twelve bullet-riddled bodies, also bearing signs of torture, were inside a vehicle in the city's southern Dora district and three blindfolded and handcuffed men were recovered in the mostly Shiite neighborhood of Shula.

Such bloodshed has strained political tensions as leaders of the country's religiously and ethnically based parties struggle to find consensus on who will occupy the top posts in the new government.

After Sunday's decision to put the parliament session, leaders expressed optimism that decisions would be made quickly. But that appeared unlikely.

Some politicians had suggested Dawa might put forward the names of

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## Chief of staff invites top aides to leave

By NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Signaling a possible shake-up among President Bush's senior advisers, the new White House chief of staff told top presidential aides Monday to expect changes that "refresh and re-energize the team." He invited anyone who is thinking of leaving before year's end to do so now.

Joshua Bolten, who took over the top staff job late Friday, did not ask for anyone's resignation in his first Monday morning staff meeting with the

president's senior aides, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said. No one stepped forward to say they would leave, either, McClellan said.

Bolten has Bush's full authority to make changes to the president's staff, which has had a low turnover rate, with many aides serving him for years. Bolten already has had closed door meetings with some top advisers and plans more in the coming 10 days or so to talk about their roles going forward, McClellan said.

McClellan said Bolten told the aides to expect "some changes and adjust-

ments" after he's gone through the process of talking to the staff.

"Josh talked to us and talked about how he is assuming his new position and responsibilities during a challenging time period," McClellan said. "We remain engaged in an ongoing global war on terrorism, and that is of course our highest priority. But there are a number of other priorities that we are working to accomplish as well. And Josh talked about how this will refresh and re-energize the team and for all of

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## Obituaries

### Delbert Franklin



Delbert Franklin, 86, of Stanton went on home to be with the Lord Sunday, April 16, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born March 20, 1920, in Duncan, Okla., and married Geneva Allgood March 5, 1939, in Duncan, Okla.

Delbert came to Stanton in 1950 and was employed by Blocker Oil Company. In 1961, he started Franklin & Son Inc. and retired in 1982. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He loved to hunt, travel and carve walking canes.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon since 1958 and taught the Junior Department Sunday School Class for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Franklin of Stanton; one daughter and son-in-law, Joetta and Gary Harris of Midland; one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Bonnie Franklin of Stanton; and two brothers, John Franklin of Midland and Billy Joe Franklin of Bakersfield, Calif.

He was "PaPaw" to seven grandchildren, Mark Thompson and wife, LaShawnda, Mike Thompson and wife, Lena, Julie Berry and husband, Dean, Joely Fox and husband, Marshall, Brandee Noll and husband, Anthony, Reggie Franklin and wife, Kristi and Melissa Wheeler and husband Gib; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church TV and Sound Ministry, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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### J.D. Nelson



J.D. Nelson, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a private burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 5, 1929, in Erath County to Aubrey and Dennis Nelson.

He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1970, coming from Fort Worth and had served as president of Security State Bank from 1970 until 1996. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Nelson of Big Spring; one daughter, Sandy Wolf of Purcellville, Va.; one son, Scott Nelson of New Braunfels; one sister, Beth Stanbrough of Fort Worth; one nephew; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

### Warren Lee Cooper

Warren Lee Cooper, 71, of Warrensburg, Mo., formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Warrensburg Manor Care Center. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, in the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring with Rafor Dunagan officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday morning before the services starting at 9 a.m. in the Peace Chapel.

He was born Feb. 6, 1935, in Dalhart, the son of Audie L. Cooper and Verda May Boney Cooper. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and was a cattle rancher. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one sister, Laverne McCulloch of Warrensburg, Mo.; two nieces, Kara McCulloch of Warrensburg, Mo., and Keli Houston of Odessa, Mo.; one great-niece, Samantha Houston and one great-nephew, Mitchel Houston, both of Odessa, Mo.

Pallbearers will be Lloyd, Kent, Scott and Lance Robinson, John Damron and Wendell Edwards.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home of La Monte, Mo., in care of the Sweeney-Phillips & Holdren Funeral Home, 617 N. Maguire St., Warrensburg, Mo., 64093 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Take Note

• **HOWARD COLLEGE AWARDS CONVOCATION** is 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a reception following. Call 264-5011 for more information.

• **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

### Clarence Earl Robinson

Clarence Earl Robinson, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Corpus Christi.

He was born Dec. 4, 1916, in Big Spring to Nettie and Benjamin Robinson. A veteran of World War II, 1943-1946, Earl proudly served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, 7th Division, 13th Engineers. He participated with invading U.S. forces in the liberation of Leiti and Okinawa in the Philippines and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts.

Earl was a hard working man and a master carpenter. He was foreman for several construction companies in Midland before retiring in 1984. He was very proud of the homes and buildings he helped create.

Strong willed and able bodied, there was very little he couldn't accomplish in his healthier years. He loved his family and friends and tended to his parents, aunts and uncles.

Earl will be remembered for his kindness and love to family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife, Lorene, brother, J.L. Robinson and sisters, Louise Tumbleson and Lorraine Smith.

Earl is survived by his sons, Bill Robinson of Albany, Ga., and Ed Robinson of Corpus Christi; daughter, Glenda Eisenwine of Corpus Christi; grandson, James Robinson; granddaughters, Laura Robinson and Keena Peek; two great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home today between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Knight officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. To make on-line condolences visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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### Robert B. Evans

Robert B. Evans, 74, of Big Spring, formerly of Tulia, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at West Park Cemetery in Hereford with Yolanda Tarango officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Rix Funeral Home in Hereford.

He was born May 22, 1931, in Ladonia to Charlie Bryant Evans and Vivian May Brazier and married Thelma A. Johnson Aug. 11, 1952, in Mangum, Okla. She preceded him in death Nov. 5, 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and received the Bronze Star. He was a cotton farmer in Tulia for many years and was employed by Cagle Fish, Tool and Die for 15 years. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters, Darla Kay Bell of Lancaster, Ohio, and Vivian D. Watkins of Hereford; one son, Robert Lynn Evans of Vallejo, Calif.; one sister, Edna Hastey of Vernon; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial to the V.A. Medical Center.

Local arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

### Mary LaRue DeViney

Mary LaRue DeViney, 88, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, at her residence. Graveside services were in Red Oak Cemetery with David Tarbet, pastor of White Rock Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Oct. 21, 1917, and taught art at Runnels Junior High for many years. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Don DeViney of Dallas; one daughter-in-law, Marilyn DeViney of Red Oak; and three grandchildren.

### Joe Smoot

Joe Smoot, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Beverly Rice

Beverly Rice, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 16, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-22-25-30-42. Bonus Ball: 30.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$30 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-22-24-35.

Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-2-1

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• **OLIVIA BALLIN**, 26, of 623 Caylor, was arrested Saturday on nine local warrants.

• **CHAD BRAKE**, 28, of Lubbock, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **EUGENIO CEBALLOS**, 30, of 813 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CRYSTAL BAEZA**, 19, of 704 San Jacinto, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **GABRIEL ORTIZ**, 18, of 2507 Carleton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **DAVID FRANCO**, 27, of 1407 E. 18th Street, was arrested Sunday on a Hidalgo County warrant.

• **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 47, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.

• **RAMONA OLIVAREZ**, 25, of 1511 Bluebird, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.

• **RENE RODRIGUEZ**, 18, of 1108 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on two local citations and a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• **DUSTIN GARRETT**, 21, of 600 Elgin, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **REBECCA WILLIAMS**, 20, of 423 Dallas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ**, 23, of 1204 E. 15th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **BRYAN HARBOUR**, 34, of 605 W. 17th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **VANESSA VALENCIA**, 27, of 1101 Lamar, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.

• **CASEY LYNN PRICE**, 19, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **JEREMY WILLIAMS**, 20, of 2509 Carrol, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **FABIAN AGUILAR**, 28, of 1713 Yale, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SAMMY PENA**, 26, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Scurry.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 100 block of 16th Street.

- in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 900 block of Lancaster.

- in the 700 block of Pine.

- in the 1900 block of Wason.

- in the 2500 block of Langley.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Ninth Street.

• **EVADING ARREST** was reported in the 1400 block of 19th Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2700 block of Wason.

## Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Cooler. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

So far, it's Skilling's word against that of prosecution witnesses

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling has logged four days on the witness stand in his fraud and conspiracy trial hoping to convince jurors that he's innocent and that his former company was not rife with corruption.

But his testimony so far came under questioning from his lead lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli. The questioning aimed to solicit his side of the story rather than challenge him.

On Monday, the 52-year-old ex-CEO is slated to begin cross-examination by Sean Berkowitz, director of the Justice Department's Enron Task Force, in a grilling expected to pick apart Skilling's recollections.

Skeletal remains found in car belonged to missing woman

AUSTIN (AP) — Authorities have identified the skeletal remains found in a car stopped by Abilene police as belonging to a Travis County woman.

Latoya Finley, 22, vanished in late February after telling her family she was going to Los Angeles to begin a

music career. Travis County investigators identified the body as Finley's on Sunday. Her remains were found Friday in the back seat and trunk of her car, which was being driven by her aunt and uncle. Both relatives are being held in an Abilene jail on outstanding warrants. Travis County sheriff's Detective Chris Rowland said the woman's body had been dismembered. No charges have been filed in the death.

Buddy Holly's watch fetches \$155,350 at auction

DALLAS (AP) — The diamond-studded watch Buddy Holly was wearing when he was killed in a plane crash has been sold at auction for \$155,350.

The buyer was a woman near San Francisco who wanted to remain anonymous, said Heritage Auction Galleries spokesman Doug Norwine.

