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**Lions Club seeks camp participants**

Local Lions Club members are seeking individuals to participate in the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville.

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For an application or an opportunity to borrow and view a videotape showing the Texas Lions Camp, call Paul or Pat Smith at 268-1270.

**WEEKEND TICKET**

**TODAY**  
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
□ Big Spring Kennel Club dog show, 8 a.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Public welcome. No admission fee.  
□ Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk. Registration at 9 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Walk begins at 10 a.m. All funds collected will go towards research as well as to provide services to those who have MS in West Texas.

□ Pet vaccination clinic, Wal-Mart parking lot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rabies, \$5 with tag; dog and cat distemper, \$10; feline leukemia, \$10.  
□ Spring City Senior Citizens Center Auction, 10 a.m. at the center. Doors open at 8 a.m. Funds raised from the auction will go toward the center.  
□ 29th annual Car Extravaganza, sponsored by the Big Spring Rod and Custom Early Cars Club. Entry fee \$10, no charge for the public. Registration from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., east side of the Wal-Mart parking lot. Judging will begin at 1 p.m.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
□ The Pottion House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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**Howard County is going to the dogs Saturday and Sunday**

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

From the Great Dane to the miniature Dachshund, at least 700 dogs of all sizes, shapes and colors will converge on the city Saturday as the annual Big Spring Kennel Club dog show begins.

The event runs all day Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Competitions, which are open to spectators, will start by 8 a.m. each day.

Local club members urge the public to stop by the coliseum to see plenty of unusual dog breeds, meet with owners and handlers, and visit vendors of pet-related items.

"This is a chance for good communication with other people involved in showing and raising dogs," said Hazel Baker, a Chihuahua breeder from Coahoma. "This show gives people a chance to find out about breeds they might be interested in."

Trellis Lucas, a local obedi-

ence trainer, said people may enjoy observing the pre-show grooming procedures as well as the competition.

"Just be sure you ask someone before you pet a dog," she said. "Some of those hairdos are pretty difficult to get just right. But the public can get out there and actually talk to the exhibitors and get close to the dogs and the owners."

On Saturday evening, a special "fun match" is planned, a

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Big Spring Kennel Club member Treasa Wells hugs Mo, her Mastiff, at the park recently. Club members are preparing for their show Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Spectators are welcome to watch the competition.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen



Big Spring firemen extinguish a fire in the vacant Howard House building on Third Street and Runnels Thursday. The fire department had the fire under control in about 30 minutes. This is the second time the fire department has been called to the building in the last two weeks.

**Fire plagues Howard House again**

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fire Department responded to a fire at the old Howard House building located in the 100 block of Third Street about 5:20 p.m. Thursday.

"We were waiting to close when we saw smoke from the building," said Dr. D.H.

McGonagill, of the House of Frames, which is across the street from the former hotel.

"The smoke was not real bad but eventually got so thick you could not see down the alley. By the time the fire department arrived it was really thick."

Wendi Jenkins, of House of Frames, made the call to 911.

According to McGonagill, he saw flames coming out of the

back two windows on the side of the building.

The fire department responded with three engines and one ambulance, according to Larry Ringener, Big Spring Fire Department deputy chief.

Once on the scene, Ringener called for one more engine to increase personnel, he said.

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**Compliance**

**Big Spring police respond to deaf man's complaint with new policy, procedure**

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring police are in the process of working with the U.S. Justice Department to ensure the local law enforcement agency is providing effective communication with people who are deaf or hearing impaired.

The action was prompted by a complaint filed in 1996 alleging discrimination against a deaf individual.

"The jail staff had used written communication with this individual, which they thought had been effective and he was released," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "However, as a result of a complaint he filed, the Justice Department determined we were in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. They provided us with some guidelines they wanted us to adopt and see if this would remedy the complaint."

Among the actions taken were publishing a legal notice stating that the department will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities and will provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services,

including interpreters, whenever necessary.

"We've made copies of the notice for all employees and had them sign them and had supervisors go over them," said Smith.

The department is going a step further by developing guidelines and procedures to follow.

"We've contacted a member of the Houston Police Department who teaches an eight-hour class in communicating with members of the public who are deaf and hard of hearing," said Smith. "We are waiting to get his lesson plan and see if it fits with the guidelines from the Justice Department. If it does, we plan to bring him here to teach this to all our people."

In addition, when guidelines and procedures are developed, members of the department will meet with officials from SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Highland Council for the Deaf.

"We want to get their input on this," said Smith.

Those who are deaf and hearing impaired can request an interpreter if they wish.

"If we need an interpreter we contact Highland Council for the Deaf," said Smith.

Getting an interpreter is not always easy, he cautioned.

"Some of the problems we've

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SMITH

**Big Spring ISD addresses Gifted and Talented program, dyslexia**

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

The Gifted and Talented (GT) Program and dyslexia plans were approved by the Big Spring Independent School District board Thursday in a called



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meeting at Marcy Elementary. The GT Program began in the Big Spring ISD in 1989.

According to the district's definition, gifted and talented students are those who excel consistently or who show the potential to excel in a specific academic field or fields and/or intellectual and creative areas.

"GT programs are available at all the Big Spring schools," said Esthela Aguirre, curriculum coordinator. "Kindergarten through third grade and sixth

through high school have GT programs at their individual schools while fourth and fifth grade students are bused to Bauer twice a week."

There are GT committees at each campus, which are comprised of at least three professional educators. The committees screen nominees and make recommendations to the district committee for final placement decisions.

"Students in grades kindergarten through 12 may be nomi-

nated by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, community members, the student himself and test performance," she said.

The dyslexia original plan was put in place in 1987-88 and served about 30 students in grades 1-3. It now serves over 70.

"If a student isn't making adequate performance, the teacher completes a referral packet that includes information gathered from the child's permanent

record," said Aguirre. "That's the first step."

Screenings are done after the dyslexia therapist receives a referral packet and then placement is done after all assessments are made.

"Parents can also request screenings if they feel there's a need," she said. "Both of these programs are really good."

In other action items, the board approved the employment

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**'Shoot, don't shoot' scenarios addressed by academy group**

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in an 11-week series of articles on the Citizen's Police Academy. Next week: Crime scene scenarios.

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Citizen's Police Academy students went through a "shoot, don't shoot" set of scenarios Thursday during week eight of their schedule of classes.

