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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Kiwanis Club to host pancake feed

The Big Spring Kiwanis Club's 60th Pancake Supper will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College cafeteria.

The all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and a drink for \$5 per person.

Senior driver course offered

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center March 2-3.

The course will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. each day with a half-hour lunch break.

There is a \$10 fee for books. Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums when the course is completed. To register, call the Senior Center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

The course is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older.

Cook-off slated to help FHS band

A benefit barbecue cook-off for the Forsan band trip to Washington D.C. is set for March 12 at 703 W. Third. Categories are brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

Cooking will begin early that morning and judging will be at 1 p.m. Dining begins at 1 p.m. also.

Registration is \$10 per category and plates are \$5 per person. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

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Howard College sticks to guns over concurrent course material

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A Forsan father's concerns about what he considers objectionable material in a Howard College literature class reached the college's board room Monday.

Forsan minister Jeff Janca, whose daughter is a Forsan High School student enrolled in a concurrent English literature class offered by Howard, addressed the board during its monthly meeting.

High school students enrolled in concurrent classes receive college credit for their coursework.

While supportive of the concurrent program as a whole, Janca has expressed

"It's up to the faculty to decide the material that is most appropriate for the classroom."

Dr. Cheri Sparks,
Howard College president



displeasure over the use of a short story, "Greasy Lake," that was used in a lesson plan in his daughter's course.

What Janca found most objectionable about the use of the story is its use of adult language and scenes of

drug use and attempted rape. Such imagery, Janca argues, is wholly inappropriate for high school students of minor age.

The Forsan school district recently joined the issue when its school board sent a letter to the college objecting to the story's use.

In response, the college has fine-tuned its concurrent agreement with Forsan and other schools to include the following passage: "College-level courses may include controversial, sensitive, and/or adult material. Students are expected to have the readiness for college-level rigor and content."

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ALON USA, HEP finalize agreement

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — ALON USA completed its transaction Monday with Holly Energy Partners (HEP) to contribute ALON's Trust and River Pipeline system and Fin-Tex Pipeline system to HEP for a total value of \$150 million.

The transaction consists of \$120 million in cash and approximately \$30 million in HEP Class B Subordinated Units. The sale was closed following customary antitrust clearance, third-party consents and regulatory approval.

According to ALON's president and CEO, Jeff Morris, the transaction gives ALON an opportunity to secure an "excellent value" for these assets while maintaining access to them. In addition, Morris said the company is now positioned to take advantage of potential growth opportunities.

ALON USA retains shipment rights on the lines for an initial period of 15 years with sole options to extend by three additional five-year terms.

College enrollment down but contact hours increase

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College enrollment, while down slightly from record levels of a year ago, remain at a healthy state, officials say.

Amy Burchett, vice president of educational programs, updated trustees on enrollment trends at the board's meeting Monday afternoon.

College figures for 2004 show that 5,518 students were enrolled in college credit course in general studies and workforce education. That represents a slight drop from 2003's record enrollment of 5,588, Burchett said.

Those figures represent enrollment at all

Howard College enrollment

	2004	2003
Credit courses	5,518	5,588
Contact hours	2,258,417	2,158,569

Howard campuses.

The 2004 figures show the first drop in enrollment in the past six years. In 1999, 4,068 students were enrolled in college credit classes, and that figure steadily climbed

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Courtesy photo

Singer, songwriter Nancy Castelee will perform a free concert Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Belgium artist in concert here

Herald Staff report

Crossroads area residents have an opportunity to hear an up-and-coming recording artist this week.

Nancy Castelee, a Universal musical recording artist and songwriter from Nashville by way of Belgium is scheduled to perform a free concert Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and she will begin performing at 7:30 p.m.

Castelee was born and raised in Kortrijk, a small city located in the west of Belgium.

At the age of 12, she attended the conser-

See **CONCERT**, Page 5A

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Other than looking over some fee increases, Howard County commissioners took care of routine business during an uneventful Monday morning.

The increases were for autopsy services and septic inspections.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center notified commissioners by letter that fees will be increasing for autopsy related services. Commissioners said it appears that the base fee for

an autopsy will increase from \$1,200 to \$2,500, while a toxicology workup will increase from \$160 to \$195.

Rates dealing with septic inspections and the like will also increase. A permit fee will increase from \$135 to \$185, a real estate fee from \$65 to \$100 and an inspector's fee from \$50 to \$100 and \$35 to \$50, depending on the type.

"Is there any good news or anything?" quipped County Judge Ben Lockhart, after hearing about the fee increases.

Victor Uvalle Jr., field rep-

resentative for the Texas Association of Counties, told commissioners that the TAC is studying legislative issues and will be contacting legislators as to their stance on proposed bills that might impact counties. Judge Lockhart said he was especially interested in a proposed bill dealing with indigent funds.

"The indigent health care funds that are not used by counties, they are trying to get us to send that to Austin," said Lockhart.

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Death toll from bombing rises to 120

Grieving Iraqi families bury dead from suicide attack

HILLAH, Iraq (AP) — Weeping and beating their chests, hundreds of Iraqis inspected corpses at a hospital morgue in Hillah Tuesday, looking for friends and relatives missing in a suicide bombing that killed at least 120 people, the single deadliest attack in the two-year insurgency.

The toll rose as hospital officials said at least five succumbed to wounds overnight. More than 140 others were injured in the blast, which targeted mostly Shiite police and National Guard recruits lined up for physicals at a medical clinic.

French journalist Florence Aubenas of the French daily Liberation appeared on a video pleading for help Tuesday, her first appearance since she went miss-

"We blame Hillah police for this tragedy because they didn't take the necessary measures to protect innocent people."

—Hussein Hassoun,
Iraqi citizen

ing in Iraq on Jan. 5. The video was dropped at the offices of an international news agency in Baghdad. It was not possible to verify the tape's authenticity or when it was made.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi National Guard major was killed in a roadside bomb blast in the southern Doura neighborhood, Interior Ministry officials said.

Two unidentified



U.S. Army photo/Spc. Ben Brody

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Mark Scott, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, inspects an Iraqi Army soldier's rifle with the soldier's platoon sergeant. The Iraqi Army soldiers lined up for pre-combat checks before heading out on a security patrol from Camp Volunteer, Iraq, in February.

corpses — one beheaded, the other with its hands tied — were found float-

ing in the Tigris River in Wasit, 60 miles south of Baghdad, morgue officials

in nearby Kut said. See **IRAQ**, Page 5A

Obituaries

Mary Ellen (Camp) Bartlett



Mary Ellen (Camp) Bartlett, 63, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, in the Hospice of Midland Unit Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born April 17, 1941, in Centraillia, Ill. She married Ronnie Smith in October 1960 and then married Wayne Bartlett in November 1983.

Mary Ellen moved to Coahoma with her family in 1947 and attended Coahoma schools, graduating in 1959 with honors. She began working for Cosden Petroleum Corp., in August 1959, retiring in May 1997 from American Petrofina after 38 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Grace Sunday School Class and a member of the Cosden (Refinery) 25 Year Club, the Desk and Derrick Lunch Group, the "80" Domino Group and the Tumbleweed Miata Club.

Mary Ellen loved her family fiercely and always enjoyed her job. She enjoyed playing games, cooking, handwork, playing dominoes, reading, fishing and camping.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Wayne Bartlett of Big Spring; two daughters, Melissa (Missy Smith) Webster and husband, Scott of Harlingen and Linda Knappe and husband, Craig of San Angelo; three grandsons, Taylor Webster of Harlingen and Christopher and Zachary Knappe of San Angelo; one sister, Martha Helen Nordhaugen of Wade, N.C.; one brother, Paul Camp and wife, Kay of Denton; one brother-in-law, H.W. Bartlett and wife, Clara of Hereford; two aunts, Jennie Court of Greeley, Colo., and Merlyne Rogers of Big Spring; several nephews, nieces cousins; and many friends, all of whom were considered special.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dagmer and Paul Camp and by her much loved brother-in-law and nephew, Les and David Nordhaugen.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2021, Midland 79702 or to First Baptist Church, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Mattie 'Cotton' Boling

Mattie "Cotton" Boling, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Billy Reed, minister of Anderson Street Church of Christ and the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

She was born July 27, 1917, in Big Spring and married Bill Boling Nov. 3, 1941, in Corpus Christi. He preceded her in death Aug. 16, 1989.

Mattie had lived most of her life in Big Spring and was raised by the Anderson Bailey family after the death of her parents, George and Alice Hockerston. She kept many children in her home for several years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Tom Rountree of Eddy, her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Christine Boling of Big Spring; seven grandchildren including Brandon and Charlie Boling of Big Spring; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, James David, six sisters and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79721-2854.

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

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday - Decreasing clouds. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds around 10 mph.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Nellie Ida Alexander

Nellie Ida Alexander, 97, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services are 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church officiating.

She was born April 22, 1907, in Stamford and married Aril Alexander Dec. 30, 1962, in Salinas, Calif. He preceded her in death in 1971. She was employed with Peter Ray Produce Company in Salinas, Calif., and came to Big Spring in late 1970s. She was of the Assembly of God faith.

Survivors include one nephew and five nieces.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, H.G. and Ida Parker Russell, one brother, C.J. Russell and three sisters, Bonnie Cardwell, Lois McCarty and Daisy White.

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

Louise Curry



Louise Curry, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Rex Clayton officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Howard County to William and Nora Belle Hilburn. She married James Loyd Curry Aug. 27, 1941, and he preceded her in death Nov. 30, 1975. She later married J. D. Curry June 30, 1978, and he also preceded her in death Jan. 21, 1991. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a longtime active member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Jan Billings and her husband, John of Athens; one son, Jack Curry and his wife, Susan of Waco; one sister, Lois Berrey of Big Spring; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 East Fourth, Big Spring 79720.

