

County to meet Wednesday for jail discussion

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet in a special session Wednesday — despite earlier reports the meeting was set for this morning — to consider a presentation by Houston-based general contract company Tribble & Stephen.

The general contract company was asked to evaluate the county's need for a new jail facility and the possibility of locating it next-door to the district court building by 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III.

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when Howard County commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Cost and location has been the major points of division for the commissioners, with costs projected at approximately \$12 million to construct a joint law enforcement center.

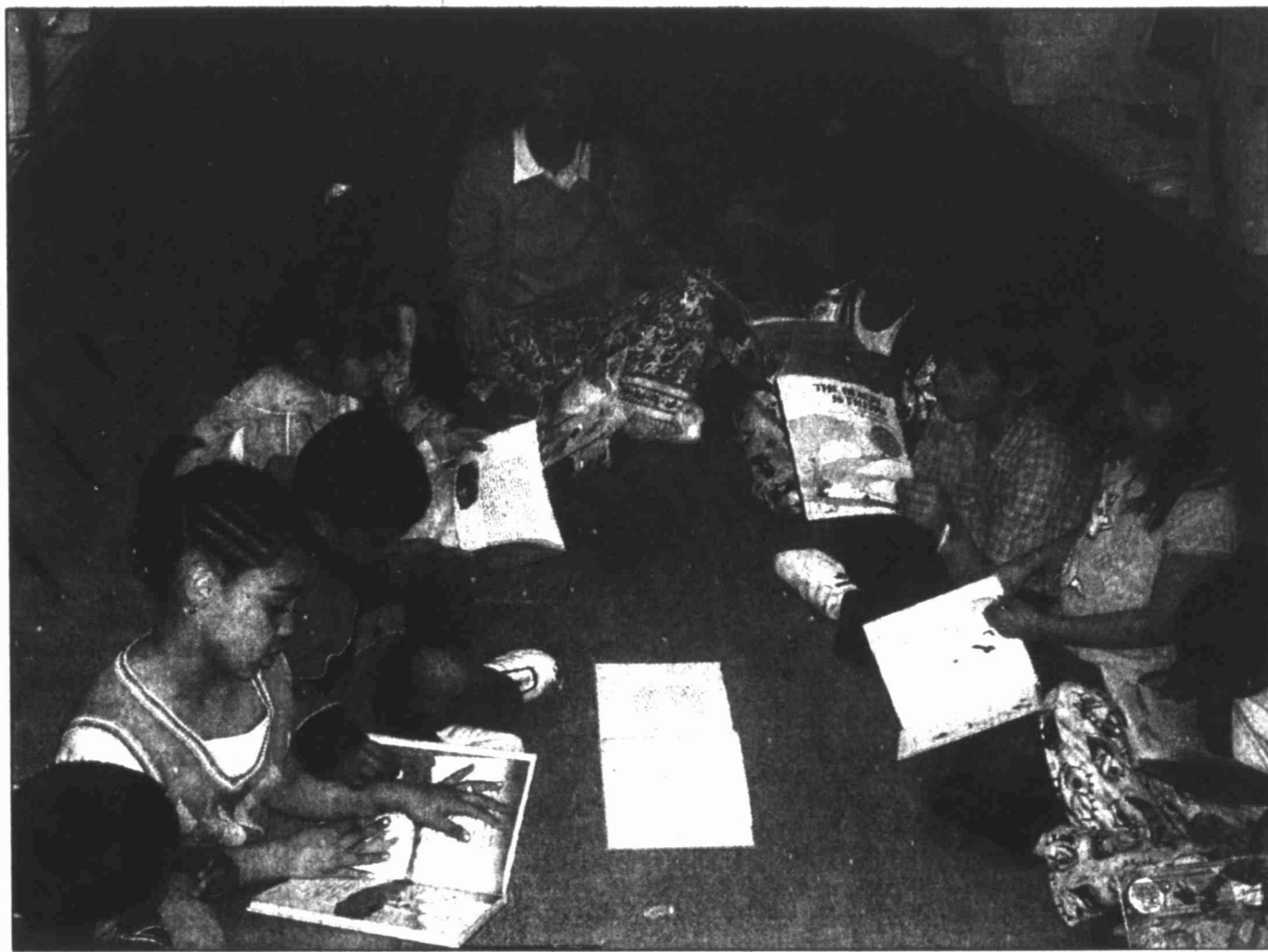
There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility will cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 million.

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July 2005 — following several meetings with Furqueron and Project consultant Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group — to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate.

Discussions remained closed for several months, having reopened following a recent meeting

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PAJAMA PARTY READ-IN



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Washington Elementary teacher Beverly Collins, center, leads her first-grade class through a reading session during the school's Pajama Party Read-in in celebration of the birthday of noted children's author Dr. Seuss before spring break.

State of City Address to focus on past, future

By THOMAS JENKINS
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As 2006 begins to pick up speed, the direction of Big Spring for the coming year is a major concern for local officials — a concern Mayor Russ McEwen plans to share with area residents during the annual Community Luncheon.

The annual luncheon, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce,

will feature McEwen's "State of the City" address, and is slated for March 14 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room.

As for McEwen's address, the Big Spring Mayor is staying somewhat tight-lipped.

"What's my address going to be about? I'm not telling," said McEwen with a laugh. "You'll just have to be there."

While McEwen is keeping the particulars of the presentation under wraps, he's not shy at all

about discussing the purpose of the annual address.

"It's a chance for us to review the past and look toward the future," said McEwen. "This gives us a chance to chart our progress for the future and debate the outcomes, which is important."

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said the luncheon is a chance for residents to take a close look at 2006.

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community luncheon each year," said ValVerde. "It's a chance for the mayor to inform the city of what his plans are for the coming year. For the chamber it's a chance to represent our members and try to focus on promoting community and economic development. I think this a perfect example — a perfect chance — for us to promote that through the mayor's state of the city address."

Tickets for the annual luncheon are \$10. See ADDRESS, Page 3A

FUND-RAISER



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Juanita Henson, right, assists Sarah Salisbury at the Big Spring Pow Wow Committee's yard sale Saturday morning. The two-day sale raised funds for the second annual Pow Wow, to be held later this month at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

March primaries set Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

Howard County residents head for the polls Tuesday to determine party nominees for a number of local, state and federal offices, including governor of Texas.

Opposing incumbent Gov. Rick Perry in the Republican primary are

Star Locke, Larry Kilgore and Rhett R. Smith. On the Democratic ticket are Chris Bell, Rashad Jafer and Bob Gammage.

Vying for lieutenant governor are incumbent David Dewhurst and Tom Kelly on the Republican slate and Maria Luisa Alvarado, Adrian De Leon and Benjamin Z. Grant as Democrats.

Local and area residents will have to make a choice for the Republican nominee for Texas House District 85. The candidates include local attorney Drew Mouton, Jim Landtroop of Plainview and Gerald "Jerry" Lee Middleton of Abilene. Several individuals

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Voting made easier in Martin Co.

Special to the Herald

Susie Hull, county and district clerk, said Martin County citizens should find voting easier than ever before when they go to polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in the March primaries.

"Martin County has a new voting system, the Hart Intercivic Eslate

system, that the commissioners decided to purchase last fall so that Martin County would be HAVA (Help America Vote) compliant. The system is very voter friendly. The early voters commented on how easy the Eslate has been to use," Hull said.

"Martin County has been paper-ballot hand-

counted since 1885, so this is a big step. Voters with hearing, sight or other physical disabilities will be able to vote a private ballot and voters with language barriers will be able to hear the ballot spoken in Spanish or English. Voters with puff-and-sip devices will

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Pedestrian struck, killed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was killed Sunday evening in a vehicle/pedestrian traffic accident on Gregg Street.

Esther Mary Collins, 84, was pronounced dead at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room by Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green after being struck by a vehicle in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, Collins was struck

at approximately 7:09 p.m., while crossing the street.

"Collins was crossing from the east curb to the west curb," said Everett. "A gray 4-door sedan was traveling north in the left lane when she was struck. The car was driven by 44-year-old Sharon Burleson of Big Spring."

Everett said no charges have been filed against Burleson, with none expected in the future.

"In cases like these it's usually a situation where the driver simply doesn't

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HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS

It's not too late to reserve booth space for "Don't Gamble With Your Health," the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce health fair scheduled April 8.

The annual event will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

Limited booth space is still available at \$80 with a deadline of 5 p.m. March 17. After the deadline, booths will be \$100 through March 31. For more information, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com, or go by the chamber office at Gregg and Third.

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Obituaries

Effie Dell Parker



Effie Dell Parker, 87, of San Angelo died Saturday, March 4, 2006. She was residing at the Regency House Nursing Home where she had hospice care. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo. Interment will be held at 3 p.m. at the Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Effie Dell (or Dell, as she was known to her friends) was born Sept. 6, 1918, in Big Spring in her grandparent's home. Her father was William Joe Williams and her mother was Zula (Lovell) Williams. She had one brother, Wofford Williams, who is deceased.

Dell attended school in Lucian Wells, Lomax, Big Spring and graduated from Garden City in 1936. She married Weldon Parker June 20, 1937, at the First Methodist Church parsonage in Big Spring.

Weldon preceded her in death July 2, 1987. She worked for the Garden City Post Office as a postal clerk for 20 years. After Weldon retired as county judge, they moved to Robert Lee to be close to the lake and their passion for fishing.

Dell moved to San Angelo in 1991, where she bought a home at Rio Concho West. The joys in her life were her children, her friends at Rio Concho West, her friends and pastors at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. We will celebrate her life and miss her greatly.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Shields and husband, Bill of Novice; four sons, Truman Parker and wife, Betty of Fort Worth, Doug Parker and wife, Donna of Taylor, Charles Parker and wife, Patricia of Cedar Creek and Jerry Parker of Greenwood, Miss.; six grandchildren, Jason Parker, Melissa O'Neal, Dawn Pollack, Mike Shields, Todd Shields and Rowdy Parker; and two great-grandchildren, Mason Shields and Pierce Shields.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Sierra Vista United Methodist Church, 4522 College Hills Blvd., San Angelo 76904; to Project Dignidad, 313 W. Ave. N., San Angelo, 76903; or to House of Faith, 321 Montecito Dr., San Angelo, 76903.

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

Steven Malone Tipton

Steven Malone Tipton, 45, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 8, 2006, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 30, 1960, in Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one son, Ty Tipton of Lubbock; his parents, James W. and Sara Tipton of Big Spring; one brother, Jim Tipton of Big Spring; one sister, Diane Tipton of Midland; and two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Hilda Tipton and Dr. F.J. and Frances Malone.

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

Mickey Hernandez

Mickey Hernandez, 47, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at his residence following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johncal Woody

Johncal Woody, 69, of Midland died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

• **CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY**, a community-wide memorial service, is set for noon until 12:45 p.m. March 15 at Comanche Trail Lake, presented by Odyssey Healthcare. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Old Settler's Pavilion. Call 263-5999 for more information.

• **LIFE AFTER LOSS**, presented by Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., begins Monday and is scheduled for the next six weeks from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each Monday. The workshop is free. Call 264-7599 for more information.

• **LIMITED BOOTH SPACE FOR THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**, with this year's theme, "Don't Gamble on Your Health" is available now until March 17 for \$80. From March 18-31, booths are \$100. For more information or to reserve a booth, call Nancy Newell at 264-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com.



