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Westbrook ISD sets fund-raiser Thursday

Westbrook Independent School District will host an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday. The WHS Student Council and National Honor Society will sponsor a nacho pile-on in the campus cafeteria. The annual variety show will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Admission is \$2 per person. The cost for the nacho meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for student, and includes the price for admission to the variety show.

Dinner theater slated at Stanton Tuesday

Stanton High School theater department will host a dinner theater one-act production of "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose on Tuesday. The production is part of a joint fund-raising effort between the school's one-act play program and FCCLA. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria with curtain rise at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. The menu will consist of roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and a drink.

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Deputy receives minor injuries in altercation

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Howard County Sheriff's Deputy was expected to return to duty today after being injured in a struggle to subdue a subject Saturday afternoon. According to the sheriff's office, the problem occurred when deputies went to 1007 East 16th to serve a felony warrant on David Jerome Franks. "A female answered the door and gave a fictitious name. She said David lived here but wasn't home. She allowed the deputies into the house to search," said Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett.

"When the subject came out of the bedroom, he became aggressive and in the struggle Deputy Woods dislocated his shoulder."



Gary Pritchett, chief deputy

"While there, deputies located Keith Lance, who was also wanted for felony charges — unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and

identity theft," Pritchett continued. "In the process of arresting him, another man fitting the description of David Franks ran into a room and lock himself in." Deputies David Woods and Pat Carter, who were there to serve a warrant on Franks for deadly conduct, called for backup from the police department and began dialogue with the subject, Pritchett said. "When the subject came out of the bedroom, he became aggressive and in the struggle Deputy Woods dislocated his shoulder," Pritchett said.

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ESPERANZA

House of Hope draws nearer to completion

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

More than 30 volunteers rolled up their sleeves Saturday and dived into a continuing renovation project to turn a house on Scurry Street into a temporary home for pregnant women. "Next week we have scheduled a crew of men who will help us with this," said Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the Community Hope First Church of the Nazarene, which financially supports the project. Esperanza or "House of Hope," is a three-year-plus project funded through private money and some foundation grants. Although renovation work is far from over, when the project is complete, the house will serve as a temporary home for young pregnant mothers to provide a chance for them to get readjusted. "We're not just focusing on teenage pregnancy," Huff said. "We want to help other woman who are pregnant and need help to benefit from our services as well." Work has progressed enough, Huff said, for Birth Right, an organization that helps



Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene youth members **Branden Burchett, 16, left, James Geraldson, 18, and Lance Gross, 14,** help renovate the House of Hope, a project to turn a house on Scurry Street into a temporary home for pregnant women.

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Donors make 'Pops' possible

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation are hard at work making plans for this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the



Fireworks light the sky during last year's Pops in the Park concert at Comanche Trail Park.

"It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."



Tim Blackshear, foundation chairman

Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, an event that has become a mainstay of our community celebration during the past six years.

Crowds have packed the amphitheater each year with between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program and organizers expect as big a crowd or even larger in 2004, since Midland will not be holding its traditional show on July 4 this year. For now, much of the organizing committee's attention is focused on raising the money they need — approximately \$30,000 — to stage the show. Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and indi-

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Truce holds for 2nd day in Fallujah
Increase seen in kidnappings

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Gunfire was largely silenced Monday in the second day of a truce in Fallujah, where doctors said 600 Iraqis, including many civilians, were killed in the past week's Marine siege of Sunni insurgents. In the south, the military suggested it is open to a negotiated solution in its showdown with a radical Shiite cleric.

But additional U.S. forces have been maneuvering into place, and the military has warned it will launch an all-out assault on Fallujah if talks there between pro-U.S. Iraqi politicians and city officials — which were continuing Monday — fall through.

President Bush prepared Americans for the possibility of more casualties in the Mideast nation after at least 62 U.S. soldiers were killed across Iraq since April 4, including three Marines killed Sunday.

"It was a tough week last week and my prayers and thoughts are with those who pay the ultimate price for our security," Bush said.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen.

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RR Commissioner run-off set Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Tuesday, Howard County residents have the opportunity to go to the polls to elect a Republican nominee for Texas Railroad Commissioner. Balloting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in just one location — the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lobby. The election is a runoff between incumbent Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler and is not expected to draw a lot of attention locally. Only 47 ballots were cast in the early voting period in Howard County, which ended Thursday. Voters are encouraged to bring

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

their voter registration cards. If that is not possible, another form of identification is acceptable. However, Deputy Clerk Marcia Newton noted, "You can't have someone at the polls vouch for your identification any more, so bringing ID is even more important now." Not everyone is eligible to vote in the election. Those who voted in the Democratic Primary cannot cast a ballot.

"We have a list at the polls of who voted in the Democratic Primary and who voted in the Republican Primary. That way we will know if someone comes in and they have voted Democrat in March, we'll have to refuse them," said Newton. "The only people that are eligible to vote in this runoff election are those who did not vote in the Democratic Primary," said Newton. "If they didn't vote in either primary, they can vote in this Republican runoff. Just as long as they didn't vote in the Democratic Primary." For more information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2213.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OTHER VIEWS

Exercise your freedom to cast a ballot

One of the freedoms we have as Americans is the right to vote. This Tuesday, we are presented the opportunity to exercise that right. Some won't vote. Statistics, in fact, show that only a handful of registered voters participate in any election. We suppose that's their right as well.

Tuesday's election is especially easy to ignore because it isn't "local" and most of us don't know a great deal about the two candidates.

