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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Trash Off to take place on Saturday

The annual "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off will be held Saturday. Trash bags can be obtained at the chamber of commerce on Friday. Free hot dogs will be given to participants at the Heart of the City Park.

Benefit to assist CJHS cheerleaders

A barbecue dinner and auction will be held in the Coahoma Junior High School Gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets for the meal are \$5 each and include a chopped sandwich, potato salad, beans, dessert and a drink. To-go plates will be available. Orders will be filled until 9 p.m. The auction will begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the junior high cheerleaders.

Entries accepted for 'Razzamatazz'

Entries are being accepted for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul."

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years of age. Entry forms are due Friday, with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street.

For more information, call (432) 268-7399 or (432) 268-7833.

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'Iguana' advances to area one-act contest

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School One-Act Play cast and crew will take their version of Tennessee Williams' "The Night of the Iguana," to the next level.

Big Spring and Levelland advanced Tuesday to the University Interscholastic League Area One-Act Contest out of a field of six schools.

Andrews, San Angelo Lake View, Frenship and Lubbock



LINDSEY

"I was hopeful before the announcement because the cast had such a strong performance yet."

Several Big Spring actors

Estacado also participated at the UIL District contest, held on the Big Spring High School campus.

"This is wonderful," said theater teacher Tracie Lindsey.

"I was hopeful before the announcement because the cast had such a strong performance yet."

Several Big Spring actors

earned individual honors for the performance. Tapley Holguin brought home the best actor award while Garrett Honea and Britney Gillum were named to all-star cast. Reina Cisneros earned honorable mention cast honors.

The Big Spring one-act ensemble will now set its sights toward the area contest set for April 10 at McMurray University in Abilene.

Cast members for the one-act play are Holguin, Cisneros,

BIG SPRING AWARDS

Tapley Holguin: Best Actor

Garrett Honea: All-Star Cast

Britney Gillum: All-Star Cast

Reina Cisneros: Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

Gillum, Gaby Sifuentes, Corey Green, Stephanie Franco, Josh

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LINKS TO A CURE



Moss Elementary students Katie Wilson, left, Charlie Boling and Dylan Watson show off a few feet of the school's "Links to a Cure" chain. The school's paper chain serves as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Vigil planned to honor victims of abuse Thursday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Shining more than 600 lights into the darkness will bring a promise of hope to children and adult victims at a Candle Light Vigil Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Heart of the City Park, organizers are hoping.

"Every single one of these 600-plus luminaries represent a victim from all the counties we serve. Each of these luminaries are placed inside a paper bag that has a silhouette on it, a boy for boys, a girl for girls, and a man or woman for the adults," said Donna Mezera, volunteer coordinator for Court Appointed

Donna Mezera, left, volunteer coordinator with CASA of West Texas, works with Patty Pisklak, development director and Tracy Fryar, program director, to create material for Thursday's event.

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Young cowpokes to bust out of chutes Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Hang out the banners and polish up the belt buckles. It's time to welcome the rodeo in Coahoma — the Kindergarten Stick Horse Rodeo, that is.

Fifty-six cowpokes will show off weeks of practice Thursday morning at the 26th annual rodeo.

"The practices are going well," said Kathy Nichols, event coordinator. "They're getting wilder and wilder every year."

Activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Coahoma Elementary gym with the grand entry. There is no charge to attend.

Along with former professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, a Coahoma resident, Nichols said several well-known faces will be

returning for the rodeo.

"Professional barrel man and rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller will be back with us," she said. "Ben Clements, professional announc-

The Kindergarten Stick Horse Rodeo will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Coahoma Elementary gym.

Kathy Nichols, event coordinator



er, will announce the show and Miss Rodeo Texas Lacy Billingsley will also be coming.

"We also appreciate the Howard College

rodeo team. They're always a nice addition. They add to the atmosphere of the event."

Kindergartners will be "competing" in a number of events such as bronco riding, barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, milking and bull riding.

"We have some really good little steer ropers this year," Nichols added.

For halftime entertainment, country and western singer Jody Nix will make a special appearance with the kindergarten rodeo choir. Square dancing and line dancing are also slated on the list of festivities.

Not only is the kindergarten rodeo a way to celebrate Western culture but is also used as a teaching tool, Nichols said.

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Democrats make picks for convention

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County Democrats recently met to determine who will be going to the state Democratic convention, slated for mid-June in Houston.

Howard County Democratic Party Chairman Wayne Burns said the delegation for the convention has been named and assembled in preparation for the event, which will be held at Reliant Energy Park on June 18-19.

Chosen to attend the convention from Howard County were Burns, Daniel Ryan, Steve Turner, John Ferguson, Ann Weaver, Aubrey Weaver, Roe Gore, Irene Bustamante and Mary

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At 105, Delores Porras jokes she's ready to go dancing on her birthday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

Dolores Porras is 105 years old today and her family is celebrating with a party in her honor on Sunday.

"I have had a very happy life with a lot of happy years, and I wish for more happiness on my birthday," Porras said in Spanish, as translated by her daughter-in-law, Olivia Porras.

Dolores Mendoza Porras was born March 31, 1899, in San Antonio Del Bravo, Mexico to Cecilio and Dorotea Brito Mendoza. Dorotea lived to be 115.

"It must be in the genes. And I guess the secret for a long life is her secret," said Nola

Bustamante, Porras' granddaughter.

Dolores married Jesus Sotelo Porras on Nov. 4, 1922, and they moved to Howard County shortly thereafter to continue farming.

She bore nine children in Howard County, and five of them are still living. She has 44 grandchildren, and innumerable great grandchildren.

"We really couldn't count how many of us there are now. Countless, I guess. She has great grandchildren and great great grandchildren," said Bustamante.

Bustamante, along with her mother Olivia and her father Pascuel,

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Dolores Porras, celebrating her 105th birthday today, receives good wishes from her son Benito, who called his mother from his home in Odessa. The family is planning a birthday celebration on Sunday.

Obituaries

Faye Marie Hodnett Gillihan



Faye Marie Hodnett Gillihan, 82, of Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, March 28, 2004, in Granbury. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Kermit, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1921, in Howard County and married Doyle Mitchell Gillihan on Aug. 22, 1942, in Vealmoor. He preceded her in death on March 30, 1988.

Mrs. Gillihan was a lifelong resident of Big Spring before moving to Granbury in 2003. When she was young, she did bookkeeping for the family business. She was a homemaker and her family was her life. She enjoyed RVing and loved nature.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and a member of the Mighty Oaks. Years ago she had been a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Ross Smith of Granbury; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Nelda Gillihan of Midland; three grandchildren, Jada Bryant and husband John of Waco, Debbie Gillihan of Odessa and Kenny Gillihan of Burleson; five great grandchildren; and two sisters, Ana Maye Hyden of Big Spring and Juanita Smith of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Leonard, Harold and Y.B. Hodnett; and one sister, Wanda Pearl Self.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Paid Obituary

Maxie Lagourney



Maxie Lagourney, age 10, of Amelia, Va., passed away on March 27, 2004, from a lengthy illness. He was born in Dallas County and was a fifth grade student at Amelia County Elementary School.

He is survived by his mother, Christy Lagourney Young of Amelia, Va.; his brother, Robert Young; maternal grandparents, Julie and Chris Lagourney of Amelia; and paternal grandmother, Anna Young of Italy, Texas.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Hillsman-Hix Funeral Home, 16409 Court St. Amelia, Va. Interment will be private.

Paid obituary

Sam E. Lewis Sr.



Sam E. Lewis Sr., 75, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with Terry Johnson, chaplain for Hospice of Midland, officiating.

He was born on June 21, 1928, in Oklahoma and married Rita Ray McDaniel on Dec. 21, 1954, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16,

1996.

He worked as a self-employed candy machine vendor. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and of the Men's Bowling Association.

Survivors include one son, Sammy Lewis Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Robin Brown of Big Spring; a sister, Betty Watkins of Yukon, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

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

The family will receive friends from 6 pm to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Cloudy. A 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday...Breezy. Mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

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

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Mary E. Leek



Mary E. Leek, 84, of Sherman, formerly of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating. She was born on Feb. 1, 1920, in Denton County and married Charles N. Leek on April 17, 1943, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1995.

She came to Big Spring in 1954 from Rosemart, Tenn., and was a homemaker.

She was a charter member of Berea Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the Odessa Prospector's Club, the VFW and the Friendship Club.

Survivors include one son, Charles Leek of Sherman; one sister, Mamie Porter of Fort Smith, Ark.; one granddaughter; four great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Perry Lynn Thigpen

Perry Lynn Thigpen, 40, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at his home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Edward Walters, of Cross Plains, officiating.

He was born June 5, 1963, in Abilene. He was a Baptist and a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Gathalee Thigpen of Abilene; two sons, Paul Glen Thigpen and Herschel Wayne Thigpen, both of Abilene; one daughter, Amanda Dee Thigpen of Abilene; one sister, Teresa Fran Walters of Burkett; one brother, Carlton Don Thigpen of Burkett; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

James C. Dunlap

James C. Dunlap, 82, of Big Spring, died at his home Tuesday, March 30, 2004, following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **JUSTIN KACZYK**, 23, of 1401 Highway 87 was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication and assault Class C, family violence.

