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Cover Story: American Profile asked our readers, "Why is your mother such a great mom?" We'll feature some of those answers.

Food: This was a favorite at my dad's confectionery store.

Ask AP: Kenny Chesney, Madylin Sweetin, Bob Seger

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Rodriguez pleads, gets life

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Faced with a jury threatening to deadlock and the possibility of a new trial, a Big Spring teen on trial for capital murder pleaded guilty in 118th District Court.

After sitting through a five-hour jury deliberation during which jurors had once claimed to be deadlocked 11-1, 16-year-

old Tommy Rodriguez accepted a deal Wednesday. The young man pleaded guilty to the lesser included offense of murder instead of capital murder for the killing of 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton on July 29 of last year.

Judge Robert Moore III, following the recommendation set out in the plea agreement, sentenced Rodriguez to life in

prison.

The distinction means Rodriguez will be eligible for parole after serving 30 years instead of 40, as he would were he convicted of capital murder.

"Our goal throughout these proceedings, since we've been advised of the criminal case involving Harlan Jene Patton, has been to obtain a life sentence against his killer, who is Tommy

"The jury came back that they were hopelessly deadlocked. We don't know if they were deadlocked on a capital murder conviction versus a regular murder verdict versus a 'not guilty' verdict."



Hardy Wilkerson, District Attorney

Rodriguez," District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said following sentencing. "We charged

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The U.S. Army band Direct Fire from Fort Sill, Okla., rocks the Howard College campus Tuesday morning, playing a wide range of tunes from alternative to hard rock.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Early voting numbers low in education trustee races

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Although early voting picked up slightly in the last two days, election totals still show a sluggish turnout for area board elections.

A total of 551 votes were cast in five are school board elections by the end of Tuesday, the last day for early voting.

The District 4 race between Tony G. Kennedy and Linda Perez has drawn the largest interest of the two Big Spring Independent School District trustee races. A total of 112 early ballots were cast in that race.

By contrast, the BSISD District 2 race between Maria V. Padilla and Robert G. "Bob" Smith saw far less turnout, with only 39 early votes.

The creation of a new seven single-member election scheme in

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Coahoma's Riney ready to put his feet up

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Come June, the staff and faculty of Coahoma High School are going to have to find another prankster to fill the void left by retiring Principal Frank Riney.

The dark-haired, hazel-eyed, former high school coach has decided 32

years in education is enough.

"I wanted to put a perspective on it," Riney said. "I got to thinking — the first kids I taught are 46 years old. I'm thinking that I'm

old now. I can put my feet up."

Those "40-something students" were junior high schoolers when Riney took his first teaching job at Mineral Wells in 1971.

During his lengthy career as a coach in several school districts across the state, Riney added a girls' 1,600-meter

relay state team and several football and girls' basketball district championships to his list of accomplishments.

Riney came to Coahoma as principal of the high school, which has been named an exemplary campus by the Texas Education Agency accounting rating for the last five years in a row.

"This faculty has probably been the strongest and most maintenance-free lot," he said. "They have been super."

During his tenure at Coahoma High School, Riney was well-known as a practical joker and instigator as well as a strict disciplinarian.

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Bauer, Moss students head to Rising Star conference at state capital on Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Twelve young inspiring authors and artists from Big Spring will participate in the statewide Rising Star Young Writers and Artists Conference Saturday in Austin.

Essays, poetry and artwork produced by nine Bauer Magnet students and three Moss Elementary students were chosen to be submitted for publication in Rising Star, Young Texan Tales. The magazine publishes the writing and artwork of elementary students in grades 2-6 from schools across the state.

Each of the entries was

taken from regular assignments and completed in the classroom as required by the program.

This year's finalists from Bauer are: Second graders Shivalli Patel, poetry; Gaby Torres, narrative; and Jose Jimenez, art; third graders Nikki Ramirez, poetry; Lacy McMurtrey, narrative; and Sebastian Hernandez, art; fourth graders Judith Treece, poetry; Jon Erik Molina, narrative; and Andrew Newton, art.

Finalists from Moss are fourth graders Zach Flournoy, narrative; John Ethan Flores, poet; and Mindy Ralstone, art.

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Nine Bauer Elementary students will participate in the annual Rising Star Young Writers and Artist conference Saturday in Austin. Pictured are, from left, Jose Jimenez, Sebastian Hernandez, Lacy McMurtrey, Nikki Ramirez, Judith Treece, Gaby Torres, Shivalli Patel and Andrew Newton. Linda Long, Bauer fourth-grade teacher, and Jon Erik Molina, Region 18 Rising Star teacher's advisory council representative, stand in back.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Richard A. Harrison

Richard A. Harrison, 54, of Palm Bay, Fla., and a native of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at his home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Faith Baptist Church in Palm Bay.

Family and friends will visit at the church from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. Harrison was born in Big Spring on March 2, 1949, to Clinton Harrison and Ruth Carr.

He moved to Melbourne, Fla., in 1989 from Ohio. He was a quality control engineer with Symetrics. He was affiliated with Faith Baptist Church. He was a former member of the Melbourne Municipal Band.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl S. Harrison of Palm Bay; three daughters, Lora Sargent of Krum, Cheryl Hughes of Mt. Pleasant and Teresa Rankin of Palm Bay; a son, Richard Cannon of Palm Bay; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Faith Baptist Church of Palm Bay, 341 Emerson Dr. NW, Palm Bay, 32907.

Arrangements are under the Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home of Melbourne.

Helen H. Jones



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

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today, May 1, 2003, at the Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating.

Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2003, at Hickory Hill Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1936 in Cass County and married A. C. Jones on Dec. 29, 1959, in Mt. Pleasant. He preceded her in death on August 13, 1979.

Mrs. Jones came to Big Spring in 1964 from Mt. Pleasant. She had worked for Culligan and Bristow Oil and was currently working for Big Spring Independent School District.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and had kept the nursery at Hillcrest Baptist Church of several years. For many years, she was involved with the United Girls Softball Association and ran the concession stand at the Roy Anderson Complex. Helen had served as PTA president at College Heights several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Dale Sneed of Big Spring and Kim and Kurt Willems of Andrews; four grandchildren, Chase, Randi, Cole and Zayne and a grandchild due in June; two sisters, Dorothy Letsinger of Girard and Pat Belcher of Frost and two brothers, Bobby Ray Brock of Irving and Jerry Brock of Dallas.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy and Bernice.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Jessie Dee Wells



Jessie Dee Wells, 54, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of Community of Hope Nazarene Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1948, in Marlow, Okla., and married Perry Wells on Oct. 16, 2002 in Odessa.

Jessie grew up in Oklahoma and had worked in the insurance business. She enjoyed working with people, especially kids. She loved to read, go to the movies, gardening and flying in her favorite plane, "Charlie Whiskey".

