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VFW chili supper

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 will hold its seventh annual chili supper from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6. A plate with fixin's, dessert and a drink is \$5 per person. Carry outs will be available. The post is located at 500 Driver Road.

Scholarship fund

A memorial scholarship in the name of Michael Mansfield and Thomas Castro has been established for graduating Stanton High School students. Anyone who would like to contribute to this scholarship fund may do so by sending donations to Stanton ISD, P.O. Box 730, Stanton, 79782. Attn: Brad Holland, Memo: Mansfield/Castro.

Candidate forum

A forum featuring three candidates seeking their parties' nominations for the Texas Senate District 31 seat in the March 9 Democratic and Republican primaries has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The forum is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of Big Spring. Incumbent Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and his challenger in the Republican Primary, Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will be joined at the forum by the only Democratic candidate, Elaine King Miller of Amarillo. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Luncheon an opportunity to look at the past and future

By THOMAS JENKINS

Area residents will have the chance to take a look back at 2003 during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon, as Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will present a "State of the City Address." The luncheon is slated for Tuesday, March 2, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. Chamber Assistant Executive Director Liz Adamson said 200 or more people are expected to attend the event. Host club will be the Big Spring Rotary Club. "Tickets are \$10 per person, and can be

What: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

When: 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 2.

Tickets: \$10 per person at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third.

picked up at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street," Adamson said. "The luncheon will be catered by Great Western Dining, and everything is expected to get started at 11:45 a.m."

Adamson said tickets are expected to go quickly.

"Tickets for the meal are limited, so if you would like to participate you need to make sure you get your tickets in advance," she said. "I think it's going to be a very interesting presentation, and well worth everyone's time."

McEwen said the address will offer a chance to look back on the past year, and the tribulations and victories it brought to the Spring City.

"We'll look at a number of things the city

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Goliad Intermediate School sixth graders Alex Crabtree, right, and Eddilisa Saldivar study a paper quilt the class made in honor of Black History Month. Big Spring schools held a number of activities to honor the lasting contributions of African Americans.

Students studying contributions of prominent African Americans

By LYNDEL MOODY

Using the idea of a quilt to thread together the history of prominent African Americans, a group of Goliad Intermediate School sixth graders created a special project in honor of Black History Month. Although made of paper, not

fabric, the large patchwork quilt hanging in the Goliad sixth grade hall tells the story of 46 African Americans whose vision, work and artistic talents made a lasting impact on society. "African Americans back during slavery made quilts to show their family history,"

said sixth grade teacher Patsy Sanchez.

As part of remembering black history, students in Sanchez and fellow team teacher Tandi Stockton's class researched and presented a report on such memorable leaders as Civil

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EDUCATION

College swaps 'Hammer' project for 'Computer' one

By LYNDEL MOODY

Howard College's "If I had a Hammer" program hit its last nail Monday.

College trustees opted to phase out the popular 6-year-old program in favor of a more technologically based program during their monthly meeting.

"We're recommending a project we believe will be a good replacement, 'Let's Build a Computer,'" said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, college president. "It's less expensive, easier to assemble, easier to transport and in this day and time, it's all about computers."

By intertwining the core curriculum subjects in the project, the "If I Had a Hammer" project taught fifth graders teamwork as the class or group worked together to build a house.

Javier Flores, administrative dean of student services, said the "Let's Build a Computer" project allows the college to expand this team building concept-based program to more of the 29 school districts in its 13-county service area.

"We're very excited about this program," Flores said. "It will allow school districts in the southern part of the region to participate that could not participate in the "Hammer" program because of its size and structure."

Trustee John Freeman expressed concern about eliminating the "If I Had a Hammer" program. Freeman said the program provides an opportunity to expose many young students to industrial trades.

Ken Tunstall, Chief Executive Officer of Cutting Edge Education

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FLORES

Performing arts building time frame viewed

Local physician expresses some concerns over college nursing program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Progress on a multi-million dollar performing arts hall at Howard College may hit warp speed come May when the last barrier to construction is expected to be removed. Project architect



SPARKS

Phil Furqueron told trustees Monday that construction of the new child care center facility — which must be completed before work on the performance hall can begin — is still ahead of schedule. He added, however, that contractors will not finish in time to be able to move the day care program during spring break. "Things were so ahead of schedule we thought we'd be able

to make the spring break window in early March, but we will not," said college President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

The center must be ready to be up and running before the state board can certify the new facility as a licensed day care, Sparks said, and the move is not feasible while classes are in session.

"The way things look now, our next full week will be in May," she said.

Once the day care program is moved into its new facility and the old building torn down, the 5-year-old performance hall project will begin to pick up speed. Trustees are expected to go out for bids on construction in May.

In other business, local physician Dr. Bruce Cox addressed the board expressing his concerns over the small number of stu-

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Petition, study of amphitheater on tonight's council agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS

The Big Spring City Council will meet today at 5:30 p.m. to discuss several matters, including the recent failure of the petition to rescind the half-cent economic development sales tax.

After more than a week of exhaustive validation, the 1,450 signatures collected by the Concerned Citizens Council and submitted to the city secretary's office on Feb. 10 fell short of the 975 required to force an election concerning the tax. According to Mayor Russ

McEwen, the group submitted 791 valid signatures, with 659 not meeting the necessary requirements.

The petition, had it been successful, would have forced an election to decide whether to continue imposing the half-cent economic development sales tax in Big Spring, which is the main source of funding for Moore Development of Big Spring Inc.

- Also on the meeting agenda:
• Final reading of an ordinance to establish a Conventions and Visitors Bureau Board.
• Final reading of an ordinance raising the

speed limit on the north service road from Gregg Street to FM 700.

