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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Relay for Life

February is time to get your team together for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Call 267-3841 to request a team captain's packet and start your fund-raising now. Relay is May 9-10 at Blankenship Field. Join Big Spring's award-winning effort in the fight against cancer!

RELIEF ROUTE MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting tonight to gather public input on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7 p.m.

VITA READY TO HELP

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

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Luce resigns from 9-1-1 board

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Faced with an expected effort by the Big Spring City Council to remove her from the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors, Don Nell Luce has submitted a letter of resignation

from the post.

The Big Spring council members voiced a desire at their meeting Feb. 11 to remove Luce, one of two 9-1-1 board members appointed by Howard County's three cities, because of their dissatisfaction with the board's recent financial deal-

"She could not undergo the stress. Also, she felt she did not have the support of her mayor or the city council."

Melinda Hernandez,
9-1-1 board chairman



In her letter dated Feb. 12, Luce gives no reason for the resignation. "I feel this is in the

best interest of the 9-1-1 District that I have so honorably served," the letter says. "I hope the 9-1-1 Board keeps looking towards the future and achieving the goals of the district and not let outside influences interfere with the decisions that need to be

made in the interest of public safety."

Howard County 9-1-1 Board President Melinda Hernandez said stress was a factor in Luce's decision.

"Her primary reason was her health," Hernandez said. "She

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Warm weather brings Kansas native to Texas

People are the same regardless, teacher finds

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It didn't take a tornado to uproot Kansas native Glenda Hendrickson and drop her in dusty West Texas.

Instead, years of snow and a warm-weathered husband accomplished the feat.

"My husband (Darell) hates cold weather and that's hard in Kansas," said the Kentwood second grade teacher.

Almost 15 years ago, the couple, who had spent 40 years in Kansas, along with their youngest son, moved to Big Spring where Darell became the minister of the First Church of God on Main Street.

Hendrickson said both she and Darell fell in love with the people of Big Spring upon their first visit with the church and the transition from Kansas to Texas was easy.

However, Hendrickson did have to get accustomed to a few differences.

"Tornadoes don't bother



Teacher of the Week Glenda Hendrickson leads her second grade Kentwood class through a lesson in perimeters. A Kansas native, Hendrickson and her husband moved to Big Spring almost 15 years and although she admits to missing snow and changing seasons, the couple feel at home in Big Spring.

me," Hendrickson said. "I've been through enough of them it's no big deal. There was never a year in Kansas that you didn't have to take to the shelter or basement. It

was just a way of life.

"What was hard to get use to was the dust storms," she continued. "I never saw red dust storms before."

And Texans do talk a

little funny.

"I had to learn a new vernacular," Hendrickson said. "I still have a hard time saying 'I'm fixin to do' something and everything

here is a coke. A Dr Pepper is a coke."

Yet, there are more similarities

"Kids are universal."

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Forsan ISD incumbent first to file candidacy

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Forsan school trustee incumbent declared his intent to seek another at-large term Monday but in other area school districts candidacy filing was quiet.

Louis Boeker, a Forsan Independent School District trustee, was the only person to declare candidacy Monday, the first official day to file. Filing continues through March 24.

"I just enjoy seeing the progress the school is making and enjoy trying to make an impact," Boeker said.

A 12-year veteran of the school board, Boeker and his wife, Tracy, have two children, Landon, a sec-

ond grader at Elbow Elementary, and Lindsey, a pre-kindergartner.

Because Monday fell on President's Day, a federal holiday, some school district offices were closed.

Here's filing information for area schools. Potential candidates should bring their voter registration card and driver's license.

Big Spring ISD
Single-member District 4, held by incumbent Frank Long, and District 2, a newly created minority-majority district, will be the first seats elected under the district's new election scheme.

Candidates considering a run for either seat will need to check with the district's business office,

708 E. 11th Place, to see if they are eligible. Interested candidates can file between 8 a.m. and noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma ISD

Three at-large seats held by incumbents Jody Reid, Larry Cordes and James White are up for election. Interested candidates can file at the superintendent's office,

600 N. Main, during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Forsan ISD
At-large positions held

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Filing period opens for cities

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

All three of Howard County's cities have city council seats up for election in May.

Today is the first day to file to run for three city council seats in Big Spring and Forsan. Coahoma has two city council seats and the mayor's position up for election. The deadline to

file for the May 3 election is 5 p.m. March 19.

Early voting will begin April 16 and end April 29.

In Big Spring, seats up for election are Place 2, held by Oscar Garcia; Place 4, held by Tommy Tune; and Place 6, held by Greg Biddison. Big Spring council members serve three-year terms.

In Big Spring, a candidate must have lived

within the city limits for one year and be a registered voter.

"You do not have to live within the precinct you are going to represent," said City Secretary Peggy Walker. "Only the members of that precinct can vote for you."

Forsan has three at-large seats up for elec-

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SpongeBob to star at local dental fair

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

He may have just two teeth but SpongeBob SquarePants knows the importance of good dental hygiene — important enough that the famous children's cartoon is the theme for the annual Howard County Children's Dental

Health Fair.

"This is mostly to inform kids about proper dental care and how important oral health care is for the teeth," said Amye Cobb, Howard College second-year dental student.

The free community outreach project is organized by college dental hygiene stu-

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Amye Cobb,
dental student



dents and includes many interactive booths to inform area children about proper oral hygiene. "You can come and go as you want," Cobb said.

"Everything is going to be decorated with SpongeBob — that's our theme. We will give out treats, little toys, popcorn balloons.

"They can bring an old toothbrush and we'll throw those away in exchange for a new one," Cobb said.

The Dental Health

Fair will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the dental Hygiene Clinic in the Horace Garrett Building. Suggested parking is by the Memorial Stadium on the home side.

For more information, call the Dental Hygiene Department at 264-5065.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Sidney R. "S.R." Bell

Sidney R. "S.R." Bell, 87, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003 at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home following a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at the Eastside Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor, officiating.



Mr. Bell was born on Sept. 3, 1915, and left his home in Alabama at the age of 15, catching rides on boxcars until he reached Texas. There he began a long career in the oilfield business, starting out by hauling water, working his way up the ladder until he gained knowledge

of the business. He took a three-year break from the business when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, serving on active duty from Sept. 22, 1942, until he received an honorable discharge at New Orleans on Sept. 24, 1945. During his tour of duty he received several medals and citations, one of which was signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur for participation in the initial invasion of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on Dec. 27, 1943. Upon separation from the Coast Guard, he returned to the oilfield business working for Robinson Drilling in Snyder until 1969 before moving to Big Spring and continuing with the company.

He was united in marriage to Mary Louise Pierce on Nov. 11, 1942, in Monahans. She preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 1977. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Mary Raley and Nolan C. Bell; a daughter, Vickie Jo Gorrondona; and a grandson, James Stinchcomb.

He is survived by one son, Sidney Bell and his wife, Louise, of Odessa; two daughters, Sandy Graham and her husband, Carl, of Colorado City and Jena Clark and her husband, Mark, of Midland; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Volunteer Services of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Dean "House" Householder

James Dean "House" Householder, 49, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Abilene. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



James was born on Dec. 3, 1953, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He worked for the railroad for 28 years and retired in 2002 from Union Pacific.

James was a loving son, husband, brother, father and grandfather. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Householder of Big Spring; one daughter, Mandy Jenkins and husband, Billy, of Abilene; two grandchildren, Chelsea and Taylor Householder of Abilene; his parents, James L. and Jeannette Householder of Big Spring; and one brother, Alan Householder and wife, Debbie of Big Spring; three step children, Brooke Latham of Arab, Ala., Josh Snider of Boaz, Ala., and Cicely James of Big Spring.

