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BRIEFLY

Fish fry slated Saturday at AL Post

American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday from noon until 3 p.m.

Delivery begins at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7 and carry-outs are available.

For more information or to make an order, call 263-2084.

Parents Who Care to meet Thursday

Parents Who Care, a committee of Big Spring High School parents of the junior class, have scheduled a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS library for the May prom. Traditionally, the junior class parents host the senior prom. All junior class parents are invited.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



When Kris and John Driessen's Quilt Bus comes to town, it's a quilting bee on wheels.

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GOP may seat another candidate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the news that Precinct 1 county commissioner candidate Don Taylor made himself ineligible sinks in, local GOP officials are racing to find someone to stand in for Taylor in the November election.

Howard County Republican Party Chairperson Margarita Durand-Hollis said the search for another candidate to offer the voters is under way, but a solid decision seems to be

"He assured me what had happened wasn't intentional by any means."



Margarita Durand-Hollis
Republican Party chairman

more distant than party officials would like.

"We haven't decided who

will run in his place yet," she explained. "After I found out Mr. Taylor had been made ineligible, I contacted the executive committee and asked them to do some brainstorming so we can come up with someone who lives in that district."

"We only have one person on the committee that lives in Precinct 1, so he is trying to find out if there's someone that wants to run for that

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VOICES LIFTED HIGH



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes speaks to a crowd of around 250 people attending the Community Prayer Rally Tuesday night about several educational issues before leading the group in prayer.

Hundreds gather to pray for community awakening

By Marsha Sturdivant

Features Editor

About 250 people gathered Tuesday night in the Municipal Auditorium to pray for Big Spring and Howard County, led by community leaders and ministers.

"This is not an event; this is to encourage ongoing prayer for our community," said Everett Bender, one of the presenters at the gathering.

"In 1999, when we did the Jesus video project, we prayed for 300 people to help us distribute the 10,000 tapes we had. When we came together, after fasting and praying, we had 1,000 video missionaries," Bender said.

Bender also spoke about the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," which has sparked interest and controversy nationwide.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Rev. Wayne Frost, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, prays with a group of close to 250 people Tuesday night.

"The movie moved us, but how much has it changed us?" Bender asked.

The gathering began with

Mayor Russ McEwen's opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

Repentance was the focus of the Rev. Tim Dunn's message and prayer, which followed a duet performed by Suzanne Cranford and Kathy Highley.

"Repentance starts with my personal life. Repentance is to change, to be walking in one direction and to stop, turn around, realize you're wrong and to walk a different path," Dunn said.

"Forgive our sins and reveal to me those things I need to change," Dunn prayed.

"I believe we have let our teenagers down as adults, and we want to make Big Spring a place of hope. Thank you for second chances."

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Pension off-set topic before BSISD trustees

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Consideration of faculty contracts is one of a number of action items Big Spring Independent School District trustees will tackle Thursday during their monthly meeting.

"We have several resignations and retirements up for action and it's unfortunate because of a

change in the governmental pension off-set (GPO)," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes.

Downes said he expects many district employees, especially in the paraprofessional area, to retire or resign before the loophole in the pension off-set closes on July 1.

Retirees receiving a governmental pension do

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Babies will have an opportunity to crawl 'for the gold' at Health Fest

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

From a petting zoo to a beautiful baby contest and a crawl-a-thon, children's activities will be aplenty at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Health Fest 2004 Saturday.

Babies will take center stage at 10 a.m. to vie for the Beautiful Baby crown, a competition which will be held in the hospital's

What: Health Fest 2004.

Where: Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Malone and Hogan Clinic and the hospital grounds.

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Admission: Free.

first floor training classroom.

"My judges are going to have their arms full,"

said contest coordinator Donna Mills. "We've had quite a few registrations."

The tiny contestants will be split into two categories, ages zero to 12 months and 13 months to 18 months, and rated on four areas — smile, cuteness, personality and eyes.

Judges will then tally the overall score of each

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Herald file photo

The Convention & Visitors Bureau has voted to join a 700-mile windmill tourism trail.

TOURISM?

The answer, my friend, may be blowin' in the wind

Special to the HERALD

Big Spring's big wind is big news. Capitalizing on increasing car travel in the plains region of Oklahoma and Texas, a consortium of cities, businesses, and agencies has launched a travel project that interprets the history of wind energy along a 700-mile route.

Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Texas American Power got into the act when the CVB committee voted to join the project.

Windmills and barbed wire were responsible for widespread settlement of the High Plains, and giant wind farms now promise to play an equally important role as a source of renewable energy. The historic, cultural, and scientific tale of wind will be wrapped up in an interpretive driving route, made accessible to car and RV travelers in the form of a map, an audio CD, and a Web site.

"This is one more piece in the tourism puzzle that West Texas is putting together," said Barbara Brumley, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau coordinator. "Big Spring is on the state wildlife trail and on the state's historical Plains Trail map as well. These wind turbines are objects of interest and attraction for people just driving by, and the trail

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Barbara Brumley,
Big Spring CVB



Obituaries

J. B. Ward



J. B. Ward, 82, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Interment will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

He was born on March 6, 1922, in Eufaula, Okla. He married Verda Lee Fox and she preceded him in death after 44 years of marriage. He then married Wanda Lee McDonald on Dec. 2, 1990, in Big Spring.

Mr. Ward came to Big Spring in 1952 from Colorado City and had worked for Caldwell Electric as a hole driller, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and had served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Lee Ward of Big Spring; two sons, Joe Ward and Billy Ward, both of Big Spring; two step daughters, Rebecca Farley of Gilbertsville, Ky., and Evelyn Knight of Evansville, Ind.; one brother, L. E. Ward of Colorado City; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

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

Marvin Hanson



Marvin "Mutt" Hanson, 89, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 27, 1914, in Big Spring, and married Pauline Scott on April 12, 1942, in Midland. She preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 2002.

A lifelong resident of Big Spring, Mr. Hanson had worked for Howard County for 33 years as a heavy equipment operator, retiring in 1979 from the road department. He was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Lavell and Gloria Hanson of Hobbs, N.M., and Dwaine Hanson of Longview; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Hanson.

The family suggests memorials to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth, Big Spring, 79720, or to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Road I-20, Big Spring, 79720.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 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

Angel Torres II

Angel Torres II, infant son of Angelina Neighbors and Angel Torres, of Big Spring, died on Monday, March 15, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith, officiating.

Angel was born on March 15, 2004, in Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Destiny Neighbors, and one brother, David Morales, both of the home; his maternal grandparents, Tina and Joe Angel; his paternal grandparents, Joe Jr. and Nora Torres, and his paternal great grandfather, Joe Torres Sr., all of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. 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

Take note

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion Of The Christ"? 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.

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Mary Merle Grace Haygood

Mary Merle Grace Haygood, 88, of Valrico, Fla., died Sunday, March 7, 2004. A reception was held on March 9 at Serenity Meadows Funeral Home in Brandon, Fla. Graveside service and interment is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Mrs. Grace was born in Schleicher County on Jan. 21, 1916, to John Melton Choate and Cora Zaid Gibbs. The Choate family moved to Big Spring in 1920 as early settlers during the town's "boom" years.

Merle graduated from Big Spring High School in 1934 and attended business colleges in San Angelo and Abilene.

She married Herman Russell Haygood of Fort Worth in 1938 in Colorado City. Merle began raising a family in 1947 after Herman returned from serving in World War II. After a military tour in England, they settled in Annadale, Va., in 1957. After his death in 1991, she moved to Valrico, Fla.

She was the last surviving child of John and Cora Choate. She was preceded in death by her sisters Jewell Lee, Emma Mayme and Ellen Elise and brothers, John Harold, William Wyatt, Jim Melvin, Samuel Clifton Curtis, Reuben, Chester Earl and George Cauble.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Prudente of Valrico, Fla; her son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Tammy Haygood of Parker, Colo.; three grandchildren; and nephews and nieces, Wade and Toni Choate, Carrol and Joyce Choate, Sonny and Eunice Choate, Dené Choate Sheppard, Bobby and Marjie Hill and Clela Hill Britton.

