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Goliad student, mother take issue with drug suspension

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

A Goliad Middle School student faces suspension from school for a crime she says she didn't commit.

"I don't believe she should have to leave school for something she didn't do," Yolanda O'valle said of her daughter Liza in a telephone interview

today.

O'valle received a letter from Goliad Middle School Assistant Principal Tom Adams on Friday stating her daughter would have to attend alternative school for the rest of the year for possession of cocaine.

O'valle says her daughter is not a drug user, but a hero, who turned in cocaine to her teachers as soon as she discovered it.

"I was coming back from

lunch and found a bag on the floor," Liza, who was not in school, said today. "I went to Miss Robertson's class and asked if I could speak to her outside. I gave her the bag and she put it in her pocket."

The next day, Adams took O'valle out of class and searched her backpack and asked her to pull up her pants to see if she had hidden anything in her socks. He asked her questions

about her involvement in the drug possession. O'valle said she told him she had just picked the bag up and turned it in.

Going back to her seventh period class, O'valle was passed a note by a friend. The note contained a white powder, and she said she turned the contents of the bag over to her seventh period teacher.

"Mr. Adams asked when I got it, the cops came, and I guess it

tested positive (for cocaine)," the younger O'valle said.

"I stayed and talked to both (Adams and police), and they asked me to come to the police station to make a statement." O'valle went to the station, she said, but the detective was not there. Later a detective interviewed her in her home.

Two students were arrested for possession of cocaine as a result of Liza's reports, her

mother said.

"They (Adams and the detective on the case) all praised my daughter," Yolanda O'valle said. "They said that 60 students had been sick from cocaine that these students had put in gum and were passing around the school."

Partly because of the praise, O'valle was surprised to receive

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Jail overcrowding problems in Eastland have Big Spring and Howard County officials debating the future of the county jail, which is more than 50 years old.

Jail woes Eastland's problems attract local interest

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When the issue of building a new jail in Howard County was hotter than a \$2 firecracker, the question was how big to make it. The early consensus was 96 beds.

The issue is back, but now it has moved 150 miles east of Howard County to Eastland.

Eastland County has a population of about 18,400 people and has been told by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to have a plan in place by the end of the spring to deal with its jail overcrowding.

Viola Payne of the *Eastland Telegram* said the 24-bed jail in Eastland was built around 1980 and the commission is recommending an expansion of the jail to 96 beds.

The question in most local residents' minds is how long Howard County will be able to get by with its 50-year old, 44-bed jail.

Jack Crump, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards will be in Eastland on April 16 for a public meeting on the issue," Payne said.

Eastland is also familiar with Paul Scarborough, supervising inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, who issues certificates of compliance for county jail passing the state's inspection.

"Their recommendation is that we expand from 24 beds to 96 beds, but we're also told that we could get by with 48 beds," Payne said. "They have been after the Eastland County Jail because it has been overcrowded making it out of compliance with state standards."

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Howard County officials say jail issue probably headed to ballot

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With three elected positions on the Howard County Commissioner's court unsure until November, Commissioners Bill Crooker and Emma Brown are about the only court officials who can safely say anything about the jail issue.

Despite Eastland County being 150 miles to the East of Howard County, it is smaller than Howard County; has had

more frequent visits by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards because of overcrowding; and has the commission's executive director coming to town on April 16 for a public meeting concerning jail expansion.

What does this mean for Howard County?

Brown said she thinks the issue is not going to go away for Howard County and will probably have to be put on the ballot again.

"I think the issue would prob-

ably be better as a single issue on the ballot rather than a multi-part ballot as it was in 1995," Brown said.

"We have asked the taxpayers for a lot, but we are going to have to bring this up again."

"Sheriff Jennings has done a tremendous job at getting by with what he has, but I know he needs more space and I wish we could give it to him," Brown added.

Commissioner Sonny Choate will not return to the commissioners' court next year, but

still echoes what many voters were thinking in 1995 when they defeated a ballot proposal to build a new jail.

"When the jail bond issue failed before, I think people were just taxed out and I'm not sure what would happen if the issued was raised again today," Choate said.

"Unless our crime rate goes out the window, we should be able to manage."

If the state does what the law says, Howard County should be fine where its jail is concerned,

according to Choate.

"The voters told us no three years ago," Choate said. "Consider the fact that it costs us \$40 a day to house an inmate in another county. From my point of view, it's smarter to rent than it is to buy."

"I don't believe we should put the voters through another bond election," Choate added. "The public is who I work for and it has spoken."

Commissioners Crooker and Jerry Kilgore spoke to Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Executive Director Jack Crump at a meeting of judges and commissioners in Odessa in March.

"Jerry (Kilgore) and I told Mr. Crump that we feel like we will have to revisit the jail issue in Howard County and could use some help from the commission such as demographics and statistics involving inmate populations and jail sizes in counties of similar size," Crooker said.

"This is where the commission could be very helpful to Howard County," Crooker added.

Community to get a peek at FCI operation

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Each May, local residents get an opportunity to see the impact Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) has on the community.

Most people have their questions answered during National Correctional Workers Week (NCWW), when FCI opens its doors to visitors concerning the facility and its operations.

One of the goals during tours of facilities such as the FCI is to

set the record straight on misinformation and long-standing misconceptions about prison life.

Big Spring's FCI sits on 105.3 acres of the former Webb Air Force Base and has about 407,000 square feet of building space.

The ratio of inmates to staff averages 3-to-1. The ratio of correctional officers to inmates is about 1-to-8.

FCI has about 263 staff members and about 1,000 inmates. The staff breakdown at the facil-

ity is about 75.6 percent male to 24.3 percent female.

Inmates at the facility are assigned work details similar to those in a state prison facility, including landscaping, construction and maintenance for the upkeep of the facility.

A satellite inmate camp, which is a minimum security facility of about 150 inmates, is also housed on the grounds. Inmates in the camp get an opportunity to work in more sophisticated areas for UNICOR.

UNICOR (Federal Prison Industries) is the inmate employment arm of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), employing about 30 percent of all BOP inmates.

