



Salvation Army summer camp caters to youth

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area parents looking for something for their children to do this summer need look no further, as the Big Spring Salvation Army gets ready to launch its Boys and Girls Club of America summer camp program.

Registration for the camp is under way, according to Capt. Russ Keeney.

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constructive to do, not just wander the streets and get into trouble.

"The summer camp program

is multi-denominational, and although it's a faith-based camp, we're not going to try to shove religion down the kids' throats. Jesus never tried to push his religion on anyone, and neither do we."

The camp will run throughout the summer holiday with activities offered between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is for children age 6 to 18.

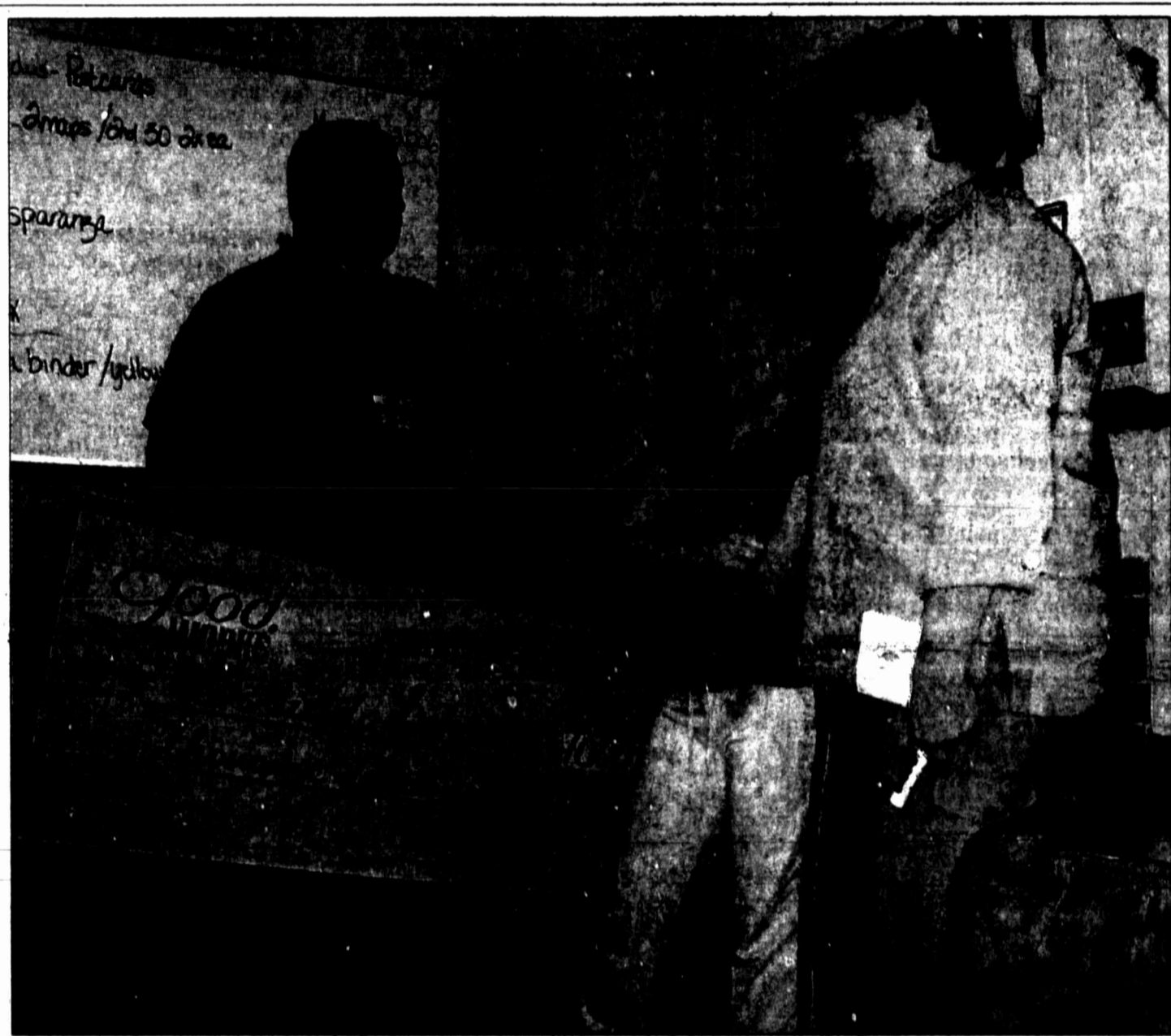
Keeney said the local Salvation Army is doing every-

thing possible to keep the cost of the program at a minimum.

"We're charging \$1 a month, so it's not hard to see this isn't about the money," said Keeney. "We've got a lot of fun things planned for the camp. We've got a computer lab set up, and we'll have games, character building activities, food, field trips and even art classes. The kids will have plenty to do."

Keeney said the Salvation

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Goliad Intermediate School fifth grade teacher Pam Morgan, right, reacts after learning she has been named the 2006 Teacher of the Year by the local Wal-Mart Supercenter. Nick Tumblin, co-manager of the Supercenter, presented the school with a check for \$1,000 in Morgan's honor. Also shown is student Bethany Roach, who nominated Morgan for the award.

Self-described grumpy old lady has softer side

Goliad educator Pam Morgan chosen as Wal-Mart's 2006 Teacher of the Year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Pam Morgan likes to portray herself as a "grumpy old lady," at least to her fifth grade students at Goliad Intermediate School.

But those students know better — and now so do a lot of people.

Morgan was honored Tuesday as the 2006 Teacher of the Year by the local Wal-Mart Supercenter, which annually recognizes an area instructor with the award.

Nick Tumblin, co-manager of the Supercenter, and Janet Fry, training coordinator, were on hand at Goliad to present the award to Morgan.

She received a plaque, gift card and Teacher of the Year polo shirt from the store, while Wal-Mart presented a grant for \$1,000 to Goliad in Morgan's name.

"I'm stunned," Morgan admitted. "Fifth graders

typically don't like their teachers ... I know they think I'm a grumpy old lady, but at the same time, I love each and every one of them."

One student who obviously didn't buy Morgan's grumpy routine was Bethany Roach, who nominated her teacher for the award.

"I really like her," Roach stated in her nomination letter to Wal-Mart.

"My favorite thing she has ever said and done was on Valentine's Day. She read a book, and the man in the book said no one loved him," Roach continued. "She said, 'If you ever feel that no one loves you, you know that your fifth grade teacher does.' And that is what makes Mrs. Morgan my favorite teacher."

Morgan has been a teacher for five years, all at Goliad.

"This is a great recognition for a deserving

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Waldrop named second in command for FSISD

Herald Staff Report

Bobby Waldrop, director of special education and support services for Big Spring schools, has been named the new assistant superintendent at Fort Stockton ISD.

Waldrop, who has run the special education department in Big Spring for the past five years, will resign effective June 2 and assume his new duties with Superintendent Ron Mayfield in Fort Stockton later that month.

Although he conceded the move is a definite step up in his career, Waldrop admitted leaving Big Spring will be a tough move on his part.

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Patching up the kiddos

Celebrating School Nurse Day in Texas

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

They are as symbolic of schools as an apple on the teacher's desk.

School nurses have long been just as much a part of the school year as recess, pop exams and study halls.