Holly received the diamond-and-white gold Omega wristwatch as a gift from his wife, Maria Elena Holly. He wore it "the day the music died" on Feb. 3, 1959, when he and singers Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were killed in a plane crash in Iowa. Holly was 22. The watch is inscribed "Buddy Holly

12-1-58," the date his wife gave it to him as an early Christmas present. It was recovered at the crash site. Later, Holly's father, Laurence, wore it in honor of his son in the family's hometown of Lubbock.

Texas schools roll out random drug testing programs

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area school district hopes to cut back on teenage drug use with the help of a nearly \$1 million federal grant for random drug testing of high school students.

The 87,000-student Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District received the largest of 55 grants for drug testing awarded across the nation last year by the U.S. Department of Education.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that random drug testing is legal. Most Texas school districts haven't implemented such programs, but dozens have, either with federal grant money or on their own.

Toddler falls under truck's tires during birthday party

NAVASOTA (AP) — A 2-year-old Houston boy died after being accidentally run over by his uncle during the child's birthday celebration, officials

said. Joseph Donis died from head trauma at a Bryan hospital after being flown by helicopter from a home south of Navasota where the accident occurred on Saturday.

Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell said Joseph's uncle, Enoe Sandoval, was moving his truck from the carport to give Joseph and his sister more room to play.

Joseph apparently tripped over a toy and fell into the vehicle's path, Sowell said.

Sowell said the death was accidental and no charges will be filed.

The boy's parents, Israel and Gladys Donis, were at the home when the accident occurred. The family had gathered to celebrate Joseph's April 8th birthday.

One home destroyed in latest Texas wildfires

DALLAS (AP) — A home and a barn were destroyed Sunday in a wildfire that burned about 200 acres near the town of Palo Pinto in West Texas.

Traci Weaver, a spokeswoman with the Texas Forest Service, said authorities had to close a portion of U.S. 180 down for a time because of the fire. The fire was about 50 percent contained Sunday night.

Sheriff's report

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

- TIMOTHY EDWARD WILSON, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RANDALL W. CONNER, 42, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under the age of 15 years.
- KRISTIN RENEAW HAWKINS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and forgery of a financial instrument.
- LANA KAY KIRKHAM, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT ALDRIDGE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle (two counts).
- JAMES WILLIAM ALTON, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- OLIVIA BALLIN, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JACQUELYN RAY BROWN, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- CHRISTOPHER DELBOSQUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation.
- BROOKE SHAREE ATKINS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JAMIE CASTILLO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- DUSTY DAWN NALLEY, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief (two counts) and criminal trespass.
- TONY CASTILLO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft by

- check, speeding and failure to appear.
- GEOFFREY ZAIN GAONA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third offense or more.
- SAMMY PENA JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of theft and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- BRYAN NICK HARBOUR, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- REBECCA JESSICA WILLIAMS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- CHAD DEWAYNE BRAKE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no valid driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Wasson. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Northwest 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Douglas. Two people were

- transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of West Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Mesquite. Fire was extinguished.

IRAQ

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two other members — al-Adeeb and Jawad al-Maliki — as replacements for al-Jaafari's nomination.

Al-Jaafari won the nomination in a February vote by Shiite lawmakers due to strong support from radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The mercurial young cleric, who heads the Mahdi Army militia, has vowed to stand behind the incumbent.

The bitter fight has heightened friction among the parties, raising the specter of deadlock over other top jobs.

Some Shiite officials say that if they must change their nominee for prime minister, other parties may not win approval of their first choices for major posts either.

For example, the Shiites rejected the Sunni nominee for parliament speaker, Tariq al-Hashimi. Disputes also emerged Sunday over the two deputy speakers and two vice presidents — jobs expected to go to Sunnis and Kurds.

"This delay will affect everything," Sunni lawmaker Naseer al-Ani said Sunday. "The Shiites did not tell us the reasons behind rejecting al-Hashimi like we did about al-Jaafari. We're still waiting to hear the

reasons."

Opposition to al-Jaafari centers on what critics say is his government's failure to curb a wave of sectarian reprisal attacks between Sunnis and Shiites that began with the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra. Violence has been steady since. A gunbattle between insurgents and the Iraqi army broke out before dawn Monday in northern Baghdad, killing at least three civilians and wounding six other, hospital officials said.

The fighting in the mostly Sunni Arab neighborhood of Azamiyah began about 1 a.m. and continued into the morning. Iraqi troops, who set up checkpoints in the

area and prepared to raid homes to search for the gunmen, said they suffered no casualties.

A series of bombs exploded in Baghdad and the city of Baqouba, killing at least two people and wounding more than 15.

A roadside bomb targeted an army patrol in central Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding nine, including some soldiers, police said. A bomb hidden in a garbage can near a market in New Baghdad wounded at least four civilians, and a roadside bomb targeting police wounded one officer in eastern Baghdad, officials said.

In Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, a roadside bomb near a medical clinic killed one civilian and wounded two, police said. Gunmen in the southern city of Basra kidnapped three employees of a state-run electrical company on their way to work. The body of a Basra policeman kidnapped three days earlier was found near the Iranian border, police Capt. Mushtaq Khazim said. Also near Basra, gunmen attacked a convoy carrying the deputy culture minister, who was attending a poetry festival in the region. His bodyguards exchanged fire with the assailants but there were no casualties, a ministry spokesman said.

STAFF

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us to renew our commitment as we go forward."

Bolten is only Bush's second chief of staff. His predecessor, Andy Card, served Bush for more

than five years but resigned amid tensions with Congress, all-time low approval ratings for Bush and calls from Democrats and Republicans to bring in a fresh perspective.

Bolten had served as the president's budget direc-

tor and will be announcing a replacement for that position soon, McClellan said. The job of domestic policy adviser at the White House is open, as well. Further changes are clearly on the horizon, and Bolten gave top aides the option of leaving first.

"He wanted to make sure he had the team in place that is going to be here for a minimum of the remainder of the year," McClellan said. "And he said if people are thinking about leaving, that now is the time to come to such a decision."

McClellan would not comment on whether he plans to continue working at the White House.

"I never speculate about personnel measures," McClellan said, repeating his standard reply to questions about staff changes with a smile.

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J. D. Nelson, 77, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Private burial will be held at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Joe Smoot, 82, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert B. Evans, 74, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at West Park Cemetery in Hereford. The family will receive friends from 6 until 9 p.m. Monday at Rix Funeral Home in Hereford.

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## OUR VIEWS

## We're vert proud of all those who made trip reality

The story ran in Friday's paper. Big Spring High School's band is going to Carnegie Hall, and in our opinion, kudos are deserved all around — the youngsters in the band, their parents, members of the band boosters and the community leaders who sit on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The band, which has been invited to perform at the famed concert hall in June, has spent most of the past year attempting to raise the more than \$200,000 needed to finance the trip.

And as of last week, the band was just about \$45,000 short of the total it needed to finance the trip. What's more, the deadline for securing its reservation was fast approaching.

But that's when the school board stepped in last Thursday and announced that \$45,000 was close enough.

During their regular meeting, trustees unanimously voted to finance the remaining amount the band needs, ensuring the Steer Band's date at Carnegie Hall.

All told 117 band members and 40 adult sponsors will leave for New York on June 4. The band will perform in concert at the famed hall two days later.

While money from the band's fund-raising efforts is still coming in, BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes told the board that the district would need to chip in a maximum of \$45,000 and trustees agreed.

Band Boosters President Patsy Sanchez said band members and boosters had hosted a legion of fundraising efforts this year, and to date have brought in approximately \$170,000.

They've had bake sales and car washes, and sold cast iron crosses, T-shirts, soft drinks and Christmas poinsettias...

The list of fund-raising activities they tried seems almost endless.

Of course, being invited to perform at Carnegie Hall is truly an honor.

And we here at the Herald want to offer our kudos for a job well done. Additionally, we laud the school board's decision to make up the difference.

Board President Irene Bustamante perhaps offered the best analysis: "This is for our students and our school district," she said. "We should do our part ... to show these students that we will support them."

To all those involved, we're proud of you.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can have a life-time of prompt and effective blessings from You, Lord, when we ask.

Amen

## Pass on the pork, please!

In 1787, Alexander Tyler, allegedly wrote about the fall of the Athenian Republic: "A democracy... can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse [generous gifts] from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury."

This prediction has come true over the last 40 years, as incumbent Congressmen and Senators have largely purchased voters with taxpayer funds. A U. S.

Representative slips an item in the huge federal budget that pays for a bridge, a community center, or a research grant in a home district. The representative then runs for re-election and brags about all the federal funds "returned" to the district. Whether this practice is called "pork-barrel spending" or "earmarking," it serves to protect incumbents by effectively bribing voters and allows the level of federal spending to spiral dangerously out of control.

Last week, Citizens Against Government Waste issued its annual "Congressional Pig Book," highlighting some outlandish examples of wasteful federal

spending. Leading the pack was the infamous "Bridge to Nowhere," which would connect Alaska's Gravina Island to the mainland. The bridge would serve only fifty residents of Gravina Island for a cost to the U. S. taxpayers of \$223 million.

Other examples of taxpayer money being flushed down the drain included \$1 million to develop water-free urinals, \$1.1 million to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and \$1.7 million to research shi-take mushrooms. Perhaps most insulting was the \$500,000 grant to the University of Akron to research how to control federal spending. In 2005, the total cost to the U. S. taxpayers for "pork-barrel" projects was \$47.4 billion.

When the public expresses outrage over this practice, our elected representatives respond, as would any addict: "We just can't stop! Someone please help us!" In 1996, Congress attempted to cure the addiction with a line-item veto. This budgetary authority granted to the President the power to remove specific parts of budget bills that he considered wasteful. The U. S. Supreme Court, however, found the Line-Item Veto Act unconstitutional because the Constitution grants spending power to Congress, not the president.