She came to Big Spring in 2002 from Odessa. She was a christian.

Survivors include her husband, Perry Wells of Big Spring; one daughter, Jennifer Howell and friend, Randy Key of San Angelo; three sons, Perry Johnson and wife, Jennifer of San Angelo, Ryan Bagby and wife, Kimmie of Bakersfield, Calif., and Carl Wells and wife, Krysha of Big Spring; her mother, Daisy Cochran of Cordell, Okla.; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Treasure, Noah, Jaxon David and Karlee; four sisters, two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jess Cochran and one sister, Mary Lou Cude.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Audna Joann Neely Davis

Audna Joann Neely Davis, 73, of Sugarland, died on Monday, April 28, 2003, at her residence.

Graveside funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Garden City Cemetery.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1930, in San Angelo. Mrs. Davis was a former resident of Glasscock County. She had taught second grade in Midland in the 1950s and 1960s, before moving to Sugarland. She was a christian.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Davis of Sugarland; one daughter, Andra Stull of Wimberly; one sister, Zylphia Graham of Hobbs, N.M., and two nephews, Clifford Graham of Hamilton and Andy Graham of Kerrville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford Henry and Vera B. Neely.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-17-29-35-37.
Number matching five of five: None.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-18-27-45-52-54.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million.

Results of the 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-0

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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 VA 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night...Clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs around 80.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

MICHAEL ATKINS, 22, of 2510 Cindy was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

ALFRED EVENS, 47, of 203 N. 12th St. was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

ROBERT REYNOLDS, 48, of 1202 E. Third St. was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct — fighting.

JOHNNY JOHNSON, 31, of 1304 Stadium Ave. was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

DEBRA LAWRENCE, 36, of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested Wednesday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

CAROL HOLTON, 51, of 4000 W. Highway 80 was arrested Wednesday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard Avenue, the 1100 block of North Bell Street, the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue and the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2300 block of Kentucky Way, the 1500 block of East FM 700 and the 1600 block of East Third Street.

DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 900 block of West Fourth Street.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street and the 1600 block of Bluebird Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 300 block of Angela. The resident reported that someone had shot her mailbox.

- In the 1700 block of Highway 350.

- In the 3100 block of North Fifth Street.

BURGLARY OF A RESIDENCE was reported in the 2600 block of South Anderson.

STOLEN VEHICLE was reported:

- Eastbound on Interstate 20. The vehicle was stopped between mile markers 200 and 201 and returned to the owner.

- Near the intersection of Highway 87 and Brian Road.

ASSAULT was reported at an unknown address.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported near mile marker 186.

TRANSFORMER FIRES were reported in the 3500 block of Interstate 20 and in the 2800 block of North Birdwell.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of Jeffery Road.

PHONE HARRASSMENT was reported in the 3100 block of South Anderson.

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October also changed district boundaries, requiring the county to issue new voter registration

cards for Big Spring school district voters. In the upcoming election, constituents with the designation B2 or B4 in the school box on their voter registration card are the only people eligible to vote in the election,

set for Saturday. Constituents in both districts can cast votes at the Big Spring High School cafeteria, 707 11th Place. On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Coahoma ISD
The six-way race for three at-large seats on the Coahoma Independent School District board drew 92 early votes. The candidate field of six consists of incumbents James White, Larry Cordes and Jody Reid and challengers Bobby Lang, Brandon Iden and Danny Martin.

Poling places on Saturday will be held at Sand Springs Lions' Club building on Scout Hut Road, the community center in Coahoma at the city park and Vincent Baptist Church in Vincent.

Forsan ISD
A three-way race between incumbents Louis Boeker and Gary Hise and challenger Dr. David Sutton for two at-large seats on the Forsan Independent School District board brought out 30 early voters.

Voting Saturday will be at the high school administration office, 411 W. Sixth.

Glasscock County ISD
The race between Douglas Schaefer, Carl Hoelscher and Andy

Wheeler and incumbent Brad Avery for three at-large seats on the Glasscock County school board drew 95 early votes.

Voters in Precincts 2 and 4 should go to the Church of Christ in Garden City to vote on Saturday, while those in Precinct 1 should go to the St. Lawrence Hall in St. Lawrence and Precinct 3 voters can vote at the Drumright Community Center.

For any questions, call the Glasscock County Clerk's office at 354-2371. The clerk's office will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day to field questions.

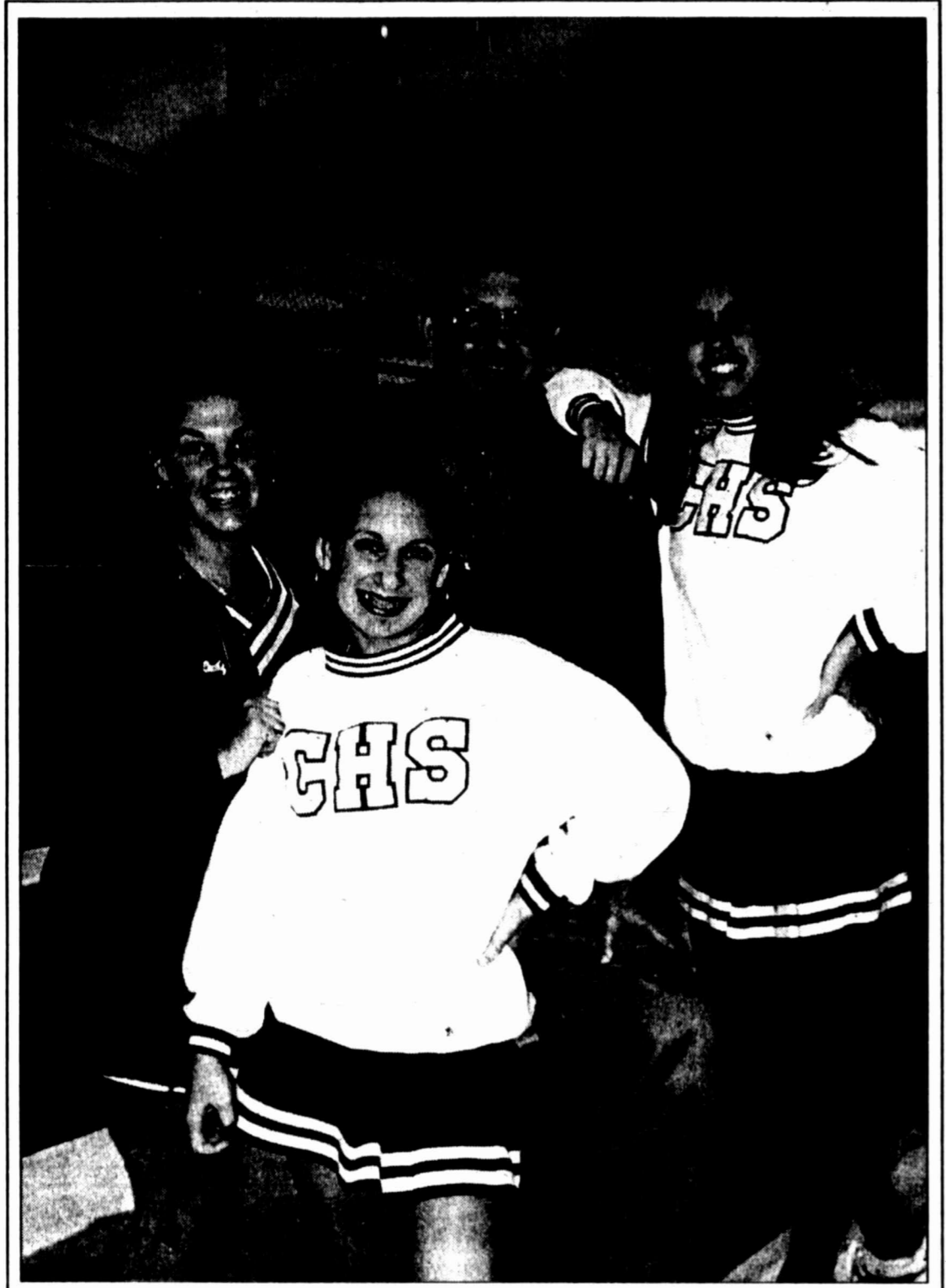
Stanton ISD
The single-member District 2 race between Connie Weaver and Ramiro Reyes drew little attention with only 25 people voting early in the race. By contrast, the at-large District 7 seat race between incumbent Dr. Pablo Teveni and Danny Ireton drew 158 votes, the largest turnout of all five area school board races.