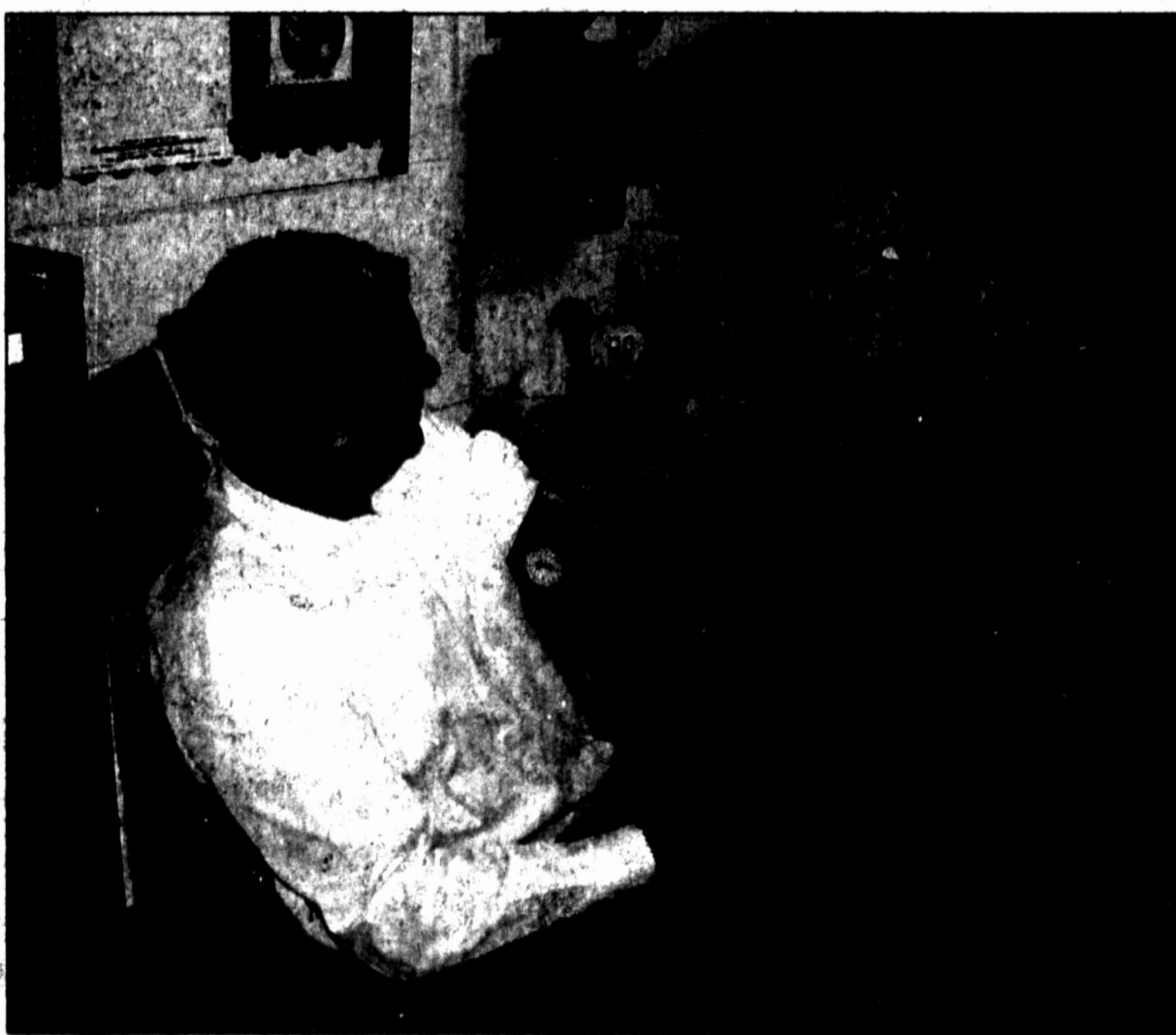
And today is their day.

In a recent proclamation, Texas Gov. Rick Perry denoted today as School Nurse Day in the state.

"School nurses have long embraced excellence, advancing their professional expertise to meet emerging challenges and, ultimately, working to ensure that students are best served by being able to pursue academic achievement and lifelong success," Perry stated in the proclamation.

Glenda Low, Lead Nurse Karen McCormick, Linda Gonzales, Amanda Gillespie,

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Sauer Magnet School nurse Glenda Low, right, checks the blood pressure of Principal Mark Owen at her office Wednesday. Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed today School Nurses Day in Texas.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's all show appreciation for our nurses

Today we are in the middle of National Nurses Week and it is obviously a celebration that is being observed in many places locally — the VA Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and countless doctors' offices.

These men and women are without question the lifeblood of virtually all health care facilities and deserve to be honored not only at their work places but in all areas of our community.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) and its 54 constituent member associations (CMAs) are saluting nurses across the country with the theme "Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion."

We can think of no better way to describe what it means to be a nurse.

Day in and day out, nurses display strength in caring for patients during times that are clearly trying for both themselves and their charges.

They stay committed to continuing their education throughout their careers.

And in the tradition established by Florence Nightengale, the founder of their profession, nurses continually display compassion in providing hands-on care to patients at their bedsides.

It should be noted that the millions of nurses in the US represent the largest group of health care professionals in America, and none of us want to contemplate what life would be like without them. They are nothing short of vital to our society.

So, as National Nurses Week is celebrated, let us be mindful of nursing's contributions to the health and well-being of each and every one of us.

Simply put, we can't thank them enough.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep praying to You, Lord, especially when we falter and stumble, for You know what is in our hearts.

Amen

Homeland security or insecurity?

Tell them 12 million people can't be deported, and right-wing extremists will tell you it's not necessary. In their warped conservative reality, illegal immigrants can be swayed into going home on their own, by making their lives so miserable that they won't want to stay in the United States.

Of course, that contradicts their argument that they want to rid the country of illegal immigrants because they are concerned about national security. If they were so anxious about identifying potential criminals and terrorists, they would give illegal immigrants an incentive to come out of the shadows ASAP.

Harassing illegal immigrants out of the country is not only a violation of their human rights, it's terribly unrealistic. Regardless of how draconian the measures become, most illegal immigrants would not go home. They are so ingrained in our society that they would find a way to survive in the underground economy.

But let's say that bashing illegal immigrants to self-deport was realistic. Wouldn't that process take several years? If they are so worried about national security, how can they wait 10 or 15 years for illegal immigrants to leave? Can we afford not to know who those people are and where they live? Doesn't it make much more sense to give them a path to legalization

as an incentive for them to identify themselves?

Of course it does! Unfortunately, sense is not an attribute usually associated with xenophobia. It proves that for many of these "concerned Americans," bashing illegal immigrants is a much higher priority than national security.

Luckily, the immigrant bashers are only a loud minority. When they organize a protest, they get one person for every thousand people who march in support of immigrants. Yet now that they are clearly outnumbered in demonstrations around the country, they claim the pro-immigrant demonstrations are actually helping them. They swear that the demonstrations will backfire, that they created ill feelings among many Americans, that more people are joining their ranks, that Congress will now be less likely to sympathize with immigrants. But those are all bogus arguments.

If those immigrant rights marches are angering anyone, it is those people who already suffered from xenophobia.

Most Americans surely realize that these have been peaceful demonstrations, not riots, by people simply seeking justice the American way — by expressing themselves freely. And while immigrant rights advocates need to be careful about organizing too many protest marches, so as not to burn out the energy of their supporters, they also need to be careful about losing the momentum that is keeping their movement on the rise and the nation paying close attention.



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Preserving an important flag

When we took our grandson to Washington, D.C. two years ago, we visited the Smithsonian's Museum of American history and saw preservation staff members working on the original Star Spangled Banner, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the British bombardment in 1814.

It is the flag that Francis Scott Key saw and was moved to pen the verse that became our national anthem.

One of the docents gave an informal lecture to the crowd that had gathered to see the flag. Her comments included some words from the anthem, which made the story of the flag come alive. It was an emotional experience to see the flag and hear about it.

Recently I was at Alpine and met Lonni Taylor, a former Smithsonian exhibit designer who had worked as a historian on the multi-million-dollar flag project before retiring to Fort Davis. He says Congress appropriated some funds, but most of the money to restore the flag came from private individuals. Ralph Loren donated \$1 million.

The Smithsonian has had the flag since 1907. Before then, it was in private hands.

"After the battle, the flag evidently was simply taken home by the commander of Fort McHenry, a man

named George Armistead," says Lonni. "It had stayed in his family for 94 years, until his grandson presented it to the Smithsonian. It essentially had been kept in an attic in Baltimore."

The preservation work started in 1996 and was completed just last year.

"It's a 15-star, 15-stripe flag," said Taylor. "The U.S. flag had 15 stripes only between 1798 and 1818."

When the Smithsonian got the flag back in 1907, it was in poor shape then.

"There were a lot of stains and dirt on the flag and it had been damaged by polluted air that had got into our building over the years," Taylor said. "It had about eight feet missing off the end of it. The Armistead family had allowed people to take little souvenir snippings from it."

The preservation work was done in a special lab behind a huge plate glass window.

"We didn't want to take it off exhibit and we wanted people to be able to see it," Taylor said. "We thought visitors would be interested in the conservation process and could watch the actual work going on. There were 11 million visitors to that lab."

The flag's original size was 32 feet by 40 feet, big enough to cover a good portion of a gym floor. That was the standard size of a garrison flag in the early 1800s. It was designed to fly from a flagpole 90 feet high.

The flag is now displayed in a controlled, sealed environment. It lies flat on a slanted case sort of like an oversized draftsman's desk.

It will never be flown again.



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Bloom said her office is gearing up for the election — set for Saturday — which will be the first her office has been contracted to perform since it was created by the county.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The trio of Big Spring City Council seats up for election this year has been pared down to just one, with council members Gloria McDonald and Greg Biddison making it through the filing periods uncontested.

Donna Gamboa, owner of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill, Internet technology specialist Manuel Ramirez and health-care professional Cindy Lopez are facing off for the District 2 place on the council. Incumbent Woody Jumper did not file to run for the seat.

According to Bloom,

District 1 runs from the northeast part of the city of Big Spring through the center of town south of the 1600 blocks of Lancaster east to State Street, with several blocks zig-zagging in the area, including the area surrounding Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High.

"If you're not sure which district you live in, just check your voter registration card," said Bloom. "Your city council district is located on the right side in the box labeled 'city.' Anyone who's still not sure can call and check with us at 264-2273."

In the Coahoma School Board election, incumbents Jody Reid, James White and John Wayne Metcalf are joined on the ballot by challengers Alan Wright, James Gilbert, Jackie Hill and Lori Martinez.

The Coahoma election will also be held Saturday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., at the Coahoma Community Center.

In the city of Stanton, two of four spots on the city council are contested this year.

Mayor Lester Baker, a 14-year incumbent, has drawn two opponents. Randy Koonce, a computer programmer, and Robert Teveni, an office manager and paramedic.