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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Ben Lockhart, 300 Main, Big Spring, TX

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- **TERESA CHRISTON**, 42, of 1316 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, expired motor vehicle registration and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **NATHAN CAHOON**, 44, of 309 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **WHITNEY MARQUEZ**, 18, of 1905 Alabama, was arrested Saturday on a charge of Class C assault.
- **JENNIFER DALTON**, 33, of 2612 Fairchild, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID HUMPHREY III**, 41, of 1607 Lark, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOHNNY LOPEZ**, 26, of 907 S. Bell, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MELISSA WILTSIE**, 31, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ANGELA WILLIAMS**, 36, of Slaton, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and two local warrants.
- **ROBERT REED**, 50, of 1308 Wright, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **RICKY TATE**, 18, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 26, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- **JEFFERY MARTIN**, 38, of 624 Ridgelea, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DAVID GONZALES**, 17, of 805 S. Lancaster, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 22, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 118, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- **EARNEST CLARK**, 65, of 1901 S. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANNETTE DOMINGUEZ**, 34, of 2509 Cindy, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 1200 block of 11th Place, in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane and in the 1100 block of La Mesa.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported: in the 1000 block of 13th Street and in the 100 block of Seventh Street.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported: in the 3900 block of Highway 80 and in the 600 block of Caylor.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 3400 block of Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Meadow.
- **PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **AUSTIN LEE MCLAUGHLIN**, 19, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BOBBY JOE SANDERS SR.**, 39, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, two capias warrants for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a capias warrant for bondsman off bond and failure to appear.
- **STACEY LEE DAWSON**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- **REBECCA BECKY CARRILLO**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **REBECCA IRENE DELATOUR**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- **DAVID IRA ADWELL JR.**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- **MELANIE DAWN SIMPSON**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and harassment.
- **DAVID FRANKS**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- **RANDY SCOTT BUTLER**, 36, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JAMES TROY NELSON**, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a parole violation/warrant.
- **SYNTRA J. BARNHART**, 30, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DOMINIQUE XAVIER WILLIAMS**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **CHRISTOPHER LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **JEFFERY WESS MARTIN**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MELISSA WILTSIE**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **ANGIE L. WATSON**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **TERESA CHRISTON**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Edwards. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of 15th Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Avondale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of North Gregg Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and San Antonio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the 182 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the VAMC.



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- ★ Support and understand the need for a strong county road system
- ★ Be responsive to the needs and desires of the people of Howard County.

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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Jerry Kilgore, 2729 E. 28th, Big Spring, Texas 79720

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Gusts up to 45 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

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Supreme Court upholds college military recruiting law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that colleges that accept federal money must allow military recruiters on campus, despite university objections to the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

Justices rejected a free-speech challenge from law schools and their professors who claimed they should not be forced to associate with military recruiters or promote their campus appearances.

Chief Justice John Roberts,

writing for the court, said that the campus visits are an effective military recruiting tool.

"A military recruiter's mere presence on campus does not violate a law school's right to associate, regardless of how repugnant the law school considers the recruiter's message," he wrote.

Law schools had become the latest battleground over the "don't ask, don't tell" policy allowing gay men and women to serve in the military only if they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

Many universities forbid the participation of recruiters from public agencies and private companies that have discriminatory policies.

The court's decision upholds a law that requires colleges that take federal money to accommodate recruiters.

Roberts, writing his third decision since joining the court last fall, said there are other less drastic options for protesting the policy. "Students and faculty are free to associate to voice their disapproval of the military's message," he wrote.

"Recruiters are, by definition, outsiders who come onto campus for the limited purpose of trying to hire students — not to become members of the school's expressive association," he wrote.

The federal law, known as the Solomon Amendment after its first congressional sponsor, mandates that universities give the military the same access as other recruiters or forfeit federal money.

College leaders have said they could not afford to lose federal help, some \$35 billion a year.

The court heard arguments in the case in December, and justices signaled then that they had little problem with the law.

Roberts filed the only opinion, which was joined by every justice but Samuel Alito. Alito did not participate because he was not on the bench when the case was argued.

"The Solomon Amendment neither limits what law schools may say nor requires them to say anything," Roberts wrote.

The case is *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights*, 04-1152.

Bush asks Congress for line-item veto power

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush proposed a new law today that would give him the power to control spending by vetoing specific items in spending bills — authority that the Supreme Court struck down nine years ago but which would be structured differently under Bush's plan.

"Forty-three governors have this line-item veto in their states," Bush said. "Now it's time to bring this important tool of fiscal discipline to Washington, D.C."

Both Republican and

Democratic presidents have sought the power to eliminate a single item in a spending or tax bill without killing the entire measure.

President Clinton got that wish in 1996, when the new reform-minded Republican majority in the House helped pass a line-item veto law. Two years later, the Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional because it allowed the president to single-handedly amend the law.

"Congress gave the president the line-item veto in 1996, but

because with problems the way the law was written, the Supreme Court struck it down," Bush said. "That should not be the end of the story."

Bush announced his plan, which he first revealed in his State of the Union address a month ago, at the swearing-in ceremony for Edward Lazear, the new chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Bush has not vetoed any legislation during five years in office, but he said the line-item veto would help "reduce wasteful spending, reduce the budget

deficit and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely."

The earlier version of the line-item veto allowed Clinton to single-handedly strike parochial projects and special interest tax breaks. It was passed by Congress as one of the key planks of the GOP's "Contract With America."

Instead, Bush is proposing that he be allowed to send Congress proposals to strike earmarks from spending bills and that Congress be required to bring them to a vote.

That very version was pushed

by Democrats in the 1990s — including Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who filed suit against the 1996 law. John Kerry, D-Mass., pushed a similar approach in his presidential campaign.

The most recent plan was actually voted down by the House two years ago as it considered proposals to overhaul the budget process. But now that Congress itself is pushing for "earmark reform," they may be more willing to go along.

Leavitt: Second bird flu vaccine in the works

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal health officials announced today they have authorized the development of a second bird flu vaccine to combat a deadly virus that is believed to be mutating.

The government has several million doses of an early first bird flu vaccine, but that vaccine was based on a sample of virus taken from Vietnam in 2004. The virus is believed to have mutated since then, and

the form now circulating in Africa and Europe may be different, health officials said.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said Monday he had authorized the National Institutes of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to begin working on a second vaccine for humans.

"In order to be prepared, we need to continue to develop new vaccines," Leavitt said at an

immunization conference in Atlanta.

The World Health Organization has reported at least 174 human cases of bird flu, including 94 deaths.

So far, most if not all of the human victims came in direct contact with infected animals, but health officials worry that as bird flu spreads, it could mutate into a strain that easily passes human to human.

Dr. Margaret Chan, who is

spearheading the WHO efforts against the virus, said it poses a greater challenge to the world than any previous infectious disease. Since February, the virus has spread to birds in 17 new countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, Chan said.

Poland on Monday confirmed its first outbreak of the disease, saying laboratory tests found that two wild swans died of the lethal strain.

Several cats have also tested positive for the deadly strain in Austria's first reported case of the disease spreading to an animal other than a bird, officials in that country said Monday.

The WHO describes bird flu as unprecedented in its scope as an animal disease, saying it is costing the world's agriculture industry more than \$10 billion and affecting the livelihoods of 300 million farmers.

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have lined up for the office of Howard County judge. They are Republicans Mark Morgan and incumbent Ben Lockhart and Democrats Woody

Jumper, Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers and Mark Barr.

Incumbent County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore is facing a challenge from Kathy Lusk on the Republican ticket for his Place 2 seat while Roy D. Beauchamp and Walter H. Brumley Jr. are seeking the GOP's nomination for the Place 4 seat. Place

4 incumbent Gary Simer is unopposed in the Democratic Party.

Kathryn Wiseman, the Precinct 1, Place 2 peace justice, is facing a challenge in the Republican primary from Laura Jeanne Wilson and Robert G. "Bob" Smith. Bobby Roeber is the lone Democrat seeking that

office. Polling locations for Howard County include: • North Side Fire Station, 100 NE Eighth, Big Spring — Precincts 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 and 115. • Life Church, 600 E. FM 700, Big Spring — Precincts 202, 203, 204 and

205. • Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad, Big Spring — Precincts 302, 303, 304 and 305. • Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring — Precincts 401, 402, 403, 404, 406 and 410. • Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave.,

Coahoma — Precincts: 207, 405, 407, 408 and 409. • Forsan School, 411 W. Sixth, Forsan — Precinct 208.

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cheon are on sale at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street, and according to ValVerde,

will most likely go quickly.

"Tickets are \$10 each if they are purchased by March 8 (Wednesday)," she said. "If purchased after that date or at the door, they are \$15. We

want to encourage everyone to come in early and pick up their tickets, or at least call in early and reserve their tickets, so we can try to get an accurate ticket count prior to the luncheon.

"The serving line will start at 11:30 a.m. and catering is being provided by Great Western Dining." ValVerde added. For more information, contact ValVerde at 263-

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Mickey Hernandez, 47, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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between commissioners and TCJS officials that left the county with 90 days to present the com-

mission with a detailed plan for correcting the items currently out of compliance.

Wednesday's meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second

floor of the county courthouse.

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MARTIN

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be able to use the units to vote, too," she explained. Another first for Martin County will be a joint primary election. The com-

munity center will be the location for Precincts 1, 2, 3 BS 4 for Democrats and Republicans.

Grady Administration Building will be the location for Precinct 3A for Democrats and Republicans.

Flower Grove Gin will be the location for Precinct 4A for Democrats and Republicans.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PEDESTRIAN


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see the pedestrian," said Everett. "According to the report, drugs or alco-

hol are not believed to be involved in the accident."

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EDITORIAL

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YOUR VIEWS

The right step

TO THE EDITOR:
It is important for Howard County to have a county judge in the chief leadership position for the county who is honest, straightforward and dependable ... a person with proven leadership skills, good judgment and management experience. Woody Jumper is just such a person. He has proven himself to be a qualified judge, based on his years in law enforcement and most recently as a member of the big Spring City Council. Woody's good judgment, common sense approach to solving problems and dependability make him an excellent candidate for county judge.

The Texas Constitution places broad administrative powers in the county judge. This person presides over the county commissioner's court and oversees the successful functioning of all county operations. Were city and county management ever

to be combined, Woody Jumper is the ideal person to oversee this transition. There are several other important functions in the county operation in addition to sitting as a judge. Working well with different county entities is also a priority. These entities include the commissioner's court, county attorney, sheriff, county and district clerks, tax assessor/collector, auditor and treasurer.

When Woody Jumper walks into the county courtroom, he will not have to be guided or told what to do. He already knows the importance of the role of county judge and will fulfill it to the utmost. It is now time for Howard County to look to the future with qualified, dependable, positive individuals to lead us in the right direction. Your vote for Woody Jumper for county judge will be a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,
MARVIN E. WISE
BIG SPRING

Quick summary on jail

TO THE EDITOR:
The Howard County Courthouse was built in the early 1950s and part of the fourth floor houses the jail. The courthouse was designed for a fifth floor if needed, and the third floor of the courthouse is mostly vacant now.

In 1994, the voters rejected a bond proposal to build a new jail and joint law enforcement center. A copy of the plans show that facility was to cover about two-thirds of the block immediately north of the courthouse square. That facility was to be 47,454 square feet overall with 24,424 square feet for the jail. The county spent \$407,000 on jail consultants and architects in developing the 1994 project before submitting it to voters.

Jail population and cost: The jail today operates with eight variances from requirements. It has 48 beds for men and none for women, while our average jail population in 2004 and 2005 was about 62. Last week, pretrial bonding and cleaning up jail records resulted in our having under 40 people in custody — in our jail and boarded elsewhere. Howard County jail budget for the current fiscal year is \$986,910, double what it was in 2000. It costs about \$48 per day to house a prisoner in our jail. We house prisoners elsewhere for \$37.50 per day. Currently, 17 people are employed at the jail.