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

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

Ramona Lee Herbert

Funeral service for Ramona Lee Hickman Herbert, 74, of Quitman, a former resident of Big Spring, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the First Assembly of God Church in Quitman with the Rev. Ken Ottwell and the Rev. Jerry Payne officiating. Burial will be in the Last Supper-Good Shepherd Garden mausoleum in Roselawn Memorial Gardens near Mineola under the direction of Cottle-Pearson Funeral Home in Overton.

Mrs. Herbert died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in a Tyler hospital.

Weather

Tonight... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north-west to 20 mph.

Wednesday... Cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night... Numerous thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Thursday... Widespread thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 50s. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Friday... Thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs

Take note

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Russell McMeans

Russell McMeans of Buchanan Dam died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, at Seton Highland Lakes Hospital in Burnet following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at the Highland Lakes Methodist Church with the Rev. L.C. Johnston officiating. Burial will be in the Bluffton Cemetery under the direction of Waldrop-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home of Kingsland.

Pallbearers will be close friends Lance Dillard, Bill Young, George Glynn, Wayne Mitchel, Marvin Lutz and Valentino Sotello. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Buchanan Dam Lions Club.

Mr. McMeans was born on Oct. 27, 1929, in Valera, the son of Harvey and Mahala McMeans.

He played football at San Angelo Lake View High School and at San Angelo College and later at Sul Ross University in Alpine.

He married Georgia Lynn Eaves on Jan. 20, 1951, in Ballinger.

He served in the 4th Armored Division at Fort Hood during the Korean Conflict.

He was a natural leader with high ideals and expectations. In 1955 he began his teaching and coaching career in Van Horn. At the end of his first year, he was asked to be the principal of the new junior high school in Van Horn. In 1960 he was hired as principal at Buena Vista High School in Imperial. He was superintendent of schools there for four years before moving to Stanton in 1966 where he served as superintendent of that school district for 15 years. He then became director of the Special Education Cooperative for five years.

He retired in 1986 and moved to Lake Buchanan to fish and play golf. He received an award for five years of outstanding service as a referee at the Texas Relays in Austin from 1986-90.

He was active in Lions Club International before he left Alpine and after serving as president of several individual Lions clubs, he was elected governor for District 2A-1 in 1981-82. He was an active member of Lions International for more than 40 years and received the Melva Jones Fellow Award in 1993.

He served as lay leader of the Imperial Methodist Church and was a charter member of Highland Lakes Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia Lynn Eaves McMeans; their three children and their spouses, John Russell McMeans and Tara of Wills Point, Debra Lynn Moore and Steve of San Angelo and Harvey Dwayne McMeans and Kay of Sulphur Springs; five granddaughters, Meagan Lee, Lindsey Fay, Lynn Michelle, Emily Ann and Landry Lauren; a sister and three brothers-in-law, Hazel and Roy Williams of Canadian, Jim Eaves of Pearland and George Eaves of Flynn; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Edna J. Malone Taylor

Edna J. Malone Taylor, 84, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Odessa.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment is in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1918, in Dallas. Edna married Paul Malone on June 19, 1937, in Crane. He preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1989. She then married Owen Taylor on Nov. 2, 1991, in Big Spring.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Owen Taylor of Big Spring; two sons, Ron Malone of Edmond, Okla., and Don Malone of Licking, Mo.; a granddaughter, Lauren Malone of Norman, Okla.; one step-daughter, Marylan Duncan and husband, Jimmy, of Checotah, Okla.; two step-grandchildren, John Roberts of Checotah, Okla., and James Roberts of Austin; a great-granddaughter, MaKayla Roberts of Checotah, Okla.; and one brother, Billy Gray and wife, Louise of Rankin.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Police blotter

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

• **THEFT** was reported:

- At Wal-Mart. A purse or wallet worth \$60, \$200 cash, office equipment worth \$2, tools worth \$9, credit or debit cards worth \$105, negotiable instruments worth \$10 and other items worth \$143 were reported stolen.

- At H-E-B. \$56.80 worth of merchandise was reported stolen but later recovered.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700. \$1,600 worth of items were reported stolen from a rental or storage facility.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- In the 3200 block of Auburn. \$35 damage was reportedly done to a building in the area.

- In the 1400 block of Wood Street. A red 2002 Pontiac reportedly sustained \$300 damage in the incident.

- In the 800 block of West 17th Street. \$450 damage was reportedly done to the residence.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1600 block of Settles, the 1700 block of South Gregg Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of West Fourth Street, the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 800

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcon.net.

TODAY
Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place. All band parents are invited to attend.

Gospel singing, 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Drive.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

THURSDAY
Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

FRIDAY
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Reception for Jeannie Cunningham, retiring from Santa Fe Sandwiches, 2-3 p.m. Friday.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2

block of East 14th Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of East FM 700.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg.

Sheriff's report

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

• **THEFT OF RAILROAD TIES** was reported in the 300 block of Matt Loop.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 2800 block of Sherman.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of Midway.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1400 block of Hilltop Road.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 6500 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road. A welding machine was reported stolen.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 184 mile marker of Interstate 20.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on FM 818 1/2 mile from FM 33.

• **LOOSE COWS** were reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and Old Colorado City Road.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th Street.

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Else

HOUSE PASSES
AUSTIN (AP) — A preliminary appropriation meant to attempt to return homeowners to their homes.

The bill requires the Department of Transportation and future rate companies use the bill as a report based on the legislative process.

The House approved the bill, which was sent back to the Senate. The Senate said it expects the governor's end of the week.

"We're gathering stage," said a Republican from the legislature. The bill comes in dramatically months even

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At-large seat Coahoma Mayo

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"There was time where I thought I'm going to be I was always one."

Maybe her inherited from grandmothers whom taught in school houses

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State and national news at a glance

House gives preliminary OK to bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The House gave preliminary approval Monday to legislation meant to help lawmakers as they attempt to reform the way the Texas homeowners insurance market is regulated.

The bill requires homeowners insurance companies to release to the Texas Department of Insurance their current and future rates as well as the data the companies use to determine the premiums. The department will then compile a report based on the information.

The legislation is expected to get final House approval Tuesday and then be sent back to the Senate. Sen. Troy Fraser, the Senate sponsor of the bill, said he expected the bill could land on the governor's desk by the middle to end of the week.

"We're gathering information at this stage," said Rep. John Smith, a Republican from Amarillo who carried the legislation in the House. "All I know (is) the system is broken."

The bill comes as homeowners have seen their insurance premiums rise dramatically over the past several months even as some companies

reduced their coverage or stopped writing new policies.

Hotel official fired after testifying

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who witnessed dentist Clara Harris running over her husband in a hotel parking lot was fired the day after he testified in her murder trial, his attorney says.

Evangelos Smiros was food and beverage director at the Nassau Bay Hilton, where he had worked since May 2000, said Smiros' attorney, Chip Lewis.

The lawyer told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions that the hotel fired Smiros, 43, on Jan. 24 because it fears possible legal action from the Harris family.

Debra Thomas, corporate lawyer for the hotel, told the newspaper the termination "has nothing to do with his testimony" but said she was not at liberty to say why he was fired or to discuss other details.

Smiros was one of the first witnesses in the trial of Harris, who was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison for killing her husband, David.

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by Boeker and Gary Hise will stand for election. Candidate filing will be held at the FSD administrative office, 411 W. Sixth, during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Sands CISD

At-large seats held by Steve Parker, Steve Blagrove and Kyle Ware are up for election. Candidate filing will be held at the business office, 101 Mustang Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Glasscock County ISD

Three at-large positions are up for the 2003 elec-

tions. These seats are currently filled by Cecilia Schwartz, Brad Avery and Tina Flores. Candidacy material can be picked up at the superintendent's office, 308 W. Chambers, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Stanton ISD

Single-member District 2, held by Dr. Pablo Teveni, and District 6, held by Pinki Jones, along with District 7, represented by Rocky Barnes, both at-large seats, will stand for election. Candidacy filing will be held at the SISD administration office, 200

N. College, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Grady ISD

Single-member District 5, represented by Jody Yates, and single-member District 6, held by Roy Cooper, are up for election. Candidate filing will be held at the superintendent's office, 3500 FM 829, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. District boundary information is available there also.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

LUCE

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could not undergo the stress. Also, she felt she did not have the support of her mayor or the city council.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen declined to comment on Luce's resignation. As far as a replacement for Luce, McEwen said Big Spring will probably let Coahoma lead the way in making that decision.

