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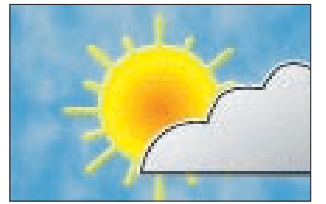


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School threats taken seriously

Incident 'entirely a hoax,' Downes says

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A hoax apparently started by a student or group of students has left Big Spring Independent School District officials in anything but a laughing mood.



The hoax, involving the threat of a student taking a weapon or explosive device to

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Joseph Dawes and Joshua Pike, both of Big Spring, perform Thursday during St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Eastertide Offering Concert. An estimated 100 people attended the 30-minute concert which followed a luncheon given by the women of the church. Also performing were Joyce Bradley, Scott McLaughlin, Susan Dawes, Gloria Steelman, Villa Walter and Linda Hill. The next concert will be held at 12:05 p.m. April 26 and will feature the Big Spring High School honor band.

'America and Mozart, too!'

Symphony performance to feature acclaimed soprano

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

The fourth and final subscription concert of the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus' 2006-2007 season is set for 8 p.m. Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium and will feature soprano Renay Peters Joubert in a blend of American music and classical works.



Joubert

The concert — entitled "Music of America and Mozart, Too!" — will present popular orchestral and vocal American music as well as two Mozart works. Graumann Joubert, well known for her renditions of American gospel and spirituals, will sing a selection of popular spiritual titles including

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Top HC students honored during convocation

Ricky Hamby named Educator of the Year

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

More than 200 Howard College students took another step in their educational journey as they received recognition for their hard work during an Awards Convocation held Tuesday at the

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We are so proud of our student body and the milestones they have achieved this year," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "This is one of my favorite events at the col-

lege because it recognizes the hard work of so many deserving students."

The top honor of the evening, the Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year, went to Nicole Linen, who

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Ricky Hamby, right, received the Educator of the Year Award at Howard College Tuesday, presented by Student Government Association President Wayne Shaffeld. The award is voted on by the student body.

Courtesy photo

Trees to treasures

Saturday's flea market promises a little bit of everything

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
 News Editor

Plants, bird houses, wind chimes?

Stuffed animals, toys, games? Crafts, collectibles, gifts? Turkey legs, roasted corn, baked items?

Whatever you might be look-

ing for, the Big Spring Mall will be the place to find it Saturday as Keep Big Spring Beautiful holds its annual Community Flea Market.

"We'll have all kinds of things for all types of tastes," said Barbara Brumley, flea market chairperson. "There will be

children's books, magazines, handmade crosses, jewelry, T-shirts, caps, coffee mugs — just everything."

One of the big draws each year are the plants offered by the Master Gardeners.

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Jo Ann Staulcup and Verna Davis, right, browse through items at last year's KBSB flea market.

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OIL BURNERS COMING

The Permian Basin Oil Burners antique car club will be in Big Spring Saturday. The group will be touring Western Container, lunching at Spanish Inn, and at about 2 p.m. will be visiting Fowler Antique Car Museum in Coahoma.

"Every month the club goes to different places to drive our antique cars and take tours. We go all over the place," said Virginia Archer, club member from Sands Springs. "We have a lot of fun." The club is affiliated with the Veteran Motor Car Club of America. For more information about the Permian Basin Oil Burners club, e-mail wveta.reese@grandecom.net or Google Permian Basin Oil Burners.

AGGIE MUSTER SET

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Big Spring Saturday for the annual Texas Aggie Muster.

The Muster honors all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year.

Various Muster activities, including a buffet dinner and Roll call, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. All former and current students, their families and friends of Texas A&M are invited to attend. For more information on the Big Spring Muster, contact Jeanne Niklasch at 268-9649 or by e-mail at mniklaschfamily@basin-net.net

LECTURE SERIES TO BEGIN

The first Howard College Foundation Lecture Series will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hall Center for the Arts on the college campus. Emily Friedman, an independent writer, lecturer, and health policy and ethics analyst, will be the guest lecturer.

The lecture, "Ethical Responsibilities of Health Care Professionals," is sponsored by the Margo Glickman Fund and will be free to the public. It is an opportunity for professionals in the medical field to earn continuing education units and receive top rate information and guidance. For more information or to obtain free tickets, call (432) 264-5161.

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IN BRIEF

CGA schedules tourney in Stanton

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a membership tournament on Sunday at the Phoenix Golf Course in Stanton. Players should pick their own teams for the 4-man scramble and must be at the course by 10 a.m. for registration. For more information, call 263-7741.

Forsan schedules date for banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at the high school. Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must be purchased by Thursday, May 3. For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field. Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player. Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 a.m.

Howard to host Region V tourney

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held May 5-6. The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-19.

Cancer scramble set for April 28-29

The 2007 Cancer Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at the Big Spring Country Club. Players can form their own teams for the 4-person scramble or be assigned to a team. The field will be flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second- and third-place teams in each flight. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee. Private carts are welcome. For more information, call 267-5354.

KBSB schedules golf tournament

The Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been

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Disc golf tourney events beginning today

HERALD Staff Report

Disc golfers will be playing for more than \$1,000 in cash and prizes this weekend, as the 2007 West Texas Disc Golf Championships get under way Friday through Sunday in Big Spring. The tournament is set to begin Saturday morning in Comanche Trail Park, with trophies and prizes for the top three golfers in each division.

"Disc golf is just like ball golf, only we use Frisbee-type discs and the holes are baskets," according to Greg Brooks, the tournament's coordinator. "You've probably seen the baskets, which have the chains on them, around Comanche Trail Park and Birdwell Park." A field of more than 100 players is expected to take part in the tournament, most from West Texas, but others are traveling here from impressive distances. "We have players coming from

all over," said Brooks. "El Paso, Amarillo ... even Wichita Falls. And we also have some players coming from Oklahoma and New Mexico, so we're expecting to have well over 100 competitors for the tournament. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone." Entry fees for the different divisions include the open division, \$50; open masters, \$45; amateur masters, \$35; women's division, \$30; advanced, \$40; amateur (intermediate), \$30; novice, \$20; and juniors younger than 16

years, \$10. And Brooks said the winners of those divisions will receive nice rewards, and all of the competitors will go home with something. "In the past, I've made the trophies for this tournament myself," Brooks said with a laugh. "This year, we're actually going to have 'real' trophies. Competitors will also receive a T-shirt and a disc as gifts for taking home." See TOURNEY, Page 2B

HEADED FOR REGIONAL



Big Spring Lady Steers golfers Amber Miller and Cassie Guinn pose after qualifying for the Region I, Class 4A girls' golf tournament set for Monday and Tuesday. Guinn finished third in the medalist standings at the District 4-4A tournament, while Miller was sixth.