Actually, the election is a Republican Primary runoff between incumbent Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler. There is only one polling location, which is the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lobby. You can cast your vote any time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Another note of importance is that if you voted in the Democratic Primary, you are ineligible to cast a vote in this runoff. Only those who voted in the Republican Primary, or those who did not vote at all, can cast a ballot Tuesday.

We must remember that while neither of these two individuals are from Big Spring, their actions and decisions as members of the Texas Railroad Commission do impact us. That alone makes your vote important.

We hope you'll consider making your way to The Dorothy Tuesday and exercise what is a very basic, yet very important freedom.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us to guard our mouths and not regret our words.

Amen

It's called social engineering 101

It doesn't reflect well on San Francisco State University that President Robert Corrigan has announced that he is considering axing the entire School of Engineering to close a budget gap. The university has no shortage of courses that appear short on academics and long on liberal brainwashing — you know, courses in majors that prepare students for careers as low-paid malcontent activists. Yet Corrigan wants to kill a program that actually enables poor and minority Bay Area students to learn in-demand, high-level skills with which they can make good money.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

What gives? Does Corrigan think that if he puts the screws to students who actually spend their days and nights studying, he won't have to endure protests that would surely follow if he proposed cutting courses in majors in which the students already know everything and hence have the leisure time to engage in political protest?

Or, as others in academe have suggested, is this proposal Corrigan's ham-handed way of suggesting the dumbest cut imaginable in order to scare some funding out of Sacramento?

If so, Corrigan is only hurting his own institution. Word is that Gov. Schwarzenegger's team sent out the message to California college administrators that institutions willing to cut waste in these tight times would be rewarded. Corrigan's gambit sends the opposite message — that some schools are willing to cut academic meat,

while sparing junk-food scholarship.

Corrigan's idea for saving \$2.5 million — in the face of a \$14 million gap — and shortchanging 700 engineering students led me to the S.F. State Web site to take a look at some of the university's other classes — the ones Corrigan apparently doesn't want to eliminate.

Hmmmm. Raza Studies. Recreational and Leisure Studies. Women Studies.

My fave: The Institute on Sexuality, Social Inequality and Health.

It makes you wonder if the guys in Engineering should rename the discipline. You know, make it the School of Engineering, Structural Inequality and Disparity Dynamics. Even better: the School of Social Engineering. Then maybe engineering wouldn't be expendable.

Bill Nott, a vice president with the American Society for Mechanical Engineers, was disappointed to read in the San Francisco Chronicle that S.F. State's School of Engineering might have a date with planned obsolescence. It's a tough break for students who are working long and hard to get ahead, said Nott.

"Engineering is tough," he said. "It's a lot of math, a lot of science, and the problems are difficult. It's not one of those things where you can miss a course and get through it, and just expound back to the teachers what they want to hear."

Not expound back to teachers what they want to hear? No wonder Engineering may be doomed. If they want to save their hallowed hall, the pocket protector set at the School of E should start writing course descriptions with more B.S. (and I don't mean bachelor's of science) — and less

promise of "a practical education that emphasizes applications" or a "solid foundation in mathematics and sciences."

So the engineering profs need to dump words like: design, chemistry, physics, mechanics and projects (unless they're "group projects"). Replace those words with the scholars' siren songs — "strategies," "addressing issues," "interfacing with "stakeholders," "promoting change" and classes that put an "emphasis on personal experience." In academia, exercises are supposed to prompt students to "reflect" — not, as happens in the School of Engineering, to "solve."

Let professors with pens in their shirt pockets take a cue from the Urban Studies department. Henceforth, engineering course descriptions should promise to help students "identify crucial issues," to make the "electrical environment sustainable," to facilitate public transit and other "green" causes. Or ready graduate students to become effective citizens who can promote a balance between positive and negative forces in conflict in the global community.

Then, let the Department of Social Engineering end every course description with the magic words: "Special attention is given to social class, gender and ethnic diversity in the socially charged engineering environment."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Thank you to those who made the 18th Annual Big Spring State Hospital Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser a success for our patients. Denim and Diamonds chairperson Carol Scott, with her enthusiasm and innovative ideas, organized another well-attended Gala. She received much support from her husband, Bob; son, John; and daughter-in-law, Cynthia, who has a knack for pulling things together at the last minute.

The Volunteer Services Council was encouraged to use the Hawaiian Denim and Diamonds theme, and it was a big hit. Stacie Barr allowed us to use her 66 roosting flamingoes to remind people of the gala.

The hula dancers under the direction of Stevi Bingham and Laurie Churchwell were a nice touch that brought many parents out to the fund-raiser. Greg Brooks and Blum's Jewelers were kind in supplying cubic zirconias and a genuine diamond to the "Digging for Diamonds" event.

My appreciation also goes to the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG and KWES-TV for publicizing the event and to community volunteers Johnnie Lou Avery, Bruce Boyd, HEB representative Kenny

Brezelle and Johnny Jackson, who represented ALON USA. And to the merchants, both local and as far away as Colorado City and Abilene, who donated door prizes. Also, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys for their continued support draw in people year after year.

It was exciting to have donors in attendance from Abilene, Colorado City, Eden, Midland and points between.

Last but not least, a very special thank you to the many Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council's staff and volunteers for the donation of their time and labor. This event was a big success primarily because of your efforts.

BILLIE CHRISTIE
BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL

TO THE EDITOR:
I am an Army veteran. I have visited the hospital in Big Spring and I have recieved care from the VA Hospital in Dallas.

