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Howard College ponders tuition hike

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Howard College students could see an increase of \$4 per credit hour in-district tuition increase and a \$4.50 hike for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students next fall.

The tuition increases recommended by college administrators during Monday's meeting of the

college faces a projected loss in state funding.

"This does not cover our reduction," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "We would have to increase our tuition dramatically to offset our reduction in funds from the state."

The recommended hike means \$4 more per credit mend Monday are just

Howard College Board of hour for Howard College Trustees, comes as the students who live in-district, a \$10 increase for those who live out of district and \$20 for out-ofstate students.

SWCID students will see a \$4.75 increase per credit hour for those living indistrict, a \$8.50 for those out-of district and \$23.50 for out-of-state students.

The increases recom-

projections at this time, Sparks emphasized, and could be subject to change, depending on state funding.

If adopted, Howard College students taking a full-time course load of 12 credit hours will pay \$49 more if they live in the district. \$130 if their residence falls outside the district and \$285 out-ofstate.

In-district SWCID students face a \$57 increase, a \$102 jump for out of district students and a \$283 hike for those who reside out-of-state.

If approved by trustees, the hikes would take effect in the fall and not impact summer school tuition, Sparks said. For the past several

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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 64°-66° 87°-89°

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NURSING CHANGES

Howard College trustees approved changes Monday in the qualification requirements for the associate of nursing degree.

"The rigor of the program will not change,' said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president. "We are one of the very few colleges in the state that maintains a 100 percent passing rate (on the

Hands-on technique keeps learning fun

Bauer teacher challenges her students By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Paper water well miniatures and wooden pulley systems scattered about the classroom of Big Spring "To me, teacher Maribell if they Reyes are are not constant reminders having of her purfun. pose. Talking they're about her not going students' to learn.' work, the quiet 25-Maribell year-old Reyes Bauer Elementary fourth-grade teacher

creation. "We were studying pulleys and this boy went home, designed this and made it," Reyes said as she held up a wooden contraption.

lights up while explain-

ing the purpose for each



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Maribell Reyes, Bauer Elementary fourth-grader teacher, conducts a lesson on weights and measures. The Colorado City graduate has an innate love of math and tries to convey

that passion to her students with lots of hands-on activities.

Jury seated in teen's trial for murder of **Big Spring man**

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Seven men and seven women will hear the evidence from the jury box in the capital murder trial of 16-year-old Tommy Rodriguez.

The jury, which includes 12 jurors and two alternates, was selected Monday in 118th District Court. Identities of the alternate jurors are not released before the trial to ensure that all potential jurors give equal attention to the evidence.

Presentation of opening statements and evidence will begin today in the case, in which Rodriguez is accused of strangling 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton on July 30, 2002, to steal his car. Rodriguez was 15 at the time of the

state board examination)."

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STATE NEWS

The Texas House on Monday gave final passage to a complex bill that would allow for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

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BRIEFLY

ISSETT GUEST SPEAKER

State Rep. Carl Issett, R-Lubbock, who is running to represent the 19th U.S. Congressional seat, will be the guest speaker at the West Texas Republican Club meeting Wednesday.

The meeting will be held at noon at the Big Spring County Club, Driver Road. To make lunch reservations, call Irene Medellin 264-0946.

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The oldest of six children, teaching seems a natural fit for this California native.

"I've always love teaching," she said. "I love working with kids.' In 1992, Reves made the transition from living in north Hollywood, Calif., to Colorado City when tion. the family moved.

funny," she spoke recalled. "They thought I spoke funny.

Reyes adapted into the Texas culture and graduated from Colorado City High School at the age of 17.

She continued her education at San Angelo State University, where she commuted from her parents' home to school while holding down two jobs to support her educa-

Reyes performed her my favorite subject," she "I thought everybody student teaching at Bauer said

Elementary under fourthgrade teacher Linda Long. Now she's in her third year as contract teacher for Big Spring ISD.

Having a love of mathematics, one of Reyes' goals is to relate that passion to her students by using hands-on projects.

"We do math every morning first thing and the kids have known since the first day of school that that is my is

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Reves tries to incorporate a fun project at the end of each unit as a student incentive.

"In fourth grade, I remember in social studies we were studying the pioneers," she said. "We built a little wagon with a canopy. At the end of the unit we got to take our wagons on a field trip to this park. Everything we learned in that fourth-

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murder. Judge Robert Moore III told the jury pool that presentation of evidence will probably wrap up

Wednesday and he expects that the trial will conclude by Wednesday evening or Thursday.

Rodriguez's alleged accomplice, 17-year-old Melanie Castaneda, .has already pleaded guilty to the crime and been sentenced to 60 years in prison in exchange for

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Congressional district race drawing some attention

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer Area voters are paying more attention to the 19th Congressional District special election than to local races.

In the congressional contest between 17 Midland, Odessa and Lubbock candidates, 555 Howard County voters have cast their ballots early already, while 25 have sent their votes by mail.

In comparison, only 56 have voted in the city registered opinions in the School District races. Today is the last day for residents to vote early for U.S. House of a Representatives replacement for retiring Congressman Larry

Combest, R-Lubbock. Polls will be open in the race today until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse.

election, and only 83 have polls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Precinct 1 voters will go Big Spring Independent to the Northside Fire Station, Precinct 2 voters will visit Washington Elementary School. Precinct 3 voting will be at Goliad Intermediate School and Precinct 4 voters will go to the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

> All voters, whether they vote early or on election day, should bring their Conaway, Republican;

Saturday - election day voter registration card or Richard "Chip" Peterson. voters can visit the another form of identification.

> A picture ID is not required. Seeking the seats are William M. "Bill" Christian, Republican; Carl H. Isett, Republican; Julia Penelope, Green; Kaye Gaddy, Democrat; Richard Bartlett, Republican; John D. Bell, Republican; Jerri Simmons-Asmussen, Democrat; Mike

Libertarian; Thomas Flournoy, Constitution; Randy Neugebauer, Stace Republican; Williams, Republican; David R. Langston. Republican; E.L. "Ed" Hicks, Independent; Jamie Berryhill, Republican; Vickie Sutton, Republican; and Donald May, Republican. For more information, contact the Howard County Clerk's office at 264-2213.