Courtesy photo

CISD board axes Cates as coach

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma High School is looking for a new head football coach. Ken Cates, head of the Coahoma football program for the past two years, has been relieved of his coaching duties effective immediately. School trustees emerged from an hour-long executive session Thursday night and declined to extend Cates' coaching contract, although they did extend his teaching contract for another year. Cates was an assistant coach for one year before assuming head coaching responsibilities for the Coahoma football program in 2005. In Cates' two seasons at the helm, the Bulldogs amassed a 6-14 record. "The (school) board felt



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Mavs prepare for a familiar first-round foe

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Watching from a tunnel as the Dallas Mavericks played in the NBA finals last season, Don Nelson had to feel like a proud father. In many ways, he was — with his son running the front office, close friends he'd hired coaching the team and guys he'd molded such as Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard leading the way on the floor. Nellie will have an even closer look at the Mavs at the start of this postseason. He'll be coaching against them. Now guiding the Golden State Warriors, Nelson's club snagged the final spot in the Western Conference playoffs on the final day of the season. As luck would have it, their first-round foe is the Mavericks, who are coming off a 67-win season that tied the sixth-

most in league history. So put aside the relationships. Nelson's goal starting Sunday night in Dallas will be to destroy the monster of a club he created. "It's going to be a good old fashioned family feud," said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations and the son of the Warriors' coach. "I'm sure when Nellie comes down, we'll get the kids together and hang out and have a good meal. Then the next day we'll try to rip each other's throats out." Mavericks coach Avery Johnson's relationship with Don Nelson dates to the 1993-94 season, when they were together in Golden State. Nelson made Johnson a full-time starting point guard for the first time in his career that season and was rewarded with a trip

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HC AWARD WINNERS



Kim Gilyard (left) and Nicole Linen (right) pose with Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks after being honored during the college's Awards Convocation held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Linen was awarded the Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year and Gilyard was awarded the Female Student American Legion Citizenship Award.

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Obituaries

Johnnie Hooper



Johnnie Hooper, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born July 30, 1930, in Sweetwater to Edna and Henry Hooper. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the National Guard for 32 years. He retired Aug. 12, 1980, as a lieutenant colonel. He started working at Cosden Nov. 4, 1953, and retired from Fina in 1985. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbi Hooper of Big Spring; daughter, Ronda Hooper of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Sherida Feeley and her husband Shawn of El Paso; one great granddaughter, Everley Richardson of El Paso; two sisters, Florene Kennedy of Odessa and Orvella Solis and her husband Is of Renton, Wash.; one brother, Doyle Hooper and his wife Patty of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Bob Hooper; one daughter, Robyn Drinkard; and three brothers, Dewayne, Eddie and Barney Hooper.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Hightower, James Baird, Grover Cleveland, Arlan Fenner, Jack Elrod and David Smith.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 East 7th Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Ernest E. Limon Sr.



Ernest E. Limon Sr., 67 of Waco died Sunday, April 15, 2007, in Gun Barrel City. Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption with Msgr. Mark Deering as celebrant. Military graveside rites will follow at Waco Memorial Park. Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friday at OakCrest Funeral Home, followed by visitation.

Ernest was born April 19, 1939, in Aquila to Juan Ynez and Maria (Elizondo) Limon. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption, avid golfer and loved working on motorcycles. Ernest owned and operated Inman Motorcycle Shop.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, son, Dino Ralph Limon and brother, Robert Mendez.

Ernest is survived by his son, Ernesto Limon Jr. of San Marcos; daughter, Brenda Limon-Cole and granddaughter of Waco; sisters, Kay Limon Brady of Houston and Frances Limon Chavez of Waxahachie; brothers, John Limon and Manuel Limon, both of Big Spring, Raymond, Jody and Ben Limon, all of Lubbock, and Jesse Limon of Irving; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The online guestbook is available at www.oakcrest-waco.com

Leland V. 'Lee' Thigpen

Leland V. "Lee" Thigpen, 93, of Stanton, died Thursday, April 19, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2007, at the Coleman Cemetery in Coleman.

He will lie in state Friday and Saturday at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born May 13, 1913, in Coleman County and married Lucille Vaughn on Feb. 25, 1938, in Coleman. She preceded him in death Sept. 30, 1949.

Mr. Thigpen came to Stanton in 1955 and worked as a Chevrolet mechanic for Alsup Chevrolet, then for Cave and Boland John Deere Co. and Boland John Deere Co. for 20 years, until retiring.

He was a member of Belview Church of Christ and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include one son, Don Thigpen and wife Debbie of Stanton; four grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and one sister, Frances Fletcher of Munday.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Take Note

• AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY Saturday. Plates are \$8 each. Delivery will be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be held from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3208 W. Highway 80. Everyone is invited.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: An activity log was not available at press time due to computer problems at the police department.

- **JOSEPH LEROY PRATT**, 55, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NATHAN H. CAHOON**, 47, of 105 N.E. Third Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CAROLYN ANCHONDO**, 33, of 2525 Langley, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 49 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TOM JERRY LUERA**, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence of 5 years for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **OLEGARIO MELENDEZ JR.**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no valid registration, no liability insurance, driving while license invalid and a motion to revoke probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **CAROLYN MARIZ ANCHONDO**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of credit/debit card abuse and theft.
- **REYNALDO CHAVERRIA JUAREZ**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation and a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of E. 18th Street. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and FM 818. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1900 block of Birdwell Lane. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of George. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of E. 11th.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-11-30-35. Bonus Ball: 35. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-15-21-24-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$30,212. Winning ticket sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-1

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Spring City Senior Citizens 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
• The Third Annual "Spring Clean Community-Wide Flea Market" is set for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall parking lot.