I know many other veterans who depend on the care they receive from the VA Healthcare System in other locations. My own experience, and that of others I know, has been very positive and my observations while visiting veterans at the hospital in Big Spring indicate that the level of care there is good, too.

Politicians seem to have a habit of forgetting the promises made by our government to those who serve. When a war or conflict is officially ended for them, it is only just beginning for many veterans who will continue to pay the price exacted of them for their devotion to duty and country. Most deserve more than they will ever get from an ungrateful citizenry and government.

How do you replace a limb, an eye, or sanity?

Sadly, it can't be done, but we can keep our commitment to their care until their misery ends.

God bless those few who are willing to sacrifice so much for the freedom and prosperity of so many.

BILL REID
FORNEY

TO THE EDITOR:
Peter Jennings has made up his mind that truth is what he wants it to be.

If only he would seek truth he would find it. Read the gospel of John, it's a good place to start with a seeking attitude! Otherwise, he will spend eternity with regrets.

SPENCER WOLFE
BIG SPRING

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By DANIEL YEE

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Veterinarians key to identifying diseases

By DANIEL YEE

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — When medical detectives track the source of a new outbreak, increasingly they look no farther than the animal world.

That's because about 75 percent of all new infectious diseases — including high-profile ones like SARS, bird flu, monkeypox and West Nile virus — originate from animals.

As a result, veterinarians and other animal disease researchers are often needed to help combat these emerging germs among humans.

"Many of the world's major diseases are either diagnosed or the initial control is done by veterinarians," said Dr. Keith Prasse, dean of the college of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia. "They are on the front lines of public health itself."

Vets have helped investigate outbreaks on cruise ships and led field teams during the 2001 attacks of anthrax, traditionally a disease seen in cattle farms.

"You're just as likely to find a bioterrorist agent in an animal health diagnostic lab or vet office as a physician's office or hospital," said Dr. Lonnie King, dean of the Michigan State college of veterinary medicine.

Animal researchers have been instrumental in working to understand the avian flu outbreak in Asia and the West Nile virus at home. Both originated in birds.

Veterinarians routinely have been involved in public health matters such as in foodborne outbreaks or well-known diseases such as rabies.

But it's the new diseases that have created the demand for the expertise of vets.

"We have a new world in

Animals transfer diseases to humans

About 75 percent of all new diseases have come from animals. As a result, veterinarians are relied upon to help detect and fight against emerging infectious diseases.

Some animals blamed for causing disease in humans



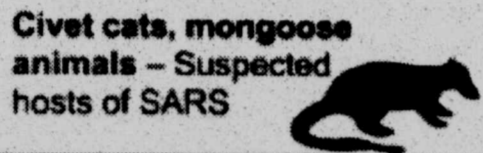
Bats - Rabies



Rats - Hantavirus
Fleas on rats - Plague
African rodents - Monkeypox



Birds - Avian influenza;
West Nile virus



Civet cats, mongoose animals - Suspected hosts of SARS

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

terms of the epidemiological convergence of animal health" and human health, King said. "It's an epidemiologic collision."

The collision comes from an ever-shrinking planet that increasingly allows humans and animals to trade maladies. Humans have given tuberculosis to wildlife. Last year's monkeypox cases in the Midwest was spread by prairie dogs bought as pets that were infected by imported African rodents carrying the disease.

While vets are important to disease control, it's difficult to attract them to public health, Prasse said.

"Too few veterinarians are acquiring the ... training necessary to pursue these career paths," he said. "Our graduates are largely pursuing pri-

vate practice."

That's because private practice for vets, just as for medical doctors, can be more lucrative than a career in public service.

Another problem is that many vet students aren't familiar with public health careers.

"I discovered public health by accident," said Dr. Jennifer McQuiston, a veterinary epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

McQuiston thought she would embark on a career in pharmaceutical or vaccine research after graduating from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. Instead, while helping investigate an outbreak in 1996 with the CDC, she discovered the importance of public health.

After vet school, she joined the CDC's elite Epidemic Intelligence Service and now works in the agency's rabies branch.

"I was so changed by my experience at CDC — I was very much inspired by working in public health. I wish I learned about it earlier," she said.

The importance of vets is highlighted at the CDC, which has 80 vets on its staff as epidemiologists.

The agency recently created a new office to coordinate its vets, who work in different disease branches, and to recruit new ones as future disease detectives. It's also working to add veterinary data to its national disease tracking and reporting network.

"Our training is adapted to public health as a whole," McQuiston said. That's because vets are trained to think about health on a herd, or population, level.

"Herd health is really what public health is all about," she said.

Drinking among adolescents can be a serious concern

The use of alcohol by underage drinkers is a rising epidemic in communities across Texas. According to Kitty Harris, Ph.D., director of the Center for the Study of Addiction at Texas Tech University, alcohol is the drug abused the most and the earliest by adolescents. Many children have their first alcoholic drink between the ages of 12 and 13.

"Alcohol is one of the most dangerous drugs available in terms of consequences."

Alcohol abuse has serious and lasting consequences for underage drinkers. In addition to the risks of engaging in illegal behavior, teenager drinkers face a number of physical and emotional problems caused by drinking.

"Underage drinkers can have serious health problems, their academics suffer, as do their relationships with family and friends," Harris said.

"They can also experience developmental problems. Younger drinkers literally quit growing emotionally and socially, because alcohol becomes their way to cope. These young people miss out on all the usual adolescent opportunities to learn productive coping behaviors."

