



Big Spring State Hospital adding beds, employees

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital is hiring 49 additional employees to care for 24 more patients being added to the hospital's census to help alleviate system-wide overcrowding in the state's mental health facilities.

The Department of State Health Services operates 10 state psychiatric hospitals, including Big Spring State Hospital, which provides care for people from 58 counties in West Texas. The 24 additional beds, expected to be available

by June 1, will increase the hospital census from 146 to 170 beds, said Big Spring State Hospital Chief Executive Officer Ed Moughon.

Big Spring State Hospital and all other state mental hospitals have been running over-capacity for several months.

"Expansion of Big Spring State Hospital was needed primarily to help reduce the high



Moughon

BY THE NUMBERS

Additional employees: 49

Additional beds: 24

Budget hike: \$1.7 million

census at Terrell State Hospital," Moughon said.

The psychiatric hospital's staff will increase from 550 to almost 600.

Advertisements for the 49 additional positions began earlier this month. The hospital is recruiting physicians, nurses,

therapists, social workers and other direct care workers.

Moughon said the patients moving to Big Spring State Hospital likely will require longer hospitalizations and special programs to prepare for their return to the community.

"They will be forensic patients who will be referred by state district courts, and they require a different level of care. But we believe Big Spring State Hospital is well-qualified to provide these specialty services," he said.

The additional staff and

expense of caring for the additional patients will boost the hospital's operating budget by \$2 million to roughly \$21.7 million, Moughon estimated.

He emphasized that the increase in beds, patients and dollars at Big Spring State Hospital are not increases in the 10-hospital system, but rather are shifts in capacity numbers, patients and budget dollars within the system.

Big Spring State Hospital was founded in 1938 and is Howard County's second largest employer.

Hamlins named conservation ranchers of the year



John Wayne Metcalf, left, a director for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District, congratulates L.G. Hamlin, center, and Kevin Hamlin after they were named conservation ranchers of the year at the district's banquet Tuesday night.

Howard SWCD holds annual recognition banquet Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Two area ranchers who adapted to changing times were the top honorees at the annual Howard Soil and Water Conservation Banquet, held Tuesday night at La Posada Restaurant.

L.E. and Kevin Hamlin of Hamlin Cattle Co. were named Conservation Ranchers of the Year at the banquet, which is held every year to honor top conservationists among area agriculture producers.

The Hamlin's ranch has been in operation since the 1900s, and the family has had to adapt to changing economic and ecological conditions, said John Wayne Metcalf, a director for the conservation district.

For example, drought

conditions in the 1980s forced to Hamlins to liquidate their cow herd and switch to yearlings. The family also has adopted conservation techniques to deal with the sometime-harsh climate of West Texas, Metcalf said.

"They realize that ranching in a low-rainfall area makes it extremely important to maintain the health of their native pastures," Metcalf said.

"They have worked to accomplish this by engaging in an extensive brush management program that also includes grazing deferments and reseeding of disturbed rangelands with native grasses."

These practices have helped improve the amount and quality of native grasses on the

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Bailey, Gainey are BSHS top graduates for 2005

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School has announced its top two graduates for the Class of 2005.

Class valedictorian is Brennan Bailey, while salutatorian honors go to Paige Gainey.

Bailey, who plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biomedical engineering, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, as well as



Bailey



Gainey

being named to the National Society of High School Scholars and the National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine.

In addition, she has been honored with the Optimist Club Youth Award, the Governor's Academic Excellence Award and the HOBY Leadership

Award.

She is active in the BSHS student council, Spanish Club, Key Club, speech and debate team and the high school choir.

In sports, she was a regional tournament qualifier in golf in 2003-04 and was a member of the volleyball team.

Gainey, who plans to attend Angelo State University with a pre-med major, is a three-year National Honor Society member as well as a member of both the BSHS Spanish Club and Key Club.

In four years as a member of the high school band, she was a section leader for three years, as well as qualifying for the all-area and all-region band. She also lettered in cross-country and UIL academics.

The BSHS Class of 2005 will hold commencement exercises May 27 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Texas trails the nation in insurance coverage

By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Minnesota has the lowest percentage of adults without health insurance of any state and Texas has the highest, according to a study released

Wednesday.

The study was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which seeks to promote health coverage for all Americans. It noted that a significant portion of the uninsured in the country are employed.

"There is an old image that people who are uninsured don't work or are on public assistance," said Stuart Scheer, a foundation employee. "That's never really been accurate and is complete-

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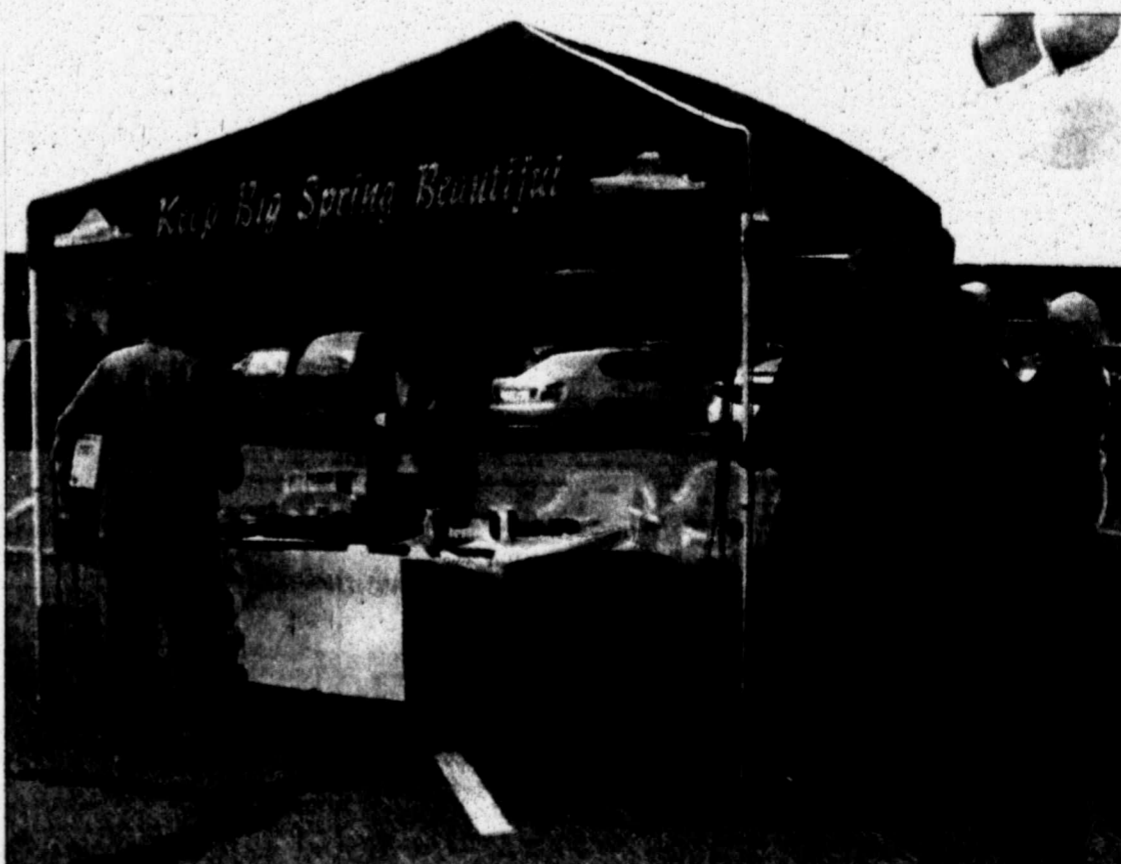
AMERICAN PROFILE



The terrible twos were multiplied by six in the Headrick household. Fortunately, Sondra and Eldon got some help babysitting, feeding and potty

training Danielle, Ethan, Grant, Jaycie, Melissa and Sean from nurturing neighbors in Rago, Kan. (pop. 18). "At first I called them volunteers," says Sondra, 36, "but now they're our family."