Police blotter

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

- **THOMAS GARCIA**, 31, of 108 Circle, was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants.
- **LUZ JUAREZ**, 39, of Stanton, was arrested Tuesday on 11 local traffic warrants.
- **JOSEPH MOCEIKA**, 23, of 100 Canyon, was arrested Tuesday on five local traffic warrants.
- **FONDA BOGGS**, 48, of Graham, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- **JOSE TORRES**, 18, of Mexico, was arrested Tuesday and charged with no drivers license.
- **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 18, of 1811 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Nolan.
 - in the 1700 block of Settles.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ROBERTO A. TARIN**, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- **SHANNON DARRELL BEDFORD**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a sentencing for a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended.
- **DAVID YOUNG**, 66, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- **GREGG MARTINEZ**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **FONDA LEDBETTER**, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **PETROLEUM FIRE** was reported in the are of South Salem Road.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 3300 block of Oasis Road.

□ **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.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at the Industrial Park.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. West winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 80. Light winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Light winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night and Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night and Monday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 3, 28, 45, 49 and 51. The Mega Ball number was 52.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-18-30. Bonus Ball: 25. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$1,000,000. Winning ticket sold in: Dripping Springs. Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-9-15-20. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$38,422. Winning tickets sold in: Rowlett. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-8

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map will give them information as well as an opportunity to tour the wind farm.

"That's our sales opportunity — to show them all the other things they can do here as well, because when you're touring from California to the East Coast, a few extra hours or an extra day isn't all that much," she added.

Participating communities hope that the map and CD will entice travelers to spend a little more time in their town, maybe

rounding out their visit with a meal, some shopping and a good experience that will make them want to return.

Business partners are hoping the trail will help publicize wind energy. State and local agencies are using the trail as a way to foster economic development in rural towns, create interstate relationships, help small communities work with large ones, and deliver new tourism "product" to the region.

The project is designed to coincide with the annual International Windmill Fair, held this June in Shattuck, Okla. The event

attracts windmill enthusiasts from all over the world and will be a showcase for the other communities on the trail. The trail now includes stops in Lawton, Norman, Elk City, Woodward, Shattuck, Spearman, Wheeler, White Deer, Canyon, Plainview, Littlefield, Lubbock and Granbury. "Right-of-way" windmills — those observable from the road — will also be included on the map.

This is the first large-scale cooperative tourism project between Oklahoma and Texas, and the participation of Big Spring is seen as an

important stop along the way.

"We have trail stops in Lubbock and at the Aerometer windmill factory in San Angelo. Big Spring was a natural with its commercial wind farm," said trail developer Seth Davidson. "It will serve as a stopping point for folks headed towards San Angelo and will be an important stop for getting travelers off the Interstate. I'm convinced that once they slow down to look at the farm, they'll be attracted to some of the other great things this city has to offer, from the Heritage Museum to the Big

Spring itself. And you couldn't ask for a nicer Main Street USA atmosphere."

"People stop to look all the time, and we'd love to be able to offer them guided tours," said Kathy Lusk, contracted tour guide for Texas American Power.

"It promotes the use of wind energy and is a bonus to the landowners as well. It's win-win, or should I say wind-wind?" Davidson agrees.

"Travelers are curious, but they need a reason to stop and they need reassurance that it's a good reason. Detailed driving directions, links to relat-

ed activities, information about shopping and lodging are all part of the picture. That's why the map has spaces on it to get stamped, so that trail travelers can get discounts or other bonuses that make them feel like it's fun and it's saving them a dollar or two," Davidson said.

In late May the trail has its official kickoff in Granbury at the Windmill Farm B&B. A media tour and other activities will coincide with the grand opening. For more information check <http://www.windpower-trail.com>, or e-mail seth@wildsteps.com.

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office."

Taylor was disqualified from the November general election because he voted in the Democratic Party Primary.

"He voted in both primaries, but the fact that he voted in the Democratic Primary is what makes him ineligible," said County Clerk Donna Wright. According to the Secretary of State's Office, declared candidates must vote within the party in which they declare.

Durand-Hollis said the news of Taylor's ineligibility came as a shock to her and fellow Republican officials, but as the old saying goes, the show must go on.

"Donna Wright, the Howard County clerk, gave me the news," said Durand-Hollis. "Of course I thought that was so sad because he seemed like a wonderful candidate. I tried to contact him to

give him the news, and ended up having to leave a message at his business."

"He was shocked. He told me that he wasn't political-type person, but he had been trying to learn about the political procedures through a handbook that Donna had given him. He assured me what had happened wasn't intentional by any means. He was very upset."

Taylor was uncontested in his Republican bid for county commissioner. He was to have faced Democratic nominee and incumbent Emma Puga Brown in November. Brown received the Democratic nomination by defeating challenger Yolanda Mendoza 328 votes to 160.

Durand-Hollis said the similarities between Taylor's drop from the

race and a comparable situation that arose during the 2000 sheriff's race that made Democratic candidate Javier Bacerra ineligible, point to a much more enlightening concept.

"It sort of gives you the feeling politics are like a puzzle," she laughed. "All of a sudden you find a piece that fits perfectly, and you have to wonder why you didn't see that piece all along. It gives you a glimpse of how providence is really the ruler. You can do all the things you want to do, but there's a higher authority that organizes things."

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not necessarily qualify for any Social Security spousal benefits.

The spouse's benefits aspect of the Social Security program was intended for women and men who were financially dependent on their husbands or wives, who worked at jobs covered by Social Security.

The GPO reduces Social Security spouse's or widow's benefits by two-thirds of the amount of the government pension.

There is an exemption to this rule, which is the focus of the July 1 change.

Any state, local or military service employee whose current government pension is based on a job where he or she was

paying Social Security taxes on the last day of employment is exempt.

BSISD, like most Texas public school districts, does not pay into the Social Security system, Downes explained. In order to qualify for this exemption, many district employees resign from Big Spring and "work" for one day in one of the few districts that do pay into the system.

But as of July 1, employees working after this date will have to have

paid into the system for at least five years in order to qualify. This does not impact those already receiving retirement. Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

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FREE ADMISSION

Open House

- ★ Alfonso Preciado, M.D.
- ★ Erich Byerly, M.D.
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- ★ Fakhar "Frank" Ijaz, M.D.
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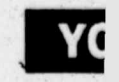
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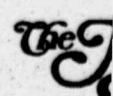
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OUR VIEWS

Let's help clean up our memorial this Saturday

Our city is about to go on display. In a little more than a week, Big Spring can expect many, many travelers — thousands, we hope — to visit the Moving Wall. A half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Moving Wall will be on display here from March 27 through noon on April 2.

The Moving Wall will be set up on the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial — the same spot where it was erected in 1987. In fact, as most Howard County residents are aware, it was the impact the Moving Wall had on veterans and their families that led to construction of our own Vietnam Memorial.

This Saturday, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is asking for help in cleaning up trash around the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, including the site where the Moving Wall will be erected. Clean-up will begin about 9 a.m. Trash bags will be provided for those who need them. Or, as clean up committee member Pat Simmons pointed out, there will probably be plenty of plastic bags caught in weeds and tree branches available along your way.

Seriously, this is a worthwhile endeavor for individuals, groups and families. It's a wonderful tool to use to teach our children about volunteerism, care of property and respect for our veterans.

It won't take more than a few minutes of your time Saturday. Obviously, the more people who pitch in, the faster the area can be cleaned.

Let's all help out this weekend and make sure that the visitors who come to our city the following weekend will be impressed, not only with the memorial and the Moving Wall, but with the pride we take in our community.

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Bettye McRae: Sweetwater's frugal writer

Bettye Martin McRae of Sweetwater has written seven books. BRONC IN THE PARLOR was her first one.

"That's about my daddy who pulled all kinds of shenanigans while training horses," says Bettye. "He used to bring horses into our house to show how gentle they were. That turned into a trilogy. Cow in the Kitchen is about Mama getting back at Daddy. She realized a lifetime dream when she was cast in the movie, Semi-Tough. Bath in a Number Three Wash tub is about my brother and me living on the farm six miles east of Sweetwater."

Bettye has lived on that place since 1991.

"I try to live without much money like Mama and Daddy did. I lived for a year on less than \$300 a month just to see if I could do it. I didn't turn on my electric stove or anything. I cut my own wood for my wood-burning stove, which I cooked on during the winter."



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Then I cooked on the outside barbecue grill during the summer. I've got chickens and goats and deer. I eat a lot of venison. I bartered and traded everything I needed. And still I had time to go on trail rides with my mules and wagon."

Bettye has been an executive secretary and teacher, but found those jobs boring because they were within four walls. She likes outside work and has washed windows, done yard work and farmed. Although she has written since 1972, she got serious about writing in 1995.

