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Puttin' on a show

National touring vocal group Recreation performs at the VAMC volunteer appreciation banquet Wednesday night held at the Big Spring Country Club. The group tours veterans care facilities throughout the United States performing a variety of music from country-western to soul, 1940s tunes and, of course, patriotic songs. Earlier in the day, the group performed at the VAMC facility. The annual volunteer banquet honored those who donate their time and energy to the facility and helping to make the life of veterans little better. Among the honorees was Clara Lewis who has been on the books as a volunteer since 1979. She has logged in 35,000 hours of volunteer hours. Lewis can be found working the community relations office, five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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I-27 idea gaining support

City Council latest to back proposal to extend interstate south through Big Spring

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

For years, the idea of Big Spring sitting at the intersection of two busy interstate highways has brought visions of increased commerce to many civic leaders, and they are determined not to let that dream die.

Community leaders are making a renewed push to convince state transportation officials to extend Interstate 27 south from Lubbock to Big Spring, something they say would reap significant financial rewards for this area.

The Big Spring City Council was the latest group to join in the effort, unanimously passing a resolution in support of the extension and asking the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct a new feasibility study on the matter.

The resolution in no way forces TxDOT to take any kind of action. But officials are quick to point out that a strong show of support for the I-27 extension can't hurt, either.

"We are letting TxDOT know we fully support the idea of extending I-27 to this area," Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said. "As a council, we need to let them know we support this."

Extending I-27 through this area would intersect the highway with Interstate 20, meaning Big Spring would join metropolitan areas such as Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Amarillo as one of the few Texas cities to sit at the intersection of two interstates.

Aside from that point of pride, increased commercial traffic from the Ports to Plains project would reap this area considerable financial re-



McLellan

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Tickets for state hospital gala going quickly, organizers say

By **VALERIE AVERY**
 Special to the Herald

A limited number of Cars, Stars and Handlebars tickets are available for this week for Saturday's fund-raiser at the Big Spring Country Club.

"I wouldn't wait until the last minute," longtime chairman Stacy Barr said. "We still have tickets left, but the last few days they go very quickly. And once they're sold, they're sold."

"We are unable to print any additional tickets."

The Volunteer Services Council fund-raiser which earns money for the patients

at Big Spring State Hospital is a reverse drawing with the winner taking home his or her choice of a brand-new vehicle. Only 750 tickets are made available.

Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment and the opportunity to take home a new vehicle.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Rd., with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 p.m.

"The GREENgoes" will

entertain on the patio, Barr said.

"They played last year and we enjoyed them so much and just had to have them back this year," she said.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will give away a 2015 vehicle before the festive evening is over.

"Winners do not need to be present to win the vehicle, but if they are one of the last 10 ticket holders in the reverse drawing, they must be present if they would like to sell their ticket to a bidder,"

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Wasson drivers beware

Herald Staff Report

Parts of Wasson Road will temporarily close Friday as crews begin the next phase in the construction of a Highway 87 truck relief route overpass.

According to officials with TxDOT, sections of Wasson Road — from Dogwood Street to Rockhouse Road — will close for traffic Friday

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Obituaries

Velma Knowlton



Velma Harlene Knowlton, 97, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Vealmoor Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 24, 1917 in Lamesa and married M. L. Knowlton March 24, 1935 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death April 30, 1996.

Velma was raised in the Ackerly and Vealmoor communities. She worked with her husband in the blacksmith and welding shop in Ackerly and even worked as a welder during World War II while M. L. was in the service. She then worked as a nurse, retiring in 1977. Velma had a very generous and giving heart and enjoyed quilting and donating the quilts to different children's homes. Her passion

was to cook for family and friends and have everyone gather at her home.

Survivors include one daughter, Fern Tyler and husband, Tommy of San Angelo; seven grandchildren, Bruce Knowlton and wife, Debra of Mansfield, Kayla Horton of Big Spring, Angie Makar and husband, Robert of Round Rock, Gaylon Knowlton and wife, Tyna of Big Spring, Ginger Eggleston and husband, Randy of Midland, Geno Abshier and wife, Debra of Bastrop and Kris Abshier of Austin; 16 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, J. A. Smith and Everett Lee Smith both of Big Spring; and two sisters, Marie Pounds of Big Spring and Lola Mae Foster of Duncan, Okla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Hines Smith and Myrtle Lola Howell Smith; four sons, Larry Knowlton, Elton Knowlton, Gaylon Calvin Knowlton and Elvis Knowlton; five brothers; and one sister. The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Lee Turner



Lee Turner, 82, of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Brother Dave Moore, son-in-law, officiating.

She was born April 21, 1932 in Big Spring, Texas to Audrey Pearl (Burns) and Duell Frank White. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Johnnie Lee Turner on April 12, 1950 and he died Sept. 23, 1998. She owned Lee's House of Ceramics. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church and had been director of Berea Day & Pre-School.

She is survived by two daughters, Andrea (Andy) Turner Moore and husband Dave of Early and Julie Turner Bartlett and husband Jeff of Coahoma; one son-in-law, Rob Parks, of Colorado; three brothers, Ben White and Jerry White, both of Eula, and Donnie White of Weatherford; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Johnnie Lee Turner, Jr., one daughter, Vicki Lynn Turner Parks, one granddaughter; two brothers, Bobby White and James Darrell White; and one sister, Duell Dean Froman.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Mary Lou Munoz



Mary Lou Munoz, 45 of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in a Midland hospital. A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mary was born Oct. 14, 1969, in Phoenix, Arizona and married Jose Luis Munoz Sr.

Sept. 19, 1989, in Big Spring.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jose Luis Munoz Sr. of Big Spring; her children, Tony Villa, Tino Villa, Luis Manuel Munoz, Rosario Villa Munoz and Jose Luis Munoz Jr., all of Big Spring; three grandchildren and siblings, Alicia Brojon, Rene Villa, Angel Villa and Manuel Villa, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Manuel Olague, Sr. and Rosario Olague and her parents, Manuel Villa, Sr. and Guadalupe Villa.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- LUIS ALBERTO GUERRA, 33, of 705 Douglas St. was arrested on warrants for fail to report change of address/name and fail to appear.
- AARON AUDRIC PENA, 18, of 1107 E. 14th St. was arrested on charges of assault on a family/household member and intentionally /recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- JOSE DOLORES FRANCO, 42, of 1206 Sycamore St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- ZZACKRAY ALLEN OYLER-RHODES, 22, of 1712 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury on a family member and a warrant for another agency.
- KIMBERLY CHRISTINE FOSTER, 33, of 1007 Main St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- STEPHEN DALE FOREMAN, 43, of Abilene, Texas was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of Crighton St.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th St.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin

Luther King Blvd., at the intersection of 11th and Birdwell Lane and at the intersection of FM 700 and Gregg St.