Big Spring Police Officer Joe Bob Morales instructed on how to handle different type scenarios that police officers routinely face. Morales said each time an officer is sent out, they could face



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a life or death situation.

"A police officer could be placed in a situation where he has to draw his weapon at any time he is on duty," said Morales. "You have to be ready both day shift or night shift for any situation. I personally have no idea how many times I have had to pull my weapon in my years with the police department."

Morales said when an officer is called out, he has to be aware of his surroundings.

"Lots of people have been shot or even killed by police who are carrying a fake gun or a BB gun," said Morales. "I'm sorry, but we just don't have the time to ask them if it is real or not. That's how officers end up dead. You have to treat each case as if your life is being threatened."

Students were put through

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Citizen's Police Academy students Stan Hughes reacts to a domestic quarrel with family violence. CPA alumni actors are William Adams and Karla Chavarria.

**Christmas coming early for several local families**

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

For a handful of Howard County residents, Christmas will come early this year. It's time again for the annual Christmas in April project.



RILEY

Some of the work has already been completed, in fact — some is under way — and the rest of the projects that have crews assigned them will be completed on Saturday. Don Riley, project chairman, said a lot of the approved hous-

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# Albright says new agreements need to cope with long-range missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration intends to push Russia for new agreements to defend against a threat of missile attack — and to press the Senate to approve those accords despite the opposition of the powerful Republican Sen. Jesse Helms.

It could be a struggle for the administration on both fronts.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, in two days of security talks here, said his government was "focused on finding solutions." But he gave no sign that President Vladimir Putin will agree with President Clinton at

their meeting in Moscow June 4-5 to modify a 1972 treaty that bans national missile defenses. The administration presented Russia with a draft agreement earlier this year that would revise the treaty to allow the United States to deploy a limited missile defense.

Helms of North Carolina, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has already cautioned the White House that any new arms control agreement with Russia would be "DOA — dead on arrival" at his committee.

Saying Clinton was trying to

enhance his own legacy, Helms notified Russia this week in a Senate speech that it "should not be under any illusion whatsoever that any commitments made by this lame-duck administration will be binding on the next administration."

Challenging Helms on Thursday at a joint news conference with Ivanov, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the administration intended to pursue new arms control accords with Russia in the time it has left.

"I believe that the American people support a policy that

seeks to both further reduce nuclear dangers left over from the Cold War and to address new threats," Albright said. "And we are going to continue to pursue this policy in the months ahead."

To address the threats posed by nations like North Korea and Iraq, the Clinton administration earlier this year presented the Russians with a draft proposal to make "modest changes" in the anti-missile treaty, a senior administration official said today.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said

the text reflected public statements the Clinton administration has been making about a need to revise the treaty to provide a defense system against "rogue" states.

The proposed treaty changes were first reported by The New York Times. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists obtained the proposal in Russia and provided it to the newspaper and posted the material on its Web site.

A summary of the administration's position, accompanying the draft and other documents, said the U.S. national missile defense system is intended to

defend against several dozen long-range missiles launched by rogue states and can't threaten Russia's strategic deterrence.

The system, the document said, "would not be directed against Russia and would not weaken Russia's strategic deterrent potential."

Ivanov has proposed a compromise be centered on an agreement the administration reached with Russia in 1997 to cooperate on theater missile defense systems. The idea is to spot incoming missiles early in their trajectory and target them high in the atmosphere.

# Greenspan: Technology boom will benefit small communities and farms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "great wave of invention and innovation" represented by the technology boom will benefit not only people living in cities but in small towns and on farms, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday.

Just as electricity and better highways transformed rural America in the last century, the technological revolution involving computers and the Internet

is certain to have a great impact in the new century, Greenspan said in a speech to a Kansas City conference on rural America.

"Like all the previous episodes of technical advance, the revolution in information technology already has improved living conditions in numerous ways and it will likely bring future benefits to rural communities that we now can only scarcely imagine."

Greenspan said in his remarks, copies of which were distributed in Washington.

Among the innovations, Greenspan noted satellite television and other electronic products that "have helped to counter the remoteness of many rural places."

He said rural areas also stand to benefit from innovations just now being developed such as telemedicine, which allow urban doctors to diagnose ill-

nesses in rural areas through television and computer hookups.

Greenspan predicted farmers would also benefit through high-tech devices, some of them linked to satellites, that will help make decisions on when to plant crops, how to irrigate and fertilize them and how to keep weeds under control.

Greenspan said many of these changes will increase farm productivity, which would mean

further declines in the number of farms as the size of the remaining farms continues to increase.

But helping to offset this loss of employment opportunities on the farm, Greenspan predicted there would be an expansion of agriculture service industries to provide support services for farmers.

Greenspan spoke at midday after the release of new government economic statistics show-

ing the overall economy surged ahead at a rapid 5.4 percent growth rate in the first three months of this year while a gauge of employees' salaries and benefits jumped by 1.4 percent during the same period, the biggest quarterly increase in more than 10 years.

Most economists believe the Fed, which has already raised interest rates five times since June, will boost rates again on May 16.

# Lipscomb to serve 41 months home confinement

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge sentenced former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb on Thursday to 41 months of home confinement for bribery and conspiracy convictions.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall also ordered Lipscomb to pay \$14,000 in fines.

The 74-year-old may leave the house only to receive medical care, and U.S. probation officers will accompany him.

He also must wear an electronic monitoring bracelet on his ankle.

"It's a victory for the facts and the law," said his lawyer, Tom Melzheimer. "I can assure you (Lipscomb and his family) are quite relieved with the results."

Kendall listened to hours of testimony from Lipscomb's personal doctors and doctors from the Federal Medical Center in Port Worth, where Lipscomb had been held for weeks. Kendall revoked his presentencing bond.

The physicians detailed how

Lipscomb is blind in eye, risks blindness in the other eye, and has diabetes, hypertension, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and generative osteoarthritis.

The former councilman appeared in court with an oxygen tank the Federal Medical Center prescribed. He will return to his home in the Oak Cliff section of South Dallas Friday.

Kendall wrote in his sentencing order: "None of the doctors who testified stated that Mr. Lipscomb was not elderly and infirm, the relevant issue under the law."

He also wrote that it would be cheaper for Lipscomb to stay home and pay for his own food and clothing than place him in federal prison at the taxpayers' expense.

Earlier this month, Lipscomb missed two sentencing hearings because he suffered from pneumonia and congestive heart failure and was too ill to appear, his lawyers told Kendall.