FUNDS FOR BEAUTIFICATION



Keep Big Spring Beautiful's first community-wide flea market Saturday in the Big Spring Mall parking lot proved to be a big success, with 25 booths of goods that dozens of people frequented. The event was such a success the group is considering offering another in the fall or in the spring of 2006. Keep Big Spring Beautiful has a regular meeting at noon Monday at the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

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Obituaries

Peggy Kirby



Peggy Kirby, 66, of Big Spring died Monday, April 25, 2005, at her home. Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Curtis Tomlin of Killeen officiating.

She was born Oct. 10, 1938, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. She married Franklin Kirby, July 15, 1956, in Big Spring. She had worked as a registered nurse for Malone-Hogan

Hospital and Medical Arts Hospital. She was a Baptist. She is survived by her husband, Franklin Kirby of Big Spring; one son, John Gibson of San Marcus; one brother, Jim Hayworth and wife, Harriet of Big Spring; stepmother, Edna Hayworth of Big Spring; one niece; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin O. Hayworth and Ann Demicho Hayworth.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Callie Bennet



Callie Bennett, 75, of Big Spring died at 10:12 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2005, at the home of her daughter in The Colony. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Dec. 12, 1929, in Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1946 and attended Howard County Junior College. She worked in nursing for several years, the Howard County Insurance Agency, and B&M Bail Bond until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by one daughter, Debbie Parker of The Colony; one son, Jerry Bennett of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

Family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Missionary Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721.

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

Ed Sternadel



Ed Sternadel, 59, of Big Spring died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 21, 1946, in Wichita Falls. He was a veteran of the US Navy,

having served in the Panama Crisis. He had worked for the City of Big Spring for three years as animal control officer.

He is survived by his wife, Therese Sternadel of Big Spring; three daughters, Lynn Creswell and Linda Billington, both of Big Spring and Lisha Vega of Tahoka; one son, Clint Wills of Big Spring; father, Ed Sternadel Sr., of Scotland, Texas; one sister, Cecilia Hoskins of Paris, Texas; three brothers, Larry Sternadel of Winthorpe, Paul Sternadel of Lake Ivie and Tommy Sternadel of Breckenridge; and eight grandchildren.

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

Eva May Shanks

Eva May Shanks, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• **RSVP ANNUAL VOLUNTEER BANQUET** Thursday. Contact Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

• **BAUER MAGNET SCHOOL SPRING FLING** is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday. There will be booths and frito pies and nachos. Call the school at 264-4121 for more information.

• **MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA SPRING CARNIVAL** is set for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. and remain open until 7:15 p.m. A silent auction and door prizes will also begin at 5:30 p.m. Booths are open from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. There are about 18 booths.

• **"A SPRING GALA" WITH THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY AND CHORALE** is set for Saturday. Contact the symphony office, 263-4033 for more information.

• **AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY FAJITA COOK-OFF** is set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Judging is at 11 a.m. and lunch will begin at noon. Entry for teams is \$10 and lunch is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES**, 19, 2610 Langley St., was arrested on local warrants.

• **BYRON PATRICK PAYNE**, 19, 1509 Stadium St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and local warrants.

• **JOE MICHAEL CANALES**, 24, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 242, was arrested on local warrants.

• **CURTIS WILLIAM POTTS**, 44, 1314 Birdwell Lane, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention/vehicle.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 900 block of Gregg Street.

• **FORGERY** was reported on the 3000 block of Highway 80.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported on the 800 block of 11th Place and the 500 block of State Street.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 1800 block of Gregg Street, and the 300 block of Owens Street.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported on the 800 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **JAMESON LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 29, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after his arrest on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **TERI LOUISE NALL**, 47, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **VANESSA M. CALDERON**, 21, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

• **NANNIE SHERIE LYDIA**, 21, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 7000 block of Interstate 20 North Service Road.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 3100 block of Highway 87 and in Coahoma.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on Knott Field Road and the 1300 block of Jeffrey Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the intersection of 16th Street and Airbase Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1600 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported on the 400 block of S. Bell Street. The fire was extinguished.

Support groups

• **THURSDAY**
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

• The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
• RSVP annual Volunteer Banquet. Contact Nancy Jones at 264-2397.
• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Ackerly Lunch Bunch meets at 10:30 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 400 E. Fourth St., with lunch beginning at noon. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 267-7732.
• "A Spring Gala" with the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale. Contact the symphony office, 263-4033 for more information.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Keep Big Spring Beautiful Waste in Place Workshop. Contact Todd Darden at 264-5000 or Loyce Phillips at 263-1738 for more information.

MONDAY
• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery, drawing grew to \$12 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$10 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday. The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 18, 22, 33, 34, and 42. The Mega Ball number was 16.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 4-6-7-14-33

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-7

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. West winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. West Winds 15 to 25 mph.

Friday - Partly cloudy, Windy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

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GOP

WASHINGTON House Speaker Hastert, Republican, Wednesday ready to "strengthen ethics Democrats designed to stymie GOP DeLay.

Hastert said to send a letter Democratic Pelosi later in naming his way to repeal the rules change.

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GOP leaders offering rollback on new ethics rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Dennis Hastert, leading a Republican retreat, said Wednesday he stands ready to "step back" on new ethics rules that Democrats charge are designed to shelter embattled GOP leader Tom DeLay.



DeLay Hastert

Hastert said he intends to send a letter to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi later in the day signaling his willingness to repeal the controversial rules changes.

It was not immediately clear whether such a repeal would require a fresh vote on the House floor.

Hastert's comments came after a closed-door

meeting of the GOP rank and file, the latest in a string of private sessions in which Republicans discussed ways to stem the political damage from an ethics deadlock that has become entwined with DeLay, the controversial majority leader.

"I think they just took the heat," Pelosi, a California congresswoman, told reporters. "I think there's been an edi-

torial in every paper saying this is wrong," she said.

Democrats have prevented the ethics committee from getting down to business for the year. They have demanded that Republicans agree to reverse the ethics rules — seen as devised to thwart a committee investigation of DeLay — or else appoint a bipartisan panel to draft new rules.

Hastert told reporters outside the meeting that his intention earlier in the year had been to create a new set of rules that was fair to all lawmakers, regardless of party. Given Democratic criticism, he said, "I'm willing to step back."

"We need to move forward with an ethics process," he added.

Referring to DeLay, Hastert said that one prominent Republican needed a functioning ethics committee because "right now he can't clear his name."

DeLay, admonished by the ethics committee three times last year, faces new scrutiny in connection with overseas travel. He has denied wrongdoing in the face of questions surrounding trips that he took overseas. DeLay also has said that he is eager to appear and answer questions before the chairman and senior Democrat on the ethics panel.

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range, which have translated to increased cattle production, soil fertility, water yield and erosion control, Metcalf said.

Also Tuesday, many of the district's board of directors received service pins for years of service. Kim Denton (one year), Jimmy Sterling (five years), Metcalf (10 years) and Bobby Cathey (32 years) were recognized.

The banquet also served as a forum to honor area students who were winners in the district's "Celebrate Conservation" poster contest. Jasmine Martinez (Marcy Elementary), Connor Furquerson (Moss Elementary), Kendra

Carey (Coahoma Elementary) and Mackenzie Wolf (Kentwood Elementary) received trophies for winning the contest.

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Virgil Prim, 74, died Saturday. Graveside Services will be at 3:00 PM Wednesday at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.

Donnie Beth Ogle Oringer, 63, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Thursday at Old Noxville Cemetery in Kimble County, Texas.

Callie Bennett, 75, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Peggy Kirby, 66, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 10:30 AM Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ed Sternadel, 59, died Monday. Family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

School board votes to add Bible class as elective

ODESSA (AP) — The school board in this West Texas town voted unanimously to add a Bible class to its high school curriculum.