Proposed 144-bed jail and joint law enforcement center: The proposed facility is planned for a 23-acre site west of the hospital beyond Martin Luther King Boulevard. Site preparation will cost almost a million dollars. The building will be 76,000 square feet, about one third is for housing pris-

oners. The jail consultant estimates it will cost over \$12 million — likely over \$14 million.

It will take nine to 16 more persons to operate the jail according to the jail consultant, which will cost \$360,000 to \$640,000. Debt payments each year will be \$975,000 or more and utilities on a facility this large will be over \$600,000 each year, according to TXU. Jail cost will be \$1.6 million more than now. The county tax rate will jump at least 35 percent.

Consider a 96-bed jail only: It can be built by the courthouse, thus avoiding the cost and dangers of transporting prisoners and keep law enforcement agencies where they are — in the center of town. It will cost under \$5 million. The latest Jail Commission study shows this will serve our needs, contrary to what the *Herald* continues to report — this will certainly be true with pretrial bonding.

Reconstruct the facility in the current courthouse: It could be done, but it might cost too much. It hasn't been studied. The courthouse was built so a fifth story could be added; the third floor is underutilized. There is much unused space on the fourth floor. The voters need assurance that this isn't a good alternative.

This is a quick summary of what I have discovered over the past few months. If you want to know the full story, give me a call at 264-0770. I think the current election in Commissioner's Precinct 2 will give us a view of what taxpayers think. Commissioner Kilgore favors the big jail and joint law enforcement center; challenger Lusk does not.

FRANK PARKER
BIG SPRING

Making of hit-and-run drivers

How do you prevent illegal immigrants from falsifying papers and moving from state to state to get special driving certificates? It's easy. Grant them regular driver's licenses.

And how do you prevent them from using driver's licenses as a form of legal identification? That's even easier. You don't. Just allow them to become legal U.S. residents.

Once we have no illegal immigrants, we will have no such problems.

Of course, some would say we can solve those problems by deporting 11-million people, which is not only extremely unrealistic, but ill-advised.

We need them here. We need them to do the work they do. We need them to be able to drive to their place of employment legally. And, for the sake of the rest of us, we need them to know traffic rules and to be insured when they get behind the wheel.

Forcing them to become hit-and-run drivers is not a very bright idea.

Yet, that's just what we've been doing. In our obsession to harass them into going back to their homelands, most states have barred illegal immigrants from obtaining driver's licenses.

And then, realizing that it was a stupid idea because it forced many immigrants to drive without licenses or insurance, some states started issuing "driving certi-

icates." These wallet-sized certificates are labeled "not valid for identification." But who are they kidding? Anything that identifies you as a legal driver is an identification. It's not a passport or a green card, but neither is a driver's license. So why bother issuing two kinds of driver IDs?

The mistake was barring illegal immigrants from getting licenses in the first place.

The problem is that we are so hung up over letting the federal government issue us national ID cards — which are obviously needed for the sake of national security — that we are using the driver's licenses to take their place.

Driver's licenses are now the preferred form of ID for practically anything we may need to do — from opening a bank account to proving we are old enough to drink liquor.

They are also, somehow, used as proof that someone is in this country legally. And they shouldn't be — not for anything other than to prove that we are authorized to drive in the state where we live.

Unfortunately, since our driver's licenses have become our preferred form of ID, someone came up with the not-so-bright idea that barring illegal immigrants from having them would force these immigrants to go back home.

Of course, that hasn't happened. And it hasn't deterred others from coming. But instead of acknowledging that taking the licenses away from illegal immigrants was a mistake, some states came up with the even more ridiculous idea of issuing driving certificates

— an ID "not valid for identification."

In spite of that absurd warning, often in bold red letters, some banks and other businesses started accepting the certificates as valid identification. And of course, some immigrants who needed them started cheating in order to obtain them.

Last week, the state of Tennessee stopped issuing driving certificates after authorities realized that out-of-state immigrants were going there to obtain them.

It's not surprising. Where there's a will, there's a way.

They were using fake Tennessee residency papers and some were even bribing state license examiners to get the certificates.

It's the latest development in our ridiculous war on illegal immigration.

Instead of securing the borders and making sure tourists don't overstay their visas, we keep letting the states do the work of the federal government with ineffective measures such as cracking down on driver's licenses.

Instead of finally accepting the 11-million illegal immigrants who are already here, we keep trying to turn them into hit-and-run drivers.

Go figure.

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Media creates public cynicism

The swirling debate over President Bush's program of electronic eavesdropping reflects a much larger problem in public discussion about our anti-terrorism efforts: The mainstream media are focusing too much on how we are fighting, and not enough on what we are fighting.

That's not to say that the debate is unimportant. Particularly in wartime, the question of how to protect civil liberties is a crucial one. It deserves a serious public airing, with all factors weighed carefully.

The problem is, the media are giving neither this issue nor the other thorny issues inherent in fighting terrorism the full-sided treatment they deserve. The public considers each issue almost in isolation rather than in the context of a multi-faceted enemy that continues to plot our national demise. Not surprisingly, the public is growing weary of our efforts and skeptical about the likelihood of our success.

The *New York Times* revealed Bush's approval of a National Security Agency program of electronic surveillance in mid-December. Since then, the media have covered a series of controversies that the *Times* story has ignited — whether Bush acted within his powers, what Congress should do in response, and why the newspaper waited more than a year before revealing what it knew.

What the media have not covered much is the larger context within which the story fits.

Indeed, the *Times* story itself provided a bit of that context by revealing that the surveillance program helped uncover hundreds

of al-Qaida-related phone numbers and e-mail addresses that were based in the United States. Yet few other news outlets have not focused on that aspect of the story.

The question then, is not whether the surveillance program infringes on civil liberties. The issue is whether the program inappropriately does so in the face of an enemy with a potential network of combatants in the United States who want, and perhaps are plotting, to attack the nation from within.

Coverage of the surveillance program follows a predictable pattern of media coverage since the September 11th attacks. For four years, the "mainstream" media have settled on a series of story lines that each present one side of an issue without the context in which that issue should be debated. Consider the evolving debate over Iraq:

First, the media fixated on the scant evidence for Iraq's role in the September 11th attacks and then broadened their skepticism about any connections between Iraq and terrorism. What received far less attention was Saddam Hussein's history of sponsoring terrorism and rewarding the families of suicide bombers.

Second, the media pounced when U.S. forces found no stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction after toppling Saddam, giving wide latitude to the argument that Saddam never had such weapons, that the Bush Administration concocted the weapons argument, and that,

in essence, Bush lied. What received far less attention was that Saddam used such weapons against his own people years ago and virtually all reputable intelligence services across the globe believed Saddam still had such weapons.

Third, the media remind us daily of the human cost of war. But, by focusing heavily on continuing factional violence, they largely discount the extraordinary political change that's occurring in this land once ruled by iron dictatorship. The hard work of building democracy that will make the world freer and safer over time takes a back seat in media circles to the daily drumbeat of violence and bluster.

Does the death of American soldiers matter? Yes. Does the President's surveillance program raise important questions about civil liberties? Yes again.

So, let's debate these issues, but let's have a serious debate, one for which the media paint a more complete picture of the war on terrorism so we can better understand the trade-offs involved in winning it.

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By BILL LAMBRECHT

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Congress finds itself in middle of food fight

By BILL LAMBRECHT

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — California grocery stores and restaurants soon may warn people that some potato chips and french fries contain a cancer-causing chemical and that canned tuna has traces of dangerous mercury.

In New Mexico, the food industry succeeded last month in killing legislation to ban the sale of products containing aspartame amid theories that the widely used artificial sweetener, sold as Equal and NutraSweet, causes health problems.

The industry is eager to squelch these and other state regulatory efforts and last week seemed closer to doing so with legislation to standardize food safety standards and warning requirements for packaging.

In a display of its clout in Washington, the food industry assembled more than half of the U.S. House of Representatives as co-sponsors of what they're calling the National Uniformity for Food Act.

But suddenly, a food fight erupted over the right of states to regulate what their people eat.

A day before the vote was to take place, 37 state attorneys general signed a letter contending that the industry's proposal "undercuts states' rights and consumer protection."

Consumer and environmental

groups agreed, and so did regulators from across the country. A vote was delayed at least until this week.

Charlie Ingram, who represents the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in Washington, observed that states are responsible for 80 percent of food safety inspections and a host of tasks that include testing products, investigating problems and handling consumer complaints.

"What this would do is invalidate state authorities, programs and requirements and say that we have to get permission from the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) for what we do," he said.

What's more, opponents say, the bill could exempt food companies from complying with state and local laws and forestall efforts to impose labeling requirements for genetically engineered and irradiated food.

All told, some 200 state laws could be affected, the Congressional Budget Office has calculated.

Yet the food industry expects the legislation to pass the House this week. A companion bill has not yet been introduced in the Senate.

If the food industry succeeds, it could be providing a textbook example of a lobbying campaign too potent to overcome.

From its headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue in

Washington, the Grocery Manufacturers Association has spearheaded a coalition that includes more than 100 of the nation's leading food manufacturers and trade associations, representing virtually everything edible.

Calling itself the National Uniformity for Food Coalition, the industry orchestrated a massive letter-writing campaign in which dozens of groups ranging from the Chamber of Commerce to the Council on Racial Equality are pressing members of Congress.

Since 1999, shortly after the uniformity campaign began, food-related industries have contributed \$81 million to congressional candidates, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan organization in Washington.

Stephanie Childs, spokeswoman for the grocery manufacturers, remarked that Missourians who shop in Illinois — and vice versa — should have the comfort of knowing that food safety rules are the same in each state.

She disputed those who worry about states' rights, pointing to a section in the bill that enables a state to petition the FDA to hold on to its authority.

"We're assuming that if a state has a law on the books right now; it has the science and the reasoning to back it up," she said.

David Overfeld, president of the Missouri Retailers Association, said he thinks the bill could head off unnecessary regulations in Missouri even though he sees little immediate impact. His organization represents grocery chains and an array of businesses.

Overfeld contended that there's so much information on food labeling already that it produces "the chuckle factor" among consumers.

"I think that some of these state departments want to have all these regulations just to promote themselves and stay in business," he said.

Meanwhile, many members of Congress signed on as co-sponsors find themselves rejecting the advice of their home-state attorneys general.

Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., asserted in an interview that he is a states' rights advocate but sees the bill as striking a balance between protecting states and prohibiting unnecessary labeling that raises prices.

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., said in a statement that because food production is a national endeavor, "it makes sense to work toward a national standard for food safety and warning requirements."

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Study: Lifting weights helps control belly fat in women

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — By just lifting weights twice a week for an hour, women can battle the buildup of tummy fat that often takes hold with aging, a new study suggests.

And they didn't even diet.

The study focused on intra-abdominal fat, the deep fat that wraps itself around organs and is the most unhealthy because it's linked with heart disease.

"One of the most common complaints in women, especially as we continue to age, especially as we go through menopause, the No. 1 complaint is abdominal growth," said Dr. Tracy Stevens, a cardiologist who directs the women's heart center at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

"It's the apple-shaped person I'm most worried about," said Stevens, who was not involved in the study. "The more central the fat, the more it's laid down in the arteries."

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and is being presented Friday at an American Heart Association conference in Phoenix.

In it, 164 overweight and obese Minnesota women ages 24 to 44 were divided evenly into two groups. One group participated in a two-year weight-training program and the other was simply given a brochure recommending

exercise of 30 minutes to an hour most days of the week. Both groups were told not to change their diets in a way that might lead to weight changes.

Women who did the weight-training for two years had only a 7 percent increase in intra-abdominal fat, compared to a 21 percent increase in the group given exercise advice.

The strength-training group also decreased body fat percentage by almost 4 percent, while the group just given advice remained the same.