Poling places for Saturday are set at District 1, Stanton

Community Center, 301 North St. Teresa St.; District 2, Stanton ISD auxiliary building, 710 W. Front St.; District 3, Stanton High School, 705 Koonce St.; District 4, North City Park Building, 1200 N. St. Boniface; District 5, Stanton Middle School Cafeteria, 100 N. Gray St.

According to Susie Hull, Martin County Clerk, the school district single member district boundaries do not follow the same line as the county and are not listed on the constituents' voter registration cards. For any question on which district a voter is in, call Hull at 756-3412. The county clerk's office will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day to field any questions.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



Coahoma High School Principal Frank Riney, surrounded by junior varsity cheerleaders Brandi Kilpatrick, Crystal Bridges and Sterling Gee, will be retiring in June after 32 years in the education field.

RINEY

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Riney made the decision to retire two of months ago to free up time to visit children and

grandchildren who reside in the Dallas area. He and wife Cindy are considering eventually moving to the Dallas/Forth Worth area to be near family. "We've been keeping

the road hot between here and Dallas," Riney said.

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STAR

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art. The students will be honored along with almost 1,000 state finalists at the annual conference, where they will learn if their work was chosen for publication.

Each finalist will receive a copy of the 2003 Rising Star magazine and take a picture with guest speaker Trevor Romain, children's author and illustrator.

An award-winning author, Romain's collection of works includes "How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up," "Bullies Are A Pain In the Brain" and "Cliques, Phonies & Other Baloney."

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Attorney wants restrictions against Butler relaxed some

LUBBOCK (AP) - The attorney for a Texas Tech University professor accused of lying about missing plague bacteria samples wants his client to be able to travel freely in the continental United States and to be allowed to use a computer.

Attorney Floyd Holder filed a motion Wednesday seeking changes in the bond restrictions placed on Thomas C. Butler, 61. In addition to travel changes and computer usage, the motion also seeks to allow Butler to contact various witnesses with Holder for an adequate defense and to remove Butler from electronic monitoring and a curfew.

"The United States government strenuously opposes this motion," Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said. "It will provide an appropriate response to the court in writing."

The scientist reported in January that 30 vials of the bacteria responsible for the deadly bubonic plague were missing from a university lab. He later admitted he had accidentally destroyed them.

The report, coming amid public worry over biological attack, triggered a terrorism-alert plan and prompted the FBI to rush dozens of agents to Lubbock.

TRIAL

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him with capital murder knowing the law would not allow us to seek the death penalty but we would obtain a life sentence should we obtain a conviction."

The jury sent a note to Moore after 4 1/2 hours of deliberation, saying it was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. After calling the jury into the courtroom, Moore determined that members of the jury had taken four votes. The judge instructed the foreman to give no indication of what the vote was for, only to indicate the "spread" to give an idea of whether the deliberations were making progress. According to the foreman, the first vote went 6-6, while in the last, the spread had improved to 11-1.

Moore ordered the jury to continue deliberating.

"The jury came back that they were hopelessly deadlocked," Wilkerson said. "We don't know if they were deadlocked on a capital murder conviction versus a regular murder verdict versus a 'not guilty' verdict. We simply don't know that."

Wilkerson said he feared that the jury would find Rodriguez guilty of regular murder and sentence him to a relatively light term.

"That there would be some kind of 20- or 30-year sentence assessed and I felt like I just couldn't allow that to happen."

he said. "With the goal of a life sentence in mind, I told the defendant that, if the jury is deadlocked, we will retry him unless he accepts a life sentence on a regular murder conviction. I gave him a 15-minute fuse and he came back in 15 minutes and said he'd be willing to accept a life term on a murder conviction."

Rodriguez - 15 at the time of the murder - was charged with strangling Patton to death with a rope in order to steal his car. Rodriguez's girlfriend, Melanie Castaneda, who was 17 when the killing was committed - pleaded guilty earlier this year to the crime and was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Patton's body was discovered July 30 in a field on Rockhouse Road. An autopsy indicated he had been strangled.

Earlier in the day Wednesday, defense attorney Don Richard of Big Spring called three witnesses: Rodriguez's brother Fred Rodriguez, his niece Gina Rodriguez and his mother Patsy Rodriguez.

The three witnesses all said that Castaneda was a bad influence on Rodriguez. Patsy Rodriguez said she had urged the defendant to break up with the girl.

Mrs. Rodriguez also said Tommy has been held back in school four years, and completed only the seventh grade before dropping out. On cross examination, she said he had been thrown out of school for behavior problems.

In his closing statement, Wilkerson told members of the jury that the facts

of the case were obvious and that the defense could only attempt to play on their emotions. That was the reason the defense on Tuesday had a witness play Rodriguez's emotional taped statement, in which he admitted killing Patton.

Wilkerson asked the jury what other reason the defense could have for playing the statement.

"Why would you do that? Why in the world would you do that?" he asked. "Tears. They wanted you to hear the tears."

Richard's answer to Wilkerson's question was that he wanted the jury to see the difference between Rodriguez's tearful statement and Castaneda's less-emotional videotaped statement, also played Tuesday.