• American Legion Post 506 fish fry, noone to 3 p.m. at 3208 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$8 each. Deliveries will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

• Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus presents "Music of America and Mozart, Too!" at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Windy. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the south 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 20 to 30 mph becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

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BRONZE MEDALISTS



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Members of the Big Spring High School Lady Steers golf team pose following the final round of the District 4-4A golf tournament where they finished third behind Frenship and Plainview. The team members are: Porscha Knowlton, Amber Miller, Cassie Guinn, Holly Bancroft and Ces Acosta.

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to the playoffs. This is the Warriors' first time back in the

playoffs since then.

Reunited as player and coach in Dallas a few years ago, they later hatched a succession plan. Johnson was to eventually replace Nelson as coach of the

Mavericks. Eventually came much sooner than expected, with Johnson taking over in March 2005 after only 64 games. He got Dallas into the NBA finals last year, his first full season in charge.

CATES

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it was time to go in a little different direction and have a new start," said Jody Reid, president of the board. "We appreciate everything Coach Cates did... We just felt it was time to go in a different direction."

Trustees originally considered Cates' contract in March, but tabled the issue until Thursday's meeting.

Cates addressed the board prior to its adjourning into executive session and defended his tenure as football coach.

"All I'm asking for is respect from trustees and the administration," he said. "This situation is

resolvable."

Attempts to contact Cates after the meeting were unsuccessful.

Superintendent Jerry Johnson said the district will begin its search for a new football coach quick-

ly, but declined to give a time table for naming a replacement.

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

**Keep Big Spring Beautiful
Golf Tournament**
Saturday, April 21, 2007
at the Big Spring Country Club
9:00 a.m. tee time

Four person scramble, entry fee - \$60/person.
Please contact the Big Spring Country Club to sign up.
Immediately following play, prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams, longest drive man and woman and closest to the pin man and woman. Chances for new golf shoes will be available at the sign-up table or contact a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful at 432.263.9332. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served.

All proceeds go to Keep Big Spring Beautiful

TOURNEY

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ing part in the tournament.

"We've really been fortunate when it comes to sponsors this year," said Brooks. "The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the Parks and Recreation Department, Hwycom Universal Systems and Blum's Jewelers are some of our major sponsors for this year's tournament."

Brooks said although the tournament itself begins Saturday, there's going to be plenty to do Friday, as all the teams and individual players arrive in Big Spring.

"We'll hold a doubles competition Friday, beginning at 4 p.m.," said Brooks. "Saturday, registration is set for 8 a.m. until 9 a.m., after which we'll begin play. Play is expected to get under way Sunday around 10 a.m."

Brooks said local residents interested in the sport are welcome to

come out and watch the competition.

"The headquarters for the tournament is the Belaski Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park," said Brooks. "I'll be there pretty much the whole time, and I'll have the discs and other stuff used in the game there. So, if someone has questions, I'll be happy to help them."

"Disc golf is a great family sport," he continued. "I've been involved with

it for 23 years now, and my sons love it. And Big Spring has more disc golf baskets in the ground than any other city in West Texas, so we're sort of leading the way. It's certainly one of the most popular sports in Texas and it's still growing."

For more information or to pre-register for the tournament, contact Brooks at 432-528-5076 or e-mail him at gbrooks@apex2000.net.

BRIEFS

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scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Play will get under way with 9 a.m. tee times.

Entry fees for the four-person scramble are \$60 per player.

Contact the Big Spring Country Club to sign up.

Immediately following-play, prizes will be awarded to first, second- and third-place teams, longest drive man and woman and closest to the pin man and woman.

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Friday, April 20, 2007

Coahoma ISD renovation, remodeling projects moving along, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Summer will be anything but quiet on the campuses of Coahoma Independent School District.

There won't be any students around, but plenty of activity is planned as construction and renovation projects authorized by November's bond election get under way. CISD trustees met with

the district's architectural consultant during their regular monthly meeting Thursday and discussed plans for the massive renovation, which will effect all three district campuses.

Mike Smith, of the Lubbock firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, said the preparation for the projects is kicking into overdrive.

"We are working feverishly," Smith told

trustees.

"We have 40 to 50 people across all of the disciplines working on this for you."

Plans call for trustees to call for competitive sealed bids during the first week

in May, with bids being awarded and a contractor being named May 31. After that, actual construction work should begin sometime in late June, Superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

SYMPHONY

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"Guide My Feet," "Ride Up In The Chariot," "My God Is So High" and "City Called Heaven."

Accompanied by the orchestra and joined by the symphony chorus, she will also be performing the spirituals, "Great

Day," "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired" and "Sometimes I Feel Like A Moanin' Dove."

Also to be performed are Mozart's "Exultate Jubilate" for soprano and orchestra and the "Vesperae Solemnes" (Solemn Vespers) for soprano, chorus and orchestra.

Those works by Mozart, not initially planned as part of the concert, were added by Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's music director and conductor after he'd listened to a recording of Peters Joubert's work.

"This concert was originally planned to include only American music," Graumann explained. "But, when I heard a recording of Ms. Joubert singing Mozart's 'Alleluia,' I was awestruck and decided that we simply must hear her sing Mozart while she was here. She

is very well respected for her classical and operatic performances, as well as her gospel and spiritual singing." A graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, Joubert studied with mezzo-soprano Helen Vanni and coached by Thomas Grubb and Dorothy Uris. She has performed for such notables as President Bill Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Archbishop Desmond Tutu,

Mayor David Dinkins and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Tickets for the subscription season-ending performance — priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — are still available at the symphony office, Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers and Dakota's Flowers.

Tickets for the concert will also be available at the door.

Principal Wayland Pierce said. "But this was primarily a security measure."

Big Spring Junior High implemented its emergency response plan. Among other things, there was a heightened police presence on campus and classroom doors were locked once class began, Downes said.

THREATS

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school, apparently circulated among students, causing many parents to keep their children from going to classes this morning.

In the wake of the recent tragedy at Virginia

Tech University, and with this week being the anniversary week for both the Columbine school shootings and the destruction of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, local school officials were already on a heightened lookout for terroristic threats.

With those incidents in mind, school officials

were in no joking mood when the rumor mill began working Thursday.

"We take these kind of threats very seriously," Superintendent Michael Downes said. "In fact, our goal right now is to find the students responsible for spreading this hoax. If they are found, they will be disciplined."

Downes was unequivocal in discounting the actual threat to students.