• **ALFREDO CASTILLO**, 19, of 1112 Sycamore was arrested Tuesday on a Tom Green County Warrant.

• **AMANDA MORROW**, 25, of 4104 Dixon was arrested today on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **CHARLES ROBINSON**, 42, of 1407 E. Third was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willa, the 700 block of Interstate 20, the 1500 block of Fourth Street, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 300 block of Owens and the 300 block of Gregg.

• **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87, the 900 block of Lamesa and the 1600 block of Harding.

• **ASSAULT, FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 800 block of Lancaster and the 1400 block of Highway 87.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg.

• **STALKING** was reported at the police station.

• **RECOVERY OF STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of Owens.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of Main.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ANDREW SEBASTIAN ISON**, 21, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for issuance of a bad check and on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram; and theft of a firearm.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 1600 block of Old Colorado City Highway.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at the Industrial Park.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- The Moving Wall at 3 p.m. begins reading the names of Texas soldiers that appear on the wall, and revelry is performed about 6 p.m.
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo begins at 9 a.m.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main at 500 S. Main St.
- "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- Moving Wall closing ceremonies are set for 6:30 p.m. at the Vietnam Memorial, 2800 Swords Ave.
- Candle Light Vigil for CASA of West Texas and Rape Crisis/Victim Services is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Heart of the City Park.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

Correction

In an article about the Howard College Foundation Field dedication ceremonies which appeared in the Sunday edition, the *Big Spring Herald* erroneously referred to Al Valdez Sr. and Tito Arencibia as semi professional baseball players. Both men were professional baseball players who played for the former Big Spring Broncs, a branch of the Washington Senators which is now known as the Texas Rangers.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-19-20-32-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$40,505.

Winning tickets sold in: Bryan.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-12-23-27. Bonus Ball: 33.

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

Prize: \$275,000.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$375,000.

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

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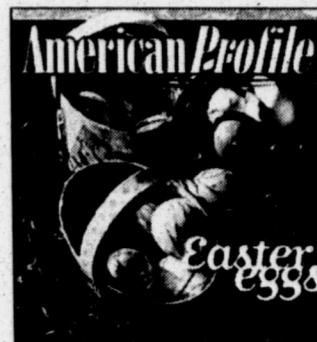
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Gold Star Mother Mickey Armstead, right, shares memories of her son, Navy Warrant Officer Rocky D. Armstead, with Vietnam Memorial Committee member Vickie Osburn at the Moving Wall Tuesday afternoon. Rocky Armstead was a medical rescue helicopter pilot and was killed over the De-militarized Zone in Vietnam in 1959. He would have been 58 years old on Tuesday, which was his birthday. Closing ceremonies for the Moving Wall will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The Wall will remain up for viewing until noon Friday and is located at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial at 2800 Swords off FM 700.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

COMING THIS WEEKEND



ONE-ACT

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Acuff, Honea, Vincente Flores and Vance Stephens.

The crew is comprised of Allan Michael Sheedy, Kathryn Weissman, Jessi New and Erin Griffin with Zack Watkins, Vicki Zermeno and Casey Moore serving as alternates.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

VIGIL

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Special Advocates, or CASA of West Texas.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will read two proclamations at the beginning of the vigil, one declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, and another declaring Sexual

Assault and Crime Victim Awareness Month. CASA of West Texas has teamed with Victim Services to present the program Thursday night.

"We want to involve the public so they can be aware of what our agencies do and who we serve," said Shann Thomas, executive director of Victim Services.

Mezera and Thomas will

open the ceremony, followed by the mayor's proclamations. Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith will speak, as will Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

"They will introduce our SANE (sexual assault nurse examiners) nurses, and then Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat will speak," Mezera said.

The Wheat's daughter

was raped and stabbed to death by a neighbor in Big Spring about 13 years ago. Today, the Wheat, who are pastors of Berea Baptist Church, work to heighten awareness of crime victims. Bonnie Wheat has written a book, "God Gives A Song," based on her experiences as she lived through the tragedy and grief.

The signing group

Expressions from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will perform, Debbie Jensen of CASA will read a letter written by one of the children served by the organization and the Rev. Ken Childress will speak.

Interpreters for the event will be Aneica Rainey and Erin Bartlett. The entire event is being sponsored by H-E-B

Grocery Store. The Girl Scouts of Big Spring and Young Life volunteered to build and light the luminaries.

"We are very excited to bring this to Howard County, and we invite everyone to come and make a stand for children and adult victims," Mezera said.

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Porras' son, take care of Dolores. They live across the street from each other, and Dolores still resides in her own home.

"We tell people, she is in such good health she's

going to be taking care of us someday," Pascuel Porras said. He added that he believes his mother is part Apache Indian.

In fact, Dolores takes just one medication every day, a vitamin capsule and an aspirin. She is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and

enjoyed going to bingo until just the past few years.

"I am feeling good, with God's blessing," Dolores said.

Olivia said every time the family gathers, they always visit her mother-in-law.

"She always kisses their

forehead and gives them a blessing. She has a beautiful blessing that I want to record to pass along to my children," Olivia said.

Dolores spends her days in prayer now, Bustamante said. She prays a rosary every day and has a set of prayer books that she reads.

"She doesn't really like to watch television," Olivia said.

Although she is hard-of-hearing, Dolores is lively and talkative, mobile and active.

"Voy a bailar." She said she would like to go dancing for her birthday.

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Perry Lynn Thigpen, 40, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be 11:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

James C. Dunlap, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

DEMOCRATS

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Dubose.

"Two basic things will happen at the state convention," said Frank Parker, local Democratic Party member. "We'll adopt resolutions to propose to the national convention and elect delegates for it as well. We'll also look at the resolutions that only apply to the state of Texas."

Local Democrats voted on several resolutions during the meeting, including a proposed raise in minimum wage standards.

"I think there's a very good argument for increasing minimum wage, especially since it

hasn't been increased in several years," said Burns. "You have to adjust for inflation and other factors."

The resolution, which was approved during the meeting, is a no-brainer, according to Parker.

"Minimum wage is well below the poverty level," said Parker. "And when it's raised, it will still be below the poverty level. Even if you worked 80 hours each week, you still wouldn't be above the poverty level."

Also gaining the local Democratic Party's approval was a resolution to maintain federal prevailing wages on federal highway projects, in lieu of a proposal from the Bush administration to leave those wages up to

the individual state.

"The federal prevailing wage simply says that workers on a federal highway project must be paid the prevailing wages for their work," said Parker. "President Bush is proposing that we leave that decision to the states. The prevailing wage, as established by Texas, is dollars less per hour than the federal wage. It would hurt the working people that work on those types of projects."

Parker said the group rejected several resolutions as well, citing a growing federal deficit as the cause.

"Most of those were on issues that would have cost a considerable amount of money," explained Parker. "One

issue that was rejected was support for the space program, which would spend billions of dollars. It's a good program, but with the deficits that we have at this time, the majority of the delegates thought that wouldn't be a good way to spend money."

The Howard County Democratic Party will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at its headquarters, located at 300 N. Gregg Street. All area Democrats are invited.

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"It's a culmination of our Texas unit," she said. "We've been talking about cowboys and ranchers and how rodeo first started. We also teaching coordination with the physical aspects of galloping and the pattern of pole bending."

And for the kindergartners, the practices are a chance to gain a different perspective of their teachers.

"It's worth it to see the smiles on their faces, when they see their teachers racing against each other," Nichols said. "They think we're silly. It just adds to the fun of it all."

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In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

The coloring and fun of Easter eggs

Hand coloring eggs for Easter with your children has long been a family tradition. It can not only be a way to celebrate new life and hopefulness, but also provide lasting memories long after the eggs are eaten. Plus, Solomons Island, Md., and two great cakes.

American Profile
Celebrating Hometown Life

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Moving Wall now here until Friday; Be sure to visit

Most of us know what The Moving Wall is and what it represents. If we don't, we need only take a few minutes to look at its simple, almost stark design and read a few of the names inscribed on the memorial to know what it's all about.

But for those born in the last three decades, we'll again explain that The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. — a memorial to honor those Americans who were killed in the Vietnam War.

The Moving Wall has stirred more than emotions.

In fact, it is the reason for one of our community's most poignant undertakings. The Wall came to Big Spring the first time in 1987 and its influence led to the construction of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

This week the Wall will be available for visitors 24 hours a day through noon, Friday. Guides are on hand to help you find the name of a loved one, a friend or a fellow veteran who died serving our country. There is absolutely no admission fee.

We hope that if you haven't already done so, you'll take the time to make your way to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial's grounds this week for a visit

The Moving Wall. It is an emotional experience, whether you served or not.

We realize that for some, it might bring back memories they aren't ready to face. We respect that.

For others, however, it's an opportunity for healing.

