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Canterbury slates Monday fund-raiser

Canterbury Retirement Home has set a Relay for Life fund-raising bake sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, May 3, at 1700 Lancaster.

Donated items of baked goods are requested. Call 263-1265.

Cossacks sponsor Relay for Life event

A fund-raiser for Relay for Life sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is set to begin at noon Saturday. Food, music and giveaways are some of the events planned. Cost is \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples. The club is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

ALON giving away concert tickets

ALON USA will continue to give away free tickets to the Asleep at the Wheel concert during special remote radio broadcasts leading up to the May 22 event.

Locations and times for 7-Eleven remotes are: 2301 Wasson, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., April 28; 1801 Marcy, 10 a.m. to noon, May 1; Business 20 and Willia, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 5; Third and Owens, 10 a.m. to noon, May 8; 11th and Settles, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 12; and Fourth and Birdwell, 10 a.m. to noon, May 15.

ALON plans to give away 6,000 tickets to the event, which will also include up and coming country star Cory Morrow.

The concert will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Big Spring High School students celebrate after winning a trip to the Class 4A State University Interscholastic League Academic Meet. Pictured are, from left, in back, Tapley Holguin, Manoj Thangam, Tony Emerson, Jessica Ray, Logan Churchwell, Camilla Painter and Jackie Bowen, and in front, Sarah Vela and Kathrine Weissman.

STATE BOUND

9 BSHS students advance from regional UIL contest

HERALD Staff Report

Nine Big Spring High School students earned spots at the UIL Academic State Tournament, May 6-8.

The students advanced to state after last weekend's regional tournament at Angelo State University.

Big Spring met up with seven other districts from El Paso to Fort Worth to fight for three spots at state.



MALLETT

Students must place in the top three in their respective event to qualify for the state tournament. In most cases, students are competing against 24 other participants.

Not only did these nine place in the top three, they also secured two sweepstakes trophies.

Manoj Thangam, Logan Churchwell, Camilla Painter, Tapley Holguin and Kathrine Weissman earned the region sweepstakes award in speech

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DIGGING UP BONES



Kentwood Elementary School second-graders from the classes of Glenda Hendrickson and Tami Mayberry go searching for fossils on South Mountain Friday.

College room and board fees raised

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees, trying to cope with rising costs, increased some fees Monday.

Trustees approved a \$35 and \$40 hike in room and board fees for Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, respectively.

"Great Western, which provides our food service, is raising its rates and this is in response to that," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Howard College students will pay

\$1,570 next year and SWCID students will be charged \$1,845 for room and board. Sparks added this is still less than other area community colleges.

Trustees also approved a \$20 fee increase at the SWCID campus for lab use for two interpreter classes and three dental hygiene classes and a \$700 tool kit fee for students taking the new SWCID welding program.

In other business, the board canceled the Precinct 1 election.

"I'm looking forward to returning to the board," said Precinct 1

Trustee Michael Flores, who ran unopposed for the position. "I will do my best for Howard College and the students to help them earn the best education."

Voting in the contested Precinct 2 race between two-term trustee Adrian Randle and former Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy will begin Wednesday at the Howard County Clerk's Office in the courthouse.

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House committee considers video gambling at racetracks

AUSTIN (AP) — Allowing video gambling at horse and dog racing tracks would create rural jobs and boost Texas' position in the national horse racing scene, Texas

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs testified Monday.

Both Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, and Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, laid out separate proposals to a House education committee that would allow the state to tax video gambling at horse and dog tracks to help pay

for public education. Republican Gov. Rick Perry detailed a similar proposal as part of larger package earlier this month.

Lawmakers, called back into session last week by Perry, are looking for ways to replace decreased property taxes in the state's public education budget.

While some have argued that video gambling is not a stable source of revenue, Combs told the committee that the proposal

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Rangers to investigate death of man restrained by deputies

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Texas Rangers have been called in to investigate the death of an Austin man who died this morning after being subdued by Howard County sheriff's deputies.

Sheriff Dale Walker said the situation arose from a call his office received only minutes after midnight Monday evening, when family members of Miklyn Dobbs, 37, called and reported he was violent and having "mental

problems."

"Dispatch received a transfer call from 911 at 12:07 a.m. requesting a deputy to respond to 113 W. Robinson Road in reference to a male subject with mental problems," said Walker this morning. "They found the man out of control. Family members were attempting to subdue him at the residence."

"Dobbs was extremely combative, and in an effort to prevent

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No action taken in constable situation

Winn has moved from the precinct

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners decided not to take action Monday on a Precinct 4 county constable who failed to earn his law enforcement certificate in the allotted time after taking office.

"I don't think there's anything requiring them to take action," said County Attorney Mike Thomas. "If Mark Winn was a problem then they might want to take action, but everybody tells us Mark is doing a good job right now."

Thomas, who said he was obligated by law, filed a petition to have Howard County Precinct 4 Constable Mark Winn removed from office.

Winn, who is only 15 hours from earning his law enforcement certificate, had 270 days after taking office to finish the training.

According to County Judge Ben Lockhart, Winn now resides in Precinct 2 and is running unopposed for that position in the November election. Once Winn takes office in that precinct, he will have

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Obituaries

Dorothy Petty Fowler

Dorothy Petty Fowler, 92, of Big Spring, died at 10:25 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004, at Marcy House following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 3, 1912, in Hagerman, N. M. She was the daughter of J. P. "Jim" Cauble and Jennie Williams Cauble. They were a pioneer ranching family in Howard and Glasscock counties. Dorothy attended schools in Elbow, Big Spring and Garden City, graduating from Elbow High School.

She married Burnis J. Petty in 1933, in Colorado City. They were residents of the Elbow Community, where they farmed and ranched until his death in 1966. Dorothy continued the farm and ranch operation after his death. She later married Herman Fowler in 1972, and he also preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, a charter member of the Howard County Home Demonstration Club and also served as an active adult leader in 4-H for many years. She was very involved in the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion for many years and had served on its board of directors, as well as the Rebekah Lodge, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Farm Bureau.

She is survived by one daughter, Marie Ethridge of Coahoma; one granddaughter, Robin Harris of Big Spring; one brother, Don Cauble and his wife, Falby, of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Rhea Cauble of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Rob Etheridge; three brothers, Woodrow Cauble, J. P. "Buster" Cauble, and Barker Cauble; and one sister, Gladys Cauble.

Pallbearers will be Guy White Jr., Scott Robinson, Billy Jack Darden, Clois Snell, Don McKinney, Wendell Shive and Byron Harris. Honorary pallbearers will be V. R. "Jimmy" Hinsley, Harvey Hocker, and P. B. "Buddy" Enfield.

The family suggests memorials to the Howard College Rob Ethridge Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720, or Home Hospice, 600 Gregg Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Onita Fields

Onita Fields, 93, of Big Spring, died at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Bronte Cemetery in Bronte, with Ralph Anderson, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1910, in Mills County, the daughter of Herbert Charles White and Emma Boyd White. The family came to Tankersley on Spring Creek in Tom Green County in a covered wagon. She married W. A. Fields in 1948 and he preceded her in death in 1973. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 16 years, having lived most of her life in the Bronte and San Angelo area.

She was a devoted member of the Church of Christ all of her life and presently worshiped with the Birdwell Lane Congregation. She was a retired nurse's aide.

She is survived by one daughter, Trilby Giles of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Jo Linda Cypert and her husband, Wayne, of Garden City; four great grandchildren, Ed Wayne Cypert, Leasa Lowery and her husband, Kenny, of Garden City, Richard Cypert of Big Spring, and Kristen Jones of Alice; and five great-great grandchildren, Dylan, Austen, and Ragan Lowery of Garden City, and Jayce Jones and Teran Jones of Alice; four sisters, Imogene Griffen of Bronte, Jeffy Norwood of Las Cruces, N. M., Bernice Clendenen and her husband, Warren, of Alamogordo, N. M., and Mary Dunlap and her husband, Basil, of Coleman; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Jones-McKinney, and one son-in-law, C. F. "Chuck" Giles.

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

Paid obituary

Miklyn Wayne Dobbs

Miklyn Wayne Dobbs, 37, of Austin, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bonnie Fay Taliaferro Sosebee Fleming

Services for Bonnie Fay Taliaferro Sosebee Fleming, 87, of Ropesville, were at 2 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2004, in the Ropesville Church of Christ with Don Campbell officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

She died at her residence following a short illness on Friday, April 23, 2004.

Bonnie was born to Benjamin Mason and Emma Amelia Glenn Taliaferro in Plainview on Oct. 27, 1916. She married George Wylie Sosebee in Plainview on April 15, 1936. They resided in the Lakeview and Abernathy communities before moving to the Ropesville Project Community in January 1944.

Bonnie and Wylie were involved in farming and raising horses, cattle and other livestock. Wylie died May 24, 1975. Bonnie moved from the farm and built a home in Ropesville in April 1978. She married Clarence Elmer "C.E." Fleming Oct. 30, 1981. C.E. died Feb. 20, 1985.

Bonnie was a member of the Ropesville Church of Christ, a homemaker, and enjoyed her time as a member of the Ropesville Senior Citizens.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bartie Dan Sosebee, April 22, 1937; 2 brothers, Elvin Lee Taliaferro and Lloyd Mason Taliaferro; and a sister, Thelma Lillie Taliaferro.