"This is entirely a hoax," Downes said. "There never was a foundation of truth to the story at all ... Nobody called or raised a threat. It was something that grew out among a group of students."

The hoax apparently centered around Big

Spring Junior High and Goliad Intermediate School, and officials at both schools were busy reviewing school security plans this morning.

"We've already had a drill (Friday) morning, to make sure all of our protocols are in order, just in the one-in-a-million chance there was some truth to this," Goliad

Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually.

Sheppard is a student at both Howard College and Texas Tech University and was awarded a certificate of nomination and a \$250 scholarship. In addition to the specialized individual awards, Howard College recognized more than 200 students for Dean's List,

COLLEGE

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came to Howard College from El Paso. Linen brought home several other academic honors and is graduating with a 4.0 GPA this spring. She has managed to maintain her grade point average while being a member of the Howard College Lady Hawks basketball team and participating in many other organizations and activities on campus.

Other top individual awards handed out on Tuesday were the American Legion Citizenship Awards which honor both male and female students of the year. This award honors students who show outstanding citizenship and leadership qualities and is voted on by popular vote of the faculty, staff and administration.

This year's female recipient was Kim Gilyard, who also came to Howard College from El Paso. Gilyard, also recognized with various academic honors, is a member of the Lady Hawks basketball team and stays active on campus while achieving a 3.80 GPA.

Josh Land and Nathan Teeters took home honors as the male recipients of the American Legion award. Land is a member of the Howard College rodeo team, the Student Government Association and found his way to Big Spring from Dalton, Ga. He is an ag business major and plans to continue his education at Texas Tech University.

Nathan Teeters, a Big Spring High School graduate, is well known on campus as he serves as a Howard College Diplomat and also actively works in the community as a

YMCA coach. Teeters, who takes his community involvement seriously, plans to continue his education in the criminal justice program at Howard College in the fall.

Dianna Walker was tapped as the Workforce Education Outstanding Student of the year by Dr. Jamie Peterson, executive dean of Workforce Education. Walker will join a prestigious group of future business leaders who have been recognized by the Workforce Education Department since 1963.

Sparks added, "I could not be more proud of these students. Most of them are extremely active on campus and participate in athletics and other special programs, yet they find the time to maintain their grades and make their education a priority." Another award handed

out at the annual awards event is Educator of the Year. Rick Hamby took home this year's honor, which is voted on by the student body and was presented by Student Government Association President Wayne Shaffeld.

Hamby, well-known among the students as a colorful individual, has been a full-time faculty member at Howard College for the past 10 years.

"Mr. Hamby brings excitement to his classroom and truly engages his students in the learning process," said Sparks. "We are proud to have him among our faculty."

Sparks also recognized Tyler Sheppard, who was nominated by Howard College to the USA Today All American Team. Phi Theta Kappa, USA TODAY, and the American Association of

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"They have a lot of native plants and plants that have been adapted to this area, so they are easy to grow. Plus, Master Gardeners will be available to give advice about the plants and answer questions," said Brumley.

In past years, the flea market has been located on the east side of Bealls but this year it be held in a more prominent location.

"We are going to rope off an area right in front of the former Burke's Department Store, so we'll occupy the entire outside area from the Dollar store to the movie entrance," explained Brumley. "A lot of people in the mall I have talked to are excited about it because they believe we will be more visible, right out in front."

The Yellow Dogs Relay For Life team will be among those offering food items. They'll have turkey legs, sausage on a stick, funnel cakes, roasted corn, drinks and more. Howard College PTK will offer baked items.

Birdhouses and wind chimes, home decor items, and a host of recycled or garage sale items will be among the fare offered Saturday.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will also have a booth for those interested in learning more about the organization and the events it puts on each year. By the way, proceeds from booth rental at the flea market benefit the organization, which is

dedicated to a clean Big Spring.

"We still have a few booth spaces open, so anyone or any group that might be interested can call and we'll see if we

can squeeze them in," said Brumley, who can be reached at 213-5293.

Prices for the 10x10 booth spaces are \$25, 12x12 spaces are \$45 and 24x12 spaces are \$65.

The flea market opens bright and early at 7 a.m. but runs until just 2 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Doris Huibregtse, on receiving the Jack Y. Smith Award, Big Spring State Hospital's most coveted volunteer award. Hats off too, to the many volunteers honored during the hospital's Volunteer Services Council luncheon Tuesday.

- The Newsom family on their renovations to the Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge and rededication of the the facility — a guest house at Big Spring State Hospital where patient's families can stay while visiting — to the Don and Marilyn Newsome Family Lodge.

- We could list the events individually, but it seems there was so much going on last weekend, we'll just take them as group and say thanks to the organizers and volunteers who helped with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk, Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off and the Vocal Trash concert. It was difficult for everyone to get to all of those events, but that is one of the things that makes Big Spring great — there's almost always something going on. With that in mind, don't forget activities this Saturday, including the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Community Flea Market from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the mall or the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus performance at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

- The volunteer drivers — a dozen of them — for the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, recognized recently by the DAV for their hard work and dedication.

- Students (and teachers) throughout the Crossroads area involved in TAKS testing this week. We hope, students, that you did well, and that you, teachers, still have some hair left.

- Big Spring High School bandmembers and instructors for earning a Sweepstakes this year. It must be great to win and toot your horn at the same time!

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord give us rest when we are weary.

Amen

Stay-at-home moms face peril

I am now out of the closet. I admit I've swung both ways in the Mommy Wars. I was a stay-at-home when my son was a baby, and I went back to work full-time once he started kindergarten.

I've organized play dates and I've taught political science classes. I've watched cartoons and I've written political commentary. I've eaten too many kids' meals at fast food restaurants, and I've been the invited lunch speaker for civic organizations. I'm outed now as walking both sides of the "Mommy" line. Like many of my women friends, I'm bi-maternal — not that there's anything wrong with that — a career woman transformed into full-time mommy and back again.

So as a former stay-at-home and current working mom, I didn't take offense at Leslie Bennetts' assertion in her new book, "The Feminine Mistake," that women choose domesticity over financial autonomy at their own and their children's peril. Bennetts warns women not to depend on their male companions for economic well-being for themselves or their kiddos, lest circumstances change and the domestic cocoon implodes.