Once again, we want to remind our readers that for all of us, the Wall's visit to Big Spring is an opportunity to pay our respects, and whisper a "thank you" for a job well done.

And that's something each of us owes those whose names are inscribed on the memorial.

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Every American should visit D.C.

My parents took me to Washington, DC when I was in the seventh grade. The thing that I remember most about that trip was that there were no overhead wires. All the utility lines were underground. I don't know why that stayed with me. I guess somebody pointed that out to me and I thought it was neat.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In 30 years or so I'd like to know what impressions my 13-year-old grandson Jackson had when my wife and I took him to the nation's capital over the recent spring break.

Washington is an attractive city. We found the city easy to navigate. The Metro system takes just a few minutes to be able to use it. Cabs stop for you better than they do in New York City. Tourist attractions are grouped together so you can visit as many as half a dozen in a single day.

The first morning in the capital we walked to the White House from our hotel. Congressman

Charlie Stenholm arranged for us to tour it. Tours are not as easy to get as they used to be. He met us at the gate at 7:45 a.m. and led us to the entrance. About the only thing we could have in our possession when we went in was our wallets. No cameras or even ball point pens were allowed inside. The White House is beautiful and we got to see several rooms.

The Washington Monument, near the White House, was our next place to visit. We booked a 10 a.m. tour. We rode an elevator to the top and that's where the significance of our nation's history hit me square in the face. The words written on murals and etched in stone are extremely patriotic and emotional. I think to really understand our country, a person needs to go to D.C.

From the monument we went to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum. We saw Dick Rutan's Voyager, the plane he built and flew around the world non-stop and non-refueling. It was special because we had heard him speak recently. I took a picture of Jackson standing by Apollo Eleven, the spacecraft that took the first Americans to the moon. We then went to the new hot

spot in Washington, the Spy Museum, where I was able to tell Jackson what I did in the Army. Then we went to the Vietnam Memorial, perhaps the most haunting place we visited. When I teared up, Jackson gave me comforting pats on the back.

Across the way was the Lincoln Memorial. When Jackson teared up there, I patted him.

We did all this in one day. After dinner, we put warm water in the bathtub and all three of us soaked our feet.

The next day we went to the Capitol building and took a tour arranged by Senator John Cornyn. We got to sit in the gallery and see and hear debate on national issues.

The most moving part of the trip was at the Museum of American History. We saw people working on preserving the flag that flew over Fort McHenry and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner.

We saw Ford's Theater and the bed where Lincoln died. We toured Mount Vernon. We saw dinosaurs at the Museum of Natural History.

I think our grandson will remember this trip. I know I will.

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Bush is environmentally unfriendly

O Karl Rove, Karl Rove, birder thou never wert. If George W. Bush loses the election narrowly in November, put it down to the birders. You read it here first. What was Rove thinking when he allowed William Haynes II to be nominated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit?



MOLLY IVINS

There are all the usual reasons for rejecting a Bush judicial nominee — he's only tried one case; no understanding of the Constitution; author of the "enemy combatant doctrine" that allows American citizens to be held in prison without trial, without counsel and without knowing the charges against them. But the fatal faux pas is the feather-blowing tale of Haynes' role as the top Defense Department lawyer in the case of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

DOD wanted to use an island in the Marianas for bombing practice, so Haynes' team of lawyers argued that bombing the bird haven would not break the treaty and that the bombing would actually enhance bird-watching because people "get more enjoyment out of spotting a rare bird than they do spotting a common one." By this logic, we should drive every bird on earth to near-extinction and just think what a thrill we'd get out of ever seeing one. According to The New York Times, "Mr. Haynes says he only supervised the case and was unaware of the bizarre claim." He only supervised the case?

Well! If you have never seen a flock of enraged birders, you don't know what danger is. These people don't just watch pewees and tweety-birds, they're into raptors, too — falcons, eagles ... they know how to swoop and strike. If we find Rove beaten to a pulp with

binoculars, it will be no surprise. How could he ignore the immemorial warning, "Beware the wrath of the birding legions!"

Back to business. There's no way to keep up with the Bush administration's assaults on the environment, they're just endless. Most notable lately was the decision to let mercury pollution, which is extremely toxic, continue. With current technology, we could cut mercury emissions by 90 percent in four years. Instead, the Bushies chose a plan that will reduce it by 50 percent over 14 years, thus saving millions for their big campaign contributors in the power, coal and chemical industries. To make up for it, they warned pregnant women not to eat tuna. But that's not all:

— The U.S. Forest Service is going to eliminate any reviews of its actions by outside agencies for compliance with clean water, endangered species and historical preservation laws.

— The Department of Energy is moving to overturn a court decision on standards to clean up the country's most toxic and radioactive waste.

— The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general has concluded that senior Bushies at EPA have repeatedly made misleading statements about purported improvements in drinking water quality. (Oh no, not Bushies lying!)

Other actions way too numerous to mention here can be found on the websites of assorted environmental groups.

To counter this ghastly record, the GOP put out a "talking points" memo for Republican members of Congress. In it, the congressmen are advised to inform their constituents that: A) global warming has not been proved, B) there are no clear links between childhood asthma and air pollution (in what I assume was an unintentionally hilarious slip, the memo advises R's that the links are "cloudy"), and C) America's rivers and lakes aren't nearly as polluted as the

EPA says they are. The EPA says at least 40 percent of our streams, rivers and lakes are too polluted for drinking, fishing or swimming.

Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont observed: "It's so incredible that they have this denial of any responsibility for the serious situation we have in this country as far as the environment goes. They have a head-in-the-sand approach to it. They're just sloughing off the human health impacts — the premature deaths and asthma attacks caused by power plant pollution."

One of the weirdest environmental developments of late is the attempt by right-wing anti-immigrant groups to take over the venerable Sierra Club. The latest fad among these anti-immigrant groups, many of which have ties to disgusting racist groups, is to blame immigrants for our environmental problems.

I see a lot of Mexican immigrants, and some must be illegal, gardening in this country, but I don't know of many who run power plants that spew tons of mercury into the air. You hardly ever see an illegal Mexican immigrant on a snowmobile in Yellowstone. Illegal Mexicans are seldom in charge of timber companies that want to clear-cut the national forests. It's not often that illegal Mexicans run chemical companies that dump toxins into rivers and wetlands. It's rare to find an illegal Mexican in the Bush administration deciding to end the Superfund cleanup program or to lower air and water quality standards.

I don't know about you, but I don't think we can pin this one on them. Reckon these folks have some other agenda?

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Library

Good selection of books written by local authors about Howard County

OK, guys, last week I promised you a whole list of books to check out, so here they are. First we have "Paranoia" by Joseph Finder; "Assured Response" by Joe Weber; Brian Freemantle's "Triple Cross"; "First Light" by Bodie and Brock Thoene; "Out of Reach" by Patricia Lewin; "The Bone Parade" by Mark Nykanen; "The Havana Room" by Colin Harrison and finally "The Pistol Poets" by Victor Gishchler. All of these are suspenseful and will probably keep you up late reading them. They can be found on the new book shelf.

Did you know that



HOLLIS
MCCRIGHT

Howard County has produced several published writers? While most of what I will write about can be found in the Genealogy Room, others can be found in the appropriate area. The first volume of interest was compiled (I think) in the late 1970s. It is a two-volume set, "Notes of the Histories of Churches of Howard County" (G 929.3 TX 118 H 333) by Jack M. Haynes.

The library also has a copy of a book that was published by the Big Spring Herald, "Pictorial History of Big Spring, Texas" (G 929.3 TX 118 P589). I do not have a date of publication on it.

Of course, I cannot leave out Joe Pickle's book "Getting Started - Howard County's First 25 Years" (G 929.3 TX 118 P587); "Big Spring: The Casual Biography of a Prairie Town" (G 929.3 TX 118) by Shine Phillips "History of Howard

County 1882-1892" published by the Historical Commission. These are available to check out as well as copies are on sale at the Heritage Museum.

Billie F. Harding has written an account of life in "Vincent: A History" (G 929.13 TX 218 H 219). Published in 1997, it contains accounts of individuals who lived in the community as well as information upon the community itself. I have a slight tie to Vincent, as my husband spent several summers with his Uncle Joe Hill who leased land and grew cotton in the mid-1950s.

Another interesting volume is "Howard County, Texas; Marriage and Will and Probate Proceedings 1882-1930" compiled by Eunice J. Knight. She spent more than two years transcribing faded handwritten records in the county clerk's office in

the early 1990s.

Howard County also has a couple of fiction writers in our midst. Deborah Allen has written a mystery, "The Prey of the Shadow." In this work, Colleen Duncan's life changes when her fiancée disappears with funds that he embezzled. Is Colleen now a target for revenge?

Roy Simmons has written three books that the library has on its shelves. "The Ancient Muleskinners" chronicles a community's struggle to survive during the early years of the 20th century. "Blood Footprints" is about a serial killer in Burneyville. Ryan Masters and Chief Gas Gasteell work together to solve who has killed the citizens of Burneyville. "Dynamite" takes life

from today's headlines. Terrorists are instructed to blow up all electrical lines, thereby isolating each community from their basic needs. All of these can be found in the fiction section of the library.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes 1/2 hour before the library. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us; the catalog is online; our e-mail address is hmcgright@hotmail.com.

