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April 21, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT	TOMORROW
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Win this egg



Win this beautiful egg during the *Herald's* Spring Treasure Hunt. See Page 3B for details.

Aggie Muster to be held tonight

The annual Aggie Muster will assemble at 6:30 p.m. today at the Big Spring Country Club.

All former and current students, their families and friends of Texas A&M University are invited to attend the muster.

Activities will include dinner and a Muster ceremony.

For more information, contact Jeanne Niklasch at 267-6525 or through e-mail at www.jeanne@amcctx.com.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: When Americans hit the road this summer, a whole range of quaint and unusual places to stay awaits them.

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Victims' support vigil moves indoors

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The light against violent crime will shine brighter than ever this week, as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas and Victim Services get ready to hold a vigil in support of victims Thursday evening.



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Victim Services Director Shann Thomas said the event, which was originally slated for April 1 but postponed due to thunderstorms, has been moved indoors to prevent

7 p.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church

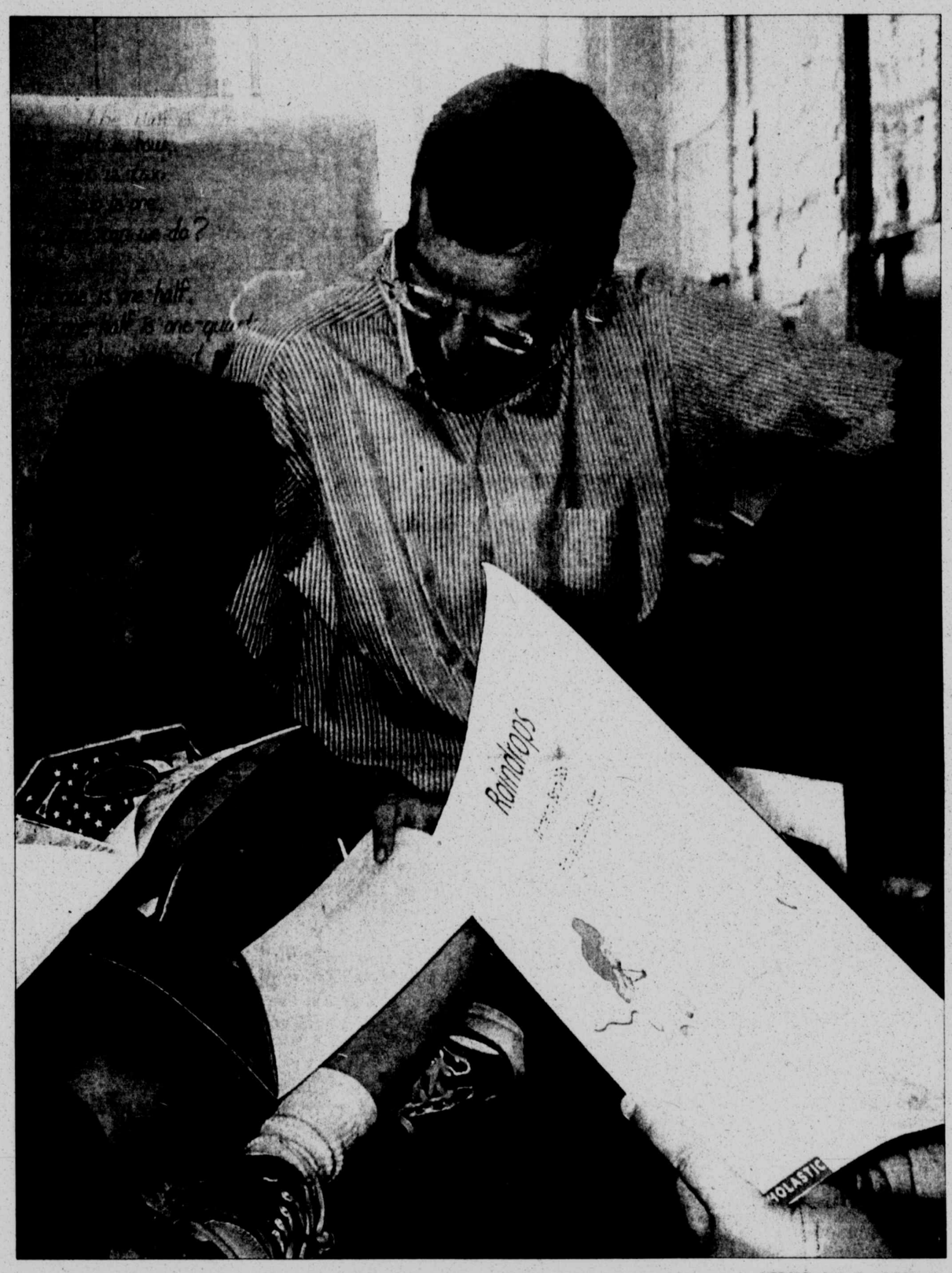
Mother Nature from spoiling the proceedings again.

"I told everyone we're going to have this vigil come rain, sleet, snow or shine," laughed Thomas. "We've moved it indoors to the chapel at First Baptist Church to prevent any more issues with the weather."

Thomas said no changes have been made to the list of speakers or presentations, and with so many different "awareness" issues going on through April, it's now or never.

"This week is National Criminal Victims Rights Week, not to mention the fact that

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Joe Concienne, ALON USA vice president of refining and transportation, listens to Alex Byrd, a Bauer Elementary School first grader, read. ALON USA has donated $1,000 to Bauer's leveled library program.

School finance

As work begins, legislature looks to close partisan gaps

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers vowed to put aside partisan differences and work together to find a better system for funding public education in Texas as they began their special session Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the session to try to replace the so-called Robin Hood system, which depends on property taxes from property-wealthy districts to help pay for schools in poorer areas.



David Dewhurst, Lt. Governor

"I think of us all in the Senate, all of us in the House, are united, and this is one of the most important issues that we all face: Making sure that our youngsters receive a great education."

"In this session, we recognize that the way we have paid for public education needs to be fixed and the only way we can do that is in a bipartisan fashion," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

Republicans greeted Democrats with kind words and hugs on the House floor as legislators waited for Speaker Tom Craddick to gavel Tuesday's meeting to order.

Both Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who leads the Senate, said partisan wounds from last year's bitter battle over the redrawing of congressional voting districts have healed. The fight resulted in three special sessions and two walkouts by Democrats.

"I think of us all in the Senate, all of us in the House, are united, and this is one of the most important issues that we all face: Making sure that our youngsters receive a great education," Dewhurst said. "This is a bipartisan issue."

Legislators will have to work across party lines to adopt many of the options under consideration that require a two-thirds vote from both chambers. To pass those measures,

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Scenic Mountain staff honors almost 50 volunteers

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff honored almost 50 people Tuesday in a show of appreciation for their daily dedication and contribution as hospital volunteers.

"They are angels," said Anita Cline, director of volunteer services. "I can't tell you enough how wonderful our volunteers are."

The volunteer luncheon, held during National Volunteer Week, recognized 48 volunteers who donated 800 hours per week assisting families and the hospital staff.

"They run the gift shop, they take newspapers and flowers to the patients' rooms," Cline said. "They make sure the coffee pots are full all through the hospital. They man the front desk. They also assist the surgical department.

"They'll check on patients and then let the family know what's happening. I really couldn't do without them."

On May 3, the SMMC volunteer organization will hold its awards banquet.

Members will be recognized for their years of service and new officers will be announced at that time.

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Rodeo time!

Elbow Elementary to hold annual kindergarten event on Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Listen up partner — it's rodeo time in Elbow.

More than 50 young cowpokes will be trotting out their stick horses to participate in the Elbow Elementary School Kindergarten Rodeo on Thursday.

"We have Quail Dobbs coming out to head up things for us," said Elbow Elementary Principal Randy Johnson. "This is an annual event for us. The kids get to play a little, show off a little and entertain the crowd."

Dobbs, former professional rodeo clown and rodeo hall-of-famer, and 55 kindergarten cowboys and cowgirls will kick off the half-hour event at 12:30 p.m. by riding into the campus gym for the grand entry.

"We invite the parents and anyone interested to come," Johnson said. "It's a nice and

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Elbow officials plan to wrap up '04-05 registration this week

HERALD Staff Report

Elbow Elementary School will wrap up registration for the 2004-2005 kindergarten class on Friday.

Registration is taking place in the elementary office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records and proof of residence such as a utility bill with name and address.

"It is vital to get an accurate count of the students who will be entering kindergarten next year," Principal Randy Johnson said. "We purchase supplies and make personnel decisions based on this information."

"We need parents to sign up their child even if they don't have all the documents right now," Johnson stressed.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004.

Although Elbow does not currently offer a pre-kindergarten program the office is taking names of people who believe their child might be eligible.

The school will offer the program if there are 15 students who qualify.

In order to qualify, a child

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Obituaries

Dr. Ralph J. Payne Jr.



Dr. Ralph J. Payne Jr., 57, of Big Spring, died on Monday, April 19, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1946, in Little Rock, Ark., and married Janet Kotulski on April 7, 1978, in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Payne worked 22 years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, serving in seven duty stations. He served five years as a warden. He was awarded Outstanding New Warden of the Year the first year he was in Big Spring. Following his retirement from the Bureau of Prisons, Dr. Payne briefly taught psychology at Howard College in Big Spring. He was an avid golfer at the Big Spring Country Club and enjoyed fishing. He loved his family.

Dr. Payne received his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Arkansas, his master's degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his doctorate from the University of Mississippi at Oxford. Education was an important part of his life, as his parents were teachers and his father was a principal. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. He was a member of the Big Spring Rotary, the American Psychological Association and the American Correctional Association.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Payne of Big Spring; one son, Todd Payne and wife, Michelle, of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Julie Payne of Dallas, and Angela Payne of Big Spring; one brother, Dr. William F. Payne and wife, Janice, of Little Rock, Ark.; and two grandchildren, Mary Grace and Ethan Payne of Memphis, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, 79721-2222 or Relay For Life, in care of First Presbyterian Church, attention Paula Farquhar.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Ouida Henderson



Ouida Henderson, 76, of Big Spring, passed away at 4:20 a.m. on Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home following a long illness.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. today, April 21, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park, with Chaplain Michelle Byler of Odyssey Hospice officiating.