But other women who have — even temporarily — abandoned professional success for suburbia, who discarded their suits for sweats and for days surrounded by Play-Doh and Pampers don't have such amiable, or even ambivalent feelings about Bennetts' cautionary tale. It amounts to modern

feminism denigrating traditional family values, they allege. Instead, today's stay-at-home moms argue the power of choice, including the decision to raise their kiddies themselves and without caregivers. In one way, they're right.

The feminist movement of the 1960s was about empowering women, about providing women with options — whether career or home, or both. So choose away, ye career-oriented, educated woman wanting to flee the professional path. Choose Ozzie and Harriet and 1950s Americana. Choose to play June Cleaver to your husband's Ward. Be the little lady and her knight toting the kids in the minivan. But also realize that choice comes with consequences, some unintended and unexpected.

Those insulted by Bennetts' call for women's economic self-sufficiency should realize common sense is not a moral judgment, and factual evidence is not an ethical condemnation. Bennetts merely urges women to have a plan B if A walks, and B shouldn't be another man-protector/provider/paycheck. Surely not I, the aghast woman doth protest. My marriage is intact, she indigently proclaims, but smack-you-into-reality says 50 percent of first marriages end in divorce and two-thirds of second ones do, too.

Contingency planning doesn't mean you love your husband any less or you have doubts about the viability of your union. It just means that women should assume responsibility for the "what if" of life — divorce, death, unemployment — instead of abdicating it to their man. It means being rational about reality instead of a pie-in-the-sky romantic. "Till death do us

part" doesn't mean the woman leaves her common sense at the altar.

Flying kites on windy days, picnicking in the park, and playing peek-a-boo make for priceless moments with the little ones, providing irreplaceable memories—but sentiment doesn't pay the bills. There's not much money to be made in serenading someone with the Barney song or in playing patty-cake.

And then one glorious day, the last little munchkin goes off to school, and mom is ready to rejoin the gainfully employed. Time in the business world hasn't stopped while she was at home, though. How to explain that many-years-gap on her resume? Few professional jobs require previous experience in putting together puzzles and burping babies. Her colleagues who never left the office are far ahead on the corporate ladder, and she is starting at entry level, for the second time, at a much lower salary than if she had stayed.

It's a hard transition for former stay-at-home-moms from "The Little Engine that Could" to "The New York Times," and from Sponge Bob to CNN.

Women, be aware and be prepared if you want to stay home with your children. It is going to cost you.

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NEWS: EVEN PATRIOT ACT IS TOO RESTRICTIVE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



Penalty does not fit the crime

Don Imus lost his job for making an unfunny joke about the wrong people. He didn't throw a baby down the stairs or pledge his allegiance to Al Qaeda, he made a racially insensitive joke about a group of women who didn't deserve it.

He got fired by CBS Radio and MSNBC for exactly the kind of crack he made about every race, religion and special interest group imaginable regularly on his show. Unfortunately, this failed attempt at humor opened the door for Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and the rest of the politically correct crowd to demand blood.

I find it impossible to believe that our nation now takes its behavioral cues from two people with as many past transgressions as Jackson and Sharpton.

If not for forgiveness and a willingness for people to accept their apologies, then Jackson should be unemployed for calling New York "Hymietown" and Sharpton should have become irrelevant after the Tawana Brawley incident.

Instead, Sharpton and Jackson are considered leaders. They wasted no time in demanding that Imus lose his job, yet both of them

make no attempt to explain why it was OK for them to be forgiven, but when it's an old white guy in a cowboy hat, he should pay with his career.

Sharpton and Jackson didn't act against Imus because his remarks offended them, they acted because the scandal was a chance to enhance their own portfolios.

Instead of mediating a peace and letting Imus apologize and use his position to educate his audience on his mistakes, they made sure he got fired just to show they could. The women Don Imus offended never called for his firing. They actually wanted to meet with him before making up their minds.

Unfortunately, their opinion was deemed irrelevant by the political correctness lynch mob that forced CBS and MSNBC to fire Imus before the women he insulted got a chance to gauge the sincerity of his apology.

People who listen to Imus' program, which I occasionally did, know he offends everyone equally. His own decaying physical condition and young wife were mercilessly attacked on the show as everything and everyone else.

Imus made racial jokes and, in this case, he clearly used language that many people in his audience considered inappropriate, but that does not make him a racist.

Calling a group of predominantly black college athletes "nappy-head-

ed hos" shows insensitivity and poor judgment, but it does not provide irrefutable proof that the person making the comment is a racist.

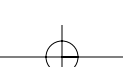
Anyone who heard the remark clearly understood that it was a throwaway joke designed to get a laugh out of the comedic premise that women's basketball teams are not renowned for their delicate beauty. Imus wasn't accusing them of actually being whores — women who sell sex for money — anymore than his intent was for "nappy-headed" to be a racial slur.

Intent plus ignorance don't equal forgiveness, but past experience and the way a man lives his life should. Don Imus might be a raging jerk whose rarely funny radio show contained the occasional unfortunately chosen insult, but that does not change that he has been a consistent supporter of equality for everyone and a tireless fundraiser for sick children of all races, creeds and colors.

Good deeds don't build up in a bank to be cashed in in exchange for being allowed to commit bad ones, but they do show something about the underlying person.

Imus might be a curmudgeon and he clearly needs to undergo sensitivity training, but he does not deserve to lose his career when the victims of his words don't demand that penalty.

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Church News

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First Baptist Church of Big Spring

The First Baptist Church invites you to come and worship with us this Sunday morning at 9:30. No one is ever too old or too young for Sunday school. Worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"Fingerprints of God" is the title of the new Women's Bible Study which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. every Monday in the conference room. The cost is \$11, which is the cost of the workbook. Nancy Spurgin will lead this study.

Pancakes and pie is on the menu for Sunday, April 29. More details will be available next week.

Coming May 6 is Senior Adult Recognition Sunday, and it's going to be a great day!

If you are new to Big Spring or in search of a church home, we would welcome you to First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700.

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Shane Brue's sermon for this Sunday is titled "The Sent and Sending One," based on Isaiah 49:5-6 and Exodus 19:6. Dr. John Campbell of Abilene will be the guest organist for both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

The youth of our church, under the leadership of Jason Archuleta, launched the 2007 Relay For Life fundraiser last Sunday. Designed to put the women and men of our congregation in competition; the aim is to top last year's impressive total. Our youth has had a Relay team every year since the event came to Big Spring. This year, more than ever before, the Relay is in our heart as our young pastor fights his own battle with cancer and prepares to walk that first lap. Please give generously as we fight cancer one Relay at a time.