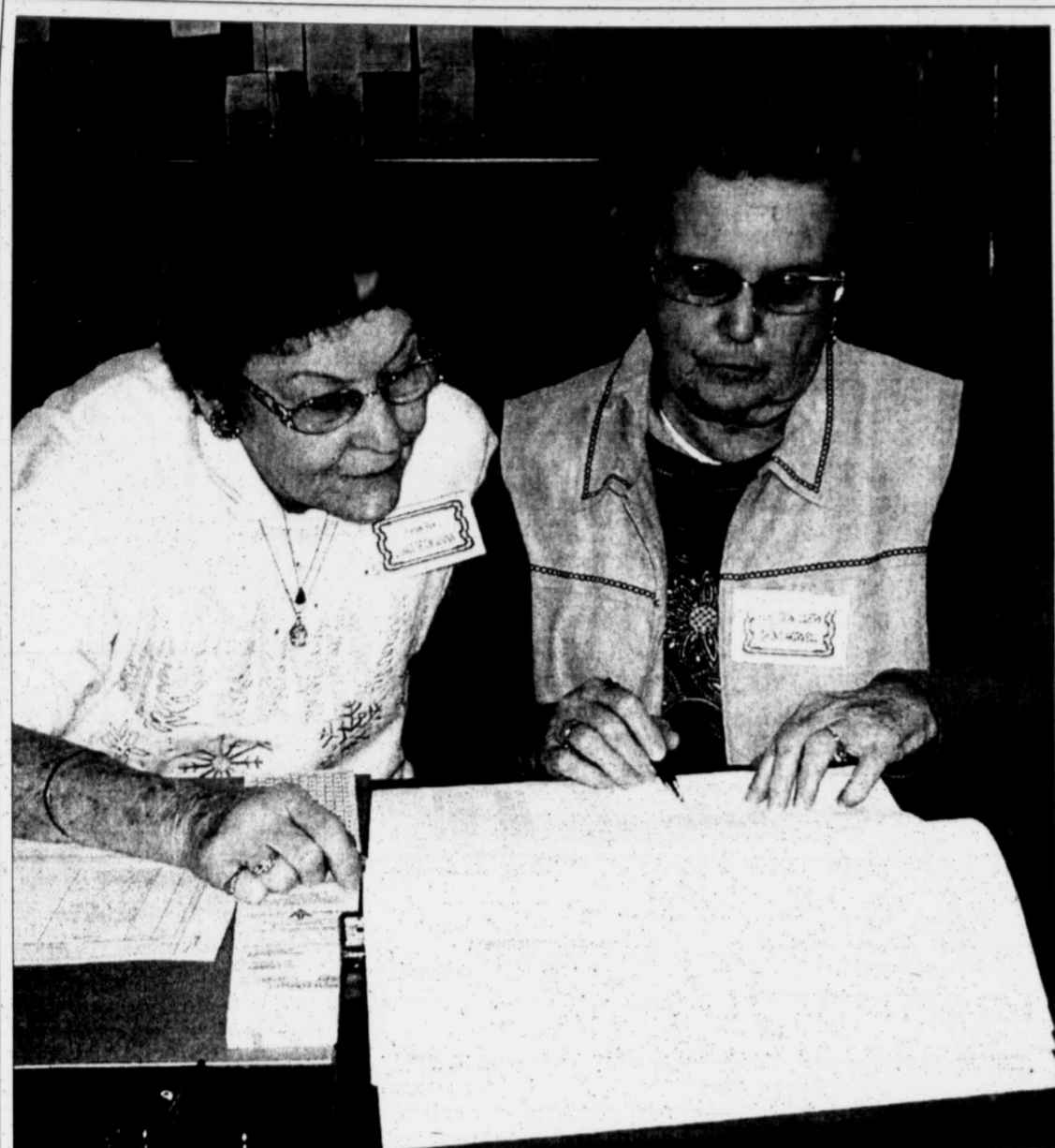
• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease purchase agreement and related instruments.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Barker and Associates Consulting for performance management systems development and training.

• Presentation regarding feasibility study

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Election clerks Loma Jean Wynn, left, and Deina Harvell scan over a list of registered voters at the Howard County Courthouse. Early voting for the March primaries began Monday. Totals for the first day show 79 people voted in the Democratic primary and 69 in the Republican primary.

HAMMER

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LLC, the company behind the "Let's Build a Computer" program, said the program will continue to expose young students to those trades.

"We believe this will bring a new twist to the 'If I had Hammer' con-

cept," Tunstall said. "We still talk about all those trades but this has a more technological slant.

"We show them what's going on in the inside, how a computer chip works," Tunstall said. "We're teaching them chemistry, physics and other subjects relative to it. It really opens their eyes."

"Let's Build a

Computer" is more versatile than its predecessor, Tunstall added, because it's geared toward fourth-through-eighth grades and can even be formatted to meet the needs of adult age students.

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dents graduating from the college's nursing program.

"Ever since I've been in town there's been a nurses shortage," Cox said. "Maybe the college needs to provide more recruiting, more accepting of students, more facilities and more teachers."

Cox cited statistics on the number of students who graduated from the college's transitional registered nurses program. Last year, the program started with 35 students but only six graduated.

Cox also cited frustration he has heard from the potential students for not getting into the program or being able to finish and added students are leaving town to attend area nursing programs. He also suggested the college become more aggressive in recruiting and exposing high school students to the nursing field. Sparks said she understands Cox's frustration

but said the allied health programs are difficult. She also added that the college was recently approved for a grant to provide more assistance for student instructional support to help the students make it through these tough courses.

Howard College is also working with the Big Spring Independent School District to provide concurrent course to expose students to the nursing field. However, Sparks added, the course has not met with much interest.

In other business, trustees reviewed the program passing rates for Howard College students who took state board

exams in 2002-2003. They are: the associate degree of nursing program, 90 percent; dental hygiene, 88 percent; emergency medical service, 86 percent; medical attendance, 100 percent; and vocational nursing program, 100 percent.

In the cosmetology program, 12 of 14 students who took the state board exam passed during the 2002-2003 school year; 13 of 13 students passed in the 2001-2002; and four of five have passed from 2003 to February of 2004.

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STUDYING

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Rights activist Rosa Parks, musician Nat King Cole, filmmaker Spike Lee and professional golfer Tiger Woods.

For future lawyer 11-year-old Eddilisa Saldivar, the project gave her a peek at one of Texas's most influential African American's politicians, Barbara Jordan.

"She was the first black American female in the south to be elected to the Texas senate," Saldivar said, who had never heard of the former U.S. Congressman before this month. "I like that she was a lawyer because I want to be a lawyer, too."

The quilt was just one of numerous activities scheduled throughout this month in Big Spring classes to celebrate black history.

At each elementary school, music teachers introduced students to music from the black culture.

At Washington Elementary School, students used the Internet to study the subject while Marcy Elementary School students used biographical silhouettes to learn more about George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Banneker and Martin Luther King.

During the month, guest speakers visited classes. They included Matthea Turner of Forsan, who

spoke to the children at Moss Elementary School, and Marva Forman, who spoke to second and fourth graders at Kentwood Elementary School.

At Bauer Magnet Elementary School, students discovered a number of facts about famous African American innovators like Wally Amos, inventor of the Famous Amos Cookies.

Big Spring Junior High School students heard short biographies of outstanding black Americans read during the announcement period.

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for amphitheater project.

• First reading of an ordinance calling for an election to be held on May 15, 2004.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the

mayor to execute a lease agreement with Swanson Services Corporation.

• Presentation of petition results regarding dissolution of Moore Development of Big Spring Inc.

• Presentation regarding racial profiling.

• Appointment to

Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

• Appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission.

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has faced over the past year," said McEwen. "We want to look at where we've been as well as where we're going in the future."

McEwen said one of the major points of interest during the presentation will be the situation surrounding the VA Medical Center, and the recent

committee recommendation to study the possibility of closing it.

"Of course that's been a major concern over the past year," he said. "We'll go over where that whole thing has been, and also talk about the future of the facility. It should be very educational."

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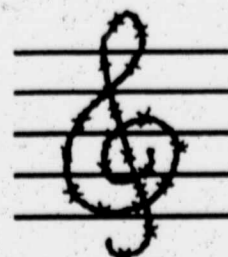
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Consider filing to represent your school, city

Filing periods are under way for anyone contemplating whether they would like to serve as a public school trustee, council member or mayor. There is still plenty of time to think it over. The final date for filing throughout the Crossroads area in the May 15 elections is Monday, March 15.