Survivors include a son, Troyce Wylie and wife, Carolyn Faye Bethany Sosebee, of Abilene; four daughters, Patsy Gayle Sosebee and husband, John Robert Smith, of Ropesville, Kaye Nell Sosebee and husband, Robert John Wylie, of Big Spring, Linda Janeen Sosebee and husband, Richard Wayne Burns, of Round Rock, and Bonnie Sue Sosebee and husband, Robert Michal Coker, of Ropesville; 13 grandchildren, Robert Randall and Mary Pat Bevers Smith of Ropesville, LaWana Gayle Smith and Randall Duane Ferguson of Levelland, D'lene Kaye Wylie of Big Spring, Larry Alan and Rebecca Lee "Becky" Evans Smith of Ropesville, Sherry ReBeka Smith Airhart of Ropesville, Janeen Beth Burns Jones of Round Rock, Amanda June "Amy" Sosebee and husband, Lee Eric Butt, of Chardon, Ohio, Tamora Leah Burns of Austin, Pamela Ann Sosebee and husband, Larry Shane Luckey, of Fort McCord, Wash., Kenneth Don and wife, Dianna Davis Suter, of Mesquite, Suzahn Rachele Suter and husband, John F. Swetish, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Troy Keith Sosebee of Abilene, and Jason Wylie Sosebee of Washington, D.C.; two step grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann Coker and husband, Daniel J. Franklin, of Smyer, Rebecca Lynn Coker and husband, John Graves, of Levelland; 26 great grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons, Robert Randall Smith, Larry Alan Smith, Kenneth Don Suter, Troy Keith Sosebee, Jason Wylie Sosebee, Randall Duane Ferguson, Larry Shane Luckey, Lee Eric Butt, John F. Swetish, Robert Andrew "Robby" Smith, Raymond Duane Ferguson, Johnathan Robert Ferguson, Brian Keith Smith, Casey Don Jones, Anthony Jerome Lara, and Mark Lee Carrasco.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ropesville Church of Christ, 301 Hockley Main, Ropesville 79358, Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock 79408, or West Texas Centers for MHMR, 319 Runnels, Big Spring 79720.

The family received friends at Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home, 4444 South Loop 289, Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 2-4 p.m.

To send online condolences go to www.franklin-bartley.com

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La Rue Rankin

La Rue Rankin, 74, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, April 27, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Priest C. H. Whiteman of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skiatook, Okla., officiating.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1929, in Mitchell County, and married Horace W. Rankin on Aug. 26, 1950, in Odessa.

Mrs. Rankin had lived in Big Spring since 1935. She enjoyed the rodeo and had competed as a ribbon runner with her husband since 1979. Her hobbies were doing crossword puzzles, painting and working in her yard and around the house. She loved people, especially her family and her animals.

She was a member of College Baptist Church, a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a member of NSPRA (National Senior Pro Rodeo Association).

Survivors include her husband, Horace Rankin of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Valencia and Kyle Ditto of Big Spring and Teresa and Rex Cox of Weatherford; four grandsons, Justin Cox of Weatherford, Shey Ditto of Irving, Corey Cox of Keller

and Colby Ditto of Big Spring; and a stepmother, Mildred Browne Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N. Street, Midland 79701, or to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- **MATHEW DANIEL CANTU**, 23, of 2509 Seminole, was arrested Monday on a local traffic warrant.
- **KEVIN JERRETT MATTHEWS**, 19, of 3701 Connally, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.
- **ANDREW WILLIAM SMITH**, 18, of 3701 Connally, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.
- **ROBERT DIAZ JR.**, 21, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft by appropriation than \$50.
- **ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA**, 17, of 2804 Parkway, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft by appropriation less than \$50.
- **SCOTT VELL AUTRY**, 21, of 606 State, was arrested Tuesday on charges of accident causing damage to a vehicle and failure to control speed.
- **RYAN DOUGLAS KENDRICK**, 27, of 606 State, was arrested Tuesday on a local traffic warrant.
- **FAILURE TO REPORT ACCIDENT- MORE THAN \$200 DAMAGES** was reported in the 400 block of Circle.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 800 block of Third Street.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA-2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 700 block of Arizona.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA-2 OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOE P. DIAZ JR.**, 44, was arrested Friday on a warrant for indecency with a child, sexual contact.
- **TELENA KAY RODGERS**, 22, was arrested Friday on warrants for two motion to revoke probation—forgery of a financial instrument.
- **SAMANTHA DIANN WATSON**, 19, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor, third or more.
- **CHRISTOPHER DELBOSQUEZ**, 20, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for failure to display driver's license, third or more.
- **JESSICA RAMIREZ RANGEL**, 22, was arrested Friday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, failure to identify.
- **OSCAR DEANDA ROMERO**, 28, was arrested Friday on a charge of no driver's license.
- **ROY OLIVAS GOMEZ JR.**, 30, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSEPH MICHAEL KRIETHE**, 22, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **BENJAMIN CARMAN GARCIA JR.**, 43, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **AMALIA C. MARTINEZ**, 35, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **PATRICIA LABELL EDWARDS**, 42, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault, family violence.
- **RICKY JAY EDWARDS**, 44, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault, family violence.

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In other business, trustees approved:

- A \$77,000 purchase for document imaging software.
- The retirements of Jackie Rodgers and Jerry Dudley, a 41-year professor at the Big Spring campus.
- Susan King as Professor Emeritus.
- Changing the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) passing rates in Spanish I and Spanish II from 50 to 55 and 55 to 65

respectively. The change is in response to recommendations made by CLEP, Sparks said.

- A \$13,170 bid for Toshiba notebooks, \$20,494 for 16 desktop computers from Tangent and a snack vending contract with Texas Refreshment of Midland.

Trustees also heard updates on the college's nursing program and the cooperative effort with Lubbock Christian University, which offers a bachelor's degree program on the Howard College campus.

Howard College Vice

President for Educational Programs Dr. Amy Burchett will assume the duties of institutional effectiveness.

Linda Conway, an English professor and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools liaison for Howard College, will also take over the responsibilities as executive director of general studies for the Big Spring campus.

The duties of Executive Director for Workforce Development Terry Hanson will also include overseeing workforce education.

RANGERS

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injuries to all parties, a deputy was sent for a restraint device. Once the individual was restrained, the deputies transported Dobbs to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.

Walker said in a situation where a subject is suffering from mental problems and needs to be taken to the Big Spring State Hospital, it's standard procedure to have them screened first.

"It's normal protocol," explained Walker. "At that hour we can't take them to

the MHMR office, so we have to take them to the emergency room so a doctor can evaluate and screen them. After that, we take them to the state hospital."

Walker said Dobbs never made it out of the emergency room.

"Approximately 10 minutes after arriving at the emergency room the subject stopped breathing," said Walker. "CPR was immediately initiated and continued for a lengthy time before he was pronounced deceased by the attending physician."

Peace Justice Benny Green pronounced Dobbs dead at 2:10 a.m. and ordered an autopsy to be

performed by the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office.

Walker said he believed drugs may have played a role in Dobbs' violent behavior, but whether it contributed to his death is unclear.

"We're all anxiously awaiting the results of the autopsy. Even the attending doctor was puzzled as to the cause of death."

Walker said calling in the Texas Rangers to investigate is normal procedure.

"Anytime someone in our custody dies we have to make a report to Austin," said Walker. "In cases like this we have an outside investigator come in."

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and debate while Jackie Bowen, Tony Emerson, Jessica Ray and Sarah Vela earned the journalism sweepstakes trophy.

"I knew my kids were talented enough to win," journalism advisor Leland Mallett said, "but you never know what the judges are going to think. I am really proud of what they have accomplished."

Placing in region but not advancing to state was James Wilkerson in accounting and Ryan Yeats in ready writing.

At the state competition, students compete against the top 11 in their respective events from the other three regions.

"It is always a huge accomplishment to make it to state," Mallett said. "Even if we don't place, the students are still in the top 12 in the state."

Because of the number of students advancing to state, both journalism and speech teams have a large chance of winning the

state sweepstakes award as well.

"We always joked about winning the state sweepstakes award," high school newspaper editor Sarah Vela said, "but we never really thought we would have the chance."

This is the second time for Thangam, junior, and Ray, a senior, to advance to state competition. Thangam placed third in the state in Lincoln-Douglas debate last year, while Ray finished seventh in editorial writing.

"I am excited my whole team will be able to compete at this level with me this year," Ray said. "It was hard to leave team members at home last year. Our goal was for all four of us to make it."

The nine students along with Mallett and speech coaches Clint and Jennifer Adams will leave for competition on May 5.

"I think this speaks a lot for the talent we have at Big Spring High School," said Debate Coach Jennifer Adams. "I am really proud of all of them."

Placements: Manoj Thangam, 1. persuasive speaking and 2. Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Camilla Painter, 1. informative speaking; Logan Churchwell, 2. informative speaking; Tapley Holguin, 3. poetry; Kathrine Weissman, 4. Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Jessica Ray, 2. feature writing and 6. editorial writing; Jackie Bowen, 2. news writing; Tony Emerson, 3. news writing; and Sarah Vela, 2. headline writing

Journalism Team Points, 50, 2nd Place team: Burkburnett, 25 points.