In his 2006 State of the Union Address, President Bush asked Congress to try again. This new plan would allow the President to "propose" to Congress that an

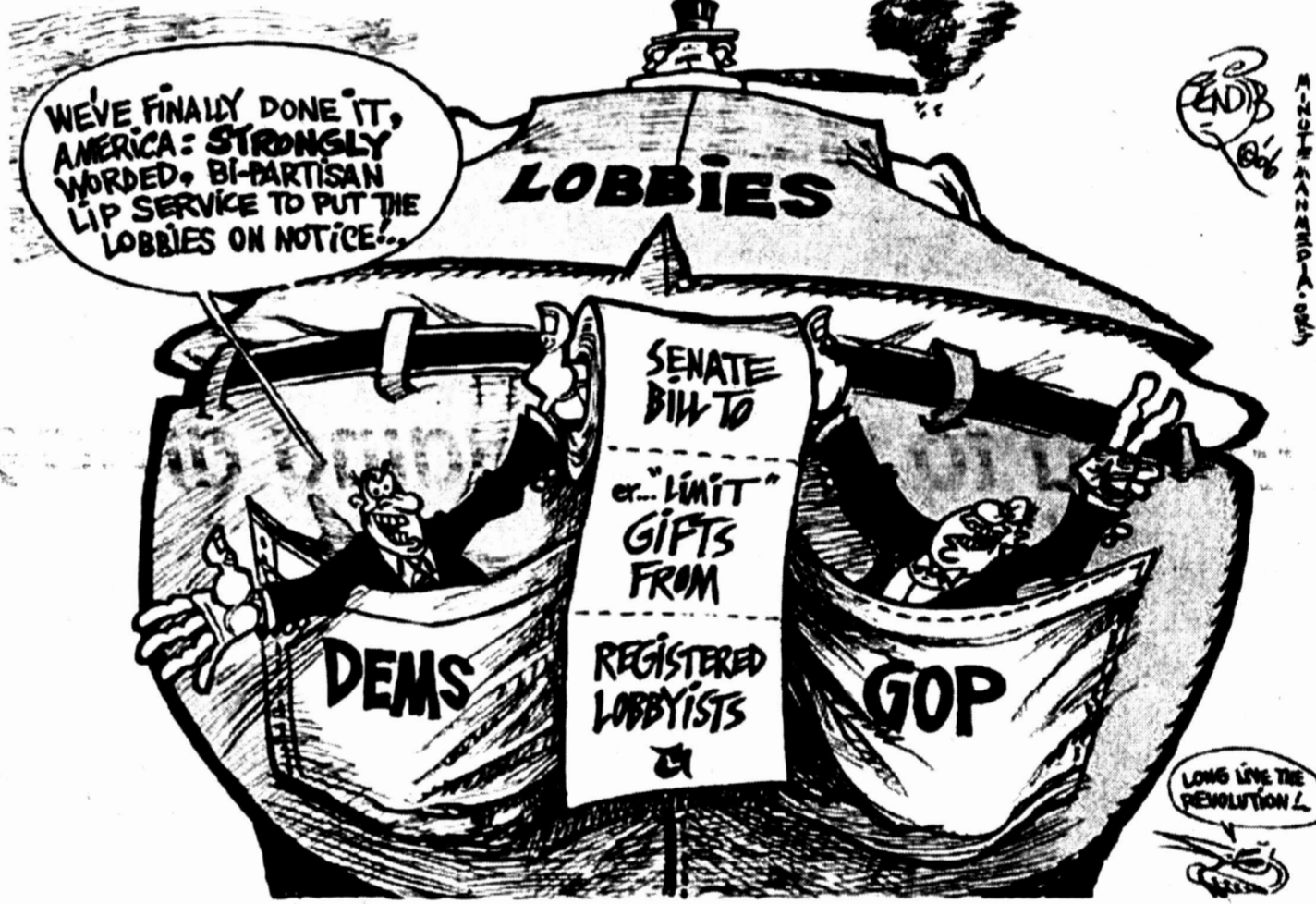
objectionable spending item be eliminated from the budget. Congress would then vote on whether to keep that specific spending item. At the very least, this budgetary accountability plan would force each representative to go on record as to whether subsidizing waterless urinals is a valid use of the U. S. taxpayers' money.

Thus, the U. S. taxpayers would be more aware of which Congressmen are responsible for such wasteful spending. As Ronald Reagan astutely remarked, "The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much." "We the People" will be better able to judge whether our government is spending too much and to hold the pork abusers accountable under President Bush's proposed budgetary accountability plan.

Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney. She serves as a Perry appointee to the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board, and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas Treasurer and Associate General Counsel. She was a former candidate for chairman of the Republican Party and she now speaks on issues of national importance, including the need for judicial reform.



GINA PARKER



## Democrats can now return the favor

It smells like 1994 — in reverse, of course. That was the year Republicans nationalized the midterm elections and turned the president's unpopularity into a sweeping victory in the House of Representatives.

They made a Contract With America, which became the symbol of that national election. In doing so, they overcame the usual loyalty Americans feel for their local representative and handed the then-president and his party a decisive defeat. And there wasn't even an unpopular war going on.

There is absolutely nothing stopping the Democrats from doing the same thing this time around. They just need to do it.

All the ingredients are there. The president could not be any less popular. To say the country has soured on George W. Bush barely begins to describe the situation.

His approval ratings have remained at dangerously low levels for months now. When you remember that even the least popular Republican candidate for president generally wins 43 percent of the vote, it becomes clear that Bush, with a 38 percent approval rating according to the latest ABC/Washington Post poll, is below the base Republican vote, and more than 10 points behind his own vote in the last election.

It's not just Democrats and independents who have turned on him, but core Republican voters, as well. And the dissatisfaction has now become a stable element of the political scene. Talk of further military action in Iran can only exacerbate the situation. The president simply lacks the political capital to go on the offensive abroad.

The Republican Congress is faring even worse. According to the same poll, only 35 percent of the voters approve of the way the Republican-controlled Congress is doing its job, while a healthy majority — 55 percent — say they plan to vote for the Democrat for Congress. And on every issue but terrorism, where the parties are evenly split, Democrats are preferred over Republicans.

Even on Iraq, Democrats enjoy a 7 point advantage, which swells to 28 points on prescription drugs for the elderly (who vote in higher numbers than any other demographic group), to 32 points on health care and 25 points on corruption in Washington.

It's true that most Americans still like their own congressperson, even if they hate the rest of the crowd. But even those numbers are down to 1994 levels, below 60 percent, another worrisome development for the Republicans. In other words, all signs point to change.

All the Democrats need to do now is nationalize the election, raise the money and make their own "compact for a better America."

What would be the elements of

that compact? Here are a few suggestions, worthy of some testing:

- The resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.
  - A comprehensive, UNDERSTANDABLE prescription drug program for the elderly.
  - Federal support for STEM CELL RESEARCH, to put saving lives ahead of playing politics.
  - Rollback of the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest taxpayers, as a first step to dealing with the record Republican budget deficits.
  - An end to the special interest EARMARKS that pay off lobbyists for their contributions by providing specific tax breaks for individual companies and special interests.
  - No Child Left Behind leaves too many children behind; putting kids ahead of slogans.
  - Support for conservation and alternative energy sources, to reduce our expensive and dangerous dependence on foreign oil.
- That's just a start. Get the pollsters and wordsmiths to work. That's what the Republicans did. They tested the concepts, down to the words. Democrats can do the same thing. Forget about abortion and gay rights for the time being, and run on what everyone agrees on.

Maybe it's a "compact." Maybe it's a "deal." Maybe it's "better." Maybe it's "new." The numbers are there. The subjects are clear. The money will be there. All Democrats need now are the words.

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# Looking for a burst of power? Give plyometrics a try

By AMY BERTRAND

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Like many young football players, Albert Schmidt wanted to be better. Last summer, he was preparing for his first year in high school and hoping to be an even better tight end/defensive end.

So he joined a summer sports clinic at the Four Rivers Area Family YMCA in Washington, Mo. There, he learned something new: a type of exercise called plyometrics.

Plyometrics, or jump training, helps you train to get the maximum effort out of single reps, says Emily Rockwell, an exercise specialist at Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

"It really helped me get the edge," says Schmidt, 15. "It helped me get that explosive power ... And people noticed how much better I got between eighth grade and freshman year."

The science of plyometrics rests on alternating between lengthening and shortening of the muscles while resistance (usually gravity) is applied to them. For instance, you squat down before a jump to shorten your muscles, then leap up to lengthen them.

In plyometrics, you train the muscle to get strong and to contract faster. "The rubber-band effect," says Dave Reddy, a trainer and owner of Reddy Health & Performance of

Brentwood, Mo. "Strength training gets you to a certain point, where, say, you can lift 100 pounds. But plyometrics makes us generate that 100-pound force in less time."

Plyometric movements are used mostly by athletes, such as Albert, particularly those who play football, basketball, volleyball and soccer.

"They are great for (those) who want to increase their ability or improve their sports performance," says Kym Mutert, physical director for the Four Rivers, Mo., YMCA, where trainers incorporate plyometrics into boot-camp classes as well as the summer sports clinic.

But plyometrics isn't just for athletes, says Reddy. "A lot of people are doing it without knowing it. (Plyometrics exercises) are one of those things that sound pretty darned fancy when discussing Rams football players doing 20-pound medicine ball press-up tosses with their strength coaches, while at the same time most fifth-graders are doing their share of plyometrics on the playground every day simply jumping rope."

True, says Mutert, "Kids do these things normally. They jump, hop, skip. That's a form of plyometrics. It also shows you don't need a whole lot of equipment."

While advanced athletes will use medicine balls and boxes for advanced movements, certain sim-

pler plyometric movements can be used by most anyone looking for stronger, more toned, less injury-prone muscles.