- CITIZEN ASSIST/REQUEST OFFICER was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3100 block of W. Hwy 80 and in the 1700 block of E. 15th St.
- WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 300 block of S. Main St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd St. and at the intersection of Owens and 3rd St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

- AARON PENA, 18, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault on a family/house member impeding breathing/circulation.
- KIMBERLY FOSTER, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke parole on unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- DAVID ARNULFO GARZA, 51, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for sentencing for driving while intoxicated 3rd offense,

- ANDREA DELGADO, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation on possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JAVIER M. PINEDA, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

two counts of failure to appear, running red light, violate promise to appear, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- JOSE DOLORES FRANCO JR., 42, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- ZZACKRAY ALLEN RHODES, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bondsman off bail for theft of property more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- KENNETH EVANS MCGRUDER, 69, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of sentencing on driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.
- STEPHEN DALE FOREMAN, 43, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.
- BILLY JOE WADE, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property more than \$500 but less than \$1500.
- FRANCISCO ALVAREZ JR., 43, was booked by the GCSO on warrant for motion to revoke probation on driving while intoxicated.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/17	Sat 4/18	Sun 4/19	Mon 4/20	Tue 4/21
82/52 Partly cloudy. High 82F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.	85/54 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	82/51 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	80/54 Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	78/57 Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	56	t-storm	Kingsville	82	71	t-storm
Amarillo	75	41	pt sunny	Livingston	80	66	t-storm
Austin	82	62	t-storm	Longview	81	64	t-storm
Beaumont	80	68	t-storm	Lubbock	77	46	mst sunny
Brownsville	84	71	cloudy	Lufkin	81	67	t-storm
Brownwood	77	57	t-storm	Midland	80	54	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	81	72	t-storm	Raymondville	85	71	cloudy
Corsicana	80	64	t-storm	Rosenberg	79	68	t-storm
Dallas	81	64	t-storm	San Antonio	78	64	t-storm
Del Rio	81	64	t-storm	San Marcos	82	63	t-storm
El Paso	74	50	sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	65	t-storm
Fort Stockton	79	52	mst sunny	Sweetwater	80	54	t-storm
Gainesville	78	61	t-storm	Tyler	80	65	t-storm
Greenville	79	65	t-storm	Weatherford	81	63	t-storm
Houston	82	69	t-storm	Wichita Falls	79	58	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	57	rain	Minneapolis	74	47	pt sunny
Boston	65	50	rain	New York	67	53	rain
Chicago	72	51	mst sunny	Phoenix	72	49	mst sunny
Dallas	81	64	t-storm	San Francisco	76	51	sunny
Denver	54	35	rain	Seattle	63	45	sunny
Houston	82	69	t-storm	St. Louis	80	61	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	56	sunny	Washington, DC	74	56	rain
Miami	87	74	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 4/17	Sat 4/18	Sun 4/19	Mon 4/20	Tue 4/21
9	9	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.
• Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
• Open meeting at 7 p.m.



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News in brief

Criticism over Clinton charity's foreign money leads to limits rather than an outright ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — In spite of criticism over accepting money from foreign governments, the Clinton Foundation has decided to continue to look abroad for millions of dollars while limiting donor nations to a select group of six. The change in policy comes as former board member Hillary Rodham Clinton undertakes her presidential campaign.

The foundation's reliance on funding from several Mideast governments that suppress dissent and women's rights — concerns that the State Department focused on during her stint as secretary of state — sparked criticism and gave the Republican Party a new offensive against the leading Democrat. Clinton resigned from the foundation's board last week.

The Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation's board said Wednesday night that future donations will only be allowed from the governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom — all nations that previously supported the charity's health, poverty and climate change programs. Longtime U.S. allies, the six maintain relatively uncontroversial ties to the U.S.

While direct contributions from other governments would be halted, those nations could continue participating in the Clinton Global Initiative, a subsidiary program that encourages donors to match contributions from others to tackle international problems without direct donations to the charity. However, the foundation will stop holding CGI meetings abroad — a final session is scheduled for Morocco in May — and most foreign governments will no longer be allowed to sponsor programs.

An Associated Press analysis of Clinton Foundation donations between 2001 and 2015 showed governments and agencies from 16 nations previously gave direct grants of between \$55 million and \$130 million. In addition to the six nations that will be allowed to continue donating, the others were Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Kuwait, Italy, Brunei, Taiwan and the Dominican Republic.

Malaysia: Search area for Flight 370 will be doubled if plane is not found by May

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The search area for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 will be expanded by another 60,000 square kilometers (23,000 square miles) in the Indian Ocean if the jetliner is not found by May, officials said Thursday, affirming their commitment to not give up

until it is located.

Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said that Malaysia, Australia and China, which are leading the hunt for the Boeing 777 that went missing on March 8 last year, are "committed to the search."

He told reporters after meeting with his counterparts from the other two countries that so far 61 percent of the 60,000 kilometer (23,000-square-mile) search area has been scoured off Australia's west coast. The remaining 39 percent would have been searched by the end of May, he said.

"If the aircraft is not found within the 60,000 square kilometers, we have collectively decided to extend the search to another 60,000 square kilometers within the highest probability area," he said. However, searchers are hopeful that they can find the plane in the current search area, he said.

The announcement removes some ambiguity about the future of the search as it was never made clear what would happen if the plane is not found. It will also come as a solace to the relatives of the victims, who are holding out the hope of recovering the bodies.

Friend feared Capitol gyrocopter pilot would get shot down, so he alerted Secret Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A Florida postal worker who piloted a gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol lawn to call attention to his belief that campaign finance laws are too weak is "a patriot" who first came up with the idea about a year ago, a friend said.

Doug Hughes, 61, called his friend Mike Shanahan on Wednesday and said he was in the D.C. area and ready to take off, Shanahan was quoted by The Tampa Bay Times as saying. Shanahan said he feared law enforcement would shoot down the small aircraft emblazoned with the Postal Service logo, so he alerted the U.S. Secret Service. The gyrocopter landed about half a city block from the Capitol building.

"I was scared to death they were going to kill him," Shanahan said.

Hughes steered his tiny aircraft onto the Capitol's West Lawn after flying through restricted airspace around the National Mall, police said. A Senate aide told The Associated Press the Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the aide was not authorized to publicly discuss details of the investigation.

Hughes is a married father of four who wanted to "spotlight corruption in DC and more importantly, to present the solution(s) to the institutional graft," reads a statement on his website, The Democracy Club. He lives in the Tampa Bay

area community of Ruskin.

Angry relatives unmoved by S. Korean leader's vow to salvage ferry on sinking's anniversary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Angry relatives of passengers who drowned in a ferry sinking snubbed South Korea's president on the disaster's anniversary Thursday, even as she pledged to salvage the ship.

Tears and grief mixed with raw fury as black-clad relatives and their supporters mourned the 304 victims of the ferry Sewol, most of whom were high school students. Earlier in the day, relatives blocked the prime minister from attending a mourning event. They later canceled another ceremony because of what they called government indifference to their plight.

There's widespread fatigue among many South Koreans a year after one of the country's worst disasters. But there's also frustration among those who see their government as having failed to meaningfully improve safety standards and hold high-level officials accountable for a disaster blamed in part on incompetence and corruption.

Hours before a trip abroad, President Park Geun-hye visited a small port near the site of the sinking to offer her condolences to the bereaved relatives. Most, however, refused to meet her, in protest of the government's handling of the sinking, and had already left the port.

Park gave a speech anyway, announcing ship salvaging plans for the first time. She provided few details, however, saying only the salvage operation would happen "as soon as possible."