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

Robert Eugene Smith

Robert Eugene Smith, 39, of Snyder died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in Big Spring. Graveside funeral services were 10 a.m. today, March 1, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

He was born March 24, 1965, in Hoyt, Kan. He was hardworker and a good brother.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Smith of Seymour, Mo.; his mother, Della Smith of Topeka, Kan.; four brothers, Eddie Smith of Snyder, Troy Carpenter and Timmy Mildfeldt, both of Topeka, Kan., and Robert Carpenter of Georgia; and five sisters, Alice Shughart of Meriden, Kan., Patricia Carpenter, Brenda Carpenter and Janet Aviles, all of Kansas City, Mo., and Donna Tibbs of Havenville, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his father and one sister, Lena Carpenter.

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

Sheriff's report

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

• SYLVIA REYNOLDS CARDONA, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

• ISABEL GONZALEZ LOMAS, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• FRANKIE LEROY FERNANDEZ, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• THEFT was reported in the area of North County Road 19.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Andrews Highway.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Terry Road at 10:29 a.m. Monday. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway at 11:46 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison at 5:55 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Community Luncheon sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce begins at 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• 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.

• Coahoma Lions Club pancake supper is set for 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at 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 at 703 W. Third.

• Nancy Castelle in concert at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center. The event is free and open to the public.

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.

Police blotter

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

• WAYLON AUSTIN TAYLOR, 19, of 1001 Birdwell Apt. 201, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• DUSTY JOE CLINGAN, 19, of San Angelo, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 900 block of Baylor.

• FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

- in the 300 block of 20th Street.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-21-30-32.

Number matching five of five: 2

Prize per winner: \$19,697.

Winning tickets sold in: Waco and Kempner.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-13-21-26. Bonus Ball: 19.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-7.

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Seven killed in South Texas crash

LAREDO (AP) — Seven people died and two others were injured in a highway collision over the weekend in South Texas, authorities said.

Officials said the crash happened early Sunday near the Zapata and Webb county lines when a white Grand Marquis going south on U.S. 83 tried to pass. The car slammed into a Ford Windstar minivan traveling in the opposite direction on the two-lane highway.

The five occupants in the Grand Marquis, all from Laredo, died at the scene. They were identified as Jose Villarreal III, 20; Aaron Sanchez Martinez, 34; Maria De la Paz Rojas, 42; Emmanuel Carrizales, 8; and Clemente Carrizales, Jr., 10.

Two people in the van were killed and two were seriously injured. All were from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Alicia Luna Arellano, 55, died at the scene, while Maria Elena Arellano, 70, died in an ambulance en route to the hospital.

Pharr teen gets 40 years for killing classmate

EDINBURG (AP) — A teenager who pleaded guilty to fatally stabbing a female classmate in the school parking lot was sentenced Monday to the maximum 40 years in prison.

Jason C. Gonzalez stabbed 15-year-old Lianna Nicole Olmeda 15 times on March 29 as the two waited outside Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North High School for their parents to pick them up following a drama club competition.

Gonzalez, 16, pleaded guilty Feb. 22. During a sentencing trial, jurors heard testimony from police officers, teachers, witnesses and family members.

Lawyers for the Gonzalez argued that he had suffered from mental problems, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, that led to ostracism from his peers.

He was diagnosed after the slaying with Aspergers syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism.

Woman accused in fatal wreck jailed earlier

IRVING (AP) — A woman accused in a drunken driving wreck that killed a teenager and injured eight people in an airport shuttle was arrested 10 days earlier on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, police said.

Kayla Rae Proffitt, 20, of Grapevine, remained jailed in Irving on Monday facing charges of intoxication manslaughter and five counts of intoxication assault, said David Tull, an Irving police spokesman.

Proffitt is accused of driving the wrong way on Texas Highway 183 Sunday morning, then crashing into a van on its way to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Brianna Titcomb, 13, of Huntington, N.Y., was thrown out of the shuttle and died at the scene, police said.

According to police records in nearby Euless, Proffitt was arrested Feb. 17 on suspicion of drunken driving after officers stopped her vehicle about 3:30 a.m. Proffitt refused to take a breath test, according to Euless police reports.

Woman accidentally shot by 5-year-old son

FORT WORTH (AP) — The father of a 5-year-old boy who accidentally shot his mother in the back says he usually keeps the weapon locked up but inadvertently left it on a nightstand.

Shawn J. Barker, a jailer with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, told investigators that he used the 9 mm semiautomatic handgun on Saturday, Fort Worth police Sgt. J.D. Thornton said.

The boy found the gun in his parents' bedroom Sunday night and shot through the chair in which his mother was sitting at a computer, police Lt. Gene Jones said.

April Dawn Barker, 29, was wounded in the back and remained hospitalized Monday. The gun's recoil caused the boy to hit himself in the forehead, and the child was treated at a hospital and released.

The Sheriff's Department is conducting an internal investigation into whether the shooting could have been prevented, said Terry Grisham, executive administrator. Thornton said police are still weighing whether to charge the boy's parents.

Day-care driver sentenced to probation

DALLAS (AP) — A day-care driver was sentenced Monday to 10 years' probation and a 90-day work-release program for his role in the heat-related death of an infant left inside a sport-utility vehicle for about six hours.

Conrad Proctor, the driver for T&T Tots Day Care, had pleaded guilty to reckless injury to a child. A Dallas County jury deliberated three days before handing down his sentence.

Proctor, who also was fined \$10,000, could have faced up to 20 years in prison.

Proctor testified that he placed 8-month-old Jordan Thomas in an unsecured car seat in the cargo area of a Chevrolet Suburban and forgot to unload him when he arrived at the center that morning in August 2003.

Bids to be let for Forsan baseball/softball complex

Herald Staff Report

Forsan school district residents who approved a \$4.9 million bond issue last year will soon see the first tangible results of that effort.

Forsan school trustees voted to begin accepting bids for construction of a baseball/softball complex during a special meeting Monday night.

Superintendent Randy Johnson said the process should take about

a month, and trustees should award the construction bid in April. Cost of the project has been estimated at about \$480,000, but Johnson said that figure could increase if trustees decide to install lights on the field.

Texas lawmakers propose cell phone bans

By BRANDI GRISSOM
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Patrick Leas laid his hands on his daughter Erin's heart three years ago.

"I could feel that heart go bop, bop, bop, bop, bop...bop...bop...bop. And she was gone," Leas said Monday, as Erin's older sister Kelly displayed a photo of the 16-year-old Smithson Valley High School cheerleader.

Erin died in October 2001. She had slammed into a cedar tree when she lost control of her car while talking on her cell phone to her boyfriend.

Her family came to Austin on Monday to plead with lawmakers to help prevent other families from experiencing their tragedy.

A committee of lawmakers reviewed four bills affecting driving and cell phone use Monday. Rep.

Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, filed three bills: one allows only handsfree devices while driving, one prohibits all cell phone use in school zones and one prohibits those under 18 from talking while driving during the first six months they have a license. Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto, submitted a bill that would make it illegal for bus drivers to talk on the phone except in an emergency.

In 2003, a ban on cell phone use by Texas drivers failed to pass. A cell phone industry representative, while not opposing all the measures, said the bill requiring drivers to use handsfree devices unfairly targets one cause of driver distraction.

"All we are trying to do here is ask folks to pay attention to what they're doing, keep both hands on the wheel. If they're going to use a cell phone while

driving, try to use some sort of handsfree device," Menendez said. "All I'm trying to do is find a way that we can eliminate some of the distraction."

Teenagers should have phones in their vehicles for emergency situations, said David Willis, a senior researcher at the Texas Transportation Institute, but because they are inexperienced drivers, teens should wait to talk until the engine is off. Text messaging and taking photos or videos with phones ought to be out of the question, he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board recommended in June 2003 that all states ban teens from talking and driving. Maine has already done so, and several other states are considering similar legislation.

"Young, inexperienced

drivers are particularly vulnerable to accidents, are easily distracted, and are known to engage in risk-taking behavior," the board report said.

For the same reasons, Willis said, banning drivers from using cell phones in school zones is a good idea. Children often behave erratically, and drivers must use extra caution when youngsters are near.

Punishing all drivers by requiring everyone to use a handsfree device is unfair to responsible drivers and doesn't adequately address all types of distractions, said Henry Flores, a Sprint spokesman.

"Without a doubt, consumer education is more effective than legislation, in my opinion," Flores said.

The committee did not take action on the four bills Monday.

Abused baby beats odds and leaves hospital

HOUSTON (AP) — A 7-month-old girl who doctors feared wouldn't survive injuries from severe physical and sexual abuse was released from a Houston hospital on Monday to the delight of doctors.

When the girl was hospitalized Feb. 2, every vital organ in her body had been damaged and she suffered numerous fractures to her legs, arms, skull and ribs. Prosecutors have said the girl had vaginal and anal tears from being sexually assaulted.

"It's an incredible feeling to know this child, who we thought wasn't going to make it," will make it, said Dr. Michelle Lyn with Texas Children's Hospital. She "has some inner strength."

The child's parents, Ivan Castaneda, 22, and Donna Marie Norman, 19, have been jailed and charged with injury to a child. Attorneys for both parents deny that their clients were responsible for the injuries.