"I can say that we will be deferring to the city of Coahoma as far as coming up with someone to place on the 9-1-1 board," McEwen said. "My understanding is that they have begun to look for someone to place on that board, and once they have made that decision, we will place that on our agenda. I fully expect us to...I can't speak for the rest of the city council, but I feel like we will follow their lead in that."

The city of Big Spring and councilman/9-1-1 Board Member Tommy Tune recently won a 118th District Court decision forcing the 9-1-1 Board to seat Tune as a member appointed by Big Spring and Coahoma.

Howard County appoints another two of the board members, while the Howard County Fire Marshal appoints the fifth, which must be a member of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Tune and Big Spring City Councilman Greg Biddison last week called for the resignation of all of the four board members other than Tune, including Hernandez, Luce, Stanley Bogard and Zach Johnson.

Luce declined to comment on her resignation. Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, and 9-1-1 Director Tommy Sullivan could not be reached for com-

ment this morning.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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tion. Incumbents are Mary Gressett, Fred Holguin and Clarence Williams.

At-large seats held by Coahoma Mayor Bill Read

TEACHER

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she said. "People are pretty much the same. They want the best for their kids. They want to know their kids are loved, protected and being taught during the day. That's not too much to ask."

Now in her 11th year as a teacher at Kentwood Elementary, Hendrickson always had an innate love of teaching.

"There was never a time where I thought 'oh, I'm going to be a teacher,' I was always going to be one."

Maybe her love was inherited from her two grandmothers, both of whom taught in one-room school houses in Kansas.

and councilmen David Elmore and Ricky Stone are up for election. In Coahoma, the mayor and council members serve two-year terms.

Today is the first day to file for election since

Monday was a holiday, President's Day. City officials in all three cities said no one has filed yet this morning.

For more information about filing to run for city council in Big Spring, call City Hall at 264-2500. In Coahoma, call 394-4287, and in Forsan, call 457-2355.

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OUR VIEWS

Make sure
you attend
Key meeting

Your presence is needed at a special but informal meeting this evening. It's a meeting put on by the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the proposed U.S. 87 truck relief route around the west side of Big Spring.

What's so important about it?

First, you need to be there to give your input. There will be information presented on route possibilities, environmental issues and the like. Your comments are needed now, not after final plans have been made and an exact route mapped out.

Second, it's important for you to attend because this deals directly with the Ports-to-Plains trade corridor. You need to be there to show your support for the corridor and Big Spring.

Ports-to-Plains is a route running from Mexico up through Texas and on to Colorado. Eventually, this route will be a "pipeline" of goods going to and coming from our friends south of the border. We need to ensure that U.S. Highway 87 through Howard County remains a key part of that trade route. With our resources — the U.S. 87 and I-20 connection, strong rail system and easily accessible airport — Big Spring has an opportunity to be a major shipping point for goods coming up through Mexico and being dispersed throughout the United States and, eventually, Canada. That means jobs, industry, growth.

This is especially important right now, with a May election called to replace U.S. Congressman Larry Combest, who is stepping down. We need to make sure each of the candidates — and right now there are a dozen or more — understand that the citizens of Big Spring take this trade route seriously. There is already a designated "side" route that bypasses Big Spring by going southwest around Lamesa to Midland and on to Sterling City. A real concern is that funds could be funneled away from the route through Big Spring to this side route, leaving Howard County out of the loop. So for that reason alone, it's important for you to be at tonight's meeting.

It's also important that you be as well informed about what is going on in our community as possible. Meetings such as this aren't just designed for city councils, county commissioners and other elected officials. They allow each of us an opportunity to take part in shaping our future.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center at 7 p.m. Maps and other displays will be available for viewing at 6:30 p.m.

Please try and attend. It's important not only for the future of our city, but this county and the entire area.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us spend the time we are here on earth working for our retirement in eternity.
Amen

Toys for pigs; it's the law

I didn't make this up: New European Commission regulations require pig farmers to

provide "manipulable material" that provides "environmental enrichment" in pigsties. By which, the Eurocrats apparently mean, even if it's not set out explicitly in the new regs: Toys for pigs; it's the law.

A spokesman for the British Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs explained the new regs, designed to keep bored pigs from becoming depressed or overly aggressive with other swine, this way: "We mean foot-balls and basketballs. Farmers may also need to change the balls so the pigs don't get tired of the same ones. These rules are based on good (animal) welfare (practices). We don't want to come across as the nanny state, but the important thing is to see pigs happy in their environment. They like to forage with their noses."

As an alternative, the rules would allow pig farmers to provide straw for foraging or a hanging metal chain for the pigs to nuzzle, which many farmers do now.

In Great Britain, failure to comply with the European Union regs

could result in a fine of 2,500 pounds or three months in jail. In short, the EU message to its member nations is: Great bacon comes from happy pigs. Or else.

Bore a pig, go to jail.

Many British farmers say they already provide diversions to keep their pigs happy. Still, the governments of the United Kingdom already regulate farming, so many aren't exactly thrilled at the prospect of EU pig police with the power to fine or jail inspecting their farms.

One disgruntled farmer complained to a local paper in the United Kingdom, "You can't be sent to prison for not giving toys to children, why should it be different for animals?"

Why? Because animals have a stronger constituency than children have in certain EU countries.

Those constituencies don't shrink from measures that would drive up the prices of food. (Poor children, who can't afford pork — well, they can eat cake.)

And those constituencies want stringent regulations that micro-manage the humane handling of livestock to become part of world-trade pacts. No pig toy, no free trade. It could happen someday.

UC-Davis swine center manager Kent Parker doesn't go for the EU approach. As he sees it: "There are as many ways to raise pigs as there are people to do it. There's

no particular way to raise pigs." UC-Davis, for example, arranges pens so that pigs can have "nose to nose" contact. He also has seen balls, chains and open pens used to keep pigs happy.

"There's a hundred different ways to keep the pigs from tearing up the place and each other," Parker explained.

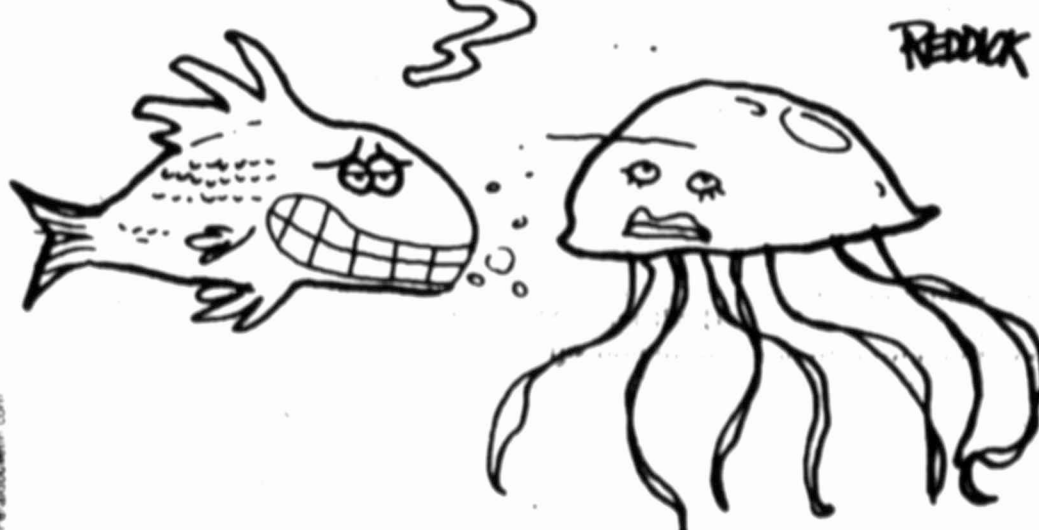
Of course, Parker believes in treating farm animals humanely. But Parker has seen how animal-rights forces work. "To make it (raising animals) more costly, they think is a good thing," Parker observed.