Agriculture Department to propose standards for organic seafood raised in US

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than a decade of delays, the government is moving toward allowing the sale of U.S.-raised organic fish and shellfish. But don't expect it in the grocery store anytime soon.

The Agriculture Department says it will propose standards for the farmed organic fish year this year. That means the seafood could be available in as few as two years — but only if USDA moves quickly to complete the rules and seafood companies decide to embrace them.

Organic seafood would be welcome news for the increasing number of organic shoppers — and for retailers that have profited from their higher prices. It could also help the U.S. farmed fish industry find a premium as it struggles to compete against cheaper imports.

Among the U.S. seafood that could be covered: salmon, tilapia, catfish, shrimp and mollusks such as mussels.

Take note

- American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday. Serving time is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (deliveries from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Plates are \$12 each. Call 263-2084 for more information.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, along with several other local agencies, will host Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Ceremony April 30 at 6 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, provided by BBVA Compass bank, local statistics and a proclamation read by the mayor. Please join us as we bring awareness to this growing issue.

- Healthy YOU! Kick-off event has been scheduled for May 7 at the Big Spring County Club. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 a person or \$350 a table. Please RSVP to Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

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wards, McLellan said.

"This is very important for the city of Big Spring," he said. "Ports to Plains has been working on this for several years ... We would benefit greatly from this."

Councilman Bobby McDonald, another long-time supporter of the extension, reminded people that Big Spring won't be the only community pushing TxDOT to bring I-27 to their doorstep, making it even more important for the community to rally to the idea.

"The key here is the interstate," McDonald said, "and I can assure you other cities want it, as well."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

WASSON

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through Wednesday, April 22.

Construction crews will begin to set I-beams for the planned over-

pass. Signage is already up to alert drivers of the closure.

The new overpass is part of the southern route of the truck relief route that will shuttle heavy truck traffic around the city instead of through downtown

Big Spring.

Highway 87 is part of the the Ports-to-Plains corridor which is a designated highway that will facilitate transportation of manufactured goods from Mexico through West Texas to Colorado and ultimately

on to Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

In July 2014, officials announced that funding for the northern bypass route has been secured. In April 2014, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the southern portion of the route, an

8.5-mile, four-lane divided highway which will run from RM 33 to I-20, looping around Big Spring to the west. The interchange on Interstate 20 now being constructed will connect the two once both sections are complete.

GALA

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Barr said.

The winner will choose between a 2015 Harley-Davidson Freewheel, a 2015 Chevy Camaro LT, or a 2015 Ford Escape.

The runner-up will take home a 50" flat-screen TV from Harris Ace Hardware.

The VSC gave Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members 750 tickets to pre-sell, Barr said.

"The last week leading up to the event is always busy for people who still have tickets to sell," she said. "We try to remind

everyone that when they are gone, they are gone so we encourage everyone to get them early."

Tickets are available from committee members Stacy Barr; Adrian Calvio, Teresa and Todd Darden, Buddy and Ann Duncan, Leslie and Justin Hobbs, Brenna and Noel Hoff, Jeanie Knocke, Justin and Sara Myers, Suzanne Markwell, John Paul and Kristen Nichols and Brenda Bodine.

Tickets also can be purchased BBVA Compass Bank, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Howard County Feed, Klassic Kleaners, Lone Star Bank, Prosper-

ity Bank, State National Bank, The Leopard Heart, Wells Fargo Bank and Western Bank.

Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, please call (432) 268-7535 or 268-7536 or email Interim Community Relations Director Mique Yarbar at mique.yarbar@dshs.state.tx.us

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council has sponsored a social fund-raiser for the past 20 years with a goal of \$35,000 to \$45,000. Fund-raisers, donations and money

earned at The Chalet pay for items that customers need but the state does not fund.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital in Big Spring which serves people with mental illness.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Standing the test of time

At my 45th class reunion last summer, I was given a newspaper clipping that reported my setting the 3-3A District record for the 70-yard high hurdles event in a track meet. It was a record that had stood for many years and I was a pretty big deal on campus the next week. Even though I don't recall the details, if my memory serves me right, my record was broken the very next week by someone else. Thinking about that reminds me of the old adage "records are made to be broken".

While that may be a catchy phrase, I happen to believe there are some records that will, in fact, stand forever. Of course, no one has any insight into the future, so we can never be completely sure, but reason and facts are hard to argue with concerning some benchmarks. The 2015 major league baseball season has just begun and who knows what will happen over the next few months, but I am relatively certain there are many records that are safe.

Since the late '60s, I have been a fan of Nolan Ryan. In fact, I was a fan before it was cool to be his fan. He gained millions of admirers after he became such a record-setting, dominating pitcher, but I liked him even when he was as wild as a buck on the baseball mound. I can remember watching him pitch a baseball over 100 mph when the batter he was facing, or anyone else for that matter, could never be certain whether it would be a strike or sail over everyone's head to the backstop.

Nicknamed "The Ryan Express" because of his blazing fastball, he established a number of records during his 27-year career that I believe will remain the standard from now on. Even though his critics point to the fact that he holds the record for giving up the most walks, his list of incredible accomplishments far outweigh that one weakness in his career. While his lifetime winning percentage was .526,

Ryan was an eight-time MLB All-Star, and his 5,714 career strikeouts rank first in baseball history by a significant margin.

Ryan is the all-time leader in no-hitters with seven, three more than any other pitcher. According to stats since 1900, the odds of pitching a MLB no-hitter is 1 in 1,548. Nolan notched seven and the vast majority of pitchers never accomplish the task once.

He is tied with Bob Feller for the most one-hitters, with 12. Ryan also pitched 18 two-hitters. Ryan is one of only 29 players in baseball history to have appeared in Major League baseball games in four decades and the only pitcher to have struck out seven pairs of fathers and sons.

I find it truly mind-boggling that nobody in the history of baseball, including Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig (who was voted in on his first ballot in 1936 with only 22.6 percent), Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Sandy Koufax, or anyone else, was elected unanimously. That being said, Nolan Ryan was elected on the first ballot of his first year of eligibility by a percentage matched only by Tom Seaver (98.8 percent)

Although challenged periodically, Ty Cobb still holds the record for the highest career batting average of .366 with the next highest average being .344 by Ted Williams, who retired way back in 1960.

Rogers Hornsby's baseball record of highest batting average at .424 in a season still stands and is one of those records which more than likely will never be broken since the last player to reach an average of .400 in a season was Ted Williams in 1941.

There may never be another 300-game winner in Major League Baseball again, so one of the records that almost certainly will never be broken is that of Cy Young's, who notched 511 wins. The record spanned across the 1890s and the next closest player is Walter Johnson at 417 wins. Of course, baseball was a different game back in his day, so Young's talent and mastery of pitches might not go as far today, and he certainly has the advantage with today's pitchers



EDDY PRINCE

taking five games off between starts. But in order for a pitcher to match this number, he'd not only have to win 20 games a year over a 20-year career, but he'd also have to make 111 relief appearances in that span as well. Good luck with that, rookies. Today's pitchers are lucky to be in the game after 7 innings.