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on area school boards, the Howard College board, the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils and the Big Spring and Forsan mayoral seats.

Our purpose here, however, is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after a lot of thought. The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've mentioned before, and won't hesitate to add again, that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments.

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made carefully.

Good luck in your decision.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to let the Big Spring community know about a great place that actually cares about the people they serve. I had a family member who was coming home and needed some oxygen for home use. He had been in UMC in early January and was on a ventilator due to going into respiratory distress after having a bronchoscopy done.

We were notified that he was going to get to come home and he was going to also need oxygen for hopefully only a short while longer. The problem was that he was going to be an indigent care patient. I went to one medical supply company and frankly they did not offer me any option, just were waiting for nothing they could do.

I then went to Family Medical Equipment, and told them the same story I'd previously given. They did not even hesitate to help my family out. The whole office was all so very kind to me and then to my family when they came to our home that evening to set up the oxygen concentrator.

You see, I am also a nurse and have had 11 years in home care experience and I also know that a company can do things out of kindness if they are really there for

their patients.

I didn't mention to either of these companies of my experience because I did not want that to be why they would help one who just happens to be without money or insurance at a time they became ill.

My family is forever grateful to Lisa and all the staff at Family Medical Equipment. And yes, if anyone ever ever asks me if I have a preference, I will not hesitate to let them know who is in business for true patient care.

ANGIE SKAGGS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My Name is Misty Wilson. My family that currently lives in the area have been helping me with medical expenses due to my recent cancer situation.

They have been able to set up a cancer fund in my name at the First Bank of West Texas. Without the love and understanding from them and the city of Big Spring, my family and I would not have been able to cope or make it through these last few months. I would like to thank you all for being a great hometown.

MISTY WILSON
LUBBOCK

Unlevel congressional highway

President George W. Bush and House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, normally staunch Republican allies, could not disagree more on the politics of the elephantine highway bill pending in Congress. The president is eager to cast his first veto to show restive conservatives he really is an economizer. The speaker wants to avoid a veto, which would put his beleaguered Republican House members on the spot in a veto override vote, forced to chose between conservatism and concrete.

Bush repeatedly has warned he will veto any bill over his six-year limit of \$256 billion, which is \$38 billion over current spending levels. The Senate's bill would cost \$318 billion. Defending his reputation as the reigning Mr. Concrete on Capitol Hill, House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young of Alaska has pushed a \$375 billion bill, which is to be cut down to \$310 billion in the Appropriations Committee. The gap between Republican Congress and Republican president seems too wide to bridge.

Like much else in Washington, however, this debate is not on the level. Politicians are posturing about how they will look rather than on how much should be spent on what kind of roads. Only senators and select staffers know the actual contents of the bill supported by a huge majority of sena-

tors in defiance of Bush's warnings. Indeed, more public works goodies are yet to be stuffed into this package to satisfy what critical Republican Sen. John McCain calls "an addiction to pork" by his colleagues.

In the background, the right is rumbling over the Bush administration's failure to put a lid on spending. It was decided weeks ago inside the White House to draw the line on the highway bill by threatening a veto. Chairman Young, offended that a mere president would defy him, wailed in a Feb. 4 public letter: "I am extremely disappointed."

Democrats, who berate Bush as a spendthrift while proposing higher expenditures across the board, are overjoyed. "He is taunting the Congress in order to regain his right-wing wacko base who would rather build roads in Iraq than in this country," said Rep. Nick Rahall of West Virginia. More soberly, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana said: "I doubt that his first veto would be a highway bill."

But party lines break down over highways. During the recent Senate debate, the intensely partisan Democratic Whip Harry Reid of Nevada negotiated in the aisles with the intensely conservative Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman James Inhofe of Oklahoma. Mainline Republican Sen. Kit Bond of Missouri and liberal Independent Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont similarly worked hand in hand. Consequently, the final stages of the Feb. 12 Senate debate involved addition — certainly not subtraction — of highway money.

All this was done off the public

record, in bipartisan secrecy. No details have been released, but we know a little thanks to reporting by John Stanton of CongressDaily. Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, an appointive senator facing a tough election fight this year, got \$30 million for roads connecting remote villages in her state. Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, also facing an election challenge, won more money for Puget Sound ferries. Going far afield from highways, Nevada Reid — also up for reelection — got repeal of a casino wagering tax. Congressional staffers confirmed these provisions to this column but would not provide further details.

That's just the beginning of pork supplements. McCain sees "windfalls" blocked out in the bill's unspecified spending. These holes, he predicts, will be filled in the Senate-House conference to make the final version irresistible for congressional pork fanciers and, therefore, veto-proof.

The prospect that Bush's first veto will be overridden does not daunt the White House, with the president getting his first veto and Republican congressmen still getting their highways. That may be too clever by half to succeed with Americans, and Speaker Hastert is insisting he will have no part of subjecting his caucus to this vote. While either Bush or Hastert will have to back down, realists accept McCain's prediction that a vast and gaudy highway bill soon will be the law of the land whether the president or the speaker prevails tactically.

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Culture and history key to understanding people

As soon as you step off the plane, you know you are in a very strange place. You are in the Mideast.

Men stand around in white robes with white or checkered head scarves held in place by black ropes. Women wear black robes and black veils.

The street signs not only aren't in English, but they aren't even in English lettering so you couldn't pronounce them if you tried.

And no matter where you go, you see the desert. Which goes on and on and on.

The noise can be amazing. Even when someone is not playing a radio (and someone always is playing a radio), people seem to be chattering or shouting or waving their hands.

You think they are really arguing and will soon start hitting each other. But they are just talking and will often break into laughter and hug one another.

Men not only kiss each other's cheeks when they meet, but often walk through the streets holding hands.

And people in the Mideast don't like to line up like Americans or British people do when waiting to buy an airline ticket or to get into a soccer game.

People in the Mideast like to crowd around. They always seem to be "invading your space" or "in your face."

This is strange to us, but not to them.

When we get sick, even if we don't have something catching, we stay alone in our rooms. Even in the hospital, we aren't allowed many visitors.

But in the Mideast, hospital rooms are often crowded with visitors and family members, who talk and laugh and shout and play their radios.

Everything they do over there seems so strange. But in order to understand different people, you have to understand their culture and history.

In American culture and history, we often admire rugged individuals like Daniel Boone or the pioneer families who lived all alone on the Great Plains.

But in Mideastern culture and history, the family, the unit, the tribe is admired. Survival in the desert was almost impossible all by yourself. You needed family members and friends just to keep alive.

And so different people grow up in different ways.

Sometimes cultures do mix, of course. In Saudi Arabia, I saw Frye Boots for sale and Calvin Klein jeans. People drove Toyotas and drank Pepsi. And you could also buy Black and Decker power tools made in Baltimore.

And when I went to a soccer

game in Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, the stadium was very modern and had artificial turf and a huge electronic scoreboard.

Syria was playing Iraq that day (they call it football), and the people in the stands were going crazy every time a goal was scored. They had brought their own instruments with them into the stands, and throughout the game they beat drums and clanged symbols together and tooted on flutes.