This is a practice of federal facilities, in which inmates earn compensation for their labor — a practice Texas' state prison system avoids.

In Big Spring, 18 staff members and 235 inmates are a part of UNICOR — producing month-

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BSHS student finalist in annual art contest

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

For the second straight year, a Big Spring High School student has been named a finalist in the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

Big Spring's Craig Campbell is among 10 finalists selected

to compete in the recent district show in Abilene.

Other finalists in the competition include Patricia Barnick, Merkel High School; Corrie Ann Brownson, Lipan High School; Joey Gosney, Paradise High School; Lemon Kandi Hearin, Colorado City High School; Johnny Lee Jackson Jr., Brownwood High

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Tonight, clear, breezy in the evening. Lows 40-50. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs from the mid 70s to around 80. Wednesday night, fair. Lows from the lower 40s to near 50. Extended forecast: Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Friday, mostly clear. Lows from the mid 40s to the lower 50s. Highs 80-85. Saturday, partly cloudy.

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Wallace preaches fiscal responsibility in school board bid

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Big Spring native Debra Wallace is one of five candidates running for three at-large positions in the Forsan Independent School District this year.

"We need to use our tax dollars wisely and protect the education of our children, because that's our future," said Wallace, a registered nurse, Quality and Risk Manager at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and mother of two, in a recent inter-

view.

Wallace and her husband were drawn to the Tubbs addition south of Big Spring 16 years ago in part because of the quality of the Forsan schools. Quality is something Wallace wants to preserve,

despite upcoming financial challenges to the district.

"At one time Forsan was considered a rich district," Wallace said. "With the 'Robin Hood' legislation we have to give money to poorer schools. There are ways to work within that and use the money wisely. I don't want to give up a school district."

Wallace believes her experience as Quality and Risk Manager will help her make good decisions as a school board member. Her duties include responsibility for all regulatory and legal issues for SMMC. She deals with everything related to

surveys and litigation, and talks with everyone in the hospital, she said.

"I have experience working within budget constraints, because the hospital is the same way (as the school districts)," she said. "With recent cutbacks, we don't have the luxuries we used to have. A lot of that experience would be of great benefit as a school board member."

Wallace has been a member of College Baptist Church all of her life. She was originally on

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OBITUARIES

Ellen V. Barnes

Ellen V. Barnes, 61, Big Spring, died on Monday, April 6, 1998, at her residence. Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas of the VAMC officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1936, in Soper, Okla.

She came to Big Spring in 1963 from Houston. She was a successful business woman having owned several businesses in Big Spring.

She was a charter member of Working Business Women of America Cactus Chapter and was a member of Beta Kapa Phi. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: two daughters, Debra Lynn Norsworthy and Carol Denton, both of Big Spring; two grandsons, Michael Shain Schults and Nick Allen Denton, and one granddaughter, Amanda Carol Denton, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jessie Lee Chesney and one brother, Delbert "Dale" Chesney.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

E. Margueritte Cooper

Service for E. Margueritte Cooper, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, April 7, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Mattie Mae Webber

Funeral service for Mattie Mae Webber, 95, Big Spring, formerly of Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Lamesa. Burial will be in the Lamesa Cemetery.

Mrs. Webber died Saturday, April 4, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born on May 12, 1902, in Milam County. She had been a resident of Lamesa for over 50 years, moving to Big Spring in 1996. She was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Lamesa and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Webber.

She is survived by: one daughter, Elnora Morrison of

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Mattie Mae Webber, 95, died Saturday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lamesa, with burial at Lamesa Cemetery.

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Ellen V. Barnes, 61, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Albina 'Abby' Ortega

Rosary for Albina 'Abby' Ortega, 71, Wappapello, Mo., was Sunday, April 5, 1998, at the Cotrell Chapel. Funeral mass was 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 6, at the Cotrell Funeral Chapel with Rev. Father Mike McDevitt officiating.

Mrs. Ortega died Thursday, April 2, at the Lucy Lee Healthcare System.

She was born on July 29, 1926, at Brownsville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. She married Jose Firso Ortega on June 12, 1954, in Brownsville.

Survivors include: her husband, Jose Ortega, Wappapello, Mo.; four daughters, Tony Salinas, Bernice Darden, both of Big Spring, Mary Ortega, Lubbock, and Frances Newton, Aurora, Ohio; two sons, Frank Ortega of Austin, and Robert Ortega of Longview; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Cotrell Funeral Service, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Coralie Bownds

Graveside service for Coralie Bownds, 72, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1998, in the Levelland Cemetery. A memorial service will be at noon in the Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, with Rev. Charles Foster Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Bownds died Monday, April 6, at Methodist Hospital.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1925, in Sweetwater. She married Franklin Dee Bownds in 1961 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1982. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring.

Survivors include: three daughters, Nancy Gallo, Kim Valentig, both of Lubbock, and Sandra Sessions, Shreveport, La.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Arrangements under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Tammy Wynette, country's first lady, dead at 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With the sexual revolution sweeping the nation, Tammy Wynette found herself at No. 1 singing "Stand By Your Man." Wynette, who died Monday at 55 while napping at her Nashville home, sang for people like herself — country folks, some of whom had just moved to the city and weren't quite ready for bra-burning.

The cause of her death was believed to be a blood clot, spokeswoman Evelyn Shriver said. Wynette had had a series of health problems in recent years.

"Her story is really the story of country music," said Kyle Young of the Country Music Foundation. "From humble beginnings as a hairdresser, to superstardom.

The strength of her music was she connected with a wide audience, because she really tapped into real situations in people's lives," he said. Wynette scored many duet hits with George Jones, her husband from 1969-75. They tended to be about either domestic bliss or strife, as did solo Wynette hits like "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and "My Man." She had a robust voice that could deliver entire songs seemingly on the verge of tears.

Wynette recorded more than 50 albums and sold more than 30 million records, scoring 39

Top 10 hits from 1967-88. Twenty topped the charts.

Country music fans polled for the annual Music City News awards voted Wynette a legend in 1991. She said it was premature.