Every baseball season, there's always one player who has a significant hitting streak that makes people think that Joe DiMaggio's 56-game record is in jeopardy, but it never happens. And it seems like such a simple record, too, until you remember that in order to break it, a player would have to get a hit in consecutive games for more than one-third of the season. With better pitchers being called up every day, I'm thinking DiMaggio's record is going to be safe for a long, long time.

Sixteen seasons. That's just about how long a baseball player would have to stay healthy and play in 100 percent of his games for if he wants to break Cal Ripken's record of 2,632 games. Granted, the MLB rule only requires a player to play in one-half of an inning on defense or have one at-bat for it to count as a game played, so maybe there's a young guy out there right now with a clean bill of health and greater ambition, but considering the next closest active player only has 505 games, Ripken has nothing to worry about.

It's difficult to say that there are any records in professional sports that can't be broken, because for every Michael Jordan and Brett Favre who retires, there's a LeBron James and Aaron Rodgers right around the corner. But records in any sport are celebrated nonetheless because they're rare and incredible reminders of just how special and talented some of our favorite athletes are, and they're goals for every kid who dreams of being the next huge star.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.

A better, not perfect, ending

My friend Julia died as we knew she would. Cancer had ravaged her body for a decade. She no longer could breathe. She was at home, under hospice care, when she asked for a dose of morphine that she knew would kill her but also keep her final moments free of pain.

I mention Julia's death because a blogger named Jazz Shaw took issue with my Sunday column, "Assisted Suicide — It's Civil Rights for the Affluent." Doctors have been killing people with morphine overdoses for the past century or so, he wrote. And: "Forcing someone to suffer to the last bitter moment because you want to save them from burning in hell is not dignity."

I don't know any credible opponent of assisted suicide who opposes doctors administering needed pain control, including lethal doses if necessary. That's how medicine is supposed to work.

Doctors alleviate pain. They prescribe not with the intent to kill but to stop suffering. If a patient dies from needed pain control, so be it. That's how a compassionate health care system should work.

I'm revisiting the issue because there is so much misinformation — like Shaw's — about the issue. I've received emails from readers who talked about loved ones who endured unwanted treatment. They don't

... if you want to kill yourself, no government can stop you. This point tends to enrage advocates, who feel that they have the right to choose when they die and have someone else help them. They want to pervert health care to cater to their perfect death ceremonies. That is their sorry idea of dignity.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

seem to know that patients have the right to refuse medical treatment.

Last week, I watched ALS patient Christina Symonds, 43, assert that she does not want to live her "last days in a wheelchair, fully paralyzed, connected to a breathing machine."

"She can refuse a breathing machine," bioethics professor Bill Hurlbut, of Stanford University, told me.

Also: "The argument that ALS is a very terrible way to die — you have to feel for that argument; you have to feel the sadness of that.

But the alternative is" to turn medicine away from being a healing profession. "The minute we start participating in promoting the end of life with the intention of ending it, then we have a different relationship with the patient, and fear will enter the

equation when people enter the hospital."

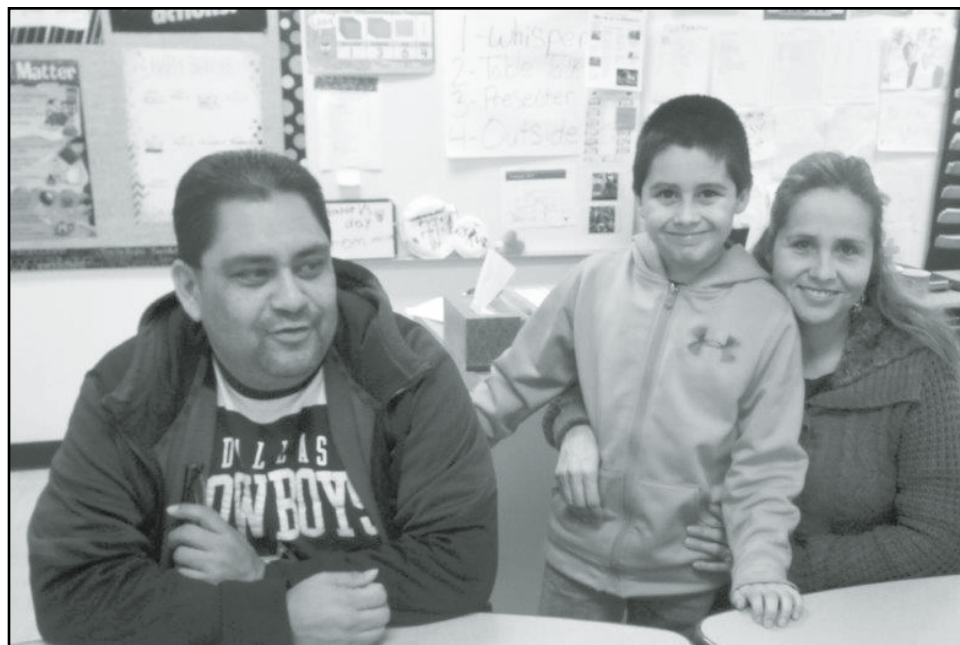
So let me repeat: Doctors can and should use pain control to alleviate pain and suffering. Palliative sedation is available to those who fear a bad end. And patients are free to refuse treatment — an important right. These safeguards do not guarantee the sort of choreographed final moments that "death with dignity" advocates seem to think they will get if more states legalize physician-assisted suicide; they do give patients the wherewithal to make the most of their last years, months or days. A hospice near me has the perfect motto: "Design a better ending."

If you remove disinformation about inadequate palliative care and treatments being forced on people, advocates are left with one argument: Choice. They say they should be able to choose when they die. I agree, but if you want to kill yourself, no government can stop you. This point tends to enrage advocates, who feel that they have the right to choose when they die and have someone else help them. They want to pervert health care to cater to their perfect death ceremonies. That is their sorry idea of dignity.