Animal advocates believe that higher food prices will reduce the number of farmed animals, Parker noted. But over-regulation doesn't work that way. Demand won't go down; food prices will go up.

Manteca, Calif., pork producer Scott Long sees the measure as "pretty ridiculous. It's like any of those animal welfare rules; they have their point, but if there's a producer that's not treating his animals right, he's not going to be in business for a long time anyway."

"I feel sorry for the farmers over there because they have so many regulations already. I don't know how they'll stay in business." It seems the next assignment is to figure out what toys can be fed to EU regulators to keep them from being bored and overly aggressive.

"Jellyfish, huh? My name's Marvin, but you can call me 'peanut butterfish.'"



Pick-up lines of the sea.

Can Kerry take a punch?

One of the things I look for in evaluating a presidential candidate is whether he can take a punch.

Some candidates are good at taking a hit — has anyone ever been better than Bill Clinton, who, when accused of draft-dodging and womanizing in 1992, simply shrugged, lied and slogged forward all the way to the White House?

And some candidates are very bad at taking a hit — I still maintain that Michael Dukakis' response to Bernard Shaw's question about whether he would favor the death penalty for the imaginary rapist and murderer of Dukakis' wife was a principled reply, but hardly anybody else saw it that way.

Sometimes, the punches are beyond one's control: Last Christmas Eve, Sen. John Kerry, who currently appears to be the very early consensus front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, got the news that his prostate was cancerous.

Aside from the personal impact, which must have been considerable even though prostate cancer is common and curable, Kerry and his campaign staff had to assess the political impact.

They had (mostly bad) examples to study: John F. Kennedy hid all kinds of serious maladies from the press and public both as a candidate and as president. Everyone

knew that Paul Tsongas was a cancer survivor when he ran for president, but the true state of his health was not revealed during his campaign. And Bill Bradley did not disclose his three years of heart problems until he was forced to do so during his campaign.

And even though the answer to almost all political crises is the same — don't conceal, reveal — campaigns are notoriously reluctant to follow this path.

Two major decisions were made by the Kerry campaign that minimized the political fall-out, however: First, the campaign decided to announce Kerry's condition the day before his surgery.

This meant that the press would have "Kerry Has Cancer" headlines for only one day, until the story turned to, "Kerry Has Successful Surgery."

Secondly, Kerry aides flooded the press with information. On Tuesday, the day Kerry had a press conference to announce his own illness, press kits were emailed to reporters that included not only a statement from and biography of his doctor, but publicity about the doctor's book. ("The ultimate book ... should be in every man's home." — Larry King)

There was also a list of "Prominent Americans Diagnosed and Treated for Prostate Cancer," "Facts About Prostate Cancer" and a timeline of Kerry's illness.

At the press conference, reporters were handed more material, including the statement from Kerry's doctor that Kerry "is as strong as an ox."

There was one hitch: Two weeks ago, a Boston Globe reporter asked

Kerry if he was sick, and reportedly Kerry said no.

At the press conference, the reporter asked Kerry why he had lied, and Kerry said: first, because his doctor was away and would not have been around to provide information to reporters; and second, "because members of my family, most importantly, had not yet been told. ... I believe that members of my family deserve to learn — not reading the newspapers but deserve to learn from me. And that's why I made that decision. I could parse the word 'sick'; I'm not going to. But I thought my family came first."

That was, to my recollection, one of the few times in political history that a candidate admitted having lied to a reporter.

The Kerry campaign did not know how the press would take this — would reporters say Kerry's credibility had been irreparably damaged? — but judging by the first 24-hour news cycle, Kerry has skated through unscathed.

The Boston Globe, which might have been expected to harshly criticize Kerry in its editorial, instead praised him for "dealing forthrightly with the diagnosis and impending surgery." No mention was made of lying to the Globe reporter.

Kerry is now recovering from successful surgery. And though his aides fully expect some of the other Democrats to launch a "whispering campaign" about Kerry's cancer, Kerry's staff believes it will be a non-issue.

After all, even though Kerry today is lying down in a hospital bed, in another sense he has taken a punch and is still standing.

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West

By VALERIE AVER

Special to the Herald
Despite fewer staff members from third party MHMR trustees, allowance rates for its year's budget.

The \$19 million budget for 2003 is comprised of nine million dollars from the state and ten million from the county.

West Texas Center for Retardation, private support and government funding.

"I was very pleased into the budget," MHMR CEO Shell said. "The excellent advice staff has been extremely helpful in decreasing the budget."

The nine-member budget Friday was comprised of nine million dollars from the state and ten million from the county.

"Our board expects the center to absorb the health care costs employees who should not be burdened."

State

By VALERIE AVER

Special to the Herald
Big Spring State and restricted travel trim its budget by

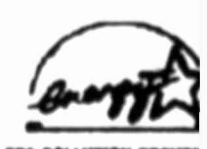
Gov. Rick Perry House Speaker Tom Hays agency direct by 7 percent during current budget year.

Big Spring State the current fiscal year's budget for psychiatric hospitals Department of Mental Health

Within four weeks request, replaced three vacant offices and one in the state agency.

"We already have turnover, and we're looking to see if we can do more with the budget issue," Spring State Hospitaling the state and with the budget staff.

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West Texas Centers absorbs employee insurance hike

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Despite fewer state dollars and declining reimbursement from third party payors, West Texas Centers for MHMR trustees absorbed the cost of increased insurance rates for its 396 employees while crafting next year's budget.

The \$19 million budget is a decrease over FY 2002's \$19.2 million budget.

West Texas Centers receives its funding from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, private insurance, private payors, county support and government programs.

"I was very pleased with the Board of Trustees input into the budget process," West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said. "They gave us some excellent advice while we worked on our budget. Our staff has been extremely diligent in finding the best use of our dwindling supply of state funding and decreasing reimbursement rates facing our industry."

The nine-member board unanimously passed the budget Friday during its monthly meeting. The board is comprised of nine of the 23 county judges served by West Texas Centers in rural West Texas.

"Our board expressed at its July meeting that the Center absorb the \$68 monthly increase in our employee health care cost," Smith said. "They believe that employees who already give so much to their job shouldn't be burdened with additional insurance

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Shelley Smith, CEO
West Texas Centers MHMR

costs."

The health insurance rate increase amounted to \$200,000 per year for West Texas Centers for MHMR employees, Smith said.

West Texas Centers pays (Landon should have the number any minute) percent of its employees' health insurance costs. "Our quality health insurance plan and our contributions to that plan are one of the reasons we are able to attract and keep good employees."

Additionally, insurance coverage through the Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers — an organization which provides assistance for the 42 MHMR centers in Texas — increased \$129,111.

As the local mental health authority, West Texas Centers is responsible for each of their 2,200 individuals with mental illness or mental retardation and provide care for them on an outpatient basis, or for people with severe mental illness, fund their stay in a state hospital.

Each mental health authority is dedicated a certain amount of state dollars to pay for their bed days in state hospitals, Smith said. "When we wrote our budget, we had to take in consideration the price of a state hospital bed. It increased this past year and based on past usage, we think we might go over our allotted amount."

West Texas Centers administrators also cut costs by streamlining and combining some existing duties in order to bring the budget in line.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the designated local mental health and mental retardation authority and provides care for 2,200 people a month with mental illness and mental retardation in 23 rural West Texas Counties.