"You got to see an insight of how it is to be 15 and in there, no parents, no lawyer, alone with a chief deputy and a Texas Ranger (who took Rodriguez's statement)," Richard said.

The defense attorney went on to say that the fact Castaneda signaled Rodriguez to kill Patton is a telling fact.

"Who gave the signal? That tells you what you need to know," Richard said.

By pleading guilty, Rodriguez surrendered the right to appeal his conviction.

Rodriguez's family members refused to comment after the trial. Richard was unavailable for comment.

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Scams abound: Consumers advised to be wary

The following two articles are provided on a consumer information Web site. I thought you, the readers, might like to read about some scams that are currently taking place. If you would like to read more information, it can be found at the following Web site:
http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/cons_alert.shtm

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New attempts to steal consumers' financial information continue to surface. Consumers frequently receive e-mails requesting personal financial information

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Editor's note: Katie Walker is the Howard County Extension agent for family and consumer science.

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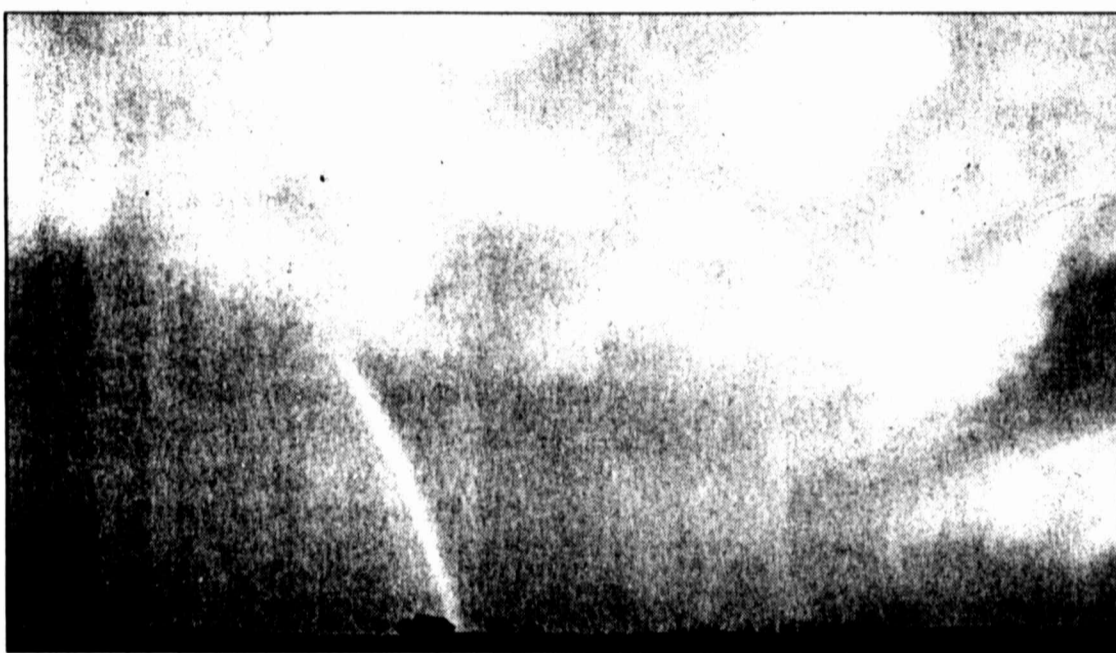
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"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

Topic: Rainbows

Q: How are rainbows formed?

A: You need two ingredients for rainbows — rainfall and sunlight, says Dr. Ping Yang of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you.

"So to observe a rainbow, you must be facing the area of rainfall with the sun at your back," Yang explains. "Sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, and the light is scattered from the raindrops and produces colors of the spectrum — from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light — thus a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. That's why no two people ever see exactly the same rainbow — every person viewing it sees a different set of raindrops at a different angle. You can sometimes

create a rainbow yourself by taking a garden hose, and with the sun at your back, turn it on to create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you'll see the spectrum of lights form — a rainbow. Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii or Florida, naturally have the most rainbows.

Q: How are double rainbows formed?

A: A double rainbow — the correct term is secondary rainbow — occurs the same way as the first rainbow in front of it except that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Yang. Just the right angle is required for an observer to see two rainbows, and the secondary rainbow is always fainter or

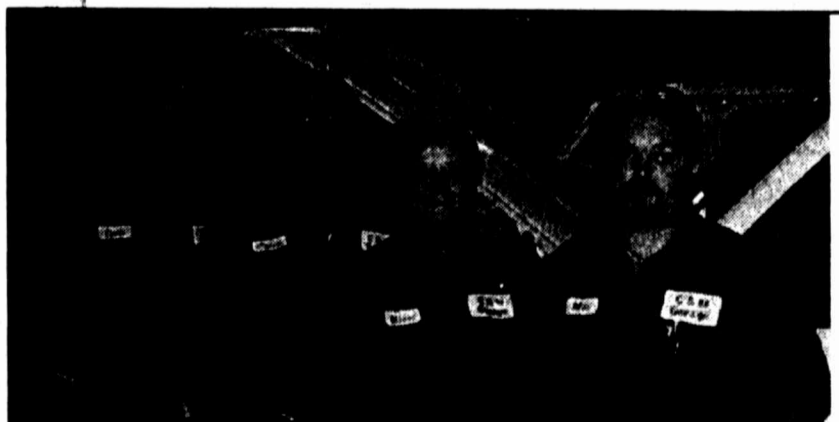
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BSHS physicals will be given in May
Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held in the first part of May.

Male and female doctors will be available. For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

Sweetwater hoops classic set for May
The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 16-18. This tournament is for boys and girls in all age divisions.

For more information, contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-6757.

Bass club to host annual event in May
The Big Spring Bass Club will host its 13th Annual Open Bass Tournament on May 3 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

The tournament is set to run from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will be headquartered at the Concho Park Store. The weigh-in site will be the boat ramp.

For more information contact tournament coordinator Jerry Jones at 263-2366 or 263-4329.

CJHS cheerleaders set to make debut
The public will be able to get its first glimpse of the Coahoma Junior High School cheerleaders today when they debut at a fundraiser.

The cheerleaders are sponsoring a \$5 barbecue dinner on May 1. The meal will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the CJHS gymnasium.

UTPB schedules June volleyball camps
University of Texas-Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicinea will be conducting three camps this summer for area speakers. The camps will be limited to 24 per session.

For more information contact Aicinea at 552-2677.

Forsan standout adds name to All Americas

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Matt Ellis is a lot like Scottie Pippen during his days with the Chicago Bulls. He never quite got the headlines his teammates did but he was widely regarded as a superstar in his own right.

For Pippen, who won six championship rings as Jordan's sidekick, there was always a Mike or Worm around. For Ellis, life was made quieter by Brent Huff and

Wes Longorio. Still, you knew he was there.

