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Young cowboy poets to receive awards Wednesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The best of Big Spring's fourth-grade cowboy poets will celebrate their year when Big Spring Independent School District Cowboy Poetry Awards Ceremony is held at the high school Wednesday evening.

The evening begins with awards presentations at 4:40 p.m. in the auditorium, then

shifts to the cafeteria for a barbecue dinner.

Cowboy poetry was first taught to BSISD students three years ago as part of a pilot program including two local elementary schools. Now, it is taught to all the district's fourth-graders, said local fire marshal and cowboy poetry enthusiast Carl Condray.

"The workshop is designed to teach the students how to write

cowboy poetry, with emphasis on the history of the West and cowboy heritage," Condray said. "It was designed to be (state standards) compliant, integrating technology, reading, writing and other disciplines."

During workshops earlier this school year, students were taught the basics of cowboy poetry, then created their own works. More than 300 of those

efforts will be judged by Quail Dobbs, Tumbleweed Smith and Dale Walker Wednesday.

Condray said he was gratified to see the students' response to the program.

"It blows me away ... and it couldn't have happened without a lot of hard work from a lot of people," Condray said. "Teachers, parents and administrators have all been very supportive."

"Each year, I'm constantly amazed by how talented these kids are," Condray added. "I feel like I'm getting more than I'm giving."

Awards will be presented to the grand champion, best of each school, "eight-second riders," (second place at each school) and honorable mention. Prizes will range from gift cards to savings bonds, Condray said.

Jail debate gets heated

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Tempers flared Monday morning as Howard County commissioners discussed efforts to correct several problems with the existing jail in hopes of staving off the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, which has threatened to shut the facility down in less than three months.

Commissioners approved approximately \$24,000 for repairs, including \$7,000 for a study from engineer Bobby Bradshaw to determine the best way to fix the jail's smoke evacuation problem.

However, Commissioner Gary Simer said the expenses were unnecessary with "a new jail just around the corner."

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"My issue is seeing that this current jail is brought up to standards, or I'm shutting it down ... If you don't care about the inmates, the staff or my firefighters, that's fine."



Condray

why we don't go all the way and fix the jail we've got," said Simer. "We could use the third floor where the district court was."

Simer's remarks sparked a response from Big

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Howard College trustee Harold Davis, right, takes his oath of office Monday afternoon as he is officially re-named to the board along with fellow board member Don McKinney. Also pictured is Howard College Administrative Executive Judy Bailey. See article, Page 3A.

Torch run takes off Wednesday

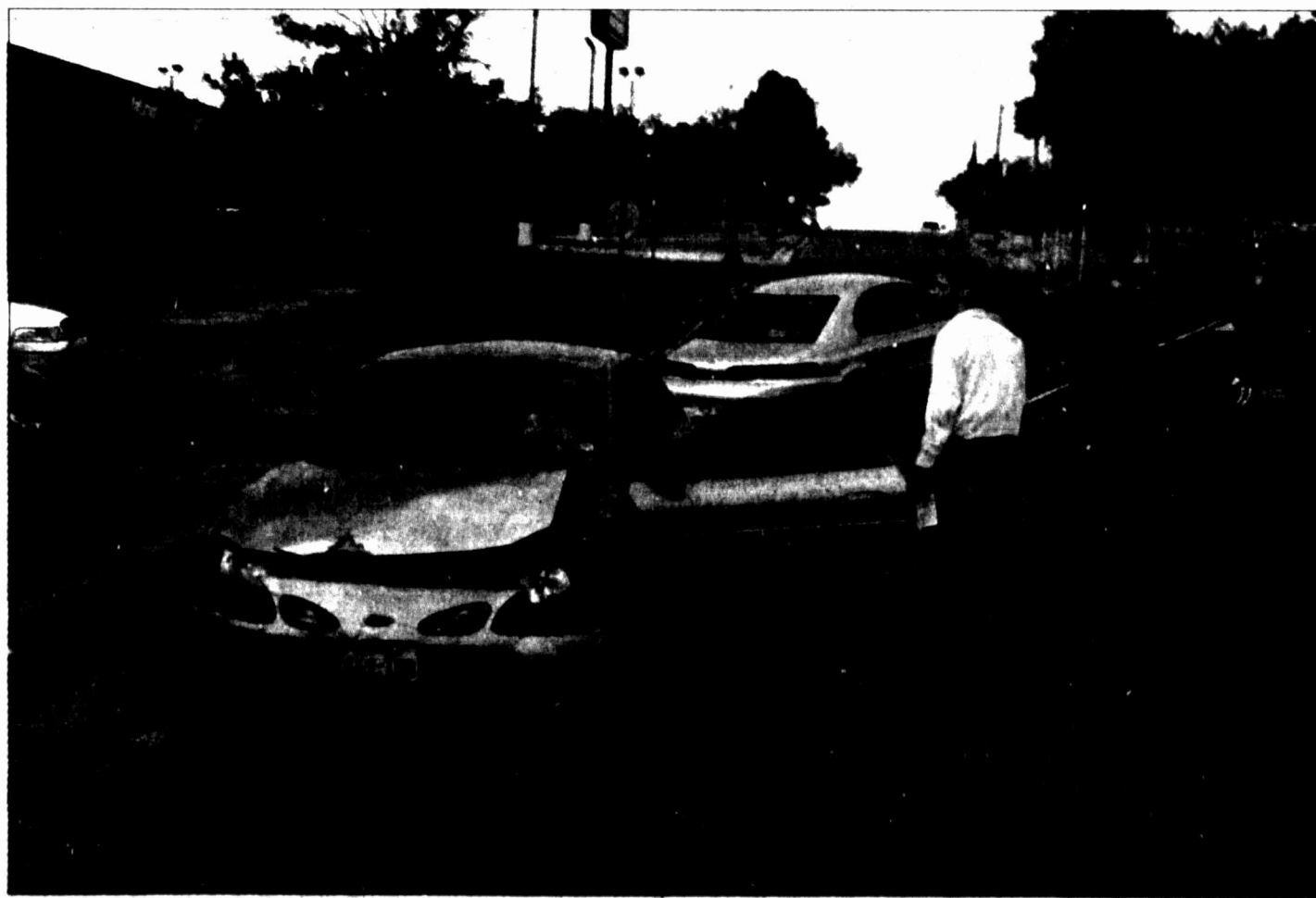
By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The fire of hope will once again make its way through Howard County Wednesday afternoon, as local law enforcement officials participate in the annual Special Olympics Texas Torch Run.

Having carried the torch for more than 20 years, law enforcement officials from all over the state will be running a leg of the trek, which will come to a close in Arlington at the Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

"In Texas, the Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1985 and has grown to become the largest fundraising and public awareness campaign for Special Olympics Texas," said Big Spring Police Det.

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This accident at the intersection of Scurry and Seventh Street Monday morning blocked off much of the north bound traffic as police officials attempted to sort out the matter. No serious injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

Big Spring graduate Mahoney, developer of Heritage Square, dies

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring native Ralph Mahoney, the central figure behind the proposed \$8 million Heritage Square renovation project here, died Sunday in Lubbock, leaving a family and a community in mourning and the future of the project uncertain.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Lubbock.

In March, Mahoney announced the 300,000-square-foot project — renovation of two square blocks in downtown Big Spring that would convert existing buildings into apartments, restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. Construction was to

begin June 3.

Rick Olson, who worked "hand in hand" with Mahoney on the Big Spring renovation project, as well as others, said the focus for the past two days has obviously been on family.

"We've been dealing with family and personal issues to this point. We have not discussed (the project) with the appropriate parties. I am sure that will take place as soon as possible," said Olson, who put together much of the research and promotional aspects of the project.

Olson said he is hopeful the project will continue. "I think the project should continue. The plan was basically in

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DENIM AND DIAMONDS

Tickets are available for the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser.

The event, which raises money for the patients at the hospital, will be June 3 at 600 and 606 Mathews beginning at 7 p.m. with a barbecue, followed by a street dance.

If you would like to attend or make a donation, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office at (432) 268-7535. Or, you can mail your donation to Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

HE WAS STAR STRUCK

BRAWLEY, Calif. (AP) — A man who got stuck in a home's chimney claimed he fell in when he climbed onto the roof to look at stars, authorities said. Police saw things differently and arrested him for investigation of burglary.

Police said the 27-year-old man told them he got stuck near the bottom of the chimney Friday night and removed his pants and waved them around to set off the home's motion detectors. Officers responded twice Saturday morning but saw no signs of an intruder and left.

Police returned again after neighbors reported commotion coming from the home in the Southern California desert.

MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will meet Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

Among the items on the agenda are consideration of financial and investment reports; an update on the Big Spring State Hospital; consideration of dates for budget workshops; a request concerning Midway Road Property owned by Moore Development; and a request for funding of engineering study for rail on the reliever route. The board has also slated an executive session to discuss economic development prospects.

Obituaries

Betty Ruth Lamb Heideman

The Lord has a new lady dancing and singing in heaven. Betty Ruth Lamb Heideman stepped into the Lord's presence Monday, May 22, 2006, and into the arms of her favorite dance partner — her husband, Walter Heideman — who preceded her into heaven in 1991.

Betty was born Nov. 19, 1926, in Fort Worth. She was the only child of Curtis and Pearl Lamb who were also waiting for her in heaven. The family moved to the Forsan area when Betty was a small child. She graduated from Forsan High School and took various courses in music and other subjects at Howard College.

Walter and Betty met at an NCO Club dance at Webb Air Base in Big Spring. Wally was an Air Force serviceman from Wisconsin on assignment at Webb. The couple danced together for 44 years. They lived for a short time in Clovis, N.M., before making their permanent home in Forsan. The couple both worked in Civil Service at Webb for more than 25 years.

Betty loved music and was an accomplished keyboard player and singer. She directed her church choir for many years. She and her daughter, Susan, attended the International Worship Institute in Dallas for eight years where they greatly enjoyed studying and worshipping together with students from around the world. They were part of the choir that produced three praise and worship CD's that allowed them to sing the Lord's praises internationally.