Counties served by West Texas Centers are Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

West Texas Centers is governed by a board of trustees, which meets monthly to oversee the Center's operation.

State hospital freezes hiring, restricts travel to meet requested cuts

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital launched a hiring freeze and restricted travel as part of the state's directive to trim its budget by 7 percent.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick Thursday sent letters to state agency directors asking them to reduce spending by 7 percent during the remaining seven months of the current budget year.

Big Spring State Hospital is nearly five months into the current fiscal year. The hospital is one of eight psychiatric hospitals owned and operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Within four working days of the legislative leadership's request, Big Spring State Hospital has not replaced three vacant positions: two in the business office and one in food and nutrition.

"We already have people leaving through normal turnover, and we're going to reassign some responsibilities to see if we can hold without those roles until the budget issue is resolved," said Ed Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital CEO. "We are committed to helping the state and saving everything we can to help with the budget shortfall."

The hiring freeze does not affect the hiring of pharmacists and employees who provide direct patient care, such as mental health workers, nurses, physicians and psychiatrists.

The hospital cares for 173 people with mental illness and those healthcare positions are essential for patient

treatment and recovery, Moughon said.

"We are tightening the belt and holding the patients in top priority," he said. "Patient safety and patient care are our top concerns. There will be some changes in operations, but you can't trim much without having to make decisions concerning the services we provide our patients."

Big Spring State Hospital has aggressively pursued other revenue sources through a number of ventures, including its contract with the Veterans Administration VISN 18 of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The contract provides psychiatric treatment for veterans and their care is reimbursed through the Veterans Administration. The Big Spring State Hospital's food and nutrition department earns revenue by providing meals to inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections Wilderness Camp. These types of partnerships help use the hospital infrastructure and reduce the cost of daily care to patients.

Nearly a quarter of the hospital's \$23 million budget is funded by reimbursement from third party payors, such as private insurance.

"We have a strong reimbursement staff who vigorously pursues compensation for the medical care we provide," Moughon said.

The hospital has kept a firm grip on spending for the past few years and many of the cost-saving measures recommended by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation already were in place, Moughon said.

Big Spring State Hospital will work closely with

Commissioner Karen Hale's plan to use teleconferences instead of traveling to conferences and reducing warehouse stock to a minimal level.

Vacancies will be considered on an emergency case-by-case basis, Moughon said and will be reviewed individually by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.



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Steers open '03 with romp over Central

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Maybe Andrew Vizcaino should audition for a spot in the next Harry Potter movie. Hogwarts, after all, might be the place for a Big Spring ace that left San Angelo Central spell-bound in the Steers' 2003 high school baseball season opener.

Vizcaino, who benefitted from a six-run fourth inning, scattered nine hits and struck out seven batters through seven innings

and led the Steers to a 6-3 victory in front of a large crowd at Steer Park.

San Angelo, 0-1, drew first blood in the contest. The Bobcats took a 2-0 lead by pushing across a run in the top half of the second and third innings.

Big Spring, sparked by a two-run single by Nathan Clements, rallied back in the fourth. The Steers used four hits, a walk and two San Angelo errors to grind out six runs.

Leftfielder Michael Wilson

helped key the Steers' uprising with a single to right. He then stole second base and advanced to third on a single off the bat of second baseman Eric Chavez. Michael Shockley followed with a walk that loaded the bases for Clements, who singled both Wilson and Chavez home.

Clements highlighted a solid performance from the top of the Big Spring batting order. The top three BSHS batters — Clements, rightfielder Jerry Doport and Vizcaino — combined to go 12-

for-12. San Angelo staged a small threat in the top of the seventh when they brought the game-tying run to the plate. Vizcaino enticed the Bobcats' final batter to fly out harmlessly to right.

Dustyn Beauchamp, Lee Gillihan and Chavez each finished the game with two stolen bases.

The Steers, 1-0, are scheduled to return to action this weekend in the San Angelo Invitational Tournament.

IN BRIEF

BS softball team to meet Permian today

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers are scheduled to return to action this afternoon when they take to the field against the Odessa Permian Lady Panthers.

Big Spring, 6-0-1 for the year, is slated to begin at noon at the BSHS softball complex.

Lady Steer boosters will meet Feb. 27

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Feb. 27 to begin preparations for the upcoming Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the ATC.

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend. The banquet will be held near the end of the school year.

For more information contact Beverly Heyworth at 264-3915.

Coahoma LL sign-up, coaching clinic set

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

A coaches clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12. Sam Stephens hosts the 9 a.m. show.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

Each player's entry fee includes the cost of barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a shotgun start both days. For more information, call the pro shop at 267-6364.

BSYBA's season continues Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues Saturday with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area are fielding teams this year.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windward Farms in Stanton.

The event will consist of 4-person teams. For more info contact (915) 870-0172.

Hawks begin stretch run with romp over NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Basketball is all about confidence. And, right now, the Howard College Hawks cup runneth over big time.

Howard College became the third winningest basketball team in the history of the program Monday night by pounding out an easy 93-47 victory over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 25-6 for the season and pulled to within six wins of the school's second-best mark of 31 set in 1991. The Howard College Jayhawks set the all-time mark of 34-6 in 1952-53 under former head coach Harold Davis.

More important than the record, Hawks coach Chris Jans said his team was right where it needed to be heading into the final three games of the season.

"Every coach in America talks about playing well at the end," said Jans. "Right now, we're shooting the ball well and playing good defense. I like our chances."

New Mexico had no chance in their first visit to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this season. The Hawks knocked down 53 percent of their shots from the field and dominated the T-birds in almost every aspect of the game.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooner
Howard College improved to 25-2 with a 93-47 rout of New Mexico Monday.

Howard College, which forced 17 turnovers and outscored the T-birds off the bench by a staggering 52-13 clip, wasted no time in delivering the knock-out punch. The Hawks, behind nine first-half points from Je'Kel Foster, stormed to a 43-17 half-time lead.

HC sank 15 of its 27 shots in the first 20 minutes.

The Hawks closed out the affair with a 50-30 run in the second half.

In all, Foster was one of three HC players to reach double figures offensively. He finished with a team-high 17 points. Sophomore Freshman Vas'shun Newborne and sophomore Jared Fears tallied 15 and 13, respectively.

New Mexico women streak past Lady Hawks in 2nd half

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds shot 60 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes and rolled to an 81-53 win over the Howard College Lady Hawks Monday night.

The Lady Thunderbirds hit on 18 of their final 30 shots from the floor and

broke open a tight 3-point game at the half.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks fell to 1-9 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play and to 10-18 overall. NMJC, which clinched a berth in the Region V Tournament, improved to 8-2 and 24-3.

Howard College will return to play Thursday night in Borger against

HC opens WJCAC play vs. Midland

The Howard College Lady Hawks softball squad will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference action this afternoon against a familiar foe — the Midland College Chaparrals.

The Lady Hawks, fresh of a consolation round win over Odessa College Saturday at the Midland

College Classic, is slated to begin a doubleheader with the Lady Chaps at 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Howard College enters the game sporting a 7-6 season record.

The second game of the twinbill will start at approximately 2:45 p.m. and will be carried live on KBST radio.

Coahoma dumps Coronado in opener

Miranda Parsons and Ashley Long both delivered clutch two-run doubles in the third inning and helped the Coahoma Bulldogettes rally for a 5-3 win over Lubbock Coronado in their 2003 softball season opener.

Coahoma scored five times in the decisive third inning.

Mandy Walker was the winning pitcher for Coahoma. She allowed just six hits in the game while striking out five and walking three.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooner
Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols has led the Bulldogs to the state playoffs eight times in the last 11 years. The Bulldogs face Lubbock Roosevelt tonight in Seminole.

