TUESDAY

February 24, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

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 Democratic 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 Republican Kirk Primary, R-Odessa, Edwards, 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

Staff Writer

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

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

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

"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

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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EDUCATION

College swaps 'Hammer' project for 'Computer' one

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

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

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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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

Staff Writer

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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Performing arts building time frame viewed

Local physician expresses some concerns over college nursing program

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Progress on a multimillion 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



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

schedule we thought we'd be able she said.

Phil Furqueron told trustees 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 "Things were so ahead of next full week will be in May,"

Once the day care program is moved into its new facility and the old building torn down, the 5year-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 physi-

cian 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

Staff Writer

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.

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

Final reading of an ordinance raising the See COUNCIL, Page 3A

Obituaries

Lazell Vaughn



Lazell Vaughn, 88, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in a Midland nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Lynn Robertson, associate pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Born on Feb. 21, 1916, in Hartsell, Ala., Lazell was the daughter of Charles and

Lillie Odessa Lovvorn. She married Claude Vaughn on Aug. 16, 1947, in Big Spring, and he preceded her in death on March 17, 2002.

She was a homemaker and had worked for a number of years at Cunningham & Phillips Drug Store. She was a member of the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene.

Her survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Gail Briggs of Fredricksburg; her daughter and son-in-law, Lillie and Darrell Pollock of Big Spring; two sisters, Lois Meek and Betty Jean Cooper, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Tasha Campbell, Liz Ayers, Charlie Pollock and D. L. Pollock and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death also by her parents; one brother, Dillard Lovvorn and three sisters, Opal Box, Montez Owens and Cathrine Lovvorn.

The family suggests memorials be made to Children's Ministry at Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Terry Eugene Fortson

Terry Eugene Fortson, 44, of Azle, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with White's Funeral Home in Azle.

Correction

An article that appeared in Sunday's edition of the Big Spring Herald listing the Big Spring High School band Solo and Ensemble UIL results inadvertently listed Jacob Martinez as a member of the six or more brass group which earned a Division I rating at the contest. Desmond Garica should have been listed instead.

Support groups

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

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

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

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

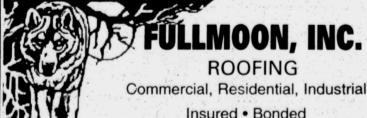
□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to. 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m

MONDAY

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.



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Police blotter

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

JAMIE LEE AGUIRRE, 21, of 501 Burleson Street, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 300 block of Owens. · RUNAWAY was reported in the 400 block of
- Fourth Street. · ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in
- the 1100 block of Wood Street. DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 700
- block of Gregg Street. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200
- block of 11th Place. HARASSMENT was reported in the 3600 block of

Sheriff's report

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

· SABRINA GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of abandon/endangering a child with intent to

· JOSHUA MIER, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

· STEVE ALAN HANNABAS, 46, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

 ANGELA MARIE GONZALES, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance. ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 32, was arrested

DONALD CRAIG BAKER, 34, was arrested

Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence. · JEREMY CHRISTOPHER FURLONG, 19, was

arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary • TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR., 30, was arrest-

ed Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence. VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was

reported in the 3200 block of E. Highway 350. STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 300 block

of S. Main Street. THEFT was reported in the 5300 block of Opal

· DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the

100 block of Colorado Road. Arrest was made. · ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Davis Road. Arrest was made.

Take note

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

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, you are needed.

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

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer

patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon

every Thursday.

☐ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

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WEDNESDAY

Line dancing meets at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Big Spring Country Club.

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at Howard College Cactus Room.

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

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

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

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

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

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at the Howard County Library, 500 South Main.

FRIDAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 29-25-26-36-8. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-0-4

Weather

Tonight...Rain then rain mixed with snow likely after midnight. Cooler. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 90 per-

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain and snow in the morning. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light. Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Light

winds becoming south around 10 mph late in the afternoon. Thursday night and Friday...Mostly clear. Lows in

the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday...Breezy. Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday...Breezy. Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

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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-

COLLEGE

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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. adult "We're teaching them chemistry, physics and other subjects relative to it. It really opens their eyes."

"Let's Build

cept," Tunstall said. "We Computer" is more versatile than its predecessor, Tunstall added, because it's geared toward fourththrough-eighth grades ted to meet the needs of age students.