"I ran away from the pioneer life when I was young. I wanted to be a runway model and wanted to see the world. I was a John Robert Powers model at the Apparel Mart in Dallas, married a military man and saw the world."

She was a displaced housewife living in Garland when she decided to move back to the home place.

"There were things happening in the big city that I didn't like, so I packed up and left. My daughter is living with me now. She's working on her Ph.D."

Bettye does her own book printing and binding. Her latest book,

Wellness Walk Ye In It, is an ebook, which can be read on the Internet.

It's about her recovery from an illness.

"They wanted to put me in a wheel chair in 1974 and I didn't have time for that. I had a houseful of kids to raise. I began journaling, writing about how I felt after eating certain things. I started seeing a pattern and discovered that if I ate certain things I got sick. Now I'm 70 years old and have no aches and pains. At 41, they told me it was just my age that was making me feel bad. I thought something was wrong with that. Writing cured me."

Her other books are Texas Tawlk, about phrases and witticisms she grew up with, the first version of Wellness Walk Ye In It, then The Ladder of Success is Strung With Barbed Wire, containing some of her newspaper columns.

Cartoonist Ace Reid illustrated her first four books. She's now working on a book about mules. She uses mules to plow.

All her stories are true.

"The truth, well told, is always better than fiction."

MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER CLINIC



If you are what you eat, then sue

The House of Representatives voted 276 to 139 to pass the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act — also known as the "cheeseburger bill" — to prohibit overweight Americans from suing the food industry for their avoidupois. Given that a 2003 Gallup Poll found that 89 percent of Americans don't believe in blaming the fast-food industry for obesity, you'd think the bill is unnecessary.

I take this vote as Washington's way of recognizing that in America a bad idea, given enough time, will gain support, take root and become law. If there's one value that has been eroded in America, it is the belief in personal responsibility. Hence the House vote.

Consider tobacco lawsuits. For years, juries rejected the suits filed by smokers seeking damages from cigarette companies on the grounds that smokers knew the habit was risky. But after plaintiff lawyers were able to establish that Big Tobacco covered up bad news on smoking, juries found a strong pretense to rule against manufacturers.

The war against Big Mac has begun — even though it is no corporate secret that fast food is fattening. Last year, a federal judge dismissed a New York suit filed by two overweight teenagers who claimed McDonald's hid health risks associated with Big Macs and chicken McNuggets. But there's always another day.

As Mike Burita of the food industry's Center for Consumer Freedom noted, anti-tobacco lawyers eventually won by filing lawsuits, and then more lawsuits, across the country until finally one jury broke the tide.

Bryan Malenius — an aide for Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., who authored the cheeseburger bill — said that his boss believes anti-

food lawsuits will fail. Still, Malenius admitted, "You can't imagine that there's not a judge and a jury somewhere in the country that is going to enable (anti-fast-food lawyers) to win the lawsuit that opens up the floodgates."

John F. Banzhaf III will be there. A law professor at Georgetown University, Banzhaf is America's biggest booster when it comes to suing Big Food.

I asked Banzhaf how someone could overeat fast food to the point of obesity and then sue the chain. His answer: "Under the law, the fact that person voluntarily undertook an activity and even was negligent doesn't bar them from recovery if there was some wrongdoing on the other side."

What wrongdoing? No one can accuse Banzhaf of lacking creativity.

"In many of these situations, the plaintiffs are going to be children," said the professor. Aren't parents responsible? His answer, in essence: Kids can sue when their parents roll an SUV. They can sue when their parents feed them supersize meals.

Banzhaf argued that fast-food chains have an obligation to warn consumers. That's right: They have an obligation to tell people what people have to know.

In particular, Banzhaf believes burger chains should have to display calories, fat content and other nutritional information on menu boards, next to the prices. It's not enough to put that information on the wrapper — because Banzhaf argues people should see the numbers before they order. It doesn't matter that one cheeseburger can't make you fat.

When Burita told me that Banzhaf wants to require nutritional labels so that lawyers can sue if the information might mislead, I told Burita he was exaggerating. But Banzhaf cited kids' food products that offer the percentage of recommended fat intake for adults as an example of the type of behavior that would invite a lawsuit.

Banzhaf also advocates a prominent warning like this: "Warning.

Eating fattening food frequently can lead to obesity and double your risk of a heart attack." That is, he is arguing that if fast-food joints don't chase customers away, their customers can sue.

Banzhaf even invoked the addiction card when he said he knew scientists who believe fattening foods are addictive. Addiction, that's legalese for "jackpot."

So as America gets wider, the nation's personal ethics are under-exercised. It doesn't matter if, over time, people's bodies are telling them to eat less. It doesn't matter if the media constantly hector the public on the dangers of over-eating and junk food. It doesn't matter that lack of exercise is a big factor in the thickening of America.

Washington, D.C., Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton complained in The Washington Post, "We're talking about a public health problem for which our government has not taken responsibility." Actually, Uncle Sam has begun airing TV ads telling Americans to exercise more. But if individuals won't take responsibility for their weight gain, why should their government?

Do you want to put warning labels on televisions, I asked Banzhaf, to warn people that excessive television viewing might lead to lack of exercise and thereby contribute to obesity?

No, Banzhaf answered, "As with anything else, you can carry a good idea to an extreme."

A good idea? So it's a good idea to overeat, under-exercise and then, on the dubious grounds that you had no idea how you got fat — and shouldn't be expected to know — sue a fast-food chain? Only in America.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Big operation launched in Baghdad

U.S. and Iraqi military forces backed by helicopters and armored vehicles launched a big operation in Baghdad on Wednesday, raiding suspected rebel hideouts in an effort to weed out insurgents and capture illegal weapons.

The campaign comes a day after gunmen killed two Europeans working on a water project. On Monday, assailants shot to death four American missionaries also working on a water project, suggesting the insurgents are going after civilians as a means of undermining reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

The new operation is called "Iron Promise" and is expected to involve thousands of U.S. troops from the Fort Hood, Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division, which has recently arrived in Iraq, and the outgoing Germany-based 1st Armored Division. Scores of Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers are also involved.

A German and a Dutch national were killed in a drive-by shooting near the town of Mussayab, 45 miles south of Baghdad on Tuesday, officials said. Their Iraqi driver and a police officer also were killed, and two police were wounded.

Haiti's new leader forms government

Haiti's U.S.-backed leader formed an interim government that excludes ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas Party, one that still commands a formidable following.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue's 13-member Cabinet was to be sworn in Wednesday, aides to Latortue said after a meeting with President Boniface Alexandre, who temporarily assumed the post after Aristide fled on Feb. 29.

Locking Lavalas out of the government risked further polarizing this Caribbean nation shaken by a rebellion and Aristide's sudden departure under U.S. and French pressure, warned Latortue's predecessor, Yvon Neptune.

"There should at least be a sincere expression of accepting Lavalas as an organization," Neptune said in a telephone interview Tuesday before the Cabinet announcement. "The plan was to try to set the stage for reconciliation."

After Neptune resigned on March 10, Latortue had pledged to include members of Lavalas in a unity government.

Latortue had no immediate comment.

Man facing death penalty

A man accused of shooting nine family members at his home last week was charged with murder and could face the death penalty if convicted.

The charges against Marcus Wesson were outlined by prosecutors in a document filed with the court Tuesday and were to be formally read at his arraignment Wednesday.

Wesson, 57, is accused of shooting a 25-year-old woman and eight children Friday before he surrendered. Authorities said he was being held on \$9 million bail.

Police have not disclosed a motive but said that Wesson may have engaged in incest and polygamy. Officers were called to the scene when several of the children's mothers were unable to take their children away from him.

Authorities said Wesson appeared to wield absolute authority over his household and his large clan. The women would walk dutifully behind him in dark robes, did not speak in his presence and apparently worked to support him. The children were home-schooled because he did not trust public education.

Woman charged with murder

Prosecutors pursuing murder charges against a woman whose unborn twin was stillborn after she refused a Caesarean section said her alleged drug use during pregnancy would be a factor in the case.

On Tuesday, authorities dropped a child endangerment charge related to the surviving baby, who prosecutors say was born with drugs in her system.

Deputy District Attorney Kent Morgan said the dismissal would make it easier to prosecute Melissa Ann Rowland for death of the stillborn twin.

Rowland, jailed since shortly after the Jan. 13 deliveries, pleaded not guilty to criminal homicide Monday. Her attorney, Michael Sikora, has declined to comment.