She was the daughter of Fred Arthur and Addie Polk Arthur. She was born on Oct. 17, 1927, in Hico.

She married Justin "Doc" Henderson on Feb. 6, 1947, in Levelland. He preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 1998.

She moved to Big Spring in 1961 from Levelland. She was a member of the Church Of Christ.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker and had done baby sitting and sewing. She had later worked at Jane's and Faye's Flowers.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann Downs and her husband, John, of Brownwood, and Barbara Shaffer of Big Spring; one sister, Betty Jo Eastep of Marble Falls; two sisters-in-law, Nina Osborne and her husband, Bob, of Colorado City, and Betty Arthur of Liberal, Kan.; four grandchildren, Jason Downs and Heather of San Antonio, Melissa Downs of Fort Worth, and Lindsay and Lisa Shaffer, both of Big Spring; one great grandson, Aidan Downs of San Antonio; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews and a special pet, Thumper.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Arthur, and one sister, Gwendolyn Huse.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Weston Blaine Mitchel Sr.

Weston Blaine Mitchel Sr., 72, of San Angleo, passed away at his home Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pfc. Clayton Welch Henson

Pfc. Clayton Welch Henson, 20, of Stanton, formerly of Midland, died Saturday, April 17, 2004 . His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Support groups

THURSDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

❑ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

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Police blotter

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

• **JEFFERY MINARD WELLS,** 40, of 1312 Lexington, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication and code enforcement warrants.

• **JASON BROWN,** age unknown, of Sugar Creek, Mo., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ERICA MORENO OCHOA,** 24, of 1300 Mesquite, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.

• **JESSICA RANGEL,** 22, of 1102 E. 13th Street, was arrested Tuesday on five city warrants.

• **SALLY LEANNE HAIR,** 24, of 9001 Longshore, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant for criminal mischief.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1600 block of Avion.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 600 block of Colgate.
- in the 1500 block of Mesa.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 600 block of Tulsa.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 600 block of Third Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
- in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania.
- in the 100 block of 10th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **JOHN HENRY SCHENCK,** 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive-intentionally giving false information.

• **JIMMY RICHARD DUBOSE,** 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

• **RICHARD VELA SALAZAR,** 52, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **VEHICLE FIRE** was reported in the area of Old Gail Highway.

• **THREATS** were reported in the 600 block of Tubb Loop Road.

Take note

❑ **CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION** is set for 11:30 a.m. on May 1 at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third St. in the Toro Room. The meal is Dutch treat, and everyone is invited to bring old photographs and memorabilia to share. Call Ray and Sue Russell at (432) 398-5452 or Betty Findley at (432) 267-8318.

❑ **POTTON HOUSE,** 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is $2 for adults and $1 for children and senior citizens.

❑ **HERITAGE MUSEUM,** 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is $2 for adults and $1 for children.

❑ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

❑ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. . Paul Lutheran Church.

❑ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

❑ **LIFETIME BIG SPRING** resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.

❑ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost $10,000 per visit.

❑ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH,** 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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TODAY

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

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

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• CASA of West Texas Candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church.

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Kennel Club is set from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Rock the Block is set for Saturday between noon and 6 p.m. at the empty lot next to the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 West Fifth St.

• Flavors of West Texas is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the Heritage Museum. Tickets are $10 at the museum.

• The Symphony is Song begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. The All-City Children's Choir, Big Spring High School Meister Singers and the Symphony Chorus will also perform. Tickets are available at the United Way/Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

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

SUNDAY

• Big Spring Kennel Club is set from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-6

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-16-27-29-34

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. South winds around 10 mph.
Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
Sunday and Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the mid 50s.
Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

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Francesca Stefani, left, Mariangela Tarabra, Franca Ghiazza, Agnese Cremaschi and Valentina Recalcati, members of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange, pose for a picture during a reception Tuesday night at the Big Spring County Club. The Italian woman are all involved in the medical field and are visiting medical facilities throughout Rotary District 5730.

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relaxing event. It's just a good time. And Quail Dobbs is always entertaining just by himself."

Dressed in their best western attire, kindergartners from the classes of Vicky McDowell, Zimmalew Boeker and Lisa Thompson will be competing in rodeo-themed events, including bronco riding, wagon races and bull riding.

"The parents are so supportive here," Johnson said. "We always get a good crowd."

Elbow Elementary is located on the corner of Nichols Road and FM 818.

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ELBOW

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must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004, and qualify for the "free and reduced" school lunch program, have limited English communication skills or have some type of learning or speech disability.

Students must also live in the Forsan Independent School District. Elbow Elementary is located on the corner of Nichols Road and Farm Road 818.

For more information, call the office at 398-5444, ext. 1 or 2.

FINANCE

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at least 100 votes would be needed, and House Republicans would not be able to rely on their 88-62 majority as they have for other issues.

Perry discussed his funding proposal with a 29-member House committee Tuesday, taking questions and defending his idea for replacing Robin Hood.

Any tax bill would have to originate in the House, and Dewhurst has said the Senate will wait for a House bill before making proposals. A House bill is expected to be voted out of the committee and ready for floor debate by the middle of next week.

Perry's plan would lower business and residential property taxes by 17 percent, to $1.25 per $100 in appraised land value. The current rate is $1.50 per $100 appraised value.

To replace funds lost through lowering property taxes, Perry's plan calls for raising or imposing various sin taxes, including a $1-per-pack cigarette tax, a $5 "admission fee" to adult entertainment establishments and allowing state-taxed video gambling at racetracks.

Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, questioned Perry's plan, pointing out that it would leave the Alamo Heights school district with exponentially more money than the San Antonio school district. Both districts are in the area Villarreal represents.

Perry answered saying that the so-called super-wealthy districts such as Alamo Heights make up about 2 percent of Texas public school children.

"Let's not throw out the baby with the bath water," Perry said, acknowledging that his plan is not perfect.

The Legislature will consider Perry's plan, although support among lawmakers is scarce. The Legislature may reject all or part of it, or come up with one of their own.

No lawmaker has stepped forward to sponsor Perry's plan and make it a bill for legislators to consider.

"I'm comfortable that more and more members see the alternatives the cost of those alternatives and let's let the process work," Perry said.

Dewhurst said senators are "still united" on the principles in legislation passed unanimously by the Senate during last year's regular session. That legislation would have slashed property taxes and expanded the sales tax to service providers, such as hairdressers.

VIGIL

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April is observed as National Child Abuse Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month," said Thomas.

While rain and lightning forced the two agencies to postpone the vigil, it didn't stop many area residents from showing their support.

"I was thrilled so many people who were willing to brave the weather, but unfortunately the lightning was to a point where we were concerned about the people's safety," said CASA Volunteer Coordinator Donna Mezera.

More than 600 luminaries will be lit to represent the adult and children victims both organizations serve.

"Each of these luminaries are placed inside a paper bag that has a silhouette, a boy for boys, a girl for girls and a woman and man for adults," Mezera said.

Guest speakers for the evening are Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat, whose daughter was brutally murdered about 13 years ago by a neighbor. The couple now work to heighten awareness of crime victims.

Also expected to speak are Mezera, Thomas, Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith and Howard County Sheriff Dale L. Walker.

As part of the ceremony, the first class of Howard County SANE (sexual assault nurse examiners) will be introduced. These nurses have been specifically trained to perform a rape exam, log evidence, testify and deal with the emotions of a person who has been raped.

Debbie Jensen of CASA will read a letter written by one of the children served by the organization and the Rev. Ken Childress will speak.

H-E-B Grocery is sponsoring the evening. The Girl Scouts of Big Spring and Young Life have volunteered to build and light the luminaries.

The vigil is expected to begin at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700, and will conclude at 8 p.m.

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Ouida Henderson, 75, died Monday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

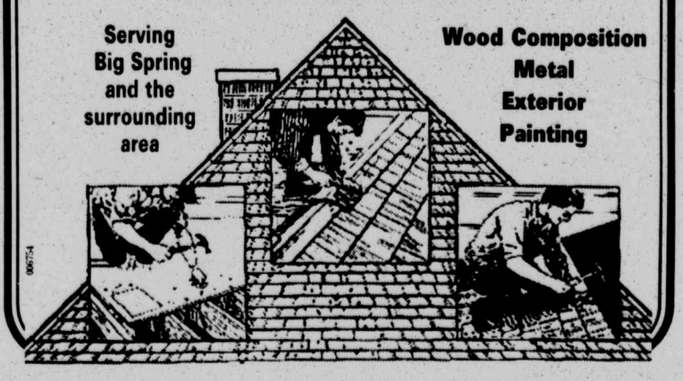
Ramon Alvarez, Sr., 82, died Friday, April 9, 2004. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Weston Blaine Mitchel, Sr., 72, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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For questions, please contact Sherri Wigington at (432) 268-4902.

In conjunction with National Nurses' Week, May 6 – 12.



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OUR VIEWS

A message of hope to be expressed in Thursday vigil

Bad weather created a delay, but it's not going to keep local citizens from letting a light shine for victims of child abuse and all other crimes.

So, on Thursday evening, several hundred lights will shine as a sign that our community is committed to erasing the pain suffered by all crime victims.

More than 600 luminarias will be lit outside the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, located on FM 700, during Thursday's Light of Hope Ceremony.

The candle light vigil, sponsored by Victims Services of Big Spring and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas, will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, just in case Mother Nature decides to deliver the same type of thunderstorm activity that forced organizers to reschedule on April 1.

H-E-B of Big Spring is underwriting the event's expenses.

We encourage as many people as possible to attend the event and send a powerful message of hope to members of our community who have suffered as a victim of crime.

Let those victims know they are not alone and that we care.

Remember, we'd expect nothing less for ourselves.

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An orchestra conductor in the oil patch



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Keith Graumann is the owner of Graumann's Oilfield Pump & Engine Repair in Big Spring. He is buying it from his parents. When he's not tending to business, he's tending to something totally unrelated that is extremely important to him. Dr. Graumann is conductor of a symphony orchestra.