He had been undergoing tests at St. Paul's Medical Center in Dallas at the time.

After the missed dates, Kendall ordered Lipscomb to appear before him, citing medical records that proved the civil rights leader was healthy enough to show up in court.

Dr. Tul Kalavanamit, a pulmonary specialist at St. Paul's, said Lipscomb's blood pressure, heart rate and lung function were normal.

"There is nothing in the record that suggests that (the) defendant's condition was so bad as to preclude his appearance before the court," the judge wrote in his April 18 order.

Lipscomb's attorneys, in a motion filed the next day, main-

tained that Lipscomb was not "feigning ill health to avoid sentencing."

An federal jury in Amarillo convicted Lipscomb, who continues to profess his innocence and plans to appeal, on 65 counts of conspiracy and bribery in January.

He faced up to 645 years in prison and a \$16.25 million fine for accepting monthly cash payments from Floyd Richards, the former owner of Yellow Cab Co., in exchange for voting in the company's favor on taxicab issues.

Lipscomb's supporters have criticized Kendall for moving the trial to Amarillo and for having Lipscomb placed in custody after he missed the two hearings.

# Arrest made in death of Texas A&M student

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A Central Texas man posing as a woman through a computer chat room was so convincing that he lured a Texas A&M sophomore into a deadly meeting, law officers say.

On the Internet, "Kelly" was a female Texas A&M pre-law student.

But police say the student's real identity was Kenny Wayne Lockwood, an unemployed man who treasured his electronic alter ego as a female and, faced with the discovery of his online gender deception, killed the suitor who had pushed for a face-to-face meeting.

Lockwood, 31, of San Antonio was arrested Thursday in the killing of Kerry Kujawa. The 20-year-old from Richmond was found dead on a ranch near Dripping Springs, about 20 miles from Austin, on April 19.

He had been shot in the back of the head and his shoes and socks were missing.

Authorities think Kujawa was killed shortly after he left College Station April 7 to meet the mystery woman from San Antonio he had contacted over the Internet a few months earlier.


Investigators think Lockwood may have killed Kujawa after he insisted on a face-to-face meeting and would discover his real identity.

Days after he failed to return, Kujawa's parents received e-mail messages from him, telling them not to worry.

The e-mails usually ended with: "I'll be back in a few days, everything is okay."

**Coahoma United Methodist Church**  
**90th Anniversary Celebration**  
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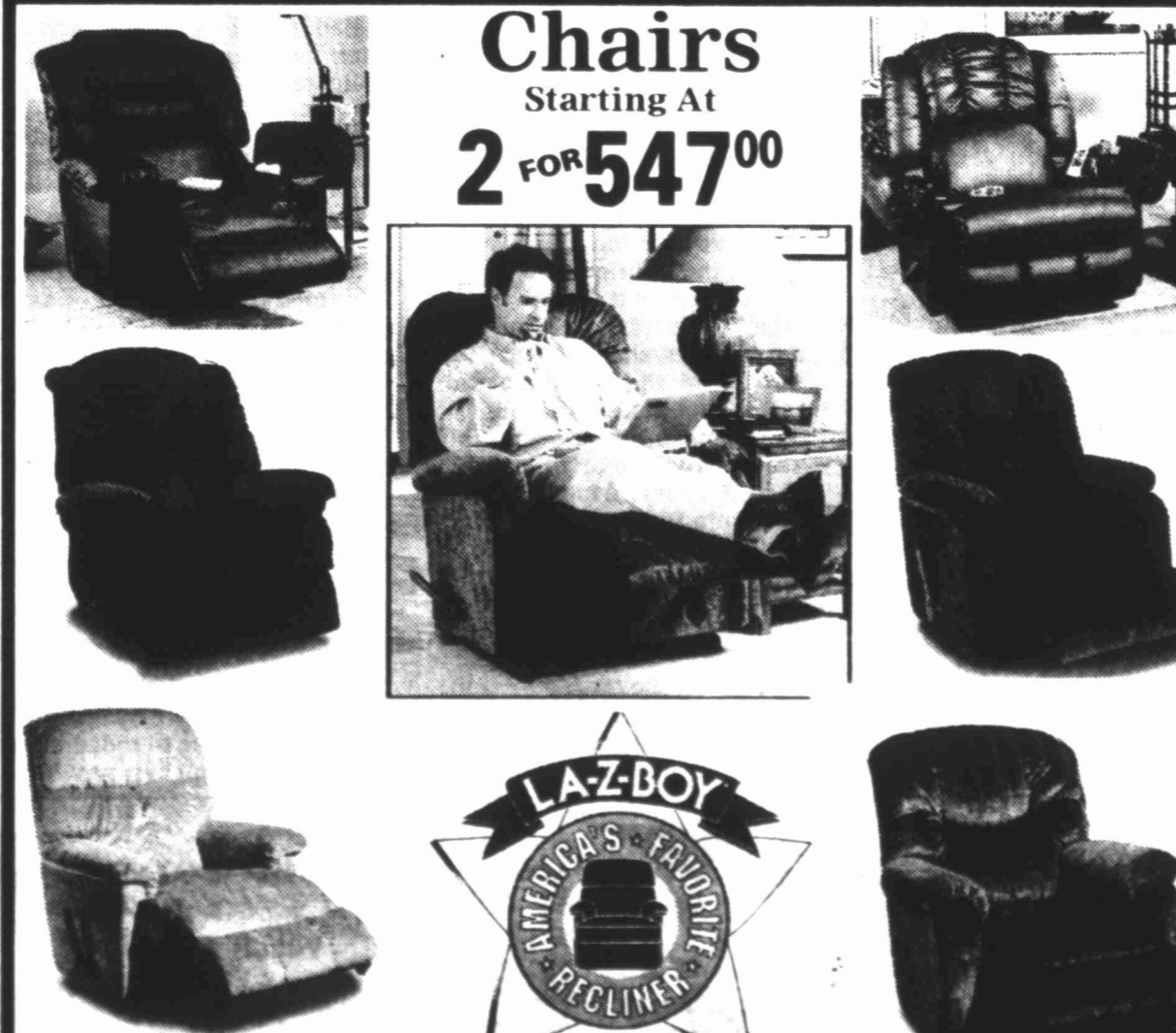
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

# Weekend will be buzzing with activity

By all accounts, it's going to be another busy weekend in Big Spring. There are events large and small, involving dozens, hundreds or even a thousand or more, planned throughout our community.