"I think we need to provide people with multiple possibilities, multiple roads to the same end. If this is what you're willing to do, I'll tell you what you can get out of it," said the lead author of the study, Kathryn Schmitz, an epidemiologist at the school of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Researchers reported only marginal effects from the training on total fat mass and the fat you can pinch under the skin.

Using both free weights and machines, the women in the strength-training

group worked out for about an hour and were encouraged to gradually increase the weights they lifted.

"This is not a program you could do in your home, unless you can afford to have a full gym in your basement," Schmitz said.

The women, who completed 70 percent of the advised exercise throughout the study, were in supervised strengthening classes for 16 weeks.

Schmitz said the focus was on chest, back, shoulders, biceps, triceps, lower back, buttocks and thighs. She noted that adding muscle mass can help overweight women move faster so they burn more calories.

Dr. Rita F. Redberg, a cardiologist at the

University of California San Francisco, pointed out that since muscle burns more calories than fat, increasing muscle mass means losing more calories.

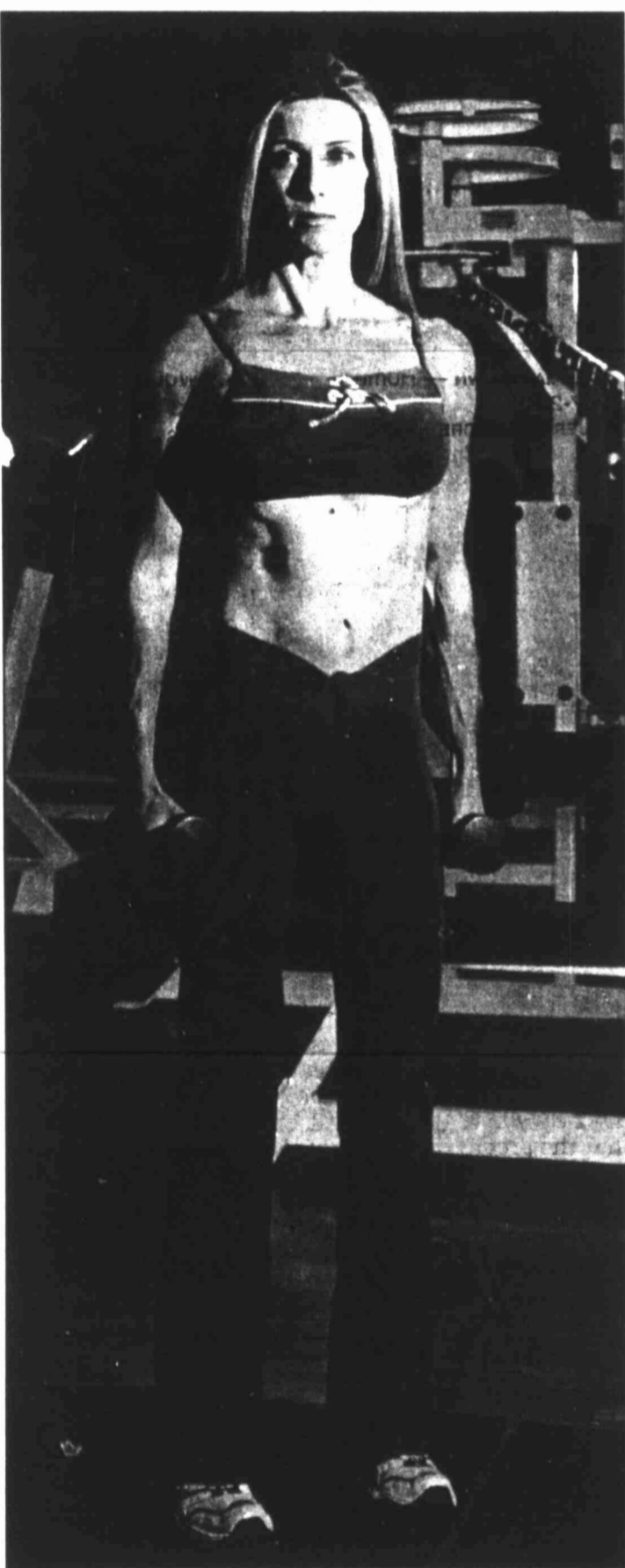
"Certainly, any kind of exercise is better than not doing anything," Redberg said. But for "maximal benefit, cardio with weight training will get a lot more bang for your buck."

"I think exercise is the fountain of youth," she said. "If it was a pill, everyone would be taking it."

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Muscle loss threatens elderly health

Most seniors are aware of the dangers of osteoporosis, a disease that leads to loss of bone density and contributes to debilitating and sometimes deadly falls. But an equally incapacitating condition, which leads to loss of muscle mass and strength as we age, is not so well known.

"Sarcopenia," a term that translates to "vanishing flesh," or "flesh loss," is a new label for an old phenomenon, according to a report done by the International Longevity Center, an aging-issues think tank in New York.

Irwin Rosenberg, a doctor at the Jean Mayer Human Nutrition Center on Aging at Tufts University, came up with

the name in 1988 in hopes of raising public awareness, but in spite of the Greek moniker, sarcopenia's profile remained low.

Dr. George Kuchel, director of the Center on Aging at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, thinks that is about to change.

"Sarcopenia is suddenly a hot topic in aging and geriatric research," Kuchel says. "In the coming years, sarcopenia is going to be one of the biggest health problems we face. It has a devastating effect on mobility and mortality in older adults, and we desperately want to know how to prevent it."

According to the Alliance for Aging Research, a Washington nonprofit organization that promotes aging-related medical research, sarcopenia is widespread, affecting roughly 45 percent of Americans 60 and older. Studies show that muscle loss begins in middle age and proceeds at a rate of about 1 percent a year. As individuals lose muscle mass, they lose strength and their ability to perform everyday tasks such as walking, climbing stairs or even getting up from a chair.

In spite of osteoporosis's higher profile, several recent studies show that while thinning bones make seniors especially vulnerable to fractures,

it's the unsteadiness caused by muscle wasting in the legs that leads to falls and the inability to live independently.

Older people with advanced sarcopenia frequently need nursing-home care.

"The condition has serious health consequences, including \$18.5 billion in related disability costs and contribution to falls, obesity and Type 2 diabetes," Chhanda Dutta, chief of the clinical gerontology branch at the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, Md., said at a 2005 Capitol Hill briefing sponsored by the Alliance for Aging Research.

While pharmaceutical companies are searching

for a treatment for the condition, Kuchel says, the best way for older people to reduce frailty, become more mobile and slow down muscle loss is through exercise and better nutrition.

"Diet and exercise are the remedies we have right now, and they seem to work," Kuchel says.

A study by the International Longevity Center and Canyon Ranch Health Resorts showed that older people improved strength, balance and walking speed by performing strength-training exercises as little as twice a week. Kuchel says research has shown nursing-home patients can benefit from a regular exercise routine.

It turns out mom was right when she told you eating your vegetables

would help build strong muscles.

"Eat a well-balanced diet," Kuchel advises. "Cut down on fats, eat more fruits and vegetables and grains. If you're overweight, lose weight. Adapt a regular, low-impact exercise program. Remember, you can lose muscle strength very quickly if you're sedentary, so keep moving. It's one of the most important things you can do."

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Creating a good environment for the development of character

We hear a lot about "character" education these days. We hear that a person of "character" is a good role model and citizen. We realize that a person with "good character" is a person who has what our society describes as "strong values."

But do we know the uniqueness of these "strong values?" Do we know what makes up the essence of character?

To answer these questions, let's consider what is known as the Pillars of Character.

- Trustworthiness —

- Be honest. Do not deceive, cheat or steal.
- Be reliable — Do what you say you will do.

- Be courageous — Do what is right, even when it's difficult.
- Be reputable — Build a good reputation.
- Be loyal — Stand by your family, friends, faith and country.

- Fairness — Play by the rules. Take turns, and share. Be open-minded. Listen to others

- Be judicious — Don't take advantage of others, and don't blame others recklessly.
- Respect — Live the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Be considerate of others' feelings. Be peaceful. Don't threaten, hit, insult or hurt others.

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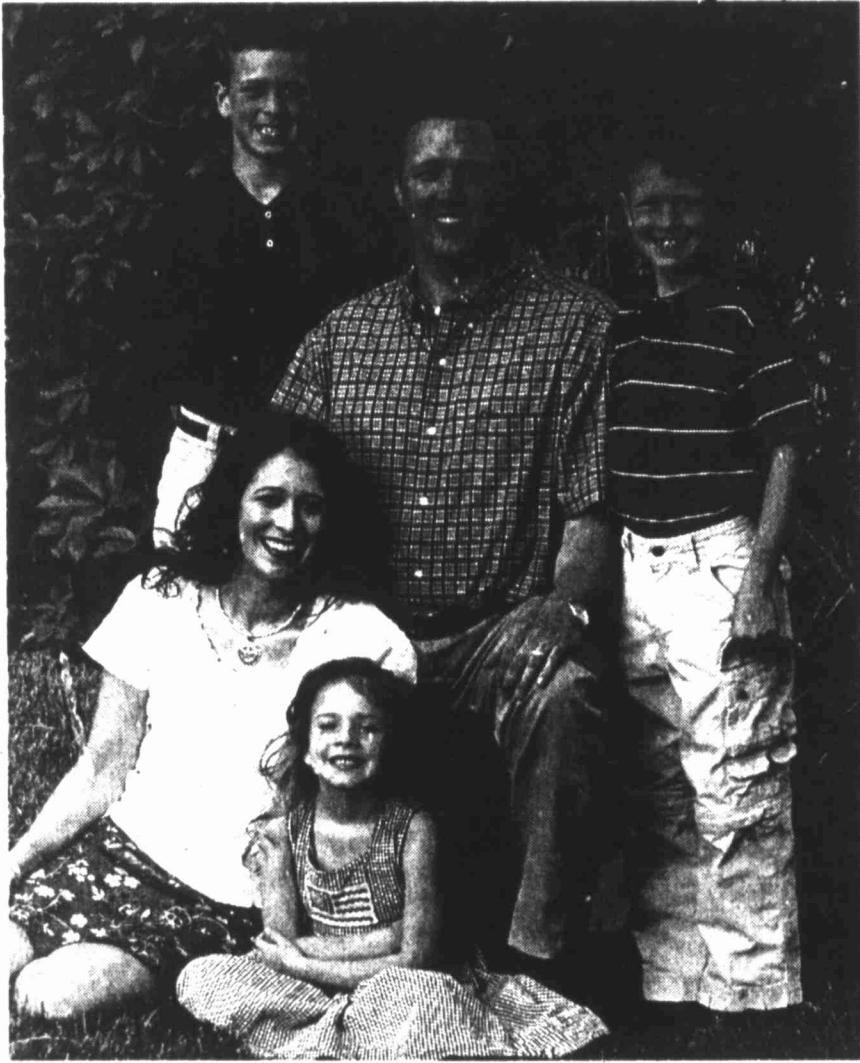
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'Crash' pulls off Oscar upset

By LYNN ELBER

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Play a real person enmeshed in wrenching drama, win an Academy Award.

It worked last year for Jamie Foxx in "Ray" and this time around for Reese Witherspoon's portrayal of June Carter Cash in "Walk the Line" and Philip Seymour Hoffman as the glory-hungry writer in "Capote."

Sunday's Oscars were anything but predictable, however, as the explosive race drama "Crash" denied "Brokeback Mountain" the best-picture Oscar — despite the gay Western love story's front-runner status and its best-director award for Ang Lee.

With six different films dividing up the top six Oscars, the ceremony hosted by first-timer Jon Stewart denied anyone unmitigated bragging rights.