So it was both strange and familiar. They liked sports just like we liked sports. And while the cymbals and the flutes seemed kind of strange to have at a game, I wondered what they would make of the San Diego chicken.

As I continued to travel throughout the Mideast, I was invited into homes wherever I went: in Saudi Arabia, in Lebanon, in Egypt, in Israel and a Palestinian home on the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

What I saw were families living their daily lives. Small children chasing each other through the kitchen, while their mothers told them to play more quietly. Older children listening to tapes. Fathers reading the evening newspapers. Teen-agers doing their homework and wondering why anybody ever invented algebra.

And after a while, I learned that sometimes the strangest thing about different people is how they aren't that strange at all.

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Americans consuming more fish

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A new survey by Harris Interactive® revealed that almost half or 47 percent, of all adult Americans consume more seafood now than they did five years ago.

The survey, commissioned by Red Lobster, also discovered that almost seven in ten Americans or 68 percent, say the reason they eat more seafood is because it is a welcome alternative to meat and chicken.

Furthermore, many are eating it for the health benefits—almost two in five Americans or 39 percent, eat seafood because of recent studies that show that consuming seafood is healthy for your heart.

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Freshness is the key to preparing delicious seafood.

Chef Keith Keogh offers some tips to help "eye and buy" seafood.

The fish's eyes should be clear. If the eyes are cloudy, the fish was probably harvested more than five days ago and is beginning to get old.

The fish's interior gills should be bright red. If the gills are pink or brownish gray, the fish has either been mishandled or is getting old, indicating the quality of the fish may be poor.

There should be no offensive odor. Fresh fish does not smell bad. Generally speaking, it should smell moist and

fresh, like a cut cucumber or melon. If there is an unusual odor, the fish is probably old and should not be purchased.

The fish's flesh should be firm and elastic to the touch—it should "spring back" in place.

If an indentation remains after the fish is touched, the fish is beginning to get soft and is probably old.

Fresh fillets or steak cuts should look moist and firm.

Check for gapping, or the separating of flesh in a fillet that indicates the fish is getting old.

While the layers of meat

should not separate or "gap," a minor amount is acceptable. A large degree of separating and soft flesh, however, is a good indication that the fillet should not be consumed.

Don't forget to check for bruises. Dark red spots that appear on fillets indicate bruises, which are caused by mishandling. These fillets are still edible, but do not measure up to the highest quality standards.

"Seafood is popular because it can be prepared in so many creative ways," said Keogh. "Seafood can be prepared spicy or mild, grilled or sautéed, with a cream sauce or plain. It can be made as an Asian stir-fry or as a Spanish paella. There are very few other types of food that allow you to be so creative."

Serving America

Marine Corps Lance Corporal Israel Martinez, Pfc. Mark A. Ortega, Corporal Joe G. Henderson

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Israel Martinez, Pfc. Mark A. Ortega, Corporal Joe G. Henderson recently participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea. They are assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit homebased in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Martinez is the son of Anita Massey of Big Spring. He is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marines in 2001.

Ortega is the son of Mary S. Lujan of Big Spring and a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marine Corps in 2002.

Henderson is the son of Holly R. Moore of Big Spring. He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marines in 1999.

UT task force to review computer abuses

HOUSTON (AP)—A task force appointed by University of Texas System Chancellor Mark Yudof will re-evaluate rules regarding pornography and computers following investigations at the school's Houston and Dallas health science centers.

The re-evaluation will consider whether system policies and procedures should expressly prohibit employee viewing Internet pornography and whether all system schools should employ filters preventing access to pornography, said task force chairman Mike Godfrey, the system's top lawyer.

"In its broadest sense, those are the questions the task force will be asking," Godfrey said in the Houston Chronicle's weekend editions. "In light of recent events, we want to make sure that policies that once seemed sufficient really are. We want to see if changes are needed."

The six-member panel's appointment followed a UT Southwestern Medical

Center at Dallas pathologist's arrest on child pornography possession charges and an investigation by the UT Health Science Center at Houston and the FBI into whether some employees had violated

child-pornography laws. That investigation concluded that physicians and other employees did not violate child-pornography laws when they accessed the internet pornographic Web sites.

Rape victim wanted morning-after-pill

DENTON (AP)—A rape victim, desperate to guard against an unwanted pregnancy, asked an Eckerd pharmacy to fill a prescription for the so called morning-after contraceptive pill.

Pharmacist Gene Herr, citing religious convictions, turned her away in a decision that cost him his job.

He believed the drug designed to prevent pregnancy could kill the woman's embryo if she'd already conceived.

Herr's decision and Eckerd's response angered people on both sides of the abortion debate, reigniting a discussion over whether pharmacists should be able to follow their religious and moral beliefs when they are dispensing drugs.

"I don't think it's fair that I be forced to participate in a chain of events that results in the taking of a life," Herr said. "I feel like what Eckerd wanted me to do, they were forcing me to do something that I see is wrong."

But Eckerd spokeswoman Joan Gallagher said the company's employment manual makes it clear that pharmacists are never allowed to decline to fill a prescription for moral or religious reasons.

A friend of the rape victim said the woman was victimized again when Herr and his two co-workers last month declined to fill a prescription given to her by an emergency room physician. Herr's business co-workers also were fired.

Celebrating a 100th birthday



Mrs. Aline Lawrence

Aline Lawrence celebrated her 100th birthday last Saturday with visits from friends, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lawrence was born Feb. 24, 1904. She attended North Texas State Teachers College and served as a teacher and homemaker in the Luther community. She relocated to Big Spring in the 1950s and resides in Lubbock. She married Charlie Lawrence, who died in 1972. Mrs. Lawrence lost a son, Wendell Lawrence, who died in 1947. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Oil painting workshop to be held

The Odessa Art Association will hold an oil painting workshop March 1 through March 5 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

Nationally known artist Ann Templeton will be the instructor for that week. She has won numerous awards and has been featured in national magazines such as "The Artist Magazine" and other publications.

She has conducted workshops nationwide, and is a well liked by all her student artists.

For more information, call Jeree Barrett at 432-366-2214.

Juried art exhibition

The 46th annual juried art exhibition featuring Permian Basin artists will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. An awards presentation will be held at 7:30 p.m. Reception will include refreshments and music. The exhibit continues through March 31. For more information on exhibit call 432-366-4979.



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The Ugly Birdhouse

Now, most bedtime stories begin with "Once upon a time", but not this one. This one happened just a few weeks ago. Here is the story and what really happened. A family of robins were on their way south for the winter. A lot of birds do this. They like to spend the summer in the north where it is cool, and they like to spend the winter in the south where it is warm.

There was the mother robin, and her name was Etta. Then there was the father robin, and his name was Mike. And there was the little baby robin. His name was Daniel. They had spent the whole day flying and it was getting dark and they had to find a place to spend the night. They looked and looked and couldn't find a place to stay.

Finally they found a birdhouse that was very old and didn't look very nice. It was a very old house and it needed painting and it just looked terrible. Mike said to Etta, "I know it isn't very pretty, but we must stay here. It is getting very late and we can't find anything else tonight." Etta thought and thought. "You are right Mike, we'll just have to do the best we can with it." Mike went out to find some food for his family and Etta looked around at the ugly birdhouse and said, "I think I may be able to help this little old house!"