Ellis will get his chance to shine again this July when he competes in the 2003 All Americas Bowl Basketball Classic. Senior athletes from throughout the Crossroads and southwestern United States will play in the all-star matchup in late July at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Ellis, a multi-year member of Coach Terry McDonald's Forsan

varsity squad, helped carry the Buffaloes to their first district championship in more than 30 years this past fall. The Buffs won the District 3-2A race with a 9-1 record.

Ellis was a key part of the Buffaloes' success. He averaged nearly 10 points a game this season and was among the team leaders in several other categories.

In the All Americas matchup, Ellis will play for longtime rival

coach Kim Nichols of Coahoma. Nichols' squad will square off against the North team — which will likely be guided by Grady's Carl Krug — on Friday, July 25. The All Americas girls' game will be played on Saturday prior to the start of the All Americas Bowl.

For more information, or to nominate a player for the contest, visit the All Americas web site at www.allamericas.net or email tpwells@crc.com.

CLASS 1A STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The First Time

WHS freshman ready to take his swings at state

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

WESTBROOK — as a young man, Trey Chavez used to duck, flinch and eventually chase tennis balls every time his father Marcelino would play him.

These days, Westbrook tennis coach Marcelino Chavez often thinks of urgent reasons not to face his son on the tennis court. There's too much time spent ducking, flinching and chasing shots from the young man he taught.

"I don't play him that much anymore," said Chavez recently while facing Grady at a dual match at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex. "He's become a very good player and I've put on a few years."

Chavez, who dominated opponents last year as an eighth grader at Coahoma Junior High School, will get his chance to compete for the Class 1A state crown this coming week when he participates in the Texas State Tennis Tournament. Chavez is one of three locals making the trip to the state finals, joining Grady's doubles team of Eric Tunnell and Trent May.

All three Crossroads-area stars are scheduled to begin play in the event on May 3 at the Lakeview tennis complex.

A freshman, Chavez will begin his quest for the state crown on Monday, May 3, by participating in the bottom half of the 8-person state bracket. He takes to the court against Lefors' Josh Garcia. A win over Garcia would send the Chavez into a quarterfinal round showdown with either Bruni's Rodney Munoz or Brad Baker of Merit Bland.

In other games, Rotan's Colter Williams will face Newcastle's Dylan Dyer while McLeod's Greg Dickerson will face Austwell-Tivoli's Vance Simmons.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Westbrook freshman Trey Chavez, who last season played on the Coahoma Junior High School team, will join Grady's doubles team of Eric Tunnell and Trent May at the state tennis tournament this coming week in Austin. Chavez won the Region IIA title last Saturday in Abilene.

Benefit

FHS seniors to instruct faculty in art of roundball

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A fierce battle is expected to play out Friday as the Forsan High School faculty takes on the seniors in the Forsan High School Scholarship Basketball fund-raiser.

Faculty members head into the Friday's matchup completely focused on the on the serious competition.

"I'm excited," said Debbie Burton, high school secretary. "They told me I could get away from the phones if I played."

Burton expressed surprise upon learning she was selected as a team starter but plans to devote her total effort to the endeavor.

"I thought I'd be a team mom, you know, hand out water, but they told me I had to play," Burton said.

High School Principal Keith Stone expressed his complete confidence in the faculty's ability to overtake what some may think will be a blowout match in favor of the...umm...more youthful team.

Well, maybe he's not so confident.

"I think the seniors will have it over us," Stone said, taking time for a Tuesday phone morning interview.

The game begins at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Proceeds from the match will go toward establishing a school scholarship fund.

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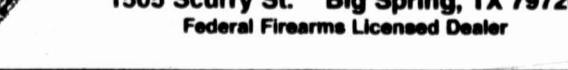
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Courtesy photo
Pictured above are the Championship Flight winner of the 2003 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament which was held this past weekend at the Big Spring Country Club. Among the winners were (from left to right) were Lance Brock, Zac Hall, Jerrod Simmons and Ronnie Broadrick. Saturday's winning score was a 17-under-par 54, Sunday's winning mark was a 56. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life.

Former WNBA MVP returns to fold for Comets' season

HOUSTON (AP) — Former MVP Cynthia Cooper ended two years of retirement at age 40 rejoining her old Houston Comets teammates and hearing the same old questions about her relationship with Sheryl Swoopes.

Although the pair often were reported at odds, they were part of four consecutive WNBA Comets championships before Cooper retired after the 2000 season and coached the Phoenix Mercury for just over one season with a 19-23 record.

"There was a lot of speculation about friction between Sheryl and myself," Cooper said. "We

won four championships together so I'll let those speak for how much friction there could have been."

The WNBA labor talks delayed Cooper's return as a player, which has been anticipated for months. The Comets also announced they re-signed, Swoopes, last season's MVP.

Coach Van Chancellor will have to deal with any lingering problems.

"I don't worry about it," Chancellor said. "The first two players we signed were Cynthia and Sheryl. If CD (Comets vice president Carroll Dawson) couldn't have signed Sheryl, I might have thought there was

something to that.

"Sheryl has known that Cynthia was coming back and yet the first day we could prepare a contract, she signed it."

Chancellor also announced the Comets traded No.1 draft pick Allison Curtain of Tulsa to the Detroit Shock for Dominique Canty. The Comets also selected guard Ukari Figgs, from Portland in the WNBA transitional draft.

"I don't believe in rookies and I don't believe in 40-year-olds," Chancellor said. "If you can play you can play. Just give me players and all the rest will take care of itself."

Cooper, a four-time All-Star, won the league's MVP award twice and was the leading scorer three times. During her four seasons in Houston, she averaged 21.1 points and led the Comets to the WNBA championship each summer.

Former Astros star set to pitcher starts against former teammates

HOUSTON (AP) — The daily routine has been normal for Shane Reynolds the last couple of days, at least until he exits the freeway to downtown and pulls into Minute Maid Park.

He's slept in his own bed, gotten up and taken the kids to school and lunched with his wife before driving to the ballpark, just as he's done for most of his 10-year major league career with the Houston Astros.

"Everything seemed to be in order except when I got here," Reynolds said. "I had to park somewhere different and had to come to the visiting clubhouse, which I'd never been to."

Reynolds will find even more stark differences Thursday night when he

puts on his Atlanta Braves uniform and starts against his former Astros teammates for the first time since the Astros released him in spring training.

Reynolds had spent his entire 14-year career in the Astros organization and thought he had the No. 3 spot in the rotation this spring before his abrupt release that shocked him.

Reynolds was almost as familiar in the Astros dugout as Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell. He had a 19-8 record in 1998 and made the All-Star team in 2000. He was Houston's opening day starter five straight seasons (1996-2000).