"Music has been a big part of my life ever since I was a child. My folks afforded me piano lessons growing up. My sister and I were both playing organ in church before we were teenagers. I became interested in singing in junior high and high school and was a member of choral groups. That gave me the idea to embark on a career in music and become a high school choir director. I got a voice scholarship to TCU in 1971 and two years later went to the University of Oklahoma and got a degree in music education."

He expanded from choral and keyboard music into orchestral music and studied violin, viola and music theory. He earned a master's degree in composition and music theory. While pursuing his advanced degree, he was assistant director of the University of Oklahoma symphony and became interested in symphonic music.

In 1979 while working on his doctorate in conducting at the University of Oklahoma, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Italy for year. He studied Vivaldi's music, which became the subject of his dissertation.

In the 80's he was invited to guest conduct the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. Since he grew up in Big Spring, he considered it a real honor.

In 1990, while teaching choral music at Livingston University in Alabama, he suffered two ruptured discs. Major surgery failed to cure the problem and the doctor told him to find something else to do. He retreated to Big Spring and worked in the family business. He was out of music for ten years. A lot of that time was spent prone on the floor, the only place he could get comfortable.

In 1998 a doctor said he could help Keith.

"Technology had caught up with my particular problem and he installed rods and screws in my back. After a long period of recovery I became interested in music again and started helping the Big Spring Symphony with administrative matters."

In 2000 Keith became director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale and in 2002 took the job as conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

The 60 members of the orchestra come from Big Spring and cities within a 100 mile radius. They perform 4 Saturday nights a year in Big Spring's City Auditorium, practicing Friday night and twice on Saturday. The musicians get the music two weeks ahead of performing it.

"Being a conductor is sort of an unusual profession, since there are only 180 symphony orchestras in the country. To be able to do it in my home town is an incredible feeling. There's no way I could have planned it this way. I couldn't be happier. Besides that, you don't run into many oil field guys who are also symphony conductors."

"The Symphony in Song" will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Municiple Auditorium.



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Another tax season has come and gone. An undertaking such as this is never easy, but would be impossible if it were not for the support of many people and organizations. More than 200 people took advantage of this free tax service and it could not have been done without the support of so many.

I would like to thank the *Herald*, KBST and KBYG radio and KWST, channel 9 for their support and getting the word out for us from our initial recruiting of volunteers through the last day of tax filing.

I would also like to thank Bobbye Leonard and her staff at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center for providing us the space we needed for this project. They went out of their way to make us feel welcome and to accommodate us in what ever we needed. A special thanks also to B.D. Mason, who worked so hard in getting us computers and making sure the computers worked throughout the tax season, and to Dorothy Kennemur, for her encouragement and support.

Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank the volunteers that gave so generously of their time and talents. We could not have prepared even one tax return if it were not for the following volunteers.: Mary Vera, Gay Smith, Tom Lucas, Hilda Craven , Ruth Ann McKay, Reeves Moren, Pete Ruiz, Jean Tidwell, Mary Ann Fincher and Sam Barrow. Thanks to all of for a job well done.

GLORIA HOPKINS
AARP-TAX-AID COORDINATOR

TO THE EDITOR:

Children's education is too important to leave to taxes raised by alcohol and tobacco consumption, and gambling. What is the message sent to children when politicians plan to pay for their education by those vices?

Schools need sure, dedicated funding that cannot be siphoned off by politicians. The entire effort of state funding for education should be to finance education that will raise the standard of living for children when they become adults.

The most distasteful and un-American aspect of the Robin Hood plan is the apparent restriction prohibiting an area from excelling if it had the initiative to work harder for their children.

The governor's plan will still allow abatement or unfair low taxes for big wealthy businesses, many of which take profits out of our state. His plan will still burden homeowners and small businessmen with most of the tax bill.

Stop discrimination in property taxes. A sales tax will not repeal your school property taxes, and it will either generate too much or not enough money.

Big business still will not pay a fair share and politicians will waste any excess.

Resolution of the problem only requires straightforward simple arithmetic. While doing your arithmetic, remember that property taxes are federal tax deductions, but sales taxes are not deductible.

This is what we should do:

- Repeal all of the current school property tax laws.
- Establish a uniform statewide school property tax with no business abatements. The tax should be the exact amount necessary to equal the current median expenditures per student.
- Distribute the funds to local schools districts on a per child basis.
- Districts may vote to have any level of additional local school taxes for local use, with no business abatements.
- Make tuition's free through two years of state junior colleges and technical schools.
- Adjust the financial data yearly on July 1 by recalculating each base.

We need dependable, straightforward, dedicated funding for schools collected on a moral basis with integrity. If you are interested in schools and your taxes, do not put off contacting your senator, representative and governor. Your regrets will not matter.

RICHARD AND SUSAN SWINT
PARIS, TEXAS

TO THE EDITOR:

The USS Isle Royale AD 29, a destroyer tender that served the Pacific Fleet in the 1950s and 1960s, is having its first reunion Aug. 5-8 at the President's Casino in Biloxi, Miss.

If you served on board and would like reunion information you can contact the reunion coordinator through the web page at: www.ussisleroyale.com.

You can also mail information to me at: George Lowell, P.O. Box 307, Hatfield, Ark. 71945.

GEORGE LOWELL
HATFIELD, ARK.

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just spent nine days in Scenic Mountain Medical Center and I want to say the care I received was excellent.

I was in the operating room on three different occassions during my stay and all the staff was very helpful and professional. I want to thank Skip McKensey who administered my anthesia on all three occasions.

I spent three days and nights in ICU and my care there was also excellent.

I was moved to the third floor after I left ICU and was there five days. I received the best care and all the staff that I came in contact with were helpful and professional.

I want to thank Dr Robert McFaul who performed my surgery. He was determined that I would come out of surgery a whole person. I thank Dr Hadaad also for his contribution.

Thanks to my sister, Sue, whose nurturing ways are helping with my recovery. Also to all my coworkers at Wal-Mart, all my friends and church family for the calls, cards, prayers and visits.

Most if all I want to thank God. Without his healing powers, I might not be here today.

I just want to let the community know what a great medical facility we have and are lucky to have it.

JIMMIE LOU DRAKE
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Joy Dugan, left, volunteers hono nization donate

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Joy Dugan, left, and Wilma Grice were among the 48 Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers honored during an appreciation luncheon Tuesday. In all, the volunteer organization donates 800 hours per week to the hospital.

Car bombs hit Basra police stations

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — A series of car bombs ripped through police stations and an academy during rush hour Wednesday morning, killing at least 60 people and wounding scores in the bloodiest attacks to hit this mainly Shiite city since the U.S.-led occupation began a year ago.

Iraqis pulled charred and torn bodies from mangled vehicles in front of the Saudia police station, located by Basra's crowded main street market. Two vans carrying schoolchildren were destroyed, one carrying kindergardeners, the other carrying middle-school girls. Dead children were taken to hospital morgues.

Iraqi Interior Minister Samir Shaker Mahmoud al-Sumeidi blamed "terrorists." He said the Basra attacks resembled suicide bombings earlier this year against Shiites and Kurds that killed hundreds and were blamed on foreign Islamic militants.

"The information we have indicate that the attacks were carried out with car bombs," al-Sumeidi said. "As for who is behind Basra attacks, it is clear that that the fingerprints of the parties that were behind the massacres in Iraq as in Irbil and Karbala can be seen in today's attacks."

There was no immediate word who was behind the attack and al-Sumeidi said it was not yet clear whether the car bombs were set off by suicide bombers.

Basra Police Commander Mohammed Kadhim al-Ali said the cars were packed with missiles and TNT.

Al-Sumeidi said more than 60 people were killed and 100 wounded, but Basra Gov. Wael Abdul-Latif said the death toll was at least 68, including 16 children and nine policemen, with 200 injured.

An agreement aimed at bringing peace to Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, met troubles only a day after its implementation began. A heavy battle broke out Wednesday morning on the city's north side, where up to 40 insurgents attacked Marine positions, commanders said. Nine insurgents were killed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Vanunu released after 18 years

ASHKELON, Israel (AP) — A defiant Mordechai Vanunu walked out of prison on Wednesday after serving 18 years for spilling Israel's nuclear secrets, saying he was proud of his actions and complaining he was treated cruelly by his jailers.

Vanunu flashed victory signs and waved to hundreds of cheering supporters. Dozens of counter-demonstrators booed and shouted epithets.

Vanunu, 50, held an impromptu news conference, his brother Meir by his side. Vanunu said he was given "very cruel and barbaric treatment" by Israel's security services.

"To all those who are calling me traitor, I am saying I am proud, I am proud and happy to do what I did," Vanunu said.

Vanunu, who converted to Christianity in the 1980s, said he was mistreated because of his religion. He also said there is no need for a Jewish state and demanded that Israel open its nuclear reactor in Dimona to international inspection.

In 1986, Vanunu leaked details and pictures of Israel's alleged nuclear weapons program to The Sunday Times of London.

Tornado strikes Utica, Ill.

UTICA, Ill. (AP) — A tornado-laden storm plowed through northcentral Illinois, flattening or damaging dozens of buildings, including a restaurant where at least four people were killed.

Three bodies were found Wednesday in the basement of the Milestone Tap, a two-story building that collapsed downtown Utica, said coroner Jody Bernard.

State officials said Tuesday night's storm was responsible for at least four deaths in and around this community of about 1,000 residents some 90 miles southwest of Chicago. A cause for the fourth death was not given.

Four other people in the area, including three children, were hospitalized with injuries, officials said. Violent storms also ripped through central Indiana, injuring at least two people.

Gay marriages halted in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A judge told Multnomah County to stop issuing gay marriage licenses Tuesday, but he handed gay couples a historic victory by ordering Oregon to recognize the 3,000 licenses already granted in the county.

The decision by Multnomah County Circuit Judge Frank Bearden marked the first time in the nation that a judge has recognized gay marriage. An immediate appeal of the ruling was expected.