Prosecutors claim Rowland, 28, refused medical advice to undergo a C-section, and as a result one of her twins was stillborn. They said she did not want a scar from the surgery.

Rowland has denied using drugs while pregnant and said she was never told she required emergency surgery. She consented to the C-section the day the twins were delivered and said she had previous deliveries by C-section.

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contestant to determine the first through third places in each category. Winners will receive gift cards, ribbons and sashes.

Following the Beautiful Baby contest, slightly older contestants will take to the floor, literally, to contend for the Baby Crawl-A-Thon championship.

"Basically, the babies will start at one end and crawl to their parents," Mills explained. "Whoever gets there first wins."

Winners will receive ribbons and gift cards.

Entry forms are available at the volunteer desk and operator's desk, both

located in the front lobby of the hospital, or in Women's Services, located on the second floor.

Entries will be taken until 15 minutes before the first contest begins. For more information about either competition, call Mills at 268-4550.

SMMC is not waiting until Saturday to include children in its Health Fest, however. Howard County public schools and Hillcrest Day Care are participating in a coloring contest.

"Since Easter is coming, the art is in that theme," said contest coordinator Beverly Grant. "Judging will be held on Friday. On Saturday, we will display as much of the art as possible throughout the building. We're expecting about 1,000 pieces."

First through third winners will be designated in four categories — pre-kindergarten through kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth grades and fifth and sixth grades.

Health Fest 2004 will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the ground floor of the hospital and Malone-Hogan Clinic and promises to be filled with a variety of events for everyone.

During the day, the hospital grounds will be filled with displays and demonstrations from medical helicopters, Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring EMS and Big Spring Police Department. Texas Trauma Awareness will display a vehicle rollover simulator.

Woman who attempted suicide dies

HERALD Staff Report

A woman who attempted suicide Monday near Salem Road in eastern Howard County died Tuesday afternoon at Midland Memorial Hospital, after the decision was made to disconnect life support systems.

According to sheriff's office officials, the report

of a woman lying on the railroad tracks with a gunshot wound to the head came from an engineer on a Union Pacific train traveling near the scene. Big Spring Fire Department paramedics arrived on the scene shortly after and began administering aid to the woman, who was barely hanging on to life.

Because of the remote location and problems emergency vehicles were having traversing the soft sand near the scene, an air ambulance was called to the scene. The woman was flown to Midland Memorial Hospital, and according to Howard County Sheriff Officials, was placed on life support systems.

PRAYER

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Jackie Henry's performance of "Amazing Grace" brought several members of the audience to their feet. Henry encouraged the audience to join in the last verse of the song.

Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker spoke and prayed for the safety and strength of the country's military troops. The Rev. Carroll Kohl addressed the needs of the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

"It may seem selfish to pray for an institution, but we are not praying for the 400-plus individuals employed at the VA, nor for the economic impact it has for our community. We pray for those we serve, who have served us," Kohl said.

John Weeks, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president, spoke about the need for friendly businesses and a city with good values. Rob Haney represented the agricultural industry, both farmers and ranchers, and thanked God for the recent rains.

"I had heard several years ago that our rain was on back order. Well, I think our back order has finally come in," Haney said.

"Thank you for the rain, and also the sunshine. This is a great place to live, and we thank you for the blessing we share in this country. We pray for change to take place in our community, our country and our city, and for a lot of products to be yielded from your soil. And we thank you for the men here who organized this and took the time to

pray," Haney said.

Municipal Judge Tim Green focused his presentation on prayer for elected officials, and said those elected to office are required to put aside their personal agendas and to put God in front.

"May the candidates run this year on their strength and not on the short comings of their opponents," Green prayed.

A 15-minute video portrayed a "city of churches," a community in Guatemala that united in prayer and increased economic prosperity by 1,000 percent, and decreased crime so much that all four of its jails were closed.

The King's Men, a choir from College Baptist Church, performed.

The Rev. Sam Segundo closed the evening with prayer for all believers.

A second opportunity for community-wide prayer is set for May 6 at 7 p.m., part of a continuing effort to unite the community, Segundo said. Sue Howell, an interdenominational Christian, said she enjoyed the evening.

"I think this is great. I've been visiting different churches since I moved to Big Spring, and I will come to the next prayer meeting, if I'm able," Howell said.

A Web site, www.hcchurch.com, established to assist local believers, serves as a community tool that will allow everyone access to current prayer requests and information.

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New mysteries have arrived at the Howard County Library. To see what's new, check the New Book shelf or the New Booklist binder at the Circulation Desk. Diana Gabaldon is known for her "Outlander"

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novels, and now she is a mystery writer. Her first is "Lord John and the Private Matter" which takes place in 1757 in Merrie Old England. He is a major in His Majesty's Army and is assigned to investigate the murder of a comrade-in-arms who might just be a traitor. Sounds like a great new series. Another mystery that takes place in medieval times is Sharon Kay Penman's DeQuincy series. Justin DeQuincy is sent on a mission to retrieve gold from the Welsh mountains. "Dragon's Lair" takes place in July 1137.

King Richard the Lionhearted is being held for ransom in a German castle. Queen Eleanor is collecting gold to ransom him. Prince John is plotting to keep Richard in prison. Talk about dysfunctional families! We have the whole series of the DeQuincy series.

Susan Conant is known for her "dog" mysteries and the latest in the

series is "Bride & Groom." Holly Winter is finally marrying Steve Delaney, her veterinarian. But will the wedding come off?

Alice Blanchard's newest book is "The Breathtaker." A howling funnel cloud roars down the prairie and into Promise, Okla. The twister shreds homes and businesses and yes, even bodies. Police Chief Charlie Grover finds three mutilated bodies in the wreckage of a farmhouse. Through solid police work, he discovers that they were savagely murdered. But how did the murderer know that the twister was coming? This sounds extremely interesting.

Some new reference books have been received. "Howard Garrett's Texas Trees" (REF 635.977 GRA H) can be used in the library to research trees for your local landscape needs. One that you can check out is "Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs of Texas" (582.130 TUL D) by Delena Tull and George Oxford Miller.

Jane Pattie has written a definitive book on "Cattle Brands: Ironclad Signatures" (REF 636.208 PAT J). It contains photos of early ranch life, history of branding in Texas and brands that have been recorded in both Texas and other states. Did you know that renowned chief Quanah Parker had a brand and rode fence for Tom Waggoner?

In "Warrior Woman," a

prequel to his stirring 1989 novel of Tecumseh, "Panther in the Sky," James Alexander Thom joins with his wife, Dark Rain, in writing an enlightening saga of the lesser-known Shawnee Indian chief, Nonhelema.

In 1774, Nonhelema and her brother are trying to convince their tribe to make peace with the Virginians, who are threatening Shawnee villages. The tribe votes instead for war, the first of many decisions separating Nonhelema, a convert to Christianity, from her people. Drawing on the writings of Justin Case, an early nineteenth-century officer and physician, the Thoms have vibrantly enriched the chief's story, keeping alive a remarkable figure from a painful period in American history.

Are you a fan of American Idol? We have "I Don't Mean to be Rude, But..." (780.237 COW S) by Simon Cowell. It is full of backstage gossip and the secrets that can make you a star! I don't think I have ever watched American Idol or any of the survivor shows. Humorist Dave Barry has a new book out titled "Boogers Are My Beat" (814.54 BAR D). He will give you the real scoop on outwitting smart kitchen appliances, RV camping in the Wal-Mart parking lot and the truth about the Dakotas, the Lone Ranger and Feng Shui.