"There are good emotions about coming back,

anxious, excited, and a little nervous," Reynolds said. "Biggio and Bagwell and a lot of those guys over there have been behind me on the mound. That will be different facing them."

"I'll just try to make my pitches and see what happens. They've got a great lineup and great hitters. I know that. I've played with them a long time."

Reynolds refuses to point fingers about his release.

"They say things happen for a reason," Reynolds said. "You don't know why and sometimes it takes a little longer to figure it out. I think this may be one of the reasons I had a chance to start over with another club."

Ford to announce NBA status

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas All-American T.J. Ford said Wednesday he will announce today whether he will return for his junior season or enter the NBA draft.

In a brief interview outside the Longhorn basketball offices, Ford said he hadn't made up his mind. "I'll trot out a decision (Thursday). Right now, I have got 24 (hours) — another day," Ford told The Associated Press.

Ford, in response to a direct question, said he had not made up his mind. Asked if he was just unwilling to disclose his decision, he responded, "Find out tomorrow."

Newspaper and broadcast reports have quoted anonymous team sources that Ford is likely to enter the draft June 26, when he's projected as a lottery pick.

"Whether I want to give up college or not, basically that's what it boils down to," he said.

A news conference with Ford and Texas coach Rick Barnes was scheduled today.

With Ford, Texas figured to be a favorite to win the 2004 NCAA national championship. Without him, the Longhorns would be left trying to find a new leader and public face for

a resurgent program.

Ford was the star power behind a team full of role players last season as Texas got to the Final Four for the first time in 56 years. The Longhorns were ranked in the top 10 all season and generated excitement and talk of a national title.

Ford won the John R. Wooden Award and the Naismith Award, both college basketball player of the year honors, after leading Texas in scoring (15.0 points), assists (7.0) and steals (2.0). He led the nation in assists as a freshman and his career mark of 527 ranks second in school history.

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 4. Curtis Cassidy, Donald, Alberta, \$30,435
 5. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$29,582
 6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$29,357
 7. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$27,837
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 3. Matt Tyler, Dennis, Texas (13), \$18,573
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 5. S. Williams, Amarillo, Texas (12), \$17,408
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 4. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$17,237
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Outdated ideas will only slow you down. There's no such thing as information overload today because you're so adept at synthesizing what you need to know. Read, and talk to friends; a phone communication will be eye-opening. Taurus (April 20-May 20). The schedule is non-stop. Don't forget — you're the one who made it that way. Software or new technology helps you stay organized. Your attractiveness increases. You'll have to ask for privacy, or no one gets the hint!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Social activities may be draining, and you'll realize you must be more discriminating with your time to move ahead at work or with a home project. Distinguish between what you really want to do and what you kind of want to do. Cancer (June 22-July 22). You cover the basics but would like it if someone else would handle some of the extras. Speak up now, or you run the risk of growing resentful. No relationship is perfect, and you're better off not expecting such things!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Forget partnerships for now. Do do your best work alone. The concentrated effort will be most enjoyable and quite therapeutic. Also, you should know that keeping your finger on the pulse of the world is a saleable talent. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). In this passionate year, you influence the world with your incredible vitality! Expect to be in demand and happy, too. Couples marry or decide to have children in August. In September, bigger-than-life choices might be a bit confusing, but an expert helps. Trust a Capricorn or Gemini with the right credentials. Changes are a bit uprooting but worth it. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 35, 30 and 49.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where does your workday go? The only way to find out is to grab a pen and take notes along your way. If you can do this for one week, you'll dramatically change the course your career takes. Be accountable to yourself. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you put yourself out there in a high-profile way, you're bound to get some criticism. Let it bounce off you — those same people will come to you later for advice. If you tend to chat, make it harder for your work mates to stop by. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let go of harsh judgments, including those of yourself, and more is accomplished. If you are truly behind at work, you have a legitimate reason to stay late. If not: What are you thinking? Kissing up sets a difficult precedent. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The spotlight is on old friends. Just because you no longer have much in common doesn't mean it's time to end the relationship completely. Growing apart is natural, but you can learn a lot from those who are different. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work on problem solving. Think of a distressing incident, and then, choose objects to represent it symbolically. Play with the objects in a way that shows the essence of the problem, and see if you can't work out a solution.

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GRAIN, HAY OR FEED For Sale. Large round bales. Peanut and Haygrazer. Call 915-333-4533.

GARAGE SALES 801 E. 16th. Sat. 8-7. Baby bed, high chair, small ref., propane B.B.Q., microwave & cart, exercise bike, Kirby vacuum, 3 Lg. carpets and more.

GARAGE SALES Garage Sale: 5612 Midway Rd. T.V., dishes, pan., Corner China Cabinet, chest end tables, patio table & chairs, Collectables, lamps and lots of misc. Fri.-Sat. till noon.

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2 Family Garage Sale, 2703 Crestline. Sat. 8:00-7:00. Aquarium, bar stools, bath linens, bed coverings, camera, caps, clothes, gas grill, jewelry, kitchenware, knick-knacks, vintage radio, rugs, shelf unit, stereo system, tire, some tools, toys, T.V. wicker chair/screen.

Garage Sale: 2605 Larry. Fri & Sat. 8-5. Patio Set, Children toys & clothing. Kenwood Imp. J.B.L. Speaker & box.

Garage Sale: 6807 E. Midway Rd. Thurs. - Fri. 8-7. New Wing Back chair, clothes, dishes and lots more.

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Garage Sale: 105 Washington, Sat. 8-7. Garage Sale: 1510 State Park Dr., Sat. 8-7. Love Seat, Chester draws, clothes, table and lots of misc.

Moving Sale: 604 W. 15th. Sat. 7-7. Going N. on Gregg turn left onto 16th, then right on Pennsylvania then right on 15th. 3rd house on the left.

For Sale by Owner Owner Financing Provided. Low down payment, low monthly payments. 1200 Rosemont Corner lot, nice clean 3 bdr, 1 bath, with 1 bdr house.

1 bdr 1 bath, utilities included. 800 Nolan \$400. mo. \$250. deposit. Call 264-9907

NEED A LOAN?? GRAB THE PHONE!! ONE CALL!! THAT'S ALL!! No Credit - No Problem Loans Up To \$500 Apply by phone 267-4591 or come by SECURITY FINANCE 204 S. Goliad • Big Spring

3 Family Garage Sale: Fri.-Sat. 8:00-7:2614 Cindy. Clothing, furn., lots of misc.

Garage Sale: 2405 Allendale, Sat. 8-12. Baby bed, LR tables, (1) 75R 15 Goodyear tire, bathroom sink, misc.

Garage Sale: 2305 Allendale, Sat. 8-7. NO EARLY BIRDS. Dishes, clothes, furn., bedding and much more.