Etta went out into the countryside and found a red berry. She took it back to the birdhouse. She took the juice from the red berry and used it to paint the perch. Then she went back into the woods and found a blackberry. She used that juice to paint the walls of the birdhouse.

Just then all of the other birds came over to see what she was doing with all those berries. They laughed at Etta! "You can never make that house look pretty!" they all said. Then the other birds flew away to their beautiful homes. They had really hurt Etta's feelings. Poor Etta!

But she knew that she could make that house pretty! She found some green berries and painted the steps to the house a bright green. And then she found some blueberries. Oh, how pretty they were! She painted the rest of the house with that pretty blue juice.

Mike came back with some food for his family and saw the house. He could not believe how pretty Etta had made that ugly old house! Daniel thought it was the most beautiful house that he had ever seen!

The other birds came by after they had heard what Etta had done to the house. "It is beautiful," they thought.

"I want it!" a bluejay said.

"No, I want it," said the redbird.

"NO, I want it," said the blackbird.

Well, Etta and her family kept the old birdhouse for themselves. After everyone else laughed at it, Etta had made it into a beautiful home. And she put her family's name on it so next year when they came by here again on their way north, they would have a beautiful house waiting for them.

Now, most bedtime stories end with, "And they lived happily ever after!" Well, it seems like this one should end that way.

And they lived happily ever after!

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IN BRIEF

Several playoff bouts on tap for today

Area playoff basketball fans will have a full slate of games to choose from today as three area teams will take to the court.

The Garden City Lady Kats and Smyer Lady Bobcats will tip off the area's slate at 6:30 p.m. in Lamesa's O.W. Follis gym. The Coahoma Bulldogs will face the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles at 8 p.m. in Seminole.

The Grady Wildcats and the Rule Bobcats will meet at 7 p.m. in Post, while the Borden County girls will face Happy at 6 p.m. in the Levelland High School gymnasium.

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 28

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Feb. 28-29 beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days. Entry fee is \$75 per player plus golf cart.

For more information call (432) 267-5354.

Coahoma LL sign-ups set for Feb. 28

Coahoma Little League registration is scheduled to begin in Coahoma on Feb. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the high school.

Lady Hawks' softball schedule is altered

The Howard College Lady Hawks' games set for this weekend against Western Texas College have been changed from an away series to a home series.

Howard will host Western Texas on the Feb. 28 starting at 1 p.m. at Foundation Field. Game 2 to follow 20 minutes after the completion of the first.

The games on Feb. 29 will follow the same time schedule.

HC to host three playoff games

Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will serve as the site of three high school boys' basketball playoff games over the next few days.

The Sweetwater Mustangs and Kermit Yellowjackets will begin the DG action today when they meet in a Class 3A bi-district matchup. The two teams are slated to get started at 8 p.m.

On Friday, the coliseum will host an area playoff doubleheader. The Colorado City Wolves will face either Reagan County or Van Horn in the 6 p.m. game, while Wall will meet either New Deal or Crane in the second bout, which will get under way at 8 p.m.

Lady Steers, Steers games cancelled

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers' games for today have been cancelled because of poor weather conditions.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
Feb. 23		
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa	5:45 p.m.	1490
Hawks vs. Odessa	7:45 p.m.	1490
Feb. 28		
Lady Hawks (softball) vs. WTC	1 p.m.	1490
Feb. 29		
Lady Hawks (softball) vs. WTC	1 p.m.	1490

South Plains streaks to 96-68 win over Hawks

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Howard College Hawks' showdown was a textbook example of a hit-and-miss situation. South Plains hit everything.

The Hawks, well ... South Plains shot better than 40 percent from the floor in the first half and rolled to an lopsided 50-24 halftime lead en route to claiming a 96-68 victory in front of a large crowd at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Offensively, Howard managed to just 23 percent from the field in the first 20

minutes. With the win, South Plains all but eliminated the Hawks from the postseason playoff picture. The Hawks, who entered the game trailing Frank Phillips by a game for the final Region V Tournament, slipped to 5-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play with one game remaining. Frank Phillips, which played New Mexico Junior College Monday, holds the tie-breaker advantage over HC by virtue of its two regular season wins. South Plains, the defending

Region V champion, got off to a quick start against the Hawks. The Texans reeled off 10 of the games first 12 points and never looked back.

Issian Redding and Dennard Abraham each scored 13 points in the first 20 minutes and keyed the Texans' ability to run to a 24-point halftime advantage.

Dwayne Abraham and Steve Goff carried the brunt of the Hawks' offensive load in the first half. Abraham pumped in all three of his baskets in the first 10 minutes. Goff tallied two shots in that span, including his WJAC-

leading 83rd three-point shot of the season.

The Hawks managed to play South Plains closely in the second half. Led by eight points from freshman Munir Shakir and seven more from Johnny Jones, the Hawks scored 42 second-half points.

South Plains closed out the game with a 46 point effort in the final 20 minutes.

Jones finished the game as the Hawks' top scorer, netting 15. Shakir added none. Leandro Buboltz and Redding keyed South Plains with 23 apiece.



Howard College freshman Leslee Boswell attempts to block South Plains' Danielle Wilson during the second half of their WJAC matchup Monday. The Lady Texans claimed a 73-60 win.

Warton scores 23 in Lady Texans' 73-60 victory over the Lady Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Australian Rachel Warton scored 23 points and led the South Plains Lady Texans to a 73-60 win over the Howard College Lady Hawks Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the win, South Plains improved to .500 for the season at 15-15 and to 4-8 in Western Junior

College Athletic Conference play. The Lady Hawks fell to 10-17 and 2-9.

The Lady Texans opened the game with a flurry. Paces by 11 first-half points from freshman Tara Lisle, South Plains reeled off a 34-24 run in the first 20 minutes of the contest.

Former Levelland High School star Danielle Wilhelm helped the Lady Texans close out the contest

with a 51-36 spree by scoring 12 of her 20 points in the final 12 minutes.

Lisle also finished with 20 points.

Sophomores Desire Bostice and Kristen Valentine led Howard College offensively. Bostice tallied a team-high 17 points, while Valentine added 12. Ciara Tidwell added nine, while Alison Lopez and LaTasha Davis netted eight.

Nolan Ryan to rejoin Astros as adviser

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros just can't stop signing famous home-grown pitchers.