First Methodist is offering for rental Kentwood Activity Center. It is an ideal location for family reunions, showers, receptions and meetings. There is a fully equipped kitchen and there are caretakers on premises. For information on date availability and costs, contact the church office at 267-6394.

First United Methodist Church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry Streets in downtown Big Spring. We have a place for you.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The congregation of BLBC would like to extend an invitation to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. If you do not have a church home and are looking for a local church to serve the Lord, we exist for the sole purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ and being a blessing to you and your family. Services are informal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching and a very friendly atmosphere. Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided.

The Lord has blessed us with a church van. For a ride to Church, call 264-9924.

The ladies are meeting Saturday in the fellowship at 10 a.m. to discuss the upcoming Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 12. For further information, call 267-7157.

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College Baptist Church

A barbecue lunch will be served by CBC Youth Sunday, April 29, immediately following the morning worship service.

A recommended donation of \$5 per person is asked, with \$15 being the maximum cost for a family.

According to Youth Minister Bobby Floyd, all donations will be used to fund summer youth activities. In July, the young people will be attending Centrifuge in Glorietta, N.M.

At Serendipity Monday, Cindy McCullough, who is secretary at the office of the Big Spring Baptist Association, addressed the group. Also on the program was Sharon Westerhoff; she and her husband serve as directors of the Hospitality House.

Softball fans will want to see the CBC Team in action April 24 when they play St. Joseph.

CBC members are in the process of restocking their pantry. You can help to minister to the hungry in Big Spring by donating canned goods and boxed dinners.

First Christian Church

On Saturday there will be a church parking lot sale to raise funds for a youth mission trip. We will be taking young people, ages 10-18, to San Antonio the first weekend of June to work at the Inman Christian Center and to enjoy a day at Sea World.

The sale will start at 8 a.m. If the sale raises \$3,000 or more, the minister has agreed to undergo "Ten Bags of Doom" in the parking lot: Ten bags of various substance will be dumped on his head by the church's young people to celebrate a successful sale. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for a modest price.

Sunday, our minister's sermon "Living Stones" will be based on 1 Peter 2:4-12. A fellowship luncheon will follow. Visitors are invited to stay for lunch.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will have Angel Food delivery Saturday, April 28, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. If you have placed an order for April you must pick it up at this time. Orders for May will be available and you may place your order.

Orders will also be taken on Friday, May 4; Saturday, May 5; and Friday, May 11, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. Orders must be turned in before 6 p.m. May 11. All of this will be at the North Birdwell UMC located at 2702

North Birdwell Lane. If you would like more information concerning the program, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

Sunday worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school classess following at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services, a time of singing and a devotional message, will be at 5 p.m. United Methodist Women will meet bi-monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. and will be led by Jacque Maunch. The Rev. Joel Miller leads Bible study on the first and third Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to attend any of the services, programs and activities presented by North Birdwell UMC.

The church members plan to have a booth at the Funtastic Fourth celebration in downtown Big Spring. Craft items and baked goods will be offered for sale with proceeds going toward the building fund for the expansion of the church.

Sunday, April 29, the Area Methodist Meeting will be held at Baker's Chapel, 911 North Lancaster. This joint worship service is open to people of all denominations. Worship starts at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

Make plans now for Vacation Bible School June 18-21. There will be Bible stories, games and crafts for ages 5 through 12. There will be a closing program and family cookout on the 21st. Time for the daily sessions will be 9 a.m. until noon. The cookout and program will start at 7 p.m. This year's theme is based on hot air balloon — "Lift Off, Soaring to New Heights with God."

Please plan to attend the church of your choice on Sunday.



Don and Judy Earley

Berea Baptist Church

Don and Judy Earley, of Earley Praises, will present a concert during the 11 a.m. worship service at Berea Baptist Church April 22. The Earleys, who are from the Fort Worth area, have presented several concerts in this area in the last few years.

The Earleys have each received awards through the Southern Gospel Music Association. In 2004, Judy Earley was named "Female Vocalist of the Year." That year, Earley Praises received the "Natalie Dawn Smith Love Award" and the song "And I Believe" was nominated for "Song of the Year." In 2003, Don Earley was named "Male

Vocalist of the Year." Tapes, CDs and videos of concerts by Earley Praises will be available at the end of the service.

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Road in Big Spring. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. A nursery is available for children through age 3. For transportation, call the Berea office at 267-8438. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. If there is no answer, leave a message and we will return your call.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church News

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Chapel.

There will be a youth taco salad fund-raiser after the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us in the Parish Hall for a delicious meal.

The Eastertide Concert and Luncheon will be Thursday at 12:05 p.m. Rocky Harris and the Big Spring High School Honor Band will be our guests.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Fellowship time begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship. Worship in music begins at 10:30, led by Stan

Hanes. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, is preaching a series of messages on "American Idols," with this week's sermon titled "American Idol...Watching the Public Opinion Polls."

Sunday night's sermon, "The Church...As the Body of Christ," begins at 6 p.m. Sunday mornings also include children's church.

Wednesdays start at 5:30 p.m. and include a fellowship meal, Bible study for adults and youth and children choirs.

You get to the church by going down 1-20 to Salem Road Exit. Turn left and go under the highway and turn left on the service road. We are about 300 feet down the highway.

You can contact us at 714-4584 or at springcreek-fellowship.org. We look forward to connecting with you at Spring Creek Fellowship!

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. for morning service and Young People's Church, and again at 6 p.m. for evening church. Prayer meeting is Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Parkplace.

There will be a Fifth Sunday sing on April 29 beginning at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal to follow. Join us for an evening of musical fellowship.

Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. Bro. Monroe Teeters is the pastor. For further information, call 394-4566.

Christ's Community Fellowship

Join us for a night of singing, music, testimony, praise, worship, fellowship and refreshments at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Bring your favorite song, CD (on disc or in mp3 format) or instru-

ment. If you can play a keyboard/piano, we have a full size electronic keyboard available. All other instruments, especially those needing amplifiers, will need to bring all necessary equipment. A projector for sing-alongs and microphones are available.

All denominations are welcome.