324 & Counting Veteran Coahoma coach has Bulldogs in playoff form again

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

As the son of an English teacher, Kim Nichols was always around the fundamentals of education. It almost became second nature for him to teach.

Thus when he replaced Larry Baer as head basketball coach at Coahoma — then the fourth-smallest school in Class 3A, everyone expected Nichols to teach the fundamentals. Now, 19 years and 324 wins later, Nichols is hoping the fundamentals will carry his Bulldogs to another playoff win.

Nichols, now in his 27th year overall at Coahoma, is scheduled to lead Coahoma into the bi-district round of the Class 2A playoffs tonight against Lubbock Roosevelt. The two teams are slated to tip-off Coahoma's eight appearance in the playoffs in 11 years at 7 p.m. in Seminole.

Despite finishing third in the District 3-3A race, Nichols said his team isn't one to be overlooked.

"I think we're just starting to play up to our capabilities," he said. "This is only our 14th or 15th game together with all our kids. Some of them missed the first part of the year with injuries, so we're just now starting to play as a whole unit."

The numbers back Nichols up. Over the first half of the Bulldogs' season, Coahoma struggled to find its game and finished its non-district schedule with a 9-8 record.

Then, with the return of Kelby Kemper and Chase Davis from football-related injuries, the Bulldogs began hitting stride. They won seven of their 10 district games — including a 62-61 thriller over Colorado City in

their regular season-finale. Last Friday, the Bulldogs tacked on their eighth win in 11 outings with an overtime romp over Stamford in a playoff practice game.

The addition of Kemper and Davis to a lineup that already sported Toby Jackson, Sam Tindol and Cory Mulkey, has made Coahoma a five-headed beast capable of running with anyone. All five CHS starters average more than 10 points a game.

Davis, a four-year letterman and three-year starter, leads the Bulldogs' attack. He has averaged 16.4 points a game this fall. Jackson and Mulkey both chalk up over 12 a game while Kemper and Tindol average over 10.

That balance is something Nichols hopes will be an advantage when his team faces Roosevelt.

"That is one thing I hope makes it difficult," he said. "They can't just stop one person because someone else will step it up."

Roosevelt, which is making its first trip to the playoffs since 1986, heads into the contest with a full head of steam as well. The team finished the District 4-2A race as the No. 2 team despite posting a 25-4 record. Their only two district losses came to No. 2 ranked Shallowater.

Roosevelt is led by 6-foot-2 sophomore guard Terrell Green. He has averaged 16.3 points and 5.5 rebounds a game this season.

"They're an extremely quick, up-tempo type of team," said Nichols, a graduate of Jayton High School and West Texas State University. "We'll have to get back and play good defense."

If they do, they could advance to face Fort Hancock in the next round.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

African-American Pilots

Pioneers With Wings

Today, there are African-Americans who are pilots for the military and for airlines. But this was not always so.

The Mini Page celebrates African-American History Month with a story about the Tuskegee Airmen.

Joining the Air Corps



The P-51 Mustang is one of the planes the Tuskegee Airmen flew in World War II.

At the time of World War II, whites and blacks were kept separate in the military, just as they often were in civilian life.

Blacks were not allowed to serve as military pilots. One military report claimed that blacks could not gain the skills to fly.

But African-Americans could fly. Despite the prejudice, a few blacks already were pilots. Some flew in flying clubs. In these clubs, pilots flew planes in air shows to display their skills.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first group of African-Americans to serve as pilots in the military. Their name comes from the place where they trained, Tuskegee Army Air Base in Tuskegee, Ala.



These five men were the first black cadets to earn their wings at Tuskegee. In the middle is Benjamin O. Davis Jr. He became the first black general in the U.S. Air Force.

Training for flight

Tuskegee aviators trained at a new Army Air Corps base built near a college for African-Americans called Tuskegee Institute.

The program was very rigorous, and only five cadets graduated in the first class.

The first officers were white. The first commander ordered that the black cadets stay separate from whites.

The second commander, Col. Noel F. Parrish, supported African-Americans. He helped them succeed. He ordered the "colored" and "white" signs that marked the separate water fountains and other places taken down.

The base trained 992 pilots from 1941 to 1946. As they earned their wings, they went off to war.

Protecting American bombers

Tuskegee Airmen fought in North Africa, Italy, Germany and Eastern Europe. Their planes flew 15,000 sorties. A "sortie" is a single round-trip mission of a plane.

One of their main jobs was protecting American bombers. They also attacked enemy troops and ships.

Sixty-six Tuskegee pilots were killed. Thirty-two pilots became prisoners of war.



A Tuskegee airman studies a map before leaving on a mission.

Heroes help end prejudice

After the war, the Army closed Tuskegee Army Air Base. In 1948, President Harry Truman ordered that blacks and whites in the military were to train and fight together.

The Tuskegee pilots earned many medals for their patriotism, courage and sacrifice. Their flying skills proved that African-Americans could fly as well as white pilots and should be treated as equals.

Go dot to dot and color this symbol that was on a patch worn by members of the 99th Fighter Squadron.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Meat Loaf

You'll need:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can Spanish rice
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

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1. With clean hands, mix together ground beef, Spanish rice and egg.
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Mini Jokes

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

Carla: What do you call a plumber's new assistant?
Dave: A drainee!

Kelly: What did the plumber say to his noisy neighbor?
Kristen: "Pipe down!"

Cecilia: What's a plumber's favorite kind of shoes?
Joe: Clogs!

Tuskegee Airmen

Words and names that remind us of Tuskegee Airmen are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: BESSIE, TUSKEGEE, CADET, COLEMAN, AIRMEN, ARMY, WINGS, WAR, EQUALS, NAVIGATOR, DAVIS, PROTECT, COURAGE, SORTIE, AVIATORS, FIGHTER, RED, BOMBARDIERS.

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Gas Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Earl Boykins

Height: 5-5 Birthdate: 6-02-76
Weight: 133 Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Nobody could convince 5-foot-5, 133-pound Earl Boykins that he was too small to play basketball. In the game of giants, he has survived. Don't look at his height. Look at his heart.

Although he's the smallest player in the National Basketball Association, Boykins was averaging 11 points and 4.4 assists per game for the Golden State Warriors as of Jan. 20.

The quick, slick guard also ranked seventh in the NBA in free-throw percentage (87.9).

Boykins starred in college at Eastern Michigan. He averaged 25.7 points his senior year and was the nation's second-leading scorer. He first played in the NBA in 1998-99 with New Jersey and Cleveland. Boykins joined Golden State this season, put on uniform No. 11, and became a true basketball warrior.

From Pilots to Astronauts



The P-47 fighter was one of the first planes flown by the Tuskegee Airmen. This later version was used by NASA for research and training.

Several African-Americans were pioneers in flying. Here are some who made history by being first in the air and first in space.

Bessie Coleman



Bessie Coleman (1892-1926) stands in front of an airplane in 1922.

Bessie Coleman was born in Atlanta, Texas, in 1892 but moved to Chicago. She worked as a manicurist.

She wanted to learn to fly. When no one would teach her, she learned to speak French and went to France. She became the first black woman to earn a pilot's license.

Bessie came back to America. She toured the country as a stunt pilot. People called her "Queen Bess." Her skills as a pilot proved that blacks and women could fly airplanes.

She dreamed of starting her own flight school for blacks. But she died in a plane crash in 1926. A flying school for blacks was founded in her honor.

To do: Look through your newspaper for news of African-Americans.



Benjamin Davis Jr. (1912-2002) waves from the cockpit of his P-51 Mustang while serving during World War II. He commanded a group of black fighter pilots.