Early voting in city election ends today

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer Live in city District 2 or 6? Want to cast your city council vote early? Today's your last chance. After today, Big Spring voters in the city council election will have to cast their vote on Saturday, the actual election day. Polls will be open today until 5 p.m., including the

lunch hour. Early voters should go to City Hall, entering through the red doors on

office, the first door on the right.

Districts 2 and 6 are the only contested seats up for election; Gloria McDonald has already been approved by the city council to take over the District 4 seat as she was the only candidate in that race.

Only voters living in Districts 2 and 6 will be allowed to vote.

booths are set up in City lots in the District 2 con-Secretary Peggy Walker's test, while 40 had expressed their opinion in the District 6 matchup.

In District 2, incumbent Oscar Garcia is facing challengers W.A. "Woody" Jumper, Manuel Ramirez and Elias Gamboa Jr. District 6 incumbent Greg Biddison is challenged by Ronnie Carter and Frances Billalba-McKiski.

Saturday, District 2 and 6 voters will cast their As of 5 p.m. Friday, 16 ballots at the Big Spring

Nolan Street. Voting people had cast early bal- High School Cafeteria. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For early or regular voting, voters need to bring either their voter registration card or another form of identification.

Picture identification is not required.

For more information, contact Walker at 264-2514.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or bv e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two new truck drivers and a part-time mower will help the Howard County Road and Bridge Department deal with summer tasks such as weed control and road repair.

The positions were approved by the Howard County Commissioner's Court at its meeting

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LOCAL

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Pam Lucas



Pam Lucas, 42, of Big Spring died at her home at 6:45 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2003. Memorial service will be at 6 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at East Fourth Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Lucas was born on April 10, 1961, in Paris, France. She grew up in the Sierra Vista and Hauchuca City, Ariz., area. She married Steven A. Lucas Sr. on

Aug. 7, 1985, in Bentonville, Ark. She had lived in Big Spring since Jan. 1, 1998, coming from Courtland, Ala. She was a homemaker and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Lucas Sr. of Big Spring; three children, Melody Jo Lucas, Samantha Lynn Lucas and Steve Lucas Jr., all of Big Spring; two sisters, Penny Melton and Peggy Partain, both of Huachuca City, Ariz.; and two nieces, Terry and Jennifer Partain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Fred and Dorothy Hoffman Vogel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Allen

Ruby Allen, 93, of Coahoma died at 6:55 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2003, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at Coahoma Cemetery with Robert Turner, minister of the Oasis Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Allen was born on Oct. 25, 1909, in Waxahachie. She first came to Howard County in 1932. She lived in Odessa from 1940 to 1975. She returned to Howard County in 1981 from Kansas. She had been a cook, waitress and manager of a meat market.

She is survived by one son:, William O. Tyler and his wife, Cindy, of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two grandsons, Charlie Tyler of Farmington, N.M., and Don Tyler of Midland; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Allen: her parents, William and Lillian Allen; two sisters, Violet Allen and Frances Weaver; and one brother, W. K. Allen.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Helen H. Jones

Helen H. Jones, 66, of Big Spring died Monday, April 28, 2003, at her residence.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Support groups

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY

WEAPON was reported in the 700 block of South Lancaster.

 ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 700 block of South Lancaster.

 ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY **VIOLENCE** was reported in the 600 block of South Douglas Street.

• EVADING ARREST BY VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue and the 1700 block of Alabama Street.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2000 block of South Runnels Street and the 1300 block of Settles Street.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of South Lancaster Street.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street and the 2500 block of Hunter Drive.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS/HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive. Police seized evidence in connection with the incident.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway Road. Electronic entertainment equipment worth \$320, \$100 cash, and recordings worth \$425 were reported stolen.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20. Drugs were seized as evidence by police.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 2500 block of Hunter Drive. A black 1986 Chevrolet reportedly sustained \$4,000 damage.

- In the 500 block of South Gregg Street. A white 1997 GMC reportedly sustained \$400 damage.

• THEFT was reported in the 700 block of South Lancaster Street. Three pit bull dogs worth \$175 and a Boston Terrier worth \$100 were reported stolen.

• HARRASSMENT was reported in the 2500 block of Rebecca.

Take note

→ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

'About''85' to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Bulletin board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

NOO . HANNYS

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 9:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring County Club, Driver Road. State Rep. Carl Issett, R-Lubbock, who is running to represent the 19th U.S. Congressional seat, will be the guest speaker. To make lunch reservations, call Irene Medellin 264-0946.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club. Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

Gideon International B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. Marcy Drive.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

National Day of Prayer, 12:15 p.m., Heart of the City Park. The 30 minutes program features 14 speakers representing all aspects of the community.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club. Driver Road.

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TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

❑ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

→ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

□ The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the V Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

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□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209

Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ ANYONE WHO GRADUATED from Forsan

High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfrmhrt2@aol.com.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 Percent.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Friday through Monday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and Thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-14-25-30. Number matching five of five: None. Matching four of five: 152. Prize: \$485. Matching three of five: 4,618. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 48,532. Price: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-4-6

Spring City Senior Citizens Center County and Western Dance, Industrial Park, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge 704 W. Third St. Members and their welcome.

Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, noon, 610 Scurry.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people age 50 and older, call 268-4721.

First United Methodist Church youth group revival, 5 p.m. at the church sanctuary. Crimson Soul will perform in concert for the revival.



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Ms. Reyes helps people when there is help needed. She is kind and generous. I

love her and would look up to her anytime, anywhere. I look up to

Ms. Reyes more than any other teacher I know. Ms.



Reves has always been a great influence. She is not one of those teachers who favors one student better than the other. She is one of those that likes everyone equally.

Ms. Reyes participates in a lot of school activities.

Jessica Womack, Bauer fourth-grade student

TEACHER

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grade class, there was something at the end that made it worthwhile and I try to do that with my classroom. "To me, if they are not

having fun, they're not going to learn," she said

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

TUITION

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months, Howard College, along with other schools across the state, has carefully followed the legislature at it has attempted to untangle the state's budget woes.

At this point, Sparks said community colleges are expecting a 10.2 percent to 12.5 percent reduction in state funding. In addition, both the House and Senate packages for community colleges exclude picking up state employee insurance.

