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City workers to get 6 percent raise

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 City of Big Spring employees are getting a raise in pay, with the possibility of even more increases in the near future.

The city council voted unanimously to approve a 6 percent, across-the-board pay increase for all city employees during a special meeting

"Realistically, we can't compete with the oilfield when it comes to salaries, but we have to make things to where our employees can at least afford to live here."

—City Manager Todd Darden

Tuesday evening. Money for the raises will come from funds already budgeted for

this fiscal year. Giving employees a raise in the middle of a budget cycle

is unusual, but the deteriorating employment situation for the city practically forced the council's hand in the matter — in the past two years, the city has lost more than half its workforce to turnover and wages rank near the bottom when compared to other West Texas municipalities.

This raise, coupled with another 6 percent increase

approved last summer, is an important step toward stemming that tide, officials said.

"What the city council said to employees (Tuesday) is that, 'We care,'" City Manager Todd Darden said. "We care about how much they make and about the kind of work they do ... Realistically,

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HC honors top students

Presidential Award recipient for 2013-14 Abilene's Lacy Brown

Herald Staff Report

Considered a "go to girl" by her peers, Lacy Brown has been named recipient of Howard College's 2013-2014 Presidential Award.

Brown, a wife and resident of Abilene, was one of dozens of students honored Tuesday night during the college's annual awards ceremony at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year is the most prestigious award given to a student at Howard College. Selection is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership qualities and overall college spirit.

Brown is a full-time dental hygiene student, a Howard College Diplomat, a resident assistant at Turner Hall and was crowned homecoming queen in 2013.

"Lacey is the 'go to girl,'" Dr. Cheryl Sparks, HC president, told those attending the ceremonies. "If there is a job to be completed, she is the first name that comes to mind. When she has a task, she gets the job done. She is a ready and willing volunteer to help with any project."

Brown was also recognized as being named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and the Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student. She received a medal and \$250 at Tuesday's ceremony.



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Lacy Brown, center, received Howard College's Presidential Award during Tuesday evening's ceremonies at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

nies.

Other key awards presented during the event were the American Legion Citizenship Awards, the Outstanding Workforce Education Student and Outstanding Educator of the Year.

American Legion Citizenship Awards

Presented to individuals who exhibit outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities, this year's recipients were Ashley Munoz and Joaquin Meza.

Munoz comes to Howard College from Crane, Texas.

"She is an exceptionally caring per-

son who is always ready to help with a cheerful, compassionate 'can do' attitude," said Sparks. "She is well-liked and respected by both her peers and instructors. Anything Ashley does, she does to her fullest ability."

Munoz was also recognized for being on the President's List and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Meza is from Ozona, Texas, and is a first-generation college student. Active in various activities, he is a member of the Diplomats and works as a resident assistant at the Partee Residential

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EDC rail expansion to get look

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Rail infrastructure continually plays a larger part in helping to develop economic opportunities in the Big Spring area, which was the case made by Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman Tuesday night.

During his director's report, Wegman updated attending board members — Jim DePauw, president Dale Avant and Nati Saldivar — about two projects which both are both dependent on access to rail lines. Members Francis Hobbs and Scott McKenzie were absent from the meeting.

One prospect, a pipe coating company, may be taking a step closer to establishing a business adjacent to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to take advantage of the short line, Wegman said.

"They have met with the owners of the property, and they are currently putting together a proposal. They are very interested in purchasing that property," Wegman said. "They brought other potential investors and clients to the table as well."

"This property is located adjacent to the airpark," he continued. "Their operations include rail, and they've got other colleagues that are rail-centric as well. They are very excited. They were actually here again today (Tuesday) with another potential client that has interest in doing some crude type trans-loading operations."

Wegman added the pipe coating company may have the proposal for the property owners ready as quickly as the end of this week or by the next.

"As soon as that is done, it is going to initiate the board to have to look at building more railroad structure at the

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Sheriff's office: Beware of fake warrant scam

Herald Staff Report

A scam artist falsely identifying himself with the Howard County Sheriff's Office is making the rounds in the county, according to information released by the sheriff's department.

"A person identifying himself as Lt. John Roberts with the Howard County Sheriff's

Office Warrant Division has been calling local residents advising them they have a warrant," said Sheriff Stan Parker. "They are given instructions to either take a sum of cash to a certain location to pay for the warrant, or they are told they can send the money by Western Union."

"This is a scam," Parker said. "The Howard County

Sheriff's Office does not have anyone employed by that name nor would we ask you to ever bring cash to a location."