Hollis McGright is the Howard County librarian.

Tying Texas to Thai

Texas peanuts add flavor to recipes

Texas Peanuts and Thai Cuisine - A Tempting Taste Adventure

Thailand, an Asian crossroads for centuries, owes its rich culinary art to the cuisines of India, China, Malaysia and Indonesia. The country's popular cuisine focuses on blending four basic tastes - salty, sweet, sour and pungent which together form a wide range of flavors as big and bold as the Lone Star State.

So what ties Thai to Texas? Authentic Thai-based recipes make frequent use of chopped peanuts, peanut oil and ground peanuts along with the other traditional ingredients including garlic, chilies, lemon grass, coconut milk, ginger and basil. In a nutshell, Thai food is not for the timid. It's chock full of distinctive peanutty flavors combined with plenty of spices and chilies, too.

In Southwest Asia, whole, freshly roasted peanuts are ground and then simmered with other ingredients to give dishes a fresh taste of roasted peanuts. Here, store-bought or homemade peanut butter is often used to make peanut sauces and dressings.

To spice things up in the kitchen, indulge in Asian-Style Slaw with Texas Peanut Dressing. The Texas peanut dressing is a snap to make and is good as a marinade for grilled



Asian-style slaw with Texas peanut dressing

chicken or beef. Preparing it a day in advance allows the lively flavors to mingle. The slaw makes use of mellow flavored Savoy cabbage. Savoy has a loose, full head of crinkled leaves that vary from dark to pale green. Choose a head that's heavy for its size. It will keep tightly wrapped in the refrigerator for up to a week. Terry Thompson-Anderson, a noted, Texas-based chef, cookbook author and founding member of the Texas Peanut Producers Chefs Advisory Board, developed this original recipe.

"I'm so nuts about them (peanuts) that I give them special billing as Texas Peanuts on the Plate-any plate. Their delicious flavor profile crosses all ethnic borders with great pizzazz when used to

create traditional and innovative dishes, such as this quick and easy Asian Slaw with a big, bold Texas peanut taste," remarks Thompson-Anderson. Her latest cookbook, Texas on the Plate, Shearer Publishing, features jazzed up recipes and authentic foods from the Lone Star State.

The recipe for Asian-Style Slaw with Texas Peanut Dressing is brought to you by the 2500 proud peanut farmers in Texas who make up the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB). For additional information or to talk to a peanut farmer, contact Shelly Nutt, executive director of the TPPB, toll free at 800-734-0086. More information and recipes are available online at www.texaspeanutboard.com.

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If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call 264-3600. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

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- Nino sin hogar.

Si usted sabe de un nino o ninos que califican para este programa por favor de llamar al numero 264-3600. Un minimo de 15 estudiantes calificados seran escogidos antes ue la clase se ofrecera.

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DICATE,

BSSH celebrates Doctor's Day

Physicians deal with increasing pressures

BY VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD
Big Spring State Hospital physicians must not only deal with the unpredictable nature of psychiatric illnesses but also with the increasing pressures of national standards of accountability.

"It's an extremely difficult job that is governed by tougher standards because they're working in the specialty of psychiatric care," Big Spring State Hospital Director of Quality Oversight Marilyn Clark said. "They have to be available 24-7 to evaluate psychiatric emergencies."

"And each one of these physicians are dedicated to the patients they serve. They have a true calling to serve a population that is often overlooked in the community."

The Quality Oversight department and members of the medical support staff hosted a barbecue luncheon as a way to say thank you to the 14 physicians, physician assistants, advanced nurse practitioners and their spouses.

The Tuesday luncheon

at the Allred Building Auditorium was held on Doctor's Day, which is celebrated nationally each March 30 to honor the nation's physicians. Doctor's Day is the day widely considered to represent the discovery of anesthesia. Georgia Physician Crawford B. Long administered inhaled ether to James M. Venable for the removal of a tumor from his neck on March 30, 1842.

President George Bush issued an executive order in 1991 that designated March 30 as Doctor's Day.

"This is just one of the ways we say thank you and show our appreciation for the excellent medical staff we are blessed with at Big Spring State Hospital," Clark said.

Clinical Director Dr. Ba Han, whom Clark described as one of the stars within the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation system, thanked employees who created casseroles, whipped up desserts such as creamy peanut butter pie, and put on pots of beans for the physicians.

"I would like to thank

you for your recognition and support," Dr. Ba Han said.

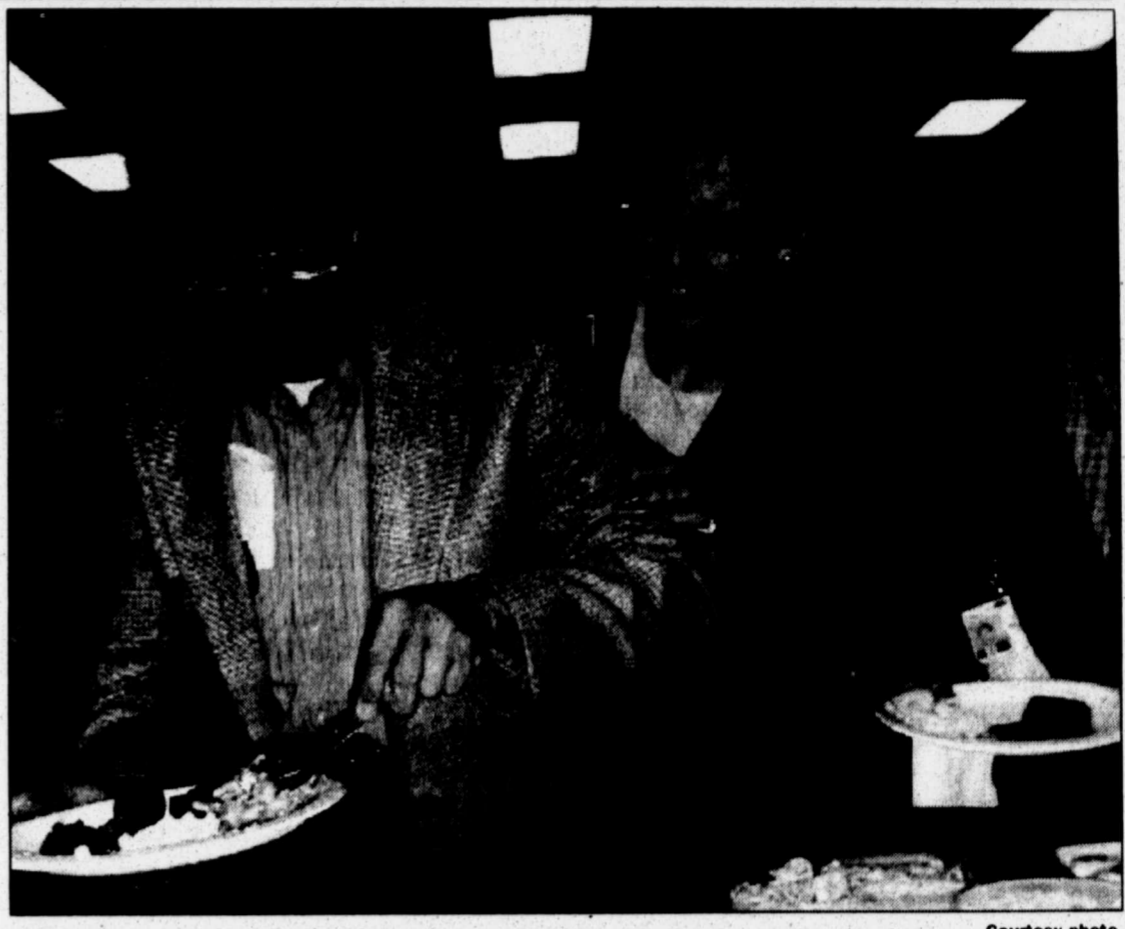
Dr. Ba Han, who has served as clinical director for the past two and-a-half years, oversees treatment of all the patients and supervises the attending physicians.

"He has such a high level of energy," Clark said. "He's all over the campus. He comes out on weekends. He takes calls at night."

"He is the absolute best clinical director we have ever had and fields questions from all over the state about treating patients with mental illness."

Big Spring State Hospital also provides general medicine physicians for patients who need regular day-to-day care for the illnesses and complications encountered every day.

Internist Dr. Bill Phillips cares for the more than 150 patients with medical problems, Clark said. "His primary responsibility is to ensure the well-being of our psychiatric patients. He takes the majority of our community physician phone calls that inquire



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital Director of Quality Oversight Marilyn Clark suggests what Clinical Director Dr. Ba Han should sample while going through the buffet line during the annual Doctor's Day luncheon. Hospital employees served up barbecue for the physicians to thank them for their service to the hospital.