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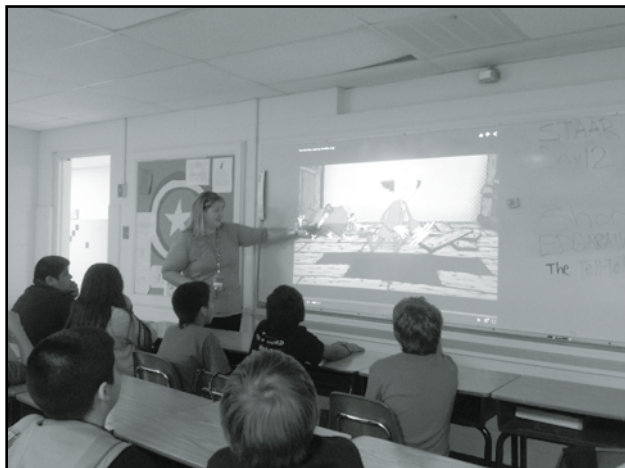
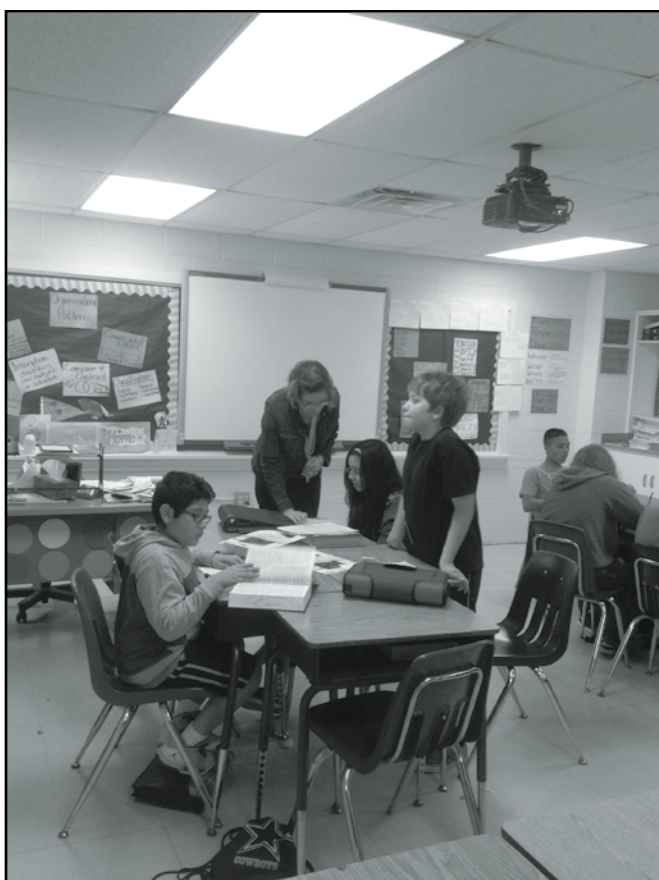
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Steer Pride Corner



Happenings at Marcy Elementary School

At top left, William Merrick, aka "V", and Ms. Tubb during Texas Public Schools Week. Top, right, Conchita Rodriguez, Teresa Anderson, Yesmin Bills, Rita Faulkner, Lisa Valencia, and Joyce Brawley serving Marcy Parents at Parent Involvement Night. At left, Edward, Ethan and Lorena Urias gathering information on Third Grade Parent Involvement night
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Happenings at Big Spring Intermediate School

BSI teachers Sarah Heffle and Connie Riddle work diligently with their students as they prepare for the upcoming STAAR tests. The BSI cafeteria staff dressed up in their blue t-shirts in recognition of National Autism Day and Prevention of Child Abuse Week.



Photo by Tony Claxton
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A few athletic stars visited Washington Elementary School children to give the students a little break from preparing for the STAARS test. Midland Rockhounds' catcher Bruce Maxwell and shortstop Chad Pinder, spoke with students Monday on the importance of education, staying in school and not to be afraid of tests. They also answered questions from the audience.

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Oliva leads BSHS to 27-0 rout of Estacado

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Mia Oliva went 4-for-4 from the plate with a team-high five runs and teammate Mercedes Ruiz blasted a grand slam home run on Wednesday night and helped power the Big Spring High School Lady Steers to an impressive 27-0 rout of Lubbock Estacado.

As a team, the Lady Steers pounded out 20 hits in the contest, which was called at the end of the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule.

Big Spring, which had nine batters reach base by being

hit with pitches, didn't waste any time in jumping on Estacado starter Marisol Rivera in the first. The BSHS girls pounded out six runs on four hits and never looked back.

Jaci Aguilar started the Lady Steers' attack by drawing a walk. After Ashley Gonzales had reached base, Rivera dug herself into a hole by hitting Ciera Martinez with a pitch to load the bases.

Mia and Sydni Oliva didn't let her off the hook. The BSHS sisters put Big Spring on top for good moments later. Mia Oliva gave the Lady Steers a

DISTRICT 2-4A SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	District W-L	Season W-L
y-Snyder	7-0	18-5
y-Big Spring	6-1	14-4
Sweetwater	4-3	12-8
Levelland	3-4	NA
Lamesa	1-6	NA
Estacado	0-7	5-15

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES – Snyder 17, Lamesa 2; Sweetwater 16, Levelland 9; Big Spring 27, Lubbock Estacado 0.

2-0 lead by slapping a pitch to center that pushed two runs across the plate.

Two batters later, Sydni slammed a two-run single to center. She later scored on an

error.

Sydni Oliva went 4-for-5 from the plate in the contest.

Yzzy Soliz didn't have any trouble with the Estacado offense in the bottom of the first. After issuing a pair of back-to-back walks to open the game, she set down the next three EHS batters in order.

Soliz allowed just two hits in her three innings in the circle.

Ruiz highlighted a 9-run outburst by the Lady Steers in the second that ballooned the BSHS lead to 15-0.

After Gonzales had singles to open the second. Martinez reached base again by a hit pitch before Oliva drew a walk to load the bases. From there, Ruiz punched out the EHS batters by hammering a pitch over the fence in left.

Martinez and Shaylee Franks both reach bases twice by being hit by a pitch. Leah Burton was hit three times after entering the game in the third as a replacement for Aguilar.

The Lady Steers, now 14-4 overall and 6-1 in District

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Errors sink Steers in 10-2 loss

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers went into Wednesday's showdown with the Estacado High School Matadors looking to send a message to the rest of the District 2-4A teams.

Unfortunately for the Steers, the only message coming from Matador Field was this: Ouch!

Big Spring committed five errors and stranded 12 runners on base in a stunning 10-2 loss to Estacado.

With the loss, Big Spring dropped out of a tie for the 2-4A lead with Snyder and Sweetwater. The Steers, now 8-7 overall, are now third in the district race with four games left in the regular season.

Estacado, which managed just four hits offensively, took advantage of Big Spring's miscues early. The Matadors used two BSHS fielding errors to push across seven runs in the first three innings and built a shocking 7-0 cushion.

Big Spring looked as if it had righted its ship in the top of the fourth. The

DISTRICT 2-4A BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	District W-L	Season W-L
Snyder	5-1	13-3-1
Sweetwater	5-1	13-6
Big Spring	4-2	8-7
Levelland	2-4	11-8
Estacado	2-4	7-14
Lamesa	0-6	3-10

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES – Snyder 18, Lamesa 1; Sweetwater 5, Levelland 2; Estacado 10, Big Spring 2.

Steers scored twice in the inning and pulled to within 7-2.

Estacado erased the BSHS momentum in the home half of the frame. The Matadors scored twice in the frame and pushed its lead to 9-2 heading into the fifth.

Defensively, Big Spring hurt itself throughout the contest with errors. The Steers committed five miscues in the game, three of which led to six Estacado runs.

Brycen Kiker, Matt Yanez and Riley Henson provided the bulk of the Steers' offense in the game. Each finished the game with a hit.

The Steers will return to play on Friday when they host Levelland at Steer Park. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

Wild, Wild WJCAC



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Howard College's Jarret DeHart tracks down a fly ball in the outfield during the Hawks' 11-8 win over Midland College on Wednesday at Jack Barber Field.

Hawks score 3 in 8th to claim 11-8 win over Chaps

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Ishmael Edwards and Brendan Wagner hit back-to-back doubles in the bottom of the eighth inning on Wednesday afternoon and helped the Howard College Hawks score three late runs and rally for a nail-biting 11-8 victory over the Midland College Chaparrals at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks, who had trailed by as much as 7-2 early in the contest, caught fire offensively in their final three at-bats. The team scored eight runs in the final three frames.