Witherspoon, who joined co-star Joaquin Phoenix as country legend Johnny Cash in singing in the film, gave credit for her performance to her mother and grandmother.

"They taught me a lot and a lot of characteristics that a woman should have in life, and how tough women are and how strong we are," she said backstage. "And I feel like it really helped my performance with June, because I sort of came in with an innate knowledge of who she was as a woman."

Hoffman's performance captured Capote's charm and the author's self-serving style as he gathered material for his groundbreaking book, "In Cold Blood."

Asked what the late author would have thought of his portrayal, Hoffman said backstage: "He's a pretty elusive guy, so I don't know. I don't know. It depends on if he liked me or not and I don't know if he would."

"Crash," featuring an ensemble cast in intersecting story lines over a violent, disturbing 36-hour period in Los Angeles, was lifted by a late surge of praise that carried it over "Brokeback Mountain," which had won most



Producers Paul Haggis and Cathy Schulman pose with their Oscars for Best Picture, "Crash," at the 78th Annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, Calif., Sunday.

other key Hollywood honors.

"We are humbled by the other nominees in this category. You have made this year one of the most breathtaking and stunning maverick years in American cinema," said "Crash" producer Cathy Schulman.

The film was also honored for original screenplay by the film's director, Paul Haggis, and Bobby Moresco, and film editing. "Brokeback Mountain" captured best adapted screenplay for Larry McMurtry

("Lonesome Dove") and Diana Ossana, and musical score for Gustavo Santaolalla.

"I'm so proud of the movie," Lee said backstage, where he was asked if he was disappointed that "Brokeback Mountain" lost best picture and what might have kept it from winning.

"Why they didn't go for it I don't know. You're asking a question that I don't know the answer. ... Congratulations to the 'Crash' filmmakers." Front-runners usually prevail, but there have been some notable dark-horse winners at past Oscars. Underdogs that came away with best picture include "An American in Paris," "The Greatest Show on Earth" and "Oliver!"

Supporting-performer

Oscars on Sunday went to George Clooney in "Syriana" and Rachel Weisz in "The Constant Gardener."

Clooney's win capped an exceptional year in which he made Oscar history by becoming the first person nominated for acting in one movie and directing another. (The Edward R. Murrow tale "Good Night, and Good Luck" earned him directing and writing nominations.)

"Crash," an Oscar rarity that was shot outside the studio system on a meager \$6.5 million budget, became a solid box-office hit, grossing \$55 million domestically.

The cast of "Crash" includes supporting-actor nominee Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle, Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Thandie Newton, Chris "Ludacris"

Bridges, Jennifer Esposito and Ryan Phillippe.

Although Comedy Central's Stewart proved a relatively tame host, the ceremony was given a jolt of life by the raucous hip-hop tune "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" from "Hustle & Flow." The song, with expletive-laden lyrics edited for the ceremony, won the prize for best song. The song was written by the rap group Three 6 Mafia, consisting of Jordan Houston, Cedric Coleman and Paul Beauregard.

"You know what? I think it just got a little easier out here for a pimp," Stewart joked after the performance.

The stop-motion family tale "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" won the Oscar for best animated feature film. The Antarctic

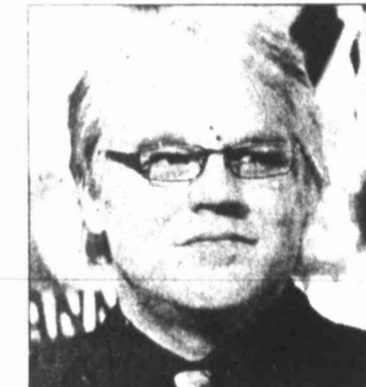
nature tale "March of the Penguins," a surprise smash at the box office, was honored as best documentary.

"King Kong," from "Lord of the Rings" creator Peter Jackson, won three Oscars, for visual effects, sound mixing and sound editing. The Japan drama "Memoirs of a Geisha" also earned three, for cinematography, costume design and art direction, while the fantasy epic "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" was picked for best makeup.

South Africa's drama "Tsotsi," based on Athol Fugard's novel about a young hoodlum reclaiming his own humanity, won for foreign-language film, beating the controversial Palestinian terrorism saga, "Paradise Now."



Reese Witherspoon
Best Actress



Philip Seymour Hoffman
Best Actor

Academy Award winners

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Best Picture: "Crash."

Actor: Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote."

Actress: Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line."

Supporting Actor: George Clooney, "Syriana."

Supporting Actress: Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener."

Director: Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain."

Foreign Film: "Tsotsi," South Africa.

Adapted Screenplay: Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana, "Brokeback Mountain."

Original Screenplay: Paul Haggis and Bobby Moresco, "Crash."

Animated Feature Film: "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

Art Direction: "Memoirs of a Geisha."

Cinematography: "Memoirs of a Geisha."

Sound Mixing: "King Kong."

Sound Editing: "King Kong."

Original Score: "Brokeback Mountain," Gustavo Santaolalla.

Original Song: "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" from "Hustle & Flow," Jordan Houston, Cedric Coleman and Paul Beauregard.

Costume: "Memoirs of a Geisha."

Documentary Feature: "March of the Penguins."

Documentary (short subject): "A Note of Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin."

Film Editing: "Crash."

Makeup: "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

Animated Short Film: "The Moon and the Son: An Imagined Conversation."

Live Action Short Film: "Six Shooter."

Visual Effects: "King Kong."

Oscar winners previously announced this year:

Honorary Academy Award: Robert Altman.

The Gordon E. Sawyer award for technical achievement (Oscar statuette): Gary Demos.

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IN BRIEF

KBSB golf tournament announced for month of April

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Spring Country Club. The tournament start at 9 a.m. cost \$60 per person. The tourney is a person scramble. For more information, contact the club at 267-534.

C.G.A. announces scramble for March 12

The Chicano Association will host its annual Membership Drive a four-person scramble — at Coma Trail Golf Course March 12. The tournament begins a shotgun at 10:30 a.m., teams must be entered by 10 a.m. will be refreshers served after the tournament as well. For more information, contact Pineda at 264-711.

Sweetwater Classic set for early May

The Sixth-Annual Sweetwater S Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 5-6 in Sweetwater. This tournament is open to boys and girls in age divisions and under the varsity divisions. For more information, contact Hatley at 1-80-6757.

Umpires needed for B.S. softball season

The Big Spring Softball Association is looking for umpires for upcoming seasons. Anyone interested in umpiring girls' ball games, contact Luci Ramirez at 466-3670.

Coahoma sets for alumni conference

The Coahoma Bulldogs will be holding their first alumni baseball game March 18 at 12:00 at the Coahoma ball field. For more information or to play, contact Donna Barr at 432-394-453 or Barr at 432-965-.

Coahoma sets for softball signups

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will hold registration for divisions in softball and T-ball. The signups will be held March 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 at the Coahoma Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The signups also take place on March 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 at 10 a.m. at the ball complex. The fee is \$10 for more info, contact Pat Robinson at 5622.

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IN BRIEF

KBSB golf touney announced for month of April

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Big Spring Country Club. The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and cost \$60 per person. The touney is a four-person scramble.

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

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The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its annual Membership Drive — a four-person scramble — at Comanche Trail Golf Course March 12.

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The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in umpiring girl's softball games, contact Luci Ramirez at 432-466-3670.

Coahoma sets date for alumni contest

The Coahoma Bulldogs will be hosting their first-ever alumni baseball game March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Coahoma baseball field.

For more information or to play, contact Donna Mansfield at 432-394-453 or Dutch Barr at 432-965-3408.

Coahoma sets dates for softball signups

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will begin registration for all divisions in softball and T-ball Thursday, March 16, at the Coahoma Community Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The signups will also take place March 17, March 21 and March 23 and each day will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tryouts and late signups will take place Saturday, March 25, beginning at 10 a.m. at the softball complex.

The fee is \$30 and for more info, contact Pat Robinson at 393-5622.

Niehues, Tubb win big honors in District 7-A

• Garden City's starting five makes all-district team

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Garden City junior Taylor Niehues and Grady sophomore Justin Tubb earned superlative District 7-A honors as the all-district squad was announced recently.

Niehues earned the district's offensive player of the year and Tubb was the league's defensive player of the year.

Garden City's four other starters made the all-district team as well.

Cory Multer, Shaun Maxie, Evan Jansa and Alex Halfmann all earned first-team honors for the district-winning Bearcats.

Grady's Josh Pugh was the Wildcats' only other selection, while Sands landed four — Santos Ybarra, Cevan Smithson, Garrett Nichols and Clemente Gomez — on the all-district squad.

Borden County's Austen Tarleton was voted as the District 7-A MVP, while Borden County's Jacob Froman was the Newcomer of the Year. Tarleton and Maxie were the top two voteget-

ters in the all-star selections and will play in the Six-man all-star game. Ybarra and Smithson are the first and third alternates, respectively, on the squad.

"Cade Halfmann was also the best stat keeper in the district in my opinion," said Garden City head coach Koby Abney. "His statistical excellence was just fabulous."

Controversy headlines Hawks' split against arch rival Midland

• Lady Chaps win on controversial run in seventh, Howard takes Game 2, 7-4

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Controversy played a big role in the Howard softball team's two-game split with No. 3 Midland College Saturday as the Hawks dropped Game 1, 2-1, but came back to snatch Game 2, 7-4.

The Lady Chaps won the first game in their final at-bat in the seventh inning, but not without some controversy attached to it.

Midland's Maritza Martinez was at second base with one out and Natalie Sergeeva at the plate. Sergeeva hit a little dribbler back to the mound, which was fielded by Howard sophomore pitcher Paige Ruiz.

Ruiz threw to second baseman Honda Rodriguez, who was covering first on the play. As Rodriguez fielded the ball, Sergeeva ran into her, knocking the ball loose.

Martinez came around to score the winning run from second. Howard head coach Kelly Raines argued that Sergeeva should have been called out for interference, but

the call wasn't overturned.

"Our fans were telling me the umpires were apparently saying foul ball the whole time, but nothing was called when Honda got plowed over," said Raines. "The crew wouldn't even talk to me about it after the game."

The Hawks led 1-0 in the first game through the five innings thanks to solid pitching from Ruiz and an RBI triple by freshman catcher Laura Lopez.

Midland came back to tie the game in the sixth as Kayla Hitchcock smashed her second home run of the season, a solo shot.

Ruiz drops to 7-3 on the mound, but could very well be 9-1 after two tough losses this weekend to Midland and No. 7 Odessa. She pitched the compete game, gave up just five hits, but walked five, while striking out five.

"She pitched well enough to win again," said Raines. "We didn't hit like we usually do either."

Midland starting pitcher Elizabeth Oberst improved to 8-1 on the year with the win.

The Hawks got just four hits at the plate. Lopez' triple scored Alisha Rams, who singled in the

fifth. Ruiz and Abby Wilson each had a hit as well.

"You hate to lose in the seventh inning on a stupid play, but we just need to not make the game close when we play on the road."

Well, the game wasn't really close in the second game as the Hawks scored five runs in the top of the sixth and handed Midland its first conference loss and its first defeat in the last 16 games.