Recipe for Asian-style slaw with Texas peanut dressing

Asian-Style Slaw with Texas Peanut Dressing

Texas Peanut Dressing

2 large garlic cloves, peeled and trimmed

1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 serrano chilies, seeds and veins removed, roughly chopped (or use Thai chilies)

2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup peanut oil

Slaw

3 cups thinly sliced Savoy cabbage

1/3 cup grated carrot

6 green onions, thinly sliced, including green tops

1/3 cup chopped cilantro leaves

1/4 large red pepper, cut into thin strips

1 small Asian pear, peeled, cored and cut into thin strips

Red-tipped lettuce leaves for serving

Chopped honey-roasted peanuts and cilantro leaves for garnish

Begin by making the dressing the day before serving to allow flavors time to meld together. Place the steel blade in work bowl of food processor. With machine running, drop the garlic cloves through the feed tube to mince. Stop machine and scrap down

Alzheimer's support group airing Monday

The Alzheimer's Association, Star Chapter - West Texas Region, will provide an on air caregiver support group.

This group will be on KBST Radio-1490 AM from 8:20 a.m. until 8:55 a.m. the first Monday monthly beginning April 5.

There will be a support group facilitator on air to answer your questions and to give information about caregiving issues. The number to call is 432-267-6391.

Please contact Janet Cross, program coordinator at (800) 272-3900 if you have questions.

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side of bowl. Add all remaining ingredients, except peanut oil. Process until smooth. With machine running, add the peanut oil in a slow steady stream through the feed tube until all has been added. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To make the slaw, toss all ingredients except lettuce leaves and garnishes in a bowl. Add enough of the dressing to lightly coat the greens. To serve, place a small red-tipped lettuce leaf on each serving plate and spoon a portion of the slaw in the

center. Garnish with a scattering of the honey-roasted peanuts and place two or three cilantro leaves in the center.

Terry Thompson-Anderson is the author of *Texas on the Plate and Cajun-Creole Cooking*. She is a member of the Texas Peanut Producers Chefs Advisory Board.

The Brazos Boys Quartet



The Brazos Boys Quartet, an all male quartet based in Abilene, Texas, formed in 1999 by original founding member and baritone singer for the group, Chuck Sims, has been delighting audiences all across west and central Texas since the group's inception. Chuck states the group got its name from the popular west/central Texas River known as the Clear Fork of The Brazos River. As the group was forming and coming up with name ideas, the original members began to suggest names that might be familiar to residents of Abilene and the surrounding communities which they regularly sang in. It was only after they chose to name the group after the popular Texas River that Chuck realized the name contained an almost ironic and God given meaning.

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Sports

IN BRIEF

Steers suffer loss in district opener

Big Spring's Steers suffered an 11-7 loss to Frenship's Tigers in Wolforth on Tuesday.

Big Spring's loss in the District 4-4A opener for both teams left the Steers at 7-7 overall and 0-1 in league play.

Michael Ornales and Lee Gillihan led the way for the Steers in the high-scoring affair. Ornales came up with two hits and swiped three bases, while Gillihan had a pair of hits including a triple.

The Steers travel to Lubbock on Friday where they'll take on Lubbock Estacado's Matadors in a 7 p.m. game.

ASA umpires clinic set for Thursday

An ASA Softball Umpire clinic will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

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

Lady Hawks hosting OC's Lady Wranglers

Howard College's Lady Hawks will play host to Odessa College's Lady Wranglers today and Thursday at Foundation Field.

The doubleheaders will begin at 1 p.m. each day.

The four-game series is a make-up series from a date postponement due to rain.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season.

Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester, president of the big Spring Little League Umpires Association, at 264-7777, or Don Booth, vice president, at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The league is open to all area youth ages 13-16, with sign-up continuing through April 16. The signing fee is \$65 and includes a team cap and shirt. For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

Texas Peloteros Bash coming in April

Texas Peloteros' April Fool's Bash softball tournament will be held April 3-4 in Big Spring. Entry fee is \$125. First through third team trophies and T-shirts and a fourth place team trophy will be awarded.

For information, contact Manuel and Edna Gonzales at 263-8219 or 432-816-6159 or Pete Carrillo at 432 816-1179.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule Today		
Event, Time	Station	Time
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 3 p.m.	1490	
Thursday		
Event, Time	Station	Time
Mavericks vs. Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Friday		
Event, Time	Station	Time
Hawks at Western Texas, 3 p.m.	1490	
Steers at Estacado, 7 p.m.	1490	

Replay extended for five years by NFL owners

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners voted to keep instant replay for at least five more seasons, and they added a twist Tuesday: A team successful on two challenges in a game will get a third.

Only once last season did a team have two successful challenges.

The vote at the NFL meetings was 29-3, with Cincinnati, Kansas City and Indianapolis against the five-year extension on replay.

The owners were given several

proposals on instant replay, including one that would have made it permanent. They chose to go with the five-year option and the extra challenge.

"It's time for voting on it permanently," competition co-chairman Rich McKay said. "This rule has been tried and tested in our minds. I think we should be a league of permanent rules."

The owners also made it clear they want commissioner Paul Tagliabue around for the next few years.

Tagliabue will be offered a contract extension of as long as three years, Steelers owner Dan Rooney said. The 32 owners

agreed unanimously to lock up Tagliabue, 63, beyond the May 2005 expiration of his current contract, which pays about \$5 million a year.

He's expected to get about \$8 million a year under the new deal.

"He's taken the league to a new level," Rooney said of Tagliabue, who replaced Pete Rozelle in 1989. "The television situation is phenomenal, the relationship with the players' union is great. We're entering an important period, and we want him to continue to lead us through it. It's obvious what we think of him."

Upcoming matters the league

faces are negotiations for a new network television contract — the current eight-year, \$17.6 billion deal expires after the 2005 season — and an extension of the collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association.

"We've had back-to-back stewardships not seen anytime before in any league," retiring Ravens owner Art Modell said of the Rozelle-Tagliabue years.

Several other rules changes will be voted on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Changing overtime to allow

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Lady Hawk outfielder Sonya Figueroa gets caught inches from the first base during Howard College's split with El Paso Community College's Tejanas last week. The Lady Hawks are playing host to Odessa College's Lady Wranglers today and Thursday in a four-game series to make up for games rained out earlier this season. Doubleheaders will begin at 1 p.m. both days at Foundation Field.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Mavs whip Cavs

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Two games into a new-look lineup featuring a 6-foot-9 center, all the Dallas Mavericks know is that they have enough offensive powerhouses to outscore some lowly Eastern Conference teams.

Yet they sure seem to be having fun in returning to the smallball approach that helped them reach the Western Conference finals last season.

Dirk Nowitzki had 35 points and a season-high 18 rebounds and Steve Nash added a season-high 31 points and 10 assists, leading Dallas past the Cleveland Cavaliers 126-109 Tuesday night in the Mavs' second game of their hoped-for revival.

"I think it's important to play loose," Nash said. "That's what we are."

Coach Don Nelson switched to a starting five featuring Antoine Walker at center after his club lost three straight to fall into a 6-8 rut. The last loss was followed by Nowitzki lashing out about the team's problems, much of which centered on defense.

The return to an offensive-minded approach — which makes sense considering Dallas is the league's highest-scoring team — started Sunday with a 30-point victory over Orlando. This victory clinched a playoff berth and moved the Mavs within two games of Memphis for the fifth seed in the West.

Next up is Sacramento on Thursday night, which should provide a better test for the new scheme.

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Berkman wants to rejoin top hitters

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ

AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — By major league standards, Houston Astros outfielder Lance Berkman had a pretty good season in 2003.

For Berkman, though, hitting .288 with 25 home runs and 93 RBIs is unacceptable.

"I'm the kind of guy who wants to hit 1,000," he said after taking extra batting instruction this week. "Obviously that's not possible, and I do get frustrated whenever I feel I'm not doing as well as I can. So last year was very frustrating."

Given his first two full seasons in Houston, Berkman may have a point.

In 2001, he hit .331, 34 homers and 126 RBIs. He followed that by hitting .292 with 42 homers in 2002, when he led the

league with 128 RBIs.

"As I said back then, if he has another eight or 10 years like that, he's headed for Cooperstown," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

But last year he got off to a poor start, hitting .208 in April and spending the rest of the season racing to catch up.

"From that point forward, I was just in a hole and never really got it going," Berkman said. "I've always gotten off to good start. I've had three full seasons and I've had two good starts and one bad one, whatever that means."

For the Astros, it means Berkman is still the star in the making they selected in the first round of the 1997 draft out of Rice.

"I have no doubts he'll continue to be a very solid player," Hunsicker said. "We all know that in any given year he's capa-

ble of doing some special things."

Part of Berkman's success is his ability to hit right and left. He's been a switch-hitter since he was 6, when his father taught him the value of hitting both ways.

"He turned me around and made me hit left-handed," Berkman said. "He wanted to give me something that would give me an advantage."

That advantage stuck with him.

Berkman got the Astros' attention when he played 114 games in 2000 after starting the year at Triple-A New Orleans. He hit .297 with 21 homers and 67 RBIs in Houston.