Harris said that too many parents minimize the seriousness of their children's abuse of alcohol and believe that alcohol is less dangerous than other kinds of drugs their children could be using.

"The parents are mistaken, however," said Harris. "Alcohol is one of the most dangerous drugs available in terms of consequences. Excessive drinking by adolescents is a leading con-

tributor to sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancies."

In a 1998 survey of secondary students conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, almost half said that alcohol was "easy" to obtain, while an additional 37.5 percent responded that alcohol was "somewhat easy" to acquire.

In the same survey, 17 percent of secondary students said that when they drink, they have five or more drinks at a time. Ten percent of survey respondents claimed to have attended at least one class while drunk.

Parents must actively protect their children from the dangerous consequences of alcohol abuse.

Harris discourages parents from threatening their children, and instead encourages parents to create a plan setting clear expectations and enforcing consequences if children do not meet those expectations. The plan should start with parents talking to their children about the dangers of underage drinking, letting children know the consequences of their drinking, and monitoring their children's activities to decrease the likelihood of their engaging in underage drinking.

"Consistency from parents is important," Harris said. "Parents must enforce the rules. The impact of a parent on a child's life is immeasurable."

Dr. Patti J. Patterson is vice president for rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

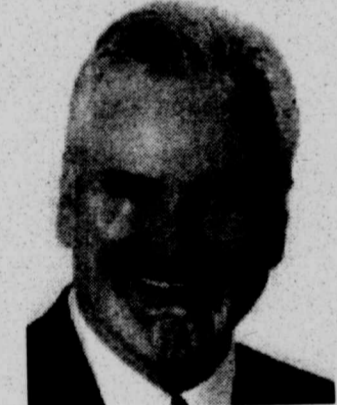


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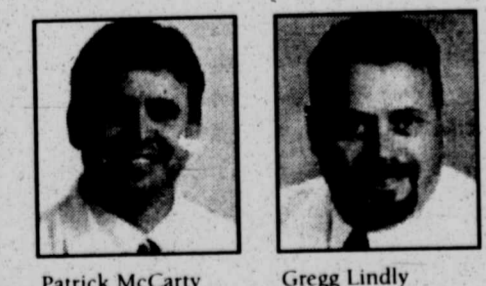
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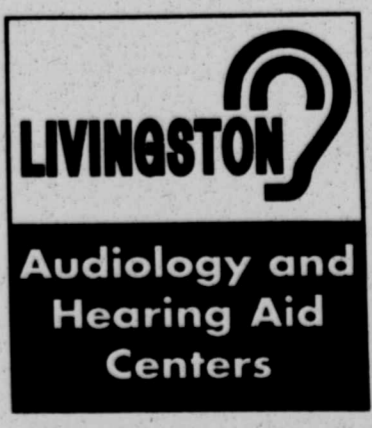
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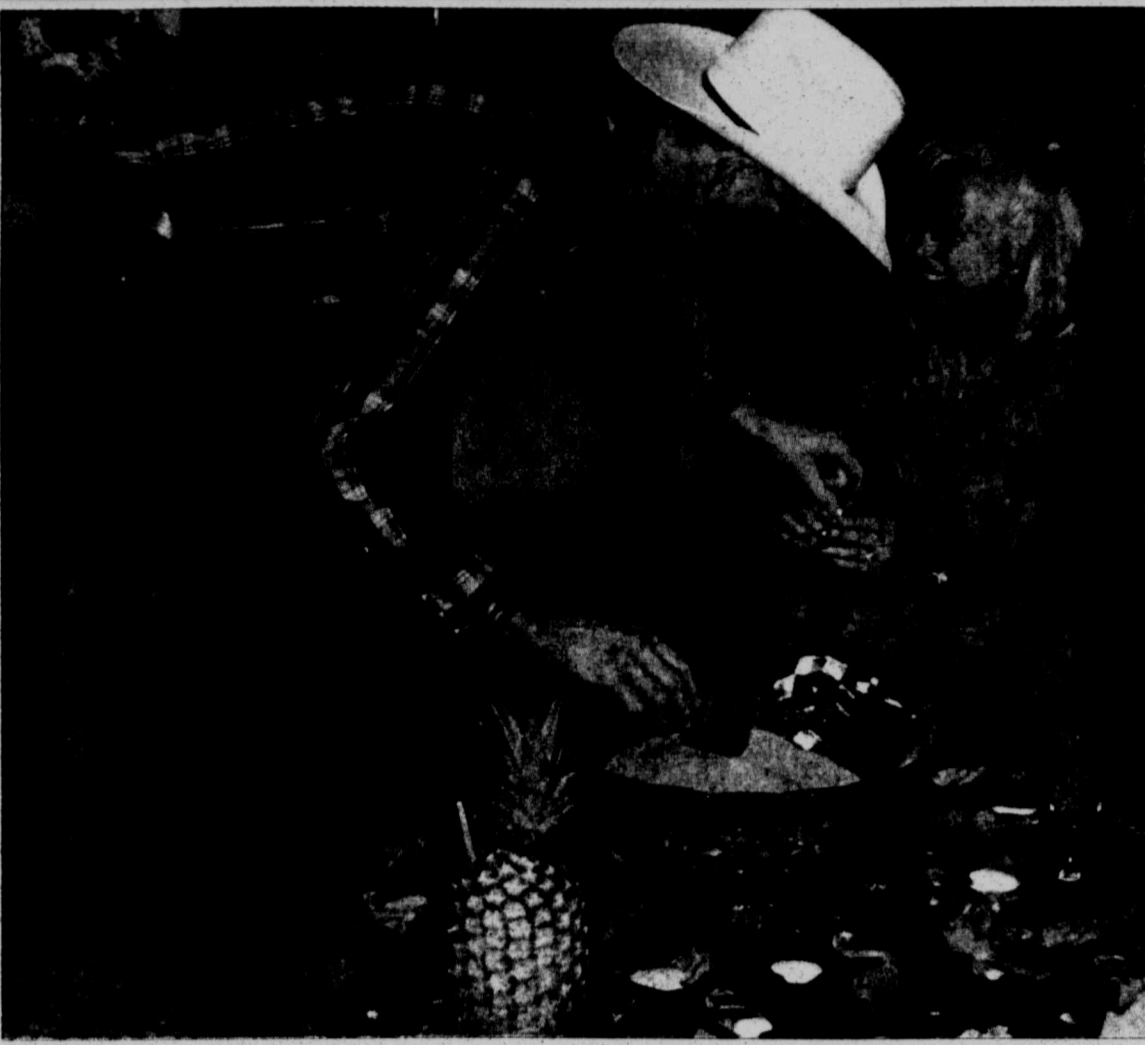