Overall, the BSHS team dominated the event by

garnering 146 total points, placing first out of 35 schools.

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This is the story about the very first aardvark family. My great-great-grandfather told it to me when I was about your age. He said that the story was true, and I have no reason to doubt it. After watching aardvarks today, I believe it even more. Here is what he told me and exactly the way he told me this story.

The very first aardvark family lived very far away from where you and I live. There was the mother named Rita, and the father named Gene, and a son and a daughter. Their names were Hank and Toni.

They had a beautiful home on the beach. They all loved the beach. Gene and Rita, and Hank and Toni, were all very pretty aardvarks. Now, with their beautiful home on the beach, and all of them being very pretty, you would think this was the perfect happy family, wouldn't you? I would have thought so, too!

Well, there was a problem! A very big problem! Rita could not cook! She tried and tried, but all of her meals were awful. She tried to make biscuits one day and, well, the whole family asked her not to do that again! The biscuits were terrible. But at least Toni and Hank could use them for a baseball.

Rita tried to cook grits one day. They turned out so awful that the whole family was scared to even try them! But, you know what? Gene took all of the grits out to his sidewalk and when the grits dried, they made a nice walkway! The grits became even harder than the cement he had been using!

Now Rita was a very sweet aardvark. Her family loved her very much. All of the neighbors loved her, too. But when anyone came to visit, they would always bring along their own food! They knew that Rita could not cook! But everyone, including Rita, thought it was funny and laughed about it all the time.

One day, Rita made up her mind that she was going to make the perfect meal for her family. She stayed in the kitchen all day cooking that meal. When it came suppertime, Gene, Hank, and Toni came in and boy, were they getting hungry by now. Rita, Gene, Toni, and Hank all took one bite of the supper. They had never tasted anything that awful before! They ran over to the window and each one threw the meal out and onto the ground outside. Rita said to her family, "I'm sorry, but I will never be able to cook well!" The whole family told her that it was alright and they loved her anyhow. And they really did!

After the food had been on the ground for a few minutes, guess who came to visit! The same things that comes to visit every time we have food outside! Can you guess who it was? Ants! Millions of ants!

By this time, all of the aardvark family were really hungry. Gene took one look at the ants and thought, "They might taste pretty good." He took one and ate it! "Wow, this thing is delicious!" He then asked the whole family to try one. And they did! And they loved them!

So, Gene and Rita, and Hank and Toni never had to worry about Rita's terrible cooking ever again because there were always plenty of ants around. And even up until today, there never was an aardvark that could cook! And my great-great grandfather told me that is why we call aardvarks the "Great Anteaters!"

I believe this story is probably true, don't you?

Good Night!

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Take the time to cast your early ballot

No matter where you live in the Crossroads area, there is an election going on this week. Early voting in area council, mayoral and education boards begins Wednesday. A few of the elections are limited to a portion of residents only. That's the case in the Big Spring Independent School District and Big Spring City Council. Virtually all other elections are open to all registered voters within a city or school board election. All registered voters within Howard County are also eligible to vote in the Howard College board of trustees election.

We at the *Herald* are glad to see a number of contested races in the area — and not because we believe any of the incumbents has done a less than admirable job. No, what encourages us is that many people are willing to get involved in the education of the children of their community, or in the affairs of city government. Now, we encourage you, the voter, to show an equal interest, and cast a ballot. Early voting continues through May 11. Election day is May 15.

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Pres. Bush living in fantasy land

There was the president at his press conference looking just like a turtle on a fence post. "They (weapons of mass destruction) could still be there. They could be hidden." Saddam Hussein is still an "ally" of the 9-11 terrorists. Hussein was still "a direct threat" to America. Oi.



MOLLY IVINS

The Nation points out a charming little Bush thesis: "Some of the debate really centers around the fact that people don't believe Iraq can be free; that if you're Muslim, or perhaps brown-skinned, you can't be self-governing or free." The infamous "some people" making this racist argument are cleverly hidden: I never heard of it before Bush trotted it out.

I got a lovely question last week: "Why do you and your ilk (it's hard to speak for my entire ilk) hate George W. Bush so much and love Osama bin Laden?" If that's what public discussion has come down to, we really are in trouble. In fact, we're in trouble anyway.

According to the Rand think tank study on peacekeeping, we would need 500,000 troops in Iraq just to provide security. Guess what? We don't have 'em. We're stuck big time. It may not be Vietnam, but it's sure a quagmire.

A heavy contender in the Immortal Idiocy category is Paul Wolfowitz's pre-war assertion to Congress, "There is no history of ethnic conflict in Iraq." According to a report in the New York Times, Sunni, Shi'a and Kurds are all arming themselves in anticipation of civil war. (Some superb reporting from Iraq is being done by John Kifner and John Burns in the Times.)

The perpetually peevish pundit George Will has condescended to explain to us all that our problems in Iraq are but the obligations of empire. Yup, Bwana Will-ji says we gotta take up the white man's burden. "Regime change, occupation, nation-building — in a word, empire — are a bloody business. Now Americans must steel themselves for administering the violence necessary to disarm or defeat Iraq's urban militias." That's us, gotta steel ourselves to administer the necessary violence because THEY are making us do it. One assumes after penning this advice, Bwana Will-ji grabbed the mensahib and headed on down to the Imperialists' Ball.

Meanwhile, the Heathers (as Washington's lightweight pundits are collectively known) are atwitter over the new Bob Woodward book. From reading secondhand accounts of it, the item that stopped me was not when Bush decided to invade Iraq — as per Clinton's testimony to the 9-11 commission and Paul O'Neill's book, Bush apparently wanted to invade from before he was sworn in. It's the Prince Bandar story that left me whimper-jawed. Do you remember when someone who was connected to someone who was connected to someone who was connected to China was found to have raised money for Bill Clinton? The right wing came completely unglued over it, and all manner of hideous conspiracy theories were advanced. Maybe the Saudis trying to influence our elections shouldn't startle me — the new book "House of Bush, House of Saud" is all about that connection. Still, the non-denial denials from the White House and the Saudis smell like rotten meat. Just what we need: a prez in hook to the Saudis.

One of the eerie things about Bush's press conference performance was just how divorced from reality he is. Not only is he still claiming we're going to find the WMD and that Saddam Hussein was linked to 9-11, but he actually claimed we went to war to save the credibility of the United Nations. The man is living in Fantasyland. As Lewis Lapham points out in an essay in the current Harper's, we are seeing "the systematic substitution of ideological certainty for reasonable doubt across the entire spectrum of issues bearing on the public health and welfare. ... The disdain for disloyal or unpatriotic fact defines the Bush Administration's approach not only to questions likely to embarrass the oil, weapons and insurance industries but also to those that might interfere with its fanciful conceptions of war and money." Lapham cites the report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, "Scientific Integrity in Policymaking," a depressing collection of instances in which the administration has either censored or ignored scientific fact. Those who have known Bush for a long time know he is capable of leaving the realm of fact and logic in favor of his "gut" or "instinct" on several issues. It seems to me the trait is becoming more pronounced. Denying that Iraq is a rapidly escalating tragedy will do nothing to help us or the Iraqis get out of it. Pointing out that it's a mess does not make one a fan of Osama bin Laden nor a bigot concerning "brown-skinned people." Let's get a grip here, team.

The most common

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Kerry skirting issue of coal fuels

Last Oct. 20, Sen. John Kerry, in nonstop derision of President Bush, declared: "Where we see a beautiful mountaintop, George Bush sees a strip mine." That environmentalist rhetoric, backed by Kerry's Senate voting record, injects the senator into confrontation with the coal industry that could defeat him for president. That is his burden in Wheeling, W.Va., Monday, on a campaign swing that includes visiting a coal mine.



ROBERT NOVAK

Coal is a side issue in Congress, but it is critical to two states won by Bush in 2000 that could decide the 2004 presidential election. Coal production is important for Ohio and absolutely vital to West Virginia. If Kerry is perceived as anti-coal, he could lose both states — and the presidency.

On this week's visit to West Virginia, Kerry is likely to condemn as inadequate Bush's investment for clean coal technology (currently \$2 billion over 10 years). He echoes the anti-Bush line by the state's most powerful Democrat, Sen. Robert Byrd. Mine owners laugh it off, noting you can't have clean coal if Kerry-backed measures eliminate all coal.

This disadvantage of an incumbent senator running for president may explain why only two have been successful. While governors (Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush) have obscured their positions on delicate questions, Kerry cannot escape the impact of thousands of

votes during 20 senate years. One such vote came in 1999. Byrd, grand protector of West Virginia, proposed an amendment to preserve coal production. It was designed to override liberal U.S. District Judge Charles Haden's decision, since reversed, to end mountaintop mining in West Virginia.

Byrd told the Senate that his amendment was intended "to allow for the continuation of our coal industry and the jobs it provides while better protecting the mountains and hollows of the state we love." With the United Mine Workers strongly behind Byrd's amendment, it passed the Senate Nov. 18, 1999, by 56 to 33. Kerry was one of the 33.