For Sale by Owner Owner Financing Provided. Low down payment, low monthly payments. 107 Wood Very nice, clean 2 BR, 1 bath with detached garage and fenced backyard

1206 E. 11th Place. Lg. 3 bdr., 2 bath, HVAC, nice yard, hardwood floors, newly cleaned & remodeled. 2 car garage. \$800. + deposit. 1 yr. lease 267-2296

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE Sat. May 3, 2003 - 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. & Sun. May 4, 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. -905 Chestnut St. Colorado City, TX Two Adjustable-Beds w/papers, Roll Top Desk w/locking Roll, Sofa, Bedroom Furniture, Nice Washer & Dryer, Dining Room Suite, Living Room Furniture, Lots of Fishing Items, Bar-B-Q Pit, Tools, Dishes, Linens & Etc. A 2 Bedroom Home w/1 Car Garage. Full plus Lots of Outside Items. PRICED TO SELL.

Garage Sale: 3224 Cornell, ONLY Sat. 9-3. Sleigh bed, stove, cookware, dishes, video camera, Rockies, prom dresses, clothes, golf clubs, lots of goodies. Garage is in back - enter through alley or come through side gate.

Garage Sale: 2305 Allendale, Sat. 8-7. NO EARLY BIRDS. Dishes, clothes, furn., bedding and much more.

Large 2 1/2 home. Large den, built-ins, garage, quit neighborhood. 2000 sq. ft. \$89,950 505 Hillside. Call 432-238-9001 in Big Spring.

1304 Lincoln 2Bdrm - 1 bath \$325/mo. \$150/dep. 1204 Lancaster 2Bdrm - 1 bath \$325/mo. \$150/dep. 1305 Graf 3Bdrm - 1 bath CH/A \$475/mo. \$200/dep. 263-1792 or 270-5874

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FREE to good home. 7 weeks old, will be large dog. Call 268-1630.

PUBLIC NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney if you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 26 day of MAY, 2003, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County at Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 12TH day of MARCH, A.D. 2002, in this case, numbered 41494 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE INTEREST OF DONOVAN KING, A MINOR CHILD #3858 April 17 & 24 & May 1 & 8, 2003

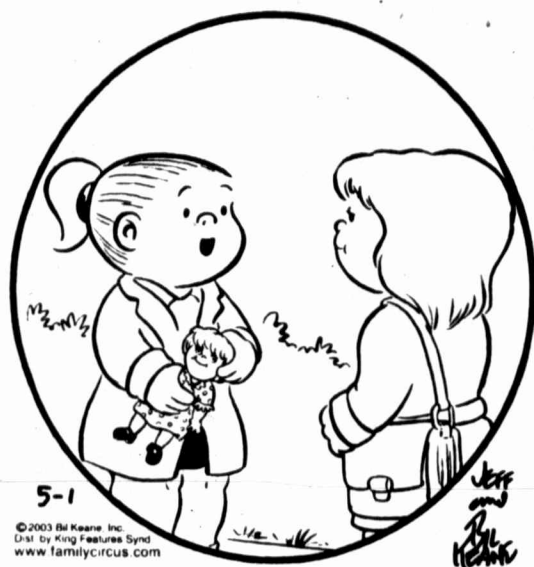
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7 PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Caught Red-Handed!	Antiques Road	Movie: Jack	Survivor: The Amazon	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends	MLB Baseball	Las Vegas del Amor	Star Trek: Next	Jackie Chan: My Story	Protect and Serve	Hunt for Red October	Update With John Hagee	Amer. Justice	New Detectives	Law & Order	Sister, Sister	
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12 AM	Paid Program	Blind Date	Cowboy	Paid Program	Street Smarts	Oprah	Frasier (CC)	12:15 Movie: Maximum	Mentira (CC)	Highlander (CC)	Blind Date	Edge of Iron (CC)	Hunt for Amaz-	Day (CC)	Update With John Hagee	Movie: Columbo: It's	Flight From Justice: The	First Round	Inside the NBA

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"MOM SAID I DROVE HER 'UP THE WALL', SO NOW I HAVE TO SIT HERE AND LOOK AT IT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

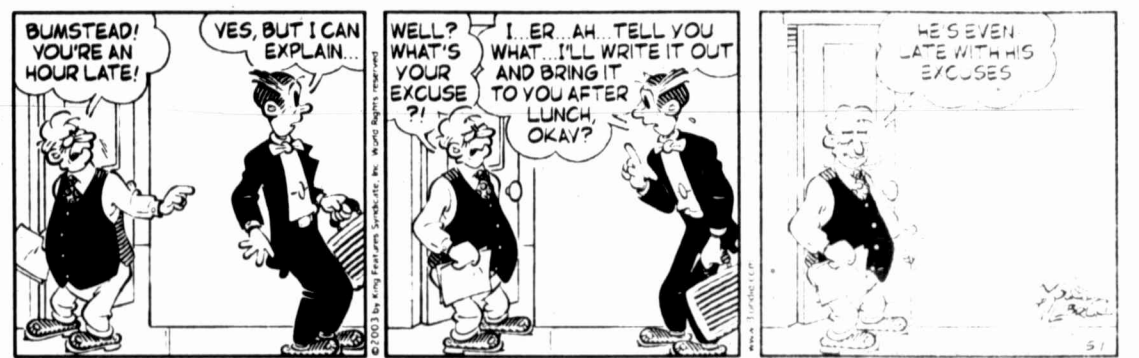


"If I have any daughters, I'll name them after flowers — Rose, Lily, Snapdragon ..."