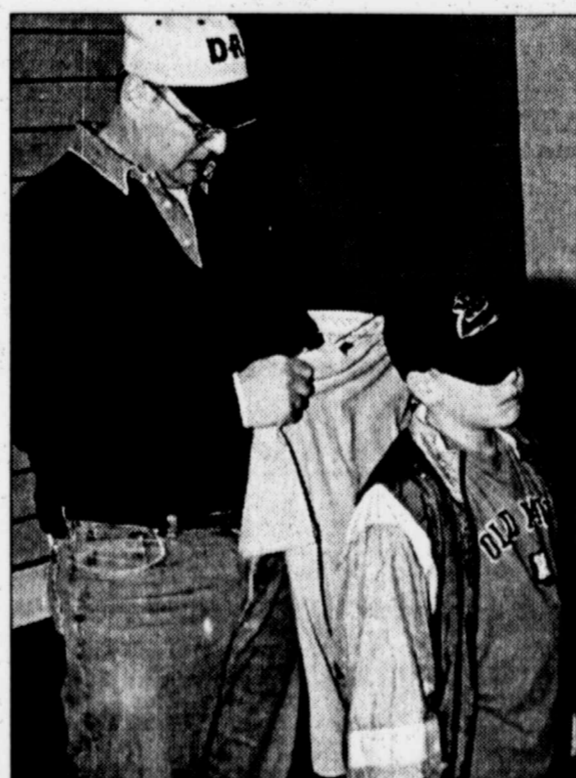
The club that brought Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens back to Houston will announce Tuesday they have agreed to a five-year personal services contract with Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, according to a baseball source who spoke to *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity.

Ryan began negotiating with the Astros after his personal services deal with the Texas Rangers expired earlier this month. His duties under the new deal with owner Drayton McLane Jr. are expected to include some sort of baseball advisory role, though not with a formal coach's title.

The Astros scheduled a news conference for Tuesday at Minute Maid Park in Houston, but declined to say what it was about.

Ryan, owner of the Astros' Class AA affiliate in Round Rock, did not immediately return a message left Monday with the front office by *The AP*.

Ryan pitched for Houston from 1980 to 1988.



Byron Lewis measures his son Caleb for a jersey Monday at sign-ups for the Big Spring Little League. Registration will continue through this weekend at the Big Spring Mall.

Fullmer looking forward to playing with Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Recently signed free agent Brad Fullmer says he's looking forward to his veteran role with the Texas Rangers.

The 29-year-old first baseman was in camp Monday, one day ahead of today's reporting day for regular position players, to take part in some rain-shortened drills.

"Coming up I was the young guy with promise like Hank (Blalock) or (Mark) Teixeira," Fullmer said. "Now I am the veteran with the playoff experience and the ring who can show them what it takes."

Fullmer played with the Anaheim Angels when they won the World Series in 2002.

But Anaheim decided not to resign Fullmer after he had to undergo season-ending knee surgery last July to repair a ruptured tendon in his right knee.

Fullmer was signed by Texas after the team chose not to resign first baseman Rafael Palmiero. Prior to playing with the Angels, Fullmer spent time with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Palmiero, who hit his 400th career home run, signed with Baltimore.

Exes school CHS girls

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes opened their 2004 softball season Saturday on a sour note, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Coahoma Exes at the Second Annual Coahoma Alumni Invitational.

The loss will count as an official game for the Bulldogettes, who advanced to the 2003 state softball tournament last fall.

In all, 12 former CHS players participated and representing every team Coahoma has had qualify for the state tournament.

The "youngsters" got things started quickly. Sophomore pitcher Sarah Dunn, who helped lead the Bulldogettes to the title game last year, drove in the first run of the contest in the first by grounding to third and scoring catcher Ruby Garcia.

After the Exes went down quietly, Amber Bingham proved she, like wine, has only gotten better with time as she blew away the current Bulldogettes in the second, striking out the side on just 11 pitches.

Bingham led Bulldogettes to their only state championship in 1998.

The Exes finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second. Bingham scored Brooke Barber-Grant with a single that tied the score at 1-1.

Barber-Grant was a member of the 1995-96 CHS squad.

The Bulldogettes regained the lead min- See EXES, Page 2B

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Mouton carries No. 10 Texas past Kansas

AUSTIN (AP) — James Thomas' wide shoulders certainly appear big enough to carry Texas to a Big 12 title.

Kansas since 2000. The victory in the only game involving Top 25 teams Monday also kept Texas within a half-game of conference leader Oklahoma State, ranked No. 6 in the country.

James Thomas basketball. And what exactly is that? "Just going out there and playing and not worrying about anything else," Thomas said.

ning the floor and playing defense." Texas has three games left on the schedule. The home stretch includes a rematch with the Cowboys next Monday in Stillwater. Oklahoma State beat Texas in Austin in January.

Little League sign-ups now under way

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Little League season is now under way. Players can sign up through Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

EXES

Continued from Page 1B utes later. After Dunn had drawn a walk that loaded the bases, Andrea Amaro worked a walk to push home a run.

Megan Guterrez pushed the lead to 3-1 an inning later when she drove a pitch to the outfield to score Samantha Baez.

The Exes were able to avoid any further damage in the inning thanks to a stellar defensive effort from shortstop Misty Baker. She fielded a hard hit to short and threw to Stephanie Stone at first to end the frame.

The Exes looked as if they would draw closer in the fifth, putting runners on base before Kaleigh Roberts — the District 2-2A Newcomer of the Year last season at Sonora, managed to strike out Erin Stovall to end the threat.

The Exes managed to get a run an inning later, though. Barber-Grant drew a bases loaded walk that forced Brandi Hart-Baskins home.

The Exes put the game away in the bottom of the

seventh by scoring twice. After Tara Sterling-Furman had led off the inning with a single, Bingham and Stovall both reached base. Kim Elmore finished off the rally by driving a pitch to center that scored Furman.

"We are honored to be able to play on this field and against this team," said Bingham. "They are a great team and we wish them all the luck in the world."

For Coahoma head coach Robbie Dickenson, the game gave the Bulldogettes a chance to test themselves against a top-notch squad early and to have some fun.

"We were able to see what we need to work on," Dickenson said. "Everybody had a good time and that is what is important."

The Exes that returned for the celebration were: Kenni Kay (Buchanon) Wright, Brandi (Hart) Baskins, Stephanie Stone, Belinda (Turner) Gonzales, Amber Bingham, Audra (Bingham) Bailey, Brooke (Barber) Grant, Misty Baker, Tara (Sterling) Furman, Erin Stovall, Megan Earhart, and Kim Elmore.

Prep Basketball Playoffs

Region 1 Boys
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BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
El Paso Hanks (19-9) vs. Lubbock Coronado (17-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Artesia, N.M. Cedar Hill (30-1), by.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS. Colorado City (21-11), by. Coahoma (15-15) vs. Lubbock Roosevelt (24-8), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS. Fort Hancock (23-3), by.