"These are the first legally recognized gay marriages in the country," said Dave Fidanque, the ACLU executive director in Oregon. "In no other same-sex marriages that have taken place has there been a court order saying the state must recognize them. That's what's truly historic about this opinion."

Columbine holds tribute

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Hundreds of survivors, friends and family gathered at sunset Tuesday to pay an emotional tribute to the 13 people slain at Columbine High five years ago in the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Participants bowed their heads as four F-16 fighter jets soared over the grassy amphitheater in Clement Park, a few hundred yards and just out of sight from the suburban school. They rose in unison to cheer Anne Marie Hochhalter, who was paralyzed from the waist down in the attack and delivered a message of hope from a wheelchair.

"We all will never forget what happened that day, but we can move forward and prove that we are strong," she said.

Hochhalter told an estimated 1,200 people her mother committed suicide six months after the massacre, but added that she and other survivors have gone on to college and careers.

Five years ago, on April 20, 1999, Columbine students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold slaughtered 12 classmates and a teacher before committing suicide.

Mouse created from two moms

(AP) — Men, your gender just took a hit in the animal kingdom. Scientists report they've created mice by using two genetic moms — and no dad.

That's a first for any mammal. But don't look for this service at the corner fertility clinic.

Experts say the mouse procedure can't be done in people for technical and ethical reasons.

In fact, one of the moms was a mutant newborn, whose DNA had been altered to make it act like a male's contribution to an embryo.

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Florida Boys performing locally on Sunday

For more than 50 years, fans have been flocking the see The Florida Boys.

And this Sunday the public is invited to hear them perform at 7 p.m. in East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth St.

"Everyone is invited to come and hear this long-time, favorite gospel quartet. The Florida Boys have been consistently performing since the 1950s. They are one of America's top quartets," said East Side Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Doug Shelley.

"We are really excited to have them perform here. It's unusual for them to come to a community and to a church our size," Shelley said.

With No. 1 hits like "Standing On The Solid Rock," "When He Was On The Cross, I Was On His Mind," "Lead Me To The Altar" and "I Lean On You Lord," this legendary group has recorded some 100 albums and attained a following of devoted listeners.

So what is at the heart of their success? Les Beasley, who sings lead and serves as manager of the group, says it's their commitment to the calling they each have.

"We sincerely believe we are doing what we were put on earth to do. We want our audiences to have a good time but it's most important that they hear the message in each song."

The Florida Boys' national television appearances consist of "The Today Show," "TNN's Prime Time Country." "Crooke & Chase," "Gaither Homecoming Videos" and their own "Gospel Singing Jubilee" which they hosted for many years.

Aside from Les Beasley, The Florida Boys consist of Glen Allred (baritone & guitar), Derrell Stewart (piano), Gene McDonald (bass), Allen Cox (tenor) and Josh Garner (lead). The group officially started in 1947 as the Gospel Melody Quartet, with J.G. Whitfield at the head.

The Florida Boys are in the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame as a group.

In 1964, The Florida Boys became the first gospel group to have a nationally syndicated television program. The Gospel Singing Jubilee, produced by Beasley, brought a number of Dove Awards for "Best Gospel Singing Program," as well as the attention of many in the industry. Almost overnight the group become a nation-wide success.

And though many days have passed, The Florida Boys remain vibrant. They co-host two annual events in Live Oak, Fla. known as The Suwannee River Jubilee. One is held in June and the other in October. They are also part of the Singing At Sea which is an annual cruise. And they still sing in more than 250 concerts each year. The group has a string of awards under their belt including Singing News Awards for practically every member.

A love offering will be taken during the performance, and child care will be provided for those 4 and younger.

Shelley said the evening service was moved from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to allow other church members to attend.

For more information contact East Side Baptist church at 267-1915.



Courtesy photo
The Florida Boys, a nationally renowned gospel quartet, will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday in the East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth (corner of Sixth and Settles, three blocks east of Big Spring Junior High School.) The public is invited, and the performance is free of charge.

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The Anderson's, a musical group, are singing at the Midway Baptist Church revival tonight at 7.

Revival continues tonight

A revival at Midway Baptist Church continues through tonight beginning at 7, featuring the music of The Andersons.

Evangelist Mike Stout, pastor of Westview Baptist in Kingsport, Tenn., will bring the message.

Karen and Mike Anderson will perform, along with their son Austin.

At noon a Bible study and luncheon is planned. Midway Baptist Church is located east of town at 6200 S. Service Road, past the refinery.

Call 263-6274 for more information.

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From getting that perfect job to in-depth biographies to westerns and mysteries

New books offer wealth of information on many subjects

Ron Fry has written an excellent aid for persons who are interviewing for any kind of job.

"101 Great Answers to the Toughest Interview Questions" (650.14 FRY R) will certainly be invaluable. Because no matter how good you look, how effective your resume is, or how perfect you are for the job; it doesn't really matter if you interview poorly. I certainly would suggest this for everyone who is job hunting. Plus, it gives examples of those borderline questions that are not appropriate or illegal to ask an applicant — i.e. "have you ever been arrested, how old are you, are you married"?



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

The library is always happy to fulfill request from patrons and a couple of those have come in. Singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffet is a legend of popular culture. He has written a novel (which is probably somewhat autobiographical) about Joe Merchant, a rock star who committed suicide, but somehow keeps popping up.

This is a light-hearted fare with enough hair-breadth escapes and miraculous rescues that are worthy of a McGyver TV show. Look for it on the new book shelf. We have also received "A Pirate Looks At Fifty", his biography.

Karen Hughes stepped away from an immensely powerful position to return to Texas. In "Ten Minutes from Normal" (B HUG K), she tells of her life with George W. Bush from when he first picked up his political future. If you are looking for dirt, you won't find it here. What you will find is what it is truly like to work at the White House and be a part of the President's inner circle. It can be found on the new book shelf.

Another inspiring biography is "Caddy for Life: The Bruce Edwards Story" (B EDW B) written by John Feinstein. His subject is Bruce Edwards, who has been known within golf's tight-knit world as the caddy for more than 40 years for legendary pro Tom Watson. Edwards' life story is a microcosm of the changes in modern professional golfing, and this book will thoroughly entertain golf fans. The personal edge in Feinstein's writing comes from the fact acknowledged immediately in the book's introduction that Edwards was diagnosed in 2003 with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, and that he found this out only 15 days after proposing to the longtime love of his life. Fortunately, Feinstein is skilled at looking at Edwards' professional and personal challenges without becoming mawkish, and delivers a solid testament to a life well led. Bruce died April 8, 2004, from ALS.

"The Howard County Library will be closed Saturday so the floors may be cleaned and waxed. We apologze for any inconvenience. Doors will re-open Monday at 9 a.m."

Another well known celebrity who suffers from a progressive disease, multiple sclerosis, is Montel Williams. In "Climbing Higher" (B WIL M) he shares wisdom on how to meet the painful challenges of living with MS. In addition, he offers up-to-the-minute information on new MS research and how to cope with managing the disease.

A couple more great biographies are "Ya Gotta Believe!" (B MCG T) by Tug McGraw on his life as a major league pitcher and sometime father, and how he fought against brain cancer. The second is "Light This Candle: The Life and Times of Alan Shepard" (B SHE A), written by Neal Thompson. While I have not read these books, I think that many of you would certainly enjoy reading them.

For all you lovers of westerns, please be sure and check the new book list at the circulation desk. The library has received quite a few and while they may not be the "new" ones, still we add titles that we don't currently have.

Some new mysteries have come in too. Aimee and David Thurlo are the authors of the Ella Clah mysteries.

Ella Clah works as an investigator for the Navajo Tribal Police on the reservation in New Mexico. The newest is "Wind Spirit." It has arson, resurrection and reclamation of a uranium mine.

Sue Henry (author of the Jessie Arnold series) has a new character "Maxie", a retiree who is exploring the lower 48 states in a Winnebago in "The Serpents Trail." All of these books can be found either in the western or mystery section of the library.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The internet/video room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes one-half hour earlier than the library. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; our e-mail address is howardcountylibrary@hotmail.com.

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American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

Local landowners honored

The Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized the Flache-White Ranch of Howard County for being in [illegible] contiguous agricultural production within the same family since 1903.

Binie White and his sister Martha White Kallus, whom own the land , attended the Family Land Heritage Program ceremony in Austin and received a certificate from Combs.

"This was a great honor for us. We are thrilled that we have managed to keep this place in the family and keep it going for 100 years," said Binie White.

The program recognizes those who have land in Texas which has been within the same family for at least 100 years.

White said the original land was three sections, or 1,920 acres, purchased by his grandparents, Ame and Lizzie Flache (pronounced flock-ee) in 1902.



Courtesy photo

Binie White and his sister Martha White Kallus receive a certificate from Texas Land Commissioner Susan Combs recognizing their entrance into the Family Land Heritage Program.

His mother, Nell Flache White and his father Binie White gifted and deeded the land to White and his sister.

Today the ranch produces cattle and cotton on what has grown to more than 3,000 acres.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place Monday, April 26, Monday, May 3, Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is $10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is Required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

W.Texas Nightmare tournament set

The West Texas Nightmare softball tournament dates have been set for Friday through Sunday.

The tournament will take place at Mize Softball Field.

The entry fee will $115 per team and team trophies will be awarded.

For more information, contact Leo at 263-1391 or Abel Rios at 263-2116. The deadline to sign-up is Thursday at 8 p.m.

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble.

Entry fees are $20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorthy Garrett Coliseum.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

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Rangers @Angels, 8:30 p.m.	1490

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Friday

Event, Time	Station
Hawks @WJCAC Tournament, TBD	1490
Lady Steers @Andrews, 5:45 p.m.	1490

Lady Steers walk all over Estacado

Jeff Lane
Special to the HERALD

With perhaps the biggest game of the season coming up Friday night, the Lady Steers did not get the tune-up they might have liked Tuesday afternoon.