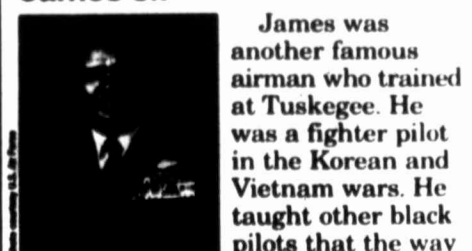
Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

Benjamin Davis Jr. pioneered the way for African-Americans both in the military and in flight. He grew up in the Army. His father was the Army's first African-American general.

Benjamin Davis Jr. overcame a lot of prejudice to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The white cadets refused to talk to him during the four years of school.

Davis had lots of firsts. He was the first black to command an Army air base. He was also the first black U.S. officer in history to reach the rank of major general.

Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr.



Chappie James Jr. was to fight prejudice was to be excellent at what you do.

The Mini Page thanks curator Von Hardesty and educator Clare Cuddy of the National Air and Space Museum for help with this issue.



The space shuttle Discovery roars into space.

Black pioneers in space

Guy Bluford was an Air Force fighter pilot before he became the first African-American to fly in space. He was a crew member on four space flights, including one on the Discovery in 1992.



Dr. Bernard Harris Jr. was the first African-American to walk in space. He was a scientist and flight surgeon before becoming an astronaut.



Dr. Mae C. Jemison was the first African-American woman to become an astronaut. She was a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Endeavor in 1992.

Site to see: For more information about the history of blacks in flight and space, visit the Web site of the National Air and Space Museum at www.nasm.si.edu/features/blackwings/

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The sun says fare thee well
to witty friend Aquarius
and moves in with serious
Pisces. It's no longer an
extrovert's holiday, and
even friendly people go into
hibernation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(February 18). Your energy
is high, and this year
brings a chance to renew
your life on many levels.
Climactic events in March
should be kept careful track
of — this becomes an
important part of your life
story. New friends can help
you in business and love
now through April. Singles
have luck when friends set
them up, especially with a
sexy Leo or Cancer. Your
lucky numbers are: 6, 42, 7,
25 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). One of the most difficult
things is being proactive
when there are so
many things in your environment
to react to. You're
a savvy listener. Focus on a
friend for insight into your
own situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Talent alone isn't
enough to get you there. A
stellar attitude, however,
could put you in the driver's
seat, providing you
truly are ready to join the
big league. Keeping your
nose to the grindstone will
be worth the effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). You have more of a
direction when you act on
behalf of the whole group.
Heavyweight players often
don't have time to deal with
individuals, but because of
the cumulative force of
your crew, you'll be greeted
with open arms.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). Be patient with disorganized
folks in your midst.
Love and compassion will
contribute to the healing
process. Judgment won't.
Romantically, you could
really make a go of it with a
Taurus or Capricorn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is
it strange to think you
might be intimidating to
some people? You'll know
it's true by the reaction you
get this afternoon. Show
your big heart and real
class when you take what
comes with good humor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
The "right" thing means
something different to
everyone involved. Success
might come from putting
work before personal interests
— temporarily! Let go

of any past involvement
that might be holding you
back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
The first step is the hardest.
Freelancers rake in the
bucks today, and many still
can't believe they are getting
paid for their opinions! Watch
out: Stepchildren could
manipulate you if you're
not careful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Smooth salesmanship
and valuable contacts are
an unbeatable combination
for success. Self-promotion
is key. In all areas of life,
when you tell people what
you're good at, they'll
believe you. Deposit checks
straight away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). Handle what's
important first, or all subse-
quent tasks are more difficult
than they need to be. Many
Aquarians can combine
business and a hobby for
some sudden money. Single
parents need to enlarge their
sphere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Scandals that sort
of involve you might erupt.
As usual, people are willing
to give you the benefit of
the doubt. Capricorn job
seekers should use this
afternoon's big dose of intuition
to get the jump on the
competition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). Others want to feel a
part of the project. Include
them not only in the fun
but in the work, too! If
you're unmotivated to handle
your own problems, just
ask someone else how you
can help them handle theirs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). You have the means to
spice up your life and will
be richer through the effort.
Turn over the responsibility
that's plaguing you to
someone who would really
like it. (Such people do
exist, after all!) Free time —
what a concept!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:
"I am a 35-year-old
Pisces woman who is in
love with a 32-year-old
Cancer man. Our relationship
is quite different. We
have been lovers for a year
off and on, but our friendship
is one of a kind. He
recently became engaged to
another woman. He has not
told me himself; I had to
find out through a co-worker.
I have given him opportunities
to tell me, but he has not.
I have expressed my deep
feelings to him and now am
suffering from deep depression.
He is aware of the depression
and will not step up and tell
me the truth. I don't know
what to do. I want a chance
with him but cannot continue
in this state of not knowing."

I can see that the physical
attraction between you was
hot, which made the emotional
bond strong in your mind —
scary in his. There is a soul
connection between you, but
that doesn't mean you were
meant to be together. He's not
telling you because he's afraid
you'll hurt yourself. He's

tortured over this and doesn't
know if you're strong enough
to remain friends. You're not.
Focus on dealing with your
depression. If you really love
him, you'll find a way to be
happy for him and try to move
on quickly.

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Dear Annie: At the risk of
sounding vain, I am a physically
attractive, financially secure
professional man with high
morals and varied interests.
I have never had trouble
getting a date. In fact, women
often come on to me. I know
most men would love to have
my problem, but I have discovered
that the majority of women
I've dated, while physically
attractive, lack some important
quality.

I finally met the right
woman a few months ago.
"Ellen" was an out-of-state
business colleague whom I
had never met, but with whom
I had regular conversations.
There was something about her
that intrigued me. When Ellen
received a job offer in my area,
we finally went out, and the
relationship has been what I
always wanted. If there is such
a thing as bliss, we have it.

So why do I need your help?
Ellen is not what most people
consider attractive. She is big
boned and slightly overweight,
wears little make-up and dresses
very modestly (unlike many of
the women I dated who like to
flaunt it).

People simply don't understand
why I am in love with her. I tell
them she has all the qualities I
could possibly want — intelligence,
compassion, high ethics, a great
sense of humor, and she is easy
to talk to. She also is a great
lover, and I never tire of seeing
her naked body (although I do
not share this information).

No matter what I say, my
friends keep badgering me.
They apparently expect me to
settle for a more attractive
woman, regardless of whether
or not I care for her. What can
I say to shut people up and make
them realize I don't need a trophy
wife? — In Love in Connecticut

Dear Conn.: You should
not have to defend your choice
to anyone. People who base
their future happiness on someone's
physical appearance are invariably
disappointed in the long run.
No matter how attractive the
package, once you remove the
fancy paper and ribbons, there'd
better be something substantial
inside.