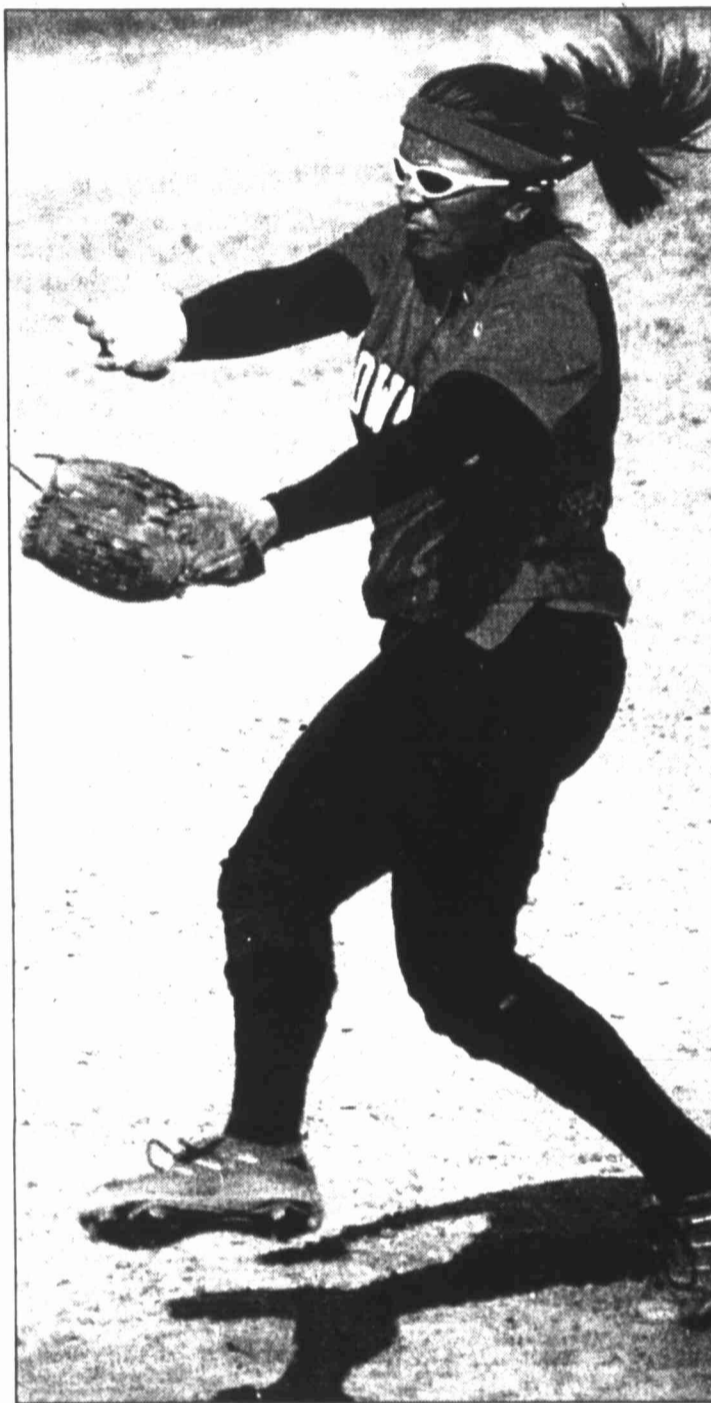
"We knew what we had to do," said Raines. "We had to come back and make sure the calls couldn't hurt us. We showed character and a lot of fight."

Howard jumped out on Midland early in Game 2 as Lopez crushed a two-run home run in the first inning, scoring Rodriguez, who was hit by a pitch to start the game. It was Lopez' third home run of the season.

Midland got three runs in the third to go up by one run. April Haywood delivered a two-run double. The Lady Chaps added another run in the fourth with a Sergeeva RBI single.

Howard refused to stop scoring runs, however. It scored five runs in the

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard sophomore Paige Ruiz gets ready to deliver a pitch to the plate during action at Foundation Field early this year. The Hawk women split with No. 3 Midland Saturday and remain in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. The loss by the Lady Chaps ended their 15-game winning streak.

Miller, Billalba lead BSHS golf squads

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Big Spring girl's golf team remained in eighth place at the Midland Invitational Saturday after shooting a two-round total of 780.

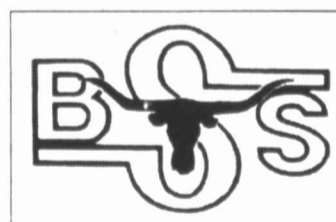
Megan McCormick had the day's best round, but couldn't move past Amber Miller for team honors. McCormick shot a second-round 92 and finished with a 189, which was four shots behind Miller's 185. Miller shot a 95 in Round 2.

Cassie Guinn shot two consistent rounds of 94 and 95 and finished tied with McCormick with a 189. Joy Seay finished with a 217 and Porscha Knowlton added a 237.

The Snyder girl's ran away with the team title and placed two golfers in the top three overall. The Lady Tigers finished with a 638, which was 36 strokes better than second place Andrews black.

Chandra Alexander of Snyder won the individual title with a 151. Her teammate, Shannon Mangis, placed third with a 159.

Monahans took third with a 729 and Andrews' gold team was fourth with a 750. Sweetwater



rounded out the top five and Big Spring's District 4-4A rival Frenship placed 15th. Addison Long of Andrews' black team was second overall with a 155 and a second-round 75.

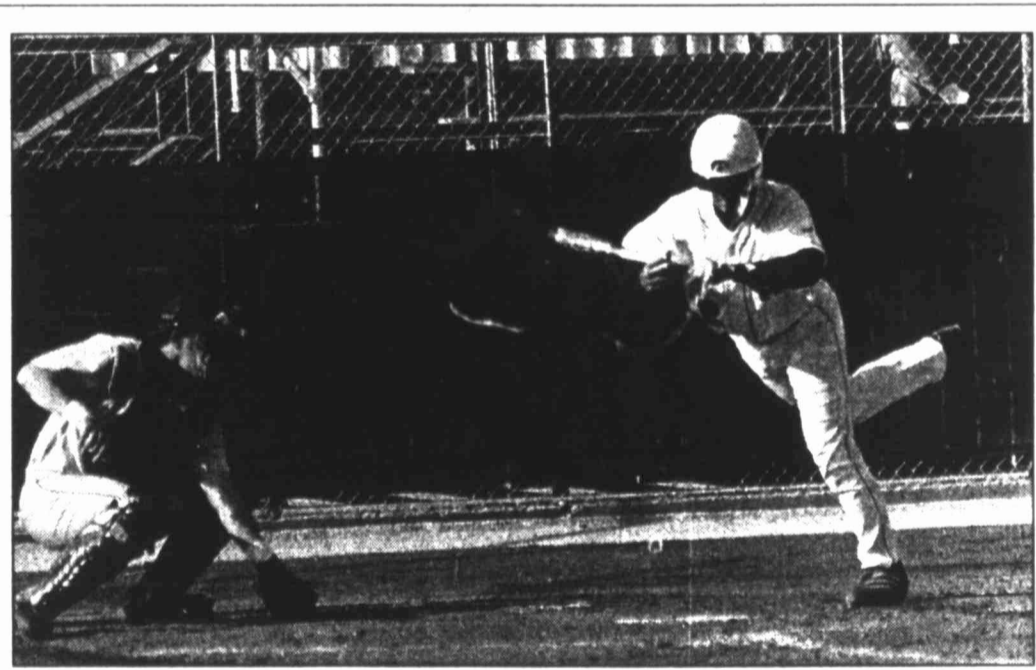
BSHS boy's golf at Andrews

ANDREWS — The Big Spring boy's golf team placed 20th overall at the Andrews Invitational this weekend.

The Steers were led by seniors Tommy Billalba and Chance Cain. Billalba held team honors with a 161, while Cain shot a 164. Senior Brian Hale came in third with a 191. Blaze Carroll added a 198, while Jared Wilkerson shot a 202.

Midland Lee defeated Amarillo High by four strokes to take the team title, finishing with a 602. El Paso Coronado came in third with a 616 and Plainview and Frenship finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard catcher Ryan Prutt, right, gets out of the way of a pitch in the dirt Saturday during the Hawks' doubleheader sweep of Weatherford at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks travel to Lubbock to take on the Lubbock Christian JV today.

Coahoma ends tourney with win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Coahoma baseball team got a strong pitching performance from freshman Donnie Garcia and stole 10 bases Saturday and finished the Sweetwater Tournament with an 8-1 win over Class 3A Merkel.

"Overall, it was just a good effort," said Coahoma head coach Brad Harman.

Garcia threw all six innings — game was cut short due to a time limit — and allowed just one

run on six and struck out eight, while walking none.

"Donnie did a good job of keeping the ball low and got some easy outs," said Harman.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead with four runs in the second inning and then added at least one run (two in the fifth) in the next three innings and cruised to the win. Merkel got its only run in the fourth.

Senior Tad White led Coahoma (4-4) with two hits, three RBIs, three stolen bases and one run.

Blaine Kerby went one-for-three with two runs and three stolen bases, while Jason Gonzales had a hit, an RBI and scored a run.

The Bulldogs, who had eight hits in the game, got Collin McMillan back from a knee injury and he was two-for-three with a double and a run.

"We had guys get hits at the right time today and our defense played tons better," said Harman.

Coahoma finished 2-1 in the tournament and will travel to Wall Tuesday for a 4 p.m. game.

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Bulldogettes fare well against large schools at Killeen

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
KILLEEN — The Coahoma softball team faced some stiff competition at the Killeen Tournament this past weekend, but still managed to get three wins in six games.

The Bulldogettes, who are ranked No. 8 in Class 2A in the latest poll, defeated Fredericksburg, Class 5A Killeen Shoemaker and Class 5A Bastrop and lost to Class 4A ranked Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Class 4A Lampasas and Celina.

Coahoma (7-3) took down Fredericksburg in the team's first game of the tournament Friday, 4-0.

Senior Kali Roberts pitched the first five innings and got the win on the mound as she gave up just one hit and struck out four. Junior Ami Martinez threw the final inning (the game ended after six innings due to a time limit) and struck out one batter.

Coahoma scored two runs in the second inning and one each in the fourth and fifth frames.

Roberts doubled to lead Coahoma at the plate and senior Ashle New got the other hit and scored a run in the fifth. Sophomore Christie Rich and senior Drew Wells each scored a run in the second and freshman Laci Sterling added a run in the fourth.

Cody Trahan was too much for the Bulldogettes in Coahoma's loss to Little Cypress-Mauriceville in Game 2. Trahan, who will attend LSU next season, didn't allow a hit and walked just one as Coahoma lost, 5-0.

Senior Sarah Dunn pitched six innings and took the loss on the mound, but didn't pitch bad, according to Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. She gave up five hits and struck out three and only three of the five runs were earned.

"They are a just a really good team and that pitcher will probably be the best arm we see all year," said Dickenson.

Sophomore Krista Kerby got the walk for Coahoma.

Coahoma lost 2-1 to Lampasas in the final game Friday. Lampasas scored both runs in the top of the seventh, but due to a time limit, Coahoma did not get to bat in the final inning.

"The first three games of the tourney had drop dead time limits," said Dickenson.

Roberts pitched and took the loss for Coahoma as she gave up four hits and struck out three. She also had one of the Bulldogettes' six hits.

The other five hits came from five different batters — Janice Gonzales, Ashle New, Liz Conley, Drew Wells and Sarah Dunn.

Conley had an RBI single and Dunn doubled. New scored the only run of the game for Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes beat the host team in the first game Saturday as they took down Killeen Shoemaker, 7-0.

The Bulldogettes scored two in the first, three in the second and two in the fifth inning.

Roberts pitched the first three innings and got the win. She gave up no runs on four hits. Martinez earned the save as threw the final three innings. She gave up no hits and struck out two.

Martinez also led the Bulldogettes at the plate with two runs and two hits. New had two singles and scored a run, while Kerby added a single and two runs. Dunn doubled and scored, Sterling tripled and scored and Roberts and Gonzales each singled.

Coahoma defeated Bastrop, 5-1, in Saturday's second game. The Bulldogettes scored one run in the first, three in the second and one in the fourth.

Dunn pitched all six innings and got the win. She gave up just two hits and struck out eight, while walking two.