For starters, Big Spring Kennel Club is sponsoring a dog show Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Competitions of all types are expected to draw 700 dogs and more than 1,000 people from all over West Texas and several other states.

Also early on Saturday morning, at least 100 walkers will hit the streets of Comanche Trail Park to raise money for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Their goal is to raise \$20,000, beating last year's total of \$12,000.

A Car Extravaganza is also going to get started early on Saturday on the east side of the Wal-Mart parking lot. This event, sponsored by the Big Spring Rod and Custom and Early Cars Club, will also raise money for a good cause — the annual Christmas in April project.

And speaking of Christmas in April, an army of volunteers will head out Saturday to repair, paint and refurbish the homes of our local elderly and low-income families. It's the annual workday for the program.

If that is not enough, golfers will be competing both days of the weekend to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. A tournament at Big Spring Country Club starts at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and already 120 golfers are signed up.

Looking for more? An auction to benefit the Spring City Senior Citizens Center begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the center.

Got a pet? Have it vaccinated at a low-cost clinic Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the Wal-Mart parking lot. Rabies shots are only \$5 each.

As we have said before, if you can't find something to do in Big Spring this weekend, you just aren't trying. We urge you to get out and join in at least one — maybe two — of these activities that all help to make the Crossroads a great place to live.

# We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments. We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **THE BAUER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** who are participating in the Rising Star project. They are in Austin today for a special recognition ceremony.

• **ALL THOSE LOCAL STUDENTS** who were recognized recently on the "All A" or "A and B" Honor Rolls.

• **YOUTH FROM THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, who attend classes each weekday from 6:10-7 a.m.

• **ALL THOSE GOLIAD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** who took part in the "no zero" parties this school year.

• **TEMPLO BELEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**, which is forming a Royal Ranger ministry for boys ages 6-17.

• **ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**, which took place Sunday in Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre.

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

# Hillary for president in 2004? Maybe so

Speaking in Richmond, Va., recently, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich predicted that Hillary Clinton might well run for president in 2004. Whatever else one might want to say about this idea, it is certain to stimulate nationwide fund-raising for Rudy Giuliani, whom polls are showing tied with Hillary in the New York Senate race.



JEFFREY HART

Gingrich emerged in the House as an insurgent force and rebel against the lackluster leadership of then minority leader Bob Michel. Under Gingrich's leadership, the Republican insurgents hammered away at the incumbents. He bristled with ideas that became crystallized in his famous "Contract With America." Decades of control in the House had led to complacency and corruption, and the Republicans surged to take control in 1994, with Gingrich now triumphant as speaker.

But Gingrich himself became grandiose, talking unwisely about a "Republican revolution" and showing signs of a fatal Napoleon complex. He misjudged the mood of the country, which wanted some decent reforms rather than a "revolution" and distrusted his verbal radicalism.

His Waterloo came when he miscalculated concerning the budget submitted for President Clinton's signature. When the Republicans, with Gingrich in

the lead, thought they could pressure Clinton to approve the budget by threatening to close down the government, Clinton called their bluff and vetoed anyway. Gingrich apparently had forgotten that the Republicans lacked, by a wide margin, the two-thirds majority necessary to overturn the veto.

He also miscalculated the public's mood. The nation is not hostile to "government." It wants its Social Security checks and its Medicare as well as the Washington Monument and the Pandas in the Washington Zoo. It merely wants some restraint and less obvious corruption.

Then Gingrich became enmeshed in his own corruption scandal, somehow signing a letter to the pertinent committee making statements contrary to fact and was ultimately censured and fined.

Then came the great impeachment crisis, during which, it turned out later, Gingrich, while denouncing Clinton over Monica, was himself having an adulterous affair with a young staffer. Whom the gods will destroy, they first make mad.

During the 1996 Republican Convention that nominated Bob Dole, Gingrich made a fool of himself on national television by celebrating beach volleyball as an example of creativity and capitalism. When the Democrats were able to demonize Gingrich and run strongly in the congressional races, there was an abortive revolt against Gingrich's leadership, and although he survived the coup attempt, he had to resign. In the event, he quit the House, too.

So here he is again, speaking now in Richmond. "Mrs. Clinton has a very good chance

in New York state, and I think that she is well positioned, and if I were guessing right now, I would say she has the edge to win."

That is a perfectly accurate assessment. The only reason Rudy Giuliani is running for the Senate at all is because of term limits. He would rather be mayor of New York City than anything else, except possibly president. His ambivalence about going to the Senate is visible. He keeps on being mayor, neglecting to campaign upstate; he even canceled a big fund-raiser in Buffalo — without apology — in order to see the opening-day game at Yankee Stadium.

Giuliani is admirably loyal to his New York Police Department, which has performed very well for the most part and is the basis for his splendid performance in reducing crime. But his loyalty to the police led him to respond defensively to the recent shooting of Patrick Dorismond, an unarmed black man, in an event that raises valid and serious questions. The mayor's behavior here was anything but gracious; even the police involved expressed sorrow over the man's death. Hillary Clinton jumped 10 points in the polls, pulling into a statistical tie.

Hillary is also campaigning hard upstate, where Giuliani is largely absent — at least so far. She is stressing "soft" issues like day care, education and economic revitalization.

So Gingrich was correct in Richmond. Hillary could win. My guess is that she probably will not, at least in the absence of a huge vote for Gore. And even if Gore carries the state, which is expected, his personality is not such as to light a

prairie fire among the voters. But for Hillary to run for president in 2004, not only must she win this Senate race, but Gore must lose to George W. Bush this year. This, again, is possible, and Bush is ahead now by something like 9 points in the polls.

Gazing into his crystal ball in Richmond, however, Gingrich evaluated the Bush campaign organization as being weak. "There's too much Austin" in the Bush organization, he said, and he advised the candidate to add people with national experience.

Indeed, the Bush campaign has so far been strangely low-key. The candidate has been delivering some thoughtful speeches — on health care, on reviving poorer communities, on education and generally outlining a conservative Republicanism that does not regard government as the enemy.

But surely Bush should establish a "Whopper Brigade" to react to the falsehoods that come out of Gore's mouth with pathological regularity. And he might have responded skeptically to the Clinton-Gore administration's assault on Microsoft.

He has declined comment on that. But he could promise to review it early in his administration.

After all, the antitrust suit has caused Microsoft's stock to plunge, it is costing thousands of jobs and might have triggered the recent stock-market panic.