Also contested is the District 1 race, in which incumbent Ronnie Christian is facing a challenge from registered medical assistant Rosalinda Mindling.

"We had 82 ballots cast during early voting," said Susie Hall, deputy clerk for Martin County, which is handing the Stanton election. "Things are going very smoothly. We didn't have any problems with our new, HAVA

(Help America Vote Act) compliant voting machines. The voters came in with a smile on their faces to cast their ballots."

Polling in the Stanton election will also be conducted Saturday at

Stanton City Hall, located at 102 W. School Street, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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"Dear Mr. Becker: This hand occurred in a rubber bridge game. I held the East cards. My partner led a heart against three notrump, and I won with the ace. I returned the six, my original fourth-best heart, in accordance with standard convention.

"Declarer played the ten, and my partner took the jack. Partner then shifted to a spade, and South won the rest of the tricks, taking six clubs, two spades and three diamonds.

"Obviously, something went wrong with the defense, since we could have taken five heart tricks off the top. My partner contends his play

of switching to a spade was proper because it was perfectly possible that declarer had started with the Q-10-7-5 of hearts, in which case cashing the king at trick three could prove fatal.

"I see no flaw in his argument because I would also have returned the six had I originally held A-6-2. Is there any way for West to have known to play the king of hearts? Very truly yours, W.H.M."

Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to go back to East's play of the six at trick two. It is true that in returning the suit partner leads, it is customary to return the original fourth-best card from four or more cards, and the second-highest card from three. This usually enables the other defender to diagnose declarer's holding both as to length and strength.

But, as can be seen in the present case, the lead of the six does not clarify the true position for West, since East's return may be based on either of two opposite holdings. West might have cashed the king of hearts and hoped for the best, but he could not be sure that play would turn out right.

The answer to the problem is that East should have returned the two of hearts rather than the six. This would cause West to believe that East held four hearts originally and declarer, consequently, three. West would then have been safe in cashing the king, and the actual heart situation would have become exposed.

Tomorrow: A very hot potato.
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Three dead in North Texas tornado

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An elderly couple were

found dead in a destroyed home in Westminster, while a teenager was found dead at a separate location, Collin County spokeswoman Lee Hornsby said. No identities of the dead or conditions of the injured were available Wednesday.

Police had blocked off the road leading to the elderly couple's neighborhood this morning.

At least six homes were destroyed in Westminster, a town of about 420, and numerous others were damaged. The estimate was expected to rise after officials survey the damage Wednesday.

Hornsby also said a tornado hit near the nearby town of Anna, which has about 6,500 residents and is about 5 miles west of Westminster.

Officials are going door-to-door to check for any other casualties, said Jamie Nicolay of the county's homeland securi-

ty and health care services department.

The number of tornadoes and their strength would not be known until National Weather Service officials survey the damage today.

In Westminster, officials were clearing downed trees and debris from streets.

About a quarter-mile down the street from Dotson's house, one house sat stripped down to the slab, with the exception of one standing wall, a bathtub, and overturned couch and other swirled wreckage.

Across the street from that home, the roof and large portions of the wall were missing from the home of Harold Donaho, 72, and his wife Mary Donaho, 61. Sitting on a chair just outside the house was a sheet of paper held down by two rocks that said "Harry and Mary Donaho are

fine" and gave their daughter's phone number in East Texas.

Their daughter, Jeri Tishmack of nearby Van Alstyne, said she stayed on the phone with her parents throughout the storm as they crouched in the living room between a sofa and a small table.

"It sounded terrifying," Tishmack said. "All I heard was a really high-pitched sound."

She said her parents left their home only with some medicine.

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State hospital volunteer is tops in Texas

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Shirley Bodin breezes into the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office every Monday with her trademark can-do attitude and earnestly dives into a pile of paperwork.

Bodin's reputation as a dedicated and reliable volunteer extends far beyond the Big Spring hospital campus. Recently, she was recognized as the state's number one volunteer within the Department of State Health Services.

The mother of seven was honored April 29 at the state's volunteer conference in Lubbock during the Volunteer Services Council's Awards Ceremony.

"When the judges reviewed all the nominations, I just felt that they kept coming back to her," said Billie Christie-Morgan, the hospital's Director of Community Relations. "Maybe it's the fact that she can pretty much run the place without us. She is involved in all phases of the volunteer program and the Community Relations office to the point of managing the office single-handedly and always asking, 'What's next?'"

In nine years, she has accumulated more than 3,864 volunteer hours to make the patients' stay at Big Spring State Hospital comfortable and therapeutic, Christie-Morgan said.

Since she began her work at Big Spring State Hospital, she has developed, organized and implemented a booth where volunteers distribute games, greeting cards, and refreshments to patients in the Activities Therapy Department. She also assists patients in the Professional Office building, helping them arrive in a timely manner to their doctors' appointments. Her membership in the local line-dancing club has provided much-desired entertainment and opened a direct pipeline to additional hospital volunteers, Christie-Morgan said.

Bodin has filled the role of hostess, assisting with the various hospital receptions, and she is first in line to help with the numerous tasks involved with projects ranging from Christmas parties, Valentine's Day fund-raisers and the Denim and Diamonds Gala.

But it's her work, week-in and week-out that sets her apart, Christie-Morgan said.

"Each week, we find her faithfully filling the numerous patient requests that have poured into our office over the weekend, whether it's for a new pair of socks, or an unusual size of pants, Shirley hunts for the item," said Christie-Morgan. "Shirley gives each of the 200 patients the feeling that he or she has a 'personal purchaser' as she tracks needed supplies, shops for, and returns with numerous

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requested items. She catalogs magazines in our library and stocks our cookie cupboard to supply patient units with magazines and cookies for their enjoyment."

Bodin also chairs Summer Fun Day — the hospital's annual celebration ushering in the beginning of summer and outfitting patients with summer-themed clothing and accessories. Each year, she enhances the celebration by adding different treats or refreshments. She also creates flower arrangements for the patients' "My Own Room Decoration" program and adopts a patient unit each Christmas. She personally shops for presents and wraps them, making sure each patient receives two gifts Christmas morning.

She also serves on the Volunteer Services Council's board of directors, representing the hospital on the Patient's Needs Committee. She spent many hours setting up the parameters for this group and serves as the chairperson, Christie-Morgan said. She meets quarterly with many members of each psychiatric unit to keep the lines of communication open concerning how volunteers can best serve the patients and the Hospital.

"We are glad she is here," Christie-Morgan said.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Shirley Bodin receives the top Volunteer of the Year Award for the Department of State Health Services from Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Superintendent Jok Simons.

Alzheimer's caregiver seminar set Thursday

An upcoming STAR Chapter West Texas Region of the Alzheimer's Association caregiver seminar, "Alzheimer's Disease: In The Beginning," is set for 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Topics include an overview of Alzheimer's Disease, 10 Warning Signs; Getting a diagnosis; Treatment and medications; Alzheimer's, the early stages; Understanding behavior; Enhancing communication; Safe return; Legal issues; and Financial Issues.

This public meeting is free, unless CEUs are requested. Cost for CEUs - \$21. Fees are collected at the site the day of the program.

For more information, call Alzheimer's Association at (432) 570-9191 or (800) 272-3900.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



The sign of relief

Providing relief in times of need is what the American Red Cross has been about for 125 years. What many don't realize is that many of its volunteers once received assistance themselves. Plus, protecting your bones and strawberry festival shortcake.



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I have not read it, but reviews have been good.

A "buzzed" book that I heard a lot of is "Marley & Me," (B GRO J) written by John Grogan.

Labrador retrievers are generally considered even-tempered, calm and reliable, and then there's Marley, one Lab who doesn't fit the mold.

Grogan, a columnist for the "Philadelphia Inquirer," and his wife, Jenny, decide that owning a dog would give them a foretaste of the parenthood.

Well, I think they got the dog from a very warm place (and I don't mean Presidio).

Marley was a sweet, affectionate puppy who grew into a naughty and hyperactive dog. Grogan details how Marley was kicked out of obedience school after humiliating his instructor and also what happened when Marley swallowed an 18-karat solid gold necklace (imagine, if you will, the recovery operation).

Grogan's chronicle is of the adventures parents and children (eventually three) enjoyed with the overly-energetic but endearing dog. Dog lovers will love this account of Grogan's much-loved canine and will cry like a baby when Grogan and his family make the difficult decision when their pet has to cross the "Rainbow Bridge."

Some new Non-Fiction books are now ready for checkout.

Going along with "donated" books, some kind soul cleaned out their cookbook collection from Southern Living and bestowed "Christmas with Southern Living 1996" (745.594 SOU L) and "Christmas with Southern Living 1996" (745.594).

A word to the wise: do not read cookbooks just before lunch or late at night in bed. Both books have Christmas recipes and crafts/decorations to make for Christmas.

Another cookbook

received is "Skinny Comfort Food," (641.563 SPI S) by Sue Spitzer. I suppose you can skinny down the calorie count and fat content, but how will it taste is what I want to know.

There are recipes for Boston Cream Pie, meat loaf, chicken and dumplings and other goodies for you to try.