After the 2001 season, Berkman signed a 3-year deal worth \$10.5 million that will pay him \$6.5 million this year. Even with last season's drop-off, the Astros like their investment.

"These guys aren't machines," Hunsicker said. "To expect somebody to do what he did a couple of years ago, year in and year out, is unrealistic."

The next test for Berkman, is to see how he deals mentally with last season's adversity.

"He's a perfectionist like all good players, and he expects a lot out of himself," Hunsicker said. "Along with that goes pressure that is self-inflicted at times. He's still a young player that's learning how to deal with the ups and downs. There's nobody that's a tougher critic on him than he is on himself."

Berkman thinks he's ready for a rebound.

"You can't dwell on it too long because before too long, you're right back in the batter's box," he said. "The nature of the game makes you get over it quickly."

Tourney losses leave Texas teams wanting more

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Toward the end of the season, Texas basketball coach Rick Barnes said his program had reached an elite level nationally which would allow it to compete for an NCAA title year after year.

Considering the sense of disappointment that came with a loss in the third round of the NCAA tournament, it looks like he may be right.

In Texas' recent past, reaching the round of 16 would be hailed as a great season. But doing it three years in a row has left Barnes and the program wanting more.

It's the same for the Texas

women's program. After spending the 1990s running in place while other top programs sprinted by, coach Jody Conradt guided her team to the round of 16 in 2002 and the Final Four last season.

This season the Longhorns were ranked No. 1 for two weeks during the regular season the top-seed in the West Regional. Then came a stunning collapse in a 71-55 loss to Louisiana State in the regional semifinals in Seattle.

It was a bitter end to otherwise groundbreaking season for the program.

"I don't think you can end a season when you've had the kind of success that we've had and not be disappointed short of getting all

the way to the championship game," Conradt said. "They worked very hard to get to this point and they're disappointed."

Barnes and Conradt now must keep their programs playing at a high level.

For Barnes, that means replacing four seniors — Brian Boddicker, Royal Ivey, Brandon Mouton and James Thomas — who were the foundation for success for the last three seasons.

"This group of seniors has set the standard for this program with their work ethic and will to win," Barnes said after Texas lost to Xavier 79-71.

"Coming in as freshmen, we had one goal: to win a national championship," Mouton said. "We tried to take this program to

another level. Personally, I think we fell short because we didn't win a championship."

Texas has several key players returning, notably freshman P.J. Tucker and part-time starters Jason Klotz and Brad Buckman.

Tucker's emergence as a scorer and strong rebounder pushed Thomas to the bench this season. Klotz finished the season strong as Texas' best post player but played poorly in two of Texas' three NCAA tournament games. Buckman has yet to match the level of play he showed as a freshman in the 2003 tournament.

The Longhorns are waiting for one of the nation's top recruiting

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NCAA TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

WEST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At HSBC Arena
Buffalo, N.Y.
Texas Tech 76, Charlotte 73
Saint Joseph's 82, Liberty 63
At RBC Center
Raleigh, N.C.
Marquette 75, Florida 60
Wake Forest 79, Virginia Commonwealth 78
Friday, March 19
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Memphis 59, South Carolina 43
Oklahoma State 75, Eastern Washington 56
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 76, Richmond 64
Pittsburgh 53, Central Florida 44
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At HSBC Arena
Buffalo, N.Y.
Saint Joseph's 70, Texas Tech 65
Wake Forest 84, Marquette 80
Oklahoma State 70, Memphis 53
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Pittsburgh 59, Wisconsin 55
Semifinals
Thursday, March 25
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Oklahoma State 63, Pittsburgh 51
Saint Joseph's 84, Wake Forest 80
Championship
Saturday, March 27
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Oklahoma State 64, Saint Joseph's 62
ATLANTA REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At The Pepsi Center
Denver
Texas 66, Princeton 63
North Carolina 63, Air Force 52
At RBC Center
Raleigh, N.C.
Duke 96, Alabama State 61
Seton Hall 80, Arizona 74
Friday, March 19
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Illinois 72, Murray State 53
Cincinnati 80, East Tennessee State 77
At TD Waterhouse Center
Orlando, Fla.
Mississippi State 85, Monmouth, N.J. 52
Xavier 80, Louisville 70
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At The Pepsi Center
Denver
Texas 78, North Carolina 75
Duke 90, Seton Hall 62
Sunday, March 21
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Illinois 92, Cincinnati 68
At TD Waterhouse Center
Orlando, Fla.
Xavier 89, Mississippi State 74
Semifinals
Friday, March 26
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Xavier 79, Texas 71
Duke 72, Illinois 62
Championship
Sunday, March 28
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Duke 66, Xavier 63
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At Key Arena
Seattle
Nevada 72, Michigan State 66
Gonzaga 76, Valparaiso 49
Friday, March 19
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Kentucky 96, Florida A&M 76
Alabama-Birmingham 102, Washington 100
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Pacific 96, Providence 59
Kansas 78, Illinois-Chicago 53
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Boston College 58, Utah 51
Georgia Tech 65, Northern Iowa 60
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At Key Arena
Seattle
Nevada 91, Gonzaga 72
Sunday, March 21
At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Alabama-Birmingham 76, Kentucky 75
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas 78, Pacific 63
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Georgia Tech 57, Boston College 54
Friday, March 19
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kansas 100, Alabama-Birmingham 74
Georgia Tech 72, Nevada 67
Championship
Sunday, March 28
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Georgia Tech 79, Kansas 71, OT
PHOENIX REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At HSBC Arena
Buffalo, N.Y.
Connecticut 70, Vermont 53
DePaul 76, Dayton 69, 2OT
At The Pepsi Center
Denver
Maryland 86, Texas El Paso 83
Syracuse 80, Brigham Young 75
At Key Arena
Seattle
Alabama 65, Southern Illinois 64
Stanford 71, Texas-San Antonio 45
Friday, March 19
At TD Waterhouse Center
Orlando, Fla.
N.C. State 61, Louisiana-Lafayette 52
Vanderbilt 71, Western Michigan 58
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At HSBC Arena
Buffalo, N.Y.
Connecticut 72, DePaul 55
At The Pepsi Center
Denver
Syracuse 72, Maryland 70
At Key Arena
Seattle
Alabama 70, Stanford 67
Sunday, March 21
At TD Waterhouse Center
Orlando, Fla.
Vanderbilt 75, North Carolina State 73
Semifinals
Thursday, March 25
At America West Arena
Phoenix
Connecticut 73, Vanderbilt 53
Alabama 80, Syracuse 71
Championship
Saturday, March 27
At America West Arena
Phoenix
Connecticut 87, Alabama 71

FINAL FOUR
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Semifinals
Saturday, April 3
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Duke (31-5) vs. Connecticut (31-6), 7:47 p.m.
Championship
Monday, April 5
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

MAVS

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Everyone talks about our defense, but we're not a defensive team, Nash said. "We've got to remember who we are. We're an offensive team."
Nowitzki like the new-old approach.
"We won a lot of games at the end of last year with our small lineup," Nowitzki said. "There are not many teams that can match up with us when we go small."
The Cavaliers did for most of the game, getting at least 23 points from four players. Yet the rest of the squad scored a total of nine, much of that in garbage time.

LeBron James led the way with 28 points, six assists and five rebounds, and had his usual assortment of breathtaking plays.
He flew over Michael Finley for a backboard-rattling dunk less than two minutes into the game, threw down an even more powerful dunk on a breakaway and made highlight reel moves for baskets against Nowitzki and Nash.
Cleveland still lost its second straight and sixth in seven games. The 42nd loss of the season also clinched a losing record for the Cavs, dropping them two games behind Boston for the final playoff spot in the East.
"We know we need

wins," James said. "We've overachieved this year. Not being in the playoffs would hurt, but we're not going to hang our heads if we don't make it. We've got to keep playing the same game we've been playing all year."
Carlos Boozer had 23 points and 20 rebounds, Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 26 and Lee Nailon added 23.
"The smallball lineup got to us a little," Boozer said. "I thought we did a good job with them until the end."
Dallas' rookies lived up to the James challenge, with Josh Howard tying his season high with 19 points and seven rebounds and Marquis Daniels scoring 17.

Notes: Finley returned from three games off because of a calf injury but played only 10 minutes, scoring two points. "As long as he is ready by playoffs and ready to play some long minutes the last three or four games of the season, I'd be happy," Nelson said. ... James made a great move to get around Nash and Nowitzki in the lane, but lost sight of the basket and wound up scooping up an airball on a layup. He laughed at his miss and looked at his fingers, as if the ball had slipped off them. ... Former Mavericks coach Dick Motta was among many notables lured to the arena for James' local debut.