Kerry also co-sponsors environmentalist Sen. James Jeffords's Clean Power Act, which the coal industry regards as a death sentence in eliminating 90 percent of mercury emissions by 2008. The non-partisan Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates the Jeffords bill would reduce coal consumed for electricity by 43 percent, losing 1 million jobs.

Last year, Kerry voted for (while Byrd was voting against) the Lieberman-McCain Climate Stewardship Act, which would move the U.S. toward the Kyoto global warming protocol. The EIA estimated the bill would reduce coal's share of electricity from 50 percent down to 11 percent, eliminating 50,000 coal industry jobs.

Kerry has not deviated from this environmentalist standard. And he must find a way to defend it in Ohio, where huge industrial job loss could portend Republican disaster and Democratic bliss. Republicans never have elected a president without carrying Ohio. Republican Sen. George

Voinovich of Ohio pounds the table in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee when the Jeffords bill is discussed, asking: "Do we want to do away with coal? If we do, what is going to take its place?" The Ohio Coal Association, which orchestrated the state legislature's passage of a resolution condemning the Jeffords bill, is preparing to put Kerry's record in the hands of every coal industry worker in the state (and neighboring states, including West Virginia).

While Ohio long has been pivotal in presidential elections, West Virginia has been a backwater — until recently. George W. Bush visited Morgantown, W. Va., the last weekend of the 2000 campaign to pin down five electoral votes from the overwhelmingly Democratic state, which Al Gore had alienated partly because of his perceived anti-coal position.

Nearly all the early political maps made for 2004 have West Virginia swinging back to the Democratic column this year, but the most recent poll by the American Research Group shows a flat-out tie at 46 percent. Kerry does not help by lauding his endorsement by the League of Conservation Voters, an organization that has labeled coal as one of the "inefficient, destructive fossil fuels of the past that pollute our air and water." John Kerry on the campaign trail this week predictably will avoid embracing that position.

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The Federal Trade Commission will hold a workshop in an effort to study technical and regulatory responses to spyware — programs surreptitiously buried in your computer that monitor your activities. A similar FTC workshop on junk e-mail last year led to an agency recommendation to pass an anti-spam bill. Congress responded.

But with spyware seen as a less clear menace, FTC officials are hesitant to crack down on it. And Capitol Hill staffers say new spyware bills are unlikely to pass this year.

The most common type

of spyware is known as adware. It tracks your Web surfing and feeds the data to an advertiser. The adware then hits you with pop-up ads based on your interests. More nefarious versions of spyware can observe your keystrokes in order to steal your credit card information or identity.

"It's taking your information without your knowledge and giving it to a third party," says Dave Baker, vice president of Internet provider EarthLink.

Spyware often comes bundled with other applications, such as music file-sharing programs or free screensavers. Many tell users that by downloading the desired program, they are agreeing to accept the spyware. But critics say the notice is often inconspicuous. At least 20 percent of home PCs are spyware-infected.

House and Senate bills would require spyware firms to get clear user consent before downloading, identify the pop-up ad supplier and provide an easy way to get rid of the program. The Senate bill is broader, requiring user consent for any software planting.

Howard Beales, director of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection, says such constraints could gum up daily Web tasks. "The question is whether there's a way to draw a workable line," he says. "If you download a set of (updates) for Windows, it comes with a bunch of different pro-

grams. You don't want to have to go through this every time."

He says the FTC already has authority to prosecute spyware used for identity theft. And while the FTC could bring cases against spyware firms that are less than straightforward with consumers, that could be difficult if the only harm is a bombardment of pop-up ads, he says. The agency, though, might target spyware that hobbles PC performance, Beales says.

Eventually, he says, federal legislation may be needed to preempt a hodgepodge of state laws. A tough new Utah anti-spyware law is so broad it could force minors to give consent before using software to filter pornography, says Andrew McLaughlin, senior policy counsel for Google.

Many popular programs such as Kazaa and Morpheus come bundled with applications that serve up pop-up ads or other marketing tools as a way to subsidize costs.

And while most adware (yes, there's a difference between adware and spyware) programs are harmless, and in some cases even helpful, the confusion between the two is already having an impact on the industry.

Adware programs like WhenU do not collect personal information from consumers, several peer-to-peer executives said, and users can easily remove them if they wish.

"The adware guys real-

ize they're being lumped in as spyware, and I think they're cleaning up their act a lot," said Wayne Rosso, chief executive of Optisoft SL, which makes the Blubster file-sharing application.

Other programs are clearly more malevolent. Some spyware has been known to disable a victim's computer and then advertise software to fix the problem.

The Center for Democracy and Technology has proposed one way to separate the illegal from the merely annoying. Software that "hijacks" Web traffic, tracks Internet users without their knowledge, or does not provide an easy way to be removed should be considered spyware, the nonprofit consumer group said in a draft letter also signed by high-tech firms and industry groups.

Legislatures have begun to turn their attention to the problem. Utah has already passed one law banning spyware.

WhenU, which would be prevented from serving its pop-up ads to Utah residents, has sued to block the law. Other tech companies say the Utah law is too broad and could inadvertently outlaw legitimate activities such as content filtering and technical support.

Two bills are pending in Congress to ban spyware, but observers say action is unlikely in this election year.

Lawmakers should con-

sider broad online privacy protections against spyware and other online threats, said Ari Schwartz, an associate director at the Center for Democracy and Technology.

"If you keep trying to aim at the technology rather than the privacy issue, you're going to keep coming up with new issues to deal with every two years," Schwartz said.

While awareness concerning the use of information mining programs hidden deep within our hard drives is good, many industry experts are warning against the most obvious sure for the problem: More programs.

Search "adware" or "spyware" on Google, and you'll be bombarded with programs that claim to erase spyware from

your computer with just a few strokes of a keyboard. Unfortunately, the world of spyware isn't a very honest one, and the same programmers making the adware and spyware programs are also designing removal programs — which can have their own type of spyware bundled with them.

So if you plan to purchase or download a spyware removal program, make sure you do plenty of research.

Check out product reviews and forums and make sure you're not just getting yourself in deeper.

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In other law enforcement business, commissioners approved a contract with Dickens County to house both

male and female inmates and a \$15,000 request from the sheriff's office to purchase a used vehicle.

According to Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, the cost to house inmates will decrease by \$1 from the current contract with Upton. Dickens County will provide a medical staff on duty. The county will continue to also use Upton County for inmate housing when needed.

Icy roads back in the fall were a significant factor in a one-vehicle accident involving a Howard County sheriff's deputy who was responding to a major accident on U.S. Highway 87.

The department's vehicle sustained almost \$10,000 worth of damage, more than the car is

worth, said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

The loss of the vehicle has caused a shortage of cars for the department which prompted Walker to make the request to purchase a used vehicle.

In other business, commissioners approved to pay Allison, Bass, Associates \$9,000 to research county roads and discover who owns the right-of-way.

"We need to prove who has ownership or non-ownership of the right of way," said Lockhart, who added that once that has been determined, the county will have a clear understanding of what roads and areas it's responsible for in maintenance.

In other business, com-

missioners approved a request from County Clerk Donna Wright for a new copier, financial matters and personnel considerations.

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would be a huge economic boon to the state's equine industry.

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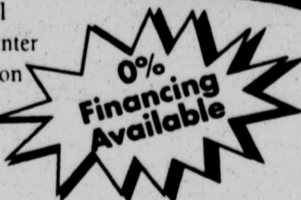
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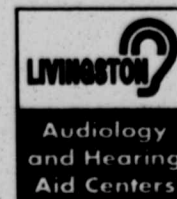


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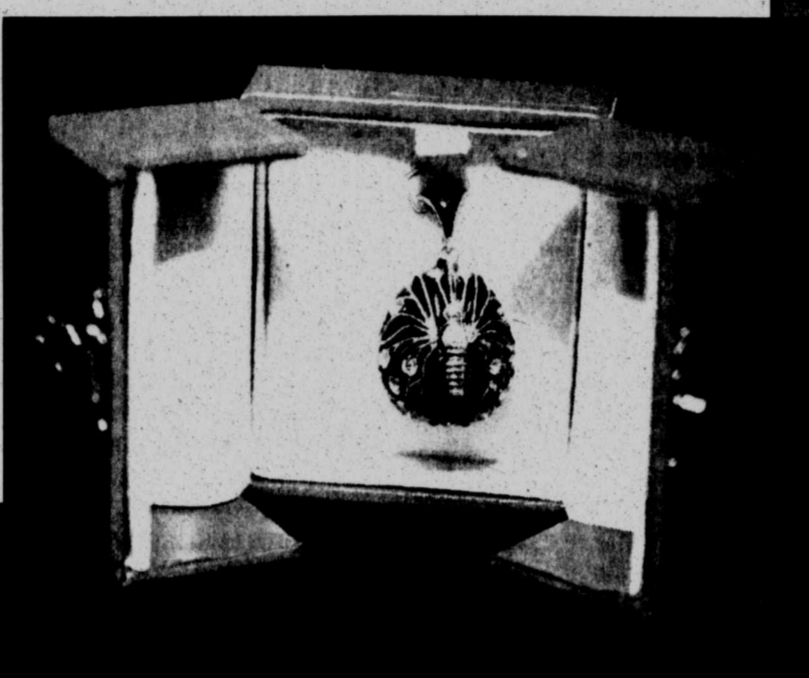
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Big Spring volleyball clinics announced
Big Spring school volleyball coaches Revis Daggett announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming graders.
The clinics will take place Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Monday, May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. and take place at the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium.
The cost is \$10 for all of the clinics. Those interested in those clinics should pay at the door. Checks should be made payable to Lady Steers Club.