"I don't consider myself a legend. I think it's kind of overused," said Wynette, who was known as "the first lady of country music."

DRUG

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the certified letter telling her that her daughter was to be transferred to alternative school for possession of four grams of cocaine.

In a conversation with Adams and Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Bill McQueary, O'valle was told the district had consulted their attorney, who advised them that because O'valle had picked the cocaine up, she should be directed to the alternative school.

"We follow our student code of conduct," Goliad Principal Brenda Gainey said today, "and disciplinary procedures have been followed in this situation." Gainey declined further comment.

O'valle was told her daughter should have paid closer attention in her DARE classes (a school-based drug education program).

"They said the school handbook says that anyone who picks up something that looks like drugs, that's possession," O'valle said.

In a Monday meeting at Goliad, O'valle was told her daughter would be suspended if she did not attend alternative schools.

"I'm mad because I'm passing, and I'm going to have to redo the year," Liza O'valle said. The younger O'valle said she does not intend to attend the alternative school.

FCI

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ly sales of \$1.5 million worth of electronic cable assemblies, wiring harnesses, security systems and generator packages.

The BOP has 87 facilities around the country which house more than 105,000 inmates.

The average daily cost to maintain an inmate at the Big Spring FCI is \$48.08, an increase compared to last year's figure of \$43.33.

The annual operating budget for FCI is \$17.8 million.

The economic impact of that budget on Big Spring is about \$14.5 million, which is returned to the local economy through salaries, contract purchase of goods and services required to operate the facility.

FCI impacts some 52 businesses within a 50-mile radius and is considered a low-security federal correctional institution.

Fifty-nine percent of FCI's inmates are there for drug or alcohol related crimes, 21 percent on for immigration reasons and the remaining inmates are there on a variety of offenses ranging from fraud to extortion to bribery.

More than one-third of the inmates at the facility are portable, meaning they have deportation hearings pending. The main determining factors as to whether an inmate is placed at the Big Spring facility include history of escape, history of violence if any, as well as other factors.

The average inmate age at FCI is 35.9 years and 33 percent of the inmate population is there to serve a sentence of five to 10 years; 25.7 percent are serving sentences of one to three years;

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Five and a half percent of FCI's inmates are serving 15-year to 20-year sentences and only 1.6 percent of inmates there are serving sentences of more than 30 years.

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School; Jeremy King, Olney High School; Crystal Kinney, Abilene High School; Cody Sherrod, San Angelo Central High School; and Marilyn Williams, Glen Rose High School.

The artwork of these 10 finalists is on display through April 17 at First National Bank in Abilene. The winning entry, which will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., will be announced at an awards brunch on Saturday, April 18.

One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in an area of the U.S. Capitol dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

The second, third and fourth place winners in the 17th district will have their art displayed in each of Stenholm's three district offices in Abilene, Stamford and San Angelo for one year.

JAIL

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The Eastland expansion project has an estimated price tag in excess of \$3 million.

According to Payne, at her request the commission sent her a list of the items looked for during a jail inspection by the commission — a list that contains some 600 items.

"Commissioners here feel like they have no choice and want to go ahead and expand to a 96-bed facility," Payne said. "The census tell us that we're losing population and several residents are wondering what we would do with a 96-bed jail."

Howard County has a population of 32,450 people and a 50-year old jail that many say has been held together for years by scotch tape, glue and several prayers.

One of the people who may be called on in the future to make a decision concerning Howard County's jail facility is Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, who is no stranger to discussing the county jail.

"Based on information I have, the state is falling behind with its jail space, which will put more pressure on the sheriff and on the jail," Crooker said. "We could reach a time in 18 months when we're shipping our male as well as our female inmates to other counties."

Crooker's recommendation for the future of the jail is to look into the feasibility of doing something with the third floor of the courthouse when the 118th District Court moves into the old Howard County Library building.

"We need some expert advise on this issue," Crooker said. "If this idea is unworkable, then I think we need to consider revisiting the jail bond issue."

Sheriff Bill Jennings has been on the job almost 15 months and in that time has had to endure two inspections by the jail commission — passing both.

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But, how long will the 45-year old jail continue to meet those standards as well as the needs of Howard County, which still does not have a place to house female inmates?

The county jail is an old jail that's hard to maintain and get parts for when repairs are needed in certain areas, which makes it hard to maintain state compliance requirements, which in recent years Howard County has done, but at a minimal level.

Jennings continues to credit Chief Jailer Pancho Yanez when it comes to the jail passing inspection and said he puts in a lot of work on a daily basis to see that it's maintained.

After the jail passed inspection in January, Jennings said, "We've already started working on next year's inspection."

According to Jennings, with the age of the county facility, the day is coming when passing a minimum inspection won't be so easy.

The jail has a capacity for 44 inmates, which the county is at right now, with female inmates being contracted out to Mitchell and Glasscock Counties.

"This costs us on a daily basis," Jennings said.

"I'm not advocating a new jail, but it's a constant battle to maintain our current facility day to day," Jennings added.

WALLACE

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the board of trustees for the Big Spring Rape Crisis/Victim Services Center, where she served for 15 years while working as an emergency room nurse.

She and her family participate in the Relay for Life and school activities. She is also on the board for United Blood Services. A graduate of Howard College, she trained in nursing at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Wallace says she is grateful for the quality of her education and wants to provide a good education for the community's children because "education is the one thing we do owe them so they can get a good start in the world."

"I got a good education in Big Spring," she concluded, "and I'm thankful for that."

The other five candidates running for office in the Forsan Independent School District are incumbent Debbie Burt, incumbent Cynthia Breyman, incumbent Domingo Rios, Jr., and challenger Robert Stapp. Elections will be held Saturday, May 2.

POLICE

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

- LUIS MOLINA, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.
- DEMIS TORRES, 21, was arrested for no driver's license.
- MICHAEL BLAIR, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
- ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for public intoxication.
- CURTIS CARLSON, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.
- CHRISTY RAINS, 20, was arrested for county warrants.
- CASEY HENRY, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
- JUAN DELOSSANTOS, 32,

was arrested on local warrants.