Hundreds of people, most of them supporters of the proposal, packed the board meeting Tuesday night. More than 6,000 Odessa residents had signed a petition supporting the class.

Some residents, however, said the school board acted too quickly. Others said they feared a national constitutional fight.

Barring any hurdles, the class should be added to the curriculum in fall 2006 and taught as a history or literature course. The school board still must develop a curriculum, which board member Floy Hinson said should be open for public review.

The board had heard a presentation in March from Mike Johnson, a representative of the Greensboro, N.C.-based National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, who said that coursework designed by that organization is not about proselytizing or preaching.

But People for the American Way and the American Civil Liberties union have criticized the council, saying its materials promote religion.

Dirty needle bill wins tentative approval

AUSTIN (AP) — Intravenous drug dealers could exchange dirty needles for clean ones at health clinics under a bill aimed at preventing the spread of communicable diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis C.

The bill won tentative approval in the Senate on Tuesday. But its sponsor, Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, said the legislation is not likely to become law this year because of opposition expected in the House.

"I'm not optimistic that this will pass this session totally. I'm optimistic that this may be the first step in getting public awareness. Something needs to be done," Lindsay said.

Although there was no debate on the Senate floor over the bill, nine senators voted against giving it tentative approval and final approval is not guaranteed.

"I think it sends a very bad message to our kids," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville. "I can't support it when I don't support drug use."

Records show contact between DeLay, lobbyist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over two years, Rep. Tom DeLay had at least two dozen discussions with a lobbyist working to keep a U.S. territory's factories free from new labor laws. The lobbyist contributed to the House leader's campaigns and arranged travel for him.

Records show that DeLay's staff spoke with the lobbyist, Jack Abramoff, or his team almost daily during this period.

DeLay's office kept Abramoff, now under criminal investigation, routinely apprised of congressional efforts to block new regulations on his client, the Northern Mariana Islands.

Questions have been raised about whether Abramoff himself paid for some of DeLay's foreign trips in violation of House rules. DeLay maintains they were properly financed by trip sponsors.

Abramoff's firm reported it drafted legislative materials for DeLay, and Abramoff boasted to island leaders he could use his close ties to Republican leaders to block legislation from receiving a House vote.

House approves revenue cap for property taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — A measure meant to safeguard property tax cuts by limiting the amount of revenue local governments can take in without voter approval passed the House on the third try Tuesday.

"This bill will protect taxpayers. It will make homeownership more affordable. It will create greater transparency and clarity in government at both the local and state level," said Rep. Carl Isett, a Lubbock Republican who sponsored the bill, a major part of Gov. Rick Perry's tax reform plan.

Isett's "truth in taxation" proposal struck out twice in the last two weeks, and passage required some concessions.

Under the bill, local governments' property tax revenue can increase up to 5 percent without risking an election to reduce the tax rate. Isett had originally proposed a 3-percent cap. The limit goes up to 8 percent, the maximum under current law, in times of high inflation.

The 80-65 vote Tuesday was a victory for Perry, who has promised tax reform for more than a year.

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ly inaccurate today."

The study uses data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 2003. States with the highest rate of uninsured adults were: Texas, 30.7 percent; Louisiana, 26.4; and New Mexico, 26 percent.

Those were the same states with the highest percentages of uninsured adults with jobs: Texas, 26.6 percent; Louisiana, 22.6 percent; and New Mexico, 22.6 percent.

Schear said most of the uninsured make a modest living. The poverty level for a family of four amounts to about \$19,000 a year, and most of the uninsured earn incomes between that level and twice the rate of poverty.

The states with the lowest uninsured rates among all adults were: Minnesota, 8.3 percent; Hawaii, 9.8 percent; and Delaware, 10.2 percent.

Again, those tended to

be the states that fared best when it came to the lowest uninsured rates for adults with jobs: Minnesota, 6.9 percent, and Hawaii, 8.5 percent. The District of Columbia had 8.9 percent.

Schear said the foundation did not make a particular policy recommendation to reduce the number of uninsured — only that there are myriad methods that lawmakers should consider, including tax credits that serve as incentives to buy insurance, or a government-provided insurance benefit. He said the public is more focused on the issue than elected officials.

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

FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Forsan band truly needs all the help we can provide

All right, Big Spring and Howard County, it's time to open up those big hearts and dig deep for a worthy cause again.

That's because the Forsan High School's 123-member marching band has raised only about half of the \$145,000 it needs to appear in the 2005 Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

That means there are 123 high school students from Howard County that need all the help we can give them.

Don't for a minute think these young people aren't deserving. Aside from putting in the hard work at practicing their music — the Forsan band has won seven consecutive sweepstakes awards in UIL competition — they and members of their families have worked tirelessly.

They've sold cookies, held car washes and bake sales, and will continue conducting those type activities in the next two months.

All that said, we would be remiss if we failed to note that several individuals and organizations have already answered the call. Not long ago, the Eagles Lodge, American Legion, Cossacks Motorcycle Club and Big Spring Bass Club put together a barbecue cook-off that netted slightly more than \$7,700 for the band's account.

Each and every effort that's been put forth by and for these students is laudable, but the fact remains that July is rapidly approaching.

Did we mention that the Forsan Band is the only band from Texas that's been invited to participate in the parade which is themed as a "celebration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II?" Did we note they'll be marching down Constitution Avenue in front of a crowd of at least 400,000 people?

Did we mention this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these young people?

Now let us mention that a bank account has been set up at the Big Spring branch of the First Bank of West Texas in the account name of "Forsan Band Trip." Donations can be sent directly to them or can be directed to the Forsan ISD Business Office.

And if anyone has any questions, Superintendent Randy Johnson and band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham say they're available to provide answers. Just call them at 432-457-2223.

Finally, we have noted time and time again in this space that Howard Countians always come through. They always open their hearts and wallets for worthy causes.

Well, this year we can't think of anything more worthy — making sure that 123 wonderful teenagers, high school students who continually represent the best of their school and our community, get to have this experience.

Let us all do our part to make this happen.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May nothing on our mind prevent us from concentrating on You, Lord.

Amen

Watching the cranes in Nebraska

They came in waves. Hundreds of them. Thousands. Half a million.

We are at the Rowe Sanctuary near Kearney, Nebraska

watching the sandhill cranes come in for a night's stay on the Platte River. It's a shallow stream where cranes have been gathering for centuries. They come here in mid March and stay about three weeks. It's a stopping point on their way from Texas to their summer breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

The big birds spend time here to gain weight and rest for the trip north. They feed on waste corn and other grains left from last fall's harvest. Between Grand Island and Kearney, traveling along Interstate 80, you see cranes in the fields. So many of them the ground looks grey. Sandhill cranes are one of two

crane species found in North America. The other is the whooping crane, which also flies north in the spring. The sandhill crane weighs between 8 and 12 pounds, stands 4 feet tall and has a wingspan of 6 feet. A red crown and orange eyes highlight its grey color. The long black beak can poke a hole in a coyote's skull. They've been around for 9 million years and have a life span of 25 to 30 years. In flight the sandhill crane glides along at 38 miles an hour and can fly 300 miles in a single day. The sandhill crane is the most abundant of the world's 15 crane species.

Rowe Sanctuary is 1,250 acres of wildlife habitat and agricultural lands. It is the top crane viewing area, attracting more cranes than anywhere else in the world. Conservation organizations, private citizens, local businesses and industries work together to protect and preserve the crane's spring-time retreat. It means money, too. Thousands of people go to Central Nebraska every spring to see this natural phenomenon that occurs

annually in America's heartland.