Lyn said it was too early to predict the possible

long-term effects of the injuries on the girl. She said privacy rules prevented her from going into detail about the baby's recovery, but said she "has gotten a lot better."

"It is our hope that her future will be bright," Lyn said.

The baby was released into the custody of a Houston couple who has been taking care of her 16-month-old sister, who also had a fractured skull and healing rib fracture. The couple hopes to adopt the two girls.

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OUR VIEWS

Public Schools
Week: A Chance
to reconnect

There's no better time for parents to go back to school than this week, as several campuses in the Big Spring and Coahoma school districts observe Texas Public Schools Week.

The basic concept, of course, is to help reconnect parents to what's happening in their children's schools. It's a chance for the schools to do a little bragging about what their students are doing and an opportunity for parents — many of whom find themselves woefully uninformed about their children's lives in the classroom — to be partners in their children's education.

While Big Spring observances used to lean more toward more programs and nightly meetings, Richard Light, director of federal programs for the BSISD, says the district has now moved toward visitation during school hours.

For example, Bauer Magnet Elementary students are inviting parents to lunch all week, and will dress on a different theme every day.

Parents are urged to contact their children's campus for more information.

Tonight will be the focus in the Coahoma ISD with a pancake supper and open houses on all three campuses. The supper, hosted by the Lions Club, will be held at the elementary cafeteria from 5-7:30 p.m. The meal is \$3.50 per person, with pre-school children eating for free.

Open houses are set for different times on each campus. The elementary school's session begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the junior high at 6 p.m. and the high school at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring High School held an open house earlier this year and has no activities scheduled this week, nor are there any specific plans set for the Forsan ISD.

But for those parents whose children do attend schools holding events this week, we encourage your participation. You, your children, their teachers and the schools will be the better for the effort.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can have the meaningful life we long for, Lord, through You.

Amen

Inside report: The hinge of history

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's stand against embryonic stem cell research not only changes the long-range picture for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination. It augments a shift in tactics by social conservatives. They are trying to change the focus from research for fighting disease to an uncontrolled scientific community's quest to clone human beings.

Romney's position previously had been considered mildly pro-stem cell. His wife, Ann, suffers from multiple sclerosis, a disease for which cloning is supposed to promise miraculous cures. But early in February, the governor flatly came out against Harvard University's plans to create human embryos, purportedly for research. He said last Monday that he and his wife "agree that you don't create new life to help cure our issues."

That statement was made by the Massachusetts governor in Spartanburg, S.C., where he was testing early presidential waters. Romney is moving rightward on social policy, declaring himself "pro-life." But to depict what he is saying in strictly political terms is to trivialize an issue of overriding ethical importance. "We stand at the hinge of history," an anti-cloning activist who is a former official at the United Nations, told me.

The historic decision is not, as cloning proponents claim, whether to spend public funds on research to combat a wide variety of illnesses. The broader decision whether to grant science unlimited

power is symbolized by the bill pending in Massachusetts to legalize the creation of human embryos. Romney has declared he will veto the bill, bringing upon himself the full wrath of the liberal establishment from Harvard to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

The outrage provoked by Romney was intense. Dr. Robert Lanza, medical director of Advanced Cell Technology, said of the governor's opposition: "It is mind-boggling. He is completely out of step with the scientific and medical community." But Romney is not out of step with the ordinary people of Massachusetts, who polls indicate unalterably oppose cloning.

The scientists so far have gotten around this obstacle by never mentioning the c-word — cloning. That was how a stem-cell bill was pushed through the New Jersey Legislature by then Gov. Jim McGreevey. That was how California's voters were talked into supporting Proposition 71 (backed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger), which provides \$3 billion in state funds for producing human embryos but does not contain the word cloning. The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine has announced plans to release some of that \$3 billion for "therapeutic" cloning.

Like the bills in Massachusetts and other state legislatures, the California proposition bars "reproductive cloning." But all these proposals permit creation of human embryos for research purposes, which certainly can be described as cloning. Robert Klein II, the rich California housing developer who conceived and raised money for Prop 71, is going national by funding opposition to anti-cloning bills in Congress.

There are signs of an anti-cloning counterattack. On Feb. 18, the UN General Assembly voted, despite bitter opposition, to call on governments to prohibit all forms of human cloning. On Feb. 22, a conservative public interest group filed a lawsuit attempting to throw out Proposition 71.

At the point of the counterattack is Mitt Romney. He undercuts the intractable scientific community, arguing that research for diseases such as the one that afflicts his wife can be accomplished without cloning. The intensity of the feeling against him is typified by Massachusetts Democratic Chairman Philip Johnston, a former liberal state representative and federal health official, describing the governor's comments as "vile."

Romney met on Feb. 18 with Dr. William Hurlbut, a physician and Stanford biology professor who is working on a way to produce stem cells without a human embryo. I have previously reported how Hurlbut, a member of President Bush's Council on Bioethics, opens the theoretical possibility of solving this bitter political and social struggle.

But science, represented by the Harvard dons, has no intention of accepting such a solution. They, too, feel located at the hinge of history to determine whether science will be freed of traditional ethical considerations. It is an overpowering issue that dwarfs Social Security reform and even democratizing Iraq, in determining how George W. Bush can guide this country's course.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently there was a front page article in the Big Spring Herald about Forsan parents protesting a short story in a concurrent enrollment English class. We are lucky enough in Howard County to have an accredited community college. That means the curriculum and instruction are recognized by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges to meet standards for college work. Without accreditation, classes do not transfer. If they do not transfer then they are a waste of time if you are wanting a bachelor's degree.

Concurrent classes are college classes. That means that there are works of literature that are not going to meet local standards. Speaking from experience, there is at least one story in a general literature class that will offend at least one person in the class.

College classes are for adults. If a person is not old enough to read offensive material, then she is not old enough to attend college courses.

Have I read the story? No, but my 14-year-old son has. He often reads stories for the classes he is planning on taking. This story was in a collection of college level material at the junior high. His view of "Greasy Lake" is that this is stuff that is going on in the world around us. He knows this because he watches the news and reads the papers.

Education has been in the news a lot in the past few years, mostly on how we are not educating our children to national and international standards so they can compete for good jobs.

Now we have parents at a school protesting educating their child to national standards because the material offends them. Life alone can be offensive. Just ask any victim of violent crime. I hope this child (obviously not a young woman) never encounters something in her life worse than a short story with offensive language and attempted rape. If her parents want to protect her from adult material, then they should take her out of college course work.

By the way, I have an associate of arts degree from Howard College and a bachelor of science from Lamar University. I feel that I got a good solid grounding in the basics at Howard before I attended Lamar. I also attended college level classes while still in high school. English was not one of them. My mother has taught English at Howard full or part time since 1966. I had read most if not all of the college literature works by the time I started my high school junior year. I got credit for the classes by taking CLEP tests for all four semesters of English. And, yes, some of the stories were shocking to me. I read them anyway. This is what a well rounded education is about. If you are not exposed to something that shocks you, then you are not really doing anything to learn new materials.

ELIZABETH C. TREECE MT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

While on vacation in Texas to visit family and friends, we happened upon the wonderful display of lights at the Big Spring park.

As it was late in the evening, the lights were particularly bright and inviting, especially the unique poinsettias on the hillside near the highway.

Even though we were going to be late arriving at our son's home in Lubbock, we took time to go through the Trail of Lights in the park. What a tremendous boost to our holiday spirits!

Thank you (Big Spring) for your diligence in creating, maintaining and expanding the Trail of Lights for the benefit of the public during the Christmas holidays. These kinds of gestures enhance the quality of life for all peoples, not only the citizens of your city, but all of the passersby who benefit from the beauty of the project.

DIANE AND KEN STEELE
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TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your front page story "Getting Out in Four Years" by Steve Reagan in the Feb. 17 paper.

First, the news that Big Spring High School was below average in graduation rates was disappointing. Then, the information of how the Big Spring ISD is going about correcting the situation was very encouraging.

The Dropout Recovery Program sounds like such a good idea for youngsters who have situations that make a full day of school difficult. And the advisory program shows how Big Spring teachers are dedicated to do their best for their students.

KATHERINE C. MOODY
BIG SPRING

COURSE

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A similar disclaimer is included in the agreement signed by the student prior to enrollment in the concurrent classes.

In addition, college President Dr. Cheri Sparks said instructors would be made aware of

"Where do we draw the line? Do we start using Playboy or Playgirl in the classroom?"

—Jeff Janca,
parent, pastor



the age makeup of classes before they begin.

But, citing a code of academic freedom in exis-

tence for almost 80 years, Sparks and the college have refused to remove "Greasy Lake," from the

curriculum, and said the final decision for study materials must lie with the teacher.

"It's up to the faculty to decide the material that is most appropriate for the classroom," Sparks said.

Janca noted the college's efforts, but continued to push for the story's removal.

"Where do we draw the

line? Do we start using Playboy or Playgirl in the classroom?" Janca asked the board. "Do you see the authors of the code of academic freedom advocating something like this? I don't think so."

Forsan School Superintendent Randy Johnson was appreciative of the college's efforts in this issue.

"We think it's a good step," Johnson said of the additions to the college-school district agreement. "We've been very pleased with the effort of everyone at Howard College on this issue."

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COUNTY

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"Right, or to other counties that have used up all their indigent health funding," explained Uvalde. "We are very well aware of this legislation and we believe most of the counties are against it. We will be keeping close track of it."