• MARISSA BARRIENTOS, 26, was arrested on local warrants.

• ARNULFO CHAVERA, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

• CRISPIN SANCHEZ, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

• TARISSA STEPHENS, 39, was arrested on local warrants.

• MICHAEL SMITH, 44, was arrested on local warrants.

• BRANDON NUTTER, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

• JACOB EASTHAM, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

• JASON SMITH, 22, was arrested on local warrants.

• EZPERANZA GARCIA, 46, was arrested on local warrants.

• ELIZABETH HARO, 24, was arrested on local warrants.

• JAMIE ESTRACA, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

• LUIS MOLINA, 37, was arrested for public intoxication.

• FAMILY VIOLENCE reported in the 1400 block of Tucson and the 1400 block of Tucson.

• THEFT reported near the intersection of 3rd and Owens, the 400 block of Johnson, the 1700 block of Marcy, the 400 block of S. Gregg, the 2500 block of Wason, the 200 block of W. Marcy, the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl., the 400 block of Gregg, the 400 block of S. Gregg, the 1600 block of E. 5th, the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl., the 500 block of Westover, the 900 block of Abrams, and the police station.

• CLASS A ASSAULT reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, Jr.

• FOUND PROPERTY near the intersection of 6th and State and at the police station.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 1800 block of E. Marcy, the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl., the 4000 block of Vicky, the 1600 block of Wood and the 700 block of West U.S. Interstate 20.

• BURGLARY/HABITATION reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• SEIZED PROPERTY reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Big Spring UIL
academic results
not acceptable

Results from the recently completed District 4-4A University Interscholastic League academic competition have us concerned regarding the level at which local students were able to compete.

There were 139 places awarded in 30 areas of academic competition, ranging from Lincoln-Douglas debate to feature writing to computer applications to spelling and vocabulary.

As a school district, Big Spring's students finished sixth — out of six — and one had to search to find the name Big Spring while perusing through the results.

Fort Stockton claimed the most places in the competition, with 30. Andrews was next at 29, Pecos next with 27, Lake View with 24 and Sweetwater with 21. Big Spring had six!

And while the other six schools had multiple first-place finishes — Lake View had the least with four while Fort Stockton had eight — the best Big Spring could do was a single second in individual competition and an alternate slot in a team entry.

Why do these numbers bother us?

They do so because the UIL's academic competition is a basic measure of how students from one district stack up against students from other districts in the basic skills that are being taught in our classrooms.

No, it is not the TAAS and it is not life and death, but the woeful results should cause us to give thought to how well-prepared our students are when they exit Big Spring High School.

Real life is much tougher than UIL competition. In real life, not being able to compete — and place — means being left behind because the best competitors get the best jobs.

Big Spring students placed in only four of the 30 areas of competition — individual accounting, team accounting, computer applications and ready writing.

The best finish was a second in ready writing, the writing equivalent of extemporaneous speaking. In fact, three of the six total awards were earned in this category with a second, fourth and sixth.

There was another fourth in computer applications along with a sixth in accounting. BSHS' accounting team also earned alternate honors to district champion Pecos.

Except for the fact we've seen results similar to these in recent years for Big Spring students, we could hope that this year's results were the exception, rather than the norm.

That, apparently, is not the case.

Just as we prepare for other extracurricular activities, such as band or football or basketball, we must be ready to compete in the classroom as well.

The silence regarding the poor results scares us almost as much as the results themselves.

Perhaps we should report the academic results in the same manner we report those from the field of athletics. When viewed as Fort Stockton 30, Big Spring 6, or Pecos 27, Big Spring 6, perhaps we are better able to place the results in their proper perspective.

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News media broadly defines 'news'

The problem with the news business is that on most days there isn't any news. That's true if you define "news" as something important. Obviously we in the news business don't define news as something important. If we did, we would be printing blank pages lots of days and broadcasting test patterns.



Charley Reese
Columnist

So we have a considerably broader definition of news which includes routine reports of routine events, chitchat, gossip, miscellaneous records, amusements, random tragedies, accidents, crimes, lawsuits, rewrites of press releases from various and assorted special-interest groups and factions, weather and sports. That's OK. We aspire to be chatty companions. You just have to remember not to take us as seriously as we sometimes take ourselves. We can be as pompous and self-righteous as any lawyer. I keep saying "we" because there's no point in pretending that print journalists are some-

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how all that different from broadcast journalists. We're all in the same racket and pretty much follow the same patterns and practices. It's gotten to the point that we ought to refer to ourselves as the news-entertainment industry.

But what we do least well is put events into perspective, and thanks to the proliferation of news outlets and the expansion of broadcast time, we're getting worse instead of better on that point.

If my dog could chew on his food as long as television can chew on a one-time event in its ever-desperate attempt to fill air time, I'd only have to buy four or five cans a year.

Two mean kids shooting some other kids, as happened recently in Arkansas, is not all that unusual. In any population at any time, a small percentage of people will turn out bad, with their brains wired wrong. Some kids are killers. That's true today. It was true in the past. It will be true in the future.

What's new is to have an army of media descend on a random event and talk about it for days. There's not much that anyone can say about a random event, tragic or otherwise, that is intelligent. And not much that is intelligent is said.

Most often, random events are meaningless, are not indicative of anything, reveal no trends or underlying problems and are unavoidable. Like tornadoes, they just happen. Bad luck.

I don't know of any more intelligent words to say about random death than those that Larry McMurtry put into the mouth of Capt. Gus McCrae in his American masterpiece "Lonesome Dove."

At the grave of a boy who died of snakebite, Gus says, "Life is short, shorter for some than for others. Now we best move on to Montana."

There is nothing we can do about death, and there is no rational explanation for why life is shorter for some than for others. It is. And we just have

to move on. But television, once it has video, is darn reluctant to move on.

I had recently begun to speculate that it may well be impossible for a self-governing republic to coexist with television. It may be that it is impossible to have a rational society and television — the distortion of reality being so great and so pervasive and so persistent that it seems to make everyone a little bit crazy.