As a result. Howard College is expecting to pick up an estimated specific projects. \$80,000 for employee

TRIAL

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her testimony against the defendant. Patton's body was dis-

covered in a field off Rock House Road July 30. An autopsy ordered by Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson indicated that the cause of death was asphyxiation by strangulation.

Rodriguez was certified to stand trial as an adult Sept. 18, 2002, and indicted for the murder on Nov. 7,2002

COUNTY

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Monday morning. Commissioners approved hiring the new personnel at the request of Road and Bridge Eddy Administrator Jameson. The truck drivers will earn \$11.93 per hour, while the part-time mower will earn \$10 hourly - compared to \$13.11 an hour for a fulltime mower.

Commissioners also approved a purchase request from Jameson for a new welding machine. The tool will cost the

which is funded entirely

by state money, is still on

In other business, Big

Spring architect Phil

Furgueron presented pos-

sible costs and prelimi-

nary plans for construc-

tion of a new day care

center building on the

southwestern part of the

The price tag for the

possible construction pro-

ject of a metal building to

house the college's day

care program, \$300,000 or

more, took trustee by sur-

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campus.

Sparks said funding at mates based on industry current levels for SWCID, standards.

> The removal of the old building, a remodeled Air Force barrack, will help clear the way for the building of a multi-million-dollar, privatelyfunded performing arts center.

Trustees also:

 Approved contracts for district faculty employment.

 Named retired Howard College instructor June Stone, former director of the college's licensed vocational nursing program, as professor emeritus for 2003. The honor prise and created a entities Stone to lead the plethora of queries about graduation processional.

 Authorized the administration to finalize bids

• Approved a \$27,148 bid

Contact Staff Writer

Big Spring man leads officers on vehicle chase

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

LOCAL

guilty,

found

Rodriguez will be automatically sentenced to

life in prison, said

District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson, who will pros-

ecute the case; possible

punishments in a capital

case are death and life in

prison, and Wilkerson is

forbidden to seek the

death penalty because

Rodriguez was a juvenile

at the time the crime was

newsdesk@crcom.net

In other business, the

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new court reporter for the

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A man led Big Spring police on a chase to Westbrook on Monday before being taken into custody.

Big Spring Police Sgt. **Roger Sweatt said Jefferv** Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 Cox, 23, of Big Spring was ext. 232 or by e-mail at arrested near Westbrook on charges of fleeing to elude.

"We received a call about 3:15 a.m. to a residence in the 2500 block of Hunter. It was in reference to a fight," Sweatt said. "Upon the officers' arrival, one person was

in Midland until recently, Garden City sets when she moved back to Head Start signups Howard County to be

Registration for the Garden City Head Start program will be held from Monday, May 5 through Thursday, May 8, for children who are 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2003.

Applications will be taken in the Garden City Head Start Classroom from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parents should bring proof of income, their child's birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security number for all members of the

household. The program is primarily for 4 year olds however if enrollment is low some 3 year olds will be taken.

For more information.



still at the scene. He was mately mile marker 202 taken into custody and he was brought to the police department. When he got down here, he claimed injuries and was taken to the hospital."

Sweatt said charges against the man were dropped because of his medical condition, although they may be refiled at a later time.

"(Cox) was in a vehicle out in front of the house and when officers got in the area he left," Sweatt said. "Officers were in pursuit with him and he ended up going east on Interstate 20 to approxi-

where he pulled over, stopped and got out. He was threatening to do harm to himself and everyone else, and he was finally taken into custody."

Cox was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was treated for minor injuries. After being released into police custody the was booked into the city jail, Sweatt said.

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insurance cost and another \$30,000 at SWCID. As employees see a decrease in insurance cost beginning in the summer, Sparks said, the decrease is a result from a reduction in their insurance coverage.

Furgueron explained that construction insur- for community network ance, following strict infrastructure. requirements for day care facilities and plumbing by Tangent Computer for work are responsible for 16 computer units. the cost estimate.

The price the three preliminary options present- Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ed Monday, Furqueron ext. 234, or by e-mail at On a positive note, said, are best guess esti- newsdesk@crcom.net

Gospel Meeting Birdwell Lane Church of Christ Final 2 Days Tonight 7 pm & Wednesday

Speaker **Charles Speer**



Charles Speer received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University in 1970.

From there he went directly to Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. After graduating from there in 1972, Charles went to work with the Northside congregation in Dallas for five years. In 1977 Charles and Cara were married and moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where he preached for eight years. Their two children, Bryn and Jamin, were born in Weatherford. In 1985 the Speer family attended six months of mission training at Sunset School of Preaching before leaving for New Zealand where they worked for three and a half years with and training preachers for New Zealand, New Guinea, and other points in the south pacific at South Pacific Bible College. Since 1989, Charles has been working full time with Sunset International Bible Institute. (Formerly Sunset School of Preaching.) Charles has a passion for the word of God and believes deeply that we need to have more respect and love for the word of God. He emphasizes the need for a strong family life and the need to take the gospel to the lost. This study will convince you of man's need to study the Bible to know God and His word.

Schedule Of Services

TONIGHT

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STATE

BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, April 29, 2003

House allows for privatization of state school, hospital

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Children's Texas House on Monday gave final passage to a large, complex bill that would make sweeping changes to the state's health and human services system — but not before some Republicans joined with Democrats in toughening up a provision that would allow for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

The legislation by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, would save an estimated \$1.1 billion by consolidating 12 departments into three under a new Health and Human Services Commission and restructuring several programs, including the

Insurance Program. It is a priority of the

GOP House leadership dealing with a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall.

Among other things, the bill caps enrollment in the children's insurance program, tightens fraud and abuse enforcement, establishes preferred medicine lists for and CHIP, Medicaid broadens abortion licensing laws and allows for the privatization of a state school for mentally retarded children and a state hospital for the mentally ill.

That provision was added Friday by Rep. John Davis, R-Houston, who tried to push a simihearings but was repeat-

Health edly overruled by the Appropriations

Committee. His amendment would allow a state school and a state hospital to be privatized if the company that would run them could save at least 10 percent from what Texas is paying now. On Monday, Rep. Jim

McReynolds, D-Lufkin, offered an amendment to push that threshold up to 25 percent, making it more difficult for privatization. His measure was adopted without objection but only after Davis' motion to kill the McReynolds amendment failed, 102-38.