Many of us do plyometrics every day, anytime we need a little extra "oomph," when pulling a shrub, picking up a grandchild or lifting a heavy piece of furniture. "So these are some of the beneficial long-term effects," says Reddy. "Functionally, athletically, cosmetically and from a safety standpoint, it's one of the best things out there."

### HOW TO INCORPORATE PLYOMETRICS:

Because these moves are "very intense," says Mutert, a little goes a long way. She recommends doing six to 10 repetitions for three sets of just three different plyometric moves, with a two- to five-minute rest in between. Of course, do a good warm-up beforehand.

"They are so intense that you can't sustain them for a long period of time," she says.

In that way, they are anaerobic moves, which means they are good to incorporate into other workouts.

Rockwell suggests putting them into a circuit-training routine, perhaps doing jump squats between sets in a weight-training circuit. "You can really raise your heart rate, burn fat and tone your lower body."

Experts recommend waiting a couple of days



Erin Flecke, 15, jumps up and down for trainer Emily Rockwell at the West County Sports Fitness and Rehab Center in St. Louis.

between plyometric workouts to get the maximum benefit. "You should let your muscles rest," says Rockwell.

Most athletic-training programs test athletes before plyometric training and after, and changes are almost always evident. "Their jumps are bigger, vertical and horizontal, and they are faster because of leg strength," Rockwell says.

### THE HISTORY AND SAFETY:

In 1966, a Soviet jumping coach wrote about the importance of finding a new way of improving sports performances. He developed an exercise called depth jumping, in which an athlete jumps from a predetermined height and, on landing,

See **PLYOMETRIS**, Page 6A

## Contract Bridge

### Famous Hand

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SOUTH  
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Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

which a shorter suit is often bid before a longer suit.

Pat Davies, the British West, unwittingly led South's strongest suit, but this ironically put the defense in excellent position to defeat the contract. Erhart won the opening diamond lead and immediately played a heart toward dummy, planning next to lead a spade toward her hand.

Davies rose with the heart ace, and the audience watching on Vu-Graph was informed by the panel of expert commentators that if West cashed the club ace and then led a second diamond, the contract could be defeated. East could put up the spade ace on the first trump lead from dummy and return a third diamond, promoting West's jack of spades as the setting trick.

The 1992 World Women's Olympiad Team Championship, held at Salsomaggiore, Italy, was won by Austria, which defeated a favored British squad by 48 IMPs in the 96-deal final. It was Austria's first-ever Olympiad women's title. A total of 34 teams participated in the event. Today's deal from the final produced no swing, but featured good defensive play by both teams. The bidding shown occurred at the table where Barbara Lindinger and Maria Erhart were North-South for Austria. Erhart's opening spade bid was consistent with the pair's canapé style, in

After taking the heart ace, however, Davies returned a second diamond without first cashing the top club, which proved equally effective. Erhart won, overtook the heart jack with the king and tried to discard her club on the heart queen.

When East ruffed low, South could do no better than overruff and lead the spade king to East's ace. East's diamond return then enabled West to score the spade jack and club ace for down one.

At the other table, the Austrian defenders also scored their three aces and the spade jack to defeat four spades, so the result was a standoff.

Tomorrow: Grand-slam bidding.  
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# Severe dental complications linked to bone building drugs

If you or a loved one are or have taken oral or IV medications to fight osteoporosis or various tumors of bone please read this article carefully. There is now a connection established between this bisphosphonate class of drugs and a troublesome, incurable condition called oral osteonecrosis.

What is oral osteonecrosis? The word literally means dead bone and it is a large area of dead and rotting jawbone. It most commonly occurs after a tooth has been extracted and unfortunately there is currently no way to make the area heal. Oral osteonecrosis is not life threatening, and really not very painful. Perhaps the best descriptions are very nasty and potentially disfiguring.

What drugs are involved? The oral versions of these bisphosphonate drugs are Fosomax, Boniva and Actonel. The IV versions are Aredia and Zometa. The oral drugs are far less likely to cause oral osteonecrosis than the IV versions.

What is the risk of the drugs for osteoporosis? Osteoporosis is usually treated with oral bisphosphonates so the risk is much less, but still exists. According to Dr. Roger Thronsdon, a national expert, some risk seems to start after

about three years on the drugs. To keep the risk to a minimum, he recommends patients stop these drugs three months before tooth removal or other oral surgery. They should not be started again until three months after the tooth removal.

What is the risk of the IV drugs usually used for bone tumors? In a word, huge. It now appears, according to Dr.

Thronsdon, that any tooth extraction or significant injury to the gums or jaw bones, will likely result in osteonecrosis for the life of the patient. Think about that. Any tooth removal for the rest of the patient's life may result in oral osteonecrosis.

It is vitally important for these patients to be in excellent dental health before beginning IV therapy. Any teeth with problems should be repaired or removed, again, before IV therapy is started. After IV bisphosphonate therapy, the remaining teeth must be maintained at all cost.

So why hasn't my physician discussed this with me? Unfortunately the answer is usually lack of awareness because the drug companies seem to be whitewashing the problem. The health care providers who know the most about it are oral surgeons (usually dentists) who have to try to manage oral osteonecrosis once it has occurred.

Unfortunately, most general dentists (who do the majority of tooth extractions) are not yet aware of this problem either.

If you or a loved one has used these medications, please realize that you are now better informed than many health care providers. You need to bring the

subject up if you are in a group with significant risk. As these are fairly new drugs, study will continue and recommendations may change in the future.

Dr. David Ward is a practicing dentist in Big Spring. For more information, go to his website [www.DavidWardDDS.com](http://www.DavidWardDDS.com).

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# SCOTUS debate what constitutes 'adverse' changes

By TONI LOCY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. businesses are confronting a new dilemma: how to maintain control in the workplace after an employee complains of sex or race discrimination without drawing a more damning charge of retaliation.

Retaliation claims have risen dramatically, and the Supreme Court considers Monday what legal standard should be used to evaluate the seriousness of changes in employment made by supervisors who may be angry over an employee's discrimination complaint.

A decision by the court could affect the balance of power in government and

private workplaces nationwide.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co. wants justices to overturn a decision by the Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that found that suspending a female forklift operator for 37 days without pay and transferring her to a more physically demanding job were 'materially adverse' changes in her employment.

Businesses warn they will be hamstrung if justices side with workers and create a "superprotected class" of employees who can't be disciplined or transferred once they file a discrimination complaint.

Lawyers for the railroad

predicted that a ruling in favor of forklift operator Sheila White could lead to more lawsuits.

From 1992 to 2004, they said, employees filed nearly twice as many complaints with the government alleging retaliation by employers, making it the fastest-growing category of complaints in job discrimination-related cases.

Labor unions and women's groups disagree. In friend-of-the-court filings, the groups said businesses must not be allowed to use seemingly innocuous schedule changes or transfers to send not-so-subtle messages to pressure workers "to remain silent rather than rock the boat."

White, the only woman

working at a railroad yard in Memphis, Tenn., complained that her foreman was sexually harassing her and that other workers disparaged her by saying a rail yard was no place for a woman.

A company investigation led to the foreman's suspension and enrollment in sensitivity classes.

But the railroad also transferred White to work as a regular track worker, a more physically difficult job than operating a forklift.

After she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, White was suspended without pay for 37 days around the Christmas holidays in 1997.

The railroad eventually rescinded its decision — clearing her of insubordination charges — and compensated her for back pay.

A jury hearing her lawsuit rejected the discrimination charge but found in her favor on the retaliation claim, awarding her \$43,000.

"What happened to (White) in this case is emblematic of a continuing widespread problem of sex discrimination against women, particularly in nontraditional settings, and of the nearly limitless methods some employers use to punish and deter employees from seeking to enforce their ... rights," The National Women's Law Center said in a court filing.

But the Equal Employment Advisory Council, a nationwide association of employers, said in a filing that businesses must keep order in workplaces, often by suspending disruptive workers.

If White wins, the council said, employers will face "a Hobson's choice" of allowing disruptions in the workplace or suspending workers pending investigations at the risk of a lawsuit for retaliation.

The case is Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway v. White, 05-259.

On the Net: Supreme Court: <http://www.supremecourt.gov>

## Palestinian bomber blows himself up near Tel Aviv eatery; 8 others killed

By DANIEL ROBINSON

Associated Press Writer

TEL AVIV, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up outside a fast-food restaurant in a bustling commercial area of Tel Aviv during the Passover holiday Monday, killing eight other people and wounding at least 49, police said.

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Ehud Olmert said Israel would respond "as necessary."

"We shall, of course, continue to use all means at our disposal to prevent every other attempt," he said.

Israeli defense chiefs were to consult later Monday, but security officials said a possible reoccupation of Gaza, the base of the new Hamas government, was not being considered.

The White House strongly condemned the attack, calling it "a despicable act of terror for which there is no excuse or justification."

A security guard posted outside the restaurant, the target of a suicide bombing in January, prevented Monday's bomber from entering the building, police said.

It was the first suicide attack in Israel since the Hamas militant group took over the Palestinian government 2 1/2 weeks ago. Hamas, which has killed hundreds of Israelis in attacks, has largely observed a cease-fire since February 2005.

The Islamic Jihad militant group, which is believed to be funded in part by Iran and refuses to observe a cease-fire, claimed responsibility in a telephone call to The Associated Press. The group identified the bomber as Sami Salim

Mohammed Hammed, from the West Bank town of Jenin.

Islamic Jihad later released a video showing Hammed reading a statement saying the bombing was dedicated to the thousands of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

"There are many other bombers on the way," he said. Hammed, appearing to be in his mid- to late teens, was dressed in black and wore a headband with yellow Quranic verses.

Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for all six of the previous suicide attacks inside Israel since the cease-fire was declared. On Sunday, the group pledged to carry out more attacks.