We Americans may be writing a new page in human history by being the first great nation to fall because of the invention of a home appliance. It seems demeaning to think of Howard Stern and Jerry Springer as Vandals — demeaning to the Vandals, that is — but, by golly, they may be the Vandals of our Rome. Somehow Attila the Hun sounds more dignified than Howard the Vulgar or Jerry the Exploiter.

We may yet survive, though. The national electrical grid could go down and stay down long enough for people to regain their sanity. A new virus could develop that causes advertisers to develop taste. The newest generation could slay the TV dragon by saying the magic word, "boring."

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An ugly scene by vicious people

PICKWICK LAKE, Tenn. — They found Buck Davis down in Mississippi, eight miles south of the Tennessee state line, dead as the winter.

The autopsy said Buck's heart attack was caused by "strangulation and asphyxiation." Buck, a black man, had been stabbed, beaten and dumped like a dog in the woods off a back road, stripped to his underwear and socks.



Rheta G. Johnson
Columnist

The local NAACP believed he was "dragged with a rope . . . behind a pickup truck" after a beating by a "lawless mob of white men" outside a honky-tonk.

It was an ugly scene played by vicious people in a pretty place. It was an anachronism. It was 1992.

Buck Davis died six years ago. Nobody has been charged with the murder. Nobody in the "lawless mob" has talked. Everybody knows what happened, but nobody knows what happened.

This is the same state line, one county over, where Sheriff Buford Pusser cracked heads. A couple of tough beer joints sprout like mushrooms on the "wet" Tennessee side. They are cinder-block bars with plywood over the windows and gravel parking lots. Pickups and tired sedans limp in by mid-morning and multiply until midnight when, slowly, their numbers begin diminishing again.

The state line area here is a few hundred acres of real estate, flush to the blue lake. The Tennessee Valley Authority created Pickwick with a dam that churns up the energy that powers the Christmas lights around the outside of the State Line Club. The area is small yet significant — due north of church-going, fish-frying, "dry" Tishomingo County in Mississippi. A hand-lettered sign nailed to a tree on the Mississippi side of the line warns: "Wages of Sin Is Death Romans 5."

And it is just south of a manicured state park and golf course and countless imposing lake cabins built by the wealthy from Memphis and Nashville, the smells with satellite dishes and potted plants on their yachts.

The state line, then, is the divide not just between two

states, but between rural and resort. On maps it is indicated by Ben Day, a shady area. In reality it is shady, too, often mean, a place where redneck reputations are made and ruined, and where a stubborn Mississippi black man named Calvin Willie Davis fought his last fight.

Calvin's close friends and relatives called him Buck. He was 30, handsome, medium-sized but strong from the construction work he did daily. He could eat like a horse, loved greens, fried chicken and hot sauce.

Buck Davis lived on Pride Street. Pride Street winds up, then back down a hillside that supports one of two small black residential sections in Iuka, Tishomingo's county seat.

Both the town and county were named for Chickasaw chieftains.

The Chickasaws owned this part of the world until 1818, when Andrew Jackson strong-armed them into ceding 7 million acres.

Davy Crockett and other white hunters were using west Tennessee and north Mississippi then, outnumbered by the Indians, lustful of the land. That was the last time there was much racial diversity.

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Lady Steers face showdown with revenge-minded Andrews today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

For all intents and purposes, Big Spring's Lady Steers can wrap up the District 4-4A softball championship at 5 p.m. today when they play host to Andrews' Lady Mustangs at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The Lady Steers, 22-4 overall and 6-0 in district play, would virtually seal away any chance the Lady Mustangs — their primary rival for the 4-4A crown — have of laying claim to a share of the championship as they a year ago.

While Lady Steers coach Wes Overton would like nothing better than to see his team send the Lady

Mustangs packing with their second, he quickly reminds anyone who'll listen that accomplishing the task will be much more difficult than saying it.

"You can bet they (Lady Mustangs) are going to come in here ready to do whatever it takes to win," Overton explained. "I figure they're really spoiling for us after the way we beat them over there in the first district game."

The two teams have met three times this season with the Lady Mustangs having won two of the three. However, the Lady Steers won the game that meant the most on March 20 at Andrews when they took a 9-7 win in 10 innings.

"There's no way they can't feel like they let one they should have won get

away," Overton said of the Lady Steers' win in Andrews. "We were three runs down and down to our last out before coming up with a hit and back-to-back home runs to force them into extra innings."

Indeed, The Lady Steers rally in Andrews was nothing short of improbable.

The game seemed to follow the same script the two teams had played in tournament encounters earlier in the season — the Lady Steers jumping out to an early lead, only to see Andrews rallying to take close wins.

Big Spring owned a 4-3 lead after two innings in the first district meeting, capitalizing clutch hitting and six Lady Mustangs errors.

Andrews, however, settled down behind strong pitching from ace Leesa Lopez and took the lead in the bottom of the third inning with three runs, a Lady Steers' error figuring heavily in the damage.

The Lady Mustangs added another run in the bottom of the sixth, an insurance run that seemed to seal Big Spring's fate.

But the Lady Steers refused to die.

With two out in the top of the seventh, third baseman Melissa Martinez kept hope alive with a single to right and scored moments later when left fielder Sunni Smith trimmed the Andrews lead to just one run, ripping the first pitch Lopez offered her for a two-run homer to right.

First baseman Juanita Valdez immediately followed with a solo home run to left.

Andrews managed to put runners on base in each of the three extra innings, but the Lady Steers managed to play air-tight defense behind ace hurler Jessica Sisheros.

Big Spring's winning runs came in the 10th when Valdez led off with a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Angie Phillips. Center fielder Mandi Lance provided the game-winning run with a single to left and scored an insurance run later when Honey Belew singled to left.

Overton said he expects the Lady Steers to again face Lopez, providing duel between the two teams' aces.

Grady dominates 15-1A tourney

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Strong winds made the opening rounds of the District 15-1A tennis tournament somewhat of an adventure at times Monday on the courts of Big Spring's Figure 7 Tennis Center, but for the most part they didn't seem to faze Grady's Wildcats.