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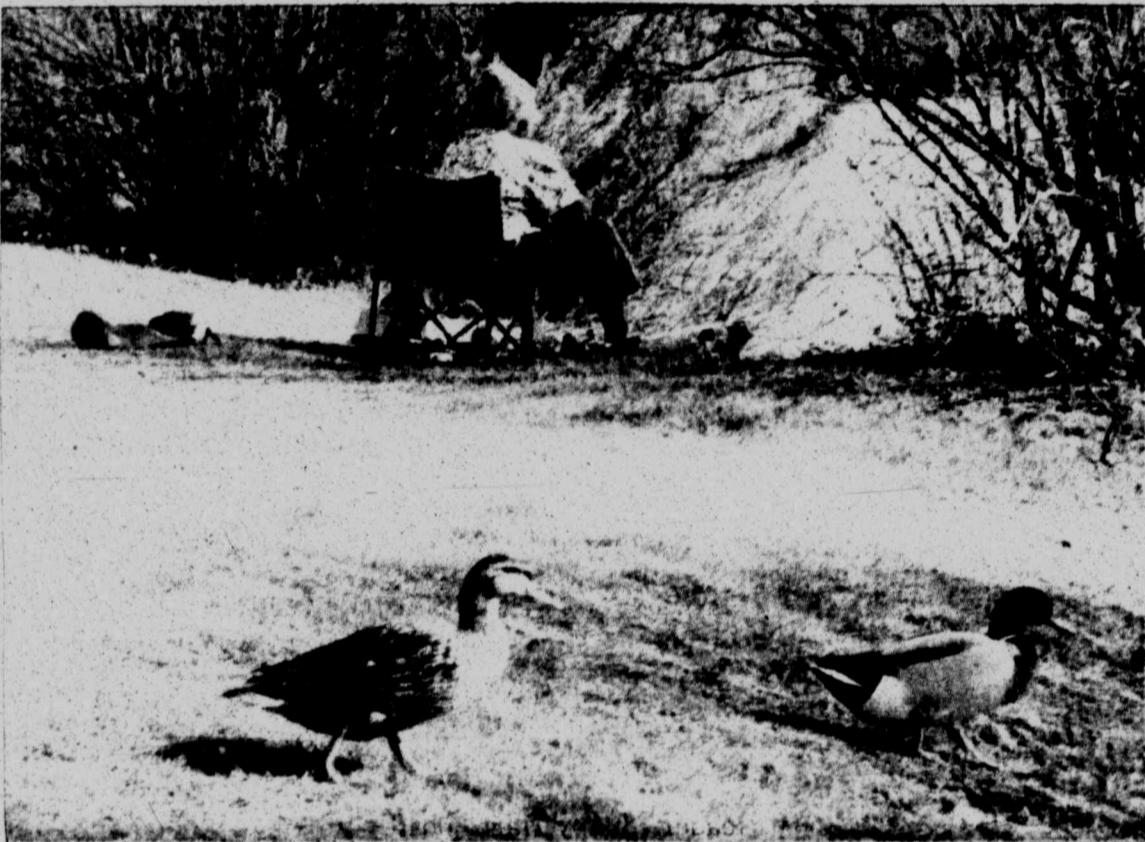
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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Bert Sheppard, assisted by Judy James, sifts through sand searching for a diamond during the Big Spring State Hospital annual fund-raiser, Denim and Diamonds.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Ida Mae Ross, mother of former NFL and Big Spring High School football player Charlie West, took advantage of warm weather Wednesday to fish at Comanche Trail Lake. Ross lived in Big Spring for more than 30 years before moving to Midland.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Anna Rodriguez, left, pays for her groceries at H-E-B and makes a donation to the upcoming Relay For Life all in one fell swoop. H-E-B is doing its part to raise money for the annual event with checkout tickets that allow shoppers to make \$1, \$2 or \$3 donations with just a swipe of the checkout register.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Jennifer Lance, Big Spring High School special education teacher, and student Mark Rubio work with several tomato plants in the high school greenhouse. The plants are now on sale to the general public. Interested buyers may contact Lance at 264-3641, ext. 114, during school hours for more information.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
The Big Spring Junior High School Choir returned from University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Contest on March 31 with honors. Pictured are, from left, front, Sophia Gonzales and Jonathan Smith, holding the choir's awards, and back, Meagan Tunstall, choir teacher Anna O'Brien and Kevin Porras. The treble choir earned a Sweepstakes award by receiving Division 1 ratings in both the concert and sight reading portions of the contest. The tenor/bass choir earned a Division 1 rating in concert and a Division 2 rating in sight reading.