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dents graduating from the college's nursing pro-"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

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but said the allied health exams in 2002-2003. They programs are difficult. are: the associate degree She also added that the of nursing program, 90 college was recently percent; dental hygiene, approved for a grant to 88 percent; emergency 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 Independent Spring School District to provide concurrent course to expose students to the nursing field. However, Sparks added, the course has not met with much interest.

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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 golf player Tiger Woods.

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

Washington At 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, Tubman, Harriet 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 graders fourth Kentwood Elementary School.

Magnet Bauer At 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 peri-

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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 Zoning agreement with Swanson Services Corporation.

tion results regarding dissolution of Moore Development of Big Spring Inc.

· Presentation regarding racial profiling.

Appointment

Board Adjustments and Appeals.

 Appointment · Presentation of peti- Planning and Zoning Commission.

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LUNCHEON

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has faced over the past year," said McEwen. "We and can even be format-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 ald.com

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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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Bill McClellan

OUR VIEWS .

Consider filing to represent your school, city

iling 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,

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 mayorial seats.

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

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 respirator, distress after having a bronchoscopy done.

he was going to get to erence, I will not hesitate come home and he was going to also need oxygen in business for true for hopefully only a short patient care. 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 there was nothing they

could do. I then vent 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 We were notified that asks me if I have a prefto let them know who is

> 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 Sring, 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

resident 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

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 Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont similarly worked hand in hand. Consequently, the final stages of addition - certainly not subtraction — of highway money. All this was done off the public

Missouri and liberal Independent

the Feb. 12 Senate debate involved

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, Nevadan 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 tô 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

s 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

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.

ROGER

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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

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

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 score-

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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Don't forget to check for

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that appear on fillets indi-

cate bruises, which are

caused by mishandling.

These fillets are still edi-

ble, but do not measure

up to the highest quality

because it can be pre-

pared 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

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types of food that allow

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Americans consuming more fish

Keep a critical eye for fresh fish

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.

Freshness is the key to preparing delicious seafood. Selecting the best fresh fish is easy once you know what to look

Red Lobster Executive should smell moist and



Freshness is the key to preparing delicious seafood.

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 Generally speaking, it fish is getting old.

Chef Keith Keogh offers fresh, like a cut cucumber some tips to help "eye and 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.

indentation an 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 offensive odor. Fresh fish the separating of flesh in does not smell bad. a fillet that indicates the

While the layers of meat

investigation

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

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

UT task force to review computer abuses

HOUSTON (AP)-A task appointed by force 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 cen-

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 sys-

tem'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 pathol- child-pornography laws. ogist's arrest on child pornography possession concluded that physicharges and an investi- cians and other employgation by the UT Health ees did not violate Science Center at child-pornography laws employees had violated Web sites.

Rape victim wanted morning-after-pill

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DENTON (AP)-A rape 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

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 physician. Herr's business they are dispensing drugs.

Houston and the FBI when they accessed the into whether some internet pornographic "I don't think it's fair that

victim, desperate to guard 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

wrong. But Eckerd spokesdecision that cost him his woman, Joan Gallagher said the company's employ ment 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 co-workers also were fired.

2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian

assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit homebased in Camp do, they were forcing me to Pendleton, Calif. do something that I see is Martinez is the son of Anita Massey of Big Spring. He is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High

> 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.

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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.

Oil painting workshop to be held

Odessa Art Association will hold an call Jeree Barrett at 432oil painting workshop 366-2214. 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,

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 spent 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 feel-

> 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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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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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 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 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.

Feb. 28

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 lop-sided 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

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.

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 24point 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 South Plains, the defending that span, including his WJCAC-

Region V champion, got off to a 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

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.

their WJCAC matchup Monday. The Lady Texans claimed a 73-60 win.

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

The Lady Hawks fell to 10-17 and

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

College Athletic Conference play. with a 51-36 spree by scoring 12 of her 20 points in the final 12 min-

> 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.

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 Eexes at the Second Annual Coahoma Alumni Invitational.

The loss will count as an official game for the Bulldogettes, 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

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

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

Nolan Ryan to rejoin Astros as adviser

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

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

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

Palmiero, who hit his 400th career home

run, signed with Baltimore.

Mouton carries No. 10 Texas past Kansas

AUSTIN (AP) — James Kansas since 2000. Thomas' wide shoulders certainly appear big enough to carry Texas to a Big 12 title.

The senior center had eight points in a key second half-run that sent No. 10 Texas to an 82-67 win over No. 20 Kansas that kept the Longhorns within striking distance of a league championship.