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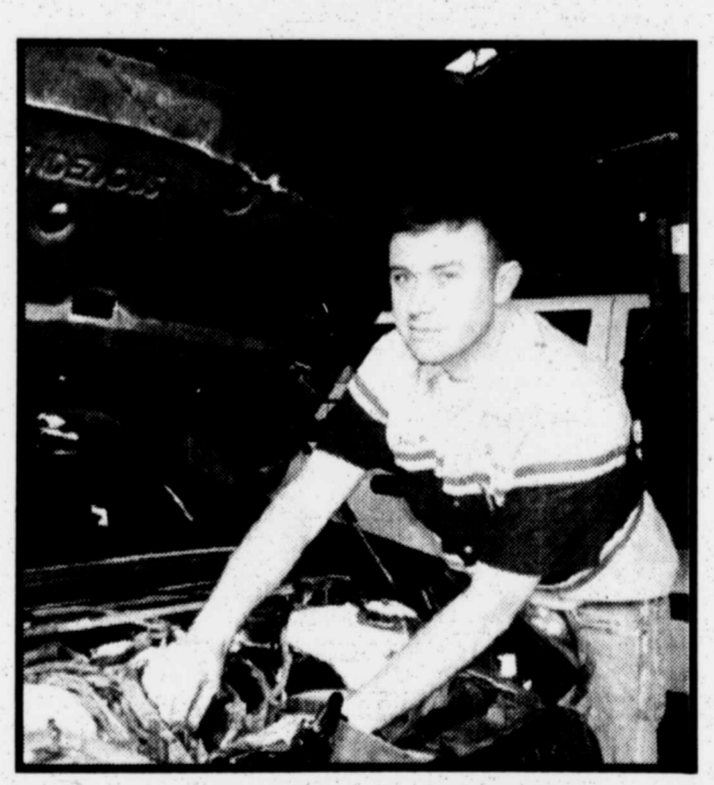
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By BETTY DEBNAM



A tiny statue of Morigie is on display in the new mammal exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

To find out about mammals, The Mini Page visited the Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. In the exhibit are 277 mammals.

Beginning mammals

About 210 million years ago, during the time of the dinosaurs, there was a tiny little creature about 4 inches long. She probably hid from the huge dinosaurs during the day and hunted at night.

Scientists discovered this animal's bones in an ancient cave. They nicknamed her "Morigie" (short for her scientific name, *morganucodon oehleri*).

Scientists think that Morigie:

- had a brain that was bigger than those of other tiny animals of the time.
- was probably warm-blooded and active.

These bones have some of the characteristics that all mammals have.

Scientists think that she is one of the earliest true mammals. Morigie and other animals like her have passed on mammal traits to billions of descendants for millions of years.

**Beginnings, Changes, and What They Are ...
All About Mammals**



A specimen of a giraffe as it bends to drink at a water hole in the exhibit. Giraffes must spread their front legs far apart in order to reach the water. Their neck valves keep the blood from rushing down.

Changing mammals

When the dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago, Morigie's descendants began to diversify, or branch out.

Over millions of years, Morigie's descendants and other animals like her have produced 5,000 species of mammals that are on Earth today — and that includes us, because we are mammals, too.

As the world changed, so did the mammals as they adjusted to many climates.

Today's giraffes have necks that make up half their height.

But their ancestors did not. They ate plants near the ground. When there were fewer shrubs, long-necked giraffes developed. Now they could nibble off the tops of trees.

What makes a mammal

Mammals are animals that have:

- hair that keeps them warm and dry. Hair helps them hide. It can also send warnings and sometimes can be used as a weapon.



The polar bear's thick fur keeps it warm and helps it blend into the white snow.

- mothers that nurse their young.



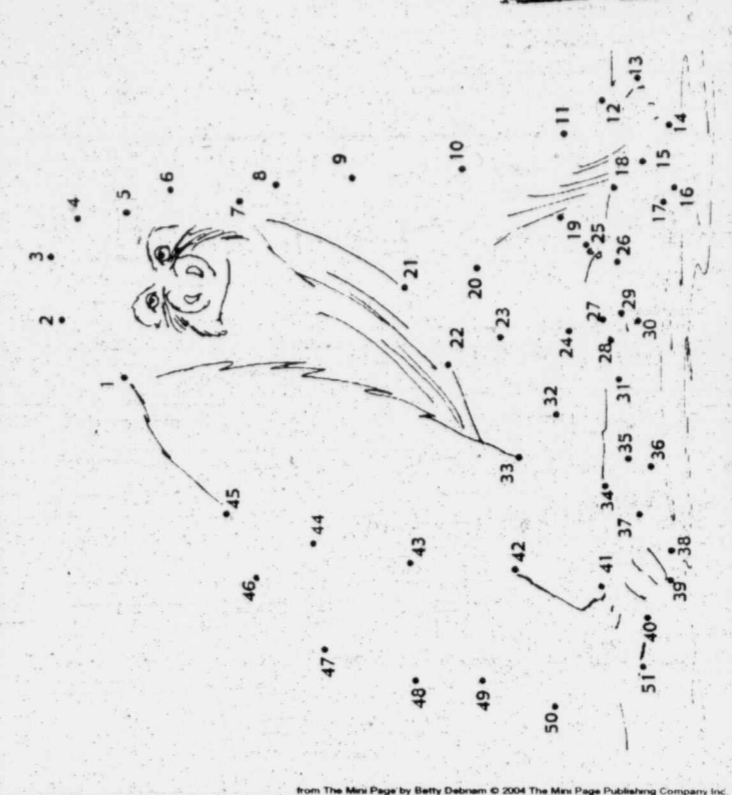
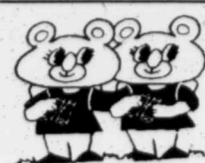
Mother deer usually have one to two calves at a time.

- special bones in their inner ear. You can't see them, but they are there.



The Mini Page thanks Sally Love, exhibit director, for help with this issue. Site to see: www.mnh.si.edu

Go dot to dot and color this big primate.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Mini Baked Black Bean Cakes**

You'll need:

- 1 (16-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup white cornmeal
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut in pieces

What to do:

1. Mash black beans with a fork. Add egg and mix.
2. Mix in cornmeal and salt.
3. With clean hands, make 8 mini cakes.
4. Dip each cake in a bowl of bread crumbs to coat.
5. Place each cake in a well-greased casserole dish and top with butter.
6. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 25 minutes until lightly browned. Serve with salsa. Makes 8 mini bean cakes.

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

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**Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Emeka Okafor**

Height: 6-10 Weight: 252

More than 3,000 athletes play Division I college basketball, and many experts rank Emeka Okafor as the best of the bunch.

The University of Connecticut center leads the nation in blocked shots, with nearly five per game. The Huskies' famous No. 50, who is big, agile and athletic, also excels offensively and grabs rebounds with ferocity.

Emeka, whose full name is Chukwuemeka Emeka Okafor, was born in Nigeria and grew up in Texas.

At Connecticut, Emeka also excels in the classroom, where he is studying finance. Next year he should be earning millions playing professionally in the NBA.

But this year, his basketball goal is to lead UConn to the national championship. Who is to say he can't do it?

Meet Rachel Hurd-Wood

"Peter Pan" is the first movie for young English actress Rachel Hurd-Wood. Rachel, 13, plays the character of Wendy, the girl who flies off with her two brothers to Neverland with Peter Pan.

Rachel had acted only in a couple of plays at her school when she was chosen to star in the movie. The makers of the movie discovered Rachel when she showed up with other girls in what is known as a casting call.

While she wants to act in a few more movies, Rachel doesn't plan to be an actress when she grows up. She likes dolphins and hopes to become a marine biologist.

Rachel lives with her parents and a younger brother in their home near London. She enjoys ice skating, music and art.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

Alana: Where do geologists like to go for entertainment?
Warren: To rock 'n' roll concerts!

Julia: Where do geologists like to relax?
Wesley: In a rocking chair!