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Complex. He is vice president of the Student Government Association and will take over as president next year.

Meza received the Outstanding SBA Member Award and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. He is pursuing his associate of applied science with the intention of becoming a registered nurse.

The winners were presented a plaque and their names will be placed on a plaque in the Student Union Building.

Outstanding Workforce Education Student

Each year, the Workforce Education CTE Division gives a special award to one outstanding student. Each recipient's name is placed on a plaque in the Workforce Education Division office in the Horace Garrett Building. The Outstanding Workforce Education student for 2013-2014 is Abel Olivias.

Called "a remarkable student," colleagues describe the single father of one son as willing to help everyone and always in good spirits. He will earn his A.A.S. degree in Green Construction Technology in December. During his time at Howard College, he has received a Level I certificate in welding, a Level I Certificate in electrical, a Marketable Skills award in tools and safety, and his Level II national NCCER certification in welding.

Outstanding Educator of the Year

The Outstanding Educator of the Year recipient is chosen by popular vote of the student body.

This year, students selected two Outstanding Educators of the Year.

John Fisher is the Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Howard College, where he has been a faculty member for eight years. He has been instrumental in creating the Criminal Justice Association student club for any and all Criminal Justice students who aspire to have a career in the criminal justice field.

He is an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a C-130 aircraft crew chief.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Angelo State University. He also received a master of arts in political science/public administration as well as a master of science in criminal justice, both at



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Police and EMS were called out to an accident involving a car and motorcycle on East 18th Street near Goliad Elementary School late Tuesday afternoon. Information about any injuries received from the accident were not available.

Sul Ross University. He is working on his doctorate of philosophy in criminal justice at Walden University.

Also voted as Outstanding Educator of the Year was "Doc" John Overton, who has been a head athletic trainer for 17 years, 11 dedicated to Howard College. He is a former student at Howard College and a product of the sports medicine program.

"This man spends countless hours all over the country taking care of his students," said Sparks. "Upholding the legacy of the Howard College Sports Medicine program created by Everett Blackburn has been a point of emphasis for Mr. Overton. By creating the Rockin EB, Everett Blackburn Rockin Rodeo Sports Medicine Clinic in 2009, Doc has en-

sured that Mr. Blackburn and the Howard College Sports Medicine program will always be appreciated and remembered for its innovation and leadership in the field."

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NEEDS YOUR HELP

Disabled man hopes to win van

Herald Staff Report

Local resident Rocky Salazar, a former state park ranger, is seeking the public's help.

The disabled Marine Corps. veteran is trying to generate enough votes to hopefully win a van to enhance his mobility.

In 2006, Salazar was diagnosed with a rare disease which left him paralyzed from the neck down and in 2009 was given only a short time to live.

"Shortly after returning home (from the VA Hospital), I began to move my upper body and began seeing improvements," Salazar said in a written statement. "My wife and I have truly lived the marriage vows, for better and for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health... In 2011, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and life became very difficult with us both needing home healthcare. By a miracle, I have regained about 70 percent of my upper body strength but am in a power chair for now."

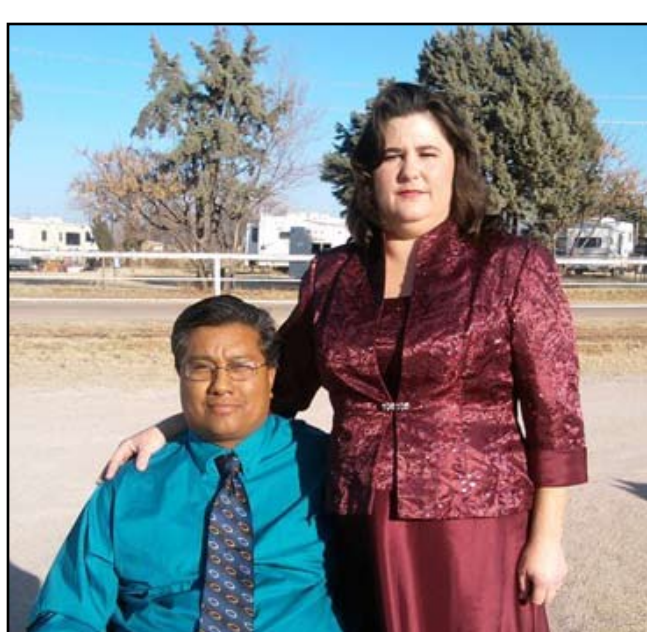
Salazar's wife, a cancer survivor, works full-time and cares for him in the evenings. In his mobile chair, he goes throughout his neighborhood and does small jobs to make ends meet.