Jennifer Chiaverini's "Elm Creek Quilts" series is well established.

Her latest is "Circle of Quilters" (F CHI J) and it involves the leadership void that exists at the Elm Quilt Camp.

An ad for an instructor at the camp attracts candidates from near and far, all offering a look at different perspectives on what quilting means in their lives.

Maggie stumbled into quilting when she found one at a garage sale and traced its history; Russell, who completed the cancer quilt begun by his wife before she succumbed to that disease, brings an abstract aesthetic — and a male perspective — to the craft; Anna, who is as creative a chef as she is a quilter, lacks the confidence to stand up for herself in a failing relationship; and Gretchen is a veteran quilter who has struggled with humble beginnings, but her abiding love for the craft has inspired her to make of it a life and a business. The library have several of Chiaverini's books on the shelf.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier and is closed from noon until 1 p.m. Saturdays. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. The catalog is online.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

Howard County kids are reading champions!

Library announces summer reading program

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AMY THOMAS

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Every Tuesday from June 6-27 and July 11 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., similar but more advanced activities will be provided for children who have finished second through fifth grade.

There is no charge for this entertaining and educational program.

Registration for "Reading: The Sport of Champions!" continues through May 19 at Howard County Library during regular library hours, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

This summer, the Howard County Library is also starting a new program, "Texas Sage Poetry Corner," for young adults who have just finished grades six through 11.

The "Texas Sage Poetry Corner" will be an informal gathering of young adults where they can share their favorite poet-

ry, prose, plays, music and art that they have created themselves or that comes from a favorite author or artist.

The "Texas Sage Poetry Corner" will meet every Thursday from June 8 through Aug. 3 from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the reference section of the library.

Registration is not required. This special program is named in memory of Sage Gibson, who, like the Texas Sage, is remembered for his strength and beauty.

The Howard County Library summer hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Amy Thomas, young adult librarian, at the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main or call 432-264-2260.

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What are the facts?

The "Israel lobby." A patriotic-named foundation urges, in full-page ads in national newspapers (very expensive — who pays for it?), to influence Congress to withhold support for Israel. Professors from prestigious universities write essays in which they aver that the United States is in thrall to the "Israel lobby." This lobby is said to pull the strings of American policy. Its supposed main promoters are AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) and the so-called "neo-cons," some of whom are indeed Jewish. They are said to exert an almost magical spell over policy makers, including the leaders of Congress and the President. Some even say that the Iraq war was promoted by this omnipotent "Israel lobby," that the President was flummoxed into declaring war on Saddam Hussein, not in order to defend the United States or to promote its interests, but in order to further the interests of Israel.

Israel is indeed a major recipient of U.S. aid. Israel receives yearly \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid, a substantial portion of our yearly aid budget. Almost all of the military aid is spent in the United States, making Israel one of the major customers of the U.S. defense industry. Virtually all of the economic assistance goes for repayment of debt to the United States, incurred from military purchases dating back many years.

America's staunchest ally. A good case can be made that aid to Israel, certainly the military portion, should be part of the United States defense budget, rather than of the aid budget because Israel is, next only perhaps to Britain, by far the most important ally of the United States. Virtually without exception, Israel's government and its people agree with and support the foreign policy objectives of the United States. In the United Nations, Israel's votes coincide with those of the United States over 90% of the time. The Arabs and other Moslem countries, virtually all of them recipients

of American largess, almost reflexively vote against the United States in most instances.

Israel is the major strategic asset of the United States in an area of the world that is the cradle of Islamofascism, which is dominated by tyrants and permeated by religious obscurantism and shows almost total disregard for human rights. During the decades-long Cold War, Israel was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads of the Soviet Union. It is now the bulwark against the aggressive intentions of Iran. During Desert Storm, Israel provided invaluable intelligence, an umbrella of air cover for military cargo, and had personnel planted in the Iraqi deserts to pick up downed

American pilots.

Gen. George Keagan, former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, stated publicly that "Israel is worth five CIAs," with regard to intelligence passed to our country. He also stated that the yearly \$1.8 billion that Israel received in military assistance was worth \$50 to \$60 billion in intelligence, R&D savings, and Soviet weapons systems captured and transferred to the Pentagon. In contrast to our commitments in Korea, Japan, Germany, and other parts, not a single American servicemember needs to be stationed in Israel. Considering that the cost of one servicemember per year — including backup and infrastructure — is estimated to be about \$200,000, and assuming a minimum contingent of 25,000 troops, the cost savings to the United States on that score alone is on the order of \$5 billion a year.

Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbor, its outstanding military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel. It is the only country that makes itself available to the United States in any contingency. Yes, Israel is not a burden, but a tremendous asset to the United States.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Middle East and the indispensable defender of America's interests in that area of the world. The people of the United States, individually and through their Congressional representatives, overwhelmingly support Israel in its seemingly unending fight against Arab aggression and Moslem terror. But that support is not based on the great strategic value that Israel represents to the United States. It is and always has been based on shared values of liberty, democracy, and human rights. America and Israel are aligned by their shared love of peace and democracy. Israel and the United States stand together in their fight against Islamofascist terrorism. These shared values, these common ideals, will bind Israel and the United States forever.

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Jean Perry

Jean Perry's style has evolved from doing abstract expressionist paintings at the University of Colorado to a more traditional art form combining realism and impressionism. She works mainly in oil and much prefers painting on location. "I think all painting done "en plein air" has a certain vitality and strength that is not found in studio work. It has to do with the time constraints of painting outside but it also has to do with the feeling that you are part of the very landscape that you are painting."

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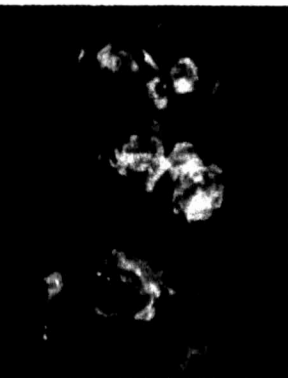
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Born in Szeged, Hungary, he has been passionate about his art ever since his childhood. His grandmother was a big influence on him, because she was a painter. It is in her studio where he saw his first original painting, and the smell of oil paint still reminds him of her. "I think there's a strong connection between my loving being outdoors and painting nature as a landscape artist."

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Garden City duo claims state title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LAKEWAY — Garden City juniors Taylor Niehues and Alex Halfmann were down a set and down to their last point in a second-set tiebreaker at the UIL Class 1A state tennis tournament Monday.



FINE

according to Garden City head coach Jimmy Fine. "It was wonderful," said Fine. "The monkey was on our back after losing the first set. We were one mistake away from going home."

The Bearkat duo of Halfmann and Niehues battled back from the deficit in the semifinals Monday to win in three



sets and then breezed through the championship match against Blake Cuba and Jared Heine of Thorndale Tuesday to bring the state doubles title home to Garden City.

"The kids have such heart," said Fine. "They fought back and won the match in dramatic fashion and then played what I think was the best match I have ever seen them play in the championship."

Halfmann and Niehues, who took third at the state tournament last year, had a harder time in

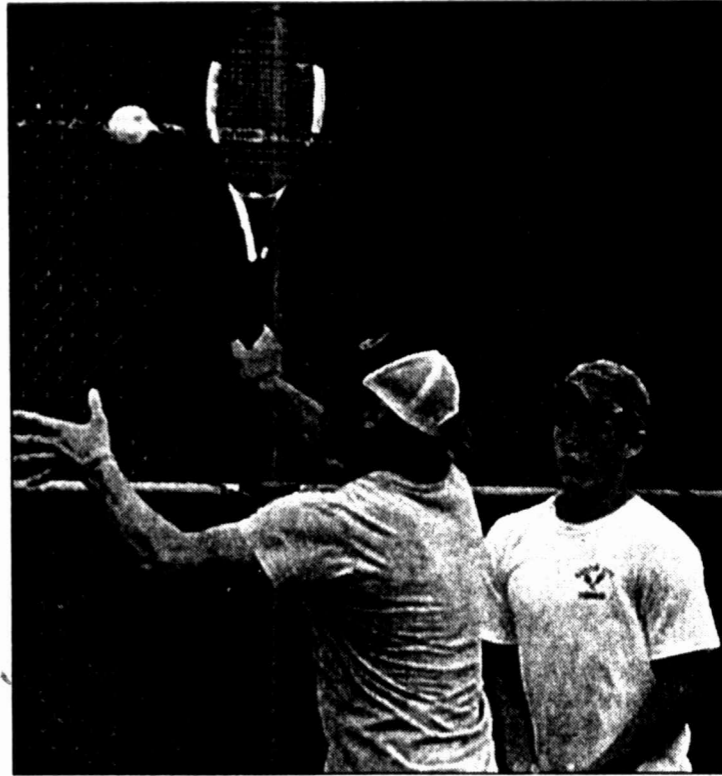
the semifinals than they did in the championship match.

They won the final match 6-0, 6-4, but Fine said the duo got a lot of help from teammates Evan Jansa and Nick Sanchez, who also competed at the state tournament.