Paul Tebbel, director of Rowe, took about 30 of us to a blind on the Platte at 6 p.m.. We were told to be very quiet so we wouldn't disturb the birds: We watched them come in for the night. The birds darkened the sky. It was difficult to distinguish the cranes from clouds. The Nebraska sunset provided a colorful backdrop as the cranes settled in for the night. The blind put us within 20 feet of the cranes, which presented a cacophony of sight and sound so powerful it made our heads spin. We heard their clucks, chirps, screams and chatter; some sounding like a triple tonguing trumpet. Some of the cranes leaped and danced in the shallow water, fluttering their wings. It was cold. The crane observers were dressed in arctic clothing. We left around 9 p.m.

We returned to the blind at 6 a.m. the next day. More cranes had come in overnight. Soon they spread their wings and exploded into flight, on their way to spend a day dining in the fields.



TUMBLEWEED
SMITH



Che Guevara: A killer sold as a cult figure

In the category of "things that are upside-down in this world," please file the new popularity of Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

The guerrilla leader now promoted as a cult figure was nothing more than a cold-blooded killer when he ran Fidel Castro's firing squads after the triumph of the Cuban Revolution.

Yet we see his image more often nowadays, especially on T-shirts worn by young Americans who don't even know what the bearded, beret-wearing Guevara really stood for.

Perhaps some are inspired by the portrayal of a young and idealistic Guevara in the film, "The Motorcycle Diaries," which follows Guevara's journey around South America in his pre-revolution years.

But long before the film was released last year, Guevara's image had already been turned into a profit-making cultural icon — one that is used by those who wish to make a political point, express rebellion or simply make a fashion statement.

Many young people wear them simply because "they look cool." Others have a more romantic view of the Argentine-born rebel. They idealize him as a revolutionary who gave his life trying to free the people of the Americas from the injustices caused by American imperialism.

But it is said that one man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist, and that phrase couldn't be better illustrated than with the man who literally wrote the book on "Guerrilla Warfare."

To those who know Guevara's dark side, especially Cuban-Americans, his image evokes many unpleasant emotions — anger, anxiety, frustration, helplessness. Those who lost a friend

or relative to Guevara's firing squads are often offended by the commercialization of his image.

Spirited arguments have been known to erupt between Cuban-Americans and other Latinos either wearing or selling garments with the image of Guevara, who was killed while trying to start a revolution in Bolivia in 1967.

"Ask Jewish Americans how they would feel if they saw someone wearing a Hitler T-shirt," a Cuban friend told me recently. "Offended, right? Enraged! That's exactly how we feel about Che Guevara shirts."

Some arguments have nearly turned into fistfights, as Cuban-Americans plead with shopkeepers not to sell Guevara merchandise. And when they insist on making a profit out of a killer, some Cubans have bought the shirts only to set them on fire in protests outside the stores.

In the predominantly Cuban neighborhoods of South Florida and Northern New Jersey, countless are the anecdotes about La Cabana, the prison where Guevara commanded the execution of dozens of "enemies of the revolution" during the first few months of 1959.

Many are the stories of mothers who pleaded for the lives of their condemned sons, only to have Guevara speed up their execution in retaliation. Many are the tales of the times he tested people's character by making them watch an execution.

At the headquarters of anti-Castro organizations, where the walls are often covered with photos of Cubans executed by Guevara's goons, Cuban-Americans say there is something wrong with a society that glorifies those who preach hatred as Guevara did, a society that turns killers into cult figures.

Yet in liberal circles, especially in Hollywood and many American universities, the dark side of Guevara is never placed under the spotlight. You only see the romanticized image — even on the chest

of guitarist Carlos Santana when he performed the theme song from "The Motorcycle Diaries" two months ago at the Academy Awards.

Santana was not only wearing a Guevara shirt, he was brandishing a large crucifix on a chain that hung from his neck.

That show provoked another famous musician to respond.

"I can't find all the words to express my indignation over your irresponsible attitude," wrote jazz saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera, a Cuban-American, in an open letter to Santana.

"To juxtapose Christ with Che Guevara is like entering a synagogue with a swastika hanging from your neck," D'Rivera added. "It's also a harsh blow in the face of that Cuban youth from the '60s, who had to go into hiding to listen to your albums which the revolution, and the troglodyte Argentinian and his cohorts, dubbed as 'imperialist music' (i.e., rock & roll)."

Calling Guevara "The Butcher of the Cabana," D'Rivera told Santana the story of his cousin Bebo, who was imprisoned there just for being a Christian.

"He recounts to me on occasion," D'Rivera wrote, "always with infinite bitterness, how he could hear, from his cell, in the early hours of dawn, the executions without prior trials or process of law, of the many who died shouting, 'Long Live Christ the King!'"

Yet to some naive Americans, the man who ordered those executions and who enjoyed watching them is a Christ-like icon, a symbol of the struggle for justice for the poor and downtrodden.

File it under "things that are upside-down in this world."

To find out more about Miguel Perez, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Library News

Several books on home schooling your children have come in. They can be found in call number 371.042.

Titles received are:

"Home Schooling Made Simple" and "The Heart of Home Schooling," by Christopher Klicksa; "Home Schooling Father," by Michael Farris and "Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling," by Brian D. Ray.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

A neat book has come in: "Where to Find It in the Bible: Ultimate A-Z Resource," (220.3 AND K) by Ken Anderson. It has more than 3,700 topics ranging from abandoned to zoology and it has the corresponding Bible verse to cover it.

We also have Max Lucado's newest: "Come Thirsty: No Heart Too Dry for His Touch" (248.4 LUC M).

"The Miracle of St. Anthony," (796.323 WOJ A) by Adrian Wojnarowski is similar to "Friday Night Lights," the story of Odessa Permian. Anyone who grew up in the streets of Jersey City will relate to the stories told about Coach Hurley, his teams and the people he came into contact with in his role as a probation officer in Jersey City.

It's easy to see the love that Coach Hurley has for "his kids" on Saint Anthony's and you find yourself rooting for the kids to not just be successful at Saint Anthony's but, more important, in their lives outside of St. Anthony's. You sometimes shudder at the tactics and language that Coach

Hurley uses, until you realize that his tough love is the only way to make things work at St. Anthony's. The empathy between the players, Coach Hurley, and the nuns at St. Anthony's is truly heartwarming and could well make this one of the best books of 2005.

I guess you could call this a New Jersey version of "Hoosiers." The dreaded essay has reared its ugly head. Remember that the TAKS test now requires a student to compose an essay. What was that teacher thinking of, assigning a poor, defenseless student to write about a specific character?

Have no fear, the library can help! Two volumes that may be helpful: "Robert's Rules of Writing: 101 Unconventional Lessons," (808.02-MAS R) by Robert Massello and "Characters, Emotion & Viewpoint: Techniques and Exercises," (808.3 KRE N) by Nancy Kress. Both of these should be of assistance in writing. Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960) was a novelist, folklorist and anthropologist whose fictional and factual accounts of black heritage are unparalleled.

She is the author of many books, most of which are out of print, including "Dust Tracks on a Road," "Tell My Horse," and "Mules and Men."

Of Hurston's fiction, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" is arguably the best-known and perhaps the most controversial. The novel follows the fortunes of Janie Crawford, a woman living in the black town of Eaton,

Fla. One person the citizens of Eaton are inclined to judge is Janie Crawford, who has married three men and been tried for the murder of one of them. Janie feels no compulsion to justify herself to the town, but she does explain herself to her friend, Phoebe, with the implicit understanding that Phoebe can "tell 'em what Ah say if you wants to. Dat's just de same as me 'cause mah tongue is in mah friend's mouf."

Hurston's use of dialect enraged other African American writers, who accused her of pandering to white readers by giving them the black stereotypes they expected. Since then, outrage has been replaced by admiration for her depictions of black life, and especially the lives of black women.

Zora Neale Hurston breathes humanity into both her men and women and allows them to speak in their own voices. This book has been extensively reviewed in both the *Dallas Morning News* and the *New York Times*.

A couple of self-help books may be of benefit in relating to your teenager. Both books are by Michael P. Nichols: "Stop Arguing with Your Kids" (646.78 NIC M) and "The Lost Art of Listening" (153.68 NIC M).