Hamas leaders called the bombing a legitimate response to Israeli "aggression" — a sharp departure from the previous Palestinian leadership's immediate condemnations of such attacks.

"We think that this operation ... is a direct result of the policy of the occupation and the brutal aggression and siege committed against our people," said Khaled Abu Helal, spokesman for the Hamas-led Interior Ministry.

Earlier, Moussa abu Marzouk, a Hamas leader abroad, told Al-Jazeera television that "the Israeli side must feel what the Palestinian feels, and the Palestinian defends himself as much as he can."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, of the rival Fatah Party, condemned the bombing, calling it a "terrorist attack."

The bomber struck at about 1:40 p.m. at "The Mayor's Felafel" restaurant, which was targeted

in a Jan. 19 attack that wounded 20 people. The restaurant is in the bustling Neve Shaanan neighborhood near Tel Aviv's central bus station, which was crowded with holiday travelers.

Police said the restaurant hired a security guard after the earlier bombing, and that guard apparently was injured in Monday's blast.

A witness, Moussa al Zidat, said the guard asked the apparent bomber to open his bag.

"I saw a young man starting to open his bag. The guard begins opening the bag, and then I heard a boom."

Witness Israel Yaakov said the blast killed a woman standing near her husband and children.

"The father was traumatized. He went into shock. He ran to the children to gather them up and the children were screaming, 'Mom! Mom!' and she wasn't answering, she was dead already ... it's a shocking scene," Yaakov said.

Another witness, 62-year-old Sonya Levy, said she had just finished shopping when the blast occurred.

"I was about to get into my car, and boom! There was an explosion. A bit of human flesh landed on my car and I started to scream," she said.

Her car was 50 yards from the explosion and its windshield was smeared with blood.

Olmert said the blast came as no surprise.

"It's not something that we didn't fear would happen, we know the terrorist organizations groups continue at every moment to look for opportunities to carry out attacks inside Israel," he said.

## PLYOMETRICS

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quickly jumps upward or forward.

By the mid-1970s some U.S. trainers caught on, says Reddy, and by the mid-1980s it started to grow in popularity.

"We noticed they (Eastern Europeans) were successful with it and started taking exercise principles from them," says Reddy. Since then, many studies have been done to test the effectiveness and safety of doing plyometric exercises, but there have been mixed results.

Some college coaches are opposed to plyometric moves because of the stress they put on joints. But many programs have found much success with them and rely on them for results.

"You've got to be careful, because it really is hard on the knees and joints," says Rockwell, who cautioned that these moves are not for everyone.

The National Strength and Conditioning Association generally recognizes them as safe and effective. In fact, the association's position statement says they are "no more harmful than other forms of sports training and competition, and may be necessary for safe adaptation to the rigors of explosive sports." But they caution that "only athletes who have already achieved high levels of strength through standard

resistance training should engage in plyometric drills."

### SOME SAMPLE PLYOMETRIC MOVES:

These moves from Kym Mutert should not be undertaken without first talking to your doctor.

**Standing long jump:** Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and knees bent slightly. Using a big arm swing, jump forward with both feet as far as possible.

**Tuck jump:** Stand with feet shoulder-width apart and the knees slightly bent. Jump up, bringing your knees up to your chest. Try to grasp your knees with your hands before you land.

**Split squat jump:** Start in a lunge position with the left foot in front and legs bent at a 90-degree angle at the hip and knee. Leap into the air (use your arms to help) and switch legs in midair to land in another lunge, this time with your right leg in front.

**Incline push-up jump:** Get into a push-up position with your feet resting on a block (about 12 inches high will do). Lower your upper body so it's just an inch or so off the ground. Push yourself forcefully off the ground and try to clap your hands together; then return to the lower position.

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# Your Brain Attempts to Understand What Your Ears Don't Hear!



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### IN BRIEF

#### HC rodeo team sets annual crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team has announced its annual H-E-B crawfish boil will take place Saturday, April 29, at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl at 2 p.m. before Howard College rodeo action takes place.

The price for a crawfish boil ticket is \$15. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or ahead of time by calling Howard head rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 432-816-9477.

The Howard College rodeo will take place April 27-29.

#### KBSB golf touney set for Saturday

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

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

#### BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting April 27 in the Athletic Training Center at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to play volleyball and is entering seventh through 12th grade should plan on attending.

For more information, contact McAden at (325) 207-4987.

#### Coahoma Booster Club to meet

The athletic booster club at Coahoma will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom to begin planning the athletic banquet.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-8723.

#### Ragball touney set to benefit Relay For Life

A Relay For Life ragball tournament will take place at the Big Spring ISD Softball Field Saturday and Sunday. Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. and teams must consist of five men and five women.

The cost of the tournament will be \$10 per player.

For more information or to sign up a team, call Angel at the Big Spring Bus Barn at 264-4108.

#### Softball touney set at Cotton Mize

The first-ever Spring Classic softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Saturday and Sunday.

The touney, which is under the direction of Steve Deady, will have a \$120 entry fee per team.

For more info, call 316-4528 or 316-1828.

## Howard serves up sweep against MC

• Dickson throws two-hit shutout against No. 17 Lady Chaps

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Nicole Dickson won a pitcher's duel with Midland's Elizabeth Oberst in Game 1 and the Hawks collected 10 hits in Game 2 of a doubleheader with the 17th-ranked Chaps Saturday at Foundation Field.

Dickson pitched a two-hit shutout as Howard won the first game, 2-0, and then the Hawks followed that with a 7-5 win in Game 2.

"We played hard today and limited our mistakes in the field," said Howard head coach Kelly Raines. "We've been in a slump lately, but hopefully we are out of it after these two wins."

The Hawks are now two games back of Midland and Odessa after the much-needed victories. They are now 21-7 in conference play and improved to 31-11 overall. Midland dropped to 36-11 overall and 23-5 in the league after the losses.

The first game featured

just five hits between the two teams. Midland got just two, but Howard recorded three off Oberst.

"Oberst throws well and she struck us out a lot in the game," said Raines. "We came through when we needed it and we were clutch in the third inning. Oberst threw well today though."

The big inning for Howard was the third as it scored both of its runs. The Hawks got two of their three hits in the inning. Freshman Kendra Corbin singled to start things and then freshman Honda Rodriguez brought her around with an RBI double.

"We had been down a bit after losing a few the last two weeks so it was good to come out strong today," said Raines. "Nicki pitched really well and we played good defense."

Freshman Alisha Rams reached base on a fielder's choice and moved Rodriguez over to third in the process. Rodriguez scored the final run on an RBI sacrifice fly by freshman Laura Lopez.

Howard jumped on

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Nicole Dickson catches a pop up against Midland College Friday at Foundation Field. Dickson threw a two-hit shutout against the No. 17-ranked Lady Chaps Saturday and the Hawks took both games of a doubleheader.

## Buffaloes dominate at district track meet

• Gutierrez advances to regional track meet in five events

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

ANSON — Stanton qualified 11 male athletes to the regional track meet and nearly took home the 4-2A team title at the district track meet in Anson Thursday. The Buffaloes came within a few points of Hawley in the final standings, but will be well-represented at regionals anyway.

Senior Bobby Gutierrez will head to regionals in all five events in which he competed in at the district meet. He took home first-place finishes in the long jump (20-04) and triple jump (42-02.50), was second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.06 and was a part of two third-place relay teams — the 800 and 1,600 meters.

Albert Lozano will go in three events for Stanton. He was also a part of the 1,600-meter relay team and will also compete at regionals in the 3,200-meter run and the 800-meter run. He was first in the two mile with a time of 10:40.02 and took second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:07.94. Lozano just missed qualifying in the pole vault as he took fourth.

Several Buffalo athletes advanced to two different events.

Mark Reyna will compete in the 100 hurdles after taking first at district and will also run on Stanton's 800-meter relay team. Reyna competed in the long jump and triple jump, but did not qualify.

Travis Jezek won the pole vault with a mark of 10-06 and will also run on Stanton's 1,600-meter relay team. Matthew Ruiz and Jeo Vela both advanced to regionals as part of Stanton's 400- and 800-meter relay teams.

Anthony Diaz ran in the mile and two mile for the Buffaloes but could only advance in the 1,600-meter as he crossed in third with a time of 4:53.40. He was fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Chase Pinkerton also advanced in one event. He took second in the discus with a throw of 129-05. His fourth-place finish in the shot put was not enough to advance.

Mike Carmona, Travis Tripp and Barton Gonzales all advanced to regionals in a relay event, as well.

Senior Marcus Arguello was fourth in the discus but just missed qualifying, while Gonzales just missed qualifying in the 800-meter run as he took fifth. Michael Estrada finished fifth in the pole vault and T.J. Marquez and Zachary Anderson both finished sixth place in two different field

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## Western Texas steals one from Hawks

• Hawks rout WJAC rival in second game

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

A slow start by Howard's pitchers Saturday during Game 1 of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader led to a split against Western Texas College.

The Hawks dropped the opener 17-7 in five innings as the Westerners ended a long losing streak, but Howard pounded out 17 hits at the plate and got a solid outing from Scott Stephen in Game 2 and ended that game after five with an 18-4 win.

"Western is probably really happy to take one from us since the team was on a long losing streak," said Howard head coach Britt Smith. "The offense was there all day, but we played from behind in the first game."

"Seven runs is a lot for five innings and it should have been enough to have at least two more at-bats and maybe enough to win."

Freshman Bobby Gonsoulin and sophomore Parker Sisk shared the duties on the mound in Game 1 and neither were effective at all, according to Smith or assistant coach Tom Knickerbocker.

Gonsoulin (4-5) started and went 2.2 innings and gave up eight earned runs on 10 hits and struck out three with no walks. Sisk threw the final 2.1 innings and gave up eight more earned runs on nine hits. He struck out one and walked zero.