But the odds are against the combination of circumstances that would produce a Hillary run for president in 2004. Though there can be no doubt that she would like to do exactly that.

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# American Gestapo: Reno should resign — now

There are those who maintain a visceral dislike for President Clinton and certain

members of his administration, and certainly his reprehensible personal behavior gave them ammunition. But we, as well as most of the American public, have found it hard to argue with peace and prosperity. So we do not approach criticism of the administration from a hostile bias when we say that the paramilitary operation to nab 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez is indefensible.

It is as though the White House and Attorney General

Janet Reno lost all touch with reality. For Reno, this is strike three. When an FBI sniper shot and killed the wife of a survivalist at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, the public could say that the occupants of the cabin were armed and defiant. When Reno launched the paramilitary operation against the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, the public could say the cult presented a danger to its inhabitants, and especially to the children there. And as it turned out, the Davidians did.

But what danger did the Gonzalez family represent to little Elian or to anyone else? They were not armed. They had committed no crimes, let alone violent crimes. (This point is debated, but the U.S. 11th Circuit Court ruled that Elian must remain in the country pending a custody. It did not rule on the custody itself.)

When President John F. Kennedy faced far more trying and dangerous situations dur-

ing the integration crises of the early '60s, he generally relied upon federal marshals in their coats and ties to deliver court orders and accompany threatened individuals. Why were these examples ignored?

Instead, the image splashed around the world was of a heavily armed and armored individual pointing an automatic weapon at Elian and the unarmed fisherman who was holding him, the same fisherman who had plucked him from the sea. It was the stuff of Hitler's Germany and Stalin's USSR.

We can only be left to conclude that Clinton, who approved the raid, played an all too passive role, and Reno, who instigated and ordered the raid was once again too trigger happy.

Her send-in-the-Marines attitude is inappropriate for the position.

Our nation was founded upon the principle that tyranny in

all its forms is evil. And the founding fathers wrote, in particular, about the tyranny of the majority. That was the primary reason for the creation of the Bill of Rights. The idea was to protect the individual from the state. Where were these thoughts at Janet Reno's conference tables?

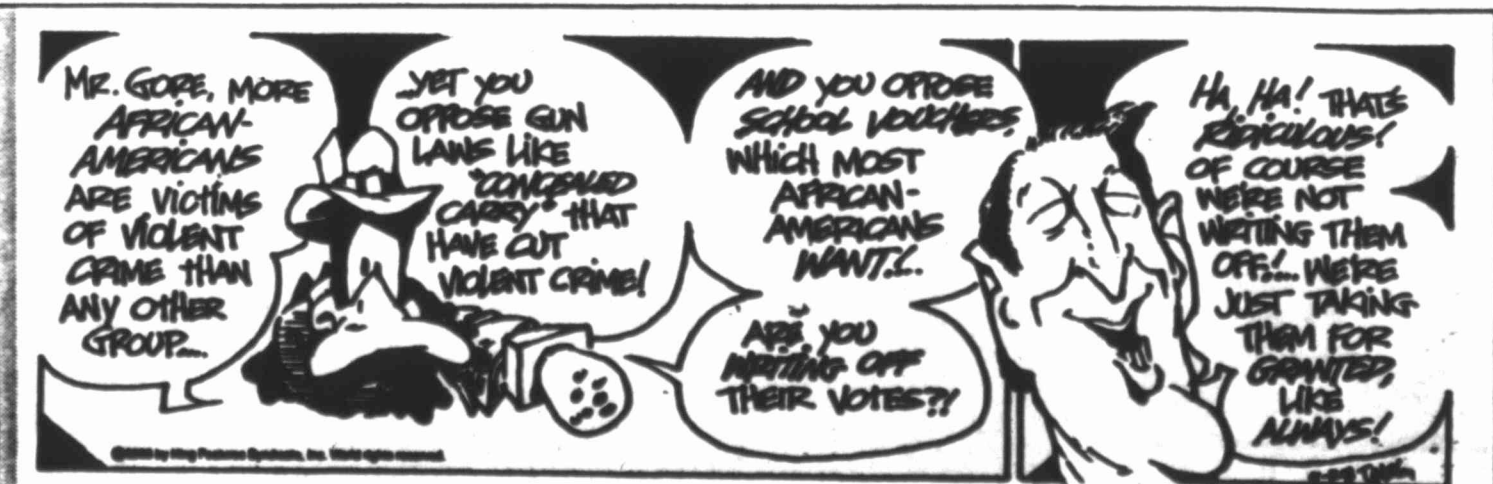
The government does not assail its unarmed citizens. The government must follow the rule of law.

The government does not terrorize. The government must always exert restraint to the greatest degree possible.

Clinton and Reno failed on all counts, and now we have a Gestapo-like image of America on the front pages of the world's newspapers.

Only one solution is now possible: Janet Reno must resign. It is the decent thing to do. It is the right and courageous thing to do. And, most importantly, it is for the good of the nation.

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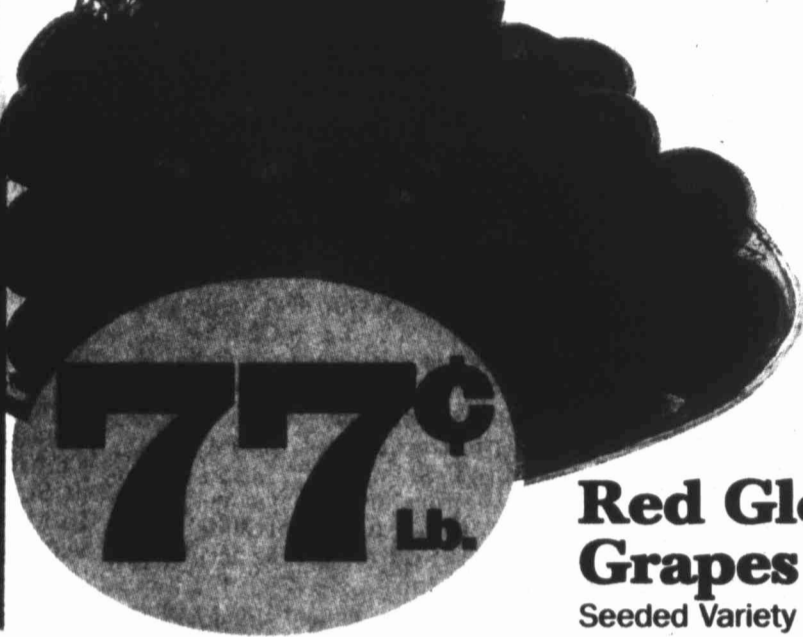
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### IN BRIEF

#### Hawks get slow start at Tarleton State rodeo

Howard College's Hawks did not have a spectacular opening performance Thursday at the Tarleton State University Rodeo in Stephenville.