Grady's contingent, led by the boys' doubles team of Greg Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton that reached the Class A state tournament last season, virtually dominated the field — winning all four doubles semifinal matches and another in the singles competition.

Perhaps the most thrilling match of the tournament's first day was the boys' singles semifinal that pitted Grady's Clint Schuelke against Blackwell's Mauricio Chavez.

Chavez, who'd taken a 6-1, 6-0 win over Sands' Phil Castro in the opening round, used a big first serve and a somewhat uncanny ability to return difficult shots to frustrate Schuelke and force the match to three sets.

But Schuelke, who won the first set, rebounded from a loss in the second to dominate play in the third set and a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 win.

He'll face Sands' Jason Wiley in the championship game Wednesday. Wiley reached the final with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Grady's Anthony Swift.

Gibson and Haggerton, the top seeded boys' doubles team, had little trouble making sure they'd return to regional tournament play, taking a 6-0, 6-0 win over Sands' Stuart Beall and Coby Floyd in one semifinal.

They'll face teammates Jed Hinojosa and Cody Wells for the district championship when the tournament resumes Wednesday morning with championship and third-place matches, as well as any playback opportunities that are



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Sands' Hollie Zant follows through on a forehand on the baseline during her semifinal match with Blackwell's Crystal Gunn during Monday's first two rounds of play in the District 15-1A tennis tournament at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Zant dropped a 6-4, 6-1 loss to Gunn and will face Grady's Sarah Rivas in the third-place girls' singles match Wednesday.

afforded. Hinojosa and Wells had a more difficult time in their semifinal match, as Blackwell's Jesus Chavez and Steven Hayes forced them into a first-set tiebreaker before the Wildcat duo caught fire and romped to a 7-6 (7-1), 6-3 victory.

Sands' Beall and Floyd, who reached the semifinals with a 7-5, 6-1 opening round win over Blackwell's duo of Leman Saunders and Tony Dove, still have hopes of reaching regional tournament play, however.

Should Hinojosa and Wells knock off Gibson and Haggerton in Wednesday's championship game, the Sands tandem would be allowed a playback match.

First, however, they'll have to defeat Chavez and Hayes in the third-place game. Otherwise, it will be Chavez and Hayes hoping for a Gibson-Haggerton win that would afford them a playback opportunity.

The Wildcats' entries in girls' doubles were even more dominant where Wednesday's championship game will pit Grady's top-seeded team of Caroline Madison and Meagan Mims against teammates Rebecca Robles and Cheyenne Romine.

Madison and Mims reached the title game with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Sands' Jimi Daniels and Laci Webb, while Robles and Romine knocked off Sands' Brianne Fryar and Trisha Nichols by an identical 6-1, 6-1

score in the other semifinals match.

Webb and Daniels reached the semifinals with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Blackwell's Julie Grimes and Tanya Blackwell, while Fryar and Nichols were 6-3, 6-2 first-round winners over Blackwell's Teri Shaffer and Michelle Pate.

The girls' singles division, belonged to Blackwell's Crystal Gunn and Sabrina Blackwell.

Gunn, who took a 6-3, 6-1 win over Grady's Christy Rivas in opening-round play, knocked off Sands' Hollie Zant in the semifinals, while Blackwell shook off a late challenge by Grady's Sarah Rivas in their semifinal match for a 6-1, 7-5 victory.

Howard's Johnson earns third-team All-American honor

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Shawnta Johnson, Howard College sophomore, has been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's All-America third team.

Johnson, who earned All-Western Junior College Athletic Association, All-Region V and All-National Tournament honors during her sophomore year, was one of two WJCAC players named. She joined South Plains' Aleah Johnson on the honor team. Johnson, who finished the year as the No. 4 scorer in the nation, was named to the first team.

Johnson, of Fresno, Calif., averaged slightly better than 16 points and six rebounds per game her sophomore year. That followed a stellar freshman season in which she averaged 13.7 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, also earning All-WJCAC honors.

"We're real proud of her," said Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery. "I thought she had a great run for us in the playoffs... she really stepped up her performance when it was time for her to take that leadership role."

Johnson has taken one visit, to Stephen F. Austin, but has yet to decide where she will



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attend senior college.

Players from six teams that faced Howard College during the season were named to the team, including Monique Whitfield and Tatum Brown from Central Arizona, Jamie McDonald and Yalika "Boo" Barnes from Trinity Valley, Johnson from South Plains, Olga Firsova from Weatherford College, Jennifer Boniol from Grayson County and Joanie Mungro from Walters (Tenn.) State.

Howard was 6-2 against those teams and handed national champion Central Arizona its only loss of the year.

A total of 27 teams were represented on the 30-player team. National champion Central Arizona, national runners-up Trinity Valley and Central Florida each had two players selected.

NCAA Women's Division I All-American Squad

First Team
Paula Cotter, Three Rivers (Mo.); Monique Whitfield, Central Arizona; Angela Marie Lackey, Coffeyville (Kan.); Cady Williams, Ricks, Idaho; Kaundra Williams, Gulf Coast (Fla.); Liliana Cabezas, Central Florida; Shawnta Johnson, Seminole (Fla.) State; Jamie McDonald, Trinity Valley; Aleah Johnson, South Plains and Tatum Brown, Central Arizona.

Second Team
Athena McCoy, Connors (Okla.) State; Olga Firsova, Weatherford; Jennifer Boniol, Grayson County; Yalika Barnes, Trinity Valley; Lisa Toedic, Kaskaskia (Ill.); Danshella Byrd, Pearl River, Miss.; Stephanie Grantler, North Dakota-Williston; Joanie Mungro, Walters (Tenn.) State; Tawanda Daniel, John A. Logan, Ill. and Nyquita Mackey, Shelby State, Tenn.

Third Team
Laures Pyles, Faulkner State, Okla.; Denise McDonald, Vincennes, Ind.; Chassity Cubic, Copiah-Lincoln, Miss.; Angie Casey, North Arkansas; Sveribana, Volcanoesya, Independence, Kan.; Sara Miller, Sheridan, Wyo.; Shawnta Johnson, Howard College; Erica Johnson, Central Florida; Aja Anderson, Kilgore and Javetta Saunders, Belleville (Ill.) Area College.