Left to celebrate her life and to rejoice in her reunion with the Lord and her loved ones are her two daughters and sons-in-law, Van and Susan Gaston of Forsan and Tom and Diana Burns of Valdosta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Vance Gaston of Big Spring, Vanessa Garvin of Forsan and Shane Hare of Valdosta, Ga.; six great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Services will be Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be made to Family Faith Victory Center, 3401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Gary Dean Daniels

Gary Dean Daniels, 48, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at his residence. A celebration of Gary's life will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Donita Lea, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gary was born July 17, 1957, in Big Spring to Jo Nell and Murphy Daniels. He grew up in Sand Springs and Big Spring. Gary moved to Midland in June 2005. He worked in the oil fields most of his life. Gary was a Baptist. His hobbies were writing music, playing his guitar and singing. Also, he enjoyed watching football, especially Dallas. In his later years, he had become a lover of nature and enjoyed the wild flowers, watching the humming birds, and going to the river.

He is survived by his wife, Sherri Armstrong Daniels of Midland; two daughters, Stormi Hernandez and her husband, Martin Jr. of Midland, and Jamie Daniels of Big Spring; one son, Jason Daniels of Midland; mother, Jo Nell Daniels of Sand Springs; two brothers, Glen Daniels of Sand Springs and Gordon Daniels and his wife, Kathy of Big Spring; one sister, Karen Henry and her husband, Jessie of Sand Springs; mother-in-law, Jean Armstrong of Sand Springs; five granddaughters, Macie Daniels, Madison Daniels, Molly Daniels, Sami Daniels and Sydni Daniels; one grandson, Kieran Hernandez; several nieces and nephews; and lots of loving friends and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Murphy L. Daniels Aug. 26, 2000; and his father-in-law, Bobby Armstrong Sr. Jan. 5, 1992.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Jacobs, Bobby Armstrong Jr., Tommy White Jr., Danny Armstrong, Larry James, Daryl Herd, Johnny Tonn and Tommy Cox.

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

Paid obituary

Dorothy Long

Dorothy Long, 83, of Capitola, California, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, May 22, 2006, in a Capitola, California nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Helen Turnbow

Helen Turnbow, 88, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord May 21, 2006. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at the Weinert Baptist Church in Weinert with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating.

Helen was born in Lingleville, Texas, Feb. 7, 1918, to Jess and Eulala Chandler. She married Walter (Buck) Turnbow Feb. 7, 1936. Helen spent most of her life in Haskell County in the small town of Weinert. She worked at the Weinert Gin along with her late husband, Buck.

She loved the Lord, her church, and her family. She was a member of the Weinert Baptist Church.

Her latter years were spent at Park Place Retirement Center in Big Spring near her daughter.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Jeneane and Gene Perry of Big Spring; grandchildren, Carla and Roger Brooks of Big Spring and Mike and Lori Byrd of Abilene; great grandchildren, Jody and Ross Roberts of Big Spring and Brooke and Brandi Byrd of Abilene; and one great great grandson, Jordan Roberts of Big Spring. A brother, Wayland Chandler and wife, Margie; and a sister, Elaine Keiser and their families of San Angelo also survive her.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Buck; one daughter, Peggy Byrd; one grandson, Dirk Perry; two sisters, Jo Luker and Jackie Sims; and her parents.

Pallbearers are Jeff Chandler, Jerry Walker, Tiffen Mayfield, Jerry Hester, Jerry Don Hudgins and Wayne Stout. Honorary pallbearers are Ray and Maxine Boling, Toby and Alice Yates, W R. and Joyce Hager, Andy and Laquita Wilfong, Erma Liles and Dr. Troy and Jean Culpepper.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home in Haskell.

Burial will follow at Willow Cemetery, Haskell. The family suggest memorials be sent to the Weinert Baptist Church P.O. Box 98 Weinert 76388.

Paid obituary

Kenneth Osburn

Kenneth Osburn, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 16, 1936, in Menard to Dovie and Charles Osburn.

He was a retired sheet metal foreman having worked at Forsan ISD, Ackerly ISD, Webb AFB and Gartman Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating. He was a member of the East Side Baptist Church and a member of the Eagles Lodge. His hobbies were music, guitar and dancing. He played bass and drums in several bands. He was offered a job in Jeannie C. Riley's Band.

He is survived by his wife, Fran Osburn of Big Spring; three sons, Billy Osburn and his wife, Dianna of Big Spring, Bobby Osburn and his wife, Elizabeth of Fannett and Kenneth Ray Osburn and his wife, Barbara of Silsbee; three daughters, Sherida Tredaway and her husband, Mike and Saletta Tilley and her husband, Tommy, all of Big Spring and Cheryl Rice of Garland; one brother, Carroll Osburn and his wife, Jackie of Big Spring; three sisters, Gale Sparneli of Garland and Fern Lewis and Marcella Davis and her husband, Elzy, all of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Clinton Osburn, Buck Osburn and Chuck Osburn; and three sisters, Barbara Dodd, Lois Brumle, and Stella Dodd.

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

John Lane Storie

John Lane Storie, 45 of McCamey, died Thursday, May 18, 2006 at his ranch home in Upton County.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in McCamey with Revs. Sheldon Johnson and Earl Richardson officiating. Burial will follow on the family ranch. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of McCamey.

John was born Dec. 15, 1960 in McCamey. He was a longtime resident of McCamey and a rancher. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sondra Storie.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Storie of McCamey; his daughter, Becky Roeber of San Angelo; three sons, Jacob Roeber, Lane Storie, and Jonathan Storie, all of McCamey; his father, Bill Storie; and his step-mother Sandra of Weatherford; a brother, Neal Storie of Austin; step-brother, Dale Storie of Temple; and step-sister, Rhonda Henson of Grapevine.

Ralph Mahoney

Ralph Mahoney, 65 of Lubbock died Sunday May 21. Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church with Cannon Reverend David Veal officiating.

Mr. Mahoney was born in Houston. He grew up and attended schools in Big Spring. He graduated from TCU in 1964. He joined the army in 1966 and served in Vietnam. On his return to Big Spring he was a cotton broker and later became involved in commercial real estate.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Aaron and husband, Jason; a son, Spencer Mahoney; a step-son Blake Perez, all of Lubbock; one brother, Robert Mahoney of Arlington; his loving mate, Marta Rosas; and a grandson.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705

To send online condolences please visit www.rixfd.com

Police blotter

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

- **MARKQUIN EARL HARRIS**, 20, of 1312 Hardy, was arrested Monday on a TYC warrant.
- **GUADALUPE HINOJOS**, 32, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 11, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 2000 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 2500 block of Chanute.
 - in the 1300 block of Wood.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

Sheriff's report

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

- **EDGAR DANIEL MUNOZ-ARMAS**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of felony failure to appear.
- **CHRISTIE MARIE CARRILLO**, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- **BILLY W. STRICKLAND**, 27, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft by check.
- **JIM TRAVIS COKER**, 55, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ELIZABETH SIMS CAMPBELL**, 57, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of FM 700. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Hearne. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near mile marker 184 of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 9000 block of Kay. Service was refused.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Coachman.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then clear after midnight. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

College

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees brought their part in election season to a close Monday afternoon, holding re-elected board members and electing officers for the next two years.

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"We're very happy to have these two people on

the board," said Dr. Charles Warren, chairman of the board of trustees. "They've done a great job over the years, and we really appreciate what they've done for Howard College."

The board also elected its officers, naming John Freeman chairman.

"A few people warned me they might do this," said Freeman with a laugh. "But I really had no idea. It really is an honor."

The board also elected Murray Murphy to the

vice-chairman seat and re-appointed Marie Ethridge to the office of secretary-treasurer.

The board also approved several change orders to the ongoing construction of the college Visual and Performing Arts Center project.

The orders, which amounted to more than \$29,000, included installation of cabinets, marker boards and carpet, as well as a new concrete riser for the facility's outdoor amphitheater.

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place. It would need to be tweaked," he said. "It's still viable, still achievable. But it will need to be adjusted to compensate for the project's loss. Ralph was a friend, a partner, a confidant, a Big Springer — all those things. We need to step back, everybody make peace with what has occurred, and then we all need to move forward."

Mahoney spoke at a meeting of the Big Spring



Mahoney

Kiwanis Club near the end of May and said the city was ripe for growth.

"One of the strong assets of Big Spring is its infrastructure. You have the streets, sewer lines already in place for rapid growth. And that is the sort of thing that attracts investors and people who are retiring," the 1958 graduate of Big Spring High School told the group.

Among the plans were to turn the Petroleum

Building into condominiums, the old State National Bank into townhouses and the J.W. Fisher Building into a "world class" bed and breakfast with meeting rooms and banquet rooms.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Gordon said runners are expected to gather on the east lawn of the Howard County Courthouse Wednesday at noon.

"There will be a press conference and we would be honored to have everyone there," said Gordon. "We want everyone to show their support for Special Olympics Texas. After the con-

ference, we're hoping everyone will join us for the run from the courthouse to Birdwell Lane. If you're not able to run, we certainly need people to pick up or drop off runners who can only do a portion of the mile-and-a-half run.

"Torch Run shirts are available, and we would like to have

each of our Special Olympic athletes to have one. If parents, teachers and administrators would like to purchase a shirt, they are \$10. To request a shirt for an athlete or to purchase one, people can contact me. Supplies are limited, so we need people's orders and sizes as early as possible."

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(Simer) request any information from me about the letters I've sent out. I've been listening to these committees that have been appointed and never meet. When I went to the jail commission's last meeting, they were going to close the jail. They're not closing it because I'm willing to go one more try with you. But the clock is ticking. I'm not going to keep assuming this liability for your inaction or because your opinions may differ from those of the jail commission."

Condray said the time for talking about a solution to the problems, which present a very real danger to everyone involved with the operation of the jail, is over, with the time to take action at hand.

"We're very lucky that this has not been a problem thus far," said Condray. "If you want to be on these committees, you'll find that I'll work with you. But I'm not going to sit here and continue to listen to these

redirections about fixing the existing jail. If you want to fix this jail, fix it. But talking about it isn't doing it anymore."