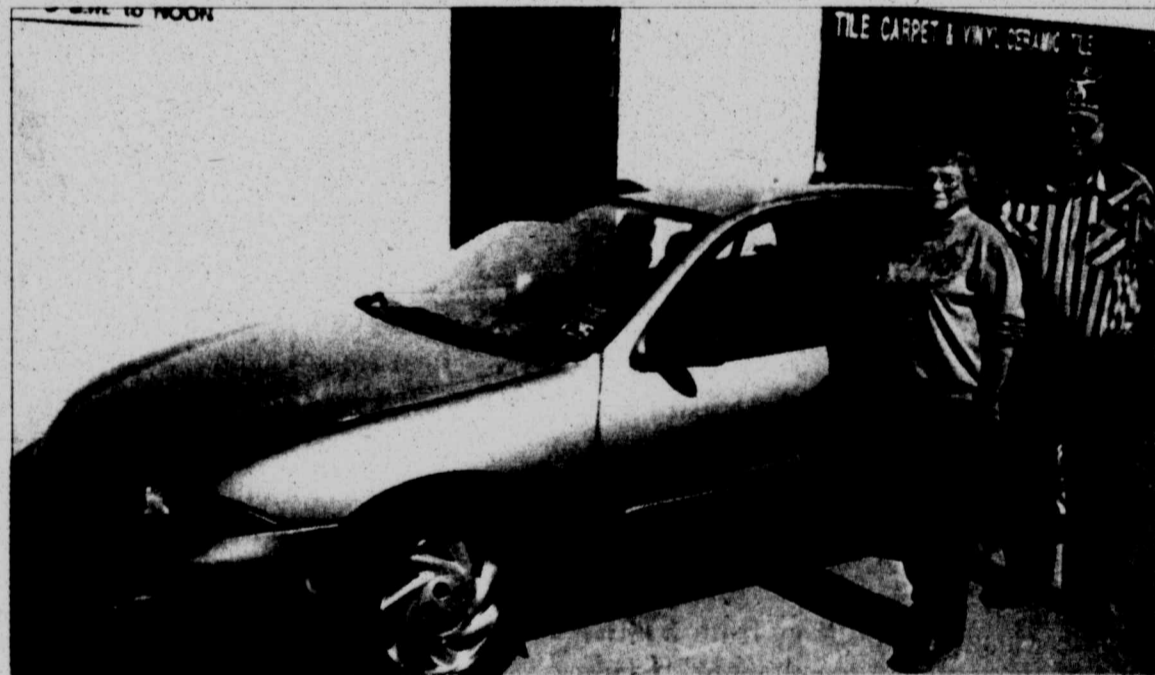
BSJH choir takes several honors at UIL concert, sight-reading contest

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Junior High School choir walked away with several honors from the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Contest. The treble choir consisting of 50 girls earned a Sweepstakes award by receiving a Division I rating in both the concert and sight reading por-

tions of the contest which was held on March 31 at Ector Junior High School in Odessa. The girls performed "Panis Angelicus," "Frosbisher Bay" and "Antiphonal Hosana" for the contest. The tenor/base choir comprised of 30 boys earned a Division 1 rating in concert for its rendition of "Tallis' Canon, Come on Boys," and

"Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet," and a Division 2 rating in sight reading. Both groups competed against area 4-A and 5-A junior high schools. The contest results also mark the first time for choir director Anna O'Brien, who is finishing her second year as a teacher, to direct a choir to a Sweepstakes award.



Courtesy photo
Lou Vincent of Big Spring was the high bidder on the Big Spring Shrine Club's 1997 Cavalier. Vincent is shown with Shriner Bo Clawson trying the keys to the car. This was a fund-raiser for the general operations of the club.

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IN BRIEF

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay
The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Umpires needed for Little League season
Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration
The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration through April 16 at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

BSCC schedules four-man scramble
A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Coahoma schedules Junior League sign-up
Registration for Coahoma Junior League baseball, players aged 13-14, are set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Coahoma Little League Park.

Texas Tech sets tennis camp dates
The Texas Tech Tennis Camps for boys and girls of all ability levels between the ages of 9 and 17 have been scheduled.

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Best player never to win a major, no more

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer
AUGUSTA, Ga. — He acted like a guy who'd done it all before. Phil Mickelson strolled up the 18th fairway at Augusta National with that lumbering walk of his — smiling, waving, working the gallery.

major? Not anymore. He's the Masters champion. "Get used to me, because I'm going to be back every year," he told the Augusta National members, having finally gotten a green jacket of his own. Mickelson hardly played like a guy who was 0-for-42 in the majors. He shot 31 on the back nine — the best for a winner since Jack Nicklaus in 1986 — and knocked off a three-time major champion who shot 67 on the final day.

"Phil deserved this one," Els said. "He won it. He didn't lose this one like some of the other ones. He won this one." Ah, the other ones. Twice a runner-up at the U.S. Open. Another second-place finish at the PGA Championship. Four third-place showings at the Masters, including the last three years. With each passing year, the burden became greater: Mickelson hit the ball so far. He could do magical things with his short game. The only thing he couldn't do was win a major.

now that I finally have it." Only after it was over — after the last putt was made and the championship was his — did Mickelson finally seem to grasp the enormity of his accomplishment. He high-fived the crowd on his way to the scoring hut. He hugged his wife, Amy. And he scooped up his three children, telling 4-year-old Amanda the news she was too young to comprehend. "Daddy won!" he said. "Can you believe it?" Els tried to pull away on a dramatic back nine, collecting an eagle, a birdie and a host of clutch pars. But Mickelson, who was 2-over on the front side, birdied five of the last seven holes for a closing 69.