Davis said his privatization effort "is to give it a lar idea in House budget trial run, to see if it can work or not."

He argued that allowing and San Antonio.

Hospitals for the mentally ill are operated by the state in Austin, Big Spring, El Paso, Vernon, Kerrville, Rusk, San Terrell needs. Wohlgemuth was Antonio, and Waco.

Wohlgemuth's measure, which now moves to the Senate, also would change the Texas law that requires medical clinics that perform 300 or more abortions a year to regiswith those who can't ter with the state. Now, defend themselves," said physicians who do 50 or

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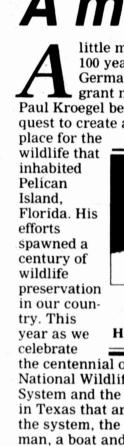
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By LYNDEL MO Staff Writer

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Abortion bill debated

AUSTIN (AP) — Women seeking an abortion would have to wait 24 hours before a doctor could terminate the pregnancy under legislation debated by the Texas House.

The bill also would require doctors to offer patients state-produced literature and color photos of fetal development at two-week increments before the mandated "reflection period."

Bill sponsor Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, said he authored the legislation in an attempt to empower women by making as much information as possible available to them.

The House adjourned early Monday evening, without voting on the legislation.

Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, tried to amend the bill to exempt victims of rape and incest from the requirement to view the materials, but members rejected the measure.

The legislation also would require written proof, signed by the abortion patient, that she has been offered standard information regarding risks and options available should she decide to carry her pregnancy to term.

The bill also requires that abortions performed after the 15th week of pregnancy can only be performed at an ambulatory surgical

sionate conservatism" and restore funding for services for the disabled and elderly in the next state budget, in part by forcing more businesses to pay taxes.

The AARP, the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition, ADAPT and other groups said they would present 5,000 signatures to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick supporting the groups' call to fund services at the current level over the next two years.

The spending plans in the House and Senate would "balance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable," said Gus Cardenas, state president of AARP Texas, which has more than 2 million members.

Tightening the state's business taxes to force more companies to pay would find much of the money needed to fund the threatened programs, the groups said. Business groups have vigorously opposed tightening the so-called "franchise. tax" and a bill to get more companies to pay the tax has not moved in the House.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the chairman of the Senate Finance, a special session at a later date and committee, said he thinks the state should fund those services for the frail and elderly but that it has a limited amount of money. Tax bills must come from the House

The bill was in rough draft form and was being looked at by poten-Dewhurst co-sponsors, tial spokesman Dave Beckwith said.

the form of a Senate bill Monday.

"I expect a super majority will sign on as co-sponsors" to the legislation, Beckwith said.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, will sponsor the legislation, which would replace the current school funding structure by cutting property taxes in half, expanding the state sales tax and getting rid of the state's wealthsharing school formula.

The bill was expected to get introduced in the Senate Wednesday. Such a bill typically would be sent to the Senate Education Committee, but Senate leaders are looking at putting it on a fast track by putting it before a full meeting of all the senators.

In response to Dewhurst's plan last week, Gov. Rick Perry said more time was needed to study school funding alternatives. With five weeks left in the legislative session, Perry said he would be willing to call the Legislature into



High school students would be required to take the middle or upper curriculum level to be eligible for a \$1,000 Early High School Graduation Scholarship under legislation by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, approved in the Senate Monday. Students are eligible if they graduated from an accredited high school within 36 months.

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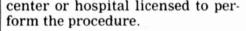
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Disabled and elderly

Advocacy groups for senior and disabled Texans called on lawmakers Monday to practice "compasand he said he doesn't expect to see one this session.

School funding issue

A proposal by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst that would change the way public schools are funded took







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LOCAL

Howard College approves nursing degree qualification requirements for next year

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees approved changes Monday in the qualifica-

tion requirements for the associate of nursing degree.

"The rigor of the prowill gram not change," said Dr.

Cheryl BURCHETT Sparks

Howard College president. "We are one of the very few colleges in the state that maintains a 100 percent passing rate (on the state board examination)." Students who pass the

four prerequisite classes Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Nutrition and Life Span Development — with a C average or higher will be accepted into the program, said Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president of academic affairs.

Prior to the change, the college used a point system to evaluate students applying for admission to the program. Points were based on student performance in the four prerequisite classes.

In addition, students were evaluated on a profile exam meant to deter-

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Licensed vocational nurses transiting into the program are still required to take an exam to evaluate their level of nursing skills.

The college has already seen a 400 percent increase in applications to the program by students anticipating the change, Burchett said, and the number of students accepted into the program next year may quadruple.

A point system will be newsdesk@crcom.net

Fire department investigates suspicious blaze at apartment

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

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"One of the things we

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Harold Davis.

A fire at Northcrest Apartments Saturday night caused minor damage to a vacant room and no reported injuries.

'When units arrived they found smoke coming from the foundation and roof vents," said Big **Spring Fire Marshal Carl** Condray. "The room had been broken into and vandalized. The fire has

been listed as suspicious."

Apparently someone had gained entry to the room by pushing in the front door, Condray said. Fire department officials believe the fire started on the floor where two holes about one-foot in diameter were burned into the

floor. Two engines, a medical unit and a deputy chief responded.

Parents Who Care after prom

Parents Who care is seeking community donations to help fund the after prom party being planned for Big Spring High School juniors and seniors on May 17.

To help, contact Myrna Russell at 267-6891 or 466-3725 or Tish Torres at 263-3648. Donations can be mailed to Russell at P.O. Box 1462 or Torres at 2513 Ann Dr.



little more than 100 years ago, a German immigrant named Paul Kroegel began his quest to create a safe place for the

wildlife that inhabited Pelican Island, Florida. His efforts spawned a century of wildlife preservation



in our country. This **HUTCHISON** year as we

celebrate the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the 17 sites in Texas that are part of the system, the tale of a man, a boat and an island is still relevant. Paul Kroegel was known for his keen interest in boating and his love of the birds and

wildlife that called the

coastal area home. He

tions, whose belongings we have no right to squander," President Roosevelt signed an executive order on March 14, per month. BAILEY

1903, creating America's National Wildlife Refuge System. Paul Kroegel was hired as the first wildlife warden for a meager \$1 Today, 100 years later, it is clear that one man and his boat saved not only the birds of Pelican Island, but our nation's rich legacy of wildlife. In Texas, 17 such refuges

dot our state's landscape. From the Laguna Atascosa Refuge in south Texas to the Buffalo Lake Refuge in the panhandle, Texas carries on Kroegel's legacy, as home to a diversity of wildlife that flourish and thrive.