Christ's Community Fellowship is at 1008 Birdwell Lane, directly across from the new Howard College Auditorium. Additional parking is located across the street at Howard College.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Our Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Brunch will be sponsored by the youth, who will be attending The National Gathering.

Bible classes continue during the seek. Subjects are Beth Moore — Patriarchs, Forty Days of Just Words, Christians in a Post-Modern World and Daniel. Call the church for times and locations. Everyone is invited.

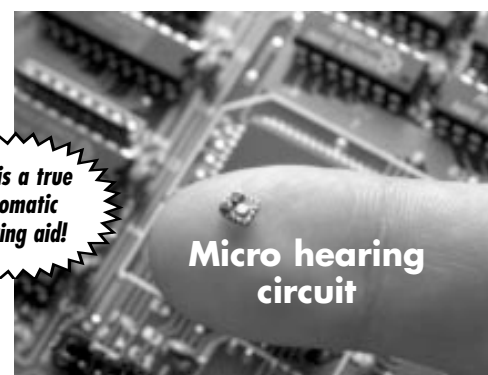
More than 110 boxes of clothing were taken to the Ysleta Mission in El Paso by Richard Sanders and Ray Stukel. Thanks to all who helped.

Don't forget Operation Ongoing Support. These items are sent to our chaplains in Iraq to distribute to our military personnel. More than 300 pounds were sent in the last shipping. April care package items are gallon size Ziplock bags, all types of chewing gum and disposable cameras as well as contributions to an AT&T phone card.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. Our phone number is 263-3787.