Hoping to rev up the intensity heading into the last game of the season and the playoffs, the ladies met up with a team that gave up 20 walks in their first meeting. Not much changed this time around as Estacado gave up 26 free passes, helping Big Spring move on to a 33-2 rout.

As few and far between as the strikes were, the Lady Steers managed to bang out 12 hits over four innings.

Leina Braxton led the way going four-for-four, including a towering grand slam home run.

Big Spring also took advantage of the poor pitching by stealing 26 bases.

Big Spring sent three pitchers to the mound with Alex Watkins picking up the win. She stuck out 5 of the 6 batters she faced on just 22 pitches. Chelsea Abner struck out the side in the third inning and Krista Chesworth had a solid two innings of relief.

The Lady Steers started off the first inning scoring 13 runs drawing six walks, two hit batsmen and scattering six hits. Abner and Braxton led the way each collecting doubles. Heather Vassar added a base knock picking up 2 RBIs. Watkins stymied the Lady Matadors and struck out the side.

In the second, the Lady Steers brought 13 more runs across the plate.

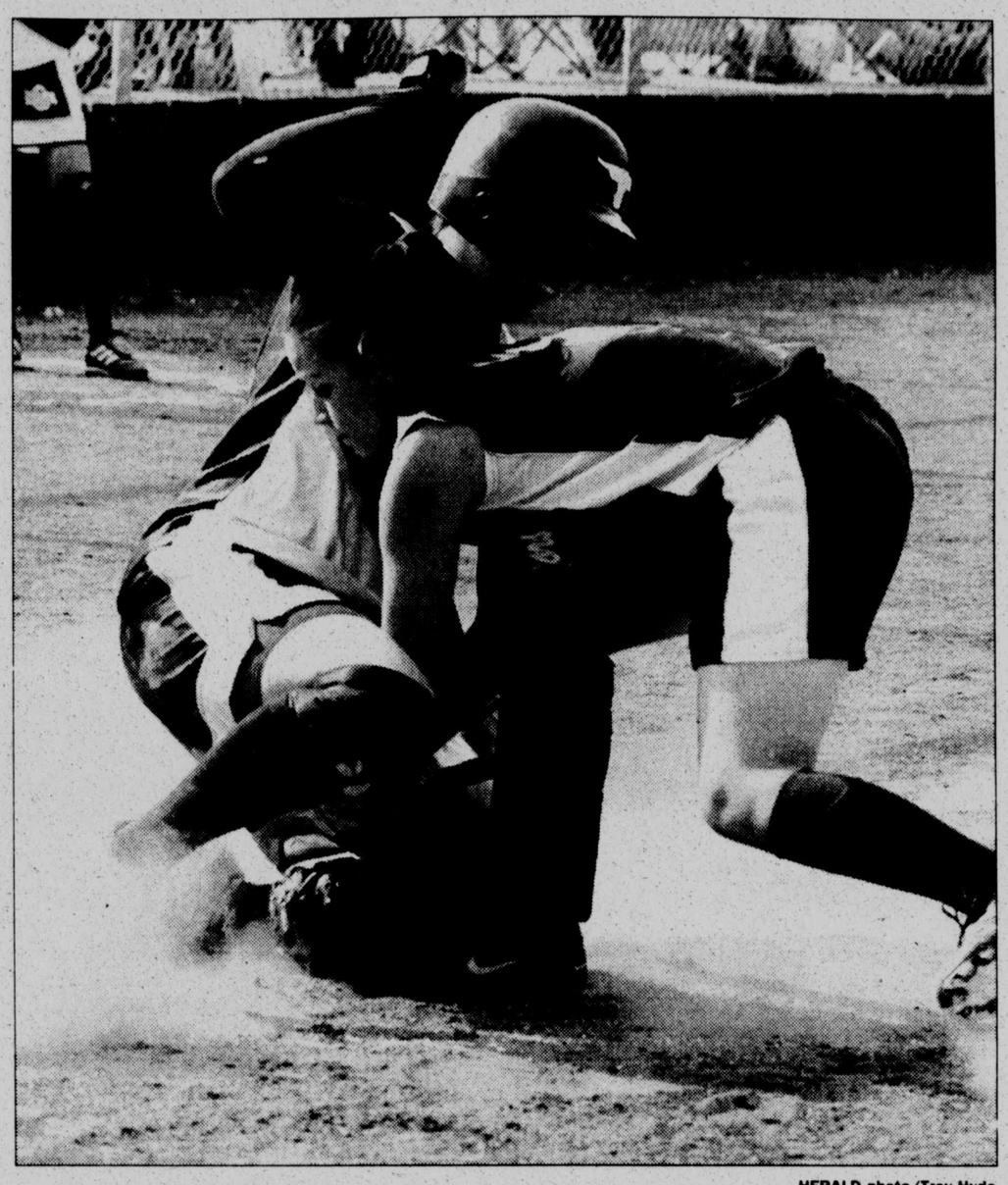
This inning saw Braxton's huge base clearing swat and a 3 RBI double by Abner. Again, Watkins kept Estacado off the bases by striking out two and forcing a groundout.

The game was further secured in the late innings when Ashley Hodge slammed a triple scoring 3 runs. Amber Sides and Chesworth added singles.

Jasmine Regaldo had two hits for Estacado as they picked up two runs in the late innings.

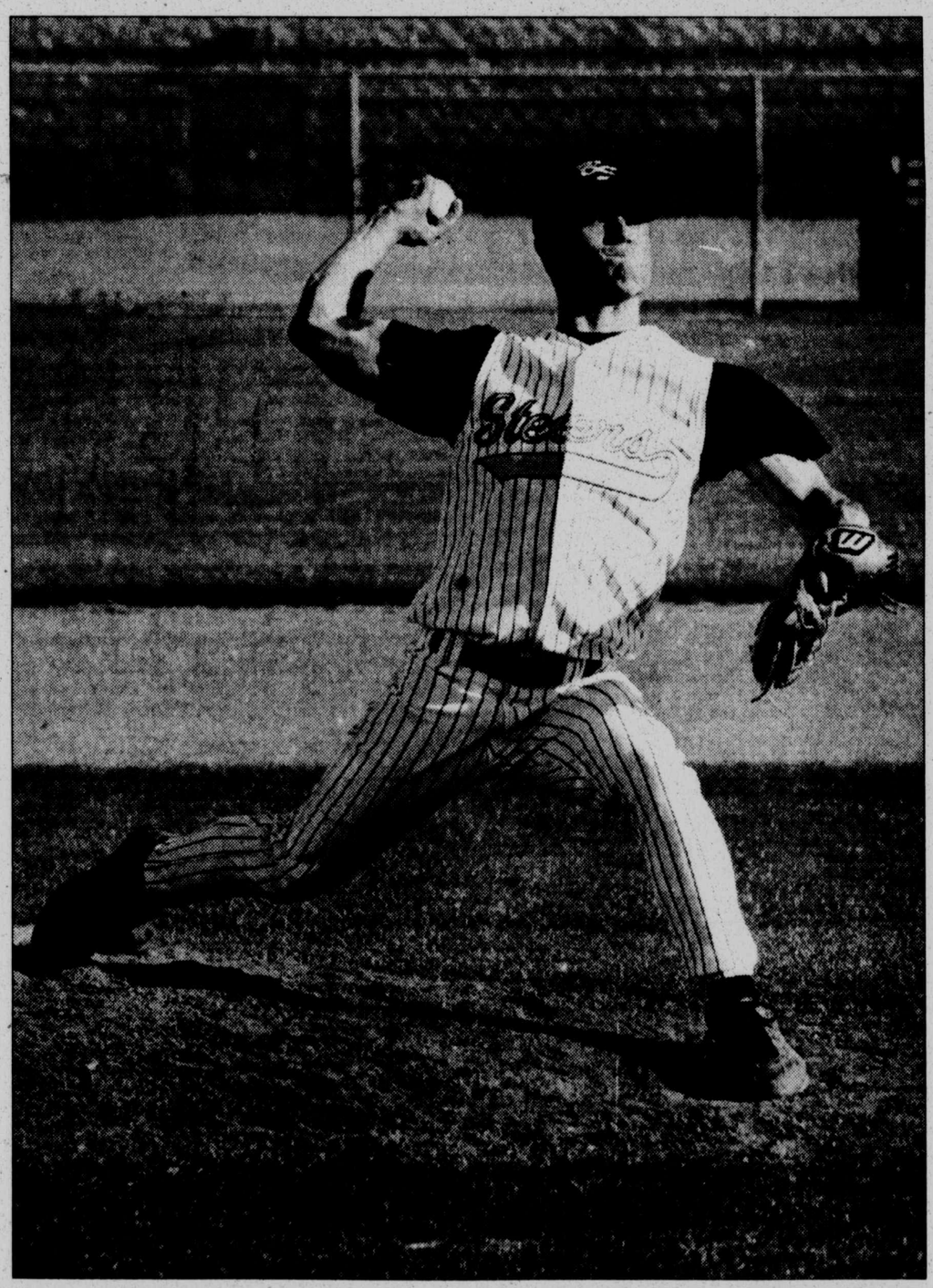
It was a bittersweet victory as the Lady Steers said goodbye to six seniors in their last home game.

Honored for their contributions to the Lady Steers were Erica Stewart, Ashley Hodge, Whitney Hufford, Katie Policky, Laura Olague and Braxton.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Leina Braxton scores one of the Lady Steers' 33 runs in a rout against Lubbock Estacado Tuesday. Braxton went 4-for-4 from the plate, including a grand slam home run in the second inning.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring's Lee Gillihan releases a pitch to the plate Tuesday against district rival Lubbock Estacado. The Steers led 2-0 heading into the fifth inning before the Matadors' bats woke up, scoring six runs in their half of the fifth. Big Spring tried to rally in the final two innings, but still lost, 8-6.

Big inning propels Matadors to win against Big Spring

By Rob Loftis
Special to the HERALD

The Big Spring baseball team lost to district 4-4A rival Lubbock Estacado Tuesday in a very dramatic finish, falling 8-6.

The Steers jumped out to an early lead scoring two runs in the third on doubles by third baseman Chad Heinis and shortstop Jerry Doporto.