Martinez had two singles and two runs to lead Coahoma at the plate. Gonzales had two singles and Conley, Dunn and Kerby all singled as well. Dunn also scored two runs.

Coahoma pretty much ran out of gas in the final game of the tournament and lost 7-2 to Celina. Both Coahoma runs were scored in the first inning, but a three-run third for Celina was enough to get the win.

"The score doesn't indicate how close the game was," said Dickenson. "We made a mistake in the field in the third, otherwise it would have been about 4-2."

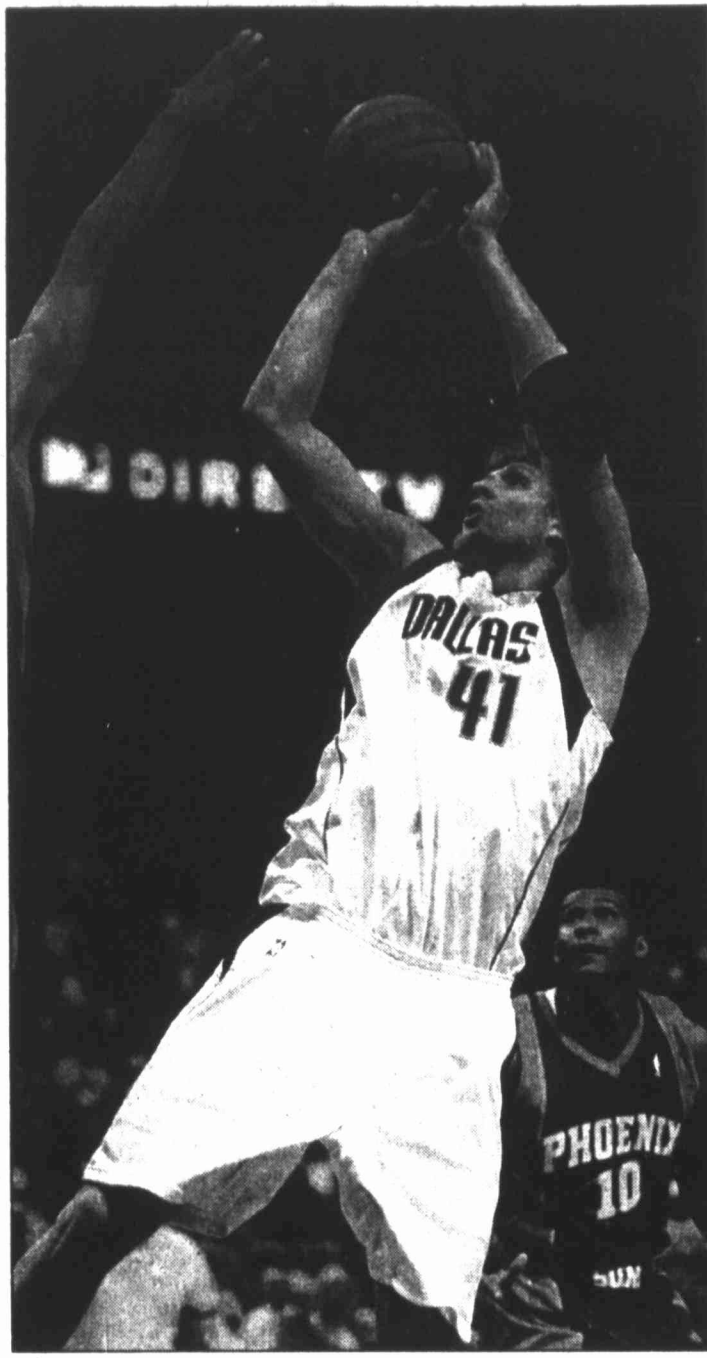
Roberts took the loss on the mound as she did not have her best stuff, allowing seven runs on nine hits and striking out three.

"I just think she got a bit tired," said Dickenson. "It was her second game of the day where she pitched and the final game of the tournament. Celina got a lot of bloopers at the plate, but it was a good team."

Coahoma has played 10 games this year and had just three practices as a team, but finished second in the Division II pool.

"Considering the circumstances so far this year, I thought the girls played well in the tournament," said Dickenson. "It was happy and it was good for us to play bigger schools and tougher teams."

The Bulldogettes travel to Arlington for a tournament and will play three games Thursday and three Saturday.



KRT photo/Jeffery Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Mavericks center Dirk Nowitzki gets a shot off over Shawn Marion of the Phoenix Suns during first half action. The Suns defeated the Mavericks, 115-107, at American Airlines Center in Dallas Sunday.

Dallas continues win streak against Hawks

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Arnett scored twice and Jere Lehtinen and Brenden Morrow each had a goal and two assists as the Dallas Stars extended their unbeaten streak against Chicago to 13 games with a 7-2 win over the Blackhawks Sunday night.

The Stars haven't lost to Chicago since Jan. 20, 2002, going 11-0-2 against the Blackhawks during the span.

Jussi Jokinen, Niklas Hagman and Martin Skoula also scored for the Stars, who have won two straight after dropping three in a row.

Marty Turco made 18 saves and improved to 10-0-1 against Chicago.

Mark Bell and Rene Bourque scored for Chicago, which has lost five of six.

Rookie goalie Adam Munro started for the Blackhawks but was replaced by Craig Anderson at 4:52 of the second after allowing three goals on 11 shots. Anderson gave up four goals on 17 shots.

The Stars scored on two of their first three shots to take a 2-0 lead in the opening 5:59.

Jokinen fired a 20-foot

backhand over Munro's right shoulder at 4:44. Hagman made it 2-0 just 1:15 later when he was left uncovered in the slot and swept in Sergei Zubov's feed from behind the net.

Skoula's power-play goal at 4:52 of the second stretched the lead to 3-0. He beat Munro on the glove side from just inside the blue line on Dallas' 11th shot.

Anderson replaced Munro after the goal.

Bell cut it to 3-1 at 7:58 with his 20th goal, scored on a 5-on-3 power-play. He ripped a high shot past Turco from inside the left point.

Lehtinen was credited with making it 4-1 at 10:16 when his shot from the right-wing boards deflected in off the stick of Chicago rookie defenseman Duncan Keith.

Morrow made it 5-1 at 6:11 with his 20th goal. He pounced on a loose puck just outside the crease. Arnett gave the Stars a five-goal lead with 7:59 left.

Bourque's power-play goal made it 6-2 1:32 later. Arnett's 5-on-3 power-play goal with 4:39 remaining completed the scoring.

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Landon Waters of Frenship took first place individually with a 142, edging out Midland's Tommy Sikes, who fin-

ished with a 143. Ben Hargis of Amarillo was third with a 146.

Both Big Spring golf teams will play again this weekend. The boys will play in San Angelo, while the girls will travel to Andrews.

scored two runs. Rams doubled in the sixth and scored a run. Dickson and Kendra Corbin each got one hit, scored one run and had one RBI. Sophomore Amanda Kuramata got an RBI hit in the sixth, while Ruiz scored a run and had an RBI.

"Midland's a good team and we feel good about how we played this weekend," said Raines.

The Hawks take over second place in the Western Junior College

Athletic Conference with the split. They are 16-6 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

Midland is 9-1 after getting its 15-game winning streak snapped and Odessa College has three losses inside the league.

The Hawks' doubleheader against Vernon scheduled for today has been cancelled.

Howard returns to conference play this weekend as it travels to Clarendon Friday and to Frank Phillips Saturday.

Suns battle back, ends Mavs' streak

DALLAS (AP) — After completing his second career triple-double, Phoenix Suns center Boris Diaw credited his defense for his strong play.

Diaw had 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and helped limit Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki to three points in the fourth quarter as the Suns extended their winning streak to a season-high 10 games with a 115-107 victory over the Mavericks on Sunday.

"Right now the best part of my game is my defense," said the 6-foot-8 Diaw, who had his hands full guarding the 7-0 Nowitzki. "I'm always guarding players who are bigger and stronger so I try to use my quickness."

Steve Nash had 25 points and 11 assists, Shawn Marion had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Leandro Barbosa scored 20 points to help the Suns end the Mavericks' club-record 16-game home winning streak.

Nowitzki had 25 points and nine rebounds, but went 1-for-5 from the field in the final quarter.

"They adjusted and double-teamed me," Nowitzki said. "I've got to do a better job finding the open man. More than anything, we know now we need a little more consistency for longer stretches."

Marquis Daniels added 22 points and Jason Terry had 21 points for the Mavericks, who have lost two of three after winning 19 of 20. The two recent losses have come against Western Conference powers San Antonio and Phoenix.

"We can't panic," Daniels said. "We still feel confident of where we are. All good things must come to an end. We've got to start a new (home winning streak)."

Five consecutive points from Diaw put the Suns ahead for good at 102-100 with 4:07 left.

Barbosa's layup with 2:57 left and Nash's 3-

pointer with 2:25 remaining extended the lead to 107-100.

Dallas got within 109-107 on Terry's 3-pointer with 1:01 left.

However, Marion converted a layup, Raja Bell and Nash hit two free throws each and the Suns finished the game with a 27-12 spurt over the final 8:31.

Barbosa, Tim Thomas and Eddie House came off the bench to outscore Dallas' reserves 16-2 in the fourth quarter, helping the Suns rally from a 13-point third-quarter deficit.

"Our energy was great in the fourth quarter," Nash said. "The second unit ... came in and gave us a big lift. We had greater activity, primarily defensively. We made a lot of plays and played a lot stickier, scrapped a little more."

Dallas was without Josh Howard (hamstring), Keith Van Horn (sprained knee) and Devin Harris (thigh).

Van Horn will be out for at least two weeks while Howard and Harris are listed as day-to-day.

Mavericks coach Avery Johnson had to go deeper into his bench, starting Daniels and giving seldom-used Darrell Armstrong 11 minutes.

"Guys get hurt and other guys have got to pull their weight and pick up the slack," Dallas' Adrian Griffin said. "We don't make excuses. Obviously we are better when everyone is healthy."

Phoenix remains without injured inside players Amare Stoudemire (knee), Kurt Thomas (foot stress fracture) and Brian Grant (knee).

Dallas closed the first half with a 13-4 run for a 62-51 lead at the break.

The Mavericks held a 42-20 edge in points in the paint in the first half, but the Suns had a 28-26 inside scoring advantage in the second half.

Dallas finished with a season-high 68 points in the paint.

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sixth inning on three hits and two Midland errors. Midland starter Chelsea Nelson was removed from the mound after giving up four of the five runs in the inning.

The fifth run was scored off Marina Poddubskaya's wild pitch.

Howard starter Nicole Dickson got the win on the mound, but was taken

out after the Lady Chaps loaded the bases in the sixth. Ruiz came on and got the Hawks out of the jam and was awarded the save after also pitching the seventh.

Dickson improved to 6-1 as she gave up four earned runs on nine hits and walked one. Ruiz gave up no hits in two innings and recorded one strikeout and one walk.

Besides the jump-starting home run, Lopez got another hit at the plate and walked once. She also

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someone
breaks a promise to you,
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retaliate by doing the
same. Your second
instinct is to forgive and
immediately forget. Your
third instinct is to
confront. Go with that
one.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). Your demeanor with
loved ones has a huge
impact on what happens
next. It is up to you to set
the standard of behavior.
This may seem unfair,
but hey, you're the better
leader — it comes with
the territory.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). As you are looking
into an ongoing conflict,
the stars will reveal a
window where there
previously was a closed
door. Don't worry, you
can still keep your
opinion while at the same
time leaving room for
someone else's.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). You learned to share
as a 2-year-old and will
continue the practice into
your old age. So, it's
amusing to you when
jealous people guard their
spoils as if they were the
only ones capable of
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Today feels like going
home — partly because
many Leos are actually
going home, and partly
because you're returning
to things that made you
feel comfortable at a very
young age.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
When a person is gloomy,
everything goes wrong;
when a person is
cheerful, it all goes right.
Speak of solutions,
directing your energy
toward the bright
tomorrows that you
would like to create.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Be mindful of what's
really going on, which
has more to do with body
language and less to do
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
When a person is gloomy,
everything goes wrong;
when a person is
cheerful, it all goes right.
Speak of solutions,
directing your energy
toward the bright
tomorrows that you
would like to create.