"Evan and Nick had played the team from Thorndale in the semifinals and instead of being bitter about losing, they shared everything they knew about that team with Alex and Taylor and helped them win the title," he said. "They could have just not said anything, but they were unselfish and wanted someone from their school to take home the title. They gave them a great scouting report and it most definitely helped."

Even though only one

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Garden City juniors Alex Halfmann, left, and Taylor Niehues compete earlier this year against Forsan. The Bearkat duo took home the Class 1A boy's doubles tennis title yesterday after winning three matches at the state tournament this week.

IN BRIEF

Howard fills summer basketball camp dates

Howard College men's basketball coach Earl White and assistant coach Eric Rodewald announced the dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Smith Coliseum.

The first camp will run from June 5-9 from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. The camp is for kindergarten through third grade and costs \$50.

The second camp, an individual day camp, will also take place June 5-8. This camp goes from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. costs \$60 and is for grades four through eight.

The third camp is a shooting and position camp and it runs from June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp costs \$60 and is for grades seven through 12.

For more information, call 264-5043 or 264-4227. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its 16th annual scholarship tournament for May 27-28 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75 and free food is provided.

For more information, call 264-2866 or 264-4227.

HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

The first camp will take place July 17-20 and the second one runs from July 24-27.

The cost of the camps are \$250 for participants wanting to stay overnight in the dorms and \$200 for commuters.

The Hawk Camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game. These clinics teach the fundamentals of the game and the foundation of defensive camp.

The camp will be 24 hours during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for the campers and the coaches.

Participants will be receiving athletic equipment (shorts, socks, shoes) and will attend sessions on conditioning, camp



Marquis Daniels, left, of the Dallas Mavericks goes around San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan during action in Game 2 of the NBA Western Conference playoffs at the AT&T Center in San Antonio Tuesday. The Mavericks won the game and evened the best-of-seven series at 1-1.

New lineup leads to rout for Mavs against Spurs

• Dallas steals homecourt from defending champs

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — By shaking up his lineup, Dallas Mavericks coach Avery Johnson took the risk of being accused of panicking.

Instead, he's got the San Antonio Spurs wondering how they're going to keep up with new starting point guard Devin Harris.

Harris' speed and a take-it-to-the-rim attitude revived an offense that looked sleepy in the opener, helping the Mavericks go ahead by

21 points before half-time on their way to a 113-91 victory Tuesday night that tied this second-round series at one game apiece.

"Devin is the quickest guy we've got," teammate Jerry Stackhouse said. "He did a good job of keeping pressure on them and making the right plays."

Harris scored 20 points, two shy of the career high he set against San Antonio in November. Although he had only three assists, his energy and aggressiveness set the tone Johnson wanted after Dallas scored only 85 points in Game 1.

"He really got in the

paint and attacked us very well," Spurs star Tim Duncan said. "It's another adjustment we have to make for the next (game)."

By starting Harris, Johnson moved Jason Terry to shooting guard and put defense-minded Adrian Griffin on the bench.

It was the kind of move Johnson's predecessor Don Nelson would've made long ago. For Johnson, it was a bit surprising considering how much he values defense.

But it's hard to question the NBA's Coach of the Year. His last big

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Howard places six on all-WJCAC team

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Coming off an impressive 40-14 season under first-year head coach Kelly Raines, six members of the Howard College softball team were named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference squad Monday.

Sophomores Nicole Dickson and Paige Ruiz and freshmen Laura Lopez, Alisha Rams, Honda Rodriguez and Jessica Garcia all garnered the postseason honor.

"I was thrilled to get six on to the team," said Raines. "I thought four for sure and maybe five, but six makes me feel great. It shows that the other coaches respected our players' games."

Dickson made the team as a pitcher where she went 18-4 during the regular season with an earned run average (E.R.A.) of 1.59, 57 strikeouts and 19 walks. She was tied for third in wins and was fifth in the league in innings with 145.

Ruiz made the team as a designated player. She hit a WJCAC-high nine home runs during the regular season and was eighth in runs with 44 and seventh in RBIs with 41. She also had 77 total bases.

Ruiz went 18-5 as a pitcher and had an E.R.A. of 1.93. She was



fourth in strikeouts with 122 but issued 97 walks, which was the most in the league.

"The sophomores were big leaders and they meant a lot to our team this year," said Raines. "We will definitely miss them and they will be tough to replace."

Perhaps the most decorated Hawk this year at the plate was Lopez, who was named to the all-conference team as a catcher. She led the league in doubles with 25, RBIs with 56 and total bases with 112. Her seven home runs were tied for third with teammate Rodriguez and she was eighth in the league with an average of .398, was sixth in runs with 47 and tied for sixth in hits with 66.

Clearly, the numbers show Lopez is worthy of recognition, but with so many good catchers in the league, Raines was worried Lopez might have gotten overlooked.

"I was worried for Laura because there was going to be a catcher who

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Playoff Baseball/Softball

Coahoma Bulldogettes

Regional Quarterfinals vs. Sonora Lady Broncos

Best-of-three series @Angelo State University

Game 1: Friday, 5 p.m.

Game 2: Friday, 30 minutes after Game 1

Game 3: Saturday, 1 p.m. (if necessary)

Last Week: Coahoma beat Kermit in two games of best-of-three series; Sonora beat Coleman, 10-6.

Coahoma Bulldogs

Area Championship vs. Kermit Yellowjackets

Best-of-three series @Andrews

Game 1: Friday, 7 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, 3 p.m.

Game 3: Saturday, 30 minutes after Game 2 (if necessary).

Last Week: Coahoma had first-round bye; Kermit defeated Junction in three games of best-of-three series.

Howard Baseball

Region 5 Tournament

Game 1: vs. McLennan at McMurry University in Abilene

Saturday: 1 p.m.

The tournament is double elimination. Howard is the No. 4 seed from the WJCAC, while McLennan is the top-seeded team from the other conference.

HOWARD

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got left off and I was hoping it wasn't her," she said. "It ended up being a player from Odessa and I really thought she deserved to be on the team, too."



LOPEZ

Aside from tying for third in home runs with seven, Rodriguez, an infielder, led the league in runs with 61 and was third in total bases with 102. She had 15 doubles, which placed her seventh in the league, was eighth in hits with 64 and was 10th in average at .379.

Rams' .423 batting average was tops on the team and fifth in the league. She tied for third in runs with 50, tied for sixth in triples with three and tied for sixth in hits with 66. She made the squad as an infielder

Garcia, who made the team as an outfielder, led the league in triples with five, was second in RBIs with 52 and was fourth in doubles with 18. She also had 96 total bases (sixth in the league) and was seventh in runs with 46.

"There's a good core to work with for next year," said Raines. "They got some experience this year and hopefully can be even

better next year."

Howard as a team finished first in batting average, second in team E.R.A. and third in fielding.

"The reason we got six on the team is because of our hitting," said Raines. "The coaches in the league knew we could hit and they rewarded our best ones. For us to get third in the conference and to get our fair share of all-conference players and more was great."

Odessa's Kelly Ninemire was voted as the league's best player as she was 19-7 on the mound this year with an E.R.A. of 0.79 and led the league with 169 strikeouts for the conference and region champion Lady Wranglers.

Odessa only got three selections onto the all-conference team, which proves Ninemire's value even more.

"She's definitely dominating," said Raines. "She's very valuable to her team."

Stephanie McCaulley of Odessa was also a top player in the conference as she led the league in hitting at .487 and was first in hits with 91 and second in total bases with 107.

Midland College landed two pitchers on the all-conference team and two position players also had strong years.

Elizabeth Oberst and Chelsea Nelson earned

top honors for their efforts on the mound. Oberst had an E.R.A. of 1.88 and had 151 strikeouts, while Nelson was 19-5 with an E.R.A. of 1.65.

MC's Christina Guillen was fourth in average (.425), fourth in hits (72), fourth in RBIs (48) and third in doubles (20). Maritza Martinez, a teammate of Oberst, Nelson and Guillen, was second in runs with 54 and also had four triples and 22 stolen bases.

El Paso Community College had the other standouts in the conference.