Seventh-grade ball tryout dates

The Big Spring high school volleyball tryouts will be held May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day. The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium. The tryouts are free to all incoming seventh-graders. Attendance is required at least the three days to make the team or prior commitments need to be made with Coach She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc.edu

Texas Tech softball camps

Texas Tech softball camps will be held this summer. The first camp is an overnight camp for 12-18 year olds from June 1-3. The camp cost is \$260 for room and board. The other day camp for 12-year-olds is June 11-12. The camp cost is \$100. For more information contact Texas Tech softball at 806-742-262.

Best of the Junior Golf C

This first annual tournament will take place June 11-12 at the Angelo Country Club. The tournament is for 12-18 year olds and QuickStart courses. The tournament is open to juniors age 9-18 and is an all ranked tournament. Entry forms and information can be found at www.bestoftournamentgolf.com or 325-650-9124.

Howard Coliseum announces banquet

Howard Coliseum scheduled its annual banquet for 6:30 p.m. in the Room of Garrett Coliseum.

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Sports Broadcast Today
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place Monday, May 3, Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

Texas Tech to hold softball camps

Texas Tech softball is holding two softball camps this summer.

The first camp will be an overnight/residents camp for 12-18 year olds from June 1-3.

The camp will cost \$260 for residents and \$200 for commuters.

The other will be a day camp for 6-8 and 9-12-year-olds July 12-14. The camp is \$90.

For more information contact Texas Tech softball at 806-742-3355 ext. 262.

Best of the West Junior Golf Classic

This first annual golf tournament will take place June 1-3 in San Angelo at the Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo Country Club and Quicksand Golf courses.

The tournament is open to junior golfers age 9-18 and is a national ranked tournament.

Entry forms and more information can be found at www.bestofthewestjr-golf.com or by calling 325-650-9124.

Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule	
Today	
Event, Time	Station
Steers @Lakeview, 5:00 p.m.	1490
Wednesday	
Event, Time	Station
Rangers @Royals, 6:35 p.m.	1490
Thursday	
Event, Time	Station
Lady Hawks @Region 5 Tournament in Abilene, 8:00 p.m.	1490



Big Spring's head baseball coach Jason Phillips meets with the Steers' infield during a game last week. Today, Big Spring is in action on the road against Lakeview. The Lady Steers will also be in action today as they get one last tune-up before the regional tournament. Big Spring's softball team travels to Coahoma with game time set for 4:30 p.m.

Three Hawks prolong hardwood careers

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Three Hawk basketball players from last year's team will be moving on to four-year universities, Athletic Director Jim Lewis announced.

Jaamal Fears, Finlay Brashears and Steve Goff will all further their careers on the hardwood next season.

Fears, a five-foot 10-inch

guard from San Antonio, will sign with Lubbock Christian University, reuniting him with his twin brother, Jared. LCU qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City, Mo. last year.

Brashears takes his career to West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Brashears is a

six-foot eight-inch forward from Clarksville, Ark. and started both years at Howard College.

Finlay brings his post moves and accurate three-point shooting to the West Texas Buffaloes.

Brashears also played an important role in the Hawks' 43-16

record during his career at Howard, said Lewis.

Goff signed with St. Mary's University in his hometown of San Antonio.

Goff led the Hawks in scoring this past season and was one of the nation's leading three-point shooters.

"(Steve) will play a significant role next season for the St. Mary's basketball team," said Lewis.



Brashears



Fears



Goff

Miller signs two to Lady Hawk basketball roster

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College women's basketball Coach Lorin Miller has announced the signing of Sheila West and Jennifer Pena to next year's Lady Hawk roster.

West, who stands

five-feet seven-inches tall, attended Godley High School and averaged 16.2 points per game in 2004 on her way to a first team all-Region and all-District (also was the district MVP). West scored a school record 1,200 points at Godley.

"(Sheila) was the best

player I have ever coached," said Godley Head Coach Mark Chauveaux.

Miller added, "(Sheila) will be an outstanding player for Howard. She can score and do a lot more things at the guard position."

Pena comes to Howard after graduating

from Frenship High School in Lubbock.

Pena is a point-guard who averaged 10 points per game last season. She also led her team in assists and steals.

"Jennifer is a great competitor who has the ability to lead a team," said Miller.



West



Pena

Sacramento puts Dallas on brink of first-round exit

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) - The supposedly high-scoring, fun-to-watch series between the Sacramento Kings and Dallas Mavericks hasn't exactly lived up to expectations.

So it was fitting that the pivotal Game 4 was settled by a miss.

Dallas' Steve Nash got stuck at the top of the key and put up a fading 18-footer over Peja Stojakovic as time expired Monday night. The ball clanged off the rim, giving the Kings a 94-92 victory and 3-1 series lead heading home for Game 5 on Thursday night.

For a third straight game, this matchup between the league's two highest-scoring teams looked like something out of a bad Eastern Conference matchup. They spent so much energy on defense that they seemed to have nothing left once they got the ball back.

"It got a little physical, but you've got to expect that," Sacramento's Doug Christie said. "It's playoff time."

The Kings shot 40 percent, hitting just 3-of-14 on 3-pointers. They were at their best in the third quarter, making 12-of-20 field goals thanks to Stojakovic swishing all five shots he took.

Stojakovic had a run late in the quarter where he hit a three-point play, a long jumper, a 3-pointer and a baseline floater. Those 10 points came during a spurt in which Sacramento went from down by two to leading by five. The Kings never trailed again.

Stojakovic's roll was a bit surprising considering he felt so out of whack the previous game that he took only one shot in the second half, then followed it by missing 10 straight in the first half of Game 4, including two that were nowhere near the rim.

"I knew I had to be aggressive and keep shooting the ball," said Stojakovic, who scored 20 and had 11 rebounds. "They started falling and I was happy about that."

Mike Bibby led Sacramento with 22 points, while Chris Webber had 17 points and nine rebounds. Brad Miller added 10 points, 16

rebounds and five assists, and Doug Christie had 13 points, 15 rebounds and five assists.

The usually jump shot-happy Mavericks were aggressive in going to the basket, yet had no touch, shooting 35 percent.

Many of their drives resulted in free throws, but they couldn't make those either.

The league's most-accurate foul shooters missed 10 of their first 20 and finished with 13 misses. They'd missed 14 over the first three games.

"We fought on the defensive end, but it's hard when you don't shoot well," Dirk Nowitzki said. "We missed too many layups and free throws. I got good looks, but I couldn't hit any baskets. It was a tough time to have one of the worst games of my life."

Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 21 points, but shot just 5-of-22; two of his baskets were dunks. He was 11-of-14 from the foul line, including two with 33 seconds left that got Dallas within two.

Bibby missed a tough jumper with about 10 seconds left that could've

give Sacramento a four-point lead. Webber caught the rebound but was standing out of bounds.

With 8.4 seconds left, Nash took an inbound pass and ran behind a screen from Nowitzki, jarring Bibby away and forcing Stojakovic onto Nash. Stojakovic was able to contain Nash behind the foul line. He didn't have time to pass back to Nowitzki, so he put it up himself.

"I told Peja that he has to keep them in front of him, don't let them beat you off the first dribble," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "Peja has ability, for a guy his size, to move his feet. When he really locks in, he does a pretty good job and it was the correct play on his part."

Mavs coach Don Nelson said he got the play he wanted, just not the result.

Dallas now must win the next three games, two of which would be on the road, to advance.

"We took a gamble," Nelson said, "and they won."

Singh earns second win of year after bogey-free final round

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) - Vijay Singh liked his chances of holding on for a second Houston Open title.

"You give me a two-shot lead with two holes to go. I think I can handle it, and that's what I did," Singh said.

The 41-year-old Fijian won his 17th tour title and second of the year Monday, closing with a bogey-free 4-under 68 for a two-stroke victory over Scott Hoch in the rain-delayed tournament.

Singh played bogey-free golf in the final two rounds - stretched over three days and extended to Monday because of bad weather that interrupted play at Redstone Golf Club.

"I played really well, regardless of how bad the weather was," said Singh, second in the world rankings. "I didn't make a mistake coming down the stretch."

Singh, who shared the third-round lead with John Huston, has won the last six times he's topped the 54-hole leaderboard.

"I've been striking the ball well, so when you do that you don't feel threatened that someone else is going to overtake you," Singh said.

Singh finished at 11-under 277, and earned \$900,000. He also won the 2002 tournament at the TPC at The Woodlands.

The 48-year-old Hoch shot a 69.

John Daly got close, then faded with a 71 to wind up six shots back at 5 under.

Huston, with a 71 Monday, never could get anything going, although his third-place finish, at 8 under, was easily his best of the year.

Daly and Hoch started the last round three shots back. Daly got within a stroke of the lead before three late bogeys derailed him.

Singh opened the event with a 74, but his second-round 66 equaled the low round of the tournament. He completed his third round earlier Monday, making an 88-foot chip for eagle at the 12th en route to a 69 and a share of the lead at 7 under.