Nelson: What is a geologist's favorite kind of transportation?
Lenora: A rocket!

More About Mammals

The mammal family
All of the following are members of the mammal family.

Rodents

By gnawing, beavers can cut down trees. They are awkward on land but are good swimmers.

Rodents have chisel-like teeth and lots of offspring. There are more than 2,000 species. They are the largest group of living mammals.

Ungulates

A zebra's stripes make it harder to tell one from another. This makes it more difficult for predators to single one out to attack.

There are about 330 species of ungulates (UHN-gyoo-lates). Ungulates have grinding teeth and hooved feet.

They eat mostly hard-to-digest leafy plants and spend as much as three-quarters of their time eating. They are good at fleeing when threatened.

Bats

There are 1,100 species. They make up the second-largest group of mammals. Bats are the only mammals that can fly.

A few Australian animals

Australia is an isolated continent with some unusual mammals.

The red kangaroo hops for miles at about 15 miles per hour. If fleeing, it can go twice that fast.

Marsupials (mar-SOO-pea-ulz) are mammals that grow up in pouches.

Basset Brown The News Hound's MAMMALS TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of mammals 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: MAMMAL, BAT, MARSUPIAL, CARNIVORE, PRIMATES, UNGULATE, ANTLERS, NOCTURNAL, DIURNAL, AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA, ANCESTRY, RAIN, FOREST, MIGRATE, MAN, ELK, APE, LION, LEMUR, FOX, TIGER.

WHAT MAMMALS LIVE IN YOUR HOME?

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Primates

Like us, gorillas live in social groups. They look after their young for as long as eight years.

The colobus monkey can digest tough leaves that other monkeys can't eat.

There are more than 200 species of primates. Primates have grasping hands and feet and complex brains. They have 3-D vision, which means they can see depth.

The word primate means "first" or "most important."

Humans are the only primates that do not have a gripping, or sixth, toe.

Look through your newspaper for photos of mammals.

Carnivores

Grizzly bears often stop and sniff to smell what's nearby to eat. They have an excellent sense of smell.

There are 291 species of carnivores. They are meat eaters with shearing teeth and slashing claws.

While humans eat meat, they are not true carnivores, as they do not have shearing teeth or claws.

Monotremes (MON-uh-treems) are mammals that are hatched from eggs. These include the platypus and the echidna.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a mammal exhibit. See if you can find:

- word MINI
- mushroom
- brush
- elephant head
- two keys
- letter C
- apple
- comb
- number 3
- kite
- ruler
- needle
- heart
- number 7
- ladder
- letter A
- banana
- pencil
- tooth
- number 2
- football
- teapot

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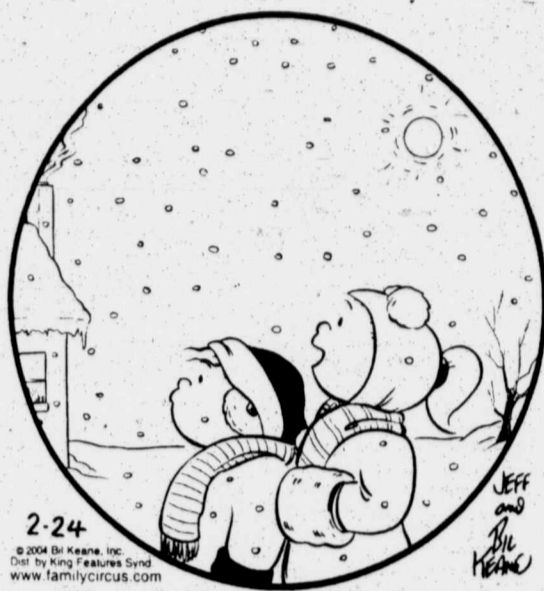
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8	PM According-Jim Less-Perfect	According-Jim Less-Perfect	Bajo la Misma Piel	24 (CC)	The Guardian (CC)	El Alma Henda	Fraser (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Innovation (CC)	Killing Hitler			Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Celebration of Gospel		NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	College Basketball	Movie: Bow (CC)	
9	PM Super Millionaire	Super Millionaire	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Judging Amy (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order: Special Victims	40 Movie:	Independent Lens (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Jaws 2		Charmed (CC)		Sister, Sister Boy World		Alabama at Auburn (CC)		05 Movie: Hart's War (CC)
10	PM News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show (CC) Late Night	Ronin (CC) (DVS)	The Hour of Healing	Face Like Mine	New Detectives-Forensic		Angel (CC)	Nightly News Grown Folks	Kim Possible Proud Family	Ent. Basketball Wisconsin	SportsCenter (CC)	Law & Order	
11	PM Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo: Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	Fraser (CC)	12-10 Movie: U.S. Marshals	Update/Israel Booker	Sign Off	Killing Hitler		The X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love (CC)	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	NBA Fastbreak Gamemight	Outside-Lines	Special Victims Karen Sisco (CC)	15 Movie: Crimetime (CC)
12	AM Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Paid Program	Angela	Blind Date Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts					MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Midnight Run		The X-Files (CC)	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Table Tennis Table Tennis	SportsCenter (CC)	(CC)	Nash Bridges (CC)

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2004. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date: In 1803, the Supreme Court ruled itself the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

In 1989, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 83. Actor Steven Hill is 82. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese

("The Sopranos") is 73. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 72. Actor John Vernon is 69. Opera singer Renata Scotti is 69. Actor James Farentino is 66. Actor Barry Bostwick is 59. Actor Edward James Olmos is 57. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 57. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 53. Actress Helen Shaver is 53. News anchor Paula Zahn is 48. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 46. Singer Michelle Shocked is 42. Movie director Todd Field is 40. Actor Billy Zane is 38. Rhythm and blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 21.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

GROUP LIFE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- West Point student
- Naysayer
- Musical conclusion
- Suspect's excuse
- Have in mind
- Spoof
- Ponytail fastener
- Prime the pot
- El followers
- Profound
- Where Jerusalem is
- One looking slangly
- Author L. Frank
- Supported, as framework
- Careless
- Stars' cars
- Lima or kidney
- Parakeet's home
- Score after deuce
- Like a smooth talker
- Employ
- Type of lily
- Goose sound
- Card game
- Marching-band instrument
- Girl's shirt
- Three feet
- Young horse
- Show impatience with
- "Piece of cake!"
- Morning moisture
- Scarlett's home

DOWN

- Part of TLC
- College grad
- First claim, slangly
- Recede
- Tints a T-shirt
- "For ___ waves of grain..."
- Type of tide
- Light brown liquid
- Debutante's institute
- Mrs. Chaplin
- Go steady
- Skater's spin
- Oboe insert
- Have an evening meal
- Money-saving quantity
- Coffee preference
- Explosive sound
- Passenger
- Pamplona pal
- Left Bank river
- 17-syllable poem
- Cruel characters
- Tractor manufacturer
- Flaxen-haired
- Quicker way
- Infant enclosure
- Sheep's sound
- Autumn pear
- Tinkerbell, e.g.
- Very short distance
- Scruff
- La Scala solo
- Make smooth
- Grime
- Singer Adams
- Garden nuisance
- Prefix for metric
- Speedwagon

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