Brandon Mouton continued his torrid scoring pace with 23 points, but it was Thomas who provided the muscle in the middle in the second half that helped Texas (20-4, 11-2) get its first win over

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.

"This time of year, I know my teammates need me so I have to step it up to a new level if we want to win championships," said Thomas, who last week broke Texas' career record for rebounds.

"In the first half, I wanted to get a feel of the game," he said. "But in the second half, I knew I had to come out and play

ball."

And what exactly is that? "Just going out there

and playing and not worrying about anything Thomas said. "Rebounding, scoring off offensive rebounds, run- Austin in January.

James Thomas basket- ning the floor and playing defense."

Texas has three games left on the schedule. The home stretch includes a rematch with Cowboys next Monday in Stillwater. Oklahoma State beat Texas in

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.

Registration through the week will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the weekend, sign-ups will be from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Children ages 5 through 16 who live within the league's boundaries are eligible. Registration is required even if the child played previously.

For more information, call Chuck Rosenbaum at



EXES Continued from Page 1B utes later. After Dunn had drawn a walk that loaded the bases, Andrea

push home a run. Megan Guiterrez Furman. pushed the lead to 3-1 an inning later when she drove a pitch to the out-

field 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.

Amaro worked a walk to

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, Barber-Grant drew a bases loaded walk 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

"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 where: Kenni Kay (Buchanon) Wright, Brandi (Hart) Baskins, Stephanie Stone, Belinda (Turner) Gonzales, Amber Bingham, Audra (Bingham) Bailey, that forced Brandi Hart- Brooke (Barber) Grant, Misty Baker, (Sterling) Furman, Erin Stovall, Megan Earhart, and Kim Elmore.

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Region I Class 5A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

El Paso Hanks (19-9) vs. Lubbock Coronado (17-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Artesia, N.M. Cedar Hill (30-1), bye.

Midland High (21-8) vs. Duncanville (23-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hardin-Simmons University,

Amarillo High (24-4), bye. Keller (24-6) vs. Arlington Lamar (21-10), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Irving MacArthur HS.

Irving MacArthur (21-9), bye. Lewisville (18-12) vs. Grand Prairie (26-4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Grapevine HS. Arlington Sam Houston (23-9), bye. El Paso Bel Air (18-12) vs. Lubbock High

(18-10), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Monahans. Midland Lee (24-7), bye. Odessa High (17-13) vs. Mansfield Summit (23-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University.

Arlington Martin (22-8) at L.D. Bell (19-12). Dallas Jesuit (18-11), bye.

Coppell (17-14) vs. Irving (23-9), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Grapevine.

Colleyville Heritage (26-4), bye BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

El Paso Irvin (21-8) vs. Mountain View (14-11), TBA.

Lubbock Estacado (27-4), bye. Amarillo Caprock (17-14) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (14-15), 7 p.m. Monday, Greyhound Arena, Portales, N.M.

El Paso Parkland (24-6), bye. Burkburnett (19-11) vs. Lewisville Hebron (22-9), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Alvord. North Crowley (32-2), bye.

Fort Worth Eastern Hills (27-5) vs. White Settlement Brewer (16-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Keller Central, North Richland Hills (22-9), bye. El Paso Burges (16-13) vs. Clint (15-10),

Amarillo Palo Duro (32-1), bye. Andrews (23-5) vs. Pampa (12-18), 7 p.m. Monday, Wayland Baptist University,

Wichita Falls Rider (13-18) vs. Azle (27-6), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Justin Northwest HS. Fort Worth Dunbar (30-2), bye Fort Worth Polytechnic (16-13) vs. Crowley

El Paso Chapin (27-4), bye

(18-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield HS. Wichita Falls High (27-1), bye.

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS Perryton (21-7) vs. Lubbock Cooper (15-13).

7 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock HS. Greenwood (24-3), bye. Monahans (17-13) vs. Denver City (24-8), 5:30 p.m. Monday, Odessa College Sports

Iowa Park (21-10) vs. Clyde, 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aledo HS.

Decatur (20-9) vs. Everman, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS Abilene Wylie (27-4), bye.

Dalhart (12-16) vs. Littlefield (24-8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M Events Center, Canyon

Kermit (23-6) vs. Sweetwater (16-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big

Canyon (23-5), bye. Vernon (20-11) vs. Brady, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene Cooper HS. Bridgeport (22-8), bye. Little Elm vs. Glen Rose, TBA Graham (24-6), bye.