"An Imperfect God: George Washington, His

Slaves and the Creation of America" (973.410 WIE H) by Henry Wiencek examines Washington's equivocation towards slavery. Thomas Jefferson is revered as our apostle of liberty, yet when he died deeply in debt, he had made no provision for the emancipation of his slaves, and many were sold and families scattered. George Washington was conservative, authoritarian, and aristocratic in outlook and demeanor, yet he strongly emphasized in his will that his slaves were to be freed, despite opposition from his family. Wiencek, a Virginia historian, studies Washington's moral struggle with the institution of slavery. As Wiencek's fascinating and often emotionally wrenching examination of Washington's private correspondence reveals, he expressed distaste for slavery as a young man. But like many similarly minded Virginia planters, he was not prepared to advocate emancipation. As commander of the Continental Army, Washington was deeply moved by the sight of black slaves and free men fighting alongside whites, which seems to have accelerated his personal opposition to what he regarded as a curse. Unfortunately, like Jefferson, his personal opposition could not spur him to lead a public campaign that might have spared the nation the horrors to come. This is a review by Jay Freeman

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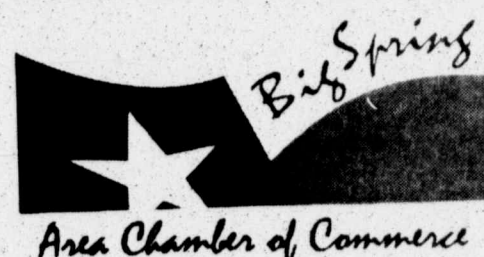
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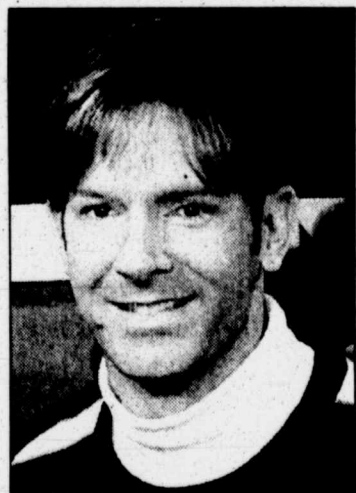
Dr. Samuel Lyndon Gladden has been promoted to the rank of associate professor and has been granted tenure at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

A native of Big Spring, Gladden graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986. He is the son of L.K. and Helen Gladden, long-time educators in the Big Spring school system.

His first book,

"Shelley's Textual Seductions: Plotting Utopia in the Erotic and Political Works," was published by Routledge in 2002.

Gladden has been invited to deliver a lecture next week to the Oxford Round Table, and while he is in England he will be completing research for his new book on Oscar Wilde's play "The Importance of Being Earnest," which is under contract with Broadview Press.



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IN BRIEF

Umpires needed for upcoming season

The Big Spring Girls' Softball Association is currently seeking individuals interested in umpiring games.

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

Longhorns to host 'Warm up Tourney'

The Longhorns softball team will be hosting the "First of the Year Warm-Up Tournament" Saturday and Sunday at Stanton Park.

Deadline for teams to enter is Wednesday. Entry fee is \$120 per team.

For more information contact Sally Grant at 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

Lady Steers to host Lubbock Monterey

The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to action Friday when they entertain Lubbock Monterey.

The Lady Steers come into the game at 18-2-1 on the softball season.

CGA to hold 4-person event on March 28

The Chicano Gold Association will hold its 4-Person Select Drive event on March 28 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The public is invited to participate.

Owens gets wish to play for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terrell Owens got his wish to play for the Eagles, following a settlement reached before an arbitrator could rule on the star receiver's case to become a free agent.

The Eagles sent a fifth-round draft pick to Baltimore and defensive end Brandon Whiting to San Francisco. The Ravens got back the second-round pick they sent to the 49ers for Owens.

Owens, who spent eight seasons with San Francisco, was supposed to become a free agent March 3. But his agent, David Joseph, failed to file papers voiding the final years of his contract by a Feb. 21 deadline.

Henson signs 8-year pact with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Quarterback Drew Henson signed an eight-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys, the latest step in his transition from baseball to football.

Henson's agent, Tom Condon of IMG Football, said the contract will be submitted Wednesday to the NFL Management Council for its approval.

The Cowboys gave the Houston Texans a third-round pick in 2005 in exchange for Henson.

Henson is guaranteed \$3.5 million and can become a free agent after four seasons.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule			
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Mavericks vs. Phoenix	7 p.m.	1490	
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Hawks vs. Odessa (baseball)	2 p.m.	1490	

Florida A&M routs Lehigh in play-in game

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The NCAA tournament's only team with a losing record is moving up its bracket. Terrence Woods, the nation's most prolific 3-point shooter, found his touch in the second half Tuesday, leading Florida A&M to a 72-57 victory over Lehigh in the play-in game.

The Rattlers (15-16) will make the one-hour drive to Columbus for a first-round game Friday against Kentucky, hoping to do much better than their three

play-in predecessors.

Northwestern State, Siena and North Carolina-Asheville fell hard in their first-round games against top seeds, losing by an average of 26 points.

To make matters worse, two of Florida A&M's guards ended the game with noticeable limps. Woods bruised his thigh in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic tournament title game Saturday, and

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Tech: Time for Giles to step up

By **BRIAN DAVIS**

The Dallas Morning News

BUFFALO, N.Y. — An ice bag covers Robert Tomaszek's fractured right foot, and the 6-9 Polish forward wears a frustrated, hangdog expression.

This is not how the Texas Tech senior wanted to experience March Madness — wincing in

pain with every step.

But Tomaszek stops massaging his foot and bolts upright when asked about junior Devonnie Giles. The 6-8 transfer has received scant attention all season, but the NCAA Tournament is Giles' time to shine, Tomaszek said. The Red

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Big Spring High School senior Timmi Blackshear, center, signed Tuesday afternoon to play volleyball with Cedar Valley College. Beside Blackshear are her parents, Tim and Terri Blackshear, with Lady Steers Volleyball Coach Revis Daggett in the back.

A winning tradition

Blackshear signs with defending national champs

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

With high school almost behind her, Timmi Blackshear has set her sights, not to mention her volleyball game, towards the Dallas area.

Blackshear signed with Cedar Valley College, located in Lancaster, this week, as she gets ready to take her skills as a defensive specialist to a national championship caliber team.

Cedar Valley won the NJCAA Division III national volleyball championship in 2003. The Suns play in the Metro Athletic Conference.

"I decided on Cedar Valley College because it was one of my opportunities to be able to play, and it's close enough to Big Spring that I can come home when I want to, but still be far enough away from Big Spring. Lancaster is a

real cute town and the size of it reminds me of Big Spring. I felt comfortable there and the campus is really nice.

"They won the national championship last season, so that made it a lot easier to choose. It's nice to know that I would be going to a good program and we'll be winning. It will be a good season."

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Lady Hawks split double set, host El Paso this afternoon

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard College Lady Hawks split their doubleheader with El Paso Community College at Foundation Field Tuesday, dropping the first game 4-5, but coming back big with a 11-4 win in the second.

The Lady Hawks stand at 16-7-2 on the season and 7-5 in conference play, and ended the day with several players posting good numbers.

Freshman Dionne Lopez was 4 for 7 at the plate, driving in 5 runs on the

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Steers upend Monahans, head for Andrews Tourney

HERALD Staff Report

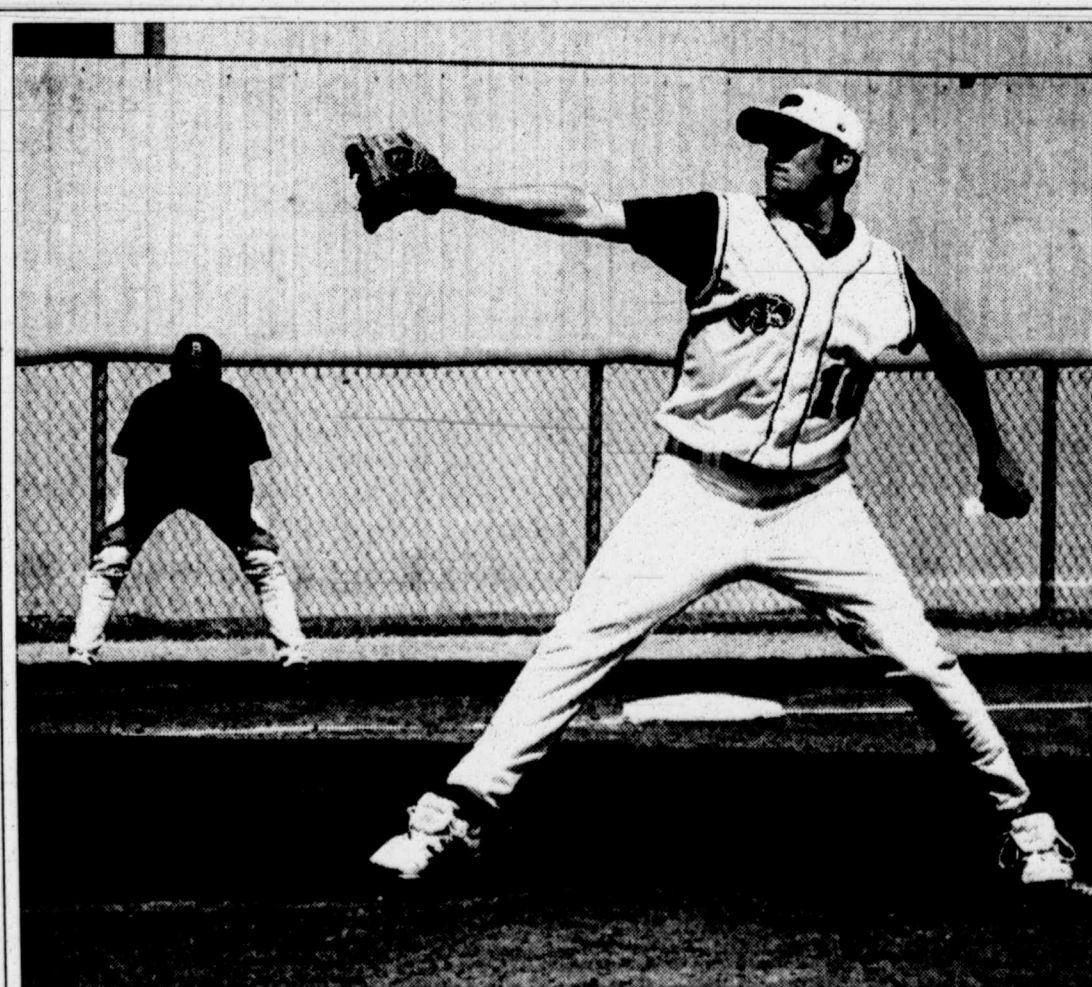
Big Spring High School's boys head into the Andrews Baseball Tournament this weekend, fresh off an 11-9 victory over Monahans.