Midland College was the team with the most explosive offense early on. After holding the Hawks scoreless in the first, the Chaps raced to a quick lead by pushing three runs across the plate in the top of the second.

Midland tacked on two more

runs in the third and stretched its lead to 5-0.

Howard College fought its way back into the game in the bottom of the third. After MC had retired the first two batters, Edwards got the HC offense rolling by drawing a walk.

The walk came back to haunt the Chaps in a huge way as Wagner followed Edwards' walk by blasting a two-run home run over the fence in left.

Midland College proved it had some power of its own in their ensuing at-bat. The Chaps hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the fourth and rebuilt its lead to five, at 7-2.

Howard College got one of the runs back in the home half of the fourth on a bloop single to left that scored Jarret DeHart from second.

DeHart, who went 4-for-4 from the plate with a walk, had led off

the inning with a single. He then stole second base to set up McCarvel's run-scoring hit that fell in front of the MC left fielder after he lost it in the sun.

The Hawks, now 32-11 overall and 18-6 in WJCAC play, kicked their offense into high gear in the bottom of the sixth. Howard College scored four times in the frame and tied the game at 7-7.

Matt Holcombe led off the HC uprising. He opened the sixth by getting hit by a pitch. Moments later, DeHart lined a double to left. Holcombe and DeHart raced home seconds later on a double to right off the bat of McCarvel.

McCarvel finished the game by going 4-for-4 with four runs batted in.

Midland College, 24-18 and 17-7, regained the upper hand in the seventh. The Chaps hit a lead-off homer over the fence in left to

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Sign-ups for Pony League to be April 18

Area teenage baseball players should start digging out the gloves and spikes. Pony League registration – although brief – is almost at hand.

The Big Spring Little League will be holding Pony League sign-ups one day only this Saturday, April 18, at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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HC women to host WTC

The Howard College women's softball team will begin their final push toward clinching a postseason berth on Friday when they host the Western Texas College Lady Westerners in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader at Foundation Field.

The Lady Hawks, 35-10 and currently tied with Midland for the WJCAC

lead with a 16-4 record, will begin play 1 p.m. The second game is set to begin at 3 p.m.

Western Texas enters the contest enters the contest sitting in fifth in the conference standings. The Lady Westerners, 19-19 overall, are 9-11 in WJCAC play.

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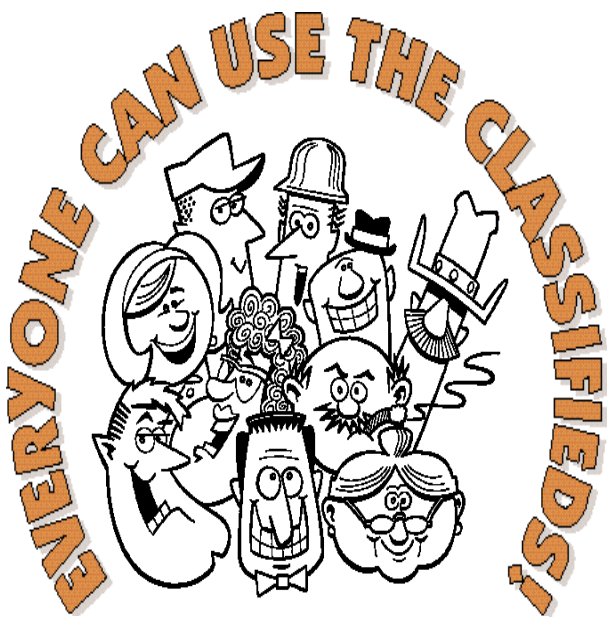
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4	1	7	9	5	6	8	3	2
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Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 ♦
Pass 3 NT Pass 6 ♣
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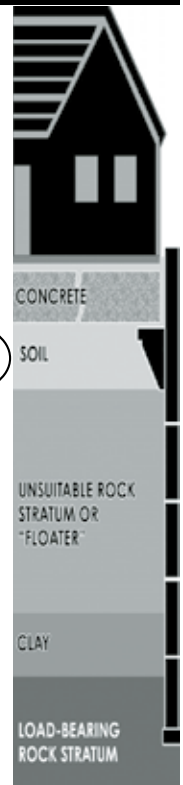
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pluto Retrograde

When the journey gets tough, you anticipate great happiness upon arriving at your destination, and that anticipation almost always pays off ... in movies. Don't be surprised if it doesn't quite pay off as dramatically in real life. Instead of a big hallelujah moment, arrival may bring lasting quiet satisfaction. Message brought to you by Pluto retrograde.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Take on the small challenges that will be easily won. Building up a track record of success will give you the confidence you need to take on the more remarkable and difficult opportunities coming your way in the near future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today feels a bit like throwing a party. Seldom does the host enjoy it

while it's going on, and yet somehow the memory is often worth it because a party happened where there wouldn't have been one before.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The to-do list is important, but not as important as the spirit-in-which-things-are-done list. If trying to check too many items off causes you to lose your temper, it's not worth the effort.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People are paying attention to you today, and they might even be taking pictures. So enjoy the attention, and don't do anything you wouldn't want blasted on social media.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll contribute to the harmony of the world, not by donating tons of money or completing a mission in a foreign land, but by having a stellar attitude. You'll get along with everyone you meet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Other people's feelings about what a human deserves in life will influence you. Entitlement is a disease, and it's contagious. Be

careful who you spend time with. Prize humility and modesty.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe everyone in your group doesn't fit together. Some of them don't even get along. That's where you come in. You're inclusive; you set a tone; you're the gel that makes this work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As your project evolves, so will your opinion of it. That's why it's good to leave yourself an out. Don't talk in terms that are too concrete or make long-term commitments today. Leave yourself wiggle room.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People around you will struggle to do a job. Knowing when to help and when to let them learn on their own (and have the satisfaction that comes from this process) will be tricky. But if you're mindful, you'll nail it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most bad choices begin with needlessly putting oneself in a dangerous environment or, more specifically, in

bad company. As adventurous as you are, there are places you shouldn't go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Why is the circuitous path so appealing? Because your curious mind needs to know the bigger picture of how and why things work. For today, let yourself investigate your whims.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your loved ones sense it: You're happy when they are happy. If it makes them smile, you'll buy it. Just know that you don't always have to foot the bill. They really want to spend time with you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16). Your life is beautiful creation enough, but you still feel driven to make things. You'll get teachers and resources this year and amp up your output. In May, your outstanding work will build your reputation and your wallet simultaneously. Find better ways to take care of yourself in June. Your love life gets renewing energy in July. Leo and Scorpio people

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YOUR MOON SIGN: (Part One) Most people know their sun sign, but fewer know their moon sign. And yet the placement of this important astrological influence can be profoundly felt. The moon governs our emotions and is closely linked to how others perceive us. Everything has a feeling, and when we are feeling terrific, we are a more attractive force in the world. It's easy to find out where your moon sign is by consulting books on astrology or going to the computer and keying "moon sign" into a search engine. **ARIES MOON** people generally have a high metabolism. Adrenaline isn't a hormone that kicks in on an emergency-only basis; rather, it's a daily boost for this energetic personality. The bold vibrancy that comes with the Aries moon sometimes leads to acts of heroism. It's not always wise to be brave, but if everyone were to stop and dwell upon the possible consequences, there wouldn't be any

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The daughter's husband has a well-paying job, but he is slow to repay this loan. Three months ago, I received a check for \$40, along with more empty promises to pay off the rest. I haven't seen any additional money. It is just another lie.