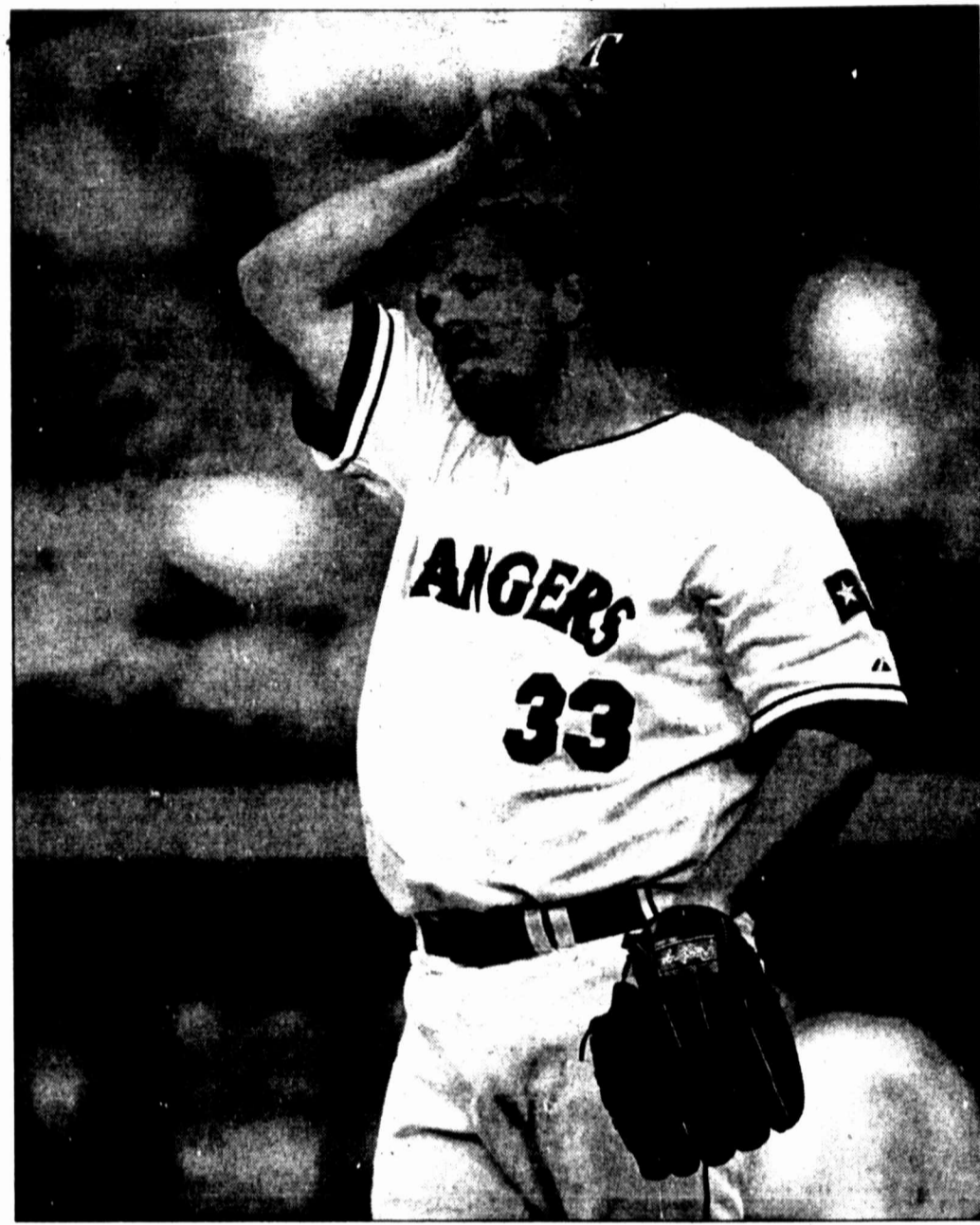
Pamela Apodaca was first in stolen bases with 50, second in hitting with a .450 average and third in hits with 72.

Jessica Strong was third in hitting with an average of .438, second in hits with 77 and finished tied for fourth in doubles with 18.

The other all-conference players were pitcher Raquel Hawkins and infielder Julie Sebastian of Western Texas College, outfielder Breana Casaus of Odessa and outfielder Natalia Sergeeva and utility Natalie Zavala of Midland College.

Howard and Midland both had six selections to the all-conference team to lead the way. Odessa had three, while Western Texas College and El Paso Community College each had two.

TEXAS NEEDS A DO-OVER



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Kevin Millwood wipes the sweat away from his face after giving up nine runs in the first two innings to the Minnesota Twins. The Twins defeated the Rangers, 15-5, at Amerquest Field in Arlington Tuesday.

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PLAYOFFS

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risk was benching starting center Erick Dampier in place of backup DeSagana Diop. All that did was start a 13-game winning streak.

It's too early to say where this one will lead — and Johnson doesn't want anyone getting carried away with the result.

"We're not 20 points better than the Spurs," Johnson said. "They're the champions, they're still the champions. One win by a team in the Western Conference semifinals doesn't mean anything has been taken away from them."

With Game 3 on Saturday night in Dallas, the Mavericks have plenty of time to savor this.

The Spurs are just glad to have plenty of time. They've played three games in five days, with a 1,500-mile flight from Sacramento squeezed in. Coach Gregg Popovich gave his players the day off Wednesday.

Dallas opened the game by going to the rim for seven of its first nine baskets. The Mavs were up by eight points before going on a 15-3 run.

San Antonio never got within 14 again and the Mavs finished with their highest point total of the playoffs and eighth-best total this entire season.

"Their aggressiveness in the first half was great," Popovich said. "They basically buried us in the first half."

San Antonio helped with a forgettable second quarter.

The Spurs gave up 32 points, one less than Dallas scored the entire second half of Game 1. Even worse, they went the final 6:59 of the period without a basket, missing nine straight shots.

"They were getting to the basket and they were giving us tough ones," said Duncan, who was 8-of-10 from the field and made 12 of 14 free throws for 28 points.

Josh Howard epitomized Dallas' attacking mind-set and led the team with 27 points.

The Mavericks are now 20-0 when he scores 20 points.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 21, but took a lesser role in the offense.

Harris scored 20, while Jason Terry, who started at shooting guard, had 11. Stackhouse scored 19.

Duncan had 16 in the first half, but half came

from the foul line, so it didn't seem as dominant as his 20 first-half points in the opener. The Mavericks made things tougher on Duncan by sending two and sometimes three defenders at him.

Tony Parker, playing with a thick pad wrapped around his bruised left thigh, had 15.

Manu Ginobili was 1-for-5 in the brutal first half and wound up with 13 points.

During the game-turning spurt, Dallas was on the right end of a series of questionable calls and non-calls by the officials. The Mavericks benefited more by how much it annoyed the Spurs and their fans. San Antonio guard Nick Van Exel got two technical fouls in a short span, leading to his ejection with 7:30 left in the second quarter.

The officials were booed loudly as they walked to the locker room — and even more loudly when they came back out.

While Popovich said the officiating "had nothing to do with it," Duncan wasn't that politically correct.

"The whistle was going crazy left and right," he said of the second quarter.

CHAMPS

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team can take home the state championship in boy's doubles, Fine said both of his teams were champions.

"I am proud of both of my doubles teams," said Fine. "They are all excit-

ed about their efforts and the good thing is they are all coming back next season."

Halfmann and Niehues went 19-1 this season, while Jansa and Sanchez went 17-5, but lost only once to a team other than their Garden City teammates and that was at the state tournament.

Charlie Rundell and

Kami Rundell of Nazareth, the mixed doubles team which took out Grady's Justin Tubbs and Stefani Robles in the first round, won the state title after a straight-set win against a team from Wink.

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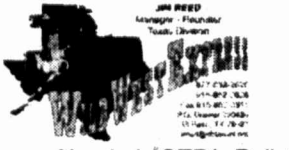
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Offbeat methods (for instance, Feng Shui, Reiki or art therapy) could work to turn around any situation that is giving you trouble. Tonight features the greatest kiss in your romantic history.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more relaxed you are, the more you can achieve. Taking care of parents or children is a responsibility that falls to you now. Avoid being late, as people take it personally. Respect for tradition scores points.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone loves to be the hero who rescues a victim, but the planets discourage it now, unless the victim in question is actually in peril. In that case, the rescue is a blessing. Otherwise, it's borrowed trouble.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your need to be comfortable overrides other priorities. That's why if you can stay home and work around the house, you'll accomplish more. Also of note: Your popularity with the opposite sex is incredibly high.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your brain needs exercise just as your body does. It may be necessary to change your atmosphere in order to get more energy flowing through your mind. Little ones pick up

Tomorrow's Horoscope

on your attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's always easier to see what went wrong after the fact. Analyzing a past relationship (possibly for the first time) is the preventive measure that keeps your present situation sunny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're as pretty as you feel — good news, since today you feel positively enchanting. Use your powers to woo a new friend into your busy circle. The fresh perspective will be invigorating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). New relationships help your financial future, but only because confidence is boosted — you feel you're worth more, so you ask for it. A Libra figures into a lucky deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't worry about getting off to a running start today. Think of this journey as more of an escalator ride. You're being carried to the top, so strike a confident pose and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your thoughts are controlling this matrix of a world you're living in. That's why you keep it positive and reap the rewards. Wherever you go tonight, you'll look cool when you arrive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's true that some degree of discipline is required in order to make

things happen, but it's a quality that's seriously underrated. You need a plan that fits your free-wheeling attitude. Otherwise, you're not likely to stick to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll feel highly magnetic and very much in command. In love, it may be appropriate to give an ultimatum. You have a fine chance at getting a reluctant sweetie to say "yes."

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries in need of career advice (born April 5, 1978)."