Lee Gillihan paced the Steers' offense on Tuesday, slapping a home run, a double, two RBI and accounting for three runs. Michael Ornelas went three-for-three and scored two runs.

Andy Lasater was the winning pitcher.

The victory brings Big Spring's record to 5-3 on the season.

The Steers head to Andrews on Thursday. In a pre-set format, Big Spring will play Pecos at 4:30 p.m. in the opener for both teams. The Steers are scheduled to take on Andrews at 10 a.m. Friday, El Paso Burgess at 9 a.m. Saturday and Midland Greenwood at 2 p.m. Saturday.



Howard College pitcher Adam Jones slips one in for a strike during the Hawk's doubleheader split with Barton County Community College. The Hawks dropped the first game to Barton 9-8, but managed to hit their stride in the second of the two-game series and took a 10-8 win. Howard College is 18-9 on the season, and 10-6 in conference play. The Hawks will face Odessa College at noon Friday at American Legion Park.

Coahoma girls rally to victory

Top Midland Christian, 10-9

Special to the HERALD

Coahoma's Bulldogettes rallied to defeat Midland Christian on Tuesday, 10-9.

The win evens CHS's record to 6-6 on the young softball season.

Midland Christian got off to a 3-0 start in the first inning on a walk and two hits.

After going scoreless over the first two innings, Coahoma found a spark in the third. Liz Conley reached on a hit and scored on another hit by Ami Martinez.

Midland came back in the fourth inning, scoring four runs on three hits to lead 7-1. Coahoma refused to go down, however, and picked up ground with a five-run fourth to pull within one, 7-6. Drew Wells, Cheyenne Grice and Kali Roberts all cracked RBI singles to pace the effort.

Midland Christian looked as if it might put the game away in the fifth, knocking in two more runs on a single and a double to go up 9-6.

Once again, however, Coahoma rallied. The Bulldogettes tied the game in the bottom of the seventh. Martinez, Ashle New and Samantha Bayes led the offensive charge. Ruby Garcia got the game-tying RBI.

The contest went to the ninth inning. After holding, Midland Christian scoreless in the top of the

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Blackshear's father, former city mayor Tim Blackshear, said he's pleased with his daughter's choice, and is glad to see her carry her love of volleyball to the next level.

"We're proud of her accomplishments and we think it will be a good

school for her to go to," said Tim Blackshear. "She had some offers from other places, some of which were a lot further away. We think this will be a good place for her to get at least two years of education and possibly go on to somewhere else."

"She loves the game of volleyball and has done very well at it, and we think she'll do good at Cedar Valley College. They have a good volley-

ball program, and it's part of the Dallas Junior College District. We're looking forward to her continuing on with the volleyball playing for at least two more years."

Timmi's volleyball coach at Big Spring High School, Revis Daggett, said she's also pleased to be sending one of her players to such a prestigious team, and while she'll be losing a very valuable player in the

process, Cedar Valley will be gaining a volleyball treasure.

"I'm really excited for her because I think it's a two-way street," explained Daggett. "A lot of time I feel like it's such a great break for a kid to get the opportunity to go and play, and I think Timmi has a great opportunity to go to a school that has already proven they're at the top of their game."

"One of the things their coach kept reiterating to me is that Timmi is such a coachable player. She's so pleasant that when you add her to a roster it brings the quality level up. She contributes a lot of leadership and heart, and that's a really big deal."

While it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that Timmi Blackshear is excited about going to a nationally ranked volley-

ball team, it's hard to miss the love she still has for her high school, and the sadness of leaving it behind.

"It's kind of sad," she said. "I was very proud to be a Lady Steer and we had good seasons, but it's time to move on. I think it will be fun and I'm excited about it."

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Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

TEXAS TECH

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leaders' hopes may melt faster than the ice in the doesn't.

Tomaszek's injury may limit his minutes or effectiveness. Thursday against the eighth-seeded Quail (21-9). Thus, Tech assistant coach Pat Knight said Giles' contributions will be critical against the 49ers, a team with a decisive height advantage over the eighth-seeded Red Raiders (22-10). If Tomaszek can't play,

"We missed him," Tomaszek said. "His game is very important to

the team's success since I'm not able to play as much as I want to."

Senior Mikey Marshall agreed: "I think Devonne's role is going to be greatly increased. It's just all up to him, how he plays and reacts to situations."

Giles has quietly pieced together an impressive season, highlighted by a season-high 20 points against Oklahoma State in the Big 12 tournament. Tech was 5-6 in its last 11 games, but Giles averaged 13 points and 6.7 rebounds during that stretch.

The 49ers' starting lineup includes 6-8 forward Curtis Withers, 6-5 forward Eddie Basden and 7-0 center Martin Iti.

Tomaszek's ability to hit 19-foot jumpers

forces a defender to come out of the lane and guard the perimeter.

If Tomaszek doesn't shoot, his pinpoint passing ability can find Giles down low or a guard cutting backdoor. Tomaszek ranks third on the team in assists (73). Head coach Bob Knight calls Tomaszek the "hub of our offense."

If fewer bodies are clogging the lane, Giles can maneuver better.

The Newark, N.J., native sparked at times during the season but didn't catch fire until recently. He scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against New Mexico and

followed that with five dismal showings. Giles had 17 points and eight rebounds against Ohio State. Two more lackluster games followed.

His 15-point performance at Kansas was different, though. Giles posted double-digit scoring totals in seven of Tech's next 10 games. Giles averaged 14 points and 7.5 rebounds in two games at the Big 12 tournament.

"Giles has made pretty good progress in some ways," Bob Knight said.

"But he still needs to become much more aggressive and quicker in what he does."

Knight then mentioned how Giles pivoted three times before dunking the

LEHIGH UPSET

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had trouble making shots in the first half.

His stride and his shot got better as the game went along. Woods finished 5 of 10 from behind the arc with 21 points.

Tony Tate also hurt his leg in a pickup and had to leave the game temporarily. He grimaced often and finished with nine points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Even with their limps, the Rattlers had more than enough.

Lehigh (20-11) led for less than a

minute in its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1988. The Patriot League winner fell to 0-14 in the NCAA tournament.

The atmosphere at the University of Dayton Arena was typical for the tournament's opening game. Small contingents of family and friends sat behind the benches and cheered each score, but most of the 7,808 fans sat quietly, waiting for some drama.

Most of it involved Woods.

The 6-foot-3 senior guard with the smooth release led Division I with 139 3-pointers last season, the fourth-highest total in NCAA history. He led the nation again this sea-

son with 129, shooting 39.8 percent from behind the arc.

The bruised thigh left him with a stiff gait in warmups, and he missed his first three shots: a reverse layup and two short jumpers. Woods limped to the bench less than five minutes into the game, stretching his left thigh on the sideline to loosen up.