OWNERS

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both teams a possession is unlikely to be approved. The competition committee doesn't favor it.
The committee also recommended instituting 15-year penalties for choreographed celebrations and suggested some minor changes to the fair catch rule that will eliminate any returns by the receiving team once the signal is made.
An expansion of the playoffs from 12 to 14

teams won't be on the agenda after Kansas City withdrew the proposal. Although many coaches said they favor the idea, the Chiefs felt there wasn't enough support among the owners, and the competition committee was strongly opposed.
Concern about the disparity in cash flow between the 32 teams has been a main topic of the meetings.
Rooney, Buffalo's Ralph Wilson and Indianapolis' Jimmy Irsay expressed their concerns Monday.
"With our stadium and ticket pricing and mar-

ket, we are 32nd out of 32," said Irsay, who went into his own pocket to pay a record \$34.5 million signing bonus to quarterback Peyton Manning, last season's co-MVP. "There has to be some way to create a shift there, and it's the issue in the NFL right now, revenue sharing."
Tagliabue predicted renewal of the NFL Trust, through which teams share revenues from the sale of licensed merchandise. That amounts to about \$4 million per team a year. Washington's Daniel Snyder and Dallas'

Jerry Jones want to market their own products without cutting in others, although neither has indicated opposition to the NFL Trust. They do seek modifications.
That concerns small-market owners.
"I can't see why we're talking about selling a few more bobblehead dolls in Buffalo," Wilson said. "And I wonder how many Cowboy hats Jerry is going to sell there. There's a far more fundamental issue: the money disparity that will end up making it a league of haves and have-nots."

LOSSES

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classes to arrive on campus with McDonald's All-Americans Daniel Gibson of Houston and Mike Williams of Camden, Ala. They also have a non-binding oral commitment

from another McDonald's All-American, LaMarcus Aldridge of Seagoville, who may decide to jump from high school to the NBA.
Conrad loses only senior Stacy Stephens, the third player in the women's program history with more than 1,000 points and 1,000

rebounds.
The Longhorns return starters Tiffany Jackson, the Big 12 freshman of the year, Heather Schreiber and guards Nina Norman and Jamie Carey.
Carey, who missed two seasons at Stanford because of medical problems before transferring to Texas in 2002, has been

granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA.
"We have to go back and figure out what went wrong and what we need to improve on," Schreiber said. "For the people who are coming back I guess it means we have to work that much harder to make it next year."

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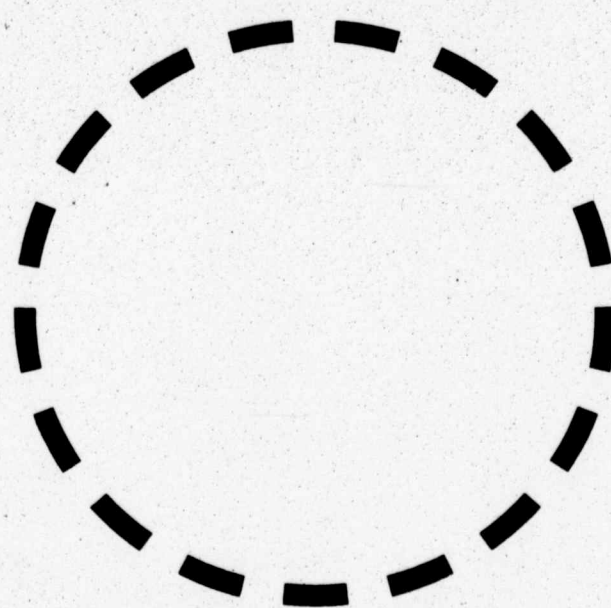
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Mercury enters calm, steadfast Taurus. It's a time to be forthright in communication. Don't hold back in an effort to make yourself seem more than you are. Letting others know your limitations in fact makes you more desirable. Those of us who can endorse their worst weaknesses and even celebrate them could get rich!



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll admire how the next "generation" takes your suggestions and goes one step further with them. Romantic life has more bark than bite now — your loved one is all talk, but that's fine with you. Anticipation is sweet!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships in need of repair and restoration fare well. Mates are more amenable to new solutions than you thought they would be. You feel safe enough to pull dormant feelings out of the dark recesses and deal with them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars give you the gift of instant rapport, so you don't worry about how you're being received. Lunch with the gang, dinner with old friends, or

meetings and brainstorming sessions bring good luck.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are completely, admirably motivated. Your industrious attitude is contagious, and those around you will realize there is simply no room for slacking. There's money to be made and valuable service to be rendered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars lend you energy to reform or reinvent yourself. Those who thought they needed a long rest are revitalized by making simple changes! The afternoon is lighthearted, helping you communicate the best in your heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do much in the name of spontaneity and adventure. A small variation in your routine gives you increased energy and vitality. Illogical events are featured at work. A far-fetched idea could become a reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hold on tight — this will be an up-and-down day, but much is accomplished. When your team has a strong common purpose, obstacles in your path are actually fun to knock down. Getting the right perspective is key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're fearless — or at least that's the impression you give early in the day. That's

why if you're going to ask someone out or try and get a raise, do it as early as possible. There's a kindred spirit in a Taurus or Virgo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Face it, you're a bit of a tease. Make intentions clear with a new love. Don't mislead. For those of you cohabitating, it could get sticky. Not everyone is doing their part. To forgive and forget benefits everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In case you were wondering why yesterday's situation didn't seem to have the effect on you that you thought it would, you'll feel a delayed full emotional impact now. Give yourself plenty of space to sit with feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone wants to be celebrated. If you're willing to celebrate others, they'll be eager to reciprocate. Take initiative. After all, good intentions aren't enough unless they are followed up with action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you get very clear about what your values are, you begin draw something different to yourself. Vulnerability attracts powerful love, and powerful love attracts financial stability. At work, remember that you have the control.

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Annie's Mailbox®:
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I find myself in the awkward position of wanting to help my 24-year-old daughter, "Alice," with a problem she doesn't even know she has.

Though some people are better conversationalists than others, most have at least developed a sense of give-and-take while conversing. Alice apparently missed this. She constantly talks over people, never allowing them to jump into the conversation. She is a verbal steamroller, unable or unwilling to pause.

When I talk with Alice, I must make a comment several times before she is aware that I've said anything. Though she's a very cute girl, she does not make new friends easily and never keeps a boyfriend for long, which makes me think her lack of communication skills is hurting her social life.

Is there anything I can suggest for her that might help? I don't want to confront her, as she becomes very defensive when criticized. — Steamroller's Mom

Dear Mom: There are people who learn to verbally run down others because, in the business world, it is sometimes the only way to get a word in edgewise. Your daughter, however, seems too young to have encountered this problem, so it is



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

apparently a habit that will require effort to break.

One of the responsibilities of being a parent (no matter how old the child) is that you get to broach unpleasant subjects. The next time Alice verbally runs you over, take her hands in yours and look her straight in the eye. Repeat her name until she stops talking. Then tell her that when she doesn't allow others to respond, she is eliminating the chance to get to know them.

The ability to listen is one of the most prized qualities in a friend. Offer to work with her so she can improve her listening skills, and if you speak in a loving, non-critical manner, perhaps she will hear you.

Dear Annie: I am a widowed senior who married "Chet" after the death of my first husband. Chet is a wonderful man whom I have known for 15 years. My problem is his sister, "Emma." It took four years to develop a relationship with her and her husband, but eventually we became close. We spent time at each others' homes, going to concerts and dining out — until last summer.

Suddenly, they stopped calling, answering their phone or sending birthday cards. The one

time I called and asked if something was wrong, Emma was cool but insisted everything was fine. This is my husband's only sister, and she is in her late 70s. Since all my family has died in the last four years, I know how important it is to stay close. What can I do? — Indiana Sister-in-Law

Dear Indiana: It's possible that Emma or her husband are having medical difficulties that they are trying to hide. It also could be that she heard or saw something that made her want to end the friendship, but you won't know unless she tells you. Ask Chet to call or, better yet, visit his sister and see if he can find out what happened. It would be a shame to lose what little family he has left.

Dear Annie: I was interested in the letter from the woman who wanted to donate her body to science. Please tell your readers that anyone who wishes to donate a body for the purpose of medical research can do so through Science Care Anatomical, which makes all arrangements for persons upon death at no charge to the family. The organization is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks, and can be reached at: Science Care Anatomical, 2020 West Melinda Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027, 1-800-417-3747 (www.sciencecare.com).