Singh birdied two of the first three holes in the final round, rolling in a 20-foot putt at the par-5 first.

At the 209-yard par-3 third, his tee shot stopped 2 1/2 feet from the pin. The birdie gave him the lead outright.

Singh then had seven consecutive pars before a birdie at the par-4 11th, where he putted from less than 10 feet. As Hoch closed in, Singh coolly added a 10-foot birdie putt at No. 15.

"I needed one more birdie coming in, and I got that," he said. "I think that was the key hole for me."

Singh won earlier this year at Pebble Beach.

He also tied for sixth in the Masters, vaulting him to No. 2 on the money list. His \$900,000 check gives him \$2.35 million for the year, about \$130,000 behind Masters champion Phil Mickelson.

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Rangers tied for lead despite MVP A-Rod's departure

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas - After three straight last-place finishes in Texas, Alex Rodriguez wanted out. Now the American League MVP's former team is tied for the AL West lead.

The Rangers, built around a core of young players, are 11-8 after the opening stretch of the season against division opponents. They're even with Anaheim for first place — and Texas won five of seven against the Angels.

"Us being young and everything said about us, we came out and just wanted to play well," catcher Gerald Laird said Monday. "It's just chemistry. Our team is really open and we like to have fun and do a good job."

When Texas traded Rodriguez just before spring training, having already let go of sluggers Rafael Palmeiro and two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, there were plenty of dire predictions of a 100-loss season.

Imagine the thoughts after the Rangers lost their first two games. But three weeks later, Texas tops the division after a three-game weekend sweep of Seattle that culminated with a 14-6 win.

The Rangers are still scoring a lot of runs despite the departed power hitters, and lead

the majors with a .315 batting average — the only team over .300. Their pitching staff, the worst in the majors three of the last four seasons, has a 4.34 ERA, fifth-best in the AL.

"We have a lot of confidence in our young guys," manager Buck Showalter said. "I'm not intentionally low-keying. It's reality. We've played 19 games out of a 162-game schedule. So far, so good."

Especially for a team coming off four straight last-place finishes.

During the three seasons with Rodriguez, the Rangers lost 270 games and were atop the division for only three days.

The Rangers, whose last division title was in 1999, have sure turned it around without A-Rod.

The last time Texas was three games over .500 was at 30-27 in June 2000, the summer before Rodriguez arrived.

Things are much different this season. Not only their record, but the feeling surrounding the team.

"We have a sense of direction. We talked about it all winter, and I think it was ultimately culminated with the trade," general manager John Hart said. "We were going to commit to as many young players as we could. We also realize we do have holes, this is not a finished product."

Upcoming Games

Big Spring softball

Today — @Coahoma, 4:30 p.m.
Friday — @Lubbock vs. Amarillo-Caprock in second round of Region 5 tourney, 6 p.m.

Big Spring baseball

Today — @Lakeview, 5 p.m.
Friday — vs. Levelland, 5 p.m.

Big Spring track

Friday and Saturday — @San Angelo for the boys and girls district meet, T.B.A.

Coahoma baseball

Tuesday — @Crane, 7 p.m.


Coahoma softball

Tuesday — vs. Big Spring, 4:30 p.m.



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Howard College Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick signed a new recruit recently. Chase Winkler of Muleshoe is shown here signing his letter of intent with Kernick, left, and his father, Larry Winkler.



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Make Your Lawn the Gem of the Neighborhood

Looking forward to warm summer evenings on the porch, staring out at a fresh green landscape? A beautiful lawn doesn't just happen. It needs to be tended to once the signs of spring are in the air.

"Whether you live in the city, suburbs or the country, we all take pride in our lawns," says Lou Manfredini,

home improvement expert and Ace Hardware's Helpful Hardware Man. "Taking the time to prepare your lawn at the end of winter and early spring will give your home turf a head start for the active growing season ahead."

Ace and Manfredini offer advice on steps you can take right now to help make your

lawn the pride of the block this summer:

- In early spring, the condition of the lawn will depend upon the type of winter that has just passed, as well as how the lawn was treated in the fall. Some common early-spring problems to watch for are snow mold, dead patches, mole runs, grub damage and brown patches. Raking the lawn lightly once the snow has melted typically rids the lawn of most winter problems, and will help you assess the extent of any major damage.

- Dead patches come from water and ice accumulation and ultimately, poor drainage. You will need to seed or sod these areas for the grass to grow. Spring is a good time to repair winter damage to your lawn.

- A more thorough raking to remove thatch, which shows up as a light-brown layer of decaying vegetation (mostly old leaf sheaths and clippings from previous years), can be done when the lawn is completely dry. Dethatching, power raking, core cultivation and other cultivation activities should be done when the turf is actively growing.

- To promote early greening of the lawn, cut off dead leaf blades when the lawn is dry enough to mow. Don't cut it too short. Mow only to about 2 inches high during the spring.

- Seed sown in early spring will grow successfully if it is well-watered and cared for. Fertilize newly seeded grass with a high-phosphorous fertilizer, which fosters root

growth.

- While many people are anxious to start their fertilizing program early in the spring, resist applying fertilizer before the ground is thawed.

- Applying fertilizer to your lawn in the spring when the roots are actively growing will help stimulate turf recovery from winter dormancy," says Manfredini.

- Trimming grass that is creeping onto the sidewalk or driveway won't help the grass grow better, but will improve the look of the landscape. Early spring is perfect for this task. Then, the edging blade can more easily slice through dense turf because the soil is moist and grass roots are not as thick as other times of the year.

- Several undesirables are

probably growing within your lawn. A weed and feed-type fertilizer can eliminate weeds in your grass. Or if the weeds are sparse, pull them out by hand.

- Be smart when watering. Your lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week, including rainwater. Deep, infrequent waterings are much more effective than short, daily efforts. Generally, the roots of weeds grow only in the first 2 to 3 inches of soil. The deeper the water soaks into the lawn, the more it will benefit your grass, not the weeds.

"Overwatering your lawn might be the biggest mistake homeowners can make when it comes to their grass," says Manfredini. "Make this your mantra: water uniformly once a week."

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Celebrate Space Day

Looking Far Beyond Our Sun

In the early 1800s, Lewis and Clark set out to explore a part of their planet that was mysterious to them and to most European Americans, the American West.

Now, 200 years later, humans are exploring farther than anyone could have dreamed of two centuries ago. Scientists are looking far beyond our home planet, exploring outer space millions of miles from our own solar system.

The Mini Page celebrates Space Day by looking at some of the explorations beyond our sun and planets.

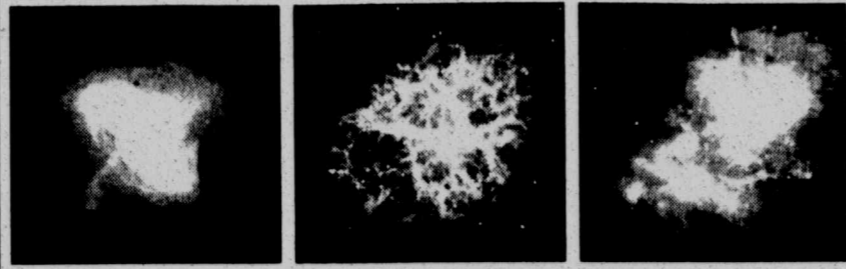
The search for other planets

One of the most exciting missions is the search for planets outside our own solar system. In the last 10 years, scientists have discovered more than 100. Before that, no one had found any. There are about 100 billion stars just in our galaxy alone. There are probably billions of planets as well.

This is an artist's idea of a planet outside our solar system. At this time our equipment is only able to detect planets as big as Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system.



These pictures show how the Crab Nebula looks when observed by different types of telescopes.



As seen by an X-ray telescope.

As seen with a visible light, or optical, telescope.

As seen with an infrared telescope.

The search for life

One of the most exciting mysteries is whether there is life anywhere else besides Earth. Life may exist on planets all over the universe. Or we may live in a universe where life is rare. Right now, no one knows for sure.

Life as we know it must have water to exist. So finding water is one of the first steps to finding life.

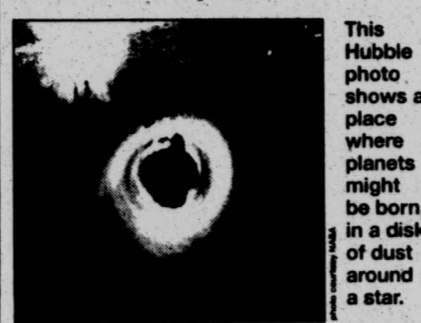
In our own solar system, the rovers now on Mars, Spirit and Opportunity, have found signs of water. Experts wonder if life could have existed there, too.

Scientists are trying to figure out if faraway planets may also have water. Scientists are also searching outside our solar system for materials that make up life as we know it. These include elements such as carbon, nitrogen and oxygen.

The search for beginnings

Astronomers use many different ways to get a better picture of the universe. They hope to find out:

- how our universe began.
- where galaxies come from.
- how galaxies form.
- how stars form.
- how planets form.



This Hubble photo shows a place where planets might be born, in a disk of dust around a star.

This year, Space Day is on May 6. Its theme is "Blazing Galactic Trails." (Galactic means among the galaxies.)