That lead seemed to give the Steers a false sense of security even though the game, to that point, had gone their way.

The Steers' defense allowed only three hits and pitcher Lee Gillihan had three strikeouts.

However, Estacado scored six runs in the fifth.

The Steers defense could be to blame for the Matadors rally, as Big Spring committed three errors.

Big Spring battled back in the fifth inning, however as Michael Oranelas singled to be later brought in on a Justin Green single.

Heinis dittoed Ornelas and was batted in by Doporto, cutting Estacado's lead to two.

Not to be out done, Estacado scored two more runs in the top of the sixth, giving the Matadors another four run cushion.

The Steers, however, were not done as they tried to rally.

First baseman J.W. Beauchamp got on base with a double down the left field line.

Then, Green followed Beauchamp with a double of his own. Beauchamp scored on the play.

Doporto later doubled, scoring Green in the process, which cut the lead to two.

Unfortunately, that would be the game, as Estacado finished off the Steers with two strikeouts.

Green led Big Spring at the plate, going three-for-four with two RBIs, while Deporto and Heinis each collected two hits.

Lubbock Estacado pulled into a tie for first place with Andrews, a team Big Spring will play Friday at 7 p.m. in Andrews.

"We gave good effort." said Head Coach Jason Phillips. "The pitcher we went up against was the second best pitcher in the district and we did very good to hit off him."

The Steers fell to 0-7 in district play.

Lady Steers improve score, still fall short of state

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Both Big Spring golf teams ended their seasons Tuesday at the Region 1-4A golf tournament in San Angelo after the girls finished seventh and the boys took eighth, overall.

The girls team improved its second round by six shots compared to its first round and finished with a two day total of 694, which was 60 shots off champion Andrews.

Rachel Gee led the way for the Lady Steers with a 151, which included a second-round 76. Angela Payne came in second on the team with a 173, while Brennan Bailey, Kim Paradez and Joy Seay finished in third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Bailey shot a 178, Paradez a 192 and Seay equaled her round one total of 106 in round two and finished her two rounds with a score of 212.

The boys were led by Ryan Rodriguez both days. He finished with a second round 80 and had a two day total of 154.

The Steers, however, were 21 shots worse on day two than on day one and finished 59 shots back of champion Hebron.

Jace Williams scored an 84 in round two and finished with a two day total of 165, while Tommy Billalba pitched in with the third best score at 170 after shooting a second round 85.

Chance Cain finished with a 172 and Ryan Wegman scored a 187. Cain scored 80 in round one, but was 12 shots over that mark in round two.

CORRECTION

Rachel Gee and Kim Paradez's names were improperly spelled in Tuesday's story concerning the Regional 1-4A golf tournament.

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Points or no points, Kings still rule Mavs

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - From the dozens of missed shots to the bruising battles in the post, Chris Webber cringed as a beautiful game was trampled.

The Sacramento Kings had to get ugly to get another playoff victory _ and Webber was thrilled to discover just how tough they've become.

Webber got his first playoff triple-double and Brad Miller hit the go-ahead shot with 34 seconds left, leading the Kings to an 83-79 win over the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday night in Game 2 of their first-round series.

Webber had 19 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists, while Mike Bibby hit four 3-pointers and scored 10 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings. They took a 2-0 lead in a playoff series for just the second time since moving to Sacramento.

But the Kings were barely tougher than Dallas on a night when no baskets came easy for the league's highest-scoring offenses. Sacramento couldn't breathe easily until Peja Stojakovic knocked the ball out of Michael Finley's hands with 11 seconds left, setting up two clinching free throws by Doug Christie.

"Every shot is agonizing," Webber said. "You're watching, wishing, praying it will go in. ... We missed so many shots _ both teams did. We played tough, tough as you can against a team like that. It was an awkward game, but we can play that way."

Game 3 is Saturday in Dallas, where the Kings have lost five straight games dating to last season's playoffs.

Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who made 32.3 percent of their shots and got just one field goal in the final three minutes. Steve Nash finished up a 6-for-20 performance by missing an open 3-pointer with 19 seconds left, and Finley made the last of Dallas' 14 turnovers.

"It's a tough loss, but we've got to stay confident," Nowitzki said. "Eventually those shots will fall, and we'll stay in it."

Rookie Marquis Daniels tied it twice for Dallas with free throws in the final 90 seconds, but Miller hit an open jumper from the left wing. Nash missed his 3-pointer, but Webber missed two free throws with 19.6 seconds left.

"It was an opportunity lost for us," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We had them in our sights and in striking distance. Who would have ever thought it would be a defensive battle? ... It looked like there was a lid on the basket. It's just one of those nights you dread as a coach."

The game had no resemblance to the series opener, when the teams combined for 221 points. Instead, the Kings and Mavs shot with roughly equal ineptitude, leading to a physical game that suited neither team.

"I don't know if it was a defensive battle," Bibby said. "Everybody was missing shots tonight."

Webber kept Sacramento ahead early, but the Kings fell into a 2-for-19 funk midway through the third quarter. It ended with Bibby's 3-pointer with 5:41 to play, and the teams traded baskets to the thrilling finish.

Daniels had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, who were joined by glum owner Mark Cuban as they filed off the court. Eduardo Najera, who went 2-for-3 and played tough defense on Webber, was the only Dallas player to make more than 50 percent of his shots.

But Najera's physical play angered Kings coach Rick Adelman. The Dallas forward twice sent Webber tumbling to the floor.

"You throw a guy in the game like Najera, and the only reason he's in there is to beat the hell out of Webber," Adelman said. "I don't think there's room in the game for that."

Webber seriously injured his knee during the playoffs against Dallas last season, returning only for the final two months of this season. His struggles with pain and inconsistency have panicked Sacramento's fans, but the old Webber was back in action in Game 2.

Moving with dexterity he hadn't shown consistently since last season, Webber finished the first half with 13 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists while scoring repeatedly in the post.

Webber shot terribly _ 6-for-19 _ but he still carried the Kings. He completed the triple-double on Stojakovic's 3-pointer just 75 seconds into the second half. Dallas missed 10 straight shots during one first-half stretch, and Sacramento went without a field goal in the final eight minutes of the third quarter.

Pujols capitalizes on Miller's mistake as Cards beat Astros

By JOEL ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - The crowd was roaring as the Astros were finally cutting into St. Louis' lead.

Jason Isringhausen quickly put an end to all that.

The Cardinals closer thwarted Houston's eighth-inning rally and finished for his second save of the season, leading St. Louis to a 5-3 victory Tuesday night.

"Issy is always tough," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "He's one of the toughest closers in the league and he pitched a good game tonight. We battled back, but we came up short."

Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer in the sixth and Reggie Sanders homered in the third and snatched away a Jeff Bagwell shot at the right-field wall in the fifth, helping the Cardinals break a four-game losing streak at Houston.

A matchup between the NL's two top offensive teams never really materialized until late as the Cardinals' Jeff Suppan and Houston's Wade Miller each had impressive mound performances early on.

But Miller cracked first, making a bad pitch to Pujols with two outs in the sixth. Pujols' shot stayed just inside the left-field pole to give St. Louis a 3-1 lead.

"(Miller) pitched a great game, but he just made a mistake," Pujols said. "I guess I got lucky."

The Cardinals added two runs in the seventh on a fielding error by third baseman Jose Vizcaino that scored Scott Rolen and Tony Womack's RBI single.

Houston, which swept a three-game series at St. Louis last week, tried to rally in the eighth.

Bagwell singled and Jeff Kent got on base with help from a fielding error by third baseman Scott Rolen.

Lance Berkman homered off Steve Kline, pulling the Astros within two runs.

The crowd of 29,625, mostly quiet throughout the evening, came alive as it sensed a brief shift in momentum.

But Isringhausen relieved and struck out Richard Hidalgo and Mike Lamb, then finished for the save.

Suppan (1-2), who pitched six innings, didn't give up any hits after Bagwell's single in the third. He walked two batters after that but didn't allow them past first base.

Sanders' beautiful catch off the wall in the fifth — even he was so impressed with the play that he smiled and flipped the ball back into the stands — helped preserve Suppan's win.

"The wind was really howling out there and it was difficult to stay with the ball," Sanders said. "I knew I couldn't afford to take my eye off of it."

Miller (2-1), who had won five straight starts against St. Louis, allowed five runs and five hits in six innings. He retired eight consecutive batters after giving up Sanders' homer but left in the sixth after Pujols' homer.

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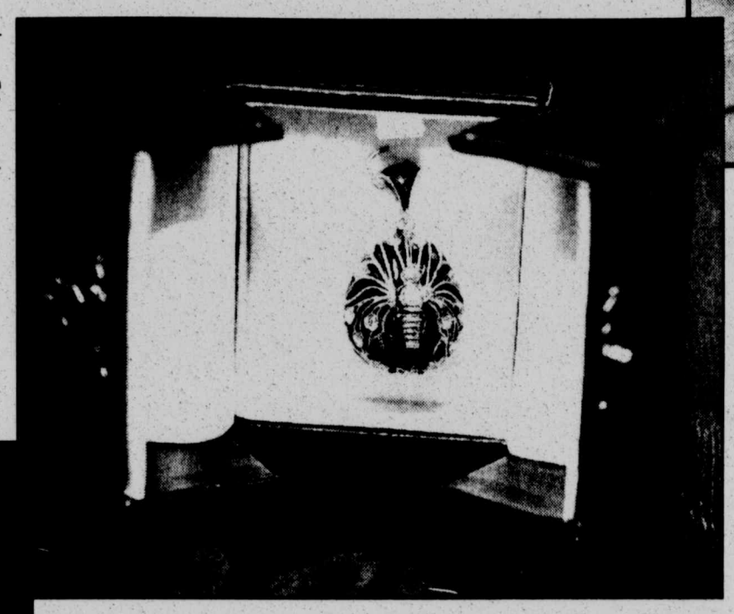
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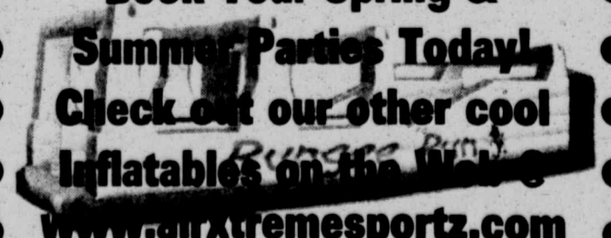
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Scientists seek to clone human cells

LONDON (AP) — The creators of Dolly the sheep, the world's first mammal cloned from an adult, want to create cloned human embryos for stem cell research, one of the scientists said Wednesday.