With their best shooter shuttling in and out of the lineup, the Rattlers couldn't crack an extended defense that took away their specialty. Florida A&M shot almost as many 3s as free throws this season, but its wide-open offense was tame without Woods.

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day, including one home run. Fellow freshman Michelle Teller also had a good day with 4 hits and 4 RBI.

Sophomore outfielders Sonya Figueroa and Kristen Jones also con-

tributed to the Lady Hawks' second game win, with 2 hits and 2 RBI each. Monica Droz and Angela Piper also contributed with 2 hits and 2 RBI apiece.

The Lady Hawks play El Paso Community College in a second doubleheader today, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Foundation Field.

COAHOMA

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Manza, Coahoma went to work. Grace reached on an error and scored the winning run on a clutch, two-out single slapped by Baves.

Coahoma finished the game with 13 hits and a

walk and made no errors. Baves led the Bulldogettes with three hits. Conley and Martinez added two apiece.

Roberts was the winning pitcher. She gave up six hits, struck out eight batters and walked two.

Next action for the Bulldogettes will be in Andrews on Friday.

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Texas counting on experience and depth

AUSTIN (AP) — Conventional wisdom says depth and experience are two big factors in taking a team deep into the NCAA tournament.

Texas has both and the Longhorns figure they should have what it takes to make another run at the Final Four despite some late-season struggles.

Third-seeded Texas (23-7) brings a wealth of senior leadership and a deep bench to its first round game Thursday against 14-seed Princeton (20-7) in Denver.

The Longhorns returned four seniors from last sea-

son's Final Four team and have 11 players averaging more than 12 minutes on the floor.

"With the depth we have," said senior forward Brian Boddicker, "I think we have all the ingredients to win a national championship."

The experience hasn't sent the Longhorns into the tournament on a high note. Texas has lost three of their last five, although two of those came against Big 12 regular season and tournament champion Oklahoma State.

Texas shot under 36 percent from the floor the last two games and have

been outrebounded in four of its last five, a slump that Boddicker says is completely in the past.

"This is a whole new season," he said. "It's very important that we just go out and play."

The Longhorns believe their tournament experience can lift them out of their recent struggles. Texas has gone to the NCAA tournament the last six years under coach Rick Barnes.

This year's seniors were freshman when the Longhorns lost to Temple in the first round. They made the round of 16 in

2002 before making the school's first Final Four in 56 years last season behind star point guard T.J. Ford.

Although Ford left for the NBA after his sophomore season, Texas hasn't fallen as far as some might expect.

"The word for our whole team this year would be consistency," Barnes said. "That's what it comes down to. Guys have picked up the slack. As a coach, what you want is consistency."

Texas has a wealth of players who have hit big shots down the stretch to win games. Boddicker

and fellow seniors Royal Ivey and Brandon Mouton hit late shots to force overtime in wins over Providence, Texas Tech and Missouri.

Ivey hit the game-winner in the final seconds against Nebraska and freshman P.J. Tucker hit the final shot at the buzzer to beat Providence on the road.

"Guys on this team have been there, done that," said junior center Jason Klotz. "They know how to win."

Klotz is a perfect example of the kind of depth Texas has that can wear teams down.

He's started just four times but has emerged as one of Texas' most consistent scoring threats, hitting for double figures in five of the last six games and shooting better than 50 percent over the last three.

He hit a career-high 19 in loss to Oklahoma State on March 1.

"The way we've won games this year is different guys making different shots," Barnes said. "Jason Klotz might not have been the guy we were counting on," Barnes said. "Now, he might be the guy we're counting on the most."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hoyas fire Esherick

WASHINGTON (AP) — Craig Esherick was fired days after boasting he would return despite a 13-15 season, the Hoyas' worst in 31 years.

That was hardly the standard Esherick had set since succeeding Hall of Fame coach John Thompson in 1999. The Hoyas have made just once NCAA tournament appearance since — in 2001 — and they've barely qualified for their own conference tournament each of the last two seasons.

The Hoyas lost their last nine games, their longest losing streak since 1971-72, the season before the Thompson era began. Esherick finished with a 103-74 record and lost to Boston College in the opening round of the Big East tournament last week, the first time in the tournament's 25-year history Georgetown did not reach the quarterfinals.

Murray State's Brown suspended

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Murray State forward Kelvin Brown was suspended indefinitely and will miss the team's NCAA tournament opener after his arrest on drug charges.

Adam Chiles, the starting point guard, was also arrested, but Murray State cleared him to play for the 12th-seeded Racers in Friday's game against Illinois.

The players were arrested Saturday after police

responded to a 911 hang-up call from the off-campus apartment where the players live.

Seavey wins Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Mitch Seavey won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in nine days, 12 hours, 20 minutes and 22 seconds, his 11th run on the 1,100-mile route from Anchorage to Nome.

Seavey, 43, of Seward crossed the finish line just before 10:30 p.m. His previous best finish was fourth in 1998.

Hundreds of people, clapping and cheering, were gathered on Front Street in Nome to welcome Seavey into the winner's chute.

Three-time winner Jeff King of Denali Park was at least an hour behind.

Federer, Henin-Hardenne advance

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Top-ranked Roger Federer and Justine Henin-Hardenne moved into the quarterfinals of the Pacific Life Open by winning in straight sets.

Andre Agassi and Lindsay Davenport also advanced. Henin-Hardenne closed out the more than 12 hours of day-and-night tennis at Indian Wells with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Barbora Strycova, shortly after Agassi beat Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-2.

Federer ran his record for the year to 19-1 with a methodical 6-4, 6-1 victory over Mardy Fish. It was the Swiss star's 24th win in 25 matches dating back to his Tennis Masters Cup championship last November.

Cano competition postponed

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — An international canoe competition at a new Olympic venue was postponed so work could continue at the site.

The rescheduling of the competition, planned for May 7-9, reflects the time pressures at even the most completed venues.

The rowing center in Schinias has hosted test events for the Aug. 13-29 Games, but landscaping and other work is still needed.

Housel to give up AD post

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — David Housel announced he will step down Auburn's athletic director in January 2005, then remain at the school for another year before retiring. He insisted the decision was "a long time coming" and had nothing to do with recent criticism.

Housel said he began discussions with then-president William Walker about retiring last fall, and reached an agreement with interim president Ed Richardson at the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament last week.

Hucles scores third goal for USA

QUARTEIRA, Portugal (AP) — Angela Hucles scored her third goal in two games, leading the United States over Denmark 1-0 in the Algarve Cup.

Hucles scored from inside the Danish penalty area in the 60th minute after a solo run by Abby Wambach.