"They found the strike zone, but so did the barrels of Western's bats," said Smith. "They never made the hitters make a decision and pitched behind all day."

"When you get behind like that the pressure is on the offense the rest of the game. We didn't compete on the mound at all



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Gabe Marchant puts the pitch in play Saturday at Jack Barber Field during the Hawks' two-game split against Western Texas. The Hawks took three out of four this weekend from the Westerners and trail second-place Midland by one game.

in Game 1. The starters have to be able to get it done because they only throw once a week during the conference season."

The offense was led by a Daman Aaron home run and doubles by sophomores Jeff Storms and Dusty Dallas.

The Hawks did not have to worry about playing from behind in Game 2. Howard scored runs with ease and Stephen benefited from the run support.

Howard scored six runs in the first inning off starter Colt Price, who pitched to nine batters, but got only one out.

The first four batters reached and scored. Sophomore Gabe Marchant tripled and Storms drove him in with an RBI double.

Sophomore Darby Brown singled and freshman Barrett Lowenstein got

hit by a pitch to load the bases. After a strikeout by Aaron, freshman Ryan Pruitt was hit by a pitch and Storms scored from third.

Freshman David Fonseca delivered a two-run single with the bases loaded and then sophomore Will Basom drilled a two-run double.

The Hawks added five in the second inning. Storms tripled to start the inning and then scored on a Brown RBI single. Lowenstein knocked in Brown with an RBI double and then Aaron cleared the bases with a mammoth two-run home run. Basom added a monster home run in the inning and Dallas was stranded at third after a triple.

Storms began inning three with a walk and then Brown followed with

a single. Storms scored later after Brown was caught in a rundown between first and second. Western Texas failed to retire Brown on the basepaths and he later scored on a throwing error to second base.

Aaron singled and advanced to third on the same error and Fonseca drove him in with an RBI sacrifice fly.

The Hawks led 14-0 at that point. Western Texas scored its first run of the game in the fourth inning, but Howard added four in the fourth.

Marchant, Storms and Brown all reached on singles and Lowenstein had an RBI hit by a pitch with the bases full.

Aaron then cleared the bases with a three-run double. Fonseca

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## IN BRIEF

## BSCC sets 'cancer' scramble tourney

The Big Spring Country Club has announced a 'cancer' scramble for April 29-30.

All proceeds of the four-person scramble will be given to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

The teams can be made up or be made for you and the field will be flighted by first-round score.

Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop Gift Certificates will be given to the top three teams in each flight.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, but private carts are welcome. Checks can be made payable to the Big Spring Country Club.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

## Angels end skid behind Guerrero's two home runs

BALTIMORE (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero homered twice and drove in three runs to back a fine pitching performance by John Lackey, and the Los Angeles Angels snapped a three-game skid by beating the Baltimore Orioles 9-3 Sunday.

Chone Figgins also homered for the Angels, who got 13 hits in their most productive offensive showing of the season.

Guerrero hit solo homers in the first and seventh innings, and an RBI single in the fifth. The first-inning drive was his first extra-base hit since homering in his first at-bat on opening day.

Lackey (2-1) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings. He struck out five and walked none.

Angels closer Francisco Rodriguez entered in the ninth, but left with an apparent leg injury after Jay Gibbons hit a one-out RBI double. Brendan Donnelly got the final two outs.

Jeff Conine homered for the Orioles, whose three-game winning streak ended. Javy Lopez also hit one over the wall, but he passed teammate Miguel Tejada on the basepaths and was forced to settle for a single.

Orioles starter Kris Benson (1-2) gave up four runs and nine hits in five innings. The right-hander came in with a 1.93 ERA.

## Children injured in money promotion

COMSTOCK PARK, Mich. (AP) — Two children were injured in a scramble to grab cash being dropped from a helicopter as part of a promotion after a minor league baseball game.

About \$1,000 in cash was dropped Saturday from the helicopter over Fifth Third Ballpark's outfield as children lined the outfield fence.

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Midland ace Brianna Dairy in the second inning of Game 2, scoring five runs, which chased her off the mound. The big hits were recorded by Rams, who delivered a two-run single, and freshman Jessica Garcia smashed a two-run double. In the inning, Dairy gave up five runs on three hits, walked three hitters and hit another one.

The Chaps came back to score two in the third and then tied it in their half of the fifth with three runs. Christina Guillen, who had three hits in the game, had two-run single in the third and Natalie Zavala delivered a two-run single in the fifth.

Howard grabbed the lead back for good with two runs in its half of the fifth inning.

The Hawks got 10 hits in the game off Dairy, Chelsea Nelson and Oberst. Nelson (16-4) through the third, fourth and fifth innings and took the loss and Oberst pitched a scoreless sixth

inning.

"We definitely hit the ball better in this game," said Raines.

Corbin had three hits and scored one run for the Hawks, while Rams had two hits and a run. Garcia's bases-loaded blast nearly cleared the fences and sophomore Paige Ruiz added a double, a walk and two runs.

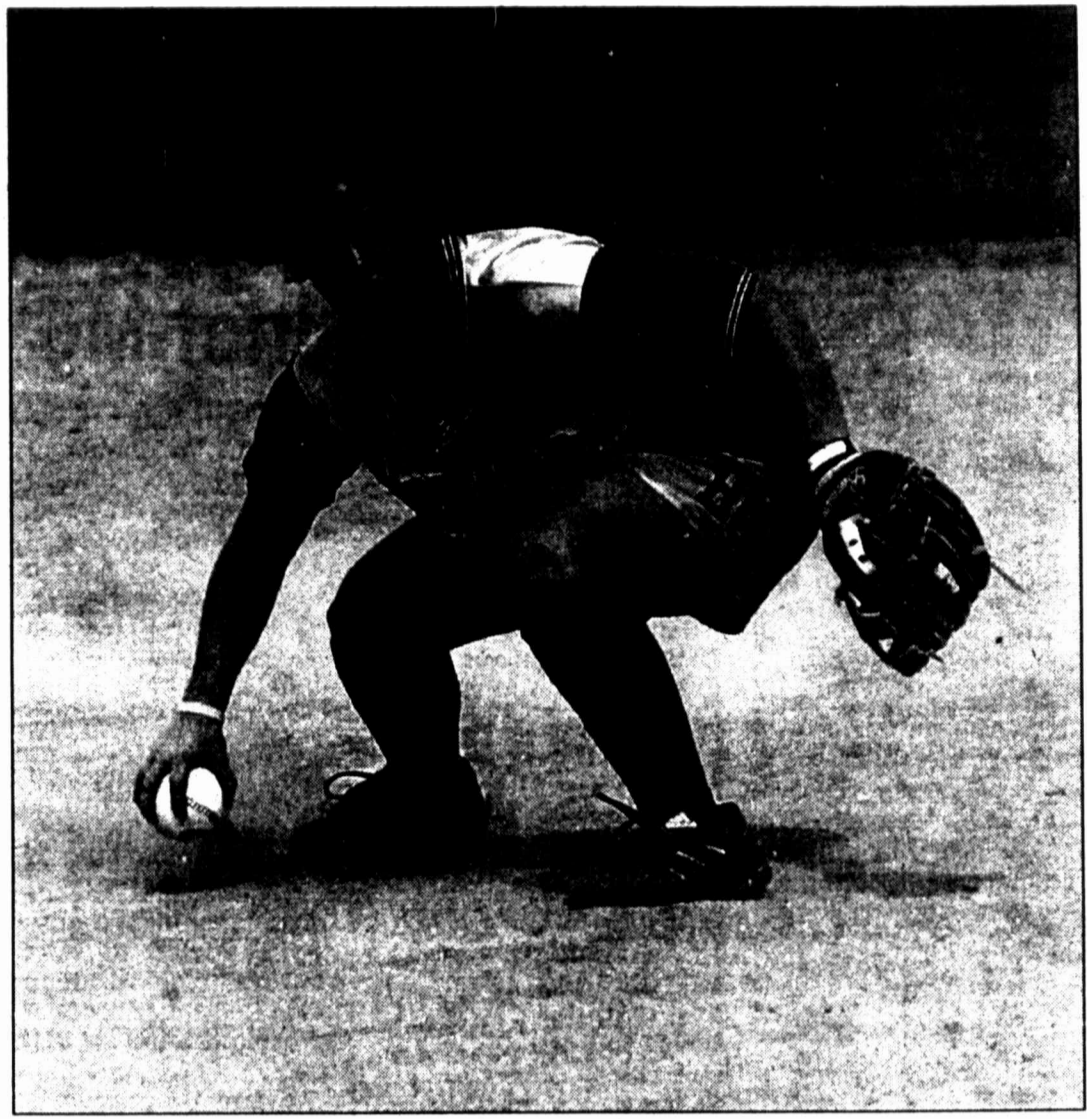
Ruiz also got the win on the mound as she gave up five runs on seven hits and struck out three, but walked seven batters for the second straight day.

"It was not Paige's best effort by any means, but it was good enough to win today," said Raines.