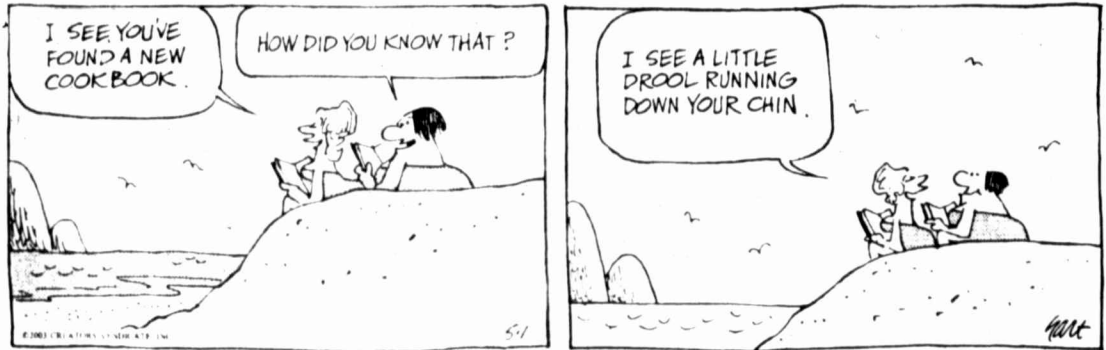
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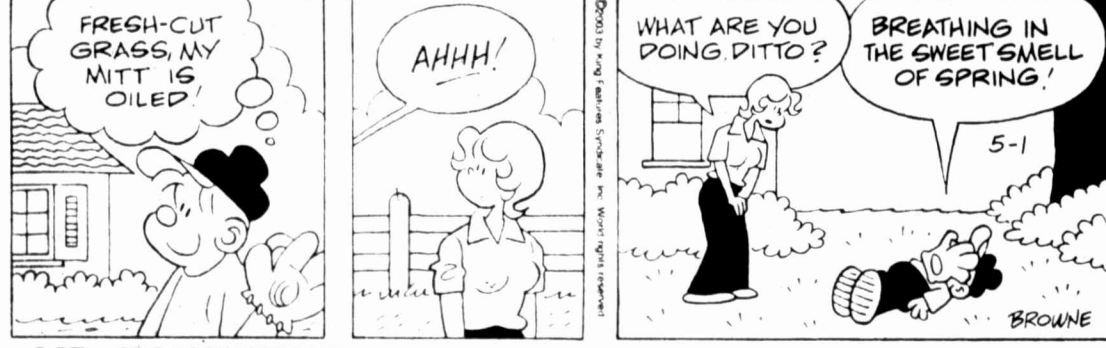
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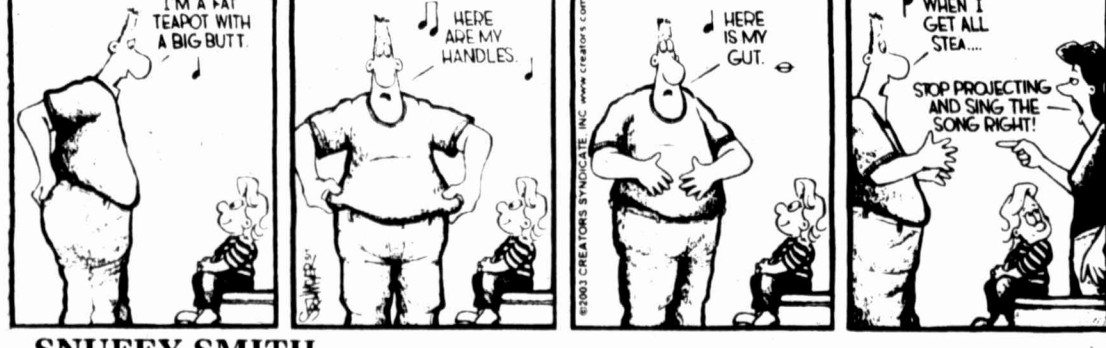
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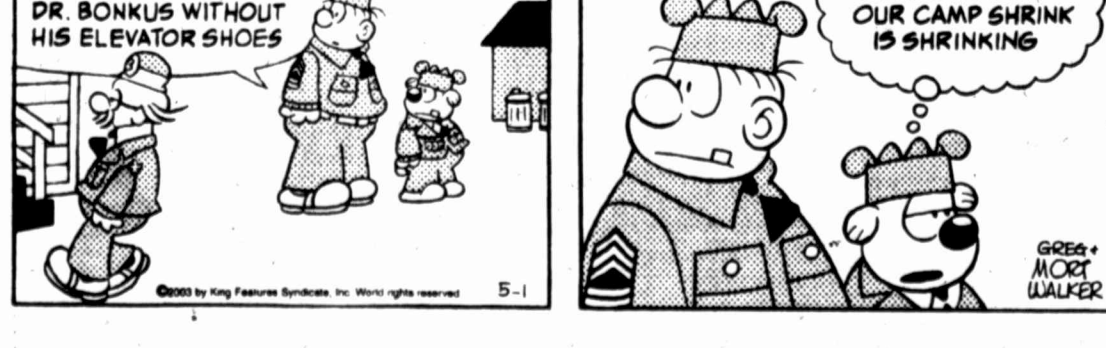
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES _ Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, will be honored posthumously with Congress' highest honor, a Congressional Gold Medal, the Los Angeles Dodgers announced.

The honor, recognizing the Hall of Famer's contributions to equality and civil rights, is "well-deserved and long overdue," said Bob Graziano, the Dodgers' president and chief operating officer.

"He is such an important part of our franchise's history, our pastime's history and our nation's history," Graziano said Friday in a statement. "Jackie was an extraordinary talent and pioneer and will for-

ever be one of America's treasured symbols." Robinson's daughter, Sharon, will accept the award Wednesday in Washington. Her father, who died in 1972, played 10 seasons in the major leagues, all with the Dodgers.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. _ James Taylor didn't have a guitar or even a microphone when he sang during the weekend, and he was backed up by Gov. Mike Easley and the Chapel Hill High School band.

The song was "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the occasion was a ceremony to unveil a sign naming a bridge in his honor.

The "James Taylor Bridge" sign will soon be posted where U.S. 15-501 South crosses Morgan Creek. The award-winning singer and songwriter spent much of his childhood in Chapel Hill

in a home near the creek, and the memories inspired his hit song "Copperline."

Taylor told the crowd of hundreds he felt strongly connected to the area, and he remembered waiting for the school bus and seeing a group of inmates chained together as they worked on the highway, while a cloud of chickens passed by.

"It was a different time," he said Saturday. "Things have gotten a lot better in many ways. Things have gotten more complicated, too."

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SMELLS GREAT by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 In the future
 - 6 Taylor's third
 - 10 Put to work
 - 14 Actor Greene
 - 15 Mayberry resident
 - 16 Best preference, for short
 - 17 Florida five
 - 18 Movie segment
 - 19 Thermometer site
 - 20 Incense ingredient
 - 23 Ottawa's location: Abbr.
 - 24 Loan letters
 - 25 Farm transportation
 - 27 Adept
 - 32 The Big (New Orleans)
 - 33 Bus. letter abbr.
 - 34 Sandwich shops
 - 36 Fits together
 - 39 Got 100 on
 - 41 Piece of information
 - 43 Above
 - 44 Belief
 - 46 Amadeus director Forman
 - 48 Blunder
 - 49 Retires a baserunner, perhaps
 - 51 Conceal
 - 53 More muscular
 - 56 Crude dwelling
 - 57 Young man

- DOWN**
- 1 mater
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 - 3 Therefore
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 - 5 Lobster, for one
 - 6 Donut shapes
 - 7 Crude cartel
 - 8 San __, CA
 - 9 Four-star
 - 10 Tabloid subject
 - 11 Olla podrida
 - 12 Olympic contest
 - 13 Auto imperfections
 - 21 Straightened
 - 22 Shoe seller's surname
 - 26 Between continents
 - 27 Not unkempt
 - 28 Tale starter
 - 29 Herbal quaff, perhaps
 - 30 Happy as a
 - 31 Bandleader's order
 - 35 Kirk subordinate

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