— Caroline in California
Dear Caroline: Thank you. Our readers will appreciate the information.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

Legals

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 8, 2004 for the following: **ASPHALT** used for paving and seal coating **AGGREGATE** used for paving and seal coating Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main Street, No. 202, Big Spring, TX, or by calling (432)264-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioner's Court at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2004, for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson- Howard County Auditor. #4168 March 25 & 31, 2004

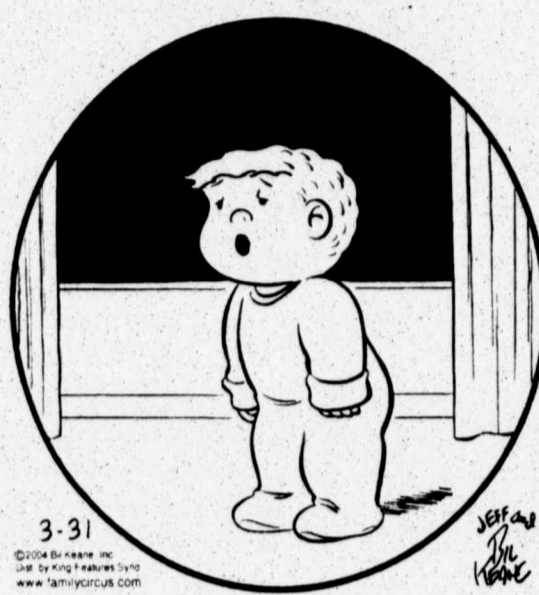
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6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Sam Peak John Hege	News-Lehrer (CC)	Justice Files (CC)		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET com	Sister, Sister Lizzie	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red	High School Basketball	JAG (CC)	Explosive Generation
7 PM	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Mariana de la Noche	70s Show American	60 Minutes II (CC)	Prisionera	The Apprentice	Seinfeld (CC) Jesse Lee	Update/Israel	National Geographic	Lost in the Wild	Movie: Barbarosa	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Movie: Gotta Kick It Up	Wings at Columbus	High School Basketball	Law & Order: Special	Movie: Terminal
8 PM	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Bajo la Misma	The O.C. (CC)	King The Stones	El Alma Herida	The West Wing	Movie: Total Recall	Light of the Southwest	New Americans	ST Valentine's		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	College Hill How I'm	(CC)	Jackets (CC) NHL 2Night	High School Basketball	Law & Order: Special	Velocity (CC) :45 Movie:
9 PM	Kingdom Hospital	Kingdom Hospital	Don Francisco	70s Show Raymond	48 Hours Investigates	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order (CC)				Seven Wonders Of...	Movie: Gunfight at	Movie: A League of	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	Dream Job (CC)	All-American (CC)	Karen Sisco (CC)	Orange County
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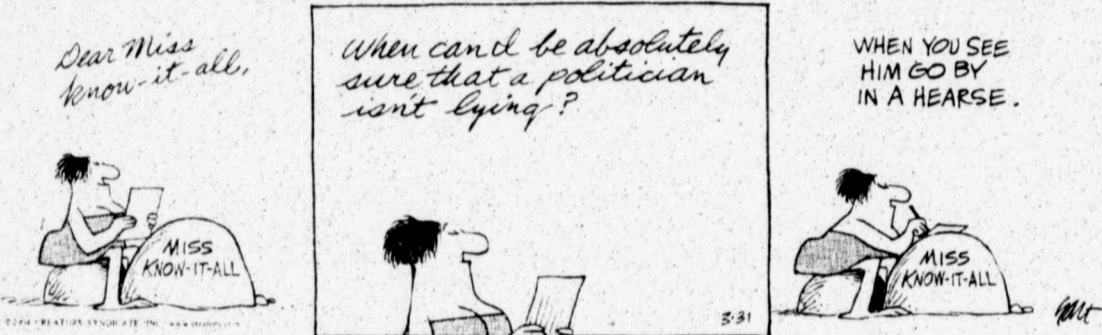
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 31, the 91st day of 2004. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

On this date: In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical

"Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1953, Stanley Kubrick's first feature film, a war drama titled "Fear and Desire," premiered in New York.

In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

In 1991, the Warsaw Pact spent the last day of its existence as a military alliance.

In 1993, actor Brandon Lee, 28, was accidentally killed during the filming of a movie in Wilmington, N.C., by a prop gun.

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by Yolanda Saldívar, the founder of her fan club. (Saldívar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Daniels is 77. Hockey Hall-of-Famer

Gordie Howe is 76. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 70. Actress Shirley Jones is 70. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 70. Musician Herb Alpert is 69. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 64. Actor Christopher Walken is 61. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 59. Former Vice President Al Gore is 56. David Eisenhower is 56. Actress Rhea Perlman is 56. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 49.

Thought for Today: "It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." - Rene Descartes, French philosopher (1596-1650).

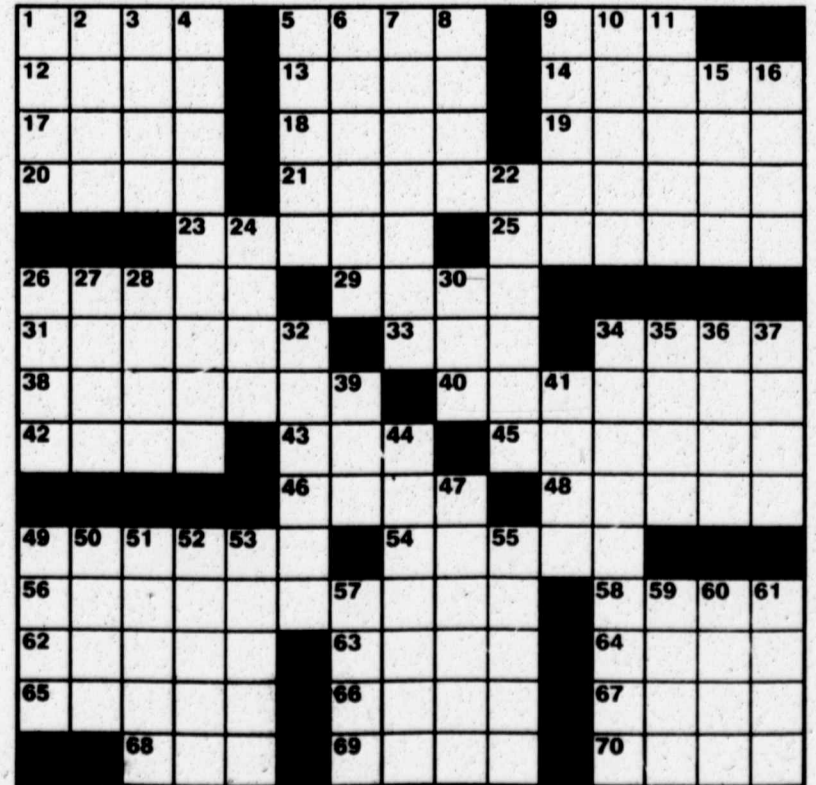
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Newsday Crossword

LEAP DAY by Daniel R. Stark
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Electrical units
- 5 Hangs loose
- 9 Exist
- 12 Legal claim
- 13 Pip
- 14 Tea additive
- 17 Bushy do
- 18 Economist Greenspan
- 19 Baloney
- 20 Bird's-eye
- 21 Places for valuables
- 23 Elementary
- 25 Winemaker Gallo
- 26 Cast member
- 29 Sea swallow
- 31 Don't stand straight
- 33 Worthless coin
- 34 Telephone inventor
- 38 Arrives unexpectedly
- 40 Fan
- 42 Sacked out
- 43 Happy-hour locale
- 45 Singing group
- 46 Marc's love
- 48 Winter Palace residents
- 49 Hercule's creator
- 54 Hawk's descent
- 56 Career-advancement technique
- 58 Barbecue order
- 62 Alpaca habitat
- 63 German border river
- 64 Rap star
- 65 Get more out of
- 66 "No problem!"
- 67 Memo
- 68 Went first
- 69 Dick Tracy's wife
- 70 Pesky insect
- DOWN
- 1 Norse royal name
- 2 LP player
- 3 Unimportant
- 4 Stuck at home, maybe
- 5 Thick slices
- 6 Café
- 7 Quick looks
- 8 Sent to the bottom
- 9 Bachelor's last stop
- 10 Show's second showing
- 11 Author Zola
- 15 Makes a decision
- 16 Robin's domain
- 22 Trial locales
- 24 Rainbow bands
- 26 Movie
- 27 Alley Oop's weapon
- 28 Came apart
- 30 Towel's place
- 32 Lug-nut protector
- 34 Mattress partner
- 35 Blues singer James
- 36 Impolite look
- 37 Enthusiastic response
- 39 Buddy
- 41 Refuse to approve
- 44 Dregs
- 47 Manual readers
- 49 Barely open
- 50 Vanished
- 51 Paula of pop
- 52 This and that
- 53 Washed down
- 55 Grimm characters
- 57 Battery terminal
- 59 Something to click on
- 60 VHS predecessor
- 61 Proofer's word



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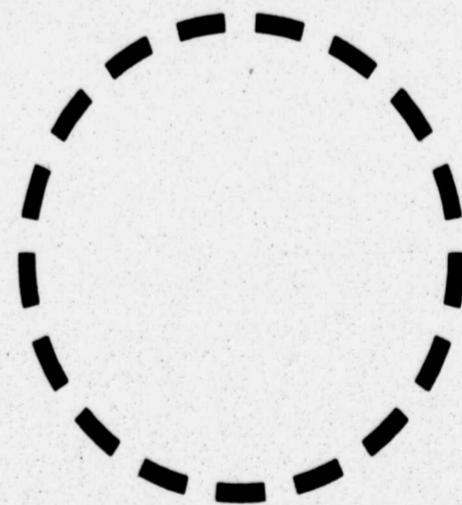
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