"We're talking about taking this to the voters, and that's fine. I don't care about whether you do that or not. That's not my issue. My issue is seeing that this current jail is brought up to standards, or I'm shutting it down... If you don't care about the inmates, the staff or my firefighters, that's fine. But the jail commission and I do care, and I'm growing quite weary of this, Mr. Simer."

Commissioner Bill Crooker directed the meeting in the place of County Judge Ben Lockhart, who was unable to attend.

"Thank you very much Mr. Condray. Your words were well spoken," said Crooker. "It's time for us to move down the road and take the bull by the horns and correct the situations. Have you read this letter from the jail commission, Mr. Simer?"

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore agreed with Crooker, saying the court has to take steps to correct the issues.

"Mr. Condray just got through telling you something. He has the power to shut this down, and he's about that far from doing it," Kilgore said to Simer, holding his fingers just barely apart. "So is the state jail commission. We've got to do something, and these are some of the things that he wants done."

Walker also addressed the court concerning his request two weeks ago that the county hire three more jailers for the facility in an effort to keep the jail evacuation-ready during all hours of the day and night.

"I made those requests to you, and you requested more information concerning that, and you now have that in your hands," said Walker. "I would like to see some action on taking care of that staffing problem."

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OUR VIEWS

Denim & Diamonds Gala promises to be another good time

It's time to support another good cause and have a little fun in the offing by purchasing tickets for the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's annual Denim and Diamonds Gala.

The event, which raises money for the patients at the hospital, will be held Saturday, June 3, at 600 and 606 Mathews. The affair will begin with a 7 p.m. barbecue that will be followed by a street dance.

Scott McLaughlin and Friends, also known as "The Full House Band," will provide background music with '40s and '50s music during the barbecue, while the street dance, scheduled for 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., will feature Lamesa's "Sulfur Draw." Mr. and Mrs. Mark Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cole will host the gala at their homes, while Leslie Elrod and Mary Kay and Scott McLaughlin will also serve as hosts.

Denim and Diamonds is the Volunteer Services Council's single largest fund-raiser every year. In 2005, the gala attracted 300 people and raised \$21,106 for BSSH patients, and organizers say they'd like nothing better to have a larger crowd take part this year.

"We've had great response so far," Billie Christie-Morgan, the hospital's director of community relations, said of ticket sales. "But we really want to include as many people as possible."

Volunteer Services Council members support and fund patient activities and provide extras for patients who are being treated at the state hospital.

If you would like to attend the Denim and Diamonds Gala or make a donation, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office at 268-7535. Or mail your donation to Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

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Don't forget to join us June 3 for a little barbecue and boot scootin'. As Christie-Morgan noted, street dances are always more fun when a large crowd is involved.

And on top of having a good time, you'll be helping the council in its efforts to do a great deal of good.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we invest our hearts and minds in Your word for heavenly peace.

Amen

Bush talks big on the border

President Bush is making a big mistake in announcing that he wants to send up to 6,000 National Guard troops to the border. What a shoddy way to say thank you to troops who have seen plenty of action in Iraq and after Katrina. It is also an insult to conservative and moderate voters, whom he apparently thinks this feckless gesture will appease.

The whole focus on the border shows that Bush is not serious about curbing illegal immigration. Washington already has increased the ranks of the Border Patrol, which is good. Meanwhile, as many as one-third of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in America are visa violators. They didn't sneak over the border.

Want to find them? Want to discourage more people from coming to America so they can work here illegally? Squeeze employers.

In the private sector, Chicago attorney Howard Foster has masterminded class-action lawsuits on behalf of legal workers against employers who knowingly hire illegal workers with dubious documents and no English skills.

Zirkle Fruit, a Washington-based apple-packing company, recently agreed to a settlement that will require it to compensate legal workers to the tune of \$1.3 million

for the wages they would have earned in a marketplace not depressed by illegal immigrants.

Why put Guardsmen at the border when the government doesn't even require that employers check with authorities to see if workers are legal? In 1997, Washington began work on the Basic Pilot program, which allows employers to check new hires' Social Security numbers. Problem is, Foster noted, Basic Pilot is "only voluntary. It's not mandatory. Congress doesn't want to make it mandatory, they don't want to burden employers with it."

Basic Pilot also needs to be improved so that it can detect pilfered identities. As it is, Foster noted, some corporations that hire largely illegal workforces have learned how to use the database "as a ruse to keep the feds quiet and keep them from getting raided again."

As Foster sees it, the government should routinely raid corporations in industries notorious for hiring undocumented workers.

Bush would not need to consult Congress — he could direct his government to focus on workplace enforcement. (If the feds feel too understaffed to raid known hirers of illegal immigrants, they might consider pulling a few agents from medical-marijuana raid details.)

Mark Krikorian, head of the Center for Immigration Studies, argues that the Social Security Administration should send out more no-match letters to employers — to inform them that work-

ers don't match their Social Security numbers. Bush also could order that change and would not need to wait for Congress.

As for the National Guard at the border, that's "just cosmetic silliness. It's an expression of contempt for people who are concerned about immigration. In the White House, they think that anybody who is concerned about immigration must be a yahoo."

"You send in the National Guard if there's a hurricane," Krikorian added. "What's the emergency now? The emergency now is they're trying to get an amnesty bill, and it's dying."

Sending the National Guard is a cheesy way to get around the fact that voters want Washington to reduce the number of illegal immigrants in America today, while Washington wants to reduce the number of illegal immigrants by making them legal. And everyone knows that amnesty — or what Washington calls "earned citizenship" — will send a signal to would-be Americans that it pays to violate federal immigration law. California schools will admit more children who don't know English, while state emergency rooms care for workers without health benefits.

Employers won't have to pay the cost of their cheap labor. That's what the National Guard is for.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have sat by in silent amusement at the antics of the county commissioners court concerning the proposed jail. However, the jesters have lost their novelty and it is time that these individuals stop clowning around and show some true leadership.

I agree that we need a new facility; however, it seems to me that certain members of the court have adopted the attitude that the only viable plan is "their" plan. They are not open to other plans and we will have "their" jail "their" way whether or not it is what is needed.

It also seems to me that all this stalling is just a tactic to create an "emergency" situation where they will get "their" jail by issuing certificates of obligation thereby bypassing the voters and a bond election.

It is past time for this issue to be resolved and, we the voters and taxpayers of Howard County must take a stand and tell the Court that we neither need nor want their "Taj Mahal" of a jail.

Consider these issues:
• The Jail Commission has no right to tell us what size jail to build or to even build a jail. They can enforce standards, but even if the county jail is closed, we can house inmates in Glasscock County for considerably less than building a jail that will be half empty.

• There is no need for a massive parking lot at the new jail. Look at the courthouse today. Do you see a

shortage of parking? Even if we build a new jail, I seriously doubt that the inmates will be driving in droves to turn themselves in.

• Many rural counties that have overbuilt their jails and are struggling to reduce the operating and debt service burden to the taxpayers. Milam County has a very similar population and demographic profile to Howard County. It completed its 160-bed jail recently and is now renting out beds to other counties. They project an average excess of 80 beds.

• A jail facility in downtown will not harm the City anymore than the current jail does now. Why would you want to locate a key function away from the seat of government?

• If the court has entered into unwise or excessive contracts, it will be cheaper in the long run to admit its mistakes now rather than saddle taxpayers with the compounded cost of these mistakes for years to come.

Again let me say unequivocally, I agree that we need a new facility; however, I am just not convinced that we need a 144-bed facility. I have yet to hear an argument that allows me to support a jail of such size.

I would welcome a town hall meeting where the court would welcome public questions and comments and honestly and humbly answer our questions. I have an open mind on this issue and would be willing to listen to additional

input. Can the court say the same thing?

FRANKLIN E. WEBER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The message here is simple: President Bush is an idiot.

And although you can't impeach someone for stupidity, you can impeach for misfeasance of office. This, he has imposed on Americans in spades.

We must get rid of him.

ROBERT SCHULTZ
LAMESA

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this in regards to the seniors. I think Big Spring High School should be ashamed of the way they do the seniors.

My grandchildren will have to do without this year, but I hope the school board gets some sense soon. I never heard of having to pay for your own prom and no graduation trip. It is a shame. They work for 12 or 13 years for this and then nothing. What memories do they have to look back on?

Shame on the Big Spring ISD for letting this happen. I even thought I might write to the president to let him know what his West Texans are doing for their kids.

CHERYL PAYNE
BIG SPRING

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When door rang, a not announcement of season."

The young boy, hands cupped together stood beside his mother. Slowly, he carefully exposed the baby birds he had found in his yard. Bald, sightless, and totally helpless, the nestlings were warm and moist from the boy's hands. They appeared to be three days old.

As the boy related he had found each nestled in their grass mother added that could not figure out they came to be in location. "They could have fallen out of a since there's no tree in our front yard." Then they had been transported to spot. I mentioned grackles are notorious robbing nests of egg the newly born.

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Sleep like

By Larry Bleiberg

The Dallas Morning MEMPHIS, Tenn. Graceland, Elvis' room is off-limits.

Across town, you sleep in it.

Long before his p jets and rhinestone suits, Elvis Presley polite teenager lived public housing in town Memphis. Now renovated project at young professionals the restored Presley ly apartment is available for rent.

Here you can truly like a king.

Step through the pad-operated door you're back in Truman era.

Presley family por decorate the five apartment. In the kitchen hulk a vintage Frig with a grocery scrawled by Elvis' er, Gladys. In one room, furniture addressed to V Presley are stacked to a Bible.

And in Elvis' room Social Security car paycheck stub are t in a mirror, comp for space with a M Brando movie photo cumulative effect is ing — Elvis seems to just left the building. The Presleys n into Lauderdale Cou 1949, when the futur was 14 years old.

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Taking Mom and the babies out for a spin

When the doorbell rang, it was another announcement of "baby season."

The young boy, with hands cupped together, stood beside his mother. Slowly, he carefully exposed the baby birds he had found in his yard. Bald, sightless, and totally helpless, the nestlings were warm and moist from the boy's hands. They appeared to be two to three days old.