The Muleshoe Refuge, our state's oldest, is located on nearly 6,000

volunteers, wildlife refuges in Texas and every state of the union host some 35,000,000 visitors. They are part animal sanctuary, part research facility, and part recreational area all rolled into one, but their primary focus is defined by their motto: "Where wildlife comes first." It is important for

Texans and all Americans to recognize and appreciate the efforts of our nation's refuges in preserving the natural habitats of endangered species. In Washington, Congress is doing its part to support the noble mission of the system. In fact, this March we passed a resolution commemorating the refuge centennial and reaffirming our commitment to fund the efforts to preserve wildlife for future generations.

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As we launch into a second century of conservation and the competition for land and water increases, we must strike a balance between progress and nature. The National Wildlife Refuge System is indeed the "cornerstone of conservationism" in our country and serves as the perfect vehicle to ensure peaceful cohabitation contin-

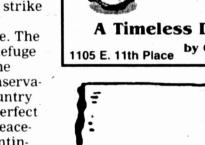
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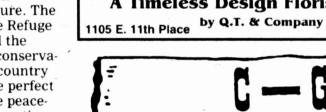
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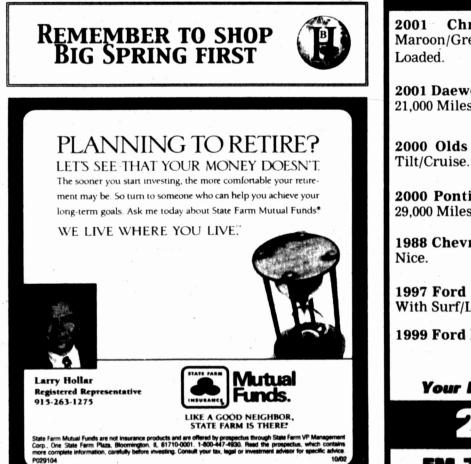


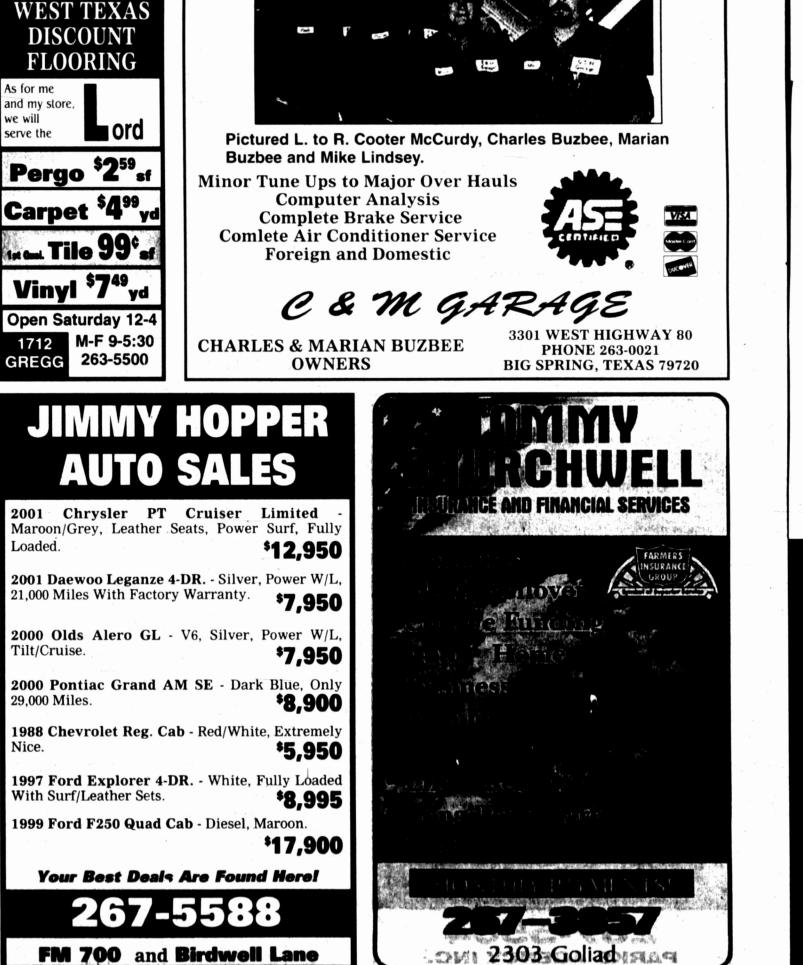
frequently played his accordion while riding through the marshes and over the years became alarmed by the diminishing number of birds, brown pelicans in particular, which roosted in the area. His concern was heightened when he discovered there were no laws protecting the pelicans or other wildlife.

Paul passionately protected the birds, teaming up with naturalists who visited the island to find a way to preserve the birds. Soon, the naturalists brought the case of the pelicans before **President Theodore** Roosevelt. It was not long before the conservationist president established Pelican Island as a federal bird reservation, the first in a network of fiftyfive. Saying, "Wild beasts

acres on the high plains of west Texas. It was established as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl and sandhill cranes, and the 600 acres of water on the refuge provide a welcome sanctuary for 282 species of migrating birds.

At the 34,000-acre Anahuac Refuge in the upper Texas Coast along Galveston Bay, a broad variety of plant and animal life call the region home. The coastal wetlands provide a nursery habitat for marine species such as blue crab and spotted sea trout, and the refuge also *attracts* migratory ducks and geese. American alligators, endangered in the 1960s, now thrive in the wetlands. Each year, with the





Sports

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Coahoma to face Grape Creek in opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coahoma Bulldogette head softball coach Robby Dickenson will head into familiar territory Friday afternoon when his team walks onto the Midland Lee field for its appearance in the Area round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Coahoma is familiar with the postseason, having made the playoffs in each of its 10 years of existence. The Bulldogettes are even familiar with their firstround opponent — having beaten Grape Creek last season in route

to a berth in the state tournament.