In other business, commissioners:

- Appointed Frances Walker to the Senior Citizens Board;

- Approved the annual interlocal agreement between the city and county for upkeep of the Senior Citizens Center;

- Approved an office supplies bid from Concho Business Solutions in the amount of \$5907.46;

- Approved a bid from Bear Graphics of \$1,820 for shelving for the county clerk's office;

- Approved a bid of \$1,015 from Dale Coates for a compressor at the county annex building;

- Approved \$5,814 for video equipment, light bars and other items for sheriff's vehicles; \$2,000 for installation of equipment for those vehicles; and \$500 for decals.

- Approved resolutions extending the time to hold two properties deeded to the county in lieu of tax foreclosures.

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ENROLL

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to their 2003 peak, Burchett noted.

Non-credit, or work-force training, enrollment figures are not available for 2004, but also remain stable. A five-year comparison shows that enrollment in these course stayed between 11,000 and



Burchett

12,000 students every year except 2002, when it peaked at 12,074.

In comparison, contact hours — the number of hours a student is physically in a class or lab — have continued on an upward climb. Burchett told

trustees the college generated 2.26 million contact hours in 2004, a 4.6 percent increase from the previous year.

Contact hours are of particular importance to the college because it is those figures that are used to determine state funding for the institution, Burchett said.

In other business, trustees learned that the

CONCERT

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vatory in Kortrijk where four nights a week she studied music, and soon began performing with a five-piece band. All through high school, she was the lead singer of numerous bands performing in Belgium, Holland, France and Germany.

She began writing songs at the age of 17. In 1998, she signed her first publishing deal to Starspan Limited in Ireland.

Castelle traveled to Nashville, Tenn., when she was 20 and soon began writing songs with some of Nashville's top songwriters, including Rob Crosby, Kostas, Philip White and Don Goodman.

In 2000, Warner Brothers Music/Benelux signed Nancy to a recording deal.

Her first single "All In One You," co-written by Craig Karp, was a hit on the Dutch pop charts.

In October 2002, Castelle she with Universal Music Publishing Group Nashville.

Many of the corpses, charred or dismembered, were unrecognizable, stuffed into white plastic bags. Other bodies lay on the ground in the open because the overwhelmed morgue had no place to store them.

"We blame Hillah police for this tragedy because they didn't take the necessary measures to protect innocent people," said Hussein Hassoun, who lost two nephews who were standing in line for medical checkups, trying to join the local police force.

Many of the dead will be taken to the holy Shiite city of Najaf for burial later Tuesday.

The explosion in Hillah, a largely Shiite Muslim town about 60 miles south of Baghdad, was so powerful that the only thing remaining of the bomber's car was the twisted wreckage of the engine block.

The blast littered the area with blood and body parts, damaging the front of the clinic and collapsing the roofs of a nearby market covered with shards of shattered glass.

Some of the victims were shoppers or vendors from a nearby outdoor street market selling produce, sandwiches and other food.

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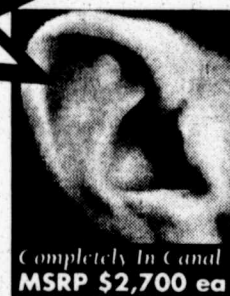
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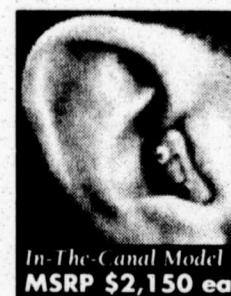
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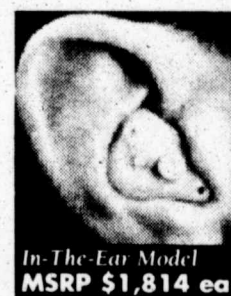
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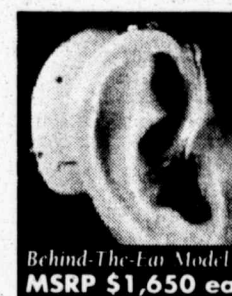
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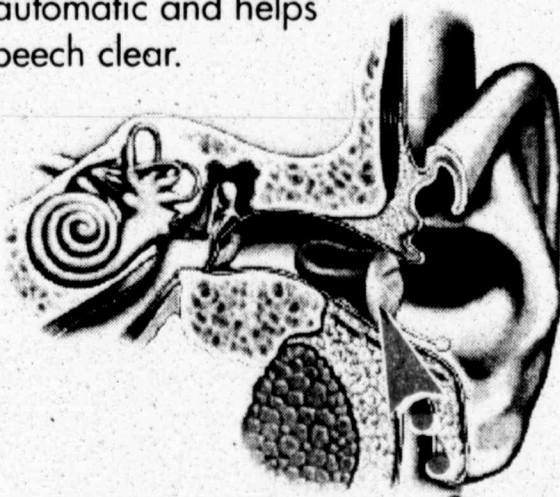


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"Remember...you deserve the best!"

YoungLife banquet hailed a great success

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

Nearly 150 people demonstrated support of Big Spring youth at the YoungLife Roundup Banquet Monday night in the Dora Roberts Community Center, donating in excess of \$24,000 to the organization.

"This may be the best banquet we've had thus far," said YoungLife board president, Mayor Russ McEwen.

YoungLife, a community-sponsored, non-denominational program for high school students, conducts the Roundup Banquet and a golf tournament as its two major fund-raisers for the year.

Additional support for the program comes from the Dora Roberts Foundation and a recent grant from the Betenebough Corporation in Lubbock.

Catered by Brenda's Barbecue and More, community members began arriving about 6:30 p.m. They were greeted with hoe-down songs from cowboy-costumed YoungLife members Richard Acuff, Travis Callaway, Brandon

Pierce, Jana Giles, Michael Loftis, Amy Smith, Jeremy Mills, Jason Garcia, Cassandra Willis and volunteer Deanna Acuff and YoungLife leader Matt Warren, who played guitar.

The youth also served tea and helped clear the tables after the meal.

The Rev. Dan Stephens, youth minister from Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland, told those attending that of the more than 2,000 teenagers in Howard County, less than 400 of them are actively involved in a youth ministry.

"That means about 80 percent of them are not actively involved. I'm talking about the ones on the rolls, the ones who say they are Christian because their parents are Christian. About 80 percent of the youth here are not actively pursuing their own spiritual relationships," Stephens said.

He added that the reality is, the teen-agers are not taking advantage of the events offered through church ministries in Howard County. "They're not coming to you, so you've got to go to

them. YoungLife is your campus ministry, not some ministry at some far away, vague campus, but right here, on your campus," Stephens said.

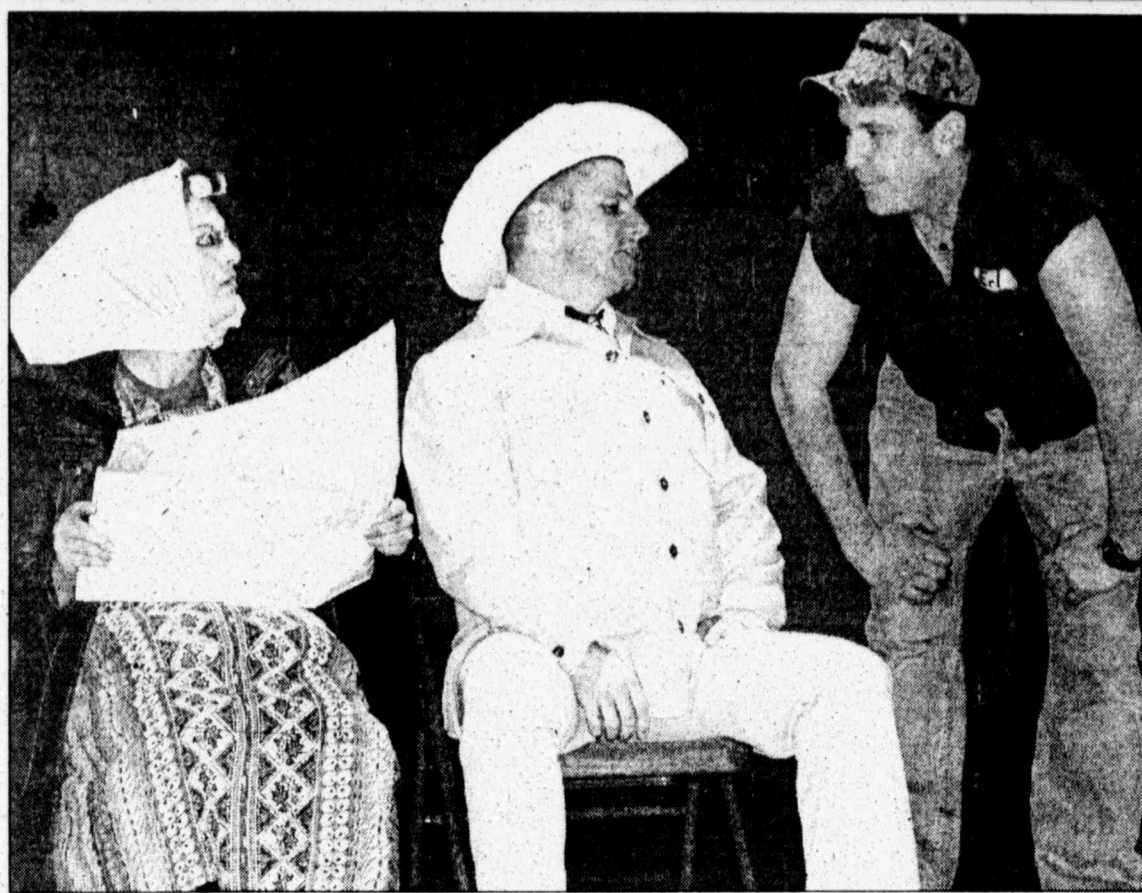
YoungLife leader Shelly Warren said she intends to see YoungLife expand into the junior high schools with WyldLife, the middle school program offered by the national organization.