Because he remains paralyzed in both legs and has 70 percent strength in his arms, Salazar has a difficult time getting in a vehicle. The family cannot afford a new one.

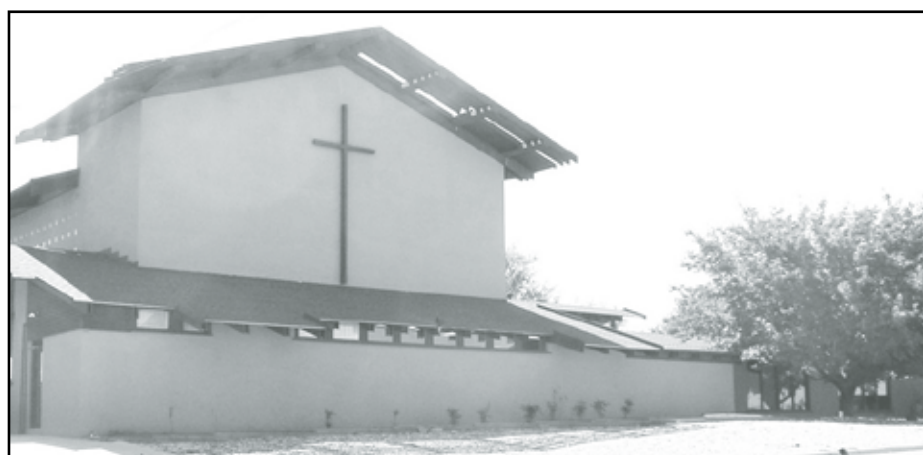
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to www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com/ and click on the vote button, then enter Rocky, Salazar, Big Spring and Texas. Click the photo and you will be prompted to register to vote.

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J.A. Jance has introduced a fourth character in her lineup of J.P. Beaumont, Joanna Brady and Ali Reynolds, that of Ali's significant other: B. Simpson. Lance Simpson, a juvenile hacker of renown (he invented GHOST – a program that will allow anyone to surf the internet completely undetected), has been set on fire and severely burned while hanging Christmas decorations in a locked juvenile rec room. Ali, on the other hand, is in England trying to track down the murderer of Leland Brooks' father, which has not been solved for decades.

Strangely enough, both cases will come together. Check out "Moving Target" (M JAN J) by J.A. Jance for a very fast-paced mystery that takes place in England, Texas and Arizona. Are you ready for some afternoon tea and crumpets? How about a murder to go along with it? In Laura Childs' newest mystery, "Steeped in Evil" (M CHI L), Theodosia Browning always considered herself a tea drinker, but she does enjoy wine, too. When invited to a fancy wine-tasting party at the up-scale Knighthall Winery, she wasn't going to pass it up. When the son of winemaker Jordan Knight is found dead in a wine barrel, the party breaks up. Theodosia is asked to find out who killed the boy, but she finds that there all quite a few suspects and she might be over the proverbial barrel.

In the fourteenth Joe Pickett mystery by C.J. Box, "Stone

Cold," (M BOX V) Joe is up against a man unlike he has ever known before. Everything about the man is a mystery: the massive ranch in the remote Black Hills of Wyoming that nobody ever visits, the women who live with him, the secret philanthropies, the private airstrip, the sudden disappearances. And especially the persistent rumors that the man's wealth comes from killing people. Joe Pickett, still officially a game warden but now mostly a troubleshooter for the governor, is assigned to find out what the truth is, but he discovers a lot more than he'd bargained for. There are two other men living up at that ranch. One is a stone-cold killer who takes an instant dislike to Joe. The other is new – but Joe knows him all too well. The first man doesn't frighten Joe. The second is another story entirely.

I haven't read a Molly Murphy mystery before and may have to put it on "my list." They are by Rhys Bowen and this is the thirteenth in the series: "City of Darkness and Light" (M BOW R). Molly and Daniel Sullivan are settling happily into the new routines of parenthood, but their domestic bliss is shattered the night a gang retaliates against Daniel for making a big arrest. Daniel wants his family safely out of New York City as soon as possible. In shock and grieving, but knowing she needs to protect their infant son Liam, Molly agrees to take him on the long journey to Paris to



stay with her friends Sid and Gus, who are studying art in the City of Light. But upon arriving in Paris, nothing goes as planned. Sid and Gus seem to have vanished into thin air, and Molly's search to figure out what happened to them will lead her through all levels of Parisian society, from extravagant salons to the dingy cafes where starving artists linger over coffee and loud philosophical debates. And when in the course of her search she stumbles across a dead body, Molly, on her own in a foreign country, starts to wonder if she and Liam might be in even more danger in Paris than they had been at home.