Lady Steer Leina Braxton smacks one down the middle Thursday, as she helps lead Big Spring to a lopsided win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens. The Lady Steers return to District 4-4A play on Tuesday in Levelland.

C. City boys, Stanton girls take the lead in 3-2A play

HERALD Staff Report
SEMINOLE — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes and Colorado City's Wolves grabbed leads in the team standings following the first round of the District 3-2A Golf Tournament played at the Gaines County Golf Club. The Lady Buffs, paced by individual medalist leader Shelby Harp, posted a round of 430 to take a 26-stroke lead over Crane in the girls' team standings. Harp carded a round of 93 to take a two-stroke lead over Colorado City's Shasta Kreis in the medalist standings. Forsan's Shiloh Sanders was another stroke back at 96. Forsan's Lady Buffs were third after the first round with a 471, while Coahoma's Bulldogettes were fourth at 509 and Stanton's "B" team was fifth with a 560 total. In addition to Harp's round of 93, the Stanton "A" team got a round of 105 from Savannah Smith, a 112 from Kristi Bridges and a 120 from Daniele Bedingfield. Megan Cook finished at 122. Smith's 105 was good enough for fifth place in the medalist standings. While Sanders was posting her round of 96, teammates Lyndsey Allen and Kandis Snowden were posting rounds of 113 and 125, respectively. Claire Koenes added a 137 and Amber Humphrey had a 140. Coahoma's girls were paced by Jaci Martinez's round of 112. Callie Paige and Tori Paige finished at 129 and 130, respectively, while Tish McCartney had a 138. Kayla Hankins posted a 146 score. Stanton's second girls' squad was led by Mallory Cotton's 134 and Bonnie Kendall's 137. Brennan Harp added a 138 and Joddi Briseno finished at 151. Forsan's Stephanie O'Brien, playing for medalist honors only, finished the round with a 134. In the boys' division, Colorado City got rounds of 79 from Kenneth Scott and 82 from Nick Edwards to post a team total of 335 and a 15-stroke lead over second-place Crane. Forsan's Buffaloes were third at 360, while Coahoma was another seven strokes back at 367 and Stanton was fifth at 382. Sixth place in the boys' division belonged to Coahoma's "B" team at 411, while Forsan's second squad was seventh at 432. Colorado City's "B" team was eighth at 443, Stanton's "B" team was ninth at 472, and Seagraves' two teams brought up the rear — the "A" team at 482 and the "B" team two strokes back at 484. Brandon Burleson paced Forsan's top team with an 82 that leaves him tied with Edwards for second in the medalist standings going into the second round of district tourney play. Coahoma's Darrick Shifflett was two strokes back, tied with Crane's Joe Ray Hodges and Daniel Blue, as well as Colorado City's Cole Ratliff, for fourth place individually. In addition to Burleson's 82, the Buffs got rounds of 90 from Ben Breyman, 92 from Josh Helmstetler, 96 from Adam Johnson and 102 from Tye Baker. Stanton's "A" team was paced by Esekial Bryant's 93. Dan Harris added a 95 and Matt Ruiz toured the course in 96. Harry Doshier and Dex Shafer both finished at 98. While Shifflett was carding his round of 82, Bulldog teammate Pud Bowlin was chalking up a score of 91. Kelby Kemper, Jake Smith and Trevor Bibb all had rounds of 96. Coahoma's No. 2 team was led by Orrin Mansfield's 94. Terrell Bibb and Taylor Earhart both had rounds of 102, while Curt Lang had a 113 and Garrett Walker had a 123. Forsan's second team got its best score from Clint Stanley, who finished at 100. Jonathan Moore had a 109, while Mark McKiski and Eric Ellis carded scores of 111 and 112. Brandon Morrow added a 125. Stanton's No. 2 team was led by Joe Benny Bryant's 101. Jevanni Vela had a 117, Mike Washington posted a 126, Eric Rams had at 128 and Cody Bedingfield had a 134.

Warriors need no excuse in 108-107 win over Mavs

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer
OAKLAND, Calif. — So many times this season, coach Eric Musselman, whose job security has been the subject of much speculation. "Stop after stop against a great offensive team." Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 14 rebounds for the playoff-bound Mavericks, who remained tied with Memphis for the fifth seed in the West after the Grizzlies lost 89-83 in Phoenix. Marquis Daniels had 21 points, seven rebounds and six assists for Dallas, which hadn't lost to Golden State since April 10, 1999. "I guess if you coach long enough, everything is going to happen to you," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I haven't lost here since they fired me however many years ago that was. But tonight it caught us." Nelson, fired by the Warriors during the 1994-95 season, was mistaken — his Mavericks lost in Oakland twice in 1998 and again in '99. Golden State got 19 points and nine assists from Claxton, 17 points and eight boards from Cardinal and 16 points from Troy Murphy before he left with what later was diagnosed as a right lung contusion. Golden State had lost 21 of 23 to the Mavericks, including

nine straight at home. "It's great to be able to influence and affect the teams that are in the playoffs," Cardinal said. Claxton hit Richardson with a picture perfect alley-oop pass from beyond midcourt to pull the Warriors to 93-91 with 7:50 to play. With 6:33 left, Mavericks center Shawn Bradley was whistled for a technical foul following a hard foul on Murphy. Murphy was driving the lane when Bradley came down hard on him. Murphy landed on his back and scooted to the base of the basket support, where he sat coughing up blood for several minutes before staying in the game. Following Cardinal's technical foul shot, Murphy converted two free throws to make it 95-94. He then left and went for X-rays on his back. The Mavericks had lost two straight following a six-game winning streak. "It was a horrible weekend for us," Mavericks guard Steve Nash said. "It's all about responding." Michael Finley missed his second straight game because of back spasms. His replacement in the starting lineup, Josh Howard, didn't play in the second half because of a sore right hamstring. He had five points.