"We need to reach these kids sooner. By building club in the junior highs, when they reach high school they will be expecting to attend YoungLife," she said.

YoungLife club members, Mills, Pierce and Loftis performed a skit for the program. Loftis, who has been a YoungLife member for two years, spoke to the crowd, offering his services as a way to earn money for his volunteer camp service this summer.

"YoungLife has a slogan about camp, 'the best week of your life or your money back,' and that is absolutely true. YoungLife camp is awesome," Loftis said.

He will serve at the Windy Gap Camp in North Carolina in June,



YoungLife volunteers Christy Alton, left, Matt Warren and Ken Noble performed a comedy routine at the YoungLife Roundup Banquet Monday night. The fund-raiser, the only community event for the local non-profit Christian organization, received more than \$24,000 in donations at the event. Plans are being made to take the non-denominational program into the junior high schools.

the first local YoungLife member to participate in the volunteer service program of the organization.

Local club members plan to attend camp in Colorado in July and the teen-agers will have fund-raisers to cover the cost of the \$350 fee.

"These are some of the

best camps available for teen-agers or for families, for that matter," said Matt Warren.

Volunteer leaders are needed by the organization for club meetings on Monday nights.

To volunteer, learn more about YoungLife or sponsor a camp member-

ship or to contribute to YoungLife, contact Warren at 264-1234.

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Making movies mostly mean making money

Movie stars. I don't understand them.

I love to watch special features on DVDs and listen to how movies were made and hear the interviews.

But, what cracks me up is what the actors don't say.

They do tell how hard they worked on the movie. How many hours they put in each day.

They reminisce about freezing or ultra-hot conditions, cramped spaces and impossible stunts.

They talk about uncooperative animals, children and co-workers. They go on and on, giving the scoop.

And I love it. What they don't tell the viewer, however, is that they get paid anywhere from \$12 to \$20

million per movie to be uncomfortable, hot, cold and put upon.

Just for fun, I figured it out. If a \$20 million thespian works 12 hours a day on set, for 52 days, that's roughly \$32,000 per hour, give or take a few bucks.

Somebody call the *waawaaaambulance* for these poor, overworked folks.

Watching movies is fun. I've given the guidelines for movie renting in a previously-written draft.

It's probably no picnic to make movies. But, for \$30-plus thousand an hour, I could probably learn to play the tuba while riding sidesaddle on a camel across the Mojave desert.

Actors. Gotta love 'em!

Christy Alton is mother of two, works full time and is married to her park ranger, Ron. Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



CHRISTY ALTON

Luncheon to honor women of distinction

The West Texas Girl Scout Council Women of Distinction luncheon honors 14 outstanding women from throughout the council's 16 counties at a noon March 19 in the Abilene Civic Center.

Tickets are \$50 per plate, or \$400 for a host table.

Honorees include: Dian Graves Stai, Billie Proctor-Shaw, Barbara Anderson, Dorothy Haney, Shirley W. Moore, JoAnn Turner, Ruby Turner, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Lisa Peterson, Nettie Lee, Jan Lemons, Ann Smartt, Cathy McEntire and Jimi Coplen.

The speaker for the luncheon will be Deanie Parrish, one of the origi-

nal Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

The WASP were the first female U.S. pilot units organized during World War II. These women are credited with making a major contribution to the Allied victory. Some 1,800 women were admitted to the program and fewer than 500 are still alive. Ms. Parrish is a dynamic speaker and a true woman of distinction, according to Avery.

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March 3 • Thursday

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March 4 • Friday

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- * "Casa Blanca" - 11:30 am
- * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

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- * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

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- * Mall Walking - 8:00 am

March 16 • Wednesday

- * Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

March 17 • Thursday

- * Mall Walking - 8:00 am
- * Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- * St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 am

March 18 • Friday

- * Midland Shopping - 9:00 am (rsvp early)

March 19 • Saturday

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March 20 • Sunday

- * COLD FEET - MCT - 1:00 pm (rsvp by 3-11)

March 21 • Monday

- * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
- * Supper Club "Sky's" - 5:30 pm

March 22 • Tuesday

- * Mall Walking - 8:00 am
- * New Mexico Casino Trip 10:00 am

March 23 • Wednesday

- * Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

March 24 • Thursday

- * Mall Walking - 8:00 am
- * Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- * Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

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- * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

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- * Mall Walking - 8:00 am
- * Supper Club "Cowboy's" 5:30 pm

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- * Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

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IN BRIEF

Howard wins WJCAC cheerleading title

The Howard College cheerleading squad traveled to Odessa College Saturday and yelled and danced its way to a first place finish at the first-ever Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) cheerleading championships.

South Plains took second, while New Mexico Junior College captured third place.

"The cheerleaders worked so hard and I am very proud of the young ladies," said Cheerleading Sponsor Linda Berry. "I want to thank all the people that came to support us."

Class of 2005 to host fund-raiser

The Big Spring class of 2005 will be holding a softball fund-raiser at Cotton Mize Field March 11 and 12.

The entry fee will be \$125 and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

For more information, contact J.R. Landin at 264-1736 or Able Rios at 213-2115.

Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday, March 19, at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12 and enrollment is limited.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Howard red brings free Hawk admission

The Howard College Hawks will host Midland College Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Game times are 5:50 pm for the women and 8 pm for the men.

This is the last home basketball game of the season and officials are pushing for a large crowd.

In an attempt to pack the coliseum, Howard College will be offering a "Wear Red and get in Free" promotion.

For more information, contact the college athletic department at 264-4050.

B.S. sweeps Tigers in DH, improves to 3-0 this year

• Doporto, Lasater lead Steers at the plate with two RBIs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Two close games resulted in two victories for the Big Spring baseball team Saturday against Snyder at home.

The Steers swept the Tigers in a double-header, winning game No. 1 3-1 and taking two 5-3.

Ryan Slater improved to 2-0 on the season as he struck out seven hitters in four innings on the hill.

Mark Lozano pitched three innings in relief and recorded the save.

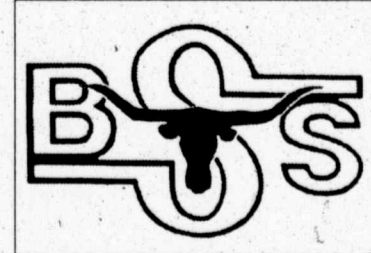
Jerry Doporto, Andy Lasater and Lance Murphy each had RBI singles in the game to lead Big Spring (3-0) at the plate.

Charles Downing started the game on the mound for Big Spring and grabbed his first win of the year. He threw four innings, gave up three hits and struck out three.

J. Rich Sparks got the save as he gave up two hits in three innings of relief work.

Lozano recorded two RBIs at the plate, while Lasater and Murphy each had RBI singles, as well.

The Steers will try to stay undefeated today when they travel to Odessa Permian. The game is set to start at 4 p.m.



Lady Steers take fourth at golf meet

• Gee takes fifth as Big Spring shoots well at Fort Stockton

Special to the HERALD

FORT STOCKTON — The Big Spring girl's golf team traveled to Fort Stockton this weekend and captured a fourth place finish out of 15 teams.

Senior Rachel Gee led the Lady Steers with an individual fifth place finish. She shot a first round 83 and a second round 40 (played only nine holes due to rain).

Amber Miller was second on the team with a two round total of 143. Megan McCormick was not too far behind Miller as she finished with a two round total of 145. Cassie Guinn and Kim Paredes shot 153 and 155, respectively.

The Lady Steers will travel to Midland Friday and Saturday.



Howard freshman Louis Rodgers tries to get the ball away from a trap from Odessa College Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks won their fourth straight game Monday against rival South Plains and ended the Texans winning streak against Howard.

South Plains cruises past Howard women

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND

Second-ranked South Plains used two big runs in the first half to dispose of the Howard women Thursday at the Texan Dome as Howard dropped its 10th WJCAC game this season, losing 80-44 against the Lady Texans.

The Hawk women led 8-6 early in the game, but South Plains (26-2) went on a 34-2 run to capture a large lead. The Lady Texans scored 11 straight in the first part of the run and then after a basket by Howard freshman Latoya Fairley, South Plains rolled off 23 unanswered points to take a 40-10 lead with 4:01 to play until halftime.

"I thought we got out of the gate really good," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "They went to a zone defense and we stopped rebounding and started taking quick shots."

Howard (12-16) eventually trailed 46-18 at halftime and committed 11 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

The Hawk women never got closer than 30 points in the second half as South Plains proved its No. 2 national ranking.

Fairley led Howard with

a team-high 15 points and eight rebounds, while freshman Jennifer Pena added eight points and three rebounds. Pena was six-for-six from the foul line.

Sophomore Ciara Tidwell hit two 3-pointers and finished with six points, while freshman Milica Rogic scored six points. Freshman Ariel Rhodes led the Hawk women with four assists.

The win secures South Plains with the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title. They finished the WJCAC season with an 11-1 record.

"I am happy for South Plains because they are a class act as a program," said Diddle. "They deserve this championship."

"Our goal at Howard is to become what South Plains was this year. I hope the Hawk fans stay with us. I came to this school with the intention of winning a national championship and you can't get that way unless you believe it can happen."

The Hawk women's season will conclude Thursday at home against Midland at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game will start at 6 p.m. The Lady Chaps enter the game with a 21-9 overall record and 8-3 record in



Howard's head women's basketball coach Earl Diddle, left, signals instructions to sophomore Jessica Shusteric Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawk women lost to No. 2 South Plains Thursday.