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As the boy related how he had found each bird nestled in their grass, the mother added that she could not figure out how they came to be in that location. "They could not have fallen out of a nest, since there's no tree in our front yard." Telling her they had probably been transported to that spot, I mentioned that grackles are notorious for robbing nests of eggs and the newly born.

Once they have a nestling, they land in hopes of having a meal. Frightened by a person or cat, the large bird departs while leaving the baby to fend for itself. To have three babies may have meant there was more than one culprit in the kidnapping of these birds.

The tedious, time-consuming effort to feed the tiny ones began. From



A seed lover, the house finch thrives on those from thistles and dandelions. Finches also have a taste for fruit, whether from cactus or apricot and peach trees.

dawn to dusk, every 30 minutes, the young were given formula. As the sparrow-like birds grew, the time of feeding stretched to 45 minutes.

Unable to duplicate their mother's offering of dandelion seeds, we supplemented with moistened cat pellets and fruit. From their voices we could tell they were house finches.

Even though the nestlings were now about eight days old, they would have to travel with me when I made a scheduled trip to San Angelo to take my mother to the doctor. The day of our trip, my

regular transportation presented too many problems to be on the highway. My husband and I had bought a Porsche; it would have to get us there and back.

Leaving Big Spring with the three babies, their food, and Mom, I headed south. To drive the sports car was a thrill, and my mother was excited. "It's such a fun experience," she said on every occasion that the low built car took to the road.

While she visited with her doctor, I kept going out to the car to feed my young brood.

As we left the parking

lot and headed toward U.S. 87 and home, I anticipated the enjoyment of 85 miles of driving the Porsche almost as much as Mom looked forward to the shifting of gears and the purr of the engine.

Shifting from first to second while turning on to Knickerbocker, I felt the tremendous vibration in the stick shift at the same time the "ka-blam" signaled a major problem.

Unable to shift into anything but fifth gear, I told Mom to hang on, because if I didn't make every traffic light, we'd be in San Angelo for a while.

The next-to-last signal light caught us. We could no longer cruise at the necessary speed to stay in fifth gear. Pulling over to the curb at a fast food restaurant, I took Mom and my charges inside. After they were settled in a booth, I begged two employees to help me push the car into their parking lot. Then I called my husband.

Still at the refinery, Art was distraught over anything happening to the Porsche. My description of the clutch problem was frightening. He would have to tow us home. Finishing his work at the plant, he gathered what was necessary. It would take at least 90 minutes before he arrived.

Meanwhile, the birds had to be fed. Since I had put the babies in a large

tote for their trip, they didn't seem to mind being carried to the ladies room every 45 minutes. After eating, they would settle down and be quiet until hungry again.

Finally, Art appeared. The ride back to Big Spring had a stop in Sterling City for the birds' last feeding. By that time, the heat of the day was noticeable. Not only did my husband endure a very warm Porsche as I towed him home, he had lots of time to worry about what had happened to his beloved car.

To learn that metal fatigue had caused the

failure of our clutch plate was a relief. At least it wasn't my driving. Thanking the young men that had helped my little car, we sent them a monetary gift as well as a letter to corporate headquarters.

The "Golden Arches" will always remind me of an unintended stay and the smell of French fries. Two of the three house finches developed a male's bright red head, breast, and rump of adulthood. The female became less conspicuous in a drab costume of gray-brown, with grayish streaks down the front of her body. They were a welcome addition to our neighborhood.

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Sleep like a king in Elvis' apartment

By Larry Bleiberg

The Dallas Morning News. MEMPHIS, Tenn. — At Graceland, Elvis' bedroom is off-limits.

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Long before his private jets and rhinestone jumpsuits, Elvis Presley was a polite teenager living in public housing in downtown Memphis. Now, the renovated project attracts young professionals, and the restored Presley family apartment is available for rent.

Here you can truly sleep like a king.

Step through the keypad-operated door and you're back in the Truman era.

Presley family portraits decorate the five-room apartment. In the kitchen hulks a vintage Frigidaire with a grocery list scrawled by Elvis' mother, Gladys. In one bedroom, furniture bills addressed to Vernon Presley are stacked next to a Bible.

And in Elvis' room, his Social Security card and paycheck stub are tucked in a mirror, competing for space with a Marlon Brando movie photo. The cumulative effect is dizzying — Elvis seems to have just left the building.

The Presleys moved into Lauderdale Courts in 1949, when the future star was 14 years old. The

IF YOU GO:

RATE: CONTACT: The Elvis apartment at Lauderdale Courts rents for \$250 a night, two-night minimum; holiday rates higher. Contact: 901-521-8219; www.lauderdalecourts.com.

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home was a big step up from the cramped boardinghouse room the family had shared. Here they had two bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and their own bathroom.

The family lived at Lauderdale Courts during Elvis' high-school years, moving out in 1953, when they had saved enough money to buy a house. Six months later, the young musician stepped into nearby Sun Studios and

recorded a song — "My Happiness" — for his mother's birthday. The rest is rock 'n' roll history.

But Lauderdale Courts is where Elvis grew up. He had several girlfriends living in the project. He could walk to his job as an usher at the Loew's theater near Beale Street and would listen to records at Poplar Tunes record store, still in business a few blocks away. He marveled at the fashions at Lansky Brothers clothing store and began to cultivate his flashy style.

This is also where he learned to be a musician. The teenager practiced guitar in the basement laundry room and used to sit on the 14-inch windowsills and play for neighbors. Guests can strike the same pose with the acoustic guitar decorating his former bedroom today.

The home is open for tours during Death Week, the Elvis-crazed August activities that mark the star's death in 1977, and the week of his Jan. 8 birthday.

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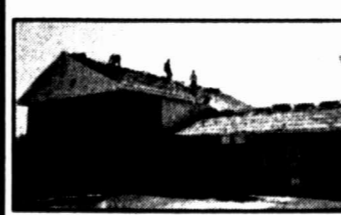
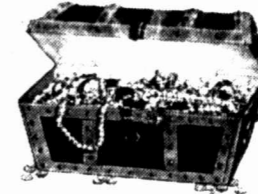
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Positive thoughts can propel your potential

Summer is upon us. Kids are excited to think about sleeping late and having free time. I will never forget when I was a kid and the final day of school before the summer break came along. We kids would leave the building singing a little ditty, "School's out, school's out, teacher let the mules out!"

In our young minds we thought we were calling the teachers bad names, only to discover the opposite a few years later. But we were happy and were making big plans for the lazy days of summer with nothing to do but kid stuff, play until we were exhausted and crash in front of the air conditioner until we gained enough strength to go at it again.

Things have changed through the years; Kids don't have a lot of "free time" any more. We don't have the neighborhood playgrounds like we had when I was a kid, where all the kids would gather to play tag or baseball, but we do have the opportunity to participate and really learn a sport, thanks to the efforts of local little leagues, YMCA and school athletic trainers and coaches.

Summers are filled with opportunities. I hope we can use these

opportunities to find and explore new things and discover new potentials. I read many years ago that the world's greatest waste is an individual's undiscovered potential. I also read that we are only limited by the scope and size of our own personal vision which determines what we can accomplish. These words seem philosophical but they have a very deep meaning and are also very haunting.

If the scope and size of our own personal vision determines our ability to reach our potential, then how do we open or broaden our scope and increase our chances for success? We know that if we live with criticism, we learn to condemn. If we live with hostility, we learn to fight. If we live with ridicule, we learn to be shy. If we live with shame, we learn to feel guilty.

However, on the positive side, if we live with tolerance, we learn to be patient. If we live with encouragement, we learn confidence. If we live with praise, we learn to appreciate. If we live with fairness, we learn justice. If we live with security, we learn the meaning of faith. If we live with approval, we learn to like ourselves and if we live with acceptance, we learn to find love.

Our potential is a combination of all the above positive qualities plus the ability to achieve at various levels. Those levels are determined by our talents and abilities

which vary from one individual to another. The only way too reach our potential is to attempt many things and not give up in the face of failure.

It's been said that belief is the thermometer that regulates what we accomplish. Each of us has been given special talents and abilities. Each of us has something special to offer the world. There is no one that hasn't been given something! Think about it! What is your special "gift"? How do you use your special "gift"?

We must attempt to dis-

cover our special gift and learn to think positively about it. Remember, if you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't! Success begins with your own will and determination; it's all in your state of mind. Life's battles are not always won by those who are stronger or faster. Sooner or later the person who wins is the person who thinks he can! Allow your positive thoughts to propel your minds and spirits into attitudes that will assist you to reach your potential and allow your undiscovered potential to

be discovered.

Could this be a goal for summer vacation? Could this be a challenge for us to assist our children in discovering things about themselves they never realized?

Remember: What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Today's TAKS question is taken from a former 5th grade science TAKS test.

Matter can undergo changes. When water boils, a-

- a. liquid becomes a solid
- b. solid becomes a liquid
- c. liquid becomes a gas
- d. gas becomes a solid

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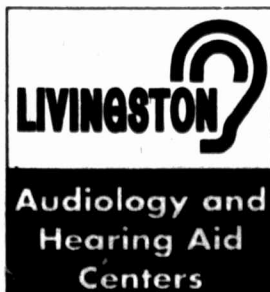
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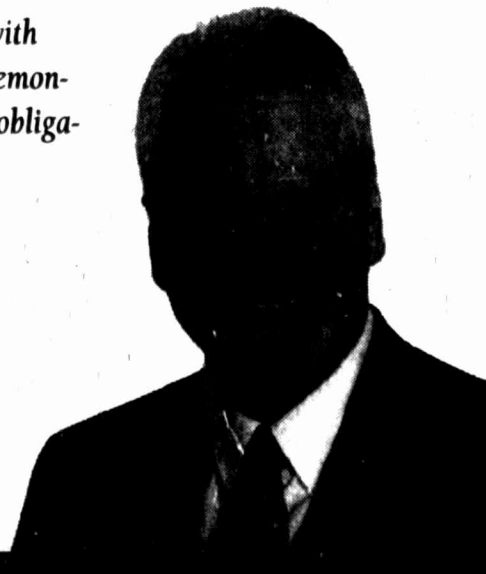
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Veteran of Month reception is today

Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month Anita Massey will be recognized during a reception at 6 p.m. tonight, in the museum briefing room.