Only three Howard athletes were entered in the first performance, and two of them had frustrating runs. But Burke Moore wasn't complaining after his 72-point showing that left him in second place in the early bull riding standings.

Matt Burrow was unable to post a score in the bareback riding, however, and Seth McFadden failed to post a time in the calf roping.

#### Forsan hoops duo earns academic all-state honors

Forsan's David Stone and Logan Stanley have been named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' (TABC) Class 2A academic all-state basketball team.

Both seniors carry an "A" average in their course work. Stanley paced the Buffs in scoring this season with 17 points per game, while Stone provided 14 points each outing.

#### Coahoma boosters will hold banquet for Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual athletic banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$7 each and will be available at the door.

#### Forsan reunion organizers seeking team pictures

Organizers planning the Aug. 5 all-class reunion at Forsan High School are currently seeking team pictures of the 1966 and 1967 Queens basketball teams that reached the state tournament in Austin.

Anyone having a picture of one or both of those teams is asked to call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

#### Softball tournament set to benefit Cancer Society

The first ever Relay for Life Softball Tournament sponsored by the Sid Richardson Carbon Co. has been scheduled for May 5-6 at Cotton Mize Field.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The tournament field will be limited to 12 teams. Fees are \$110 per team and the deadline to enter is 6 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call Keith Lance at 399-4255 or Tony Modisette at 263-1379.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

6 p.m.  
• Big Spring Lady Steers vs. Fort Worth Brewer Lady Bears, Class 4A area playoff game at Abilene Christian University.

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

5 p.m.  
• Coahoma Bulldogs at Morton Indians.

#### JUCO BASEBALL

2 p.m.  
• Howard College Hawks at Frank Phillips College Plainsmen.

#### SATURDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

2 p.m.  
• Sweetwater Mustangs at Big Spring Steers.

#### JUCO BASEBALL

Noon  
• Howard College Hawks at Frank Phillips Plainsmen (DH).

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL  
5:45 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers vs. Fort Worth Brewer Lady Bears, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television

NBA PLAYOFFS  
7 p.m. — Charlotte Hornets at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT, Ch. 28.

NFL PLAYOFFS  
6 p.m. — Conference semifinals, Game 1, San Jose Sharks at Dallas Stars, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Oates not sure when Clayton will return to Rangers' leadoff role

ARLINGTON (AP) — The purpose of moving shortstop Royce Clayton from the leadoff spot to the bottom of the Texas batting order a week ago was to give him an opportunity to get on track.

The plan has worked, but Rangers manager Johnny Oates now isn't sure when he will return Clayton to the top spot.

"He's swinging the bat much better. We'll just not get too quick to the gun here," Oates said. "I like what I see and we'll just ride it for a while."

When he was taken out of the leadoff role after 15 games, Clayton was hitting just .164 (10-for-61). In the six games since, the shortstop has raised his average to .68 points to .232 with a 9-for-21 stretch.

"It's just starting to happen," Clayton said. "Nothing feels different, absolutely

nothing. "It's nice to dig out of a hole, that's all it takes. The thing is that during the beginning of the season, everything is magnified and looks bad or whatever."

Especially when you're in the leadoff role and the team is struggling.

The Rangers are 8-13, their worst record after 21 games since they had the same mark in 1988. After a 2-7 homestand, Texas had a day off Thursday before a three-game series at Baltimore.

When centerfielder Tom Goodwin was lost to free agency during the offseason, Oates decided that Clayton was going to be the leadoff man. It is a move the manager still insists will be a key to his team's long-term success.

That was Oates' gut feeling then. Now he's waiting for a similar feeling before moving Clayton back to the top of the

order. "Eventually, I see him there, but I don't know when that's going to be. One morning, I will wake up and say today's the day," Oates said.

In the meantime, several players have been batting lead-off with 2nd baseman Luis Alicea doing it most often.

In his first game after being moved from the top to the bottom of the order, Clayton was 3-for-4 against Minnesota last Friday. He went 1-for-3 on Saturday and finished that series with a 4-for-4 day that included a three-run homer.

While he was hitless in the first two games against Boston, he drew two walks Monday and got on base when he was hit by a pitch Tuesday. He had a ground-rule double in the series finale, on a ball that one-hopped into the center-field seats.

"The day I had four hits, I didn't hit the ball extremely well. I've hit the ball harder in other games and haven't had a hit," Clayton said. "That's just the way the game goes. If people paid attention to that, they'd understand I was never really in a slump."

As for the leadoff role, Clayton admits it's something he just hasn't gotten accustomed to yet. The concept of trying to draw a walk is hard for a player who would rather be swinging the bat.

"I guess over time you get accustomed to going up there and trying to draw a walk," he said. "But I don't understand that. The concept is I've got a bat in my hand, I'm going to try to hit the ball."

Acquired from St. Louis in July 1998, Clayton's .288 batting average last year was the best by a Texas shortstop since Scott Fletcher hit .300 in 1986.

## Bulldogettes crush Windthorst

JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

MERKEL — If there was ever any question Coahoma's Bulldogettes were capable of making a third straight trip to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state softball tournament, they were answered in the first inning of Thursday's 14-0 area playoff rout of Windthorst's Trojanettes.

In fact, the Bulldogettes all but made sure they'd face Archer City in the Region I, Class 2A quarterfinals before Amber Bingham stepped into the pitcher's circle.

Known for rock-solid defensive play and the brilliant pitching of Bingham and classmate Kenni Kay Buchanan, the only concern Bulldogettes coach Robert Royer had going into the area playoff was a perceived lack of offensive production.

Those cares evaporated in the top of the first inning when the Bulldogettes sent 14 batters to the plate, scoring nine runs on eight hits, a walk and two Windthorst errors.

"Man did we hit the ball!" Royer literally shouted after the Bulldogettes closed out the run-rule shortened game in the bottom of the fourth inning.

"It was just infectious ... that is the word isn't it?" the Bulldogettes boss continued. "When you get off to a start like that, everyone goes up there confident. It's like you can't do anything wrong. We needed this ... we really did."