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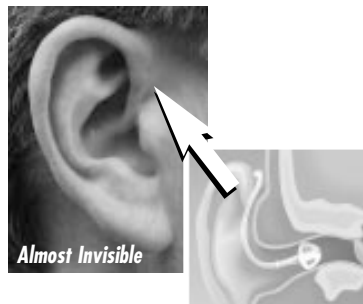
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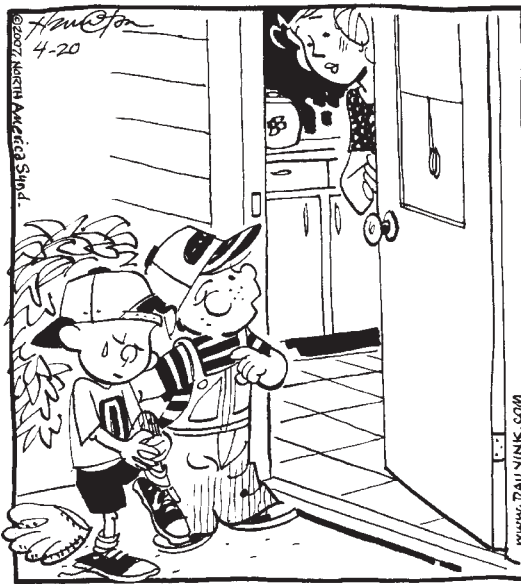
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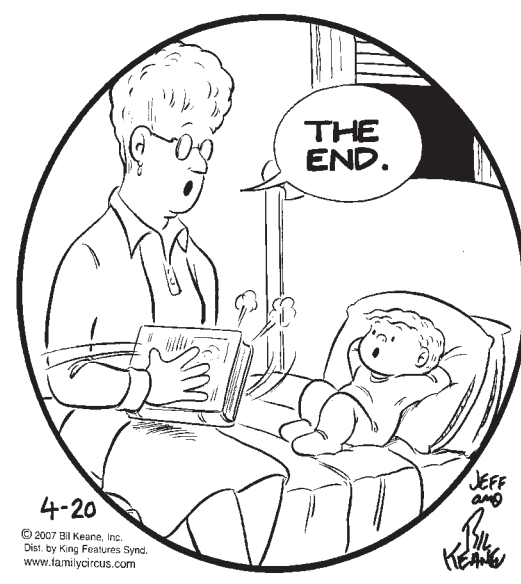
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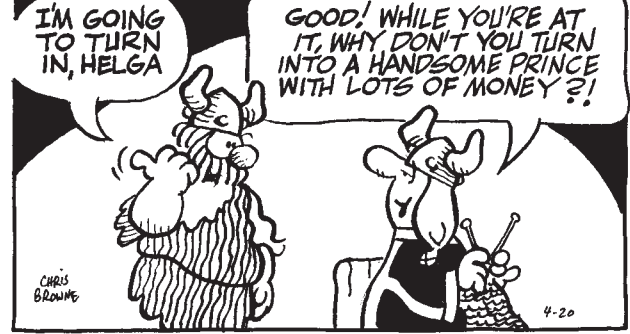
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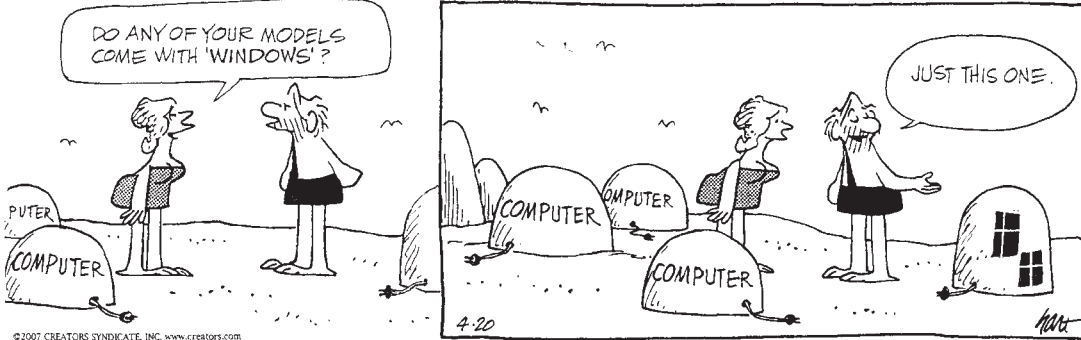
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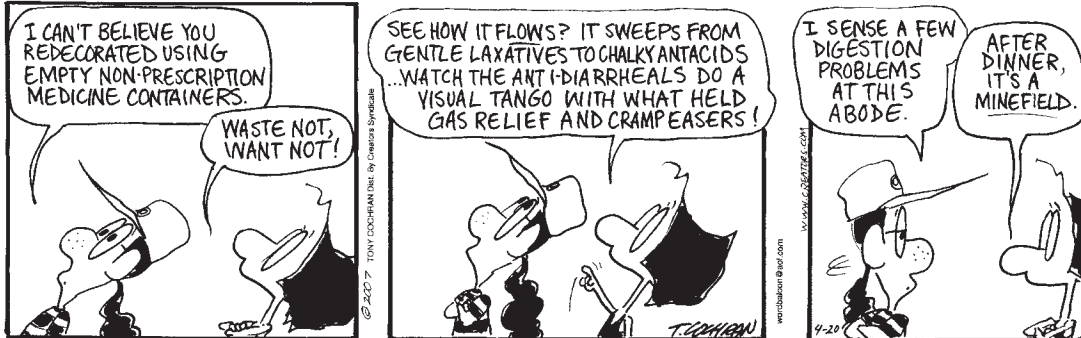
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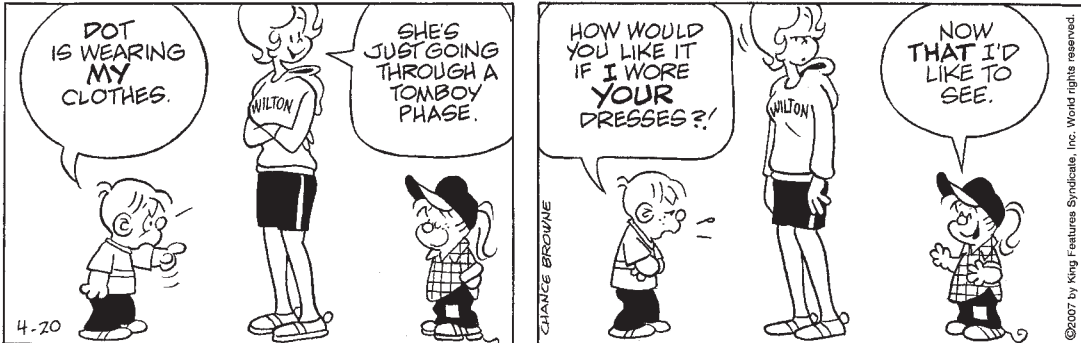
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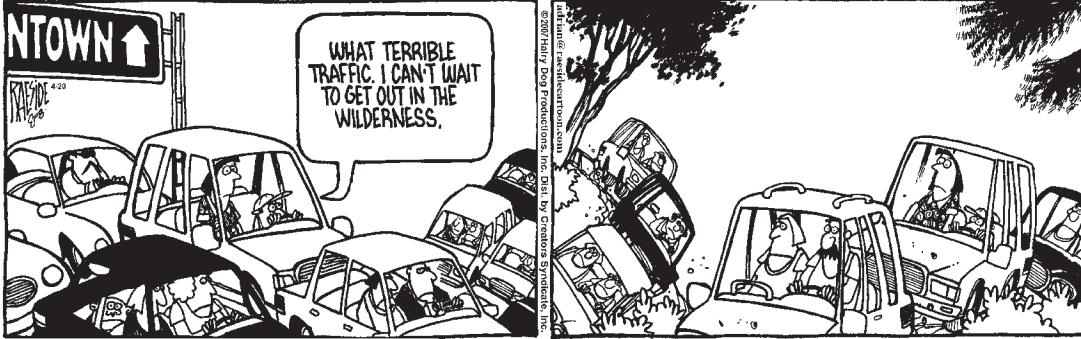
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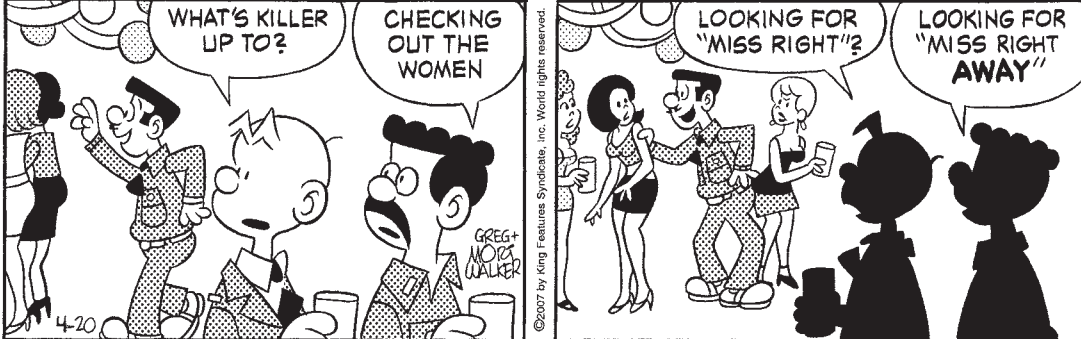
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 20, the 110th day of 2007. There are 255 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 20, 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Littleton, Colo., as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives. On this date: In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first vice president to die while in office. In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory. In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria. In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart. In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court, in Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools. In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon. In 1977, the Supreme Court, in Wooley v. Maynard, said car owners could refuse to display state mottoes on license plates, such as New Hampshire's "Live Free or Die." In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed. In 1980, the first Cubans sailing to the United States as part of the massive Mariel boatlift reached Florida. Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 87. Actress Nina Foch is 83. Actor Leslie Phillips is 83. Actor George Takei is 70. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 68. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 66. Bluegrass singer-musician Doyle Lawson (Quicksilver) is 63. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 59. Actor Gregory Itzin is 59. Actress Jessica Lange is 58. Actor Clint Howard is 48. Actor Crispin Glover is 43. Country singer Wade Hayes is 38. Actor Shemar Moore is 37. Rock musician Mikey Welsh is 36. Actress Carmen Electra is 35. Reggae singer Stephen Marley is 35. Rock musician Marty Crandall (The Shins) is 32. Actor Joey Lawrence is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with words filled in: SERUM, LATEX, ORS, ALOHA, OCALA, MET, FLASH, GORDON, AMY, EAR, JOKES, APRIL, MOAT, ADESTE, MOMENT OF TRUTH, ALONG, EAT, SACK, YIN, GOODBYE, RAN, ANTI, UFO, NAIVE, INSTANT, COFFEE, MECCAS, ROLL, IDEAL, OPERA, TOP, AWL, SECOND, GRADE, TIL, ACHED, AARON, ANO, SOOTY, YEARN.

Newsday Crossword

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE by Kevin Donovan Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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