Massey served in the U.S. Women's Army Corp from June 1965 to December 1967. She served in the Texas National Guard from 1980 to 1991 and is currently a nurse at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

She has two sons, both of whom have served in Iraq, and a daughter-in-law who is an army veteran. The public is invited to attend the reception.

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IN BRIEF

HC sets girls summer basket camp dates

Howard County women's basketball head coach Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodden have announced dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Do Garret Coliseum. For more information, call 264-5046 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all camps is also encouraged.

Lady Steers sets date for banquet

The Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria. The price for a ticket is \$10 and a plate is \$10 — except for those who will pay their own way. Tickets can be purchased from the Cook at the Athletic Banquet. The attendance from Mrs. Pine at Dakota's Flowers and Gifts.

HC sets boys summer basket camp dates

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

There will be an hour security check of the camp and this includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Boarding camps will be held for comm. For more information, call the office at Howard College at 264-5046. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set for HC athletic teams

The Howard County men's basketball and baseball will be conducting local tryouts in the future.

The basketball team will be holding tryouts out Thursday at Dorothy G. Coliseum at 11 a.m. For more information, call 264-5046.

The HC baseball team will be holding its tryout Saturday, June 10, at Barber Field. Tryout time is 7 a.m. For more information, call 264-5046.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Tuesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center.

The club will elect new officers for the year and all players of a Big Spring athlete(s) involved in volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, softball, and power lifting are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Policky at 432-3126.

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

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The Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

The price for a ticket is \$10 and all athletes — except seniors — will pay this year. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the ATC, at the attendance office from Mrs. Pineda or at Dakota's Flowers and Gifts.

HC sets boys 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.

There will be 24-hour security during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers and lunch for commuters.

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Chesworth, Stewart earn top honors in 4-4A

• Reyes wins Coach of Year honors in her first year at B.S.

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

After taking the District 4-4A title this season on the softball field, several Lady Steers were honored for their efforts during the annual all-district meeting last week.

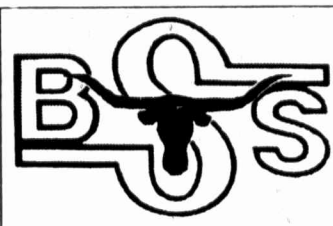
Big Spring senior Krista Chesworth shared district MVP honors with

Andrews' Charli Mitchell, freshman Shelbi Stewart earned Offensive Player of the Year honors and first-year head coach Jennifer Reyes was named Coach of the Year.

The other superlative award — Defensive Player of the Year — went to Andrews' Lacey King.

The Lady Steers also placed five individuals on the first team and three more on the second team.

Seniors Mandy Walker, Courtney Rodriguez and



Magen Watton were all part of the first team. Walker made it on as a pitcher, Rodriguez was voted as the district's best catcher and Watton made the top team as a utility player.

The other first-team

members were junior Amber Sides and sophomore Katy Watton, who made the squad as an infielder and outfielder, respectively.

Big Spring senior Heather Policky was selected to the second team as an outfielder and was joined by junior outfielder Katy Abner and sophomore infielder Desiree Yanez.

Andrews placed four on the first team and three on the second team. The

other playoff team — Frenship — got four voted to the first team and five picked as members of the second team.

Kami Carnell of Frenship, Megan Rodriguez of Plainview and Sami Halsey of Lake View were the other three pitchers voted to the first team. Carnell and Halsey will return to their respective teams next year as they are both

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Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks celebrates a 119-111 overtime victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals at the AT&T Center in San Antonio Monday. The Mavs advanced and will play the Phoenix Suns starting Wednesday in Dallas.

Mavs dethrone champions with overtime victory

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — It would be hard to believe the Dallas Mavericks have much left after a tough seven-game series against the defending champion San Antonio Spurs.

As great as that series was, with its nail-biting games, two overtimes, a punch below the belt and an owner who cursed an opposing player, the Mavericks have to get ready for their next opponent: the Phoenix Suns.

Behind 37 points and some late-game heroics on both ends of the court from Dirk Nowitzki, the Mavericks advanced to the Western Conference finals by beating the Spurs 119-111 in overtime Monday night.

"This has been an amazing series," Nowitzki said. "We believed it was our time to win this."

It nearly wasn't. Like so many times before, the Mavericks almost let this one get away.

They had lost the season-long battle for home-court advantage, squandered a 3-1 series lead and watched a 20-point lead in Game 7 dry up.

The Spurs' home crowd was rocking when Manu Ginobili swished a 3-pointer from the left wing that gave San Antonio a 104-101 lead with 32 seconds left.

Then Nowitzki slashed to the basket for the tying layup and free throw. He followed that with a game-saving block of Tim

Duncan at the other end.

Five minutes later, the Mavericks had outscored the Spurs 15-7 in overtime. San Antonio was done and the Mavericks were moving on to the next series, which begins Wednesday.

"I told Dirk, 'Did you see that? It just ran out of the door,'" Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. "The monkey that's been on our back for so long, it's gone."

Not just shaken off, but kicked off with a resounding blow that Dallas had failed to deliver in the previous two games.

"It was pretty emotional," said Mavericks guard Jason Terry, who came back from his Game 6 suspension for punching former Maverick Michael Finley below the belt to score 27 points.

"As a franchise and as a team, we have definitely taken a step in the right direction, but we are not done yet," Terry said.

Dallas advanced to the Western Conference finals for second time in four years, but with almost an entirely new team. Nowitzki is the only remaining starter from the team that was eliminated by the Spurs in 2003.

The Mavericks have never made it to the NBA Finals.

"We battled against a championship team, a team with a lot of guts," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "Now we

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Young, Blalock lead Rangers to victory

• Loe moves to 3-4, closer Otsuka records sixth save

ARLINGTON (AP) — Michael Young went 3-for-3 and drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning single to help the Texas Rangers beat the Angels 3-2 on Monday night for Los Angeles' sixth straight loss.

Texas starter Kameron Loe (3-4) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Akinori Otsuka pitched the ninth for his sixth save in seven chances.

Rangers reliever Francisco Cordero allowed a single and a walk in the eighth, but struck out the side to preserve a 3-2 advantage.

Angels starter Kelvim

Escobar (5-4) nearly matched Loe, giving up three runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked one.

Vladimir Guerrero continued his torrid hitting against Texas with an RBI double.

Guerrero has hit safely in all 40 career games against the Rangers, the longest streak against one team in the era of divisional play. Ken Griffey Jr., then playing for the Seattle Mariners, had a 35-game hitting streak against the Cleveland Indians from 1992-96.

Shut out on six hits in the first five innings, Texas broke through against Escobar in the sixth. The Rangers reduced the deficit to 2-1 when Young singled, stole

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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Kameron Loe pitches during game action against the Los Angeles Angels. The Rangers defeated the Angels, 3-2, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Monday.

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haven't won the championship, but how about those Mavs?"

The Spurs won titles in 1999, '03 and '05. They won a franchise-record 63 games this season to grab the West's top seed.

The Mavericks nearly kept pace. They won 60 games in a regular season that was only a hint of their superb meeting in the playoffs.

"This is the best series I've ever played," said Duncan, who scored 41 for the Spurs. "Both teams gave it their all."

The tight games and taught emotions boiled over with Terry punching Finley, and the volatile Cuban telling the Dallas Morning News before the final that he cursed at the Spurs' Bruce Bowen after Game 6. He said he apologized.

In Game 7, the Mavericks built their 20-point lead early by spreading the floor and getting to the rim, only to watch San Antonio change the pace and rally with defense and Duncan.

Nowitzki blew past Duncan for a soft dunk for the first basket and the Mavericks blistered the Spurs with 15-of-18 shooting for 37 points in the opening quarter.

The Spurs changed the pace in the second half by pushing the ball to Duncan, who had his fifth game of the series with at least 30 points compared to just twice during the

regular season.

"He's unbelievable and unguardable," Nowitzki said. "He was amazing all series. We never could find an answer for him."

Duncan's free throws and layup cut the Mavericks' lead to 84-82 as the home crowd chanted "M-V-P!" The Spurs hit 33 of 39 free throws; Duncan was 17-of-23.

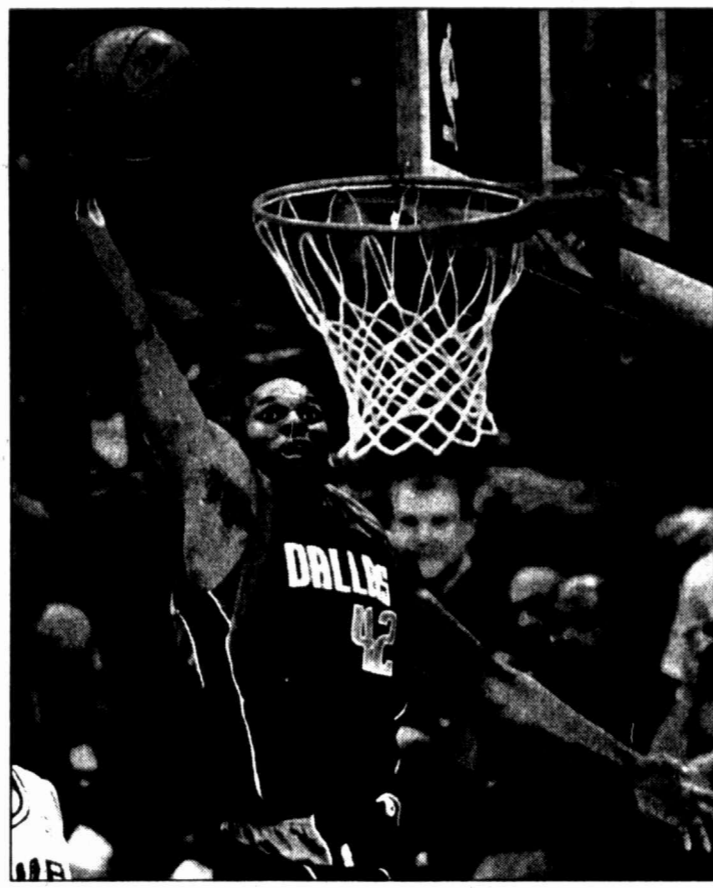
The Spurs, who trailed almost the entire game, led 104-101 on Manu Ginobili's 3-pointer with 32 seconds left in regulation. Nowitzki drove around Bowen, who blocked his potential game-winner in Game 5, for a layup and was fouled by Ginobili at the basket.