Class 2A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS Anthony (21-5) vs. Sonora (10-8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sul Ross State, Alpine. Shallowater (245), bye. Crane (15-13) vs. New Deal (23-8), 6 p.m.

Wall (30-1), bye. Lockney (23-7) vs. Canadian (16-13), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Vernon HS. Anson (19-9), bye.

Holliday (15-5) vs. Cisco (16-9), TBA. Panhandle (15-4), bye. Van Horn (14-13) vs. Reagan County (22-9),

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

Floydada (18-12) vs. West Texas High (17-12), West Texas A&M Fieldhouse, Canyon. Wichita Falls City View (24-6), bye. Olney (22-8) vs. Eastland (19-9), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Weatherford. Class 1A Division I BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

Gruver (21-6) vs. Memphis (15-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo HS.
Sudan (23-5) vs. Whiteface (19-8), 8 p.m. Tuesday, South Plains JC, Levelland.
Lorenzo (22-5) vs. Crowell (19-5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jayton HS

McCamey (17-11) vs. Rotan (24-4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Junell Center, San Angelo. Sunray (12-5) vs. Claude (20-7), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo HS. Farwell (22-7) vs. Morton (23-4), 6 p.m

Tuesday, South Plains JC, Levelland, Crosbyton (21-4) vs. Paducah (18-8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wayland Baptist University, Iraan (14-12) vs. Roscoe (12-10), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Junell Center, San Angelo. Class 1A Division II **BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS** Fort Davis vs. Grandfalls-Royalty, TBA.

Lohn vs. Panther Creek, TBA. Trent vs. Huckabay, TBA. Throckmorton vs. Chillicothe, TBA. Dell City vs. Sanderson, TBA. Cherokee vs. Water Valley, TBA Loraine vs. Rising Star, TBA. Bryson vs. Benjamin, TBA Girls Basketball playoff Schedule

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

Duncanville (31-4) vs. Mansfield Summit (28-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Grand Prairie HS. Arlington Lamar (24-13) vs. Southlake Carroll (23-12), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Colleyville Lubbock Coronado (26-4) vs. Cedar Hill (27-

8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene Wylie HS. The Colony (22-9) vs. Flower Mound (25-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Texas Woman's University

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS Wolfforth Frenship (27-6) vs. El Paso Riverside (23-5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort

North Crowley (21-6) vs. Denton Ryan (21-Plainview (26-2) vs. Levelland (20-11), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University,

Fort Worth Wyatt (26-3) vs. Granbury (22-12), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Weatherford. REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

Tulia (22-7) vs. Muleshoe (29-5), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University.
Godley (29-4) vs. Ballinger (26-6), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Hamilton, Canyon (28-2) vs. Snyder (28-3), 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Wayland Baptist University Graham (26-5) vs. Lake Dallas (24-7), 7 . Tuesday, Burkburnett

Class 2A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS Shallowater (30-2) vs. Tahoka (21-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, United Spirit Arena, Lubbock. Anson (27-7) vs. Canadian (26-3), 6 p.m. Seagraves (26-6) vs. New Deal (27-4), 7

p.m. Monday, South Plains JC, Levelland Spearman (19-10) vs. Eastland (27-5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Monterey HS. Class 1A Division I REGIONAL SEMIFINALS Sudan (27-4) vs. Hamlin (28-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wolfforth Frenship HS.

Smyer (26-6) vs. Garden City (26-4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa Middle School.

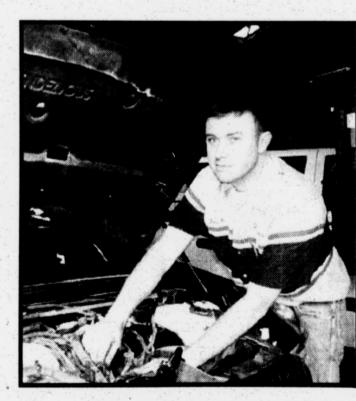
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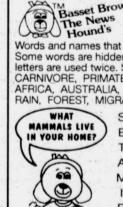
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Beginnings, Changes, and What They Are ...

All About Mammals



A tiny statue of Morgie 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 "Morgie" (short for her scientific name, morganucodon oehleri).

Scientists think that Morgie:

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

 had special ear and jawbones. These bones have some of the

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

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you guess the common theme or category?

Alana: Where do geologists like to go for

Warren: To rock 'n' roll concerts!

Wesley: In a rocking chair!