Familiarity and history, in this case, aren't big indicators for a win. In fact, according to Dickenson, they mean absolutely nothing when his team takes to the field, beginning at 5 p.m..

"We can't take anything for granted," said Dickenson. "They aren't the same team we played last year. They're starting six freshmen which kind of makes them an unknown, plus they have nothing to lose because they aren't expected to beat us. "That makes them very danger

ous," he added.

Grape Creek, which is coming off an 11-0 win over Fort Hancock in the bi-district playoff round, was pretty dangerous last April. The Lady Eagles managed to bring the winning run to the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning before the Bulldogettes slammed the door shut on a 5-3 win.

First-round worries aren't an issue for Coahoma this year. The

Bulldogettes are just enjoying the 2A playoff scenery.

"We're just glad to be in the playoffs," said the veteran head coach. "We know they're a dangerous opponent, but if we can go out and take are of our business we think we can put ourselves in a position to win."

Coahoma, now 15-12-3 for the vear, is led by a handful of stars, including freshman pitcher Sarah Dunn and senior shortstop Ashley Lang, who has highlighted the Bulldogettes' powerful batting presence with a home run and several triples.

Lady Hawks open Region V tourney vs. North Central

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks will open their quest for a trip to the National Junior College Softball World Series tomorrow morning when they begin play in the Region V Softball Tournament at Abilene Christian University.

The Lady Hawks, 33-17 for the year, can earn a spot in the softball championship series in Florida should they win the Region V crown. Only the tournament champion advances to the JUCO softball Series.

The Lady Hawks won't have to wait very long to hit the field. Howard College, which pounded out three wins in four games over the weekend against ~E1 Paso Community College, will begin play at 9 a.m. tomorrow against North Central Community

11:15 a.m. --- Temple vs. Gravson - McLennan vs. Western Texas 3:45 p.m. — Collin Co. vs. Midland 6 p.m. — Howard-MC winner vs. Grayson winner. 8:15 p.m. --- McLennan-Western Texas ner vs. Collin Co.-Midland winner.

Conference's West division. NCCC is the No. 3 seed from the North.

Should Howard College defeat North Central in their morning matchup, they would advance into a second-round showdown with either Temple or Grayson at 6 p.m.

Temple is scheduled to play Grayson immediately following the Lady Hawks' game with NCCC.

Temple enters the tournament's No. 2 seed after having won the NTJCAC North title. Grayson. seeded seventh overall, is the the No. 4 team from the Northern division.

McLennan Community College and Western Texas College will face off in the third game, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Collin County and top-seeded The Lady Hawks enter Midland College will close out the first round of the tournament begin-



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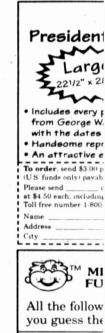


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the tournament as the No. 2 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic ning at 6 p.m.

Wildcats' doubles team advances to state meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Grady's Eric Tunnell and Trent May gave the Crossroads its second berth in the Class 1A state tournament this past weekend with an impressive effort at the Region II-A Tennis Tournament in Abilene. Tunnell, a senior, and May, a junior, nailed down the trip to Austin

with a playback victory over a squad from Lohn. With the win, Tunnell and May will join

Westbrook's Trey Chavez at the state tournament, which begins May 5 at the Lakeway Tennis Center. Chavez won the Region II-A singles title Saturday.

Tunnell and May breezed through the early round of the regional tournament. In their opener they battered a duo from Benjamin by a 6-0, 6-0 margin. They followed that win with a 6-0, 6-0 whitewashing of Santa Anna.

The GHS squad stumbled a bit from there. falling to No. 1-seeded Miles.

dropped The loss Tunnell and May into a third-place matchup with a squad from Hubbard. Grady won, 6-1, 6-1, and earned the right to face Lohn in a playback bout for the region's runner-up berth in the state tennis tournament.

Leina Braxton, right, talks to shortstop Erica Stewart about her hit that ended Pampa's nohit bid in the third inning of the two team's bi-district game in Lubbock. Big Spring won, 3-0 behind a perfect game from sophomore Alex Watkins.

Lady Steers slated to face EP Irvin in Artesia

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers will take their dream of qualifying for the Class 4A state softball tournament to the Land of Enchantment Friday evening when they face the El Paso Irvin Lady Rockets in the area round of the state playoffs. Big Spring and Irvin, the District 1-4A champion, are scheduled to hold their second-round playoff matchup begin-

ning at 6 p.m. Friday evening at the Artesia High School softball complex. Irvin heads into the matchup with a

24-2-1 record this season. The Lady Steers, the District 4-4A runner-up, are 20-9-1.

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The Lady Steers head into the contest with plenty of momentum. Big Spring sophomore Alex Watkins turned in her most impressive game of the year Friday in the team's 3-0 win over Pampa in the bi-district round by hurling the second perfect game of her career.

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Watkins, with excellent help in the field from shortstop Erica Stewart, third baseman Laura Olague and center fielder Chelsea Abner, retired all 21 batters she faced — 15 by strikeouts.

For Big Spring, the trip to Artesia will mark the second time this season a BSHS squad has traveled to New Mexico for a playoff tilt. The BSHS football team defeated Ysleta in Artesia in November.

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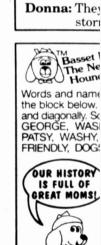
The entry fee for the event is \$65 per team, plus cart fees. The entry fee includes green fees, range balls and a Saturday afternoon lunch.

For more information call, (432) 758-3808.

CJHS cheerleaders to sponsor BBQ dinner

The 2003-2004 Coahoma Junior High School cheerleaders will sponsor a barbecue dinner on May 1. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

in the CJHS gymnasium. The cost for the meal is \$5 per person.













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MINI PAGE



Meet a Remarkable Mother and Wife **Martha Washington**

The Mini Page celebrates Mother's Day with a story about the busy life of a mother and wife, Martha Washington.



Martha was born in 1731. This is a painting of her in 1757 when she was 26 years old. This was three years before she married her second husband, George Washington.

Her background

Growing up, Martha Dandridge was taught the skills that it would take to be a good wife. These included housekeeping, religion, music and dancing.