Scott Zesch Scott in "Captured: A True Story of Abduction by the Indians" (976.400 ZES S) writes about his ancestor, Adolph Korn who was captured by three Apaches near the family's home in Mason,

Texas. Adolph was 10 years old when he was captured and from Jan. 1, 1870, until November 1872, he lived as an Apache. Adolph was irrevocably changed by his ordeal.

Considering himself Indian, he lived in a cave and died alone in 1900. Zesch's investigation into Korn's sad life led him to the similar stories of eight other children captured in Texas between 1865 and 1871.

Drawing on his tenacious research and interviews with the captives' descendants, Zesch compiles a gripping account of the lives of these children as they traveled with their Indian captors.

Delving into the reasons for their "Indianization," which lasted the rest of their lives, he discusses why they couldn't adjust to white society. This is a fascinating, meticulously documented chronicle of the often-painful confrontations between whites and Indians during the final years of Indian Territory.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier than the library and is closed Saturdays from noon until 1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

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The Big Spring Herald has tickets to be given away for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "A Spring Gala" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

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Upcoming Events

• **RSVP annual Volunteer Banquet** is Thursday. Contact Nancy Jones at 264-2397.

• **Bauer Magnet School Spring Fling** is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday. Call the school at 264-4121 for more information.

• **Moss Elementary PTA Spring Carnival** is set for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday. The concession stand, a silent auction and door prizes begins at 5:30 p.m., and booths are open from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

• **"A Spring Gala"** with the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale is set for Saturday. Contact the symphony office, 263-4033 for more information.

• **Keep Big Spring Beautiful Waste in Place** workshop is set for Saturday. Contact Todd Darden at 264-5000 or Loyce Phillips at 263-1738 for more information.

• **Texas Motorcycle Rights Association** fundraiser is from noon until midnight Saturday at the Cossack's Motorcycle Club on Birdwell Lane. to send members to the National Coalition Motorcyclist Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

• **American Legion Ladies Auxillary** Fajita

Cook-off begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Judging is at 11 a.m. and lunch will begin at noon. Entry for teams is \$10 and lunch is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• **Forsan Buffalo Band Car-Wash and Bake Sale** Fund-raiser is set for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. All proceeds benefit the July 4 trip to Washington, D.C.

• **Coahoma Kindergarten** Registration is set for 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma elementary cafeteria for children 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Call 391-4323 for more information.

• **National Day of Prayer** is set for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. May 5 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• **Cauble School Reunion** is set for 11:30 a.m. May 7 at the Spanish Inn Restaurant. A Dutch-treat luncheon is planned and former students are encouraged to bring photographs to share. For more information, contact Ross Callihan at 267-6023.

• **Big Spring Concho Kennel Club Dog Show** is set for May 5-8. Contact

Hazel Baker 432-394-4233 for more information.

• **Free Comic Book Day** at Comp-U-Shoppe 113 S. Main Street is May 7. Visit www.freecomicbookday.com, call 866-978-5110 or e-mail jimmy@comp-u-shoppe.com for more information.

• **Young Eagles Fly In** is 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 7 at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Call Rhonda Campbell at 264-1999 for more information.

• **Cinco de Mayo** Cinco de Mayo Celebration in the Heart of the City Park is May 6-7. Organized by League of United Latin American Citizens and West Texas Producer's and Farmers Market. Call Raul Marquez at 263-6351 for more information.

• **The 10th annual Howard Glasscock Relay For Life** at Blankenship Field is May 13-14. Survivors call LaWanda at 263-7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.

• **Howard College Graduation** in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 14. Call Howard College at 264-5000 for more information.

• **Forsan High School Graduation** is May 21. Call Forsan ISD at 457-2223 for more information.

• **Heritage Museum** exhibit of new children's area opens May 21.

• **Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf**

Tournament at the Big Spring Country Club is May 21. Contact Brenda Conciene at 263-9231.

• **Coahoma High Graduation** in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 27. Call Coahoma ISD at 394-4290 for more information.

• **Big Spring High School Graduation** in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is May 28. Call Big Spring ISD at 264-3600 for more information.

• **The annual Splash-In** at Comanche Trail Park pool will be determined after a meeting May 2.

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Big Spring Club announces couples
The Big Spring Country Club is set for a two-son couples for May 1. The tournament cost \$130, cart fee, carts are... A practice take place while begins at May 14 and start begins... There will be three flight male/female drive and pin award given. Dinner will be after play... For more information, call 2...
Cornell sets up Dodge
Cornell has set up Dodge ball to benefit Life. The tournament place Saturday at the YMCA and must be Thursday. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. and person and have eight male and... For more information, contact Turney 267...
Forsan ISD all-sports
Forsan announces sports will take place May 3, school. Tickets are \$10 and purchase Thursday. For more information or tickets, call High School 457-2223. Tickets purchase school off...
C.G.A. monthly
The C.G.A. Association its annual Selective Tournament Sunday Trail Golf. Registration done by tournament shotgun raffles at... For more information, call Pineda or Golf Assoc 7116.
Softball announce Mize
A Class ball tournament take place Mize Comanche Friday at... The event and prizes awarded and... For more information, call 264-1736 432-213-2...

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a two-day two-person couples scramble for May 14 and 15.

The tournament will cost \$130 per team plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place May 13, while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and a shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

There will be prizes for three places per flight and a male/female longest drive and closest to the pin awards will also be given.

Dinner will be served after play on both days.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Cornell Corrections sets up second dodge ball toumey

Cornell Corrections has set up a second dodge ball tournament to benefit Relay For Life.

The tourney will take place Saturday at the YMCA and registration must be done by Thursday.

The tourney starts at 9 a.m. and costs \$10 per person and teams must have eight people — male and female.

For more information, contact Phyllis Turney 267-2004.

Forsan ISD sets up all-sports banquet

Forsan has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 3, at the high school.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are \$10 and they must be purchased before Thursday.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Forsan High School Office at 457-2223.

Tickets may also be purchased at the high school office.

C.G.A. announces monthly golf toumey

The Chicano Golf Association has set up its annual Four Person Selective Drive Tournament for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Registration must be done by 9:30 and the tournament will use a shotgun start beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda of the Chicano Golf Association at 264-7116.

Softball tournament announced at Cotton Mize Softball Field

A Class D and E softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Friday and Saturday.

The entry fee is \$100 and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

For more information, call JR Landin at 264-1736 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

Villarreal takes second, advances to Austin

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Four-time regional tennis qualifier Veronica Villarreal, a senior at Big Spring, will finally get her chance to play at state next month after claiming second place in San Angelo at the Region 1-4A tennis tournament Tuesday.

Villarreal played two

mentally tough matches, but did what she had to do to advance, said Big Spring coach Sarah Corse.

"Veronica has worked so hard to get to state and she finally gets her chance," said Corse. "She definitely deserves it."

The Big Spring senior won her semifinal match Tuesday morning, but needed three sets to do it.

She outlasted Hilary Jennings of Birdville 6-0, 4-6 and 6-4.



VILLARREAL said Corse. In the regional championship

match, Villarreal ran into the tournament's No. 1 seed — Ashley Ellis of Amarillo-Caprock — and fell in straight sets 2-6 and 1-6.

However, a playback was not necessary and Villarreal advance after claiming runner-up honors as the top two players at regionals qualify for state.

"It was fun to watch her

the past couple of days," said Corse, who will send someone to state for the first time as Big Spring's head coach. "I have been apart of several state qualifiers when I was the assistant, but this is my first as head coach here."

The state tournament will take place on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin May 9-10.