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,

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Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a mammal exhibit. See if

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Nelson: What is a geologist's favorite kind of

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Lenora: A rocket!

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All the following jokes have something in common. Can

Mighty Mini Jokes

Julia: Where do geologists like to relax?



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.

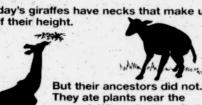
Changing mammals

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

Over millions of years, Morgie'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.



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

· mothers that nurse their young.



Mother deer usually have one to two calves at a

 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.edi

Weight: 252

More than 3,000 athletes play Division I college

basketball, and many experts rank Emeka Okafor

The University of Connecticut center leads the

Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Emeka Okafor

nation in blocked shots, with nearly five per game. The Huskies' famous No. 50, who is big, agile and athletic,

Emeka, whose full name is Chukwueneka Emeka Okafor,

At Connecticut, Emeka also excels in the classroom, where

But this year, his basketball goal is to lead UConn to the

also excels offensively and grabs rebounds with ferocity.

he is studying finance. Next year he should be earning

national championship. Who is to say he can't do it?

as the best of the bunch.

was born in Nigeria and grew up in Texas.

millions playing professionally in the NBA.

Height: 6-10



You'll need:

• 1 (16-ounce) can black beans, drained

Go dot to dot and color this big primate.

- 1 egg, lightly beaten 1/2 cup white cornmeal
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs 2 tablespoons butter,
 - - cut in pieces

• 1/4 teaspoon salt

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.

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.

More About Mammals

The mammal family

All of the following are members of the mammal family.

Rodents

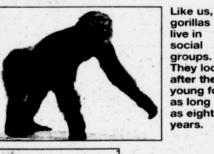


By gnawing, eavers can cut down trees. They are awkward on land but are wimmers.

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

Primates

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social groups. They look young for as long as eight



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

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



one from another. This makes it more difficult for predators to single out one to

Ungulates

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



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

Carnivores

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.

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.



about 15 miles per hour. If fleeing, it can go twice that fast.

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



Baby wallabies are about the size of a lima bean when they are born.

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

echidna

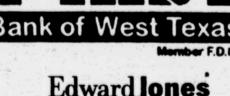
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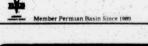




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Real Estate for Rent

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON The energy between Mars and Neptune intensifies just in time for Mardi Gras. It looks to be an inspiring and transcendent time for those who

are celebrating the holiday, though it's also easy to go too far. Aggressive energy is strong, so those who

tend to get

Joyce Jillson

should just stay home! ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's so much going on, it's hard to focus. Beautiful scenery will make you feel vital. Go where there's a view, and do something thinking. If you take the time to clear your head, you'll be much more productive.

in fights when they drink

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends and relatives are on your side, but they sure have a funny way of showing it. You'll have to adjust your expectations to accept whatever it is they have to say, or better yet, just blow it off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Part of being a mature adult is seeing the long view. When you realize the transient nature of things, you'll feel much happier. Even a heavy cloud is just a cloud - when the wind changes, it could dissipate and blow away.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The schedule might sudden require alterations, but being flexible is one of the beautiful things about you! It can feel lonely when nobody notices give yourself more credit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You focus yourself with laser precision, and this is especially impressive if you use the ability to get down to business at work. It seems that nobody can home in on a goal like you can. Cuddle up with dear ones tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Try not to be in such a hurry, or later, you'll wonder how you arrived

at the goal. Being able to duplicate success will bring ultimately happiness, whereas winning when you don't know why you won will be frustrating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The laws of attraction are absolutely backward. You could literally stand on your head to try to make someone fall in love with you, but it's not as effective as ignoring that person completely. Take quiet time to think tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get resolution on the issues that need it the most. Anything that's left up in the air makes you feel anxious. Loved ones give signals about their feelings, but you'll have to be tuned in 100 percent to catch them!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be "yes" answers, and there will be "no" answers. The former should be taken with a grain of realism, and the latter should be seen as a preliminary block, not a final reply. Tonight features a mutual disclosure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your time is occupied to the second today but not necessarily by the things that are truly important to you. Exercise will help you feel better. The oxygen will help you clear out the cobwebs so you can prioritize. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're getting into the swing of a regular schedule. This may be unlike schedule you've ever kept before, which is what makes your life such a thrill right now. your many strengths, but New activities and people that's why you have to stretch the comfort zone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March Satisfaction happiness are two different things. Strive for the first, and you're likely to experience the second as a natural byproduct. However, if you go for happiness first, it will elude you.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My last (disastrous) love affair has made me gun-shy. I was born Jan. 8, 1943. Would marriage with another Capricorn fortunate?"