Howard College to host boy's playoff games

Howard College will host two Boys Class 3A Regional quarterfinal championship games tonight at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, according to Coliseum Director Stan Feaster.

6 p.m. — Merkel Badgers vs. Levelland Lobos

8 p.m. — Seminole vs. Abilene Wylie

WJCAC Standings

Women

*South Plains	11-1	26-2
*Midland College	8-3	21-8
*New Mexico JC	7-4	20-7
Clarendon	5-6	18-10
Odessa College	4-7	14-12
Frank Phillips	3-8	15-12
Howard College	1-10	12-16
* Region V tournament qualifier		

Thursday's scores
Midland 66, Clarendon 43
South Plains 80, Howard 44
New Mexico JC 77, Frank Phillips 76
Odessa College did not play

Men

*Frank Phillips	11-2	23-4
*Howard College	10-3	24-5
*Midland College	9-4	22-7
South Plains	7-6	20-9
Clarendon	7-6	16-14
Odessa College	4-9	11-17
New Mexico JC	2-11	10-21
N.M. Military	2-11	10-18
* Region V tournament qualifier		

Thursday's scores
Midland 96, Clarendon 56
Howard 65, South Plains 58
Frank Phillips 78, New Mexico JC 59
Odessa 95, New Mexico Military 88

IN BRIEF

Softball association
to hold signups

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups Saturday, March 4, at the Big Spring Mall and signups will be held every Saturday in the month of March, as well.

The signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the league is open to girls ages four and older.

For more information, contact Carrie Fox at 267-6428.

Chiefs hire local to
head up football team

Former Angelo State University offensive coordinator Tim Reid was presented to the San Angelo ISD school board at a special meeting today to be the new football coach/campus coordinator at Lake View High School.

Pending board approval, Reid will replace Joey McQueen, who resigned after two seasons at Lake View in January to take the head football coach/athletic director position at Smithville, a Class 3A school southeast of Austin.

Before his resignation from ASU in December, Reid spent the last 22 seasons at Angelo State.

Reid also spent one year as a high school as in 1976, he served as the defensive coordinator at Red Oak High School.

Reid would take over a Lake View program that qualified for the playoffs in each of the past two seasons.

They were 11-11 the past two years and won a share of the District 4-4A title this past fall.

If the board approves the hiring, Reid is expected to begin work at Lake View by the end of next week.

Duncan sends S.A.
to win after buzzer-
beater against Cavs

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Gordon Gund's last game as owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers had a familiar ending: a buzzer-beating shot by a star player. A stunned crowd. A loss.

Tim Duncan made a wide-open 19-foot jumper just before the final horn sounded, giving the San Antonio Spurs a 94-92 victory Monday night over the Cavaliers, who hoped to send Gund off as a winner.

Instead, Gund's finale as majority owner was painfully fitting. During his 22 seasons with the Cavaliers, his teams were beaten by some big shots, most notably Michael Jordan's jumper over Craig Ehlo in the first round of the 1989 Eastern Conference playoffs for the Chicago Bulls.

Duncan's completes a vicious cycle.

"We were able to take them down to the wire," LeBron James said. "That was a great effort for us."

Duncan's game-winning shot concluded a night that started miserably for the All-Star forward. He missed his first seven shots and didn't score in the first 19 minutes. But with the game on the line, Duncan took a pass from Tony Parker, gathered himself and calmly knocked down his winner without a hand in his face.

"We run that play a bil-

lion times," Duncan said. "So we're very comfortable with it. The shot felt good. Halfway there, I knew it was."

After going 0-for-7, Duncan went 9-for-10 from the floor, finishing with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Parker added 19 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists — none bigger than his short pass to Duncan after drawing Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas on a pick-and-roll.

"I couldn't make anything early," said Duncan, who went 9-for-28 in a loss at Cleveland last season. "I had some good shots and good looks, but nothing was going down for me. I was just going to stay with it."

During his final timeout, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich set up the play with Duncan as the first option. As it turned out, there was no need to go over any others.

"Tony ran it perfectly," Popovich said. "He was to look first to Tim, then if he wasn't open drive to the middle and either take it to the rim and try to create or find (Brent) Barry in the corner."

Ilgauskas had 26 points and LeBron James finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Cavaliers.

Manu Ginobili, who finished with 17 points, could have put the Spurs up by four points, but missed a pair of free throws late.

HOWARD

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and dished out six assists and made five out of six shots from the foul line during the final 2:23 to lead Howard to the win.

"Charles kept us in the game with some offensive rebounds," said Sautter. "He is not a freshman anymore and is making sure we win these types of games."

The victory keeps the Hawk men in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. They are now 24-5 overall and 10-3 in conference play.

The Hawks led by as many as 12 points in the first half, but South Plains used a 14-2 run at home late in the second half to tie the score. Howard freshman Brandon Sampay got a putback with one second to go until halftime to give the Hawks a two-point halftime lead.

The score was tied on four different occasions in the first eight minutes of the second half before Howard went on a little run to regain the advan-

tage in the game.

South Plains took the lead 42-40 with 12:02 to play in the game, but Howard ran off nine straight points to go up by seven.

The run was started by a Munir Shakir 3-pointer and ended by a Dezmon Harris jumper with 8:52 to play.

The Texans answered with six straight points of their own and cut the deficit to two before freshman Burgess scored three straight points to give Howard a five-point cushion.

South Plains freshman Dennard Abraham — who is the younger brother of Howard's Dwayne Abraham — got the Texans within one point on two different offensive series, but seven free throws and two layups — one each from Dwayne Abraham and Rashad Mintz — down the stretch put the game away for Howard.

Both Mintz and Dwayne Abraham scored 10 points apiece and Dwayne Abraham also pulled down six rebounds. The most important stat for him, however, was recording his first win

over his younger brother. "I am happy for Dwayne because he finally got a win over his younger brother Dennard," said Sautter. "We have a ton of respect for this South Plains program, the coaching the staff and the players and for what they have done here."

"This was a big win for us."

Howard will try to close out the season with a victory against Midland at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday.

The Hawks can claim a share of the conference crown if they can defeat Midland Thursday and Frank Phillips loses at Clarendon College.

"We still have something to play for," said Sautter. "We definitely have a chance to win this league."

Howard's last conference championship came in 2000.

The Hawks defeated Midland by one point in Midland earlier this season at the Chap Center.

"I think this might be the best game this year for both teams because so much is riding on this game," said Sautter.

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TODD FROG AND HORTENSE HORSE

Todd Frog lived near a big pond that was right in the middle of a pasture.

He loved living in that pond. It was a nice place to go swimming in the summertime. It was also nice in the wintertime, because when the pond was covered with ice, Todd would put on his ice skates

and go skating. You must be won-

dering if frogs really do go ice skating! Most frogs really don't, but Todd Frog does! He is a very special frog!

Hortense Horse lived right in the middle of the pasture. She loved it there. In the summertime, when all of the grass was very green, Hortense would eat and eat. She loved the green grass. In the wintertime, the grass would turn to hay, and Hortense loved that, too! And she had the nearby pond to drink

water from. Are you thinking that Hortense loved to ice skate, too? Not Hortense! She loved to dance like a ballet dancer!

Even though Todd Frog and Hortense Horse lived close to each other, they had never met, until.....?

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wondering what in the world flies have to do with this story! Do you know what a pest a housefly is? Well, houseflies love to be around horses, too! And Hortense only had a tail for a flyswatter. And those pesky flies seemed to be everywhere! Poor Hortense! What could she do?

She would shake her head and stomp her feet and scare the flies away. But they came right back.

Todd Frog had seen Hortense Horse many times in the pasture. And he knew that she was a nice horse and he wished that he could do something to help her. He can do something, can't he? What is one of a frog's favorite foods? Did you say flies?

Todd Frog hopped all the way over to where Hortense Horse was to ask her if he could help. "My name is Todd Frog," he said to Hortense, "Can I help you?" My name is

Todd and Hortense became really good friends that day and all because of some houseflies. Todd never let flies bother Hortense again.

Then one day, Hortense had the chance to help Todd. And she was happy to do it. Todd had some friends that he wanted to visit, but they lived in another pond far away. It always took Todd weeks to go there, for he had to hop all the way.

Hortense told Todd, "Hop up on my back and I will have you there in just a few minutes, because I am a race-horse and I can run really, really fast! Todd jumped up and held on to Hortense and away they went!

Todd visited his friends all day and still made it back home the same day because of Hortense. They were good friends, weren't they?

So, if you are ever riding by a big pasture and see a big pond nearby, and see a horse standing with a frog on his back, be sure to wave to those two best friends!

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Hortense Horse," said Hortense, "Do you like flies?"

"Do I like flies," Todd said, "They are my favorite meal! Be very still and I will hop up onto your back." Hortense stood very still and let Todd jump up and it even tickled her a little. Todd flicked out his tongue and caught the first fly. Then another, and another, until all of the flies were gone!