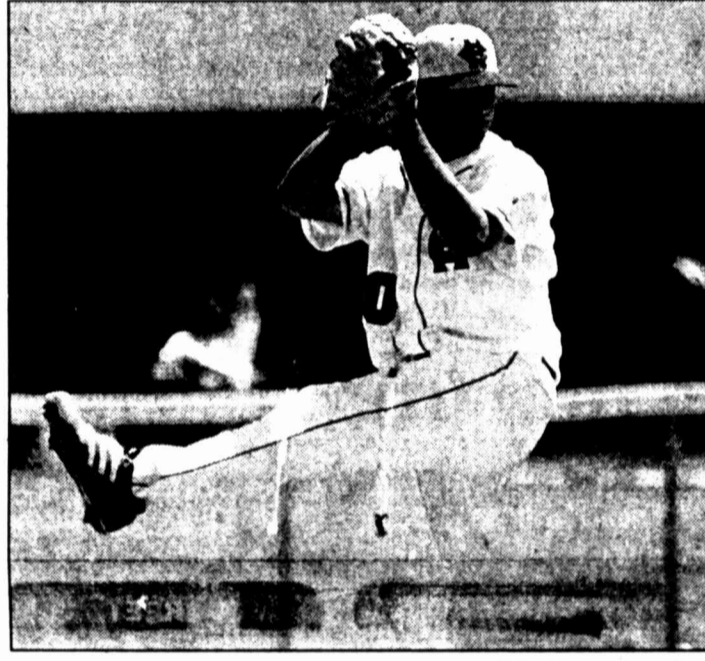
Dickson, who retired 11 straight Lady Chaps at one point in the game, improved to 15-3 on the year after her complete game shutout, while Ruiz moved to 13-4.

Oberst's loss in the first game drops her to 10-6 on the year. She recorded 11 strikeouts in the game.

The Hawks host Frank Phillips next weekend at Foundation Field. Friday's doubleheader starts at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., while Saturday's games are set to start at noon and 2 p.m.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Honda Rodriguez reaches down to pick up the ball and attempts to throw out a Midland runner at first base Friday at Foundation Field. The Hawks lost two Friday to No. 17 Midland, but came back to take two games from the Lady Chaps Saturday.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Scott Stephen begins his wind up and delivers a pitch to the plate against Western Texas College Saturday. Stephen got the win for the Hawks in Game 2.

## BASEBALL

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and Basom both walked to load the bases, but Marchant flew out to end the inning as the Hawks left the runners stranded.

Stephen had 1-2-3 innings in the first and second innings and gave up just a walk in the third before Western got on the board. He gave up a pinch-hit two-run home run to Tyler Killough and an unearned run in the fifth, but still improved to 5-1 on the season. He finished with six strikeouts and one walk.

"Scott threw well for us," said Smith. "Its not always easy pitching with

a big lead and it really isn't easy sitting down for 20 minutes while the offense goes to work and then coming back out there and throwing again."

Brown had four singles in the game and improved his team-high batting average to .444. He remains two doubles away from the all-time career record at Howard College.

Aaron and Storms were each one hit away from the cycle. Aaron got everything but a triple and Storms did not homer. Aaron, who is hitting .431, had seven RBIs in the game to take the team lead away from Brown as he now has driven in 48. Storms leads

the team with 20 doubles and is hitting .428 on the season.

Beau Cutbirth had two hits to lead Western at the plate. Price took the loss on the mound. Western Texas used five pitchers in five innings and none were that effective against Howard's offense.

The Hawks moved to 13-7 in conference play with the split and are now 31-13 overall. They are currently in third place in the league, but trail Midland by just one game and have a four-game series with the Chaps looming. Howard will play Odessa College on the road Friday before hosting a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field Saturday at noon.

## Grady advances four, G.C. five to regional track meet

## • Tubb wins triple jump, Rivas takes gold in 1,600-meters

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ROBY -- Garden City's boy's and girl's track team will be sending five athletes to the regional track meet this year after a successful trip to the Area meet in Roby this past week.

Grady also attended the Area meet and will be sending four athletes to regionals.

The big winner was Grady sophomore Justin

Tubb, who will be going to regionals in three different field events. He won the triple jump

with a final mark of 42-1.5, took third in the long jump with a leap of 20-7.5 and finished fourth in the high jump with a mark of 6-0.

The top four finishers in each event advance to regionals, which will take place in Abilene April 28-29.

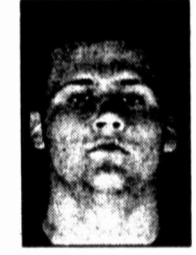


TUBB

The Grady boys finished 11th out of 20 teams and will also be sending sophomore Roy Rodriguez to regionals after he ran his way to third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:35.80.

Garden City took 14th as a team, but senior Cory Multer advanced to regionals in two events and junior Jason Flores will go to regionals in the 800-meter run.

Multer took second in the discus with a throw of 141-5.5 and placed third in the shot put with a toss of 46-1. Flores finished fourth in the 800 meters



MULTER

with a time of 2:06.02.

Grady's Brittany Rivas helped the Lady Wildcats to seventh place as a team as she will head to regionals in two events. She placed first in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:47.99 and took fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4-10.

The other Lady Cat qualifier is Kelsi Howard, who will go to regionals after placing third in the

pole vault with a mark of 9-0.

The Lady Kats of Garden City finished in ninth place as a team.

Junior K'Lann Niehues will go to regionals in two events as she took second in the triple jump with a leap of 34-0 and finished fourth in the high jump with a mark of 4-10.

Lauren Wheeler and Vikki Garza of Garden City will also be participating at regionals. Wheeler took third in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:04.40 and Garza finished third in the 3,200-meter run.

## Rangers score four off Street in ninth, defeat Oakland

## • Loe gives up five hits in seven innings

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mark Teixeira hit a tying two-run home run in the ninth inning off Huston Street, and Brad Wilkerson hit a go-ahead double off the Oakland closer, leading the Texas Rangers over the Athletics 5-3 Sunday.

Street (1-1) had converted 21 consecutive save chances since last July 10

at the Chicago White Sox. He allowed four runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning, both career highs.

Michael Young singled off the ninth and Teixeira fell behind 0-2 in the count, then worked it full before homering.

Kevin Mench singled with two outs, and pinch-runner Adrian Brown scored on Wilkerson's double.

Rod Barajas added an RBI single for the

Rangers, who won for the third time in four games.

Francisco Cordero (1-1) allowed Oakland to load the bases in the ninth when Jason Kendall singled with two outs, and pinch-hitter Adam Melhuse and Mark Kotsay walked. Cordero retired Nick Swisher on a game-ending flyout.

D'Angelo Jimenez also homered, a drive to right that popped out of Milton Bradley's glove and over

the fence when he collided with the wall. Jimenez stopped between first and second just as first base umpire Jim Wolf signaled the homer.

Eric Chavez had four hits and three RBIs for Oakland, which has lost five of six.

Oakland's Jay Payton was 0-for-4 and has gone 36 at-bats without driving in a run. He was ejected in the ninth after arguing balls and strikes with

plate umpire Ed Rapuano.

A's starter Dan Haren allowed four hits in eight innings, retiring the first 10 batters before Young's fourth-inning single. He struck out five.

Rangers starter Kameron Loe allowed one run and five hits in a season-high seven innings. The run was unearned because Wilkerson misplayed Bobby Crosby's two-out single to left in the sixth

## STANTON

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events. Adrian George came in 12th in the shot put.

## Stanton Girls

Laci Luna and Eva Dvck both advanced to

the regional meet in the same two events on the girl's side. Luna and Dyck went 2-3 in the pole vault and both were a part of the 1,600-meter relay team which finished third.

Also on the advancing 1,600-meter relay team was Brennan Harp and Michelle Teveni. Senior

Bonnie Kendall advanced to regionals in the long jump as she finished third and Cassandra Flores moved on as well with a third-place throw in the discus.

Maria Najera and Kelita Bryand were both fourth in two different distance events, but both just

missed advancing to regionals. Mallory Cotton was fifth in the pole vault and Angelica Moreno finished fifth in the discus and eighth in the shot put. The 400- and 800-meter relay teams both just missed advancing to regionals as the groups crossed the line in fourth.

Nicole Buzzell was eighth in the high jump, Sopiye Buzzell was seventh in the two mile and Kelsey Coggin was sixth in the 100 hurdles and seventh in the discus.

The regional track meet for both teams will take place in Abilene April 28-29.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

For anyone who still hasn't taken advantage of the Aries sun's gift of "beginner's luck" and embarked on a totally new experience, the Sagittarius moon issues a warning: "Get up. Get out. Get with it. It's only your life here."

Remember that adventure always comes with some degree of risk — that's where the rush comes from.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have more cachet than cash, which is fine. Just about anyone can make cash, but cachet is cultivated over lifetimes. The sun is smiling on you, rooting for you to be well compensated for your efforts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You love to spend money. Drop some on a cheap-and-chic pleasure instead of a costly luxury now. You'll get almost as much pleasure from a less expensive purchase.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In matters of business, you experience the thrill of the chase. Your love life, however, is on a slow simmer, which, over time, will have a flavorful influence on the rest of your life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're puzzled by well-meaning friends who don't seem to get the point of your conversation. Breathe,

relax, and know that you are accepted and loved no matter how inept some people may be at showing you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Attack your daily rituals with a flourish. This is a special time for you, and anything you can do to help yourself remember it brings good luck. In fact, have someone take your picture.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As far as you're concerned, wanting is for amateurs. You actually yearn. Your insides cry. Your aura reaches. The thing you long for is definitely within the realm of possibility (though, you'll probably have to calm down first).

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have officially examined all options, pondered all outcomes, ruminated over all hypotheticals. Enough already. Decide. You don't have to love and cherish your choice until death do you part. It's not that big of a deal.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People find you interesting because you always have an unexpected take on a topic. Today is no exception. You'll raise eyebrows and twist social expectations on their ear.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're on to a good idea, you feel it in every cell of your body. Still, there are obstacles. Don't take the first one, which will be rather big, as a bad omen. Persist.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The rush of

excitement you get from learning is unexpected and invigorating. You might as well have discovered new land for all the glorious possibilities swimming around in your brain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The perspective you prefer: the look of life from dizzying heights. Which is why you allow a situation to rocket like Willy Wonka in a glass elevator. Things are getting weird — and wonderful, too.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who are paid to know more than you are surprisingly green. It's a sign that you've become a big fish in a little pond. Consider moving to a bigger pond.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Would you shed a light on my lost soul in love? I have my ex (May 17, 1977) who is married, who I am still in touch with and have so much feeling for that I can't sleep. I fell in love with another Taurus (May 15, 1976) who is so cool that he's cold sometimes. Since he denies me, I broke with him to find somebody who wouldn't take me for granted. My ex husband, with his unhappy marriage and kid is still there ... what should I do?"