Two Capricorns are good together IF they have something common besides their admiration and love for one another. You see, Capricorns always have a need to do, to improve and to be involved with life. If you do not have mutual interests, you may develop conflicts when you each try to do your own activities. Remember Capricorns of both sexes want security in love, so offer as much as you yourself would desire.

"Are Libra and Aries as horrible together as everyone says?"

An Aries husband is usually very fervent in going after career and business goals, while his Libra wife appreciates his efforts. Aries and Libras are always great business partners because they each have attributes that complement one another. In marriage, a Libra would help the Aries be aware of the finer things in life. Libras show the ambitious Aries that a rich family and home life actually adds to career goals, by providing a from haven the difficulties of business.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: There's a transformation in store for Pisces Sean Astin, who so far is best known for his portrayal of Samwise Gamgee in the "Lord of the Rings" series. Pisces versatility is more of a tone than a look, though, and actors of this sign can create amazing changes through attitude alone. Look for Astin to play a sex symbol in his next role!

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Annie: My Dear husband and I are professionals in our late 40s. We have good jobs and are actively saving our 12-year-old for daughter's college education and our future retirement. Sometimes money is a little tight.

My husband wants to keep giving money to his 23-year-old son, "Linc," a musician. I really love my stepson and would do anything for him. I even took a second job to help pay for his tuition at a nearby junior college, he's attending and classes part-time. On top of that, we keep sending him \$100 every few weeks.

Linc washes dishes to supplement what he makes with his band. But after four years of college, I think it is high time to end this constant trickle of gifts. When I was Linc's age, I had finished school, with the help of grants and loans, and was supporting myself. My husband had a similar experience.

My husband worries that Linc cannot manage on his own and will go hungry. I said I'd write to you, and we have agreed to take your advice. - No Grimm Stepmom

Grimm: It's Dear always difficult to know when to shut off the spigot and let your child



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

sink or swim. The two of you should talk to Linc. Create a budget, and find out how crucial those "gifts" are. Set a limit for how long you will pay tuition so he doesn't become a professional student. Then, instead of cutting him off, give him pointers on how to support himself, even if it means putting his music career on the back burner, finding cheaper accommodations, getting a full-time job and attending school at night. Be helpful, not critical, and he's more likely to listen.

Dear Annie: I am a 30year-oid male, happily married and a former military member. My problem is that I curse a great deal.

I use words that should be left in the locker room or on the battlefield. My wife cringes every time I

swear, and my foul language often causes arguments. My friends and colleagues frequently call me on it. Most of the time, I don't even realize that I have said a curse word. This whole ordeal embarrasses me. I want to stop, but how? Ashamed in Mississippi

Dear Mississippi: This will require some major behavior modification, but we think you are up to the task. The first step is to be motivated, which you are.

Ask your wife and your friends to tell you (nicely) as soon as they hear you utter a swear word. This will make you aware of it immediately. repeat Then your previous sentence, using more acceptable language. For the first few weeks, you will have to pay close attention to every word you speak, but eventually, it will become second nature. Good luck.

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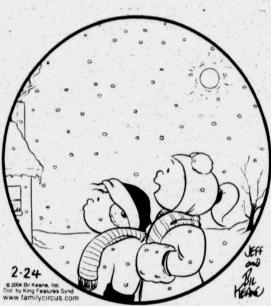
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

12:10 Movie:

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"It's snowing and the sun's out! Maybe we'll see a snowbow."

HOW TO MAKE FEBRUARY

A RETAIL BONANZA!

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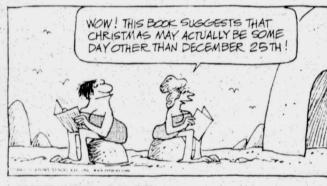
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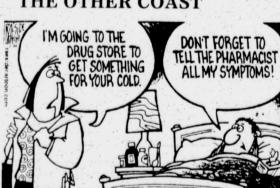


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BEETLE BAILEY







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 Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

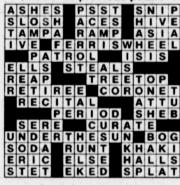
In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. In 1983, a congressional

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

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

("The Sopranos") is 73. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 72. Actor John Vernon is 72. Opera singer Renata Scotto 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.



Newsday Crossword

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