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TUESDAY

FEB. 18

	KMD (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UN (12)	DNN (13)	NASH (14)	TNC (15)	SHOW (16)	NBC (17)	KMLN (18)	AGE (19)	OSC (20)	TNT (21)	TLC (22)
	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Portland	Portland	Portland	Portland	Portland	Portland	New York	Portland	Atlanta	Portland
6	PM News	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	7th Heaven	News	News	News	Friends	Gale Salvage	Sister, Sister	Taboo	(15) Movie: Pimp	What Women Want	AS-Frazier 1: One Nation	Update With John Heger	American Justice	FBI Files	Law & Order	Medical
7	PM 6 Rules	American Idol	Novel (CC)	Movie: Untamed	JAG (CC)	8 Rules	Game Show	Movie: Contact	Las Vegas del Amor	Movie: Yru Confessions	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Mean Streets	Movie: High School Musical	Movie: Hardball	Movie: Light of the Southwest	Biography	New Detectives	Law & Order	You Think?
8	PM Life-Bonnie	24 (CC)	Frontier House	Heart	Guardian (CC)	Life-Bonnie	Frasier (CC)	Movie: A.D.B.A.	Entre el Amor y el Odio	Movie: Lizzie	Movie: 3	Movie: Crocodile	Movie: Oz	Movie: Hour of Healing	Movie: Third Watch	Biography	New Detectives	Law & Order	UFOs
9	PM NYPD Blue	70s Show	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Judging Amy	NYPD Blue	Kingpin (CC)	Movie: P. Impacto	Movie: Boy World	Movie: Blind Date	Movie: Fear City	Movie: Vegas	Movie: Autopsy	Movie: Liberty Church	Movie: Cold Case Files	Movie: FBI Files	Movie: Listen-Burley	Movie: In Search of the Holy Grail	Movie: You Think?	Movie: You Think?
10	PM News	70s Show	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News	News	News	Movie: (05) Movie: Cliffhanger	Movie: En las Mejores Familias	Movie: Boy World	Movie: Blind Date	Movie: Fear City	Movie: Vegas	Movie: Autopsy	Movie: Liberty Church	Movie: Cold Case Files	Movie: FBI Files	Movie: Listen-Burley	Movie: You Think?
11	PM Jimmy Kimmel	Suddenly Spin City	Independent Lens	Caroline Rhea	Show (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Jimmy Kimmel	Movie: (05) Movie: Cliffhanger	Movie: En las Mejores Familias	Movie: Boy World	Movie: Blind Date	Movie: Fear City	Movie: Vegas	Movie: Autopsy	Movie: Liberty Church	Movie: Cold Case Files	Movie: FBI Files	Movie: Listen-Burley	Movie: You Think?
12	AM Paid Program	Blind Date	Frontline	Paid Program	Show (CC)	Live	Street Smarts	Movie: (12:05) Movie: Frasier	Movie: Mentira	Movie: Sister, Sister	Movie: V.I.P.	Movie: (145) Movie: Masters of Honor	Movie: Update With Promise	Movie: Cold Case Files	Movie: FBI Files	Movie: Listen-Burley	Movie: In Search of the Holy Grail	Movie: You Think?	Movie: You Think?

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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LONDON-Disc jockey Fatboy Slim and his wife, Zoe Ball, have separated after 3 1/2 years of marriage, Ball's agent said.

The couple wants to give themselves "a bit of time and breathing space," Vivienne Clore said this weekend.

Fatboy Slim, 39, whose real name is Norman Cook, married Ball, a television and radio presenter, in August 1999. They have a 2-year-old son, Woody.

"They have split for now. It is very amicable," Clore said.

She said Woody would spend time with both parents.

Ball, 32, will likely reside at the couple's home in north London, while Cook will continue to work on his new album at their seaside house in Brighton on England's south coast.

Clore said.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Country singer Trace Adkins says he voluntarily entered and completed a 28-day alcohol rehabilitation program during the holidays.

In a statement released Tuesday, Adkins said he entered the inpatient program at the Cumberland Heights Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center after a year of extensive touring.

"This is something I needed to do for myself, my family and my career," the 41-year-old said. "I feel the best I've felt in years - both physically and mentally."

The singer's hits include "Chrome" and "(This Ain't) No Thinkin' Thing."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Police Chief William J. Bratton is giving acting a try with a bit part in a Sundance Film Festival entry.

"People I Know" premiered Friday at the Utah festival with the chief playing a tough New York City politician in a Miramax film starring Al Pacino and Kim Basinger. The movie about a famous actor considering a run as a U.S. senator is set for limited release in April.

Bratton's role was modeled on Rudolph Giuliani, whom Bratton tangled with when he was New York City's police chief and Giuliani was mayor.

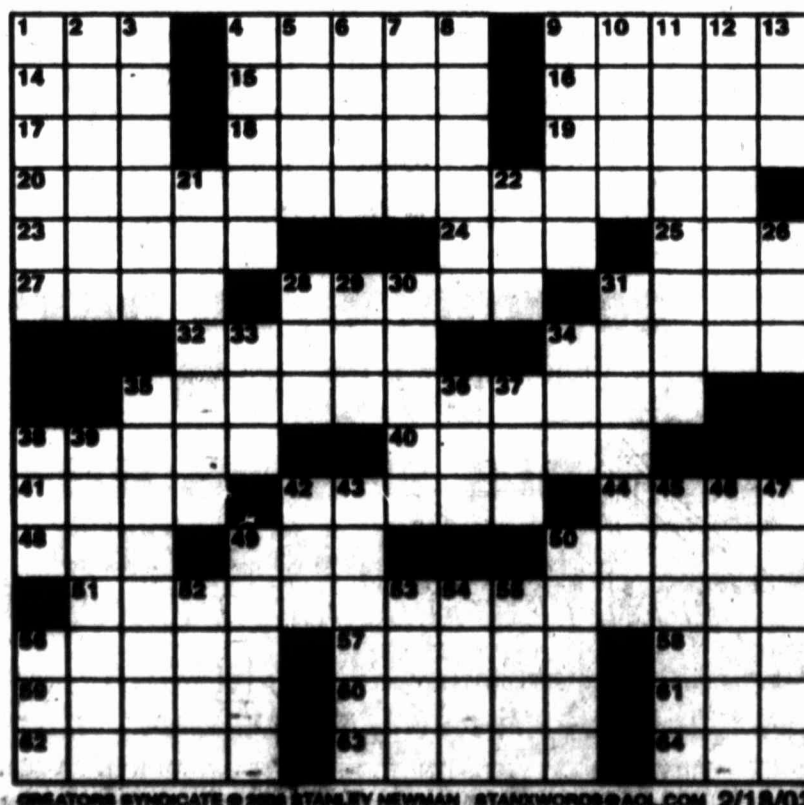
"It's an inside joke for New Yorkers that the rest of the country might not get," Bratton said.

"I would never want to be an actor, because they spend most of their time just hanging around," he said. "It's like being a cop at court."



Newsday Crossword TUESDAY PUZZLE by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Train unit
 - 4 Witch's work
 - 9 Arab rulers
 - 14 Gradation of color
 - 15 Donny's sister
 - 16 Pavarotti, e.g.
 - 17 USNA grad
 - 18 Bakery enticement
 - 19 Actress Signe
 - 20 Unmoving
 - 23 Kind of wave
 - 24 Very long time period
 - 25 Inc., in Britain
 - 27 Ooze (out)
 - 28 Laurel's partner
 - 31 Destiny
 - 32 Not packaged
 - 34 Sacrificial site
 - 35 One who frequents coffeehouses
 - 38 Our Man (Coburn film)
 - 40 VMI student
 - 41 Watermelon skin
 - 42 Houston baseballer
 - 44 Thing to do
 - 48 Arbor, MI
 - 49 Chicken king
 - 50 Divulge
 - 51 Prudence or fortitude
 - 56 Proceeded toward a target
 - 57 Sink feature
 - 58 Lyricist
- DOWN**
- 1 Treasure holders
 - 2 Em or Mame
 - 3 Dwell
 - 4 Sweater size
 - 5 Prefix for legal
 - 6 Cupid's counterpart
 - 7 Capital of Peru
 - 8 Rented
 - 9 Fictional Frome
 - 10 Vegan's no-no
 - 11 Make heatproof
 - 12 The Stone
 - 13 Sign of a hit
 - 21 Arctic Circle region
 - 22 Gift for a kid
 - 26 Rosenkavalier
 - 28 Garden tool
 - 29 Blonde shade
 - 30 Do a double-take
 - 31 Flap about
 - 33 Frequently, in poetry
 - 34 Had dinner
 - 35 French-loast topping
 - 36 Musical measure
 - 37 Witness-stand words
 - 38 Lobster Diavolo
 - 39 Penny portrait
 - 42 "The Greatest"
 - 43 Summer shoe
 - 45 Clothing
 - 46 Went bad
 - 47 Works clay
 - 49 Hognose snake
 - 50 Flax fabric
 - 52 Actress Russo
 - 53 Jason's ship
 - 54 Den
 - 55 Really bad
 - 56 "Bali"



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