Walks hurt B.S. in loss to Frenship

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

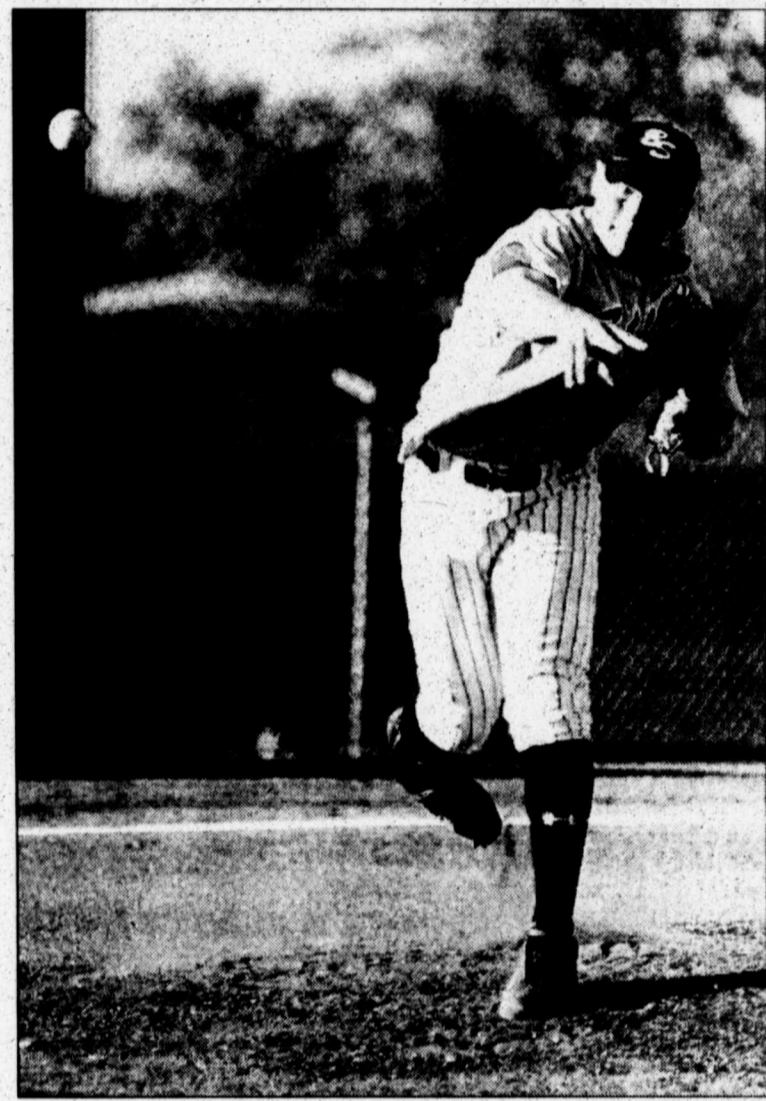
Big Spring pitchers had trouble throwing strikes and Frenship got hits with runners on base Tuesday as the Steers lost to the rival Tigers, 16-3, in five innings.

The hurlers on the mound for the Steers walked a combined 10 Frenship batters in the five innings and Frenship took advantage at the plate as they stranded only one runner in scoring position.

The game was tight early as Charles Downing allowed no hits through two innings. The game's first runs came in the third inning as the Tigers sent three runners across home plate.

Big Spring countered in its half of the third inning with a run of its own. Senior Justin Green got on base with a double and then scored on junior Andy Lasater's RBI double which hit the gap in left-center field. However, Lasater was stranded at second as Frenship got out of the jam. Big Spring also stranded runners at first and third in the second inning.

Unfortunately, the



Big Spring junior Andy Lasater attempts a pick-off at first base during the Steers' loss to Frenship Tuesday.

Tigers' offense was just getting going as Frenship scored eight runs in the fourth and five runs in the fifth to put the game out of reach. Big Spring issued five walks in the eight-run fourth inning.

The Steers' other two runs came in the fourth inning as they cut the margin to 11-3. Senior Ryan Slate got on base

with a double and then scored after an error was committed by Frenship on a ground ball hit by senior Brandon Boling. Then, senior J. Rich Sparks struck out, but was able to reach base after a past ball. Sparks later scored on a ground ball fielder's choice by

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Laurikkala jumps into second, advances to state meet in Austin

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

BAIRD — Sini Laurikkala had herself a day Tuesday as the Coahoma senior jumped four golfers during day two action at the Region 1-2A golf meet played Monday at the Shady Oaks Golf Club in Baird.

Laurikkala shot a second round 80 and grabbed second place overall in the tournament and became Coahoma's first-ever girl to advance to state in golf.

"She played well under some pretty serious pressure," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols.

Laurikkala's two-round total equaled 165, which was seven strokes behind Wall sophomore Kyla Whitley.



Whitley, who placed third at state last year as a freshman, shot a second round 79 and finished with a 158.

Korissa Cheek of Reagan County and Megan Cisneros of San Saba finished tied for third, while Kayla McBride of Sonora grabbed fifth and Seagan Allyn of Jim Ned finished sixth.

The state golf meet will be played in Austin May 9-10 at a course to be determined at a later date.

B.S. duo comes up short

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's final two golfers took a trip to the regional tournament at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo Monday and Tuesday and after strong efforts just missed a chance to move on to



state.

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Howard drops two to rival Lady Wranglers

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team managed just one run in two games Tuesday at Foundation Field as rival Odessa College completed the sweep of the Hawk women.

The Hawks lost the first game, 8-0, and then fell in Game, 2-1. The losses dropped Howard to 14-18 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and 17-27 overall.

GAME ONE

Odessa's Karina Cannon shut down the Hawk women in the opener, allowing five hits and striking out nine. She outpitched Jody Clark, who took the loss for Howard after allowing eight runs.

The Lady Wranglers got on the board in the first inning with two runs and then added four runs in the fourth. They then added one run each in the fifth and seventh inning, as well.

Sophomore Amy Hitzfeld and freshman Whitney Hufford each had two singles to lead Howard at the plate. Sophomore Michelle Teller also singled.

GAME TWO

The Hawk women played tougher in the sec-

ond game, but still fell short by one run.

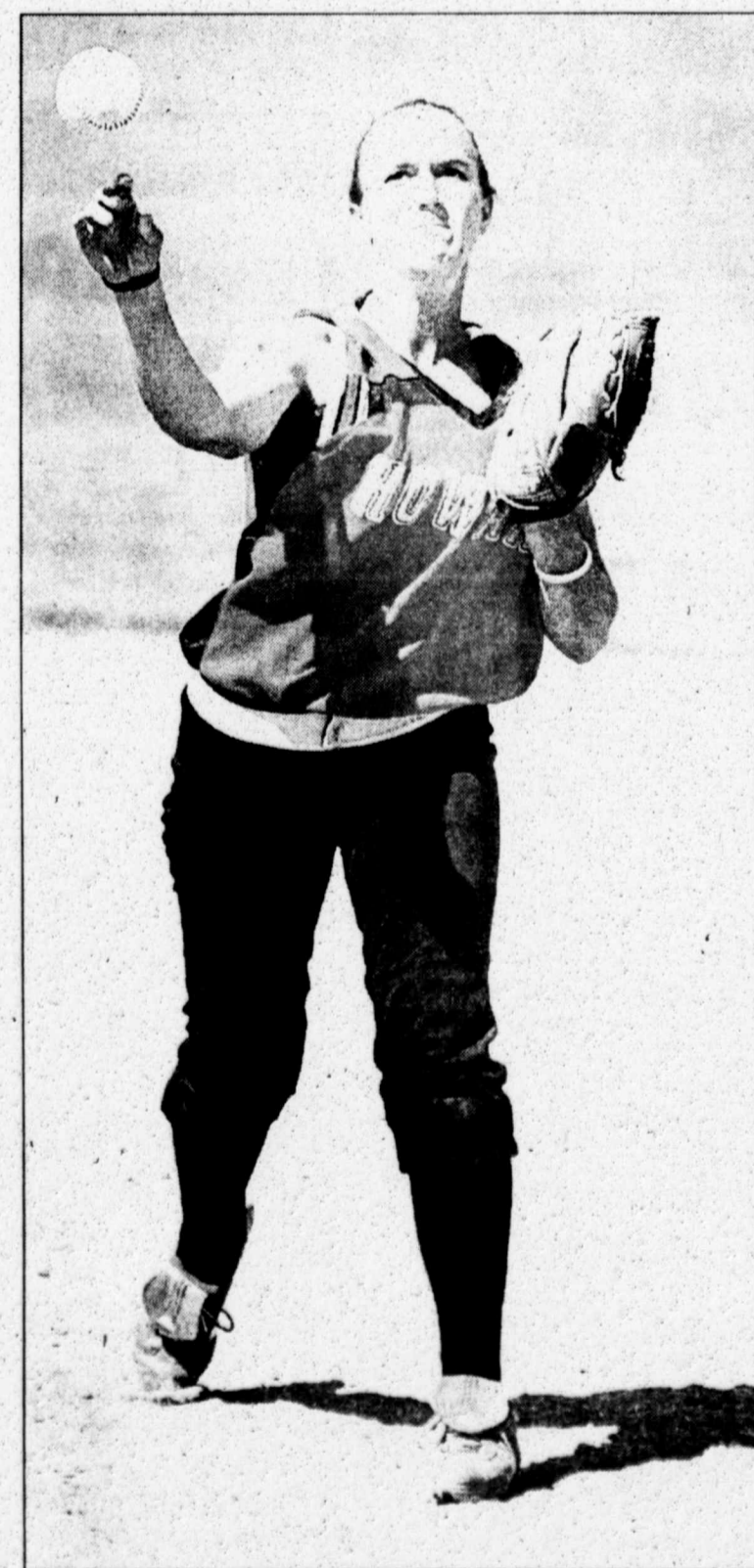
Odessa scored its only two runs in the second inning. Then, sophomore Andrea Renteria held the Lady Wranglers scoreless the rest of the way, but walked six hitters and took the loss. She allowed only three hits in the game.