Go dot to dot and color the space shuttle.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Easy Pound Cake

- You'll need:**
- 1 box "butter recipe" cake mix
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2/3 cup vegetable oil
 - 1 (8-ounce) container sour cream

What to do:

1. Mix together cake mix, eggs, sugar and oil until smooth.
2. Stir in the sour cream, making sure not to overmix.
3. Pour into a greased and floured bundt pan.
4. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 1 hour. (If top gets too brown, cover with aluminum foil.)
5. Let cake cool before removing from the pan.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Jameer Nelson

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 2-9-82
Weight: 190 Hometown: Chester, Pa.

When he trots onto the basketball court, Jameer Nelson doesn't look imposing — but keep looking. Watch him dart past a defender, swish a long jumper, or steal the ball like a pickpocket.

The senior guard led the St. Joseph's Hawks to a 27-0 regular-season record and into the NCAA playoffs. He averaged about 20 points, five assists and three steals per game — and also earned a National Player of the Year honor.

The popular Hawk also starred in the community as well as on the court. His autographed jersey sold for \$3,500 at an auction, and the money went to the Philadelphia Archdiocese Catholic Youth Organization. St. Joe fans will never forget Nelson, whose jersey No. 14 will be "retired" — a fitting tribute to the man hailed as the best Hawks player ever.

Meet Matthew Lillard

Matthew Lillard, 34, is back again this spring as "Shaggy" in the new movie "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed."

Matthew first appeared in movies after he graduated from high school and was hired as an extra. He studied at the Pasadena College of the Arts in California. After college, he started his own theater company with a friend. Then, in 1991, he moved to New York City to work in another theater company, Circle in the Square.

Matthew co-starred with actor Freddie Prinze Jr., or "Fred," in the first "Scooby-Doo" movie. He also appeared in "It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie."

Matthew was born in Michigan but grew up in California with his younger sister. He now lives in Los Angeles with his wife and a daughter, Addison Grace.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Matt: What is a mouse's favorite game?
Erin: Hide 'n' squeak!

Josh: Will the band play anything I ask them to?
Lisa: They might play checkers!

Sarah: What makes a chess player happy?
Dennis: Taking a knight off!

SPACE TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of outer space are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: EXPLORE, PLANET, STARS, GALAXY, TELESCOPE, RADIATION, LIFE, WATER, UNIVERSE, HUBBLE, LIGHT, CHANDRA, INFRARED, HEAT, ENERGY, FAR, SUN, SPIRIT, SHUTTLE.

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Exploring Space in Many Ways

Observing outer space

Visible light, or light we can see with our unaided eyes, is only one form of radiation*. There are many other kinds, each one detecting different information.

In order to see past the interference from Earth's atmosphere, scientists have launched many types of observatories (telescopes and other instruments), each using a different type of radiation.

*Radiation is made of rays of energy.

The Hubble Space Telescope

The most famous space observatory is the Hubble Space Telescope, which uses visible light to explore the distant corners of the universe.

Some of its most important discoveries include knowledge about:

- the origins of galaxies, with photographs of galaxies 10 billion years old.
- the universe's age, about 12 to 14 billion years old.
- many more black holes* than once believed.
- planets forming around young stars.

*Black holes are invisible objects in space with such strong gravity that not even light can escape from them.

Because of safety issues, the U.S. will not send up any more shuttle missions to service the Hubble. NASA is considering sending up robotic spacecraft to work on it and keep it going longer. In a few years it will be allowed to fall to Earth in such a way as not to harm anyone.



This Hubble photo is of a supernova explosion. The bright spots, known as cosmic pearls, are areas where gas has been heated to as much as 1 million degrees (F) by the explosion.



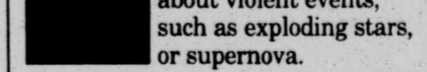
This is an artist's idea of gamma rays bursting out from a supernova.

Gamma rays

Gamma rays are energy bursts that develop when matter is hit by cosmic rays, or high-energy waves in space. Gamma rays put out about a billion times more energy than visible light.

Several gamma ray telescopes are

exploring the skies from both Earth and space. These are useful for gaining information about violent events, such as exploding stars, or supernova.



The Mini Page thanks Dr. Anne Kinney, division director for astronomy and physics, NASA, for help with this issue.

Sites to see: www.NASA.gov
www.spaceday.org

Look on the weather page of your newspaper to see what will be visible in your night skies.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates Mother's Day with a look at where florists get their flowers.

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X-rays

X-ray telescopes study areas in space that are giving off a lot of energy. X-rays have a temperature of about a million degrees.

X-ray telescopes can study events such as material falling into a black hole.



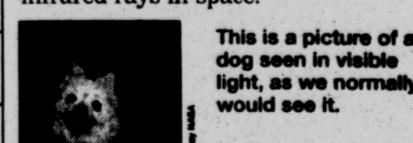
This X-ray image from the Chandra X-Ray Telescope shows matter from a supernova surrounding a black hole in our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

Infrared

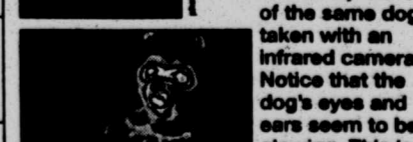
Infrared can measure anything giving off even small amounts of heat. Almost every object, even an ice cube, gives off some heat.

In space, infrared instruments can detect objects inside cold and dusty regions, such as areas where stars and planets are starting to form.

Because infrared telescopes detect even tiny amounts of heat, the telescopes in space must be cooled to about 459 degrees (F) below zero. If a telescope is not that cold, its own heat will interfere with finding infrared rays in space.



This is a picture of a dog seen in visible light, as we normally would see it.



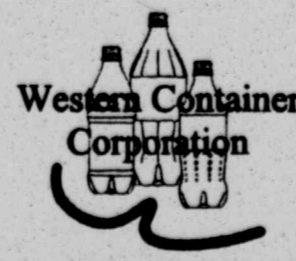
This is a picture of the same dog taken with an infrared camera. Notice that the dog's eyes and ears seem to be glowing. This is because they are the warmest areas. The nose is the darkest, or coldest, of all.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
The first-quarter moon in Leo revs the engine. It finally feels like the week is starting, and chances are, you're already behind. That's OK, everyone's projections prove to be off anyhow, and tomorrow, you'll be scrapping the old plan for a new one. Take one step and then another. The only way you can go wrong is to spend time worrying.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The boredom of this slow morning is telling you something. Beautiful surroundings would make all the difference in your attitude and productivity. If you have to stop working to clean or rearrange the furniture, it's worth it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be discerning and specific about what you want. Choosing the right companion seems like an obvious way to get maximum satisfaction in your personal life, but you'd be surprised how many people get this wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An agreement is changed; stick to the new one. High energy around noon will help you pull off your work with great style. If you are given the opportunity, it's safe to let people know what you really think.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are establishing a loving pattern of discipline of yourself and of people in your care. Difficult children will show progress. If you want to make the most of nighttime aspects, dress up, go out, and dance!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Celebrate change. It is natural to enjoy time alone better than time with loved ones, so don't feel guilty. If you get over the feeling of missing someone, you can appreciate a relationship even more fully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Early in the morning, you get an extra dose of mental sharpness, so work can be done in a flash. You should be pleased with yourself for the mature way you handle life's challenges. A Capricorn is proud of you!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Your love is put to the test — and it passes with flying colors. Swallowed pride will clear up misunderstandings. It really doesn't matter anymore who was right or wrong. It only matters that you're moving ahead together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll laugh at how fast the problems melt away at work, leaving you free to focus on other areas of your life. Your romantic timing is stellar. Let nothing stop you from throwing yourself fully into passion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone from a different culture affects your thinking, showing you there's not just one way to succeed. Home buyers find an ideal property — move quickly, or this one gets snatched up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Aesthetically pleasing environments make you feel rich! Go to that hot lunch spot or artsy coffee shop. Your heart flutters around new people coming into your sphere. You'll be aloof, fooling all except psychic Piseses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Authenticity is the theme. Cubic zircons may sparkle just like diamonds, but you want the real thing — in love, at work, and in your material and spiritual world. You'll be spotting artifice and avoiding it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At work, you're playing a game, but the rules haven't been established. Your logic is fuzzy, and there are many contributing factors still to be revealed. So be patient, and don't make a move yet. Feel your way.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: You blew it in your response to "Philly," who wanted out of his loveless and unhappy marriage, but worried about his 10-year-old child. You recommended counseling, but also said children are "remarkably resilient" and could adjust to divorce. As a former teacher, I have seen too many kids unable to adjust when they are bounced between homes. Divorce hurts children. — Mom in Minnesota

Dear Mom: Divorce is never the preferred option, but children who are kept hostage in unhappy marriages can be just as miserable. Of course, divorced parents must put the children's welfare first, and this makes the difference in how well they adjust. Read on for more:

From Pittsburgh: "Philly" said his wife, "Lorraine," is interested only in her job and housework, that she reads nothing and has no hobbies, and shows no interest in their daughter's academic progress or extracurricular activities. Lorraine sounds like a mental midget, and no amount of counseling will help. He should contact a divorce lawyer and document his wife's indifference to their daughter's education. This information may be useful during the custody hearings.