Aries is the first sign on the zodiac wheel. It represents the powerful energy of new beginnings, dynamic creation and the raw force necessary to get things done. Your Mercury is also in Aries. This signifies an eager, aggressive mind — you love a fiery debate. Your mental competitiveness can make you argumentative, particularly if you feel that others are restraining you in any way. Your Mars in Cancer adds a moody note to the mix. Now, here are some ideas to help you develop the many positive aspects of your chart. Your Jupiter (growth, expansion) in Gemini (keen mind) gives you a great love of study and ideas — also a facile understanding of the law. If legal affairs interest you, take a course in law to see how

you might like the field. You'd be brilliant and articulate representing clients in court. Also consider the business world. You're well-endowed with new ideas. Put your brainstorm to work for profit. Other possible areas of interest: travel, history, culture, the development of society. The key to your success: Always direct your abundant creative drive into the most constructive channel you can find.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Venus-ruled Cate Blanchett is a throwback to what movie stars used to be: mysterious, flawless and mega-talented. Whether reliving history in movies like "Elizabeth" or channeling an enchanted fantasy in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, Blanchett lives it and breathes it, which is why her audience always believes it. The role of a lifetime comes her way this year to bring the world to her feet.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 21-year-old mother-to-be, and my husband and I are currently separated by our duty stations in the military, and will be until July.

With the impending childbirth this fall, my husband has been acting out of his box, so to speak. He says he's been thinking a lot, and he's not sure of our marriage or if he can honestly say "I love you" to me. He also says he misses me, but at the same time he's loving the fact that he has time to party and be free.

Most people tell me that he's just trying to squeeze all of this "single life" in before he comes home, and that things will change once he is with me again. But I'm worried, and I'm also emotional. I do not want to become a divorcee at the age of 21.

Do you think my husband's "deep thinking" is being triggered by the anxiety and distance? Or do you think there is an underlying problem he isn't telling me? I worry about him being with other women and doing things he should not be doing. — Mama Wears Combat Boots

Dear Mama: We think it's the separation that is causing your husband to question his marriage. Long-distance relationships are difficult under any circumstances. This doesn't mean things will fall into place when he returns home. You will have plenty of work to do to reestablish your commitment. The military provides counseling services. Even if your husband will not take advantage of them, you should. Also, look into support networks, such as militaryspousesupport.net. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I have never written you before, but I'm really worried about my daughter and her family. She and my son-in-law have a beautiful home and three lovely children, but their house is a fire hazard. I used to go over there and clean like crazy, thinking they



would keep it up after I left, but it didn't happen.

I'm not talking about minor cleanliness. My husband refuses to step inside, let alone spend the night, and other family members feel the same. There is stuff stacked nearly to the ceiling in all the rooms and the garage. Half the time the kids can't even sleep in their own beds because of all the junk.

Both parents work, even though our daughter doesn't have to. I think it's her way of avoiding cleaning. I've tried talking to her, but she gets mad and screams at me, and then the grandchildren get upset. We've told her we won't visit if she doesn't get some cleaning help. We are so worried the house is going to catch fire and they will all burn up. — Help Us Help

Dear Help: This actually sounds more like a packrat problem, which puts it under "obsessive-compulsive behavior." Demanding that she clean up won't do any good. She must learn how to control her need to collect and save. Please look into the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org), 676 State St., New Haven, CT 06511, and ask for assistance.

Dear Annie: I am concerned about my father-in-law's behavior toward my 3-year-old daughter, his only grandchild.

"Al" is a kind man, but he is not physically affectionate with his wife of 30 years or with his only child, my husband. Nor have I seen him be affectionate with other friends

or relatives. He can't, however, seem to keep his hands off my daughter.

My mother-in-law thinks it is endearing that Al is so smitten with his grandchild. I'm not so sure. Al is constantly stroking her arms or hair and trying to get her to sit on his lap. On several occasions, he seemed to be working a little too hard to get her alone by asking her to show him a new toy or doll in a different room. He even took her out of my house once, without my permission or knowledge, while I was helping my mother-in-law in the kitchen.

Last week, I caught Al giving my daughter a kiss on the back of the neck. My gut tells me that I need to keep an eye on him. Are there red flags to watch for? Should I alert my husband? — Don't Want To Be Naive

Dear Not Naive: Does Grandpa watch child pornography? Does he encourage your child to keep secrets? Has he exposed himself to her, even "accidentally"? Does he ever watch her undress? Those are some of the signs to watch for. Even if you haven't witnessed any of these, we say when it comes to your child, trust your gut.

It's quite possible that Grandpa simply adores his new granddaughter, but if he keeps luring her out of your sight, you'd best watch him closely, and yes, tell your husband about your concerns. For more information, contact Stop If Now! (stopitnow.com) at 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368).

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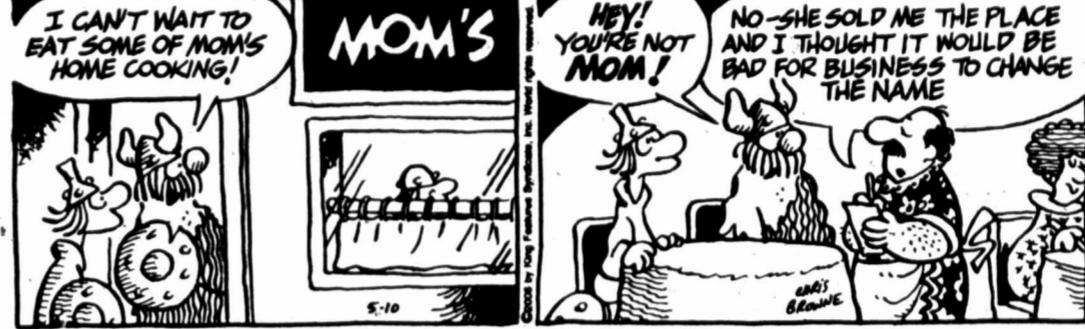
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In 1774, Louis XVI ascended the throne of France.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1968, preliminary Vietnam peace talks began in Paris.

In 1978, Britain's Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon announced they were divorcing after 18 years of marriage.

In 1994, the state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office to become South Africa's first black president.

Five years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives voted to withhold some back U.N. dues until the United States was reinstated on the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

One year ago: A federal bankruptcy judge approved United Airlines' plan to terminate its employees' pension plans.

Birthdays: Sportscaster Pat Summerall is 76. Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 68. TV and radio personality Gary Owens is 67. Actor David Clennon is 63. Writer-producer-director Jim

Abrahams is 62. Singer Donovan is 60. Singer Dave Mason is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Banks (The Dramatics) is 55. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 46. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 43. Model Linda Evangelista is 41. Rock musician Krist Novoselic (Nirvana, Eyes Adrift) is 41. Rapper Young MC is 39. Actor Erik Palladino is 38. Actor Kenan Thompson is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 26. Singer Ashley Poole (Dream) is 21.

Thought for Today: "Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training." — Anna Freud, Austrian-born psychoanalyst (1895-1982).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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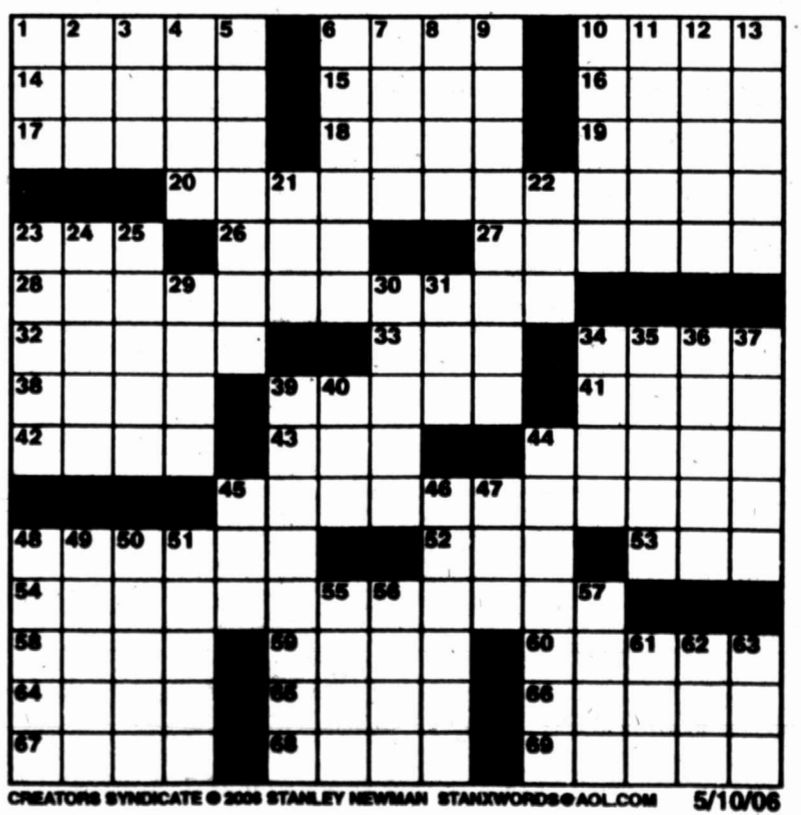
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- ACROSS
- 1 Backpack lugger
- 6 Omery mood
- 10 Seafood item
- 14 Battery pole
- 15 Scotia
- 16 Rural route
- 17 Besmirch
- 18 Vocal
- 19 Bits of work
- 20 Raker's targets
- 23 Piece of okra
- 26 Ship deserter
- 27 Professional witness
- 28 "The Boss" of rock music
- 32 Whodunit suspects, often
- 33 Gives a thumbs-up
- 34 Research sites
- 38 Precinct
- 39 Goddesses of destiny
- 41 Got off
- 42 Give a heads-up to
- 43 Be situated
- 44 Jetsons' dog
- 45 Theatrical category
- 48 Artist's gum
- 52 Mgmt. bigwig
- 53 Yonder damsel
- 54 Czars' St. Petersburg residence
- 58 In any way
- 59 Mallorca, por ejemplo
- 60 Leaves running
- 64 Comedienne
- 65 Morales of La Bamba
- 66 Be deeply devoted to
- 67 Emulated
- 68 Blend together
- 69 Stretchy fabric
- 8 Director
- 9 Height
- 10 Anti-slip device
- 11 Caterpillar, e.g.
- 12 Rile up
- 13 Disheveled
- 21 License plate
- 22 A billion years
- 23 "Bah!"
- 24 Puccini genre
- 25 Paint additive
- 29 Turkey neighbor
- 30 Carved pole
- 31 out a living
- 34 Weather the storm
- 35 Low voices
- 36 Canoe material
- 37 Feed, as a fire
- 39 February forecast
- 40 Goal
- 44 Inclined to be a loner
- 45 Meet with
- 46 Filled pastry
- 47 New Deal power agcy.
- 48 Jugs
- 49 Hold a candle to
- 50 In the wink of
- 51 Scatter about
- 55 Call for attention
- 56 Jai
- 57 Swirl around
- 61 Site, for short
- 62 Stumble
- 63 Bering or Okhotsk