Howard rallied in its final at-bat. Krista Rams got on base with a walk and then Bethany Rose followed with a single. Paula Sanders then knocked in Rams with an infield single as Howard cut the lead to one. However, Odessa got out of the jam after retiring Rose at third base and got Teller to ground out to end the game with two runners left on base.

Rose and Sanders finished with two hits to lead Howard at the plate. Rams singled, walked and scored the team's only run. Plemons also doubled for Howard.

Howard still has a chance to advance to postseason play, but the Hawk women must take care of business this weekend in a four-game series on the road against Clarendon and hope for some help by other teams in the conference.

Midland and Odessa have already clinched two of the four playoff spots.



Howard College freshman Becca Renfro throws out an Odessa runner trying to get to first base Tuesday at Foundation Field during the Hawk women's doubleheader loss to the Lady Wranglers.

Bulldogettes end regular season with Class 5A win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The sixth-ranked Coahoma softball team finished its season on a high note Tuesday and looks primed for another long postseason run.

The Bulldogettes scored three runs in the fourth inning and took down Class 5A Lubbock Coronado (who won its district this year), 4-3, at home.

"It was a good test for us and a great win," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson.

Coronado scored its first run in the second inning, but Coahoma came back to match them in its half of the second. The Bulldogettes lost the lead in the third inning after Coronado added another run, but Coahoma's three-run fourth inning proved to be the difference.

Junior Kali Roberts got the win on the mound for Coahoma as she allowed two hits and one earned run through seven innings and struck out eight, while walking three.

Coahoma's offense also helped Roberts out as the Bulldogettes got 12 hits at the plate.

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Junior Liz Conley went three-for-three with two runs and a double to lead Coahoma. Freshmen Christie Rich and Krista Kerby each had two hits. Rich scored one run and Kerby scored a run and had an RBI. Senior Cheyenne Grice and sophomore Ami Martinez each had two hits, as well.

"The bottom of my lineup was on fire (Tuesday)," said Dickenson. "Their pitcher threw real well, but we just hit the ball hard all night long."

The win concludes the regular season for the Bulldogettes. They will now take on Lubbock Coronado again Friday in Lubbock for a practice/warm-up game before the playoffs begin. Coahoma's first playoff game will be against either Grape Creek or Crane, who play Thursday. The Bulldogettes' area championship game must be played before May 7, but the date of the game is not yet known.

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Junior Tommy Billalba and senior Rachel Gee each earned all-Region honors, but did not have enough in the end to advance.

Billalba shot a first round 77 and a second round 74 and was just one shot off a medalist playoff race to go to state after totaling 157 between the two rounds.

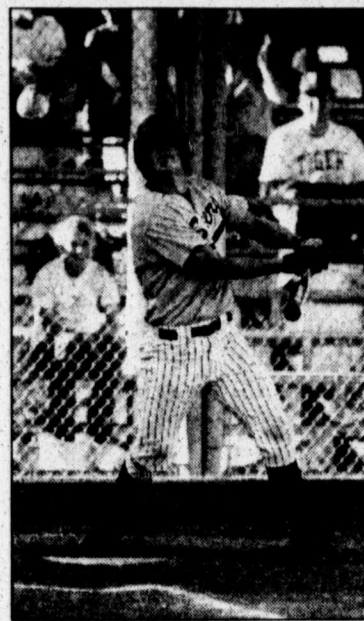


Big Spring junior Tommy Billalba shoots out of a sand trap at the regional golf tournament held at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo Monday and Tuesday. Billalba and senior Rachel Gee just miss qualifying for state.

Gee fired two rounds under 80 and finished sixth overall. She shot a 79 in round one and a 78 in round two, but was six shots off advancing to state.

"I was real pleased and excited about how these two played and they represented Big Spring well," said Big Spring coach Steve Ward.

Also, the Andrews 'A' and 'B' teams took first and second place, respectively, in the girl's division.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring sophomore Caleb Choate watches a foul ball after his swing Tuesday during the Steers' five-inning loss to rival Frenship. Big Spring dropped to 2-7 in District 4-4A after the loss, while the second place Tigers improved to 7-2.

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senior Jacob Murphree. However, it would not be enough as the Steers were retired in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Downing started on the mound for the Steers and took the loss after giving up seven runs on four hits. He



MURPHREE walked six and struck out four. Lasater pitched one inning of relief and gave up seven runs on three hits and walked four. Slate threw the final two-thirds innings and gave up two runs on three hits. Frenship improved to 7-

2 in District 4-4A, while Big Spring fell to 2-7. The Tigers can do no worse than second place thus have already clinched a playoff spot.

Slate led Big Spring at the plate with two hits and a run. Sparks singled and scored a run, while Green doubled and scored a run. Lasater also had an RBI double.

Before the game, eight seniors — Jerry Doporto, Mark Lozano, J.W. Beauchamp, Murphree, Green, Slate, Boling and Sparks — were recognized on the field with their parents. They played their final home game as members of the Big Spring baseball team.

The Steers will close out the season Friday at rival Plainview.

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NFL triples amount of drug testings in year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL is tripling the number of offseason drug tests each player can face, a policy change made public on the eve of Wednesday's hearing before congressmen who

are already drafting legislation on steroids in sports.

The House Government Reform Committee, which subpoenaed baseball stars and officials to testify 1 1/2 months ago,

are working with Sen. John McCain to draw up law establishing standard steroid policies for U.S. professional sports, said David Marin, spokesman for chairman Tom Davis of Virginia.