Lady Mavs continue win string

HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks continued their string of team championships by scoring 170 points to win the seventh-grade division of the Andrews Junior High Track Meet.

The Lady Mavs' 170 points gave them a 10-point margin over Andrews' host team.

Goliad opened its point production in the field events when Dana Lockhart won the long jump and Carli Wise was third.

Rachelle Gunn and Wise also picked up key points in the triple jump, as Gunn finished second and Wise was third.

Stormie Huff, Cortney Brock and Ashley Tuttle finished second, third and fourth in the high jump, while Keanna

Porter and Scefenia Clark added fifth-place finishes in the shot put and discus.

Goliad won the 400-meter relay, added a third-place finish in the 800-meter relay and was second place in the 1,600-meter relay.

Guinn took the 100-meter hurdles title, while Wise was fourth in that event. Wise got her chance for a gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles, winning that race. Courtney Brock was fifth in the 300 hurdles.

Dana Lockhart added the Lady Mavs' other first-place finish, winning the 400 meters. Amanda Sellars was second.

Esha Ward posted a pair of second-place finishes in the 100 meters and 200 meters. She led a trio of Lady Mavs that placed in the 100, as Huff was third and Sellars finished fifth.

White Sox ignore empty seats, thump Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Empty seats didn't mean empty feelings for the Chicago White Sox, even before their smallest crowd for a home opener in 23 years.

"Just because it's not sold out doesn't mean we're not happy to be here," White Sox third baseman Robin Ventura said Monday after the White Sox rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

First-year manager Jerry Manuel was relieved when his first home game was behind him. He is still adjusting to a new league, new players and a

new city. He left for the park at 8 a.m. Monday, only to find that a planned 25-minute trip took 45 minutes because of traffic.

Once his first game as manager at Comiskey Park began, Manuel got an earful, even if he didn't pay much attention. White Sox fans booed starter and supposed ace Jaime Navarro as he struggled through four innings.

Magglio Ordonez homered to tie Monday's game at 4 in the sixth and then drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded single in the eighth.

"I never put pressure on

myself, even when I played in the minors. So I don't have any pressure about anything," said Ordonez, who played the final 21 games last season with the White Sox after winning a Triple-A batting title.

"Last year they gave me the opportunity to play one month in the big leagues. This year they gave me the opportunity to play every day," Ordonez added. "I have to keep going. I know I can play here."

Another of the young stars with plenty of potential, Mike Cameron, raced home from second on Belle's liner to center in

the first.

With the score 4-all in the eighth, Thomas singled and Belle doubled for only his third hit in 20 at-bats. Ventura was intentionally walked by Roger Pavlik (0-1) to load the bases, and Ordonez singled to center.

"We missed a lot of opportunities," said Texas manager Johnny Oates whose team led 4-1 early. "It's one of those games over the course of a year and you look back and say you let get away."

Keith Foulke, the third of four relievers, got the victory and Matt Karchner got the save.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SMMC officials slate fun run, walk

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has scheduled the first ever "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Fun Walk for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Big Spring State Park.

Entry fees for the event will be \$10 per runner which includes entry into the park. Trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1211, Ron Alton at 263-4931 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Tournament set with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life.

Entry fees will be \$75 per player plus cart fees.

Team will include A, B, C, and D players.

For more information, contact the country club's pro shop at 267-5354.

Junior, Senior League sign ups extended

Registration for teens between the ages of 13 and 15 interested in playing Junior League or Senior League summer baseball will continue until Monday.

Players may sign up to play in either league at the Garat Patch, 1008 E. 11th Place, until tryouts begin, according to Big Spring Youth Baseball Association official Jay Phinney.

Tryouts are scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Ruth Knight leads Martin to state title

Big Spring native Ruth Knight, recognized as the dean of the state's girls soccer coaches, led

her Arlington Martin Lady Warriors to a 5-2 win over San Antonio Churchill in the UIL Girls' Soccer Tournament's championship game.

It was the second state championship for Knight and her team, as they finished the season with a 24-2-2 record.

The win also provided some measure of revenge for Martin which dropped a 3-1 decision to Churchill in the state semifinals in 1997.

Looney commits to McMurry University

Former Stanton quarterback Taylor Looney has committed to play football at McMurry University in the fall.

Looney, a first-team all-district selection for coach Mark Cotton's Buffaloes in 1995 and was the Herald's all-Crossroads honoree as most valuable player.

Looney, the son of Eric and Winnie Looney of

Stanton, plans to major in exercise and sports science at McMurry.

Steers netters 12th in San Antonio

Big Spring's Steers finished 12th in a field of 16 teams at the McFarlin Tennis Center Invitational High School Tournament in San Antonio.

"This is the most prestigious and toughest tournament we enter every year," Steers coach Ralph Davis noted. "With our boys' doubles entries as inexperienced as they are, 12th was about as well as we could expect."

The strength of the field was evident when Big Spring's best finish came from Monica Villarreal, who fared no better than fourth in girls singles.

Hsaio-Hsuan Li finished fifth in the boys' singles, while the girls' doubles tandem of YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis finished 19th.

The next outing for Big Spring's netters is Thursday when they travel to Snyder.

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Efficiency \$210 1 br. \$235 2 br. \$275 Clean, quiet and on site maintenance and management. 915-267-4217

3 bd., 1 bath. Central heat/air, fresh paint. 712 Goliad. \$360/mo. 267-2296.

3/1 form. D.R. lg. upstairs room, W.D. conn. 1 yr old carpet thru out, Huge parking area. \$450., \$225/dep. References req. 1411 Johnson. After 10am Sat. or call 270-1953.

FOR RENT: 2 br. house in West End. \$500/mo. HUD approved. Call 267-6179.

3/2/1 Nice area \$485.; 3/2/CP Duplex \$450.; Mob. Home 2/2/CP \$345. All have appliances. No pets. 267-2070

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Leather loveseat that rocks; Nice mirrored coffee, end/sofa tables; lamp; lawn chairs; clothes. Call after 4:00pm 267-2653.