I was warned not to loan them money, but emotions got the better of me. What should I do? How can I ever trust them again? -- Played for a Fool

Dear Played: You are being too hard on yourself. You love your wife and care about her child, so you have helped them financially. This is not a bad thing. The problem is that the "kids" are not responsible enough to repay the loan.

Talk to them. Say that you are going to set up a payment schedule, and ask how much they can afford to pay every month. No matter how little the amount, agree to it and say you expect to see it on the first of every

month until the loan is repaid entirely. If they miss a payment, call and remind them. Be nice about it, but insistent, no matter how much they try to wriggle out of it. You can even set up an automatic payment plan that would take care of it without any reminders at all.

The trick is to be firm, but kind. No accusations or guilt. If they repay the entire loan without griping, we'd say you can trust them to do so again. But if they give you a hard time or refuse to cooperate, you'll have to put your backbone in place and tell them the remaining \$560 is a gift, but there will be no more. And mean it.

Dear Annie: Your column gets me started every morning. Here's a good one in response to the letter from "Daisy" about a marriage tune-up.

After 20 years of marriage, my husband decided he needed to get away and start a new life with a new wife -- especially since he had already found one. He told me I had been a perfect wife and mother, so he wanted me to have the house, the car and money to live on. After recovering from the shock and getting a good job, life went on for me.

After two years, he came knocking on my door with a toilet under his arm, saying he heard I needed a new one. So I let him do the repair job, and he proceeded to tell me about his unhappy married life and that he was getting a divorce.

He was a good repairman and an excellent mechanic, so I suggested he come back home to be my live-in handyman. It worked out great for another 20 years, and I saved a lot of money on repairs. Good things always happen if you wait. -- Satisfied

Dear Satisfied: We love it! Your husband apparently had a classic midlife crisis. You were wise, not only to be patient, but to move on with your life without bitterness. Not every ex-husband turns out to be a good handyman.

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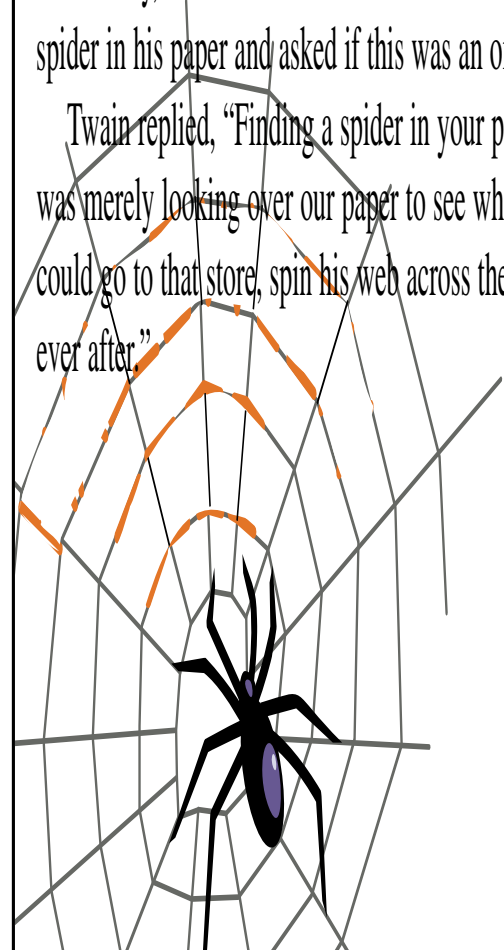
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During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

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Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



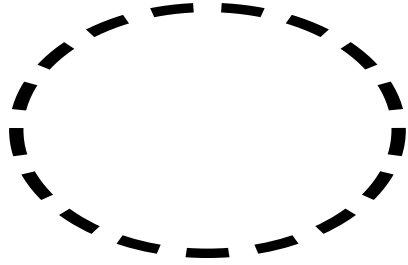
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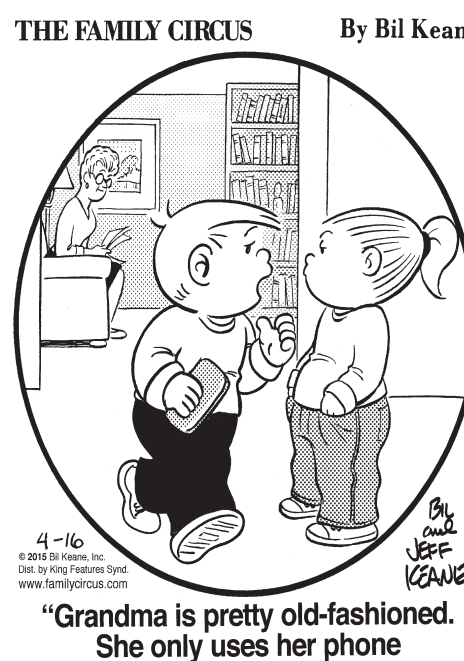
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11:PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Cleveland	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Seinfeld	Called	T. Smiley	Ruthless Reporter	Naked and Afraid	National Lampoon's European Vacation	Lip Sync	Castle (DVS)	Wendy Williams	Good	Baseball Tonight	Sport
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"I SEE HOW HE WORE OUT HIS ORIGINAL TEETH."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

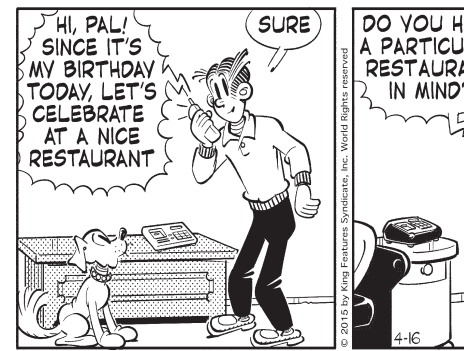


"Grandma is pretty old-fashioned. She only uses her phone to TALK on."