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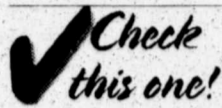
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mercury calls out a magical question to Jupiter from across the sky — "How would I have to communicate in order to bring more abundance into my life?" A pauper can be distinguished by the language and manner he chooses. Listen to and watch the refined style of the "kings" in your life, then choose an adjustment that will benefit you.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Independence is highlighted. You may not know as much as the experts, but you certainly know enough for the job at hand. Your ability to self start makes for a successful home improvement project, despite its ambitious scope.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your generosity of spirit spreads out to those in need. Where self-interest divides people who are struggling toward a sense of community, you have something essential to contribute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your charisma draws others to you, as always. Make sure you pick the right people to work on your latest project because one of them may need to see it through to completion while you're off on your next adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The person you think is self-actualized may

merely be putting on a confident front, just like most people do. Be careful not to place others on a pedestal. You are doing better than you think you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The past has more influence than you'd like it to have. You try to distance yourself physically, mentally and spiritually from a former love, but ultimately may find it very challenging to give up the "ghost."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've never been a quantity over quality type, and there's no reason to start now. Besides, you have no patience for the clutter and mess involved with collecting useless stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a quiet kind of presence, which you can use to insinuate yourself into someone's consciousness. Your understated approach will be appreciated by only the most intelligent people around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trendy activities are featured. You do some things just so you'll be able to say that you did them. If going along with the crowd means that you added a new experience to your life, what's the harm?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trust your instincts — they've gotten you this far. Not everyone has common sense, and it's difficult to keep your expectations realistic. Be forgiving. Just because you can do it all doesn't mean everyone else can, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You and a love

are headed to the same destination along separate paths. It's heart healing to accept that a partner can adore you and still have to do things his or her own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's obvious why some people stay at one level for painfully long lengths of time — their thinking alone keeps them stuck. Seeing someone in a rut motivates you to open your mind to new possibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There aren't enough holidays to suit you. So make up a special day for yourself: "I'm a Wonderful Person Day" is a perfect opportunity to spoil yourself. Allies in decadence: Taurus and Sagittarius.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Sin City" star Jessica Alba gets more and more big screen projects in the coming months as she hits a career cycle that culminates in greater popularity than she has ever known. Other Taurus people born in 1981 are also hitting a work groove in which they feel they finally know what their specialty is, and the world supports their discovery by letting them shine by doing exactly that.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm a 13-year-old girl with a "perfect" 16-year-old sister. "Kylie" is beautiful, smart, nice, funny — everything.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

The other day, my mom found an open journal on Kylie's bedroom floor. She was going to put it away, but something caught her eye. She was shocked to read about Kylie's love life with her boyfriend, "Justin." It turns out they are having sex.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw this. Kylie and I are very close, and I thought we told each other everything. When I asked Kylie a few weeks ago if she had ever done these sexual things with Justin, she told me, "No! That's just gross."

Please help us. I read your column daily, and I love your advice. I find it hard to look at Kylie or even be in the same room without feeling uncomfortable. If she finds out we saw her journal, she will hate us. I know it was wrong to read it, but it was sort of an accident. What should I do? — Sister in California

Dear Sister: Keep in mind that not every word in a diary is the truth, and Kylie may be exercising her creative writing skills. We're also wondering how, if Mom found the journal, you ended up with the information.

If Mom read Kylie's journal, she should apologize and then have a long talk with her about safe sex, among other things. As for you, it's unlikely you can keep this a secret much longer. You're practically bursting at the seams as it is. So, warn your mother you're going to spill the beans. Then tell Kylie that you're sorry for reading her journal. But also let her know that she has been your role model, and you are saddened by her behavior and hurt that she lied to you. She will be plenty upset with you, but at

least things will be out in the open where you can deal with them.

Dear Annie: Last week, I came in to work early. There were no supervisors around. A co-worker, "Luke," strolled in around 11 a.m., and left at 7 p.m., as he usually does. However, when I turned in my time sheet, I saw that Luke's sheet indicated he came in at 10 a.m., and he charged the company for overtime.

This bothers me, because he's stealing from the company. I mentioned this to another co-worker, and she also has noticed that Luke reports to management that he comes in earlier than he actually does, so I imagine he's accumulating a good deal of "overtime." He may have been doing this for years.

What do I do? Do I let it slide, or do I bring it up to Human Resources? Maybe it's none of my business, but our company already has made a lot of cuts, and it angers me that Luke is collecting money he hasn't earned. — Honest Co-Worker

Dear Honest: Luke is stealing, and you have an obligation to report it. Go to Human Resources. Tell them exactly what you saw — no more, no less, no gossip — and then let them handle it. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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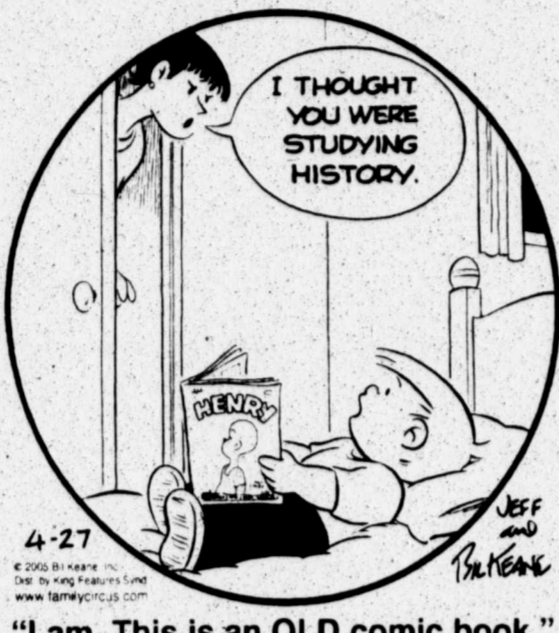
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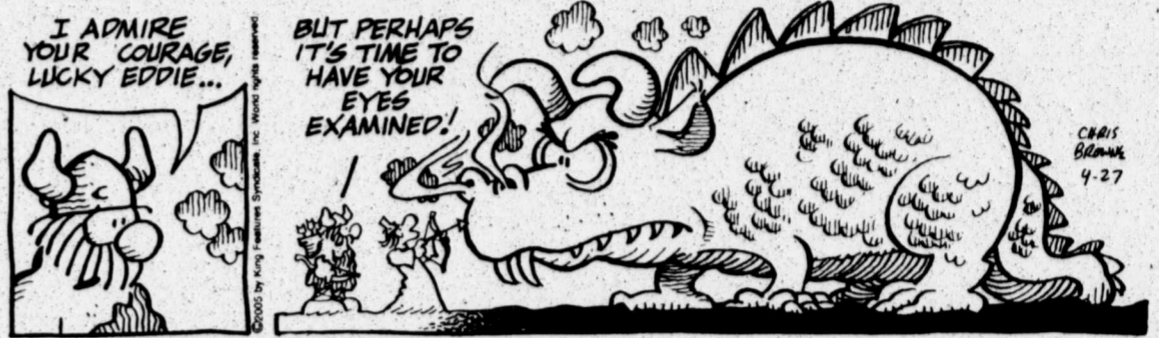
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2005. There are 248 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Two hundred years ago, on April 27, 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli. On this date: In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice. (The pope lifted the excommunication in February 1510.) In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines. In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer "Sultana" exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war. In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed. In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 57. In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned. In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months. In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, Calif. Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 83. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott

King is 78. Actress Anouk Aimee is 73. Announcer Casey Kasem is 73. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 68. Actress Judy Carne is 66. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 64. R&B singer Cuba Gooding is 61. Singer Ann Peebles is 58. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 57. R&B singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 56. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 56. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 54. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 46. Actor James Le Gros is 43. Rock musician Ron Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 40. Singer Mica Paris is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words: PEAK, MOPS, EYES, RARE, EDIT, REDID, OVER, MESA, EAGLE, MEANTOSAY, CRETLE, EIS, ACTS, SABLE, SETH, ABCS, PRO, POET, IAGREE, LOWPITCHEDVOICE, ASLAN, EPEE, NIP, TEST, ELLA, NOELS, NARY, SUR, HOPIS, ROTTENEGG, EPOXY, IOWA, ERLE, PEKOE, CHIT, RIOT, CENT, SITS, YEWIS

Newsday Crossword

OUT OF LINE by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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