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6:30 PM News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Walton	News Grace Under	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Major League Baseball	Sin Ti	Spot-Carnival Land Bakers	Dallas	(5:50) Movie: When a Man Loves a Woman (CC)	Denise Calls Up	(CC)	Herold-Victory John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Babylon 5 (CC)	Last Word Sports News	NHL Hockey: Teams To Be Announced	Salome	Planet Groove		
7:30 PM Home Imp. Something So	Movie: Money Train (CC)	Nova (CC)	Rescue 911 (CC)	JAG (CC)	Home Imp. Something So	Mad Abc. You For Your Love	Atlanta Braves at	Esmeralda	Time II (45) Movie: The Adventures of Gai...	Oak Ridge Boys	Movie: Tough Love (CC)	Movie: The Saint (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Wild Discovery	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Atlanta	FOX Sports NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Dallas Mavericks	Teams To Be Announced (CC)	Comanche Territory	Hi List			
8:30 PM Home Imp. That's Life	Frontline (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Public Eye (CC)	Home Imp. That's Life	Fraser (CC) Lateline (CC)	Pittsburgh Pirates (CC)	Pueblo Chico, Infilmo	The Adventu...	Prime Time Country (CC)	George Jones (CC)	Movie: What We Wea...	Spotlight-Abs.	From the Earth	News Life in-Word	Alien Abduction	Hawks (CC) Inside-NBA	at Dallas Mavericks	Baseball	Fox Sports News	Baseball			
9:30 PM NYPD Blue	Pensacola-Wing	Hawaii Five-O (CC)	Public Eye-In Your Face (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Movie: Rooster	Primer Impacto No.	Growth Pains	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas	Century (CC)	Power (CC)	Round Midnight (CC)	Something Good	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Time Runner	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	Movie: South			
10:30 PM News (CC) Cheers	Home Imp. Mad Abc. You	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Cogburn	P. Impacto No.	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas	Century (CC)	Power (CC)	Round Midnight (CC)	Something Good	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Time Runner	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter (CC)	Movie: South			
11:30 PM Nightline Politically Inc.	Vibe	Special Presentation	Bonanza-Lost	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) Late	(15) Police Academy	Al Filmo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard	(25) Movie: Marshal Law	Red Shoe Beverly Hills	Larry Sanders Movie: High	Ask Joe Good Aquila Nash	Biography	Wild Discovery		FOX Sports News	Baseball Cheerleading	Pacific			
12:30 AM Keenen Ivory Ways	Martin (CC) In the Heat of		Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	The Series (20) Movie: Club America		Movie: The Horse in the	Prime Time Country (CC)	Marshall Law	Movie: The Gambler	Volage (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Tom Jones	New Detectives	Movie: Zone Troopers	Last Word NHL-Shots	Dance Team NBA Today				

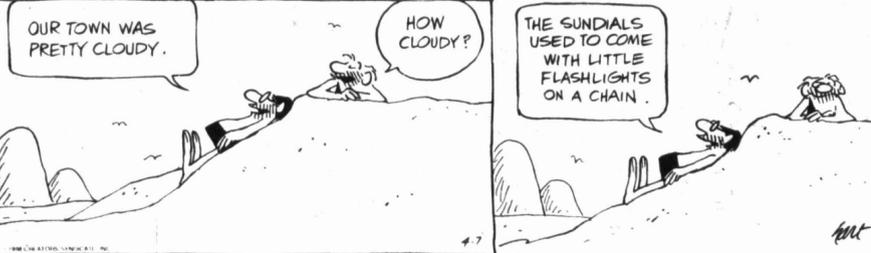
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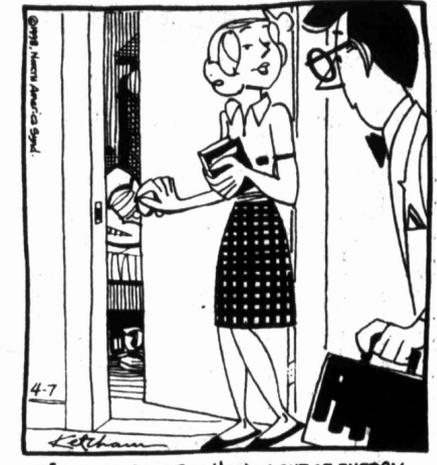
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 On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

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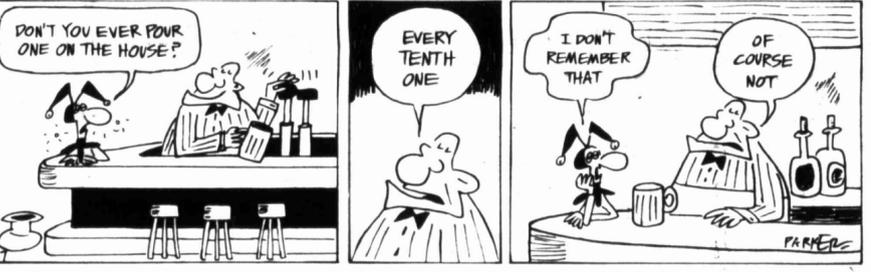
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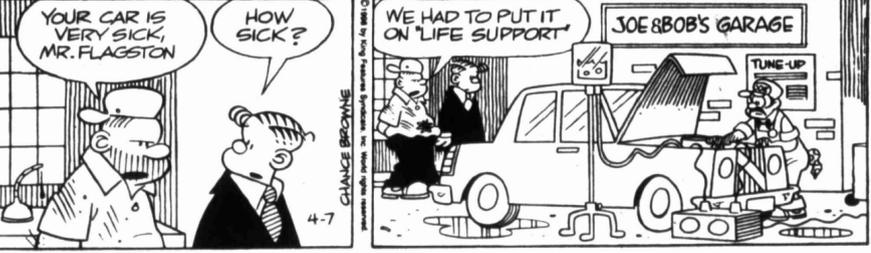
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Today's Birthdays

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