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

What seemed perfectly acceptable yesterday feels like a do-or-die situation today. Mercury and Pluto square off, emphasizing the extremes. It's healthy and creative to think about what would occur if a situation were taken to the limit. Express your concerns, but be careful to do so in the most political correct way possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Dress like you know your role in life is important. You're going to need all the respect you can command to make today run smoothly. Otherwise, you wind up waiting needlessly for what you deserve to have right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a temptation to throw your money after something that money just can't buy. Think: More art/less commerce, more ideas/fewer things, more attention/less convenience. A Virgo's advice will help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You earn points by simply refusing to give in to the bad social habits that pervade our society. Call people back promptly, and show up where you say you'll be. Success-bound Geminis must learn to make good on their word.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Healthy relationships are a product of consistent behavior. Resolve small differences, or let them go. If you practice this pattern consistently, maybe the big differences won't materialize at all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Computers go down, communication lines get crossed, and important details are dropped at inopportune moments. But don't wait until everything is working properly to move forward. There may never be such a circumstance!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Mental expansion is the way to self-improvement. Besides, education is a real bargain. You'd be surprised at how experts have time for

someone just learning if the student is humble and willing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You probably still feel that your energy is being drained by something you face daily. Setting a new goal will solve the problem — preferably something big. Big goals provide their own energy source.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The concept of surrender continues to be a theme. A key relationship is growing in power, practically absorbing you. You actually start making decisions that automatically give strength to the bond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's something to be said for micromanagement today. At least it increases self-awareness. Each task you perform, regardless of how small it may seem, is a step toward or away from your purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Seize the chance to build a better working relationship with someone you see daily. You won't be pulled to the next step on your career ladder. Rather, you'll be lifted into position by those beside and below you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Cash could fly from your pockets now. Earth-sign energy is crucial for making sound financial arrangements and being all-around fiscally savvy. So seek deals and/or advice from a Virgo, Taurus or Capricorn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The road has blocks, but you refuse to sit and wait for them to be lifted. You're taking the detour. With a few tweaks, your plan will work, and you can prove it. Continue to be brightly hopeful.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am dating a Gemini (born June 3, 1981) who is a very good-looking man. He is also flirtatious (naturally). I love him and believe that he loves me. He has been with many women before and has also admitted to me that he was unfaithful in all his relationships. Do you think he has cheated on me, or is there any probability that he will in the future? I am a Virgo (born Aug. 25, 1983)."

By telling you that he has been unfaithful in all his relationships, he's warning you so that when you find out he has cheated he can say, "I told you who I was." And he'll be right. Cheating is usually a deal breaker for Virgo women. Earth signs in general just can't see why such behavior should be tolerated and usually take it personally. But there are other points of view. Some people can actually be happy in a situation where infidelity, though not ideal, doesn't end the relationship. At this point, you're letting the fear of his cheating run your thoughts. It's not making you any more attractive to him or to yourself. In order to stay with this man happily, you'll have to make cheating a non-issue for you.

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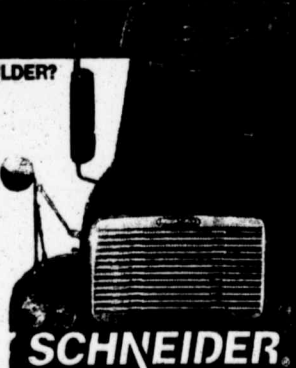
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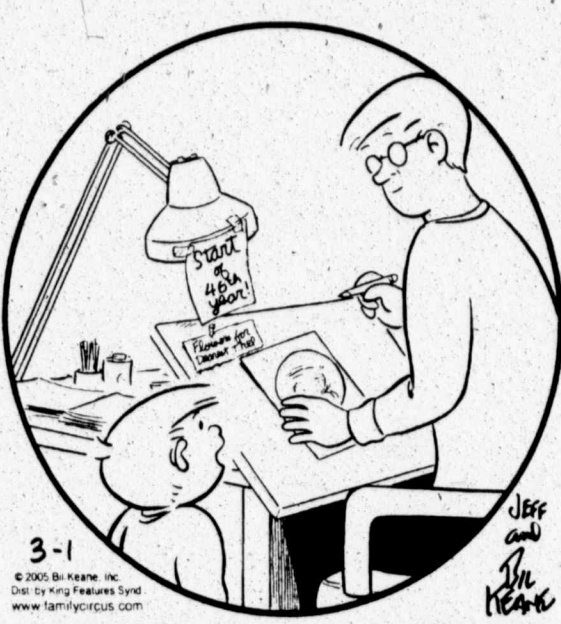
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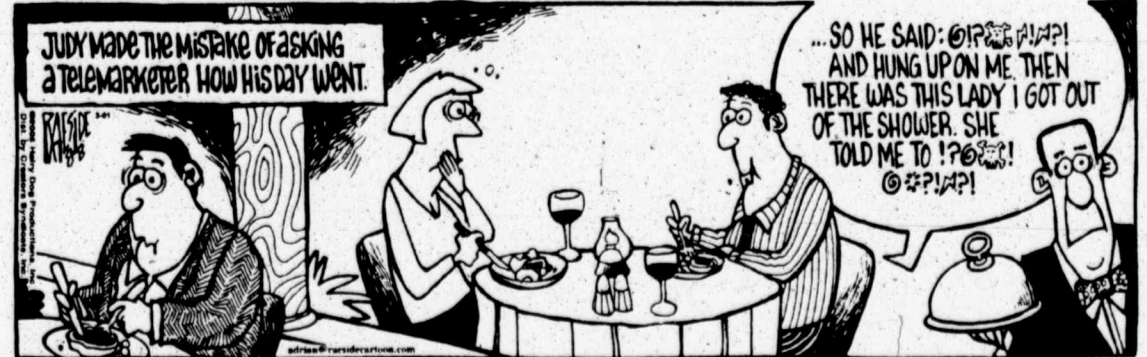
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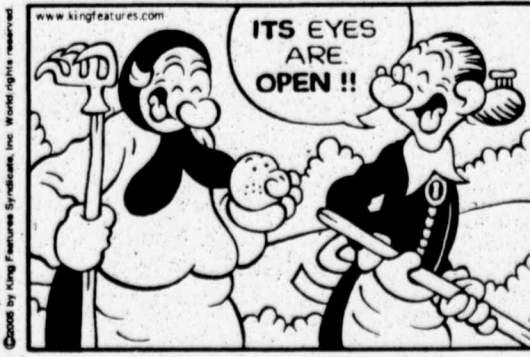
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By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 1, the 60th day of 2005. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1945, President Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

On this date:
In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.
In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.
In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.
In 1872, Congress autho-

rized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1904, bandleader Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa.

In 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: Somalia militiamen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid seized control of the Mogadishu airport after peacekeepers withdrew. At the 37th annual Grammy

Awards in Los Angeles, Sheryl Crow won record of the year for "All I Wanna Do" while Tony Bennett's "MTV Unplugged" was named best album.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 79. Singer Harry Belafonte is 78. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 78. Actor Robert Conrad is 70. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 61. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 61. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 61. Actor Dirk Benedict is 60. Actor Alan Thicke is 58. Actor-director Ron Howard is 51. Actress Catherine Bach is 51.

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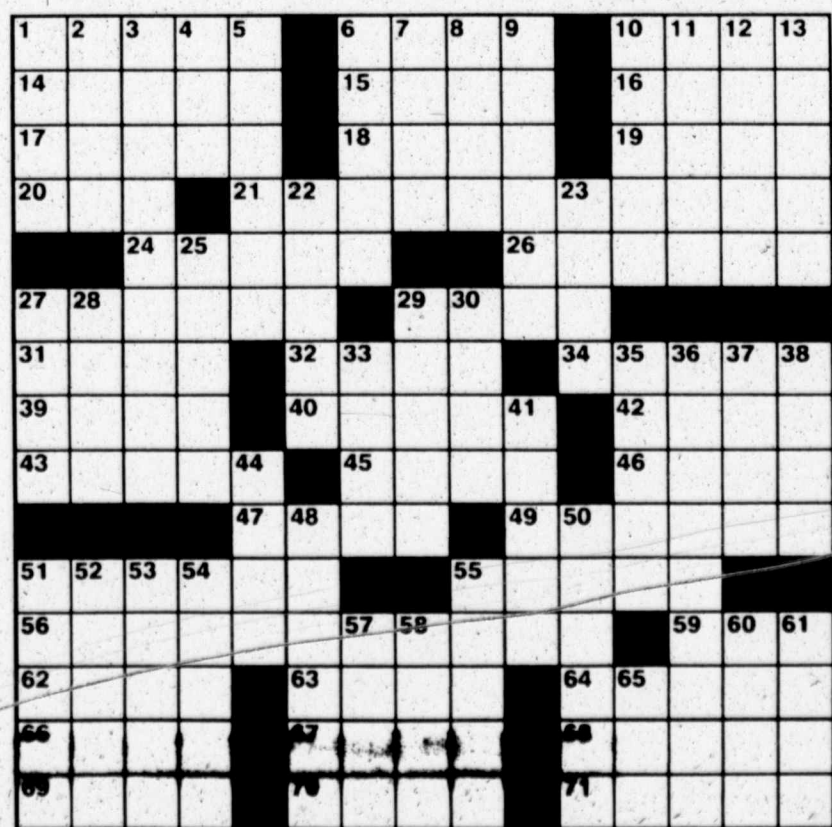
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By BETTY DEBNAM

A Few Who Made a Difference

Stories of Courageous Women

Throughout history, women's contributions have often been ignored. But they have always been a strong force in shaping the way people live.

The Mini Page celebrates Women's History Month with a look at a few of the many women who have changed America. These include women who have been groundbreakers in the arts, science and human rights.

Public service
Susan B. Anthony

Susan B. Anthony was one of the main leaders in the fight for women's right to vote. She also fought against slavery and for other causes.

She was one of the people who organized the first big demonstration for women's rights, at Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848. She traveled around the country speaking out for human rights.

She died before women got the right to vote.