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ADVANCED HOME Health, in Stanton Texas needs RN case managers M-F 45k/yr. F/T LVN also needed. Call 432-607-2700 or fax resume to 432-607-2701.

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Bilingual Customer Care Representative Openings! Class Starts May 15th StarTek offers great benefits including a competitive pay, and incredible advancement opportunities. No GED Required. Call 432-264-2700 or come by 501 Birdwell Lane

BLAST MASTERS has a position available for: Crew Technician Come by 1711 Snyder Hwy., and pickup an application. No phone calls please. Must have a valid TX drivers license and pass mandatory drug test.

CLERICAL POSITION. Apply in person at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan. Prior applicants, please reapply. No phone calls please.

HIRING FOR the Summer. Need good dependable people. Must have Driver license. Apply in person, 1307 Gregg.

Help Wanted

CLINE CONSTRUCTION is taking applications for the following: Class A or B CDL Drivers and Laborers, valid drivers license required. Call (432)267-6006.

COOKS. Must be Neat in Appearance. Honest & Dependable. No experience necessary will train. Inquire at Wagon Wheel, 2010 Scurry St. No phone call Please!

DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY. Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Qualify 23 with class A & One year driving experience. Inquire about Sign-on Bonus. Call Jay at 888-527-7221.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Big Spring bases Drivers wanted. Must have 2 years experience, over the road. Must have class A and Tank Endorsements. To apply call Jack Murphy at Andrews Transport Inc. 800-364-2018 Lubbock, Texas. Call between 9am and 5pm Monday thru Friday.



Drivers Needed OTR/ Relief/ Part time. Company Benefits. Contact Jim Reed 877-852-262. Call 7 days a week.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Tanker, X Endsmt, CDL A Home Weekly, 23% = \$35K avg. Benefits, FT/PT, 3 Yr OTR SidCo Enterprises, Inc. Equal Opportunity Employer 1-888-728-3485 or 830-833-5753

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KITCHEN HELP - Cook apply in person. Brenda's BBQ, 904 East 3rd, Big Spring.

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HIRING TRANSMISSION Shop Manager/RR in Big Spring. 5 Years minimum experience in automotive field. Great starting salary and percentage of gross sales. Need to be self motivated and friendly. Call (325)673-6601 ask for Kenny to schedule interview.

It would be an Honor to have you join us!

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LOOKING FOR (3) Part-time Personal Banker/Teller. Experienced preferred but not required. Apply at www.woodforest.com

MAKE UP to \$3,000.00 in 11 days. Looking for enthusiastic adult to manage a fireworks stand outside Big Spring June 24 thru July 4. No investment required. Phone 10am thru 5pm for more information. (210)622-3788 or 1-800-364-0136.

MARTIN COUNTY Hospital District is currently seeking an Emergency Medical Paramedic. Job requirements are High School graduate or equivalent must have a current Texas Certificate for Paramedic, ACLS and PALS certified, 1-year of 911 experience. Please contact (432)756-3345, ext. 226, Human Resources.

NEED A JOB?

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Help Wanted

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NOW HIRING

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Help Wanted

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ROUSTABOUT Environmental Services, an established Oilfield Service Company, has an immediate opening for a Roustabout at its Big Spring, TX location. Some oilfield service experience is a plus! Rotating schedule. Hourly pay D.O.E. Impressive benefits package (eligible after 90 days of employment) that includes: Health, Dental, Life, Long and Short Term Disability; Paid Vacation and Sick Time, 401K Retirement Plan. We are an equal opportunity employer. EEO/AA.

Applicants can be completed M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at: Newpark Environmental Services 500 N. Salem Road Big Spring, TX 79720 For more information regarding this position please call (432)393-5965.

WANTED GAS Plant Operator at Natural Gas Processing Plant, North East of Big Spring. Fax resume to (432)399-4290 or e-mail mwcol@crcom.net

WHITTEN INN of Abilene is now in Big Spring operating the Super 8 at 700 West I-20. We are needing front desk clerks, housekeepers & maintenance. Please apply in person between 10:00am-3:00pm.

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Joan LaRue

Influenced by French Impressionism painting "plein air," she believes, gives a painting a spontaneity. She has painted in Mexico, Bolivia, Nepal, Spain, Italy, Portugal, and Russia. She says that when you paint on location, an adventure happens to you every time... being chased by dogs, animals eating the paint and, of course, the weather. "Fun and adventure have always been a part of my life. As a child, my adventures included my little brother, Don Finkenbinder."

Tucson, AZ
www.howellgallery.com



LaRue



Perry

Jean Perry

Jean Perry's style has evolved from doing abstract expressionist paintings at the University of Colorado to a more traditional art form combining realism and impressionism. She works mainly in oil and much prefers painting on-location. "I think all painting done "en plein air" has a certain vitality and strength that is not found in studio work. It has to do with the time constraints of painting outside but it also has to do with the feeling that you are part of the very landscape that you are painting."

Tucson, AZ and Steamboat Springs, CO



Phil Starke

Known for his strong use of light and color, Phil Starke has gained attention among galleries, museums, and invitational exhibitions. Now being collected on an international level, Phil continually strives for the excellence his collectors have become accustomed to. "For me, there aren't enough hours in the day," says Starke. "I have too much I want to accomplish."

Tucson, AZ
www.philstarke.com



Starke



Anderson

Kenn Backhaus

His heart belongs to the fine art of outdoor painting. He believes that a painting is not just an illusion in two dimensions, but also that of a moment in life, captured on canvas. The painting itself should be an introduction to the scene, allowing the viewer to interpret and become a part of the picture through suggestive information. "If I can leave the viewer with a sense of the atmosphere, a sense of light and shadow, maybe just opening their eyes to the simple beauty around us, then I have accomplished my goals."

Prescott, AZ
www.kennbackhaus.com



Jane Barton

Western art enthusiast, Jane Barton, has had a varied career that includes everything from black and white fashion illustrations to "paint-out" shows at the Arizona - Sonora Desert Museum.

Tucson, AZ



Anderson



Kurt Anderson

is a painter of still lifes, landscapes, portraits and figurative work. He has exhibited in galleries across the country from New York City to Carmel, California. His commissions have ranged from painting book covers to portraits of corporate presidents.

Tucson, AZ
www.kurtanderson.net



Svagrík

Gabor Svagrík

Born in Szeged, Hungary, he has been passionate about his art ever since his childhood. His grandmother was a big influence on him, because she was a painter. It is in her studio where he saw his first original painting, and the smell of oil paint still reminds him of her. "I think there's a strong connection between my loving being outdoors and painting nature as a landscape artist."

Tucson, AZ
www.svagrifineart.com



By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the Monday enroll in the new drug coverage looming horizon, area pharmacists are encouraging people for the program to consider it before cost penalties become a Jimmy Anderson, in charge of Pharmacy, said he

Repeat offender sentenced to life term

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A Howard County offender to prison for Tuesday afternoon.

After handing Nunez Torres the felony conviction career, the 118th District Court jury took less than 10 minutes to decide the maximum punishment, records show.

Nunez was convicted aggravated robbery connection with an incident that occurred early morning hours Dec. 13 at the Exxon Mart at the intersection of U.S. Highway 89 and Interstate 20.

Trial testimony showed that a suspect wearing a ski mask entered a store, brandished a gun and demanded money from store clerk Mark Parker. Parker complied and the suspect soaked in a GMC pickup.

The vehicle was stolen leaving the scene. Howard County District Attorney O'Brien Blakeney pursued the vehicle.

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BSISD beefing

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent District trustees will hold the district's when they hold their 5:15 p.m. today in the room.

BSISD students competitive extra-curricular are required to submit testing under a poll.

Superintendent M the school board will the punishment for a drug test for the

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