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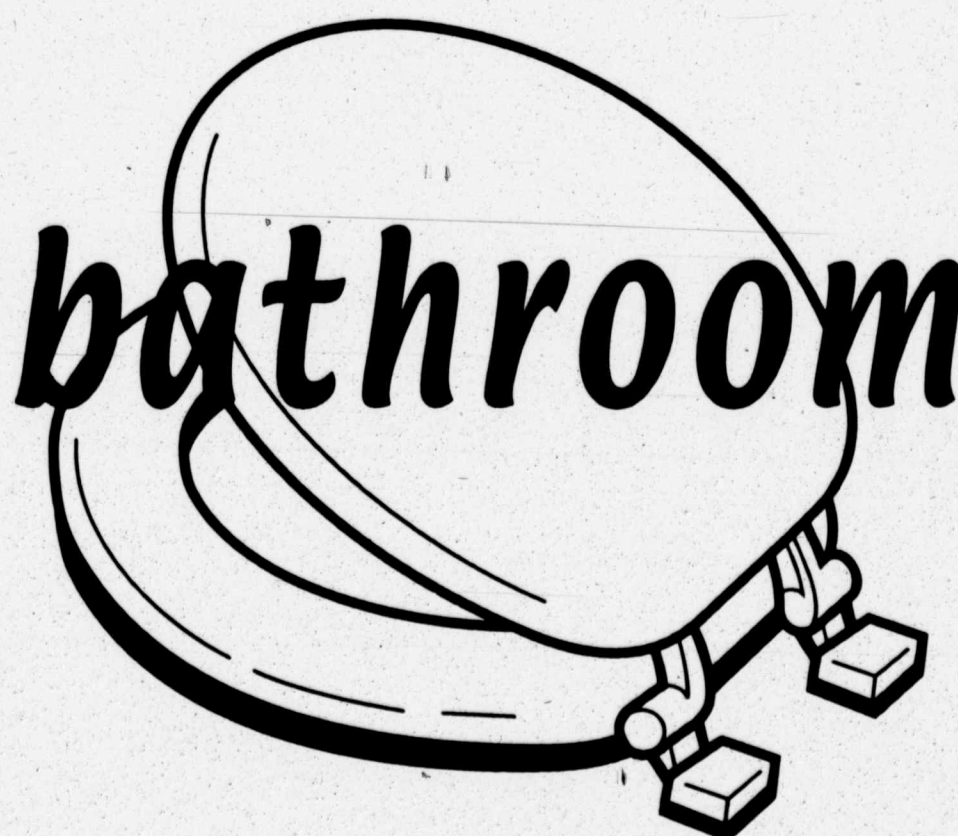
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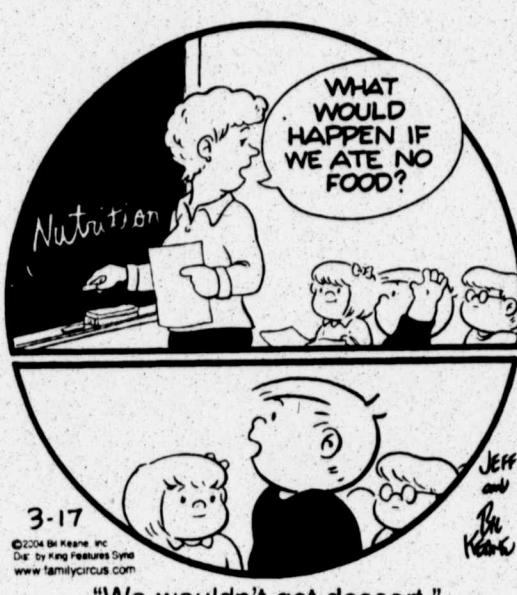
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6 PM	News (CC)	News	Amar Ora Vez	King of the Hill	News	Pasion de Gavilanes	News	Seinfeld (CC)	Sam Peak	News-Lehrer	The FBI Files		Law & Order	Live	Sister, Sister	College	NBA	JAG (CC)	Highball
7 PM	Wheel-Fortune	Wheel-Fortune	Mariana de la Noche	70s Show	Survivor: All-Stars (CC)	Amor Descarado	The Apprentice	Seinfeld (CC)	Update/Israel	Best of Pledge	Secret Science of the Bible	Movie: The Longest Day	Law & Order	The Parkers	Movie: The Luck of the Irish (CC)	NIT First Round	Portland Trail Blazers at Indiana Pacers	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The Sum of All Fears (CC)
8 PM	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Bajo la Misma Piel	70s Show	Arrested Dev.	The Stones	El Alma Hierta	Law & Order	Movie: Crocodile Dundee II (CC)		Battle-Actium		Law & Order	College Hill	Irish (CC)	High School Basketball	Basketball: NIT First Round	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: A Shot at Glory (CC)
9 PM	Kingdom Hospital	Kingdom Hospital	Don Francisco Presenta	70s Show	48 Hours Investigates	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	The Hour of Healing	To Be Announced	Secret Science of the Bible		Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes	Comicview	Sister, Sister	WTA Tennis: Pacific Life	Basketball: Round SportsCenter	Movie: Beyond the City Limits	
10 PM	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias Raymond	News	The Tonight Show (CC)	National Lampoon's Vacation	Sign Off	Battle-Actium	10:55 Movie: Strategic Air Command (CC)	The X-Files	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	College Basketball: Outside-Lines	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Beyond the City Limits	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC)	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo	Show (CC)	National Lampoon's Vacation	Update/Israel		Battle-Actium	10:55 Movie: Strategic Air Command (CC)	The X-Files	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	College Basketball: Outside-Lines	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Beyond the City Limits	
12 AM	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date		Battle-Actium	10:55 Movie: Strategic Air Command (CC)	The X-Files	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	College Basketball: Outside-Lines	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Beyond the City Limits	

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 77th day of 2004. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.)

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in

Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, californium.

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard I satellite.

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb that had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1992, 28 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 86. The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 71. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 63. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 61. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian

(The Lovin' Spoonful) is 60. Rock musician Harold Brown (War) is 58. Actor Patrick Duffy is 55. Actor Kurt Russell is 53. Country singer Susie Allanson is 52. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 50. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 49. Actor Gary Sinise is 49. Actress Vicki Lewis is 44. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 43. Writer-director Rob Stich is 42. Actor Rob Lowe is 40. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 37. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 37. Actor Mathew St. Patrick ("Six Feet Under") is 36. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 35. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 30.

Answer to previous puzzle

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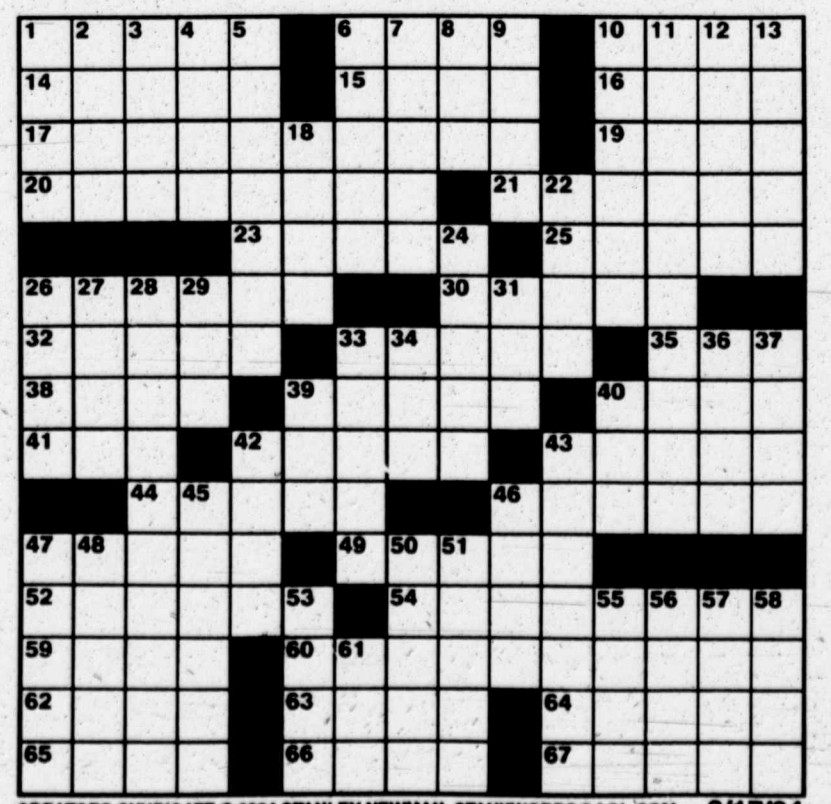


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KNUCKLE SANDWICH by Fred Piscop

Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big test
6 Wander
10 Kett of comics
14 Tummy trouble
15 Tony kin
16 Clark's colleague
17 Southeast region
19 Soup cookers
20 War enders
21 Criticize harshly
23 Peer Gynt's creator
25 Hibachi residue
26 Andean beasts
30 Man of morals
32 Composer Copland
33 Ocean motions
35 "Wiedersehen!"
38 Make one's mark
39 Paddlewheeler place
40 Sinclair rival
41 Take a stab at
42 Bran provides it
43 "Our Gang" dog
44 Magna cum
46 Short-order spots
47 Note from the boss
49 Hair color, e.g.
52 Address of film
54 Like a daydreamer
- DOWN**
- 59 Son of Seth
60 Prom quaff
62 Vegas rollers
63 Author Jaffe
64 Seaweed
65 Comics shouts
66 Author Wister
67 All choked up
10 Texas city
11 Medicine chest item
12 Church donation
13 Stubborn equines
18 Penpoints
22 Mama — Elliott
24 Common Cause founder
26 Hang in there
27 Hiding place
28 Diamond-pattern footwear
29 Cal. column
31 Suffix for ballad
33 Lhasa's land
34 "— been had!"
36 —friendly
37 Noted vaudeville family
39 Free (of)
40 Bard's nightfall
42 Coal or peat
43 Rain sound
45 Makes laugh
46 Desk ref.
47 Napped fabric
48 Bert's buddy
50 See the old gang
51 Like most Turks
53 Spherical do
55 Whine
56 Actress Swenson
57 The Lion King villain
58 "— went thataway!"
61 Line of seats



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