"The Black-Eyed Blonde" (M BLA B) is by Benjamin Black and begins like this: "It was one of those summer Tuesday afternoons when you begin to wonder if the earth has stopped revolving. The



telephone on my desk had the look of something that knows it's being watched. Traffic trickled by in the street below, and there were a few pedestrians, too, men in hats going nowhere."

So begins "The Black-Eyed Blonde," a new novel featuring Philip Marlowe — yes, that Philip Marlowe. Channeling Raymond Chandler, Benjamin Black has brought Marlowe back to life for a new adventure on the mean streets of Bay City, California. It is the early 1950s, Marlowe is as restless and lonely as ever, and business is a little slow. Then a new client is shown in: young, beautiful, and expensively dressed, she wants Marlowe to find her former lover, a man named Nico Peterson. Marlowe sets off on his search, but almost immediately discovers that Peterson's disappearance

is merely the first in a series of bewildering events. Soon he is tangling with one of Bay City's richest families and developing a singular appreciation for how far they will go to protect their fortune. Only Benjamin Black, a modern master of the genre, could write a new Philip Marlowe novel that has all the panache and charm of the originals while delivering a story that is as sharp and fresh as today's best crime fiction.

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Roberson qualifies for state golf tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Devin Roberson is headed to high school golf's version of the Promised Land.

The Big Spring High School senior punched his ticket to the Class 3A state golf tournament on Thursday with a solid round on the final day of the Region I-3A Golf Championships at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock. He shot

a 74 over the final 18 holes of the tournament and finished with a two-day total of 150.

Roberson's final mark left him in a three-way tie for seventh in the individual standings, and gave him a berth in the upcoming state tournament. Only the top three teams and the top 10 individuals qualified for the state tournament, which will be held April 28-29 at the Hyatt

Regency Lost Pines Resort in Austin.

The BSHS standout kicked off the tournament on Monday by carding a 76. He trimmed two strokes off his score in his final day.

Tyler Bryan and Tate Kennedy also turned in solid outings at the tournament. Bryan posted a final round of 73 and finished the meet with a mark of 156, just six strokes

shy of qualifying.

Bryan tallied an 83 in the first round on Monday.

Kennedy finished the tournament with identical rounds of 83 and posted a final mark of 166.

BSHS Teammates Mikey Pappajohn and Sam Harris also did well. Pappajohn turned in rounds of 79 and 80, respectively, and finished at 159. Harris turned in scores

of 84 and 85 and finished at 169.

As a team, the Steers finished fifth in the final standings with a two-day total of 631 - one stroke better than District 4-3A rival Abilene Wylie.

Andrew's G.K. Morrison won the Region I-3A medalist honors, edging out teammates Eric Walinder and Casey See **STATE**, Page 13

Steers roll past GHS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Gary Watkins made sure the Big Spring High School Steers would remain the hottest team in the District 4-3A race on Tuesday in front of a large home crowd on Senior Night. And he did it in grand fashion.

The BSHS standout powered the Steers to their sixth straight win by hurling a two-hit gem at the Greenwood Rangers in a 9-0 rout. He finished the game with a season-high 11 strikeouts.

The Steer offense also contributed to the lopsided win. Big Spring pounded out six runs in the fourth inning and gave Watkins a 7-0 lead to work with.

Watkins also turned in a nice effort at the plate. He racked up three hits and drove in a pair of runs.