Her father was a planter and county official. She was the oldest of eight children.

When she was 18, she married the richest man in the colony of Virginia, Daniel Custis. He was 20 years older than she. They were married seven years before he died. They had four children, but two of them died. Her husband's death left her a very rich woman.





Martha Custis met George Washington after her husband died. Washington was already famous as a hero in the French and Indian War. They were married on Jan. 6, 1759, at Martha's plantation, White House. The children

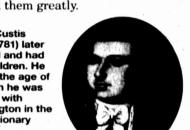
While she and George never had children of their own, they did raise the two surviving children she had before she married him.

John Parke (Jacky) Custis was only 4 and and Martha Parke (Patsy) Custis was only 2 when their mother remarried. They moved to Mount Vernon

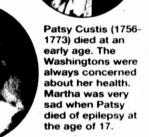
Her family was the most important part of Martha's life. She was always very protective of her children. She spoiled them greatly. Jacky Custis (1754-1781) later

married and had four children. He died at the age of 27 when he was serving with Washington in the Revolutionary

Army.



This is a painting about he courtship of George Washington nd Martha **Custis**. Notice the children, Jacky and Patsy



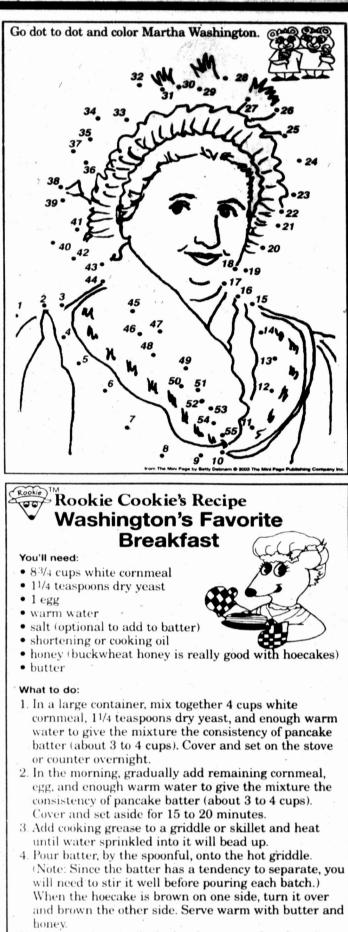
Meet Martina McBride

Country singer Martina McBride has real country roots. She grew up on a dairy farm near Medicine Lodge, Kan. Martina, 36, was born on July 29, 1966. She was only 7 years old when she started singing in her father's band. She

has an older brother and sister and a younger brother. The younger brother, Martin, plays guitar in her band

While trying to make it big in music, she worked as a waitress in Nashville, Tenn. She even sold T-shirts and hats on a Garth Brooks tour. She got her first recording contract in 1992 and has become a popular country music star. Martina met her husband when she called to rent a

rehearsal hall. Her two daughters always travel with her to her shows. She is left-handed and 5 feet 4 inches tall. The Mari Page by Betty Debnam © 2003 The Mari Pi



Yields enough to easily feed a classroom of students! Note. This recipe is based on one from Nelly Custis, who could have learned it from her grandmother, Martha Washington.







his death. Some of the slaves were Martha's from her first husband's estate. They were not able to be freed by George



As a housewife Martha Washington was very friendly and loved meeting new people. This was important because so many people came to visit, and George was not as outgoing as she. In one year, in 1798, they had more than 600 guests. Some people stayed for weeks.

Martha had a very busy day. While there were slaves to help, she had to supervise them. She was up at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning and in bed by 9:00 or 10:00 at night. She had lots to do. For example, the meal schedule was: Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. Dinner: 3:00 p.m. Tea: 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. Light supper: perhaps at 9:00 p.m. The Mini Page thanks Mary Thompson, historian at Mount Vernon, for her help.

In this painting we see George and Martha Washington walking on the bowling green in front of Mount Vernon. While George ran the farm, Martha's job was to run the house

As the general's wife

Martha did not like to travel, but for eight years she went to visit and give support to her husband at his winter quarters during the Revolutionary War. She also raised money for the cause.



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As the first lady

While Martha did not like public life, she was warm and gracious and a great help to the president. Martha died at Mount Vernon in

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wheels to take us there, and the overtime to be able to afford it all. The Aries moon provides the energy boost needed to get through the day with a

ination for another day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The same cosmic energy that makes the planets spin is coursing through your body which you're very aware of during this morning's sexy mood! It could cause you to work hard to attract a partner for what you've got in mind.

21). Home is where you do your clearest thinking now. Chats with loved ones this evening clarify issues that have been cloudy. Get involved in cooperative efforts; there's much to be learned from talented

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Expecting the wrong thing will be a danger. It's best not to expect anything at all! At work, tell people what you want, as they are willing to change. You're gregarious in the evening.

Horoscope Introduce yourself to new

neighbors. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Taking your cue from an Aries helps you make a strong choice and release old biases. Ethical questions are not easily resolved, although you have no trouble knowing what you think is right. In-laws lead you to an

impressive gain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 29). In this rather glamorous year, you impress the world with how effortlessly you seem to find success. There's a buzz around you now, and you can turn your excellent word of mouth into financial deals and romantic offers before the middle of next month! Travel, publish, and make interesting new friends in August, when creativity motivates you most. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 3, 1, 40 and 17.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your ability to roll with the punches will be tested. The only thing certain is that it won't be the way you thought. The plans will change, the message will be garbled, or the bus simply doesn't arrive. The little things build character.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enjoy newly acquired perks for all they're worth. The minute you start to take these things for granted, they disappear! A frivolous attitude is sexy to someone in your realm who sees you as a big player.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Freedom means more than contentment now; exercise away restlessness. If you're the senior member of your team, share knowledge to help the group. You get a feeling of satisfaction from extending your love and help.