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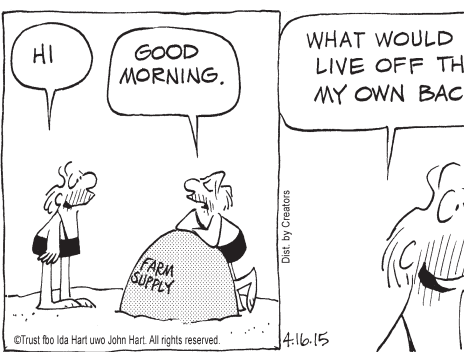
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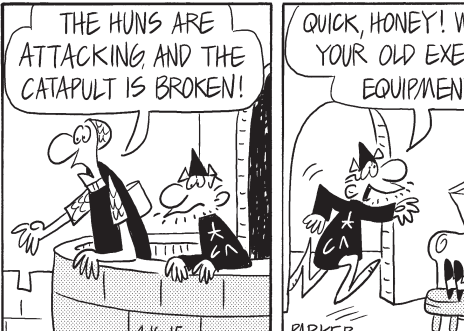
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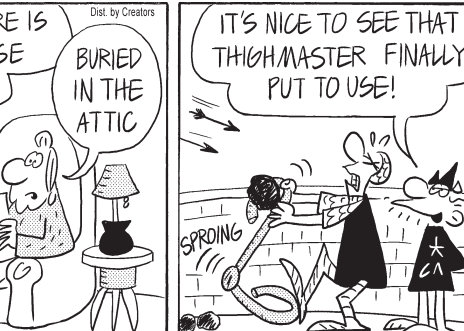
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 16, the 106th day of 2015. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 16, 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died. U.S. troops reached Nuremberg. U.S. forces invaded the Japanese island of Ie Shima (ee-eh shee-mah). In his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1879, Bernadette Soubirous, who'd described

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ACROSS

1 Jacob's second son

6 Shots in the dark

11 Squelch

14 Seven, in Seville

15 Painter of water lilies

16 Poet's preposition

17 Designer Mizrahi

18 Letter measure

19 Tell a big one

20 Where hooks are often seen

22 Antagonist

23 American marsupial

24 Gulf War missile

25 Took a taxi

29 Not familiar with

31 Tubular instrument

32 On a grand scale

35 Isle near Curaçao

38 Toy Story studio

40 Tramcar load

41 Less forgiving

42 Fear Street author

43 Carefree caper

45 Milestone for future DAs

46 Ingenious

48 Goof-offs

50 Perimeter

52 Fix a clog, perhaps

55 Broadcast

56 Where hooks are often seen

61 Chi preceder

62 Quite a lot

63 Went ballistic

64 Country retreat

65 Dismal

66 Went astray

67 Pick on

68 Servants of yore

69 Abrasive powder

DOWN

1 "Yeah, right!"

2 Spanish ayes

3 One-time Shaq team

4 French state

5 Assembly instructions

6 Obscures, with "up"

7 Globetrots

8 Game-show staffer

9 Turn into

10 Arise (from)

11 Where hooks are often seen

12 Alphabet quintet

13 Hoggishness

21 Junction point

24 Saunter

25 People on patrol

26 Somewhat

27 Where hooks are often seen

28 Brownie topper

30 Portrayed

33 Yam fabric

34 Roth plan

36 Withstand

37 Newspaper section

39 Wrestling figure

44 Potter's need

47 Minor matter

49 Latitude measure

50 Kitchen descriptor

51 Jazz singer Krall

53 Stack of papers

54 Barnyard sounds

56 Watch pockets

57 Dissolve

58 Fire-breathing boss

59 Rude glance

60 Sea swirl

Answer to previous puzzle

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4/16/15

Scoreboard

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB Boston 6 3 .667 — Baltimore 5 4 .556 1 Tampa Bay 5 4 .556 1 Toronto 5 4 .556 1 New York 3 6 .333 3

AEscobar KC 8 34 7 14 .412 AJones Bal 9 32 10 13 .406 Fielder Tex 10 40 3 16 .400 Cain KC 8 31 7 12 .387

Saturday, April 18 Washington at Toronto, 12:30 p.m. New Orleans at Golden State, 3:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m. Dallas at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

Cleveland 2 1 0 .667 171 135 New Orleans 1 2 0 .333 135 167 Thursday's Games Spokane at Portland, 10 p.m.

Central Division W L Pct GB Detroit 8 1 .889 — Kansas City 7 1 .875 1/2 Chicago 3 5 .375 4 1/2 Cleveland 3 5 .375 4 1/2 Minnesota 2 6 .250 5 1/2

Runs Batted In Cruz, Seattle, 6; AJones, Baltimore, 4; JMartinez, Detroit, 4; HRamirez, Boston, 4; 7 tied at 3.

Monday, April 20 Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24 Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m. Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m. L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

West Division W L Pct GB Oakland 5 5 .500 — Houston 4 5 .444 1/2 Los Angeles 4 5 .444 1/2 Texas 4 6 .400 1 Seattle 3 6 .333 1 1/2

TEXAS LEAGUE North Division W L Pct GB Arkansas (Angels) 6 0 1.000 — Tulsa (Dodgers) 3 3 .500 3

Wednesday, April 23 Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Golden State at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB Atlanta 6 3 .667 — New York 6 3 .667 — Miami 3 6 .333 3 Philadelphia 3 6 .333 3 Washington 3 6 .333 3

Wednesday's Games Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2 Washington 10, Boston 5 L.A. Angels 10, Texas 2

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Central Division W L Pct GB Chicago 5 3 .625 — St. Louis 4 3 .571 1/2 Cincinnati 5 4 .556 1/2 Pittsburgh 3 6 .333 2 1/2 Milwaukee 2 6 .250 3

Thursday's Games Milwaukee (Fiers 0-1) at St. Louis (Lackey 0-0), 1:45 p.m. Philadelphia (Hamels 0-1) at Washington (Fister 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

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TOP TEN NATIONAL LEAGUE G AB R H Pct. AGonzalez LAD 9 36 10 19 .528 LeMahieu Col 9 35 2 18 .514

Wednesday's Games Miami 6, Atlanta 2 Washington 10, Boston 5 Detroit 1, Pittsburgh 0

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Home Runs AGonzalez, Los Angeles, 5; Alvarez, Pittsburgh, 3; Arenado, Colorado, 3; Frazier, Cincinnati, 3

Wednesday's Games Toronto 92, Charlotte 87 New Orleans 108, San Antonio 103

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AMERICAN LEAGUE G AB R H Pct. JIglesias Det 9 27 5 13 .481 Trout LAA 9 32 7 14 .438

Playoff Glance FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

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GIRLS

Continued from Page 6 2-4A play, closed out the game with five runs in the third, six more in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Burton, who scored two runs despite not being credited with an official at-bat, ended the contest with two outs in the fifth by stepping off third base prior to a pitch to draw an automatic out.

The Lady Steers also picked up solid play from several younger players in the contest, including Brooke Marshall, Mary Gomez, Hannah Alsobrooks and Abby Saucedo.

Marshall, who was called up from the junior varsity team prior to the game, and Alsobrooks both scored runs.

Saucedo pitched the final two innings for the Lady Steers and retired all six EHS batters she faced.

With the victory, Big Spring joined Snyder in clinching a berth in the Class 4A state playoffs.

The Lady Steers will return to action on Friday when they host Levelland at the BSHS Sports Complex.

HAWKS

Continued from Page 6 grab an 8-7 cushion.

DeHart erased whatever momentum the Chaparrals had built quickly in the bottom of the seventh. He blasted a solo homer to right that tied the game at 8-8 heading into the eighth.

HC capped the outburst with a 3-run outburst in its final at-bat.

With one out in the bottom of the eighth,

James Davidson legged out an infield hit. He raced home moments later when Edwards launched a deep show to left for a double.

Wagner followed with a double to hand the Hawks a 10-8 cushion.

McCarvel salted away the win with a single that drove Wagner home with the final run.

Jose Quezada, one of seven pitchers used by the Hawks in the game, came on to get the final out to get the win.



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