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May 24, 2004

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Medicare card workshop set for Tuesday

As part of his continuing efforts to educate seniors on the new benefits now available under the Medicare program, Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office is will hold a workshop in Big Spring Tuesday to help area seniors save money.

Neugebauer held a "Prescription Drug Town Hall Meeting" in Lubbock last week that drew more than 200 area seniors interested in learning about new Medicare benefits, including prescription drug discount cards. To help seniors learn how to compare the costs of prescriptions and find the best discount plan for them, the congressman is dispatching his staff for a series of workshops called "Medicare Drug Cards 101."

"The new Medicare-approved prescription drug discount cards are now available to help seniors save real money," said Neugebauer. "I wanted to hold these workshops so that my staff and experts can help our area seniors get through this process and begin to realize those savings."

The Big Spring workshop will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 100 of the Horace Garrett Complex at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Seniors who do not have access to the Internet, or who have questions on how to choose a prescription drug plan that is right for them, will be able to talk to experts from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Healthcare

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Refinery celebration hits high notes

Fans, employees past and present express gratitude to ALON USA

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring got a major dose of country music Saturday night, as the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum swelled with appreciative fans during the ALON USA Community Concert featuring Grammy Award winning

Asleep at the Wheel. The concert, which wrapped up the week-end-long celebration of the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary, went off with a definite bang as country music newcomers The Kaiser Brothers Band took the stage first, performing original material as well as "old standbys" by the likes of Waylon Jennings.

Up and coming star Cory Morrow jump started the audience to dancing. His band's lively tunes kept the Dorothy jumping as lines of couples took a turn on the dance floor of the coliseum.

But the evening culminated when the 6-foot, 7-inch legendary star Ray Benson and Asleep at the

Wheel took the stage for a 75-minute performance of old country swing of Bob Wills favorites to songs on the band's new album.

Joining the Grammy award winning band midway throw their set, Howard County's own Jody Nix who performed old favorites including

"Ida Red" and "Big Balls in Cowtown" with Benson and the band.

While the concert drew listeners from all over West Texas, two of the spectators had a very special stake in the weekend celebration. As the Kaiser Brothers Band prepared to take the stage, Paul Meek and Ken Perry, both former CEOs of the local refinery, spent some time catching up on the past couple of decades.

Meek, who left the refinery in 1977, said coming to Big Spring is much like a homecoming for him.

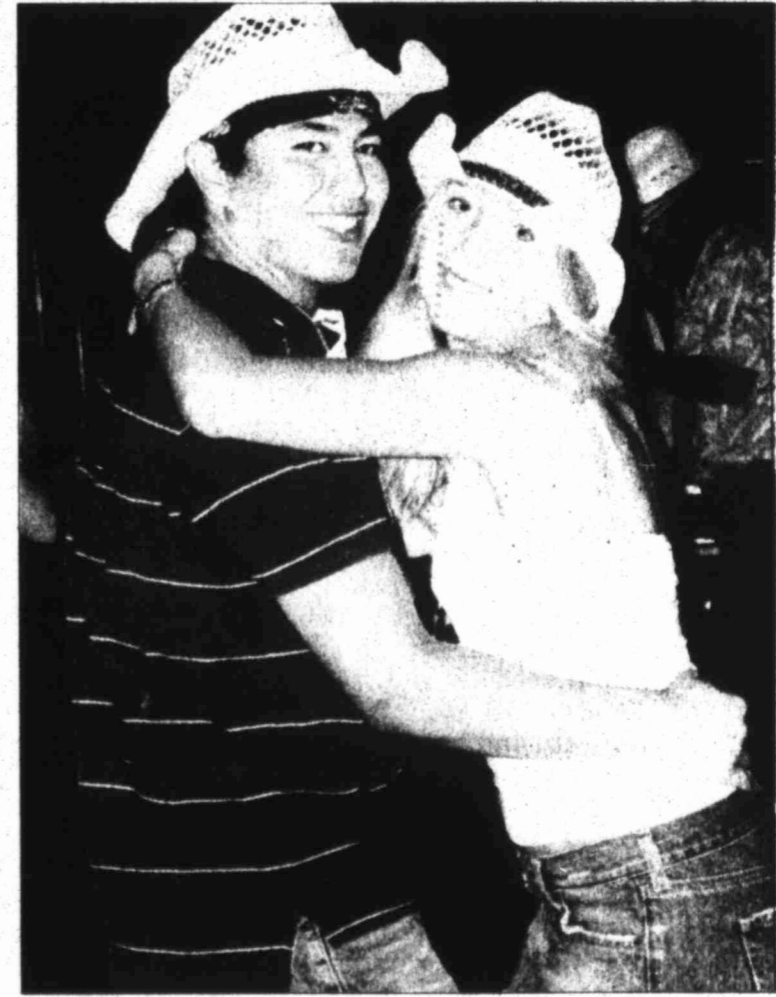