Susan B. Anthony
(1820-1906)

Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman led more than 300 people to freedom from slavery. She was born a slave but escaped. She returned to the South 19 times, risking her life and freedom each time, in order to help more people become free.

After the Civil War she worked for children's education, women's right to vote, and help for the elderly.

Frances Perkins

Frances Perkins was the first woman to hold a Cabinet-level position. She served as secretary of labor from 1933 through 1945 under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

She helped form President Roosevelt's policies. The social changes she helped to bring about included Social Security, the minimum wage and the outlawing of child labor.

Harriet Tubman
(1820-1913)Frances Perkins
(1880-1965)

Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt worked to advance human rights and end poverty. She was first lady during President Franklin Roosevelt's terms.

After her husband died, she served as the U.S. delegate to the United Nations. She was one of the top leaders in getting the U.N. to pass the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

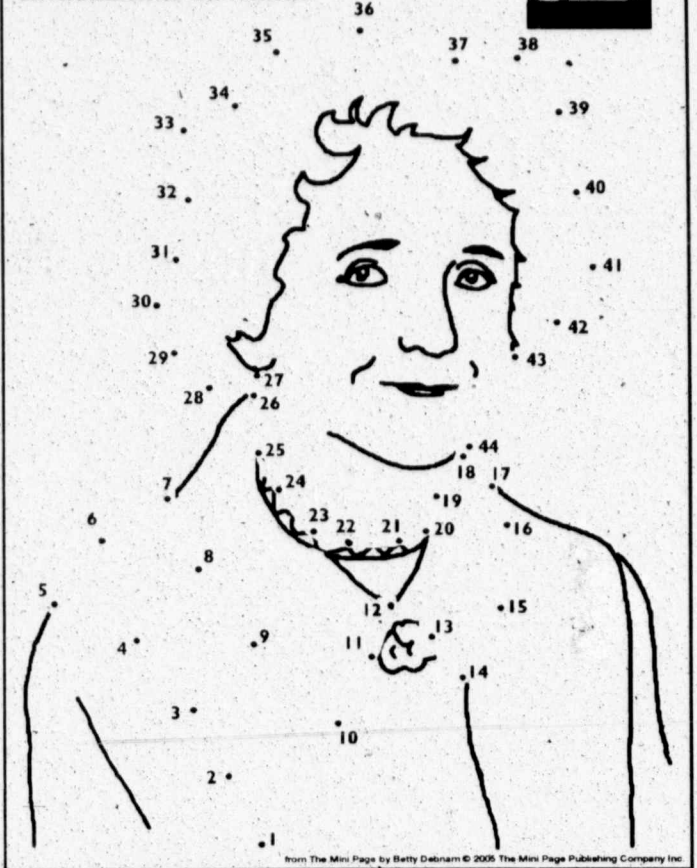
Dolores Huerta

Dolores Huerta has been fighting for the rights of migrant workers for more than 30 years. She helped found the United Farm Workers union.

She has also taught school and worked to help the Hispanic community. She has fought for women's rights and against the use of dangerous pesticides.

Eleanor Roosevelt
(1884-1962)Dolores Huerta
(1930-)

Go dot to dot and color the woman who started the modern environmental movement.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Lucky Lime Pie

This is a yummy green dessert to make for St. Patrick's Day.

You'll need:

- 1 (12-ounce) can frozen limeade
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (9-ounce) container whipped topping
- green food coloring
- 2 ready-made graham cracker crusts
- 2 limes, sliced

What to do:

1. Mix together the limeade and condensed milk.
2. Add the sour cream and whipped topping. Stir until smooth.
3. Stir in several drops of green food coloring to make mixture green.
4. Pour half the mixture in each pie crust.
5. Arrange 4 slices of lime on each pie in the shape of a four-leaf clover, using a small piece of peel for the stem.
6. Freeze for 4 hours until firm and ready to serve. Let sit at room temperature for a few minutes before serving. Makes 2 pies.

Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.



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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Paula Creamer

Birthdate: 8-5-86 Hometown: Pleasanton, Calif. Current residence: Bradenton, Fla.

At age 18, Paula Creamer decided to join the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour. Why not? After all, as a top-ranked amateur, she was beating many of the pros anyway.

In 10 tour tournaments before turning pro, she placed in the top 20 four times and finished second once. Creamer smokes tee shots and sinks putts, two reasons she also won 19 national amateur titles. Creamer, nicknamed the "Pink Panther," enjoyed dancing as a young girl. But then she got serious about golf, moved from California with her family, and sharpened her game at IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla.

She plans to pursue a college degree in communications on a part-time basis. As for golf, keep an eye on her. Creamer isn't an 18-year-old dreamer. She's a pro with considerable promise.

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Meet Hayden Panettiere

Hayden Panettiere got her first acting part in a toy commercial when she was just 11 months old. Since then, she has been in more than 50 commercials.

At 4½, Hayden went on to act in a soap opera. She has been in movies, including "Remember the Titans," "Joe Somebody," "Racing Stripes" and the new movie "Ice Princess."

Hayden has also played voice-over parts for some animated movies, such as Princess Dot in "A Bug's Life" and Suri in "Dinosaurs."

Hayden, 15, grew up in Palisades, N.Y. Today she lives in New York City with her mom and younger brother. She is an ambassador for ICUN Wildlife Foundation, a group that raises money to save endangered species. She enjoys dancing, singing, swimming and horseback riding.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Ronnie: What was the heroic daisy awarded?
Roxanne: A petal of honor!

Roscoe: Why did the meatball sandwich get a medal?
Rosy: Because it was a "hero" sandwich!

Roger: What did the caveman say when he saw a man row a boat for the first time?
Rita: "He-row!"

Basset Brown The News Hound's Women's History Month TRY 'N FIND

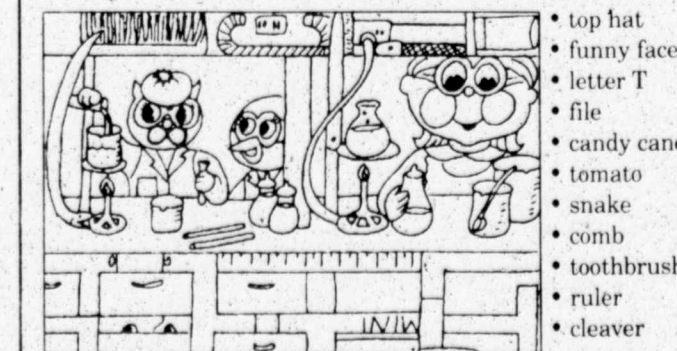
Words and names that remind us of Women's History Month are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: HISTORY, CHANGE, ARTS, SCIENCE, POLITICS, VOTE, RIGHTS, FREEDOM, CAUSES, RISK, EDUCATION, CHILDREN, LAW, POVERTY, TEACH, ENVIRONMENT, DOCTOR, POETRY, AID.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her girlfriends are doing scientific experiments. See if you can find: • two number 8's • word MINI



More Courageous Women

Science

Rachel Carson

Rachel Carson changed the way the world looks at the environment. As a biologist, she became alarmed by how much pesticides were harming wildlife.

In 1962 she wrote about her concerns in "Silent Spring." At first she was ridiculed. But she had backed her theories with scientific evidence, and people learned to believe her.

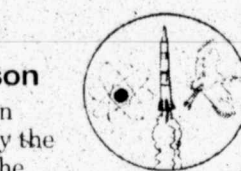
Because of her, some of the most dangerous pesticides, such as DDT, were banned in America. Her work was the foundation for today's environmental work.

Chien-Shiung Wu

Chien-Shiung Wu was a physicist who was honored for her discoveries about the atom. During World War II, she worked on the Manhattan Project, which developed the first atom bomb. She also helped develop a better Geiger counter, to detect radiation.

She also worked to find a cure for sickle cell anemia.

She was born in China and moved to America after college.

Rachel Carson
(1907-1964)Chien-Shiung Wu
(1912-1997)

Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison has worked as a chemical engineer and a doctor. She was also the first female black astronaut in NASA.

As a doctor she has served in the Peace Corps in Africa and as a volunteer at a Cambodian refugee camp.

She founded the Jemison Group Inc. to help with charitable causes, including improving health care in Africa. She has also taught college classes in environmental studies.

She speaks English, Russian, Japanese and Swahili.

The arts

Gwendolyn Brooks

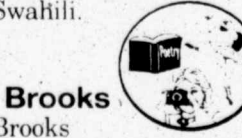
Gwendolyn Brooks received the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her poetry. She was the first African-American to receive this top literature award.

She published her first poem when she was only about 13. She later served a year as consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress.

She taught creative writing at several colleges and to children.

Next week The Mini Page is about the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian.

The Mini Page thanks Molly MacGregor, president and co-founder, National Women's History Project, for help with this issue.

Mae Jemison
(1956-)Gwendolyn Brooks
(1917-2000)

Dorothea Lange

Dorothea Lange's photographs showed people the face of poverty in rural America. Her most famous photos were shot during the Depression in the 1930s.

These photographs focused mainly on people who were suffering from the long drought. Her photographs helped convince the public to begin public aid programs.

During World War II, she photographed Japanese-Americans who had been imprisoned in American camps.

Maria Tallchief

Maria Tallchief is a world-famous ballerina. Her early childhood was spent on the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma, where her father was tribal chief.

Maria Tallchief was the top, or prima, ballerina at the New York City Ballet. Her husband at the time, choreographer George Balanchine, made many of his dances for her.

Later, she and her sister Marjorie founded the Chicago City Ballet.

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Dorothea Lange
(1895-1965)Maria Tallchief
(1925-)

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