I find it fascinating that you include both of your love interest's birthdays but forget to include your own. It's no matter because, obviously, you should try dating someone who is not a Taurus. These men are so

sensual and grounded that it's easy to project all of your need for security onto them. You'll feel if they would only love you everything would be OK. Though Taurus men can be very loving, they need space — lots of space. On second thought, my advice is to stop dating (and hoping and pining and wishing) and spend some time exploring that void in your heart that causes you to seek so much security outside yourself. True security comes from within.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Aries late-night funnyman Conan O'Brien will find himself and his namesake show more popular than ever this upcoming year, as more people than ever utilize their Tivos and DVRs (digital video recorders) to watch his unique brand of comedy during the day. As a result, audiences will openly embrace O'Brien when he takes over Jay Leno's "Tonight Show" hosting duties in 2009.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 17-year-old high school senior, and I recently moved to a new school that I really like. I've made some new friends, mostly guys, although I've also gotten to know a few younger girls.

The senior prom is approaching quickly, and I really want to go. The problem is, I don't want to go with any of the guys who have already asked me. Please tell me how to turn down a guy without being rude and hurting his feelings. I feel bad and don't know what to say when this happens. — New Girl in Texas

Dear New Girl: You turn down a guy nicely by saying, as sweetly as possible, "You're a really great guy and I'm flattered, but I'm going to say no. Sorry." You are fortunate to have all these potential dates, and we trust you understand the risk in saying "no." It's quite possible the guy you DO want will ask someone else. We hope you are prepared to go alone, with friends, or show up with Dad.

Dear Annie: Did you know that an estimated 15.5 million youth participate in volunteer activities in the United States every year, and that by volunteering, these young people will perform better in school? According to a recent national study by the Corporation for National & Community Service, the U.S. Census and Independent Sector, youth contribute more than 1.3 billion hours of community service each year.

To celebrate their ingenuity, idealism and passion, please remind your readers that the 18th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day will take place April 21-23. More than 115 national partners will bring together millions of young people to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. Millions of youth from more than 150 countries will participate with their American peers.

For more information, your readers can visit [www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org), or write to Youth Service America, 1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. They can also find volunteer opportunities in their

communities today at [www.SERVE.net.org](http://www.SERVE.net.org). Sincerely, Steven A. Culbertson, President & CEO, Youth Service America

Dear Steven Culbertson: Thank you for giving us the chance again to mention National & Global Youth Service Day. We hope our readers will check out those websites today, and become involved in local volunteer projects.

Dear Annie: When I read the letter from "No Sex for Me," I had to chime in. I am asexual. I was certain something was wrong with me for not wanting to be intimate

with my boyfriend, whom I loved. But my nonexistent reactions to his physical overtures led to a painful and messy breakup. That was two years ago.

Today I am happily celibate and feel liberated. Instead of obsessing about men, I'm free to spend that energy becoming a contented woman. The asexual community doesn't get much attention. The sexual society finds us puzzling. Often people will ask me if I've been sexually abused or have some sort of disorder that makes me so "afraid" of sex. The answer is: Nothing's wrong with me, nor do I fear sex. I am simply not interested.

Asexuals often have a long list of things they'd rather be doing while their friends are trolling the clubs looking for dates. People tell me I'll always be alone, but I am perfectly fine spending my life as a single woman. Should I be fortunate enough to chance upon a man who accepts me as an asexual, I will count myself blessed. "No Sex's" husband may be asexual, but I hope she can continue to love him for who he is. — Prattville, Ala.

Dear Prattville: We're sure your letter made a lot of people feel better in their own skin. Thanks for writing.

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Dear Prudence

Dear Prudie: I'm in a personal moral bind involving a very close friend I've known for 10 years involving his "extra-curricular" activities. He is now engaged to his girlfriend of 11 years, with a wedding set for the fall. He's told me that over the years he has had long-term affairs with several women (most of whom I know) and continues to fool around.

Recently he gave me his word that he would stop with his latest fling. I know now that he has not kept his word. The late night phone calls from his fiancée to me as to his

whereabouts confirm this. I cannot be an accessory to his philandering. I see disaster whenever I'm with the two of them. I also do not want to lose my friend of so many years; I just want him to get better and behave like an adult. What do I owe him? His fiancée? Myself? — Stretched on the Rack

Dear Stretched: Getting engaged to the woman he's cheated on for 11 years did not reform him, so think how little his promise to you must have meant. He's a compulsive cheater who is unlikely to get better. You have to decide if you enjoy him enough to accept this. Behavior you would find intolerable in a spouse can sometimes be overlooked in a friend. (His future spouse obviously has a higher tolerance than you.) Whatever you decide about continuing the friendship, you have no obligation to assist in his deceit. Give him a heads-up that from now on when his fiancée calls you late at night looking for him, you're going to be direct and tell her, "I assume

he's with 'Cindy.'"

Because you're concerned about their impending disaster, you could also have a talk with the fiancée. But since she's put up with an ongoing disaster for more than a decade, if she wants to formalize this mess of a relationship, she has psychological issues as intractable as your friend's. — Prudie

Dear Prudie: What can you tell me about Canadians? I live in the Southern Hemisphere, and for the past two and a half years, I've been dating a sixtiesomething Canadian intellectual who lives and works here. We get along beautifully most of the time, but on occasion we slip into what he refers to as cultural conflict: He does and says things I find offensive. If I tell him I don't like it, he accuses me of being narrow-minded, unsophisticated and insular, and tells me how Canadians are way beyond all that uptight stuff.

He told a friend of his about our favorite sexual fantasy. He recently took my hand and placed it on his crotch, in front of a

male friend of mine, as the punch line to a story he was telling. He thinks it's okay to have noisy sex when my children are within earshot. Is this man as typical of his nation, as he claims? Or am I really that uptight and parochial? — Prude Too

Dear Prude: There's a reason the expressions "Saskatchewan Swordsman" and "Calgary Casanova" are not as well-known as "Latin Lover." (Although I concede I am given pause by the phrase "Canadian Mountie"). Give your old goat credit for originality — I've never heard anyone ascribe being from above the 49th parallel as an excuse for inappropriate crudity. Tell him either he stops violating your perfectly reasonable sense of propriety or you'll really remind him of home by giving him a dose of Arctic chill. — Prudie

Dear Prudence is written by Emily Yoffe. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearprudence@creators.com](mailto:dearprudence@creators.com). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 17, the 107th day of 2006. There are 258 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. In 1969, Czechoslovak Communist Party chairman Alexander Dubcek was deposed. In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

Hammer is 58. Actress Olivia Hussey is 55. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 51. Actor Sean Bean is 47. Actress Lela Rochon is 42. Actor William Mapother is 41. Actress Kimberly Elise is 39. Singer Liz Phair is 39. Rapper-actor Redman is 36. Actress Jennifer Garner ('Alias') is 34. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 28. Actress Dee Dee Davis ('The Bernie Mac Show') is 10.

Thought for Today: "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." - Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words like CRUSOE, SPANIARD, RENOUIR, COLANDER, IMPALA, ANTIDOTE, TERRESTRIAL, RIA, IDO, DEALER, PERM, CIV, WES, HIDES, SEE, LUNT, PUT, SNEAKY, MANTIS, ADE, VINS, RES, CASTS, AAA, OPT, NEWS, PLUMPS, NAE, ONE, BILLIONAIRE, LEAVEOUT, RASCAL, LATITUDE, CREATE, ASSESSED, HEALER.

Newsday Crossword

THAT'S EASY by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Clarinet insert, 5 "Woe is me!", 9 Ziti or rigatoni, 14 Roof overhang, 15 Throw of the dice, 16 Nixon vice president, 17 Roofed passage between buildings, 19 Construction-site machine, 20 "Finished!", 21 Pager sounds, 22 Hoarse sound, 24 Pre-owned, 25 Loose-leaf filler, 29 Those people, 31 Faucet problem, 34 Magazine executive, 36 Swiss peak, 37 Dentists' org., 38 Chinese side dish, 39 Spooky, 41 Matures, as wine, 42 Barbie's beau, 43 Lyricist Gershwin, 44 Apply more paint to, 46 Office attire, 48 Become taller, 50 Thickly packed, 51 Iowa crop, 53 LP player, 55 Phone-book listings, 56 Original inhabitants, 61 Compel, 62 Tight waistband, 64 Shaquille of basketball, 65 Military group, 66 Author Stanley Gardner, 67 Barnyard animals, 68 Just manages, with "out", 69 Recipe amount: Abbr., 9 Walks back and forth, 10 Saw eye to eye, 11 Garden flower, 12 Change for a \$20 bill, 13 Dazzle, 18 Masked swordsman of fiction, 21 Front or rear edge of an auto, 23 Ancient Egyptian ruler, 25 Fringe benefits, 26 "Au revoir!", 27 Site for park dining, 28 Summer, in France, 30 Inventor Whitney, 32 Notions, 33 Adhesive substance, 35 Wears the crown, 40 Get it wrong, 41 Top poker card, 45 Archie Bunker's wife, 47 Alley feline, 49 -the-Pooh, 52 Fishing-line holders, 54 True things, 55 Something prohibited, 57 Skeptical remark, 58 Part of speech, 59 Em preceders, 60 Dance move, 61 Visibility problem, 62 Pool stick, 63 Pen filler.

A crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for words.