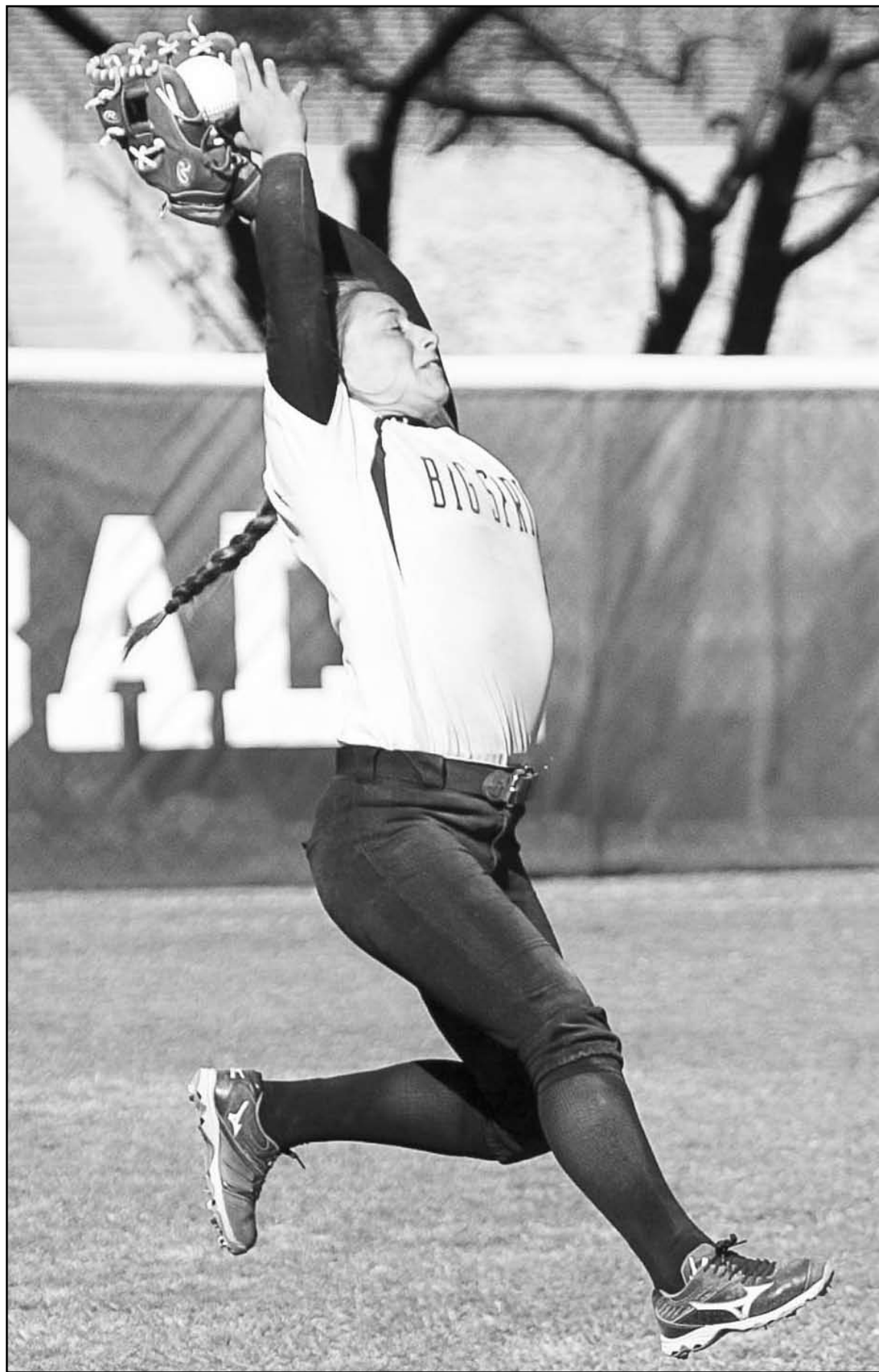
BSHS teammate Bret Brorman also registered three hits in the contest. Hunter Hill added a pair of hits.

Adam Franco also turned in a solid outing. He drove in three runs in the affair.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 15-9 for the season and, more importantly, moved to 6-2 in district play.

The Steers, who are currently second in the District 4-3A race to Wylie, will return to action this Friday when they travel to Monahans for a 7 p.m. matchup.

DOWN TO THE WIRE



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring shortstop Valerie Goodblanket dives backward to catch a pop fly in short field during the third inning of the Lady Steers' game with Greenwood on Tuesday. Big Spring suffered a 20-7 loss to Greenwood and will need a win over Monahans in their regular season finale on Friday to earn a postseason berth.

BSHS needs win in finale to clinch playoff berth

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers stood toe-to-toe with the Greenwood Rangerettes for three innings. Then, unfortunately, landed a knockout blow in the fourth and raced to a stunning 20-7 victory.

The loss simplified the Lady Steers' playoff hopes. It's either win on Friday in Monahans or stay home when the postseason begins.

"We have to win Friday to be in the playoffs," said BSHS head coach John R. Sparks. "We still have a chance to make it to the playoffs with a win."

Greenwood looked as if it would blow the game open early. The Rangerettes tagged BSHS starter Mariah Sarmiento for four runs in the top of the first inning.

The Lady Steers proved they could stage a big inning of their own in the second. Trailing 4-0, the BSHS girls pounded out five runs in their second at-bat and held a 5-4 edge.

Makenzie Roberts led off the BS second with a walk. She raced home with the Lady Steers' first run moments later, scoring from second on a double by Mercedes Ruiz.