California: "Philly" needs to grow up and quit thinking the world revolves below his belt line. Maybe if he stopped cheating, he would rediscover the woman he married. When he cheats on his wife he also is cheating on his daughter, because adultery takes him away from time he should spend with his child.

Midwest: I was terribly unhappy after 23 years of marriage, but thought it was best for my son if I stayed. When I could no longer take the emotional abuse, I left. One week later, I had a massive coronary. My wife came to the ICU screaming, "Why didn't you die!" A year after our divorce, I met the most wonderful lady, and we are very happy. As for my son, I haven't seen him in over three years. His mother refused to allow him to associate with me, and he chose to side with her. "Philly" should get out now. The longer he stays, the harder the breakup will be.

Vehicles

2003 FORD Eddie Bauer Expedition. Fully loaded, 15,000 miles. \$31,995.00. Call (432)264-6114.

FOR SALE, red 2003 Ford F-250, 4x4, 29,000 miles. Reduce for quick sale, \$24,500. Located 600 Main. Call 432-267-3126, from 8:00-5:00, 432-267-7648 after 5:00.

Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed proposals until 4:00 p.m. May 4, 2004, for the following area:
Flagship Radio Broadcasting Station

Specifications and proposal documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3640. Proposals will be received in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District until the above listed date and time. Proposals received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 13, 2004, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
#4193 April 22 & 27, 2004

NO P-13158
ESTATE OF FLOYD R. MAYS, JR.
DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FLOYD R. MAYS, JR., were issued on April 21, 2004, under Docket No. P-13158, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: KATHRYN "C" MAYS.

The residence of the Executrix, KATHRYN "C" MAYS, is in Howard County, Texas, and the post office address is:
602 Highland Drive
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Executrix, KATHRYN "C" MAYS, at the above address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 21st day of April, 2004
G. BEN BANCROFT
A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 1390
Big Spring, TX 79721-1390
Telephone No. (432)264-1800
G. Ben Bancroft
State Bar No. 01668000
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
#4205 April 27, 2004

TUESDAY

	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KOCV (13)	DISC (26)	AMC (21)	SPIKE (23)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	TMC (250)
	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	(250)
6 PM	News (CC) Wheel	News Wheel	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Booker John Hagee	News-Lehrer (CC)	The FBI Files (CC)		Star Trek: Deep Space 9 (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET com	Sister, Sister Lizzie	NHL Hockey: Conference	NHL Hockey: Conference	(CC)
7 PM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Mariana de la Noche	American Idol	Navy NCIS (CC)	Prisionera	Friends (CC) Frasier (CC)	Movie: The Quick and the Dead (CC)	Update/Israel N. McBride	Nova (CC) (DVS)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Coal Miner's Daughter (CC)	Oblivious	Heat at Hornets	The Parkers	Movie: Jumping	Semifinal Game 3 --	Conference Semifinal	Movie: Double
8 PM	According-Jim	According-Jim	Bajo la Misma	24 (CC)	The Guardian (CC)	El Alma Herida	Frasier (CC) Scrubs (CC)	Dead (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Innovation (CC) (DVS)	Animal Face-Off (CC)	Daughter (CC)	Oblivious	NBA	Access College Hill	(CC)	Teams TBA	Game 3 --	(CC)
9 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Judging Amy (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	Law & Order: Special	MLB Baseball:		Independent Lens (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	:40 Movie:	Oblivious	NBA	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	Kickboxing	Baseball Tonight (CC)	A Rumor of Angels (CC)
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto	70s Show Raymond	News The Tonight Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show (CC)	Giants	Joe McGee Rabbi	Sign Off	Animal Face-Off		Blind Date	at Nuggets	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	Kickboxing	Outside-Lines	(CC)
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Extra (CC) Jimmy	En las Mejoras	Becker (CC) Spin City	The Late Late Show	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night						Blind Date	at Nuggets	Midnight Love	Even Stevens	Kickboxing	Outside-Lines	(CC)
12 AM	Live (CC) Oprah	Live (CC) Paid Program	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	Frasier (CC)	Movie: American	Update/Israel Booker		MythBusters (CC)	:40 Movie:	Real TV (CC)	Inside the NBA	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	NBA Fastbreak	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: The Return of

DENNIS THE MENACE

4-27

"MY MOM SAYS I PICK UP MORE DIRT THAN HER VACUUM CLEANER DOES."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

4-27

"Could I have the crayons for a knight, a princess and a dragon?"

HAGAR

4-27

"WE'LL BE OUTNUMBERED TEN-TO-ONE... SO WARN THE MEN NOT TO BOLT WHEN THEY SEE THE ENEMY!"

BC

4-27

SHOW ME A SURGEON WITH A BIZARRE SENSE OF HUMOR... AND I'LL SHOW YOU A DOCTOR WHO WEARS A DEVIL'S MASK TO WAKE YOU UP AFTER SURGERY.

WIZARD OF ID

4-27

HOW'S THE TRUSS BIZ, MORRY? MORRY'S TRUSSES CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND! YOU'RE KIDDING! LIKE I SAID SAUL, LOCATION, LOCATION! OW WWW

AGNES

4-27

OH NO! AN ORAL MATH QUIZ! HEY, LISTEN UP! LEARNING IS A FIRE FIGHT, GRUNT! FIGHT IT LIKE A MARINE! TROUT... WHAT IS SIX TIMES TWENTY-TWO? HEH HEH UM HMMM? SIXTY OR SO? UH... HANG TOUGH PRIVATE. I'M CALLING IN HER POSITION TO ARTILLERY!

HI AND LOIS

4-27

YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR KIDS SIGNED UP FOR CAMP OR YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT OF YOU-KNOW-WHAT THIS SUMMER. WE'RE BORED!

THE OTHER COAST

4-27

LOOK, VICKY! MY VERY OWN SELF-PUBLISHED NOVEL. YOU GOT THIS PRINTED OFFSHORE? YES, ISTANBUL. WHY? IT'S PRINTED IN TURKISH.

SNUFFY SMITH

4-27

MIZ PRUNELLY'S GONNA L'ARN US ALL 'BOUT HOW GOV'MENT WORKS !! THAT WON'T TAKE LONG !! JOHN ROSE SINCE IT DON'T !!

BEETLE BAILEY

4-27

WHAT A NICE RAIN. THE CHAPLAIN ALWAYS TRIES TO PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON THINGS. SURF'S UP! SOMETIMES I THINK HE TRIES TOO HARD.

BLONDIE

4-27

I THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO ARE SO MUCH WORSE OFF THAN WE ARE. THEN I THINK ABOUT THEM, TOO... IT PUTS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. YEAH, IT REALLY DOES... THEN I START THINKING ABOUT MR. DITHERS AGAIN.

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 27, the 118th day of 2004. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

On this date:

In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.

In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro.

Ten years ago: Former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 82. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 77. Actress Anouk Aimee is 72. Announcer Casey Kasem is 72. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 67. Actress Judy Carne is 65. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 63. Rhythm and blues singer Cuba Gooding is 60. Singer Ann Peebles is 57. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 56. Rhythm and blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 55. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 55. Rock musician Ace Frehley (KISS) is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword HOME SWEET HOME by Shirley Soloway
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Farm unit
- 5 Billiards ricochet
- 10 Strikebreaker
- 14 Bridge coup
- 15 Sports facility
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Cooped-up restlessness
- 19 Actress Skye
- 20 Biblical mount
- 21 Frolic
- 23 Butter serving
- 24 Scratch up
- 26 "Now it's clear!"
- 27 '50s golf great
- 30 Cheerleader's word
- 33 Designer Chanel
- 36 News-service letters
- 37 Make happy
- 39 "That's ___ (Dean Martin song)
- 41 Wife's title
- 42 Helicopter part
- 43 Window pieces
- 44 Emeril's expletive
- 45 Valuable stones
- 46 Football lineman
- 47 Far East restaurant
- 51 Heed
- 53 ___-cone
- 54 Shoe front
- 57 Award recipient
- 60 Carpentry drill bits
- 62 Ken or Lena
- 63 Scandinavian baked goods

DOWN

- 1 Songwriters' grp.
- 2 Red Cross founder Barton
- 3 Moroccan seaport
- 4 Mideast ruler
- 5 Mideast garment
- 6 ___ we
- 7 Minister: Abbr.
- 8 Change for a five
- 9 Brady Bunch daughter
- 10 Thin mud
- 11 Work together
- 12 Heche or Meara
- 13 Fermented drink
- 18 Title
- 22 Lou Grant star
- 25 Latin dance
- 27 Dullard
- 28 Chicago-based talk show
- 29 Gadgets
- 31 Molecule part
- 32 Towel word
- 33 Wrap for Batman
- 34 Mideast sultanate
- 35 Tacitly accepting
- 38 Theater section
- 40 Organic compound
- 48 As much as one can see
- 49 Lacking talent
- 50 Like vinegar
- 52 Tibia and femur
- 54 Evidence of sorrow
- 55 Alphabetize
- 56 Pluralizers
- 57 Cargo-ship area
- 58 Mixed bag
- 59 Otherwise
- 61 Acquires
- 64 Ledger reviewer: Abbr.
- 65 "It" game

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