The Roslin Institute, near Edinburgh, Scotland, said it is considering applying to the government's fertility authority for a license to carry out the procedure, known as therapeutic cloning.

Ian Wilmut, who led the team which created Dolly, said it would be "immoral" not to use therapeutic cloning for stem cell research, which many scientists believe could help treat disorders such as motor neurone disease, Parkinson's and diabetes.

Therapeutic cloning involves removing the nucleus of a human egg cell and replacing it with the nucleus from a patient's body cell, such as a skin cell. The egg is then artificially stimulated, causing the egg to develop in a way similar to an embryo fertilized by sperm.

Scientists envision extracting stem cells — which have the potential to turn into every type of cell in the human body — from the cloned embryo so that they would be a perfect transplant match for the patient.

"This will create totally new opportunities to begin to understand disease. To begin to test new drugs and to research disease in totally new ways," Wilmut told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

A South Korean-led team reported in February the world's first successful cloning of a human embryo and the culling of stem cells from it.

Britain legalized therapeutic cloning in 2001, becoming the first country in the world to do so. The move allowed scientists to create cloned embryos only for purposes of extracting stem cells for medical research. The extraction, which is done when the embryo is a few days old, means the clones cannot develop into babies. The embryos are only allowed to be developed until they are 14 days old.

But scientists wishing to perform therapeutic cloning in Britain also need a license from the government's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which has not yet granted any for the procedure. The HFEA says it looks "very carefully at the scientific, ethical and medical issues before granting any license for research on human embryos." The body wasn't immediately able to say whether it had rejected any therapeutic cloning license applications in the past.

Wilmut said he accepted that, if his proposed application was successful, his research would face opposition.

"Of course, to some people, to do anything with a human embryo is a deeply offensive idea," he told the BBC.

"I think it is critical that we understand exactly the stage of development that we will be producing. Human embryos at this stage are so small that you can't see them without the aid of a microscope.

"They have perhaps 200 cells. There is almost no differentiation into the different cell types.

"Now I think we would all agree that humans at any stage of their life deserve respect," Wilmut added.

"But ... because at this early stage the embryo does not have that key human characteristic of being aware, to me it would be immoral not to take this opportunity to study diseases."

The Roslin Institute is considering applying for a therapeutic cloning license but has not done so yet, spokesman Harry Griffin said. He added that the institute's internal ethics committee would first have to examine the application, and refused to speculate as to when the committee might reach a decision.

Science minister Lord Warner said any license application would be carefully considered by the HFEA.

Last year, the HFEA granted the Roslin Institute a license for human embryo stem cell research. The license permits the institute to carry out research on donated embryos created as a result of IVF treatment. It also allows researchers to create embryos by artificially stimulating donated human eggs in a process known as parthenogenesis — Greek for "virgin birth."

Dolly's birth in 1996 created an international sensation because although researchers had previously cloned sheep from fetal and embryonic cells, it was unknown whether an adult cell could reprogram itself to develop into a new being. Her arrival heightened concerns that human cloning was around the corner.

TEXAS NEWS AT A GLANCE

Restoration of San Jacinto Park stalled

HOUSTON (AP) — On this San Jacinto Day, the battle against time for the stately monument to Texas independence has suffered a setback.

Without state funding, the multimillion-dollar project to restore the San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park has stalled.

Texas voters in November 2001 approved $24.8 million to restore the park site much as it was on April 21, 1836, when the Texas Army defeated Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's troops to win independence from Mexico.

"Even though the voters gave us authorization to do it, the Legislature has to approve debt service," Jim Burton, senior project manager for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, which oversees the battleground park, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions. "Because of the tough fiscal setting last year, they did not do that. They opted not to issue the bonds for that."

Two and one-half years after voters' approval, just $1 million in bonds have been sold to fund the improvements. Those funds are paying for archaeology and hydrology work at the park.

Murder filed in death of boy found in oven

HOUSTON (AP) — A Beaumont man was formally charged with murder Tuesday in the death of a 6-year-old boy whose body was found in an oven.

Kenneth Lee Pierott, 27, is accused of killing Tre-Devin Odoms, who was left overnight in an oven at the boy's Beaumont home Thursday. The boy, the oldest son of Pierott's girlfriend, was found dead the next morning.

"Kenneth Lee Pierott, Jr. told (his brother) he placed Tre in the oven on 600 degrees and left him there all night," Sheila K. Barton, a detective with the Beaumont Police Department, said in an affidavit Tuesday. Police spokeswoman Crystal Holmes said the pilot light to the oven was not lit, and there was not a heat source to it. Burners on the stove top were on.

According to the court document, Pierott believed the child was "draining the life" from his 2-year-old son, Jacory, and "he needed to kill Trey so that Jacory could breathe."

DPS: Lab woes did not link wrong suspects

AUSTIN (AP) — Problems with DNA testing at Texas Department of Public Safety crime labs have not falsely linked suspects to crimes, a DPS official told a legislative panel investigating reports of mistakes at the labs.

Ron Urbanovsky, director of the DPS crime labs, told the House Committee on General Investigating that problems found in a series of audits in 2003 kept investigators from getting DNA profiles from old blood samples. Problems did not link the wrong person to a crime, he said.

Tuesday's hearing was the panel's first into the internal audits of DPS labs in Houston, Austin, El Paso, Garland, Lubbock, Corpus Christi, McAllen and Waco. A review by a Houston newspaper reported procedural flaws, security lapses and poor documentation.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: **Duane Murphree**
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time an din the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: April 13, 2004.

Lanny Hamby
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon is void of course most of the day, and you may feel like you just can't get in the mood for what's good for you, including exercise, hard work and planning. Forcing the issue is positively useless, so instead take the opportunity to ponder who you would be if you didn't have any of the usual roles to define yourself.


Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Political and social happenings encourage more neighborly communication. A loved one is giving all he or she can, believe it or not. If you want more from this person, you'll have to re-frame your needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Plans you made long ago may now seem frivolous. It's OK to cancel. Your time is your own. Don't feel pressured to just give it away. Return all phone calls this evening. Warm feelings toward an associate turn passionate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Use your strong imagination to adapt your style to suit any occasion — you find yourself invited to all of them. Fulfilling community obligations will bring a sense of well-being. Prosperous friends share good fortune; accept graciously.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life acts like a pop quiz. Until you take a test, you don't really know what you know. Libra draws out your intelligence. This evening, stifled emotions will start flowing again as life works to open up your channels of feeling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As far as you're concerned, instant gratification is the only kind. A business that caters to your "have it now" mentality gets your business big time. Be careful not to pay too much more for something just because you don't want to wait.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Politics are complex in the workplace. You could navigate it on your own, but why should you? Form a strong alliance. Capricorn and Leo are supportive and fill in the blank areas where you're less confident.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If someone continues to accuse you, it's because he or she is guilty. You'll make an important decision. If you have to part ways, it's only temporary. Love that was bitter will eventually become sweet with your new approach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your reputation gets you in the door; being backed by powerful people will put you on a fast track. You are learning to be more gracious, a trait that will also help you in personal and business matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's an agenda and a ticking clock that cannot be ignored. You believe you can do it all, and you have a good shot at proving it. Put away those credit cards tonight, when you're likely to spend for the wrong reasons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not so wrong to want to be publicly adored. Elaborate plans and generous notions are featured — be sure you are just as generous with yourself as you are with others, or even the best plans will fall flat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You yearn to express creative notions, and you're not the only one. Write love letters, make up poems, and sing your heart out; yes, it's a little much, but when everyone is acting this silly, who cares?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Authority and respect — you've got them both but may be afraid to use what you have because asserting yourself feels uncomfortable. Step up anyhow. You'll get used to the sensation, and people will still like you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jack Nicholson never misses a Los Angeles Lakers game. How's that for Taurus reliability? And as a consistently amazing performer, it seems like we can always count on Nicholson to deliver. But man cannot live on basketball and Oscars alone. He needs someone to count on, too — it's part of being a Taurus. This year, he could start up a relationship with a well-known Virgo.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need


KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I'm 17 years old and found out five months ago that I am pregnant. When I told my boyfriend, "Ryan," he panicked and said he never wanted to talk to me again. I was crushed, and scared about having this baby on my own.

A week later, my friend, "Dan," offered to step into the role of father. He said he would take care of the baby and that everyone would believe the baby was his. I agreed. We told my family and then his. During the last five months, Dan has come to my doctors' appointments and the Lamaze classes. I was happy and relieved that my child would have a father.

Two weeks ago, I came dangerously close to losing the baby. Ryan ended up rushing me to the hospital. When the baby was out of danger, Ryan told me that he'd changed his mind and now wanted to be the baby's father, no matter what.

I'm completely mixed up. I really think Dan would be the best father, but what about Ryan's rights? If I choose Ryan and he later abandons me, I know Dan would not come to my rescue again. What should I do? — Afraid in Iowa

Dear Iowa: You are too confused and too young to be making a lifetime commitment to either of these guys. You need more time to make the right choices for yourself and your baby. Also, please discuss the true situation with your parents, so they can be a source of support for you and your child.

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Dan sounds like a prince, but passing off your child as his is more complicated than you think, and the truth has a way of getting out. We don't think Ryan is mature enough to be a responsible partner. However, he should live up to his obligations as a father, so discuss child support and visitation with a lawyer.

Dear Annie: Is it ever appropriate for guests to enter another person's home through the garage? We have a perfectly usable paved walkway to our front door. I have a wreath on the door and plants and flowers on the porch. However, for some bizarre reason, any time our garage door is open, guests always come into the house through the garage and right into our kitchen.