Ruiz, Sydni Oliva, Adriana Rodriguez and Valerie Goodblanket all scored later in the frame.

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C-City girls upend Bulldogettes, 6-4

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

COAHOMA - The Colorado High School Lady Wolves spoiled Coahoma High School Senior Night activities on Tuesday by grinding out a tough 6-4 victory.

The Lady Wolves, backed by a pair of home runs from sophomore Madalyn Gutierrez, improved to 23-9 with the win, and remained unbeaten in District 4-2A action at 7-0.

Gutierrez helped C-City get off to a quick start. She belted a three-run homer to left in the top of the first to stake the Lady Wolves to a quick lead.

Coahoma rallied back to within 3-1 in the bot-

tom of the first as Taylee Miller raced home with a run.

After Colorado City had upped its lead to 4-1 in the second, Julia Castilaw and Cammie Stonerook gave Coahoma fans reason to cheer. Castilaw led off the CHS second with a double. She raced home moments later when Stonerook drilled the first pitch she saw over the fence in left to cut Colorado City's lead to 4-3.

C-City scored a run in the third and fifth innings and took a 6-3 lead into the seventh.

Stonerook went 2-for-3 from the plate and scored two runs for the

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Coahoma's Annie Chandler stretches to catch a ball at second base as a Colorado City runner steps on the base. Colorado City improved to 7-0 in District 4-2A play with a 6-4 win on Tuesday in Coahoma.

Grady, Stanton golfers compete in regional meets

The Grady High School and Stanton High School golf teams came up just a bit short in their attempts to reach their respective state golf tournament on Tuesday. The Grady boys' and girls' teams both finished ninth in the team standings at the Region I-A Gold Tournament at Lakewood Country Club in Lubbock. The Stanton boys' finished fifth - in the Region I-2A Golf Championships at Rattliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa.

Stanton finished the tournament with a team score of 698, 14 strokes behind second-place Eastland.