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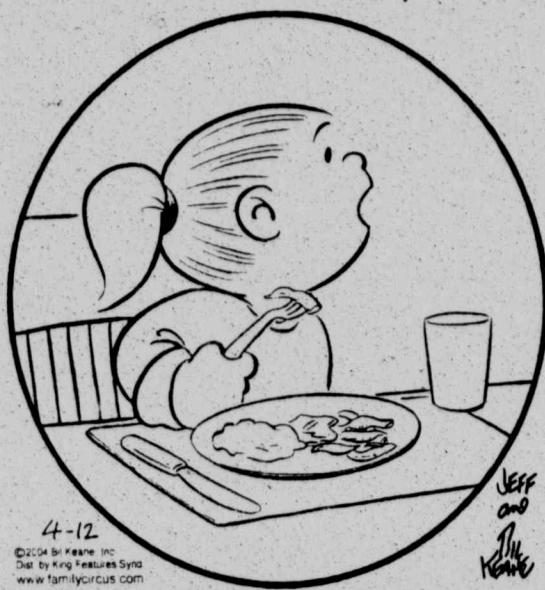
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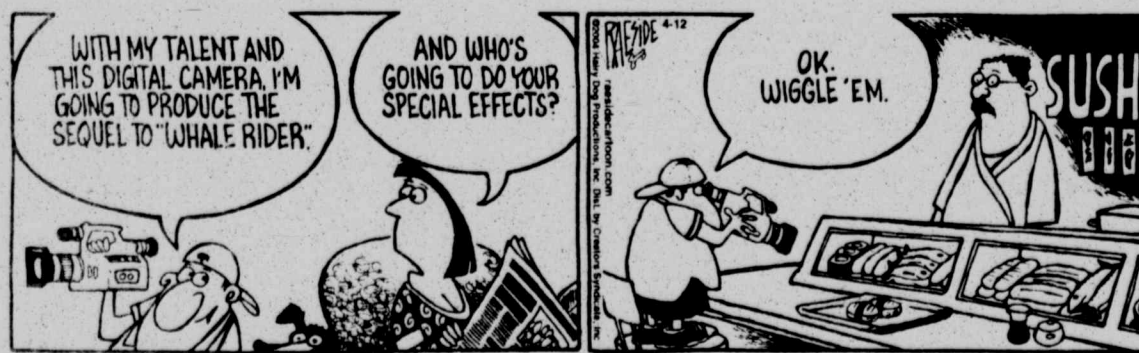
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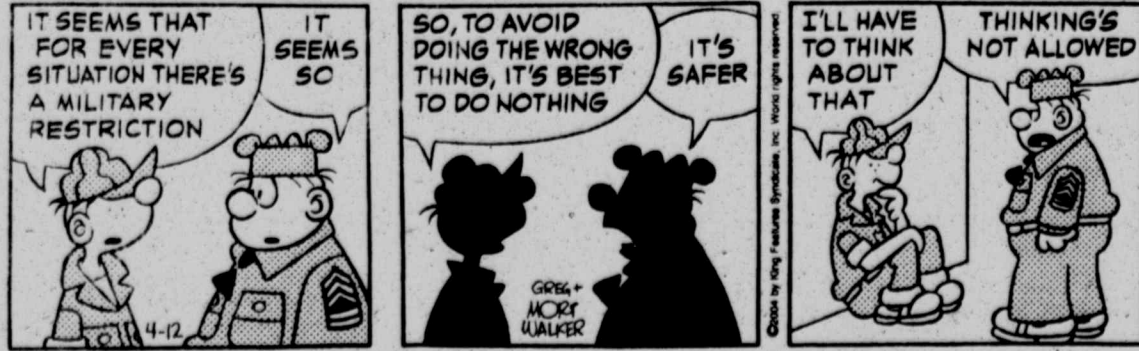
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 12, the 103rd day of 2004. There are 263 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 12, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman. In 1606, England adopted as its flag the original version of the Union Jack. In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina. In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published. In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective. In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing. In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight. In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor. In 1985, Senator Jake Garn of Utah became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off. In 1989, radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age 52. In 1989, former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age 67. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ned Miller is 79. Actress Jane Withers is 78. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 71. Actor Charles Napier is 68. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 64. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 62. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 60. Actor Ed O'Neill is 58. Author Tom Clancy is 57. Actor Dan Lauria is 57. Talk show host David Letterman is 57. Author Scott Turow is 55. Singer David Cassidy is 54. Singer Pat Travers is 50. Actor Andy Garcia is 48. Country singer Vince Gill is 47. Actress Suzanne Douglas is 47. Rock musician Will Sergeant (Echo & the Bunnymen) is 46. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 42. Country singer Deryl Dodd is 40. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 40.

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