While clearly elated by his team's 13-hit attack, Royer admitted knowing how his Windthorst counterpart, Scotta Schroeder, and her players must have felt during that first inning.

"There's just no way to come back from something like that ... it's over and there's nothing you can really do about it," Royer noted. "Believe me, I've been on the other side of situations like that. You just can't stop the bleeding."

"Honestly, Windthorst doesn't have anything to hang its head about," he added. "That's what's so important about what we did there in that first inning. Their pitcher (Shelbie Schenk) isn't bad. As a matter of fact, she's a pretty good pitcher. We just got hot and it just snowballed on them."

Indeed, the Bulldogettes didn't make Schenk throw that many pitches. Instead, they jumped on virtually everything the Trojanettes senior delivered.

Coahoma lead-off hitter Kortney Kemper opened her 4-for-4 showing at the plate with a single just inside the third base line, then moved to second when Buchanan singled with one out. Center fielder Brandi Hart loaded the bases with another single, setting the stage for third baseman Erin Stovall's RBI single to left.

Left fielder Karen Sterling kept things going with an RBI single to right and Bingham helped her own cause, drawing a walk that forced across another Coahoma run.

Right fielder Kayla Smith singled to left to drive in another run and first baseman Amy Lang drove in still another with



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Coahoma's Kortney Kemper watches a high pop sail out of play in the first inning of the Bulldogettes area playoff against Windthorst. Moments later Kemper ignited a nine-run Coahoma rally with the first of her four singles on the day. The Bulldogettes rolled to a 14-0 win in five innings.

another single to right. That brought Kemper back to the plate and she promptly singled to left on Schenk's first offering.

With the bases still loaded, shortstop Ashley Lang rounded to third, but Kendra Luig's throw to the plate was too tall for Windthorst catcher Kendra Newton to glove, allowing Smith to score.

Buchanan's second trip to the plate yielded another chopper to Luig, and this time the Trojanette third baseman's throw to the plate was too low, bouncing in front of Newton. As a result, Amy Lang slid in safely to make it 8-0.

Kemper would score on the miscue, as well.

After the game, the junior was nothing short of ecstatic about her 4-for-4 showing at the plate.

"It's about time I started hitting,"

Kemper said. "There's been a lot of pressure on us to crank it up offensively ... we all hit well tonight. It's like we just came alive."

Staked to the 9-0 lead, Bingham was virtually untouchable, turning in perhaps her best performance of the season.

"I don't know that it was the best game I've had this year, because I really had trouble with my changeup there in the fourth inning," Bingham said after allowing just one Windthorst hit in four innings of work.

"I do think I pitched a pretty good game, though," she added. "When your teammates hit the ball and score runs like we did in the first inning, it's pretty easy to relax out there and throw with confidence."

"I think I'd probably have been pumped

See COAHOMA, page 3B

## Cowboys to break in newcomers, vets at weekend minicamp

IRVING (AP) — Dave Campo is ready to take charge.

Campo — named head coach three months ago — will stand before the entire team for the first time Friday with the opening of a three-day minicamp for newcomers and veterans.

"It's important to set the tempo, as well as establish some accountabilities and some responsibilities," he said. "That's what this weekend is about, along with going out there and having some fun."

Campo has been with the team since 1989, so everyone is familiar with him. But because he's only coached the defense, there will be plenty of players who must get accustomed to his style.

The Cowboys have a lot of other adjustments to make, too. There are two new coordinators, a new offense and key new players, such as receiver Joey Galloway and a flock of potential replacements for Deion Sanders.

"This was initially scheduled to be for rookies and selected veterans, mainly anyone who was new to the team,"

### Cowboys sign Coakley to one-year deal

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys shored up some of their concerns at linebacker by signing Pro Bowler Dexter Coakley, a restricted free agent, to a one-year deal Thursday.

Dallas tendered Coakley a deal worth \$1,027,000 on Feb. 7, meaning they would get at least a first-round compensation pick if he signed elsewhere. Coakley signed, keeping him in Dallas through the 2000 season.

The Cowboys were thin at linebacker after last year's leading tackler, Randall Godfrey, signed with Tennessee. They

Campo said. "But with us installing a new offense, I felt that it was important to get everybody in."

All eyes will be on Galloway as he tries to become the type of threat Michael Irvin was in Dallas' Super Bowl days. He'll be running many of the same patterns Irvin did because after a two-year experiment, the Cowboys are going back

to the timing-based offense that worked best.

Jack Reilly, who spent a season as Troy Aikman's position coach, is back as the offensive coordinator. Mike Zimmer is now in charge of the defense after several years working with Campo when he was the coordinator.

Dat Nguyen will move up to first-team

middle linebacker for the first time

replacing Randall Godfrey, who signed with Tennessee. Chris Bordan, acquired Wednesday from New Orleans, also will be tested.

Free agent signee Ryan McNeil is likely to begin at right cornerback, which will be available June 2 if Sanders is cut as expected. Dallas also will get a look at the three cornerbacks taken in the draft, including top pick Dwayne Goodrich of Tennessee.

An intriguing player to watch will be Dimitrios Underwood, a first-round pick for Minnesota last year who has made far more headlines for off-field problems than anything done on the field.

He'll see plenty of time at defensive end as starters Greg Ellis and Ebenezer Ekuban will be held out of drills.

Other notable players getting excused absences from team doctors are receivers Jason Tucker (foot surgery), Wane McGarity (finger surgery) and James McKnight (torn knee), defensive tackle Leon Lett (knee surgery) and safety Izell Reese (herniated disc).