The 7-foot German, who finished third in the MVP voting in the regular season, hit the free throw to tie it with 21 seconds remaining.

The Spurs had a chance to win it in regulation. Ginobili drove the basket with about 6 seconds left. His shot missed, Duncan grabbed the rebound and Nowitzki got a hand in to block what would have been a point-blank game-winner.

Dallas opened overtime with baskets by Josh Howard and Stackhouse, and Terry's two free throws quickly pushed the lead to 114-108.

Howard, who scored 18 points became the third Dallas player to foul out, but after their furious rally only to watch their lead instantly disappear, the Spurs had nothing left for overtime.



KRT photo/Andrew P. Scott, Dallas Morning News
Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse (42) goes in for a dunk during the first half of Game 7 of the NBA Western Conference semifinals. The Mavericks defeated the Spurs in overtime, 119-111, at the AT&T Center in San Antonio Monday.

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juniors.

Plainview freshman Lindsay Barton and Andrews sophomore Erin Hogan were voted as Co-Newcomers of the Year. Big Spring finished one

game ahead of the Lady Mustangs in the district standings with a 9-1 record. The Lady Steers were upset in the second round of the playoffs this season, while Andrews and Frenship were recently knocked out by Cleburne and Aledo, respectively, in the regional semifinals.

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second and scored on Hank Blalock's double.

Brad Wilkerson tied it at 2, leading off the seventh with his eighth homer.

Mark DeRosa followed with a double, went to third on Rod Barajas' sacrifice bunt, and scored on

Young's two-out single off reliever Scot Shields.

The Angels got a run in the first with the help of Chone Figgins' speed when he led off with a single and later scored all the way from first on Garret Anderson's single.

After striking out in the first inning, Guerrero extended his streak against the Rangers with a third-inning RBI double to make it 2-0.

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♦ J 10 6
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♦ A J 8 2 ♦ Q 7 6
♥ J 7 3 ♥ A 9 8 4 2
♦ 9 4 2 ♦ 7 5 3
♠ Q 10 5 ♠ J 9

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South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — two of spades.

A long, establishable suit is usually a welcome sight to declarer at a notrump contract, but it is not always the answer to his needs. There are times when he should look elsewhere for tricks.

For example, consider this case where a well-intentioned declarer lost sight of the forest for the trees. He took East's queen of spades with the king at trick one and could count seven immediate winners — four diamonds, two clubs and the spade

he had already won. To establish the two additional tricks he needed, he played the A-K and another club, setting up the last two clubs in dummy.

This line of play might have been a good idea on some other deal, but it was bound to fail on the actual one. It allowed the defenders to cash five tricks in a row consisting of a club, three spades and a heart before South could regain the lead to collect the game-going tricks.

Declarer should have realized that establishing dummy's clubs was certain to lead to defeat, and so should have turned his attention elsewhere. His only legitimate chance lay in the hope that West had the jack of hearts — a 50-50 probability — and had started with only four spades, which seemed likely from his lead of the deuce.

In that case, a low heart lead to dummy's ten at trick two would enable South to establish two heart tricks, whether the opponents took the ace immediately or not. The only tricks the defenders could then get would be three spades and the heart ace, leaving declarer with the nine tricks he was looking for.

Although this approach might easily have failed, it was nevertheless better to have some chance for the contract than to adopt a line of play that offered no chance at all.

Tomorrow: The magic number.
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JANE, JUNE AND JULY

Can you tell me how many months there are in each year? Can you tell me the names of each month? Do you know how many weeks there are in a year? Okay, then tell me how many weeks there are in a month! It is July now as I write this story. What month is it while you are hearing this story? Is it September? Is it October? Is it May? I like July, don't you? It is the time of the year when you are out of school for the summer. Isn't it? Do you even go to school yet? It is



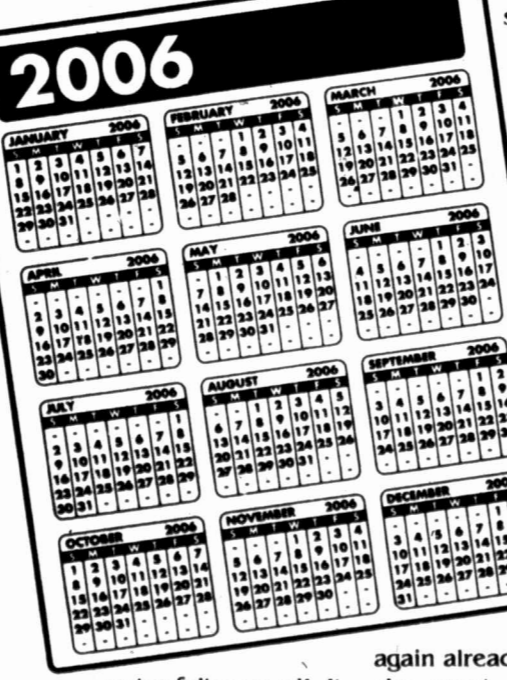
the time of year when most people take long trips. It is the time of the year when lots of people are on vacation. Do you know what a vacation might be? Tell me! I was sitting on my porch this morning, thinking about July, when I remembered a

story my Grandfather told me many years ago. The story is about two sisters, Jane and June, and something that happened to them one bright, sunny, July day. I think this story might be true, because my Grandfather has told me many stories and he made me think they were true. At the end of this story, tell me if you think it may, indeed, be true!

Okay? Jane and June were twin sisters. They were identical twins! Do you know what that means? It means one of them looked just like the other, and the other looked just like the one! Did that make any sense to you? They both looked just alike! Do you know any twin sisters? Do you know any twin brothers? It would be fun to be a twin, wouldn't it?

On that bright, sunny, July day, Jane decided to go for a swim because the day was so hot. Does it get hot where you live? Does it get hot in July where you live? It does where Jane and June live! Jane got her bathing suit from her closet and went down to the swimming pool that was in a park

near where she lived. She loved this swimming pool because it had lifeguards. She would never go swimming without a lifeguard! And the



water felt so cool! It was fun to play in. She played and played in the pool that day.

On this same bright, sunny July day, Jane's twin sister, June, decided to go to the pool and cool off, too! She found her bathing suit, which looked just like

Jane's, and away she went! Meanwhile, Jane had been in the pool long enough and decided to go back home.

She met June on the way! They said "Hi" to each other as they passed. These two sisters loved each other, very much.

Jane got home, took a nice, long bath, then a nap! June jumped into the pool, just as Jane did. The lifeguards saw her and thought she was Jane, back

again already! They thought she must really love that pool, if she spent so much time there. June played in the pool for a very long time. Finally, she was cooled off enough to go back home. The water did feel good, and made June feel so much better and cooler. So, she climbed out

of the swimming pool, and started home.

Meanwhile, back at home,



Jane had awakened from her nap. It was still bright and sunny outside. She decided to go to the swimming pool one more time and cool off again. She passed June on the way! They said "Hi" to each other again. June went home, took a nice bath, then a nap! Jane jumped into the swimming pool again. The lifeguards couldn't believe it! They thought Jane had been in that pool all day long! They never did say anything to Jane. Jane never did say anything to them. They just thought that they had never seen anyone who loved the water that much!

As the day slowly started turning to night, Jane knew it was time to go home. Out of the pool she climbed. She went home, took another nice bath, and went to

sleep for the night. June was already asleep!

The lifeguards were not



asleep! They stayed up late that night, talking about that girl who loved to swim so much. They didn't think she would be back tomorrow because no one could like the water that much! But, as my Grandfather said to me, "They did go back to that same swimming pool every day for the whole summer, and they never did go together, and those lifeguards to this very day, have never seen anyone love the swimming pool that much!"

Should we tell them? No, let's don't! It is so funny watching them, watching Jane and June.

Do you think this story is true? Jane and June said to tell you "Gurgle, Gurgle," I mean, "Good Night!"

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Oh, Venus! Oh, Mars! Why do you fight so? When you square off like argumentative parents at odds over the correct manner of raising your earthly children, we can't help but bristle. Though the errors of loved ones overshadow your own mistakes, resist the urge to point your finger. Handle your own mess first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a burst of music in your heart today — maybe this has something to do with a new Pisces acquaintance. Use the inspiration as a soundtrack for your next (rather dramatic) move. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A Spanish proverb states: "God comes to see you without ringing the bell." Well, he (or she) is not the only one. Run the vacuum cleaner so you'll be ready.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have major mojo, which you can use to influence an impossible situation. You're so lucky now that merely postulating is enough to make it so. Wield your power responsibly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The risk is apparent. You know exactly what is at stake. When there are those around you who won't take the risk, you're even more eager to prove yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could exact your

revenge today — if you wanted to. Or, you could wait to see if you still feel vengeful tomorrow. The latter choice gives you time for golfing or sewing or painting or ...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't help but wonder what others are thinking of you this afternoon. Whatever it is, it's none of your concern. You're destined for greatness, which you will reach when you're above and outside the opinions of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The experiences of your life and the secrets of your soul are written large across your face now. No use hiding. You may as well celebrate those scars as badges of honor. You're all right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The life inside you may take issue with the life outside you today. That's OK. It's a "checks-and-balances" system that works well. Eventually, both may compromise to agree on one reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). Abundance comes in many forms. You may not be dripping in diamonds, but you're rich to be sure. Whatever you have, this afternoon brings the opportunity to parlay it into more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know what is true for you, and therefore, you recognize what is true for others — though they may not. Whether or not to talk about what you see will be the question.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep track of your keys today. The stars suggest there will be much going on, and it would be a bummer in the midst of it all to be locked out, and even worse to be locked in!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you may not be aware of it, who you are and what you believe shines through your work. People and things that resonate at the same vibration are inexplicably attracted to you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Which guy is

better for me: a Taurus, a Leo or a Scorpio? My birthday is Feb. 22, 1979."