22-Dec. 21). Decisions made this morning have weight. There's a chance to right a wrong or forge a new relationship with a client or friend. Firsthand contact with a certain luxury will have you thinking about what you can afford.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Making a difference is what it's about. You'll be checking out what effect you have on family, friends and the world. It's more than you thought. If your community is experiencing problems of intolerance, push for tolerance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Bottled-up feelings cause too much pressure, and it's not worth it - speak! A training course may be the answer to job problems — take a look at what's offered. Tonight, passion is around you, but stay cool to gain perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work may be critically acclaimed, but you need money, too. Talk to a financially gifted Taurus. A love relationship is synchronized beautifully, boding well for future commitment. Make a sweetie laugh today.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS**: "I'm a Capricorn woman (born in 1959) who has been dating an Aries man (born in 1949). He has trouble talking about his feelings, and I wonder if our relationship is slipping away. Do we have potential, or should I let him go?'

You would be good for this man, though he may have trouble knowing who and what are good for him. He has chart emphasis in Aries (sun, Mars) Venus, and Neptune in Libra opposite this Aries grouping. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. He is deeply romantic CATE, INC.

and wants to rescue a fair damsel in highly melodramatic distress, which you most certainly are not! You are very strong. and he may be too selfinvolved to realize how sensitive and complex you are or that you need a wonderful partner and confidant. He thinks he's a giving person, but he's more selfish than he knows. Yours is a supertalented chart, and speaking of people who have trouble talking about their feelings, who are you kidding? True, an Aquarian moon enables you to detach emotionally and survive unhappiness, but your placements show a childhood full of pressures. Are you free of these traumas? He's probably not up to the task of

CELEBRITY PRO-**FILES**: Retired Taurus people want to get busy this year, and comic trailblazer Carol Burnett is no exception. She could be an adviser (and recurring player) on a new television show that tries to bring back the varietyshow style of Burnett's once-top-rated series. Burnett could also have terrific luck with a song she sings for a movie soundtrack. Taurus people have emotional voices that easily move people.

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Dear Annie: My son has three beautiful children (ages 6, 3 and 1). "Joe" was always a kind, gentle, caring and sensitive son, but with his children, he somehow thinks screaming at them will make them better kids.

Joe has a degree in psychology, and is a schoolteacher and a baseball coach. (I think that's why he screams at the kids.) I have tried to reason with him, but Joe believes what he is doing is correct child rearing. When his 3-year-old wrote on the wall with crayon, Joe screamed so loudly, my grandson almost went into shock. I am 68 years old and can't stand to see the hurt on my grandchildren's faces anymore. My heart is broken. Grandmother in New York

Dear Grandmother: Joe may have learned his screaming technique as a baseball coach, but it is a terrible way to discipline children. He should know better.

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Annie's Mailbox

this is to the children? (And when they are no longer traumatized, they will ignore their father completely.) Meanwhile, try to find some books on parenting at the local library and leave them for Joe to peruse. Maybe something helpful will penetrate.

Dear Annie: I wanted to add a few thoughts to vour response to "Chicago," who was distressed that a gay Catholic friend took his own life. Please encourage him to check into Dignity (www.DignityUSA.org) to find a positive, Catholic

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It is very sad that, even to this day, religious condemnation is a major cause of despair among gay and lesbian people. Through groups like Dignity, and other gaypositive religious organizations, gay people and their families can meet others who have been able to come to a positive sense of themselves. -Duddy, Marianne Executive Director, **Dignity USA**

Dear Marianne Duddy: Ann Landers was a great supporter of Dignity, and we are pleased to encourage interested readers to contact your organization. Here's one more resource:

Dear Annie: I have a daughter who is lesbian, and I have been working in outreach ministry to Catholic gays and lesbians for over 10 years. In 1997, the Committee on Marriage and Family of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document called: "Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual **Children and Suggestions**

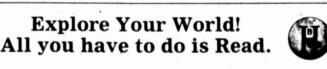
for Pastoral Ministers. Three pertinent state-

ments in that document are: "Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen. By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful." "God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual." "Though at times you may feel discouraged, hurt or angry, do not walk away from vour families, from the Christian community. from all those who love you. In you, God's love is revealed. You are always

our children.' Additional information and resources can be found on our Web site, www.nacdlgm.org. Sincerely, - Michael Harmuth, Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and **Gay Ministries**

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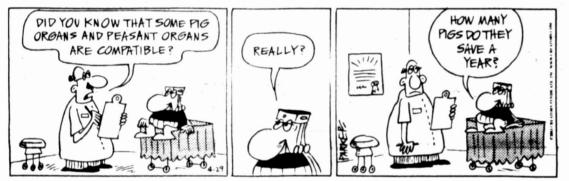
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Alan Cumming says he took the part of a blue-skinned mutant called Nightcrawler in "X2: X-Men United" for a number of reasons.

For one, the gay Scottish actor says he likes the movie's message.

"I really liked the message in the film that we need to be more tolerant and understanding of other cultures different than ours and not to think because they are different they are bad," said Cumming, 38.

He also takes roles in major studio films such as "X2" and "Spy Kids," Cumming said, so he can finance his more offbeat projects. They include writing an adaptation of his novel, "Tommy's Tale," and producing plays for his theater company, the Art Party.

"I have this thing I call the Hollywood bank," Cumming said. "You have to make deposits sometimes so you can make withdrawals so I can do little films or write a play."

Besides his own projects, Cumming is starring in a television show he hopes will make the ABC midseason lineup next year. He described "Mr. and Mr. Nash," about a crime-fighting couple, as a gay "Hart to Hart.'

"It's two interior designers and there are corpses everywhere," he said. "It's funny and witty and kind of groundbreaking because it will be the first program on American network TV that has gay characters and their gayness is secondary to what the show is about.

NEW YORK (AP) _ Hiphop pioneers Public Enemy take on President Bush with their new CD-DVD, "Son of a Bush," scheduled for May 6 release.

The title track, which first appeared on last year's "Revolverlution," criticizes both the current president and his father.

Among the lyrics: "Have ou forgotten/I been through the first term of rotten/The father, the son/and the holy Bush... I told y'all when the first Bush was tappin' my phone... Can't truss 'em."

The group joins other artists including the Dixie Chicks and the Beastie Boys who have spoken out against the president.

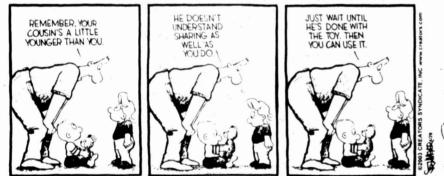
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Edited by Stanley Newman

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