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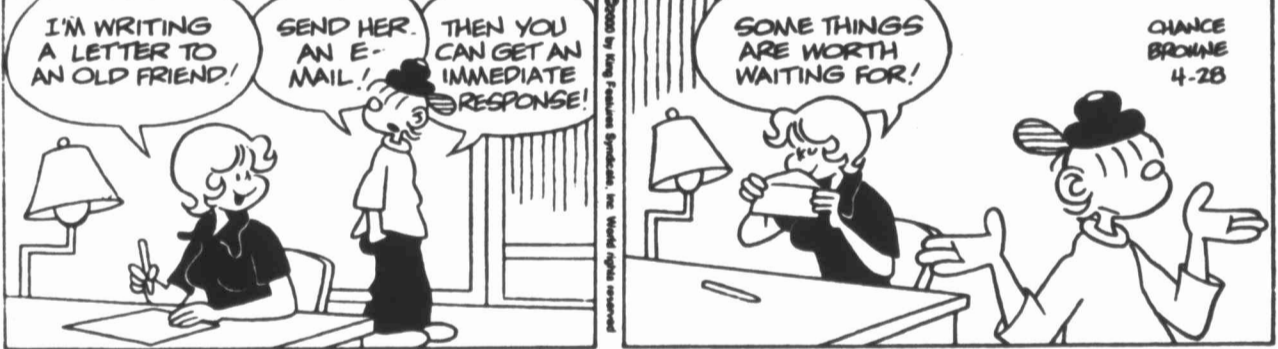
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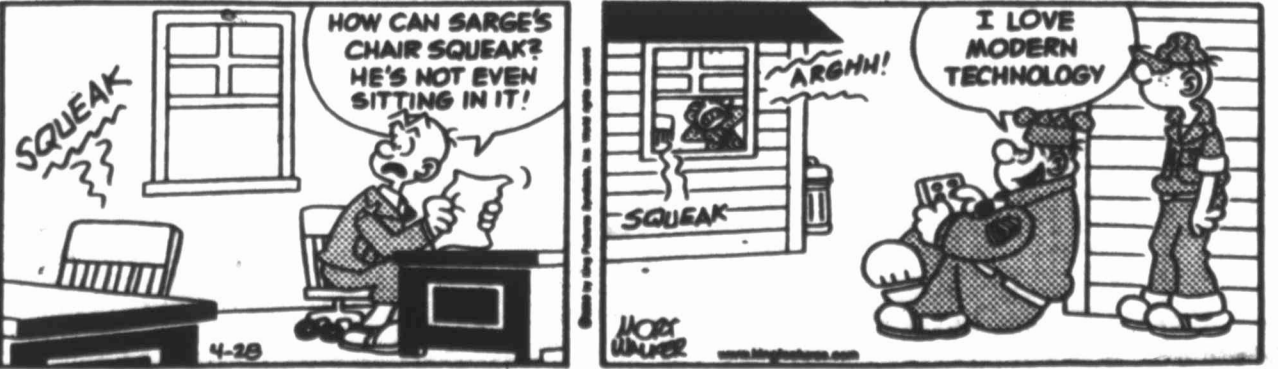
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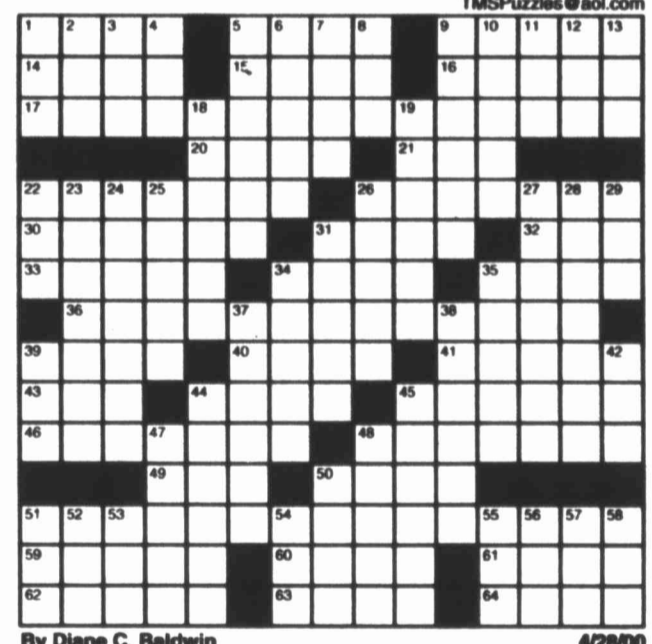
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 28, the 119th day of 2000. There are 247 days left in the year.

On this date: In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va. In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1940, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra recorded "Pennsylvania 6-5000" for RCA Victor. In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country. In 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsam wood raft named the Kon Tiki on a 101-day journey to Polynesia. In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty that had been signed by the United States and 47 other countries took effect. In 1958, Vice President Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela. In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day General William C. Westmoreland told Congress the United States would "prevail in Vietnam." In 1969, French President Charles de Gaulle resigned. In 1980, President Carter accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who had opposed the failed rescue mission to free American hostages in Iran. Ten years ago: Anti-abortion demonstrators marched in Washington D.C.; authorities put the number of protesters at 200,000, but organizers claimed a turnout of about 700,000. The musical "A Chorus Line" closed after 6,137 performances on Broadway. Five years ago: In Taegu, South Korea, a gas line exploded in the middle of an intersection crowded with morning traffic, killing 101 people. One year ago: In a sharp repudiation of President Clinton's policies, the House rejected, on a tie vote of 213-213, a measure expressing support for NATO's five-week-old air campaign against Yugoslavia; the House also voted 249-180 to limit the president's authority to use ground forces in Yugoslavia. Actor Rory Calhoun died in Burbank, Calif., at age 76. Birthdays: Syndicated columnist Rowland Evans is 79. Author Harper Lee is 74. Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 70. The president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, is 63. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 59. Actress Marcia Strassman is 52.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Toe the line
  - Scholarly volume
  - Wet thoroughly
  - Take on
  - Concept
  - Phylish
  - Carrot-top's cousin?
  - Solemn ceremony
  - Time to remember
  - Spiny trees
  - Ammunition wagon
  - Turn around
  - Overtake
  - Stash mark
  - Big hit
  - Nautical direction
  - Cleansing ritual
  - Fats Domino hit
  - Pix about people
  - Nervous
  - Jockey Arcaro
  - Green-card org.
  - Criticize severely
  - Author of "The Honorary Consul"
  - Subhuman
  - Iditarod participant
  - PC key
  - Yellow and Black
  - Mark Twain character
  - See eye to eye
  - Egg on
  - Territory
  - Demi Moore film
  - Requirement
  - Small salamander



By Diane C. Baldwin  
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN
- Cries of surprise
  - Took the bait
  - Goof up
  - Indeed
  - Shiribones
  - Auction ending?
  - To the degree
  - Gershwin hero
  - Bike feature
  - Trarried
  - Arrive past due
  - Misbelief
  - Apron element
  - Old crone
  - Inarticulate comment
  - Magnon
  - Hot-dog holder
  - Air circulator
  - Wraith
  - Original
  - "King" Cole

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