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really going on, which
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ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "I saw
Beyoncé on a music
awards show where
Usher was singing to her,
and the chemistry
between them seemed
more palpable to me than
between her and Jay-Z. I
did some research and
found that she's a Virgo
with lots of Libra
influence, Jay-Z is a Sag
and Usher is a Libra.
When I quickly looked at
the synastry, the planets
seemed to suggest a
strong connection
between Beyoncé and
Usher, too. What do you
think about this? Also,
he's closer to her age —
Jay-Z seems more of the
'father figure,' in a way.

Do you think the father-
figure influence is what
draws Beyoncé to Jay-Z? I
know that they are
engaged now, but I'm not
sure I think this is a
great long-term
relationship for her.
What do you think?"

I think you're on to
something with the
father-figure reference.
Sagittarius men like Jay-
Z are very worldly, which
is a nice contrast to
Beyoncé's Virgo view of
the world, which can be
innocent (the word
"Virgo" and "virgin"
share the same root). I
also think Beyoncé and
Usher are strictly
platonic. The Libran
influence in their charts
gives them amazing
harmony that we all can
take pleasure in through
listening to their music.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:
Charming Freddie Prinze
Jr. knows how to woo
both his fans and his
personal loves, like wife
Sarah Michelle Gellar, so
that they are all
committed to him
forever. Piscean depth is
irresistible. 2006 will
bring him more time on
the silver screen with a
character he can
temporarily lose himself
inside. I also see Prinze
making a lifelong
commitment to
something new —
fatherhood.

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Annie's Mailbox •
: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a
widowed, 70-year-old
great-grandmother. I
consider myself an
interesting, outgoing
person. I have two
children, one of whom is
married with children of
his own. I even have two
great-grandchildren now.
We've always been very
close, gathering a few
times each year to
celebrate holidays and
birthdays.

The last gathering was
in my married son's
home. As everyone was
entering the dining room,
my daughter-in-law
quietly told me to eat in
the kitchen, as there was
not enough room at the
dining room table. Not
wanting to ruin the
party, I did as I was told.
As I ate, I could hear the
laughter and the murmur
of voices from the other
room where everyone
was enjoying themselves.

When I finished eating,
I waited in the den for
the others. After birthday
cake had been served to
those at the table, my
daughter-in-law came and
told me that two family
members had left, so
there was room for me
now. I politely declined
because I was afraid that
I would have to tell
everyone where I'd been
and it could have caused
a scene.

The next day, I phoned
my daughter and told her
what happened. She was
shocked and said she
assumed I'd had a
headache and was
avoiding the noise. Then
she added that all
evening there had been
an empty chair next to
her at the table.

I cannot figure out why
my daughter-in-law did



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

this. We've had no
disagreement, and she
was friendly when she
saw me. So, Annie, if my
son asks, should I tell
him why I ate in the
kitchen? Also, should I
attend future events in
his home, or find an
excuse to stay home? —
No Room at the Table in
L.A.

Dear No Room: My, my,
my. Grandma is relegated
to the kitchen while
everyone else eats on the
good china? For shame.
And by the way, if your
daughter thought you
were ill, why didn't she
check on you all evening?

Yes, if your son asks,
tell him the truth, but do
so without bitterness or
accusations. You need to
find out what's going on
before you decide about
future family events. And
if there is a good
explanation, we'd
certainly like to hear it.

Dear Annie: My 23-year-
old son, "Tom," and his
girlfriend, "Angie," live
with us. Tom works part
time, and his father and I
have given him a truck,
but he refuses to
contribute money toward
the household expenses

and won't allow Angie to
get a job. He also doesn't
follow the house rules.
Recently, Tom has started
charging stuff on my
accounts.

Tom used to be
involved with hard drugs.
He seems to be off them,
but now a doctor has
prescribed three different
kinds of medicine, and
we have no insurance to
pay for them. Tom is a
big guy with a temper,
and I fear if I tell him to
leave, he may hurt me.
He's roughed me up in
the past. Please help. —
Tom's Mother

Dear Mother: You need
to get Tom out of the
house and take away his
access to your accounts.
He not only is taking
advantage of you
financially, he is also
abusive. And if he has
roughed you up in the
past, he likely has done
the same (or will) to
Angie. She needs you to
stand up to him so she
can find the strength to
do the same. Call the
National Domestic
Violence Hotline at 1-800-
799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233),
and ask for help before
you do anything.

Dear Annie: I loved the
letter from "Dr. R.M.,"
the black physician from
Haiti who said, "The only
race is the human one."

I've always said we are
like jellybeans — all
different colors on the
outside, but the same
ingredients on the inside.
— M.B.

Dear M.B.: And
apparently sweet and
gooey, too. Thanks.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Well, okay, Jeffy. You can come along as an apprentice."

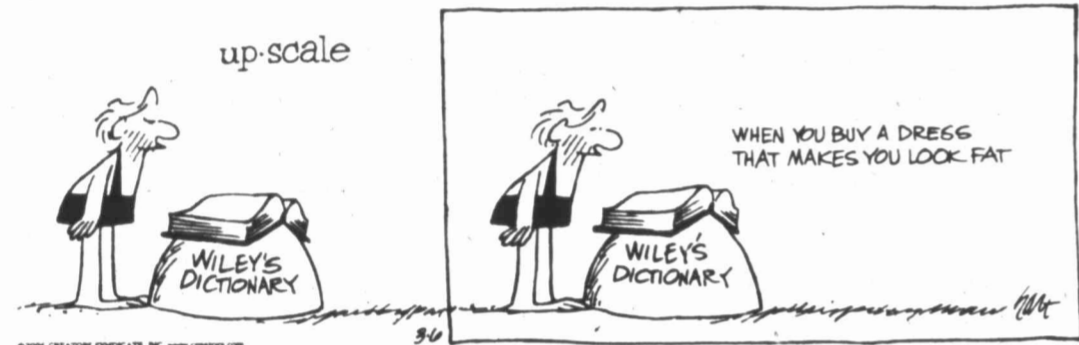
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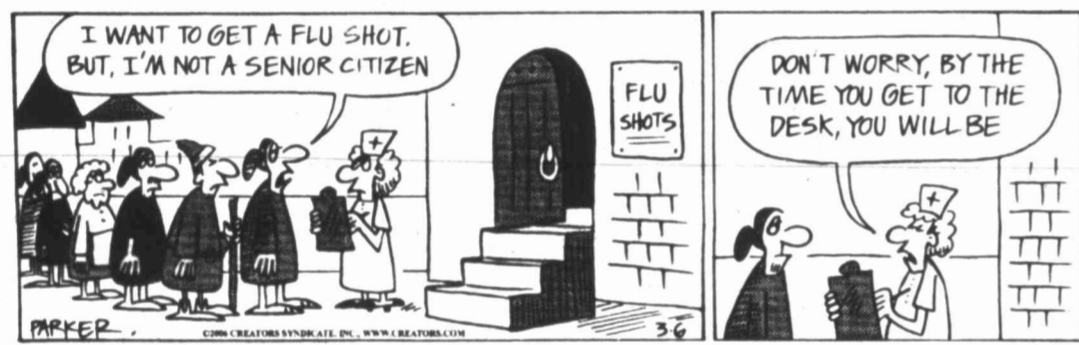
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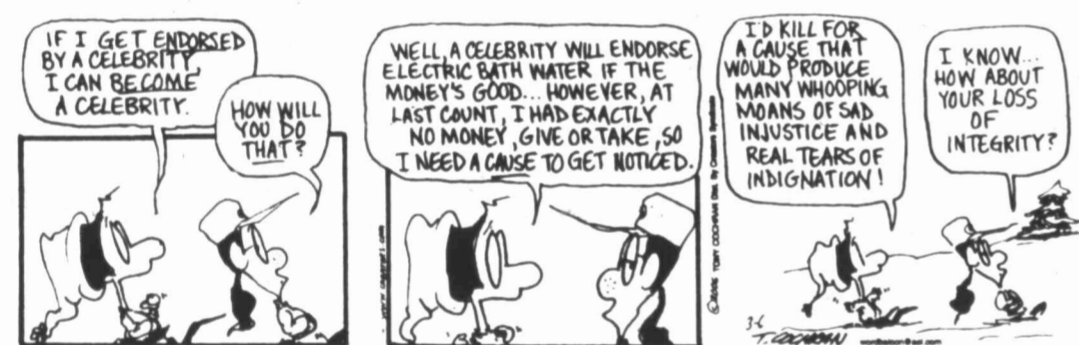
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This Date In History

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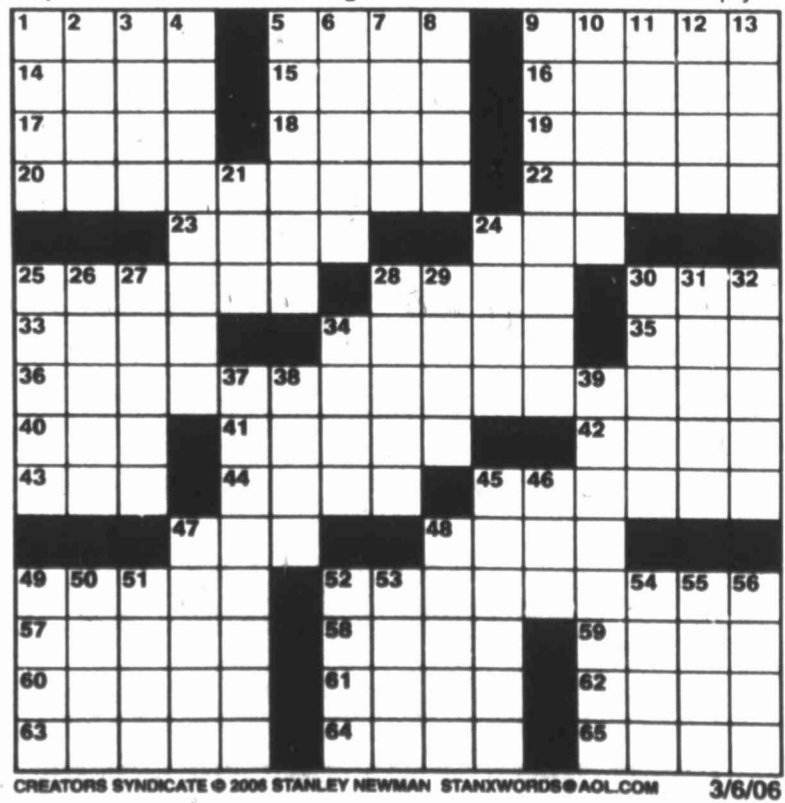
In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on Berlin during World War II. In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana. In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

Newsday Crossword

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Award play to stage

By ANDREIA MEDLI Staff Writer

Following a successful weekend during Texas Community College Theater Festival in Stephenville, Howard College theater department is bringing its award-winning play 'Boys Next Door' to the stage in Big Spring.

Levee fixes falling short, experts warn

By JOBY WARRICK

The Washington Post reports that the Army Corps of Engineers' reconstruction project for the Mississippi River levee system is falling short of expectations. Experts warn that the rebuilt levees will be substantially weaker than before Hurricane Katrina.

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