Major changes happen for you in the next three years, so whomever you choose, it's nice if you don't make decisions with this person that will affect you in years to come. Make light, casual and fun your motto for the summer. **TAURUS** appreciates beauty like you do, and he probably makes you feel like a princess, too. Although **TAURUS** is stubborn, you find it easy to move him or her through an intuitive sense of motives and patterns. However, don't get into manipulating **TAURUS**. This is dangerous! **LEO** and you make a strong connection, but you're too dissimilar to truly want the same things this early in your life. You may be angered by his flirtatious nature, but at the same time, you love it when others see how attractive he is and admire his accomplishments. **SCORPIO** is the best match for Pisces in

terms of passionate intensity. A word of warning: Always take him seriously, and give him plenty of space. At the summer's end, progress on the career front will put love on the back burner, but by that time, you might look forward to a change of pace while you develop yourself in other ways.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He's been called a genius, a poet, a voice for his generation and a voice for all generations. However you want to refer to him, Bob Dylan is a groundbreaking and original artist. Intellectual Geminis need to constantly air their thoughts, and Dylan has based his career on this "freewheeling" concept. The youngest additions to his ever-growing family are his great inspiration this year.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

Annie's Mailbox • Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Several years ago, I found photographs of soft porn that my husband, "Mike," had downloaded to our computer. I was upset about it, especially since we have two sons who were then at impressionable ages. I told Mike I would not stand for this, and he deleted the pictures. Three years ago, I inadvertently discovered that Mike was making arrangements online to find women to date. It nearly ended our marriage, but we sought counseling and resolved many of our problems. We are still together, but at times, I do not totally trust him.

Last summer, we took a trip to California. Mike attended a motorcycle race while I did some touring. He took many photographs, including half a dozen of the back of an attractive woman who was wearing tight pants. She was a total stranger.

I told Mike that taking pictures of strange women is perverted and I am getting tired of his behavior. He thinks that he is just a regular guy. I agree it's normal to check out attractive people from time to time, but I think he goes beyond normal.

Mike is 58, and I am 53. I am not as young as I once was, but I watch my weight, exercise and do not scare small children. All this porn makes me feel somehow inadequate.

I think Mike is shallow in this regard, but he is otherwise a good husband. Do you have any advice? — Wondering

Dear Wondering: Mike has an immature, adolescent fascination with women's bodies. It's not uncommon, but it also is not acceptable for a married man to look for online dates, overload on porn or take multiple photographs of unknown women (this is frightening to the women involved).

You've been married a long time, and you have two children. Mike isn't likely to grow up anytime soon, so you must determine if the "otherwise a good husband" part is sufficient. If you aren't sure, more counseling might



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help you decide.

Dear Annie: My son is getting married in November. As the groom's parents, we assumed the cost of the tuxes for the groomsmen was on us, but the bride-to-be says the groomsmen should pay for their own attire, and the money we would have spent on tuxes should now be given to the bridal couple to help pay for the reception.

This is our first child to marry, and we are in uncharted waters. What are we supposed to pay for? — Midwest Mom

Dear Mom: You are not obligated to pay for the groomsmen's tuxes. According to Emily Post, the groom and his parents are obligated to pay for the rehearsal dinner and the minister, but not the reception. However, none of this is written in concrete.

Often, the groom's side will pick up the tab for the liquor and/or the band, and sometimes, everything is split right down the middle. In other instances, the bridal couple pays for the entire shindig without any help from Mom and Dad. You need to discuss the financial arrangements with your son, his bride and her parents before someone's expectations get out of hand.

Dear Annie: I laughed when I read the letter from the woman who is blessed to be carrying her third daughter. My husband and I also have three wonderful girls.

While pregnant with our third child, we attended a family event where my husband was teased with comments like, "This one

has to be a boy," and "You need to do your part to carry on the family name." My husband is normally very easygoing, but finally had enough. He put an end to the comments with his emphatic, "I LIKE my girls! When you do something well, you keep at it!" — G.

Dear G.: Good for him. We like to see parents stick up for their children.

Dear Annie: I have a close relative who is in her late 70s. "Louise" is an outrageous bigot. She routinely uses the "n" word, and Jews, Hispanics and Japanese are treated with similar contempt.

My son suggests blasting her out of her socks when she uses ethnic and racial slurs. I asked a friend, who said she wouldn't have anything to do with someone like that. But Louise is a relative, and I want to be compassionate.

Louise's parents were not bigoted, and neither are her siblings. This is not new behavior as she always has been prejudiced. The status of "senior" has apparently given Louise permission to be more vocal and crude about it. I guarantee you that confrontation would not show her the error of her ways.

I would really like some help dealing with this offensive behavior. Why would one person in a large family hold such views when they were not taught in the home or school? — Nonplussed in Massachusetts

Dear Nonplussed: People can pick up peculiar opinions from friends, schoolmates, television programs, movies, books, etc., or be swayed by an authority figure at an impressionable age. Usually, however, when family members disapprove, the opinions can be modified. We don't know why Louise's parents and siblings did not knock some sense into her when she was younger, but you should not turn a blind eye to her comments.

When Louise says something racist or bigoted, speak up. Say, "Louise, I find that word offensive

and would appreciate it if you did not use it in front of me." If she continues, get up and walk away. She needs to know at least one person in the family will not tolerate her behavior.

Dear Annie: My son will be graduating from high school soon, and I expect he will receive gifts for which he must write thank-you notes. I was wondering, since he has the world's worst handwriting, if it would be OK if he typed his thank-you notes on the computer. They would be personalized, of course, and not generic, and he would sign his name to each. Would this be tacky? — Karen

Dear Karen: We know some etiquette mavens will say the notes must be handwritten, but we think a typewritten note from someone whose handwriting is illegible is OK. If he wants to be particularly well-mannered, he can apologize for not writing the notes by hand, explaining that his penmanship would prevent the recipient from knowing how much the gift is appreciated. (P.S.: Good job, Mom.)

Dear Annie: I'd like to add a few suggestions to your response to "Helpless in North Carolina," whose mother was in a nursing home but wasn't adjusting well. As a home-health RN who specializes in elder care, here are a few ideas to make the transition to a nursing home easier for your loved one:

Decorate her room with inexpensive, favorite items from her home — a quilt or afghan, family pictures, a comfy chair. Many people enjoy leaving a TV on just for company.

Have a "guest book" for friends and family to sign when they visit and suggest they write down a few topics they discussed — "Hi, Mom, don't forget to tell Sis that I'll feed the dog this week." It's not only a great way to keep everyone on the same page, but it keeps the conversation going. Encourage nurses and therapists to jot down notes, too.

Remind Mom that her safety is your primary concern, and then give her as much time as it takes to accept her situation. — Idaho RN

Dear Idaho: Thanks for the suggestions. Losing one's independence can be devastating, and it can be a great comfort for the new surroundings to feel a little bit like home.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

FOR HIS FIRST YEAR, WE WANTED HIM TO STAND AND TALK. NOW, IT'S A STRUGGLE TO GET HIM TO SIT AND LISTEN!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Do you think our husband is home from work yet?"

HAGAR

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VIKING DOG AND OTHER DOGS?

CHOMP

A VIKING DOG DOESN'T BEG

BC

A DAREDEVIL DUDE NAMED CHABRIN

TOOK A 'WHIRLIGIG' OUT FOR A SPIN.

THO HE QUICKLY RECOVERED, HE LATER DISCOVERED

HIS SKIVVIES WERE TURNED OUTSIDE IN.

BLONDIE

BOY, MR. B., IF YOU HAD YOUR OWN SANDWICH SHOP, THAT WOULD BE LIKE A KID HAVING HIS OWN CANDY STORE, WOULDN'T IT?

NOT EXACTLY, BLONDIE

IT REALLY WOULD BE, PRETTY MUCH, WOULDN'T IT?

YEAH, PRETTY MUCH

WIZARD OF ID

MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL... WHO'S THE GREATEST KING OF ALL?

I CAN'T SAY...

WHY NOT?

SEVEN YEARS' BAD LUCK

AGNES

I HAVE MINED INTO THE MOTHER LODE OF NEW TRUE HIGH-FASHION INNOVATION! MY NAME WILL NOW BE RENOWNED!!

YOU CHANGED YOUR NAME?

NO, YOU BOLONA BRAIN! I AM JOINING THE ROSTER OF NOTABLE FASHION PIONEERS! I WILL BE A SHOO-IN FOR A-LISTS EVERYWHERE!

TA-DAH! PRESENTING... BIG-CUFF COWBOY GLOVES!

YOU'RE GONNA WELD FASHION?

HI AND LOIS

TOO BAD BABIES DON'T COME WITH INSTRUCTION MANUALS

AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY BATTERIES FOR THEM

HA HA HA

THESE NEWBORN JOKES GET OLD FAST

THE OTHER COAST

I HEAR THE NEGATIVE IONS THAT COME OFF THE OCEAN ARE GOOD FOR US.

THEY'LL HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET PAST THE CELL-PHONE RADIATION.

SNUFFY SMITH

STOP TALKIN' WIF YORE HANDS, HONEY-POT!!

'FORE YA POKE SOMEBODY'S EYE OUT!!

BEEBLE BAILEY

ZERO, DID YOU PUT A TABLE-SPOON OF SALT IN THE STEW?

YES

NOT WITH THAT SPOON!

IT WAS ON THE TABLE

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2006. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

On this date:

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1906, Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen died in Christiania, Norway, at age 78.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged

down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. (Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity, and hanged in 1962.)

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

In 1994, funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty Garrett is 87. Pianist Alicia de Larrocha is 83. Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 81. Actor Nigel Davenport is 78. Actress Barbara Barrie is 75. Actress Joan Collins is 73. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer General Johnson (Chairman of the Board) is 63. Actress Lauren Chapin is 61. Country singer Misty Morgan is 51. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 48. Actor Linden Ashby is 46. Actress-model Karen Duffy is 45. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 39. Country singer Brian McComas is 34. Singer Maxwell is 33. Singer Jewel is 32. Actor Adam Wylie is 22.