I've tried comments such as, "Sorry it took me so long. I assumed you were at the front door," but they haven't gotten the hint. — Front Door in South Carolina

Dear S.C.: Some people assume an open door is an invitation to enter. They may even believe you prefer that they come through the garage, since you've made it so convenient. We say, keep your garage door closed. End of problem.

Dear Annie: I live in Alaska where people love to visit. We enjoy seeing our friends, but do not want to be used as a hotel and restaurant. We want our friends to stay somewhere else. What is the most polite way to handle this without hurting anyone's feelings? — Anchorage

Dear Anchorage: When friends tell you they are coming to your neck of the woods, say, "We hope we can see you while you're in town. Perhaps we can get together for dinner." That should make it clear.

Dear Readers: Today is Administrative Professionals Day (formerly known as National Secretary's Day). There are more than 4.1 million secretaries and administrative assistants working in the United States, and 8.9 million people working in various administrative support roles. More than 475,000 administrative professionals are employed in Canada and millions more in offices all over the world.

If you have assistants who make your job easier, today is a good time to let them know how much they are appreciated.

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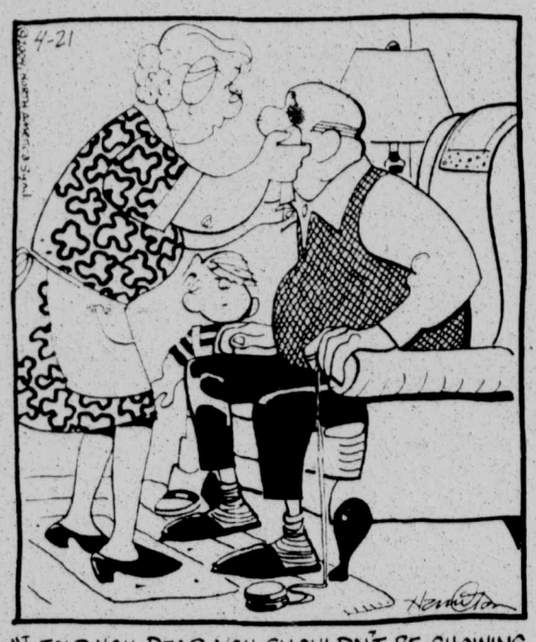
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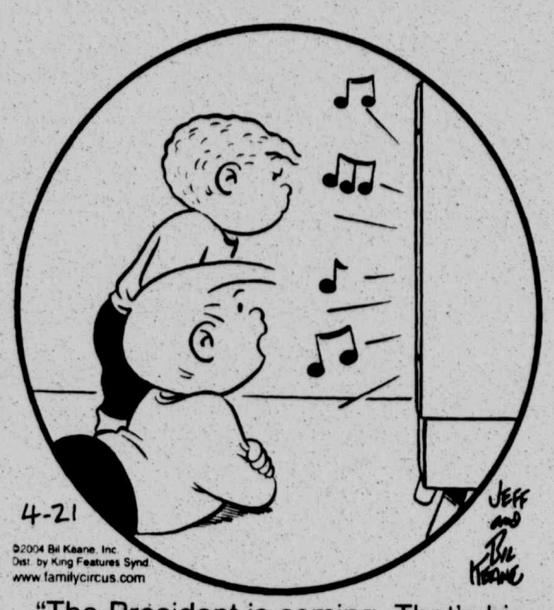
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12	AM 30	Live (CC) Oprah	Live (CC) Paid Program	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	(CC) Frasier (CC)	Stakeout (CC)	Update/Israel Joe McGee	" "	Seven Wonders Of...	12:15 Movie: Catch-22	Inside the NBA	Comicview "	Boy World Recess (CC)	NBA Fastbreak	SportsCenter (CC)	Nash Bridges (CC)	(CC) Movie: The

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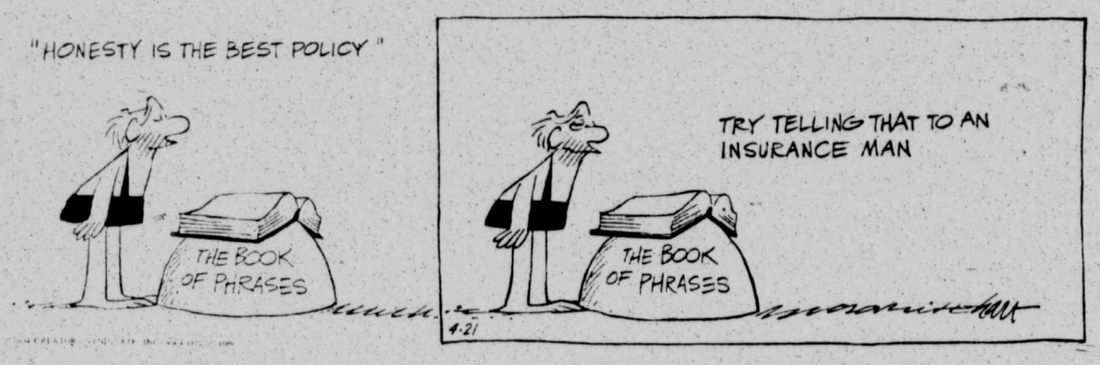
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 21, the 112th day of 2004. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the $64-question, "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

In 1977, the musical play "Annie" opened on Broadway.

In 1992, Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in 25 years as he was put to death in the gas chamber for the 1978 murder of two teenage boys.

Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives passed a $28 billion get-tough-on-crime bill by a vote of 285-141.

Today's Birthdays: Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick") is 89. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 78. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 72. Actor-turned-talk show host Charles Grodin is 69. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 57. Singer-songwriter Paul Davis is 56. Actress Patti LuPone is 55. Actor Tony Danza is 53. Actress Andie MacDowell is 46. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 45. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 45. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 41. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

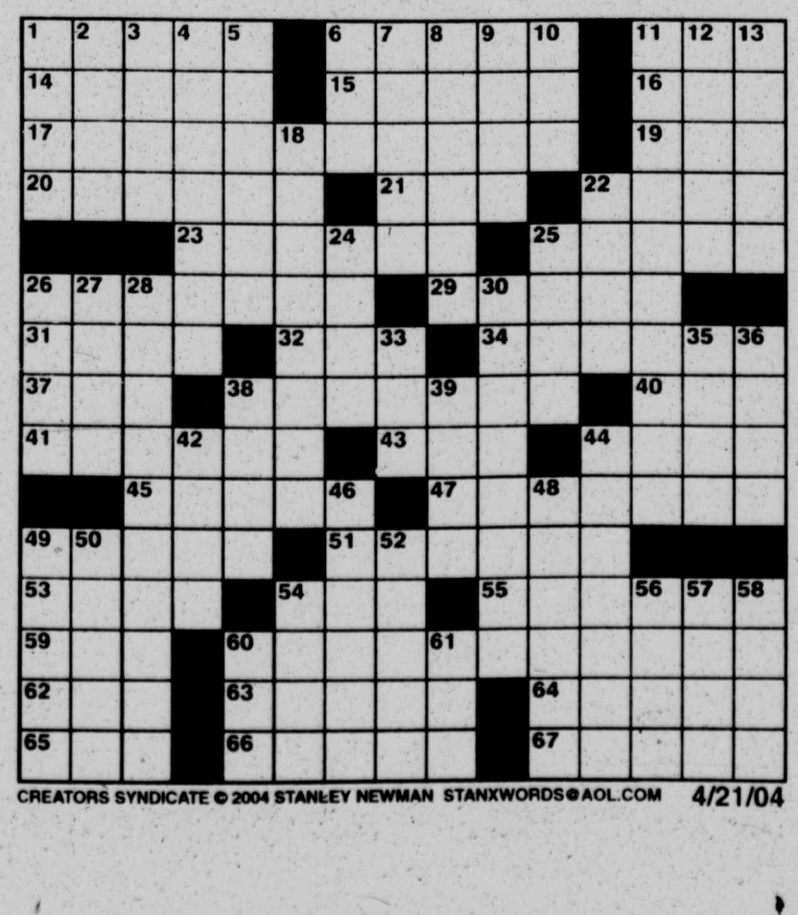
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Newsday Crossword

TRIVIALITIES by Robert H. Wolfe
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Place for buses
6 Clock-radio device
11 Floor cleaning need
14 Island near Venezuela
15 Mississippi sight
16 Levin or Gershwin
17 It's not important
19 Not wide: Abbr.
20 Dress size
21 Coal holder
22 Jaunty tune
23 Mark Twain's first name
25 Pert
26 Stylish restaurants
29 Immerse
31 Charitable donations
32 Poetic meadow
34 Sell out
37 Espionage grp.
38 Most steadfast
40 Winter buildup
41 Greeting words
43 Commotion
44 Some vaccines
45 Beer category
47 Treats badly
49 One of the Seven Dwarfs
51 Regard highly
53 Jug handles
54 Stephen of *Michael Collins*
55 Mexican treat
59 Jackie's second
60 Brat
62 '80s First Son
63 Actor Milo
64 Warble
65 Blasting letters
66 Untended, as a lawn
67 Ruby Dee's hubby

DOWN
1 A bit moist
2 Pennsylvania port
3 Fourth-down play
4 Orchestra members
5 Seafood sauce
6 Tavern serving
7 Leave alone
8 Is of use
9 Jockey's control
10 Tillis or Brooks
11 *Roots*, for one
12 Tough tests
13 Celebration
18 Take down
22 Hold out
24 Manipulative one
25 Birdseed ingredient
26 Giant of classical music
27 Nastase of tennis
28 Contract feature
30 Out-of-date
33 Drs.' org.
35 Land measure
36 Affirmative votes
38 One out of fashion
39 Emulate Perry White
42 Kissers
44 Vacation seasons
46 Gain canines
48 Result in
49 Nitty-gritty
50 Moses' brother
52 Filled up
54 Go up
56 Bird, to Brutus
57 Caron film
58 Model Macpherson
60 Despicable
61 Give, as odds



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