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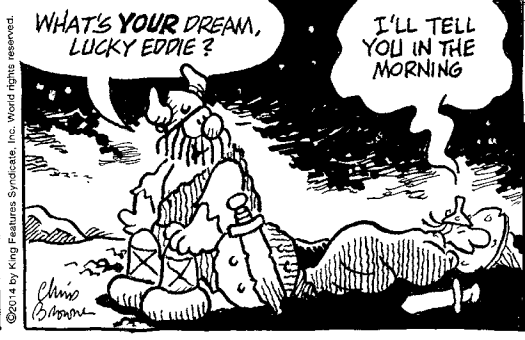
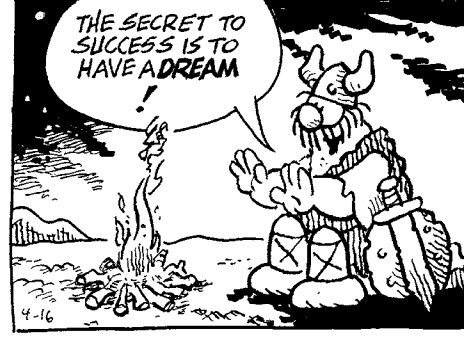
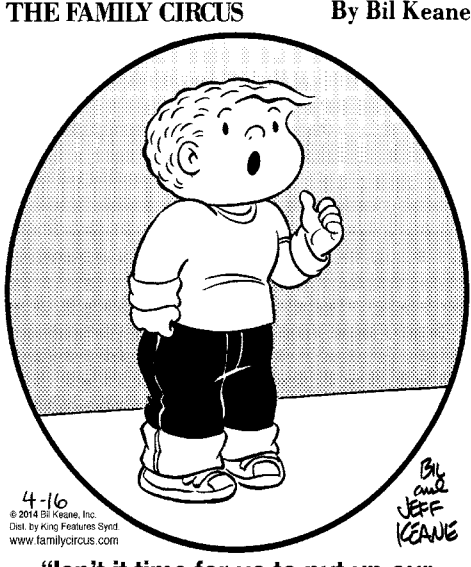
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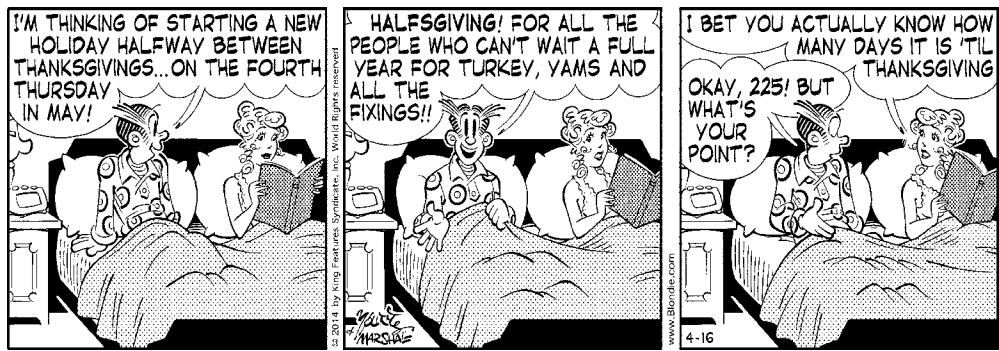
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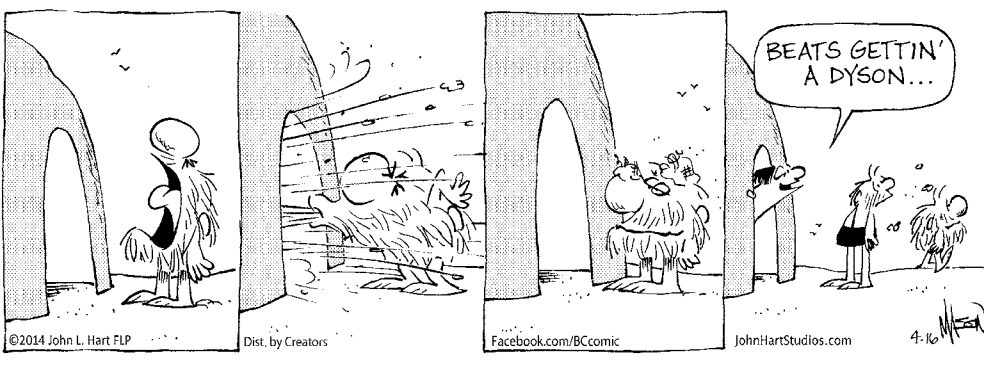
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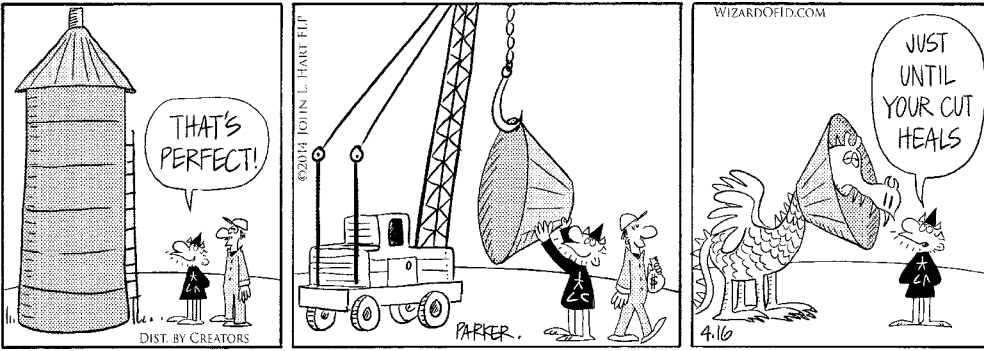
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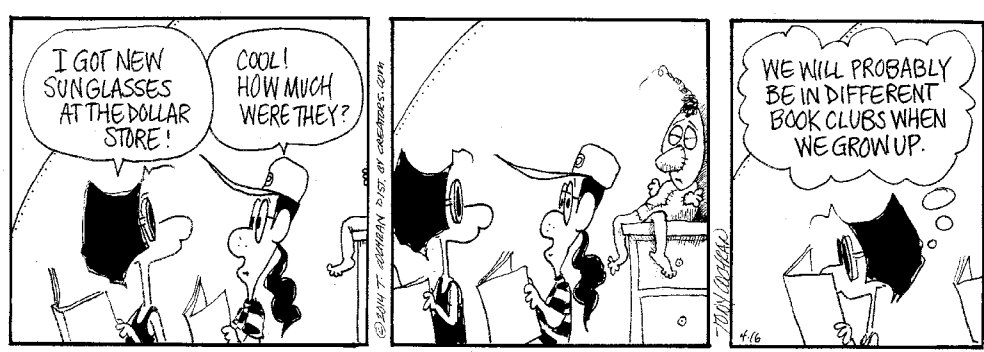
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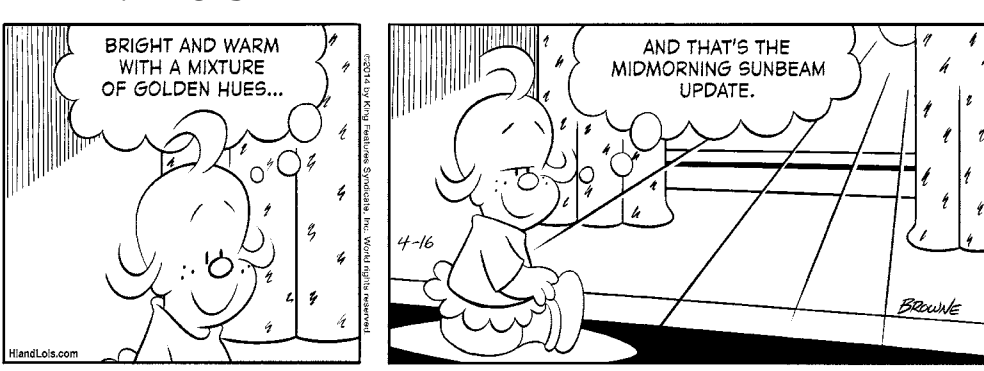
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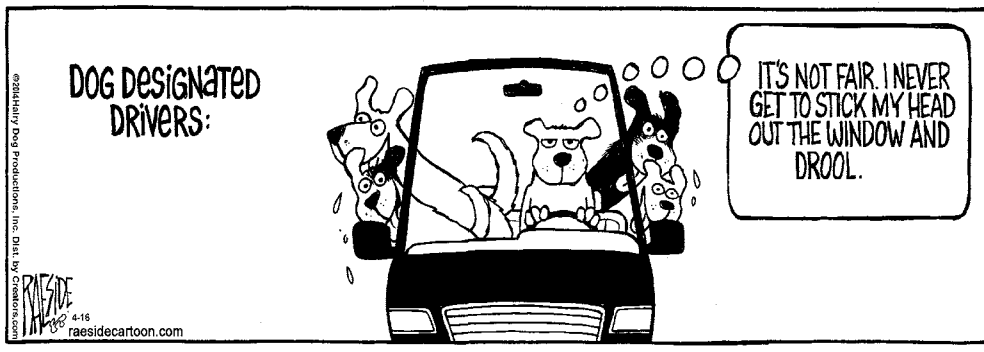
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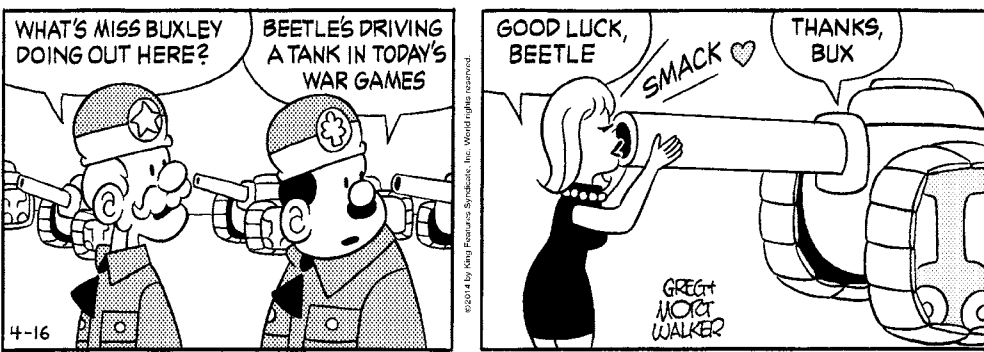
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This Date In History

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for his inauguration in New York. In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia.

Dover, England, to France in 59 minutes. In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

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Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions.

Hawks roll to win over WTC

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks scored five runs in the second inning on Tuesday afternoon and then cruised to a 9-6 victory over Western Texas College.

With the win, the Hawks ended their two-game slide and claimed their third victory in their last five outings.

Howard College, fresh off dropping both ends of a doubleheader to El Paso Community College, fell behind early

against WTC. The West-erners pushed across a run in the top of the first.

The Hawks came storming back in the second.

After Ryan McCarvel had led off the frae wwith a single, Mat-thew Holcombe doubled to left to tie the game.

Ryan Romo, Hol-combe, Jacob Leal, Gar-rett Webb all scored later in the frame as the Hawks built a 5-1 lead.

Western Texas man-aged to fight its way to

within 5-3 with two runs in the fourth.

McCarvel took the win out of the WTC sails in the top of the fifth. He led off HC half of the in-ning by driving a pitch over the fence in left for a home run.

Holcombe followed with a walk and later scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Leal.

HC took a 7-3 lead into the sixth.

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