Thought for Today: "We do not usually look for allies when we love. Indeed, we often look on those who love with us as rivals and trespassers. But we always look for allies when we hate." — Eric Hoffer, American author and philosopher (1902-1983).

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Moby-Dick captain
 - 5 Ballot caster
 - 10 Poison-ivy symptom
 - 14 Bull or rooster
 - 15 Foe
 - 16 Sneaker, for one
 - 17 Get permission to take more time
 - 20 1051, to Nero
 - 21 Batter's ploy
 - 22 Evicts
 - 23 Attached firmly
 - 25 Central part
 - 27 Is patient for
 - 29 Gift-card word
 - 30 Split- soup
 - 33 Lavish affection (on)
 - 34 Public square
 - 35 Jogged
 - 36 Make a maximal effort
 - 40 Ending for musket
 - 41 Rope loop
 - 42 Conversation filler
 - 43 Tooth pro's deg.
 - 44 Second-year student
 - 45 Tourists' residences
 - 47 Smidgens
 - 48 Skyscraper
 - 49 Business leader, slangily
 - 52 Lower-price promotion
 - 53 Cleaning appliance, for short
 - 56 "No need for an explanation"
- DOWN**
- 1 Two-band radio
 - 2 Solid precipitation
 - 3 Crocodile cousins
 - 4 Stinging insect
 - 5 Trial locations
 - 6 Unceasingly
 - 7 School book
 - 8 Paramedic: Abbr.
 - 9 Sandwich bread
 - 10 Magazine edition
 - 11 The one nearby
 - 12 Curmudgeon
 - 13 Coop dwellers
 - 18 Be next to
 - 19 Customary
 - 24 Legal claim
 - 25 Want badly
 - 26 Seep
 - 27 Gave as a bonus
 - 28 Wined and dined
 - 29 ___ and blood (kin)
 - 30 Keeping safe
 - 31 Artist's stand
 - 32 Poker-hand starters
 - 34 Falls clumsily
 - 37 Naval officer
 - 38 Chimney dust
 - 39 Sample of food
 - 45 Stay hidden
 - 46 Was obligated to
 - 47 Two-wheelers
 - 48 California/ Nevada lake
 - 49 Talking bird
 - 50 Den or parlor
 - 51 Push slightly
 - 52 Agitate
 - 54 Hawkeye Pierce
 - 55 Clumsy one
 - 57 W. Hemisphere alliance
 - 58 Moist
 - 59 Feel sorry about

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Answer to previous puzzle

REPS	SHORT	EWER
APOP	MANIA	PALE
GEORGE	BUSH	ALDA
SERIAL	SKIT	LED
TITLE	STIR	PRY
OPENED	IDOL	
ADO	DIBS	ELOPE
ROWER	CAT	SEWER
CRETE	THIN	EWB
RAMP	LEVERS	
POPLARS	TEAL	
ELL	PETE	DRAFTY
EDAM	FAMILY	TREE
KIND	ELUDE	EARL
SETS	RESOD	DUMP

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Wacky Facts

In the 1930s, unemployed architect Alfred M. Butts tried unsuccessfully to market "Lexiko," a board game he created. He also tried changing the game's name to "It" and then to "Crisscross Words." Finally, in 1947, he and a friend made some modifications to the game and renamed it "Scrabble." — *World Almanac for Kids*

Chatter Box

"I'm fascinated by rap and by hip-hop. I think there's a lot of poetry in it. There's a lot of anger, a lot of social energy in it. And I think you'd better listen to it pretty carefully, 'cause it's important."

— Sen. John F. Kerry,
on brainyquote.com



In Your Face

Is hip-hop out now that adults think it's in?

Grown-ups. They're the pop-culture kiss of death. Slang, music and fashion trends all seem to go out of style once grown-ups get into them.

And now it seem grown-ups are claiming hip-hop as their own.

At this year's Academy Awards, hip-hop group Three 6 Mafia won an Oscar for best song. Meanwhile, some colleges are teaching classes on the history of hip-hop, and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History is planning an exhibit honoring the genre.

If adults are recognizing hip-hop, does that mean it's losing popularity with kids?

Not at all, says Rob Callender of the Illinois firm Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU). Callender says groups such as the Rolling Stones have been around for decades. That means hip-hop also can last a long time, even if grown-ups like it.

"Having said that, lately, there has been more of an emphasis toward experimental rap and hip-hop," Callender says. "The first [group] that leaps to mind is OutKast."

Hip-hop also is starting to include non-traditional artists such as Matisyahu, a Hasidic Jew whose video for "King Without a Crown" is on heavy rotation on MTV. "You're getting individuals from fairly broad backgrounds picking up on this style of music," Callender says.

Expanding the genre can help keep it around longer. Callender says genres that don't experiment have dwindled in popularity. In the 1980s, for example, hard-rocking hair bands ruled and then went out of style. Pop music took over until rock regrouped and came back with grunge. But like the hair bands, grunge music also got old, and listeners turned to hip-hop.

If hip-hop continues to reinvent itself with new artists and styles, it's likely to stay on top. And kids are still grooving to it: In a fall 2005 TRU survey, 47 percent of teens responding said hip-hop radio stations are among their favorites.

— *Emilie Le Beau*



Big Boi, left, and Andre 3000 of OutKast are known for their innovations in hip-hop.

Laugh Lines

What do astronauts listen to?
Nep-tunes!

What type of music does a mummy listen to?
Wrap music!

What is Snoop Dogg's favorite weather condition?
Drizzle!

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TIME FOR KIDS

LIVING THE LEGO LIFE

BY BRENDA IASEVOLI
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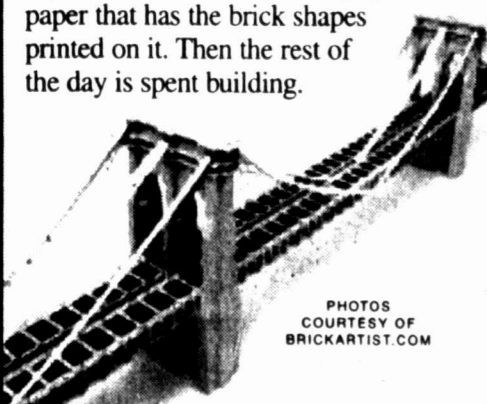
Nathan Sawaya, 32, never outgrew his love for Legos. His parents bought his first set of plastic bricks when he was 3 years old. He's been building with Legos ever since.

Today, he makes his living as a Lego artist, building portraits and sculptures of anything from the Statue of Liberty to Lindsay Lohan!

You can help with his latest project. He's working with Lego Systems to construct a model of a rebuilt New Orleans. Lego Systems is calling on kids nationwide to share their ideas for the model and to donate bricks to New Orleans schools. The company will make a brick-for-brick matching donation. To find out how to participate in the project, visit the LEGO Builders of Tomorrow Web site at <http://www.legobuildersoftomorrow.com/be.html>.

TFK: Can you describe a typical day in your life as a Lego artist?

SAWAYA: Part of my day is spent planning. I spend a lot of time sketching out my ideas on special graph paper that has the brick shapes printed on it. Then the rest of the day is spent building.



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TFK: How did you get interested in Legos?

SAWAYA: When I was 3 years old, I got my first Lego set for Christmas. It was just one of those random sets with a bunch of pieces — you could build a car, a house, whatever you want. The imagination just took over, and from then on, I've been building with Legos.

TFK: How did you get the idea to create art with Legos?

SAWAYA: Five or six years ago, I thought, "Instead of building models or cities, I wonder if I could build something big?" ... I came up with a 3-foot-tall self-portrait. People started asking me to build them things. One of my friends who works for Major League Baseball asked me to do the Major League Baseball logo ... And I started to think, "Wow, people actually like this stuff."

TFK: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

SAWAYA: I really did have a dream growing up of doing Lego design work in Denmark. I wanted to design the sets that you buy in the store.

Just recently, Lego held a worldwide design contest online. The winner would have his or her design made into an actual product that would be sold in stores and online. And I won in the senior category. I did a small Statue of Liberty set that is now available in stores. It was nice to reach the dream of actually being a Lego designer.

TFK: What piece was the most difficult to create? Why?



SAWAYA:

They all have their own challenges.

Even something as small as a model car can be difficult because when you're working with something smaller, you have to think about how you're going to capture something tiny in these blocky bricks.

A three-dimensional face is one of the hardest things to create. You really have to build it over and over again to really capture someone's look.

TFK: What do you like best about your job?

SAWAYA: This is a dream-come-true job. There is always a new challenge. People are always bringing me new ideas of something to build. And I love to be able to say, "I don't think I can do that. Let's do that! Let's take the challenge and see what we can do."

TFK: What do you do when you're not creating Lego art?

SAWAYA: I like to read and watch scary movies. I'm always looking forward to reading new "Harry Potter" books. As you can tell, I'm still a kid at heart.

TFK: What advice do you have for kids who would like to become artists?

SAWAYA: It's important to practice. Just go out and do it. No one can tell you what art is. Only you can decide that. So just go and make whatever you want to make.

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Runoff in District for June 24.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Voters in Big Spring 2 who failed to make polls during the council election took place during Tuesday of the council, as

Summer camp to take off

Registration open house set Thursday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the summer vacation promises area students a break from school, many area parents will be looking for activities to fill their children's soon-to-be empty schedules.

According to officials with the local Keene Salvation Army, the charity just the thing to keep kids occupied and away from tearing their hair out — its Boys and Girls Club of America summer camp program.

Registration for camp is under way, according to Capt. Keene.

"We really wanted to do something that would take the kids off the streets," said Keene. "We want to make sure they have somewhere to go, something constructive to do, not just wandering the streets and getting into trouble."

"The summer camp program is multi-denominational, and although it is a faith-based camp, we're not going to try to shove religion down the throats of anyone," Keene said. "We're just trying to push his religion on anyone, and neither of us."

The camp will run throughout the summer holiday with services offered between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Keene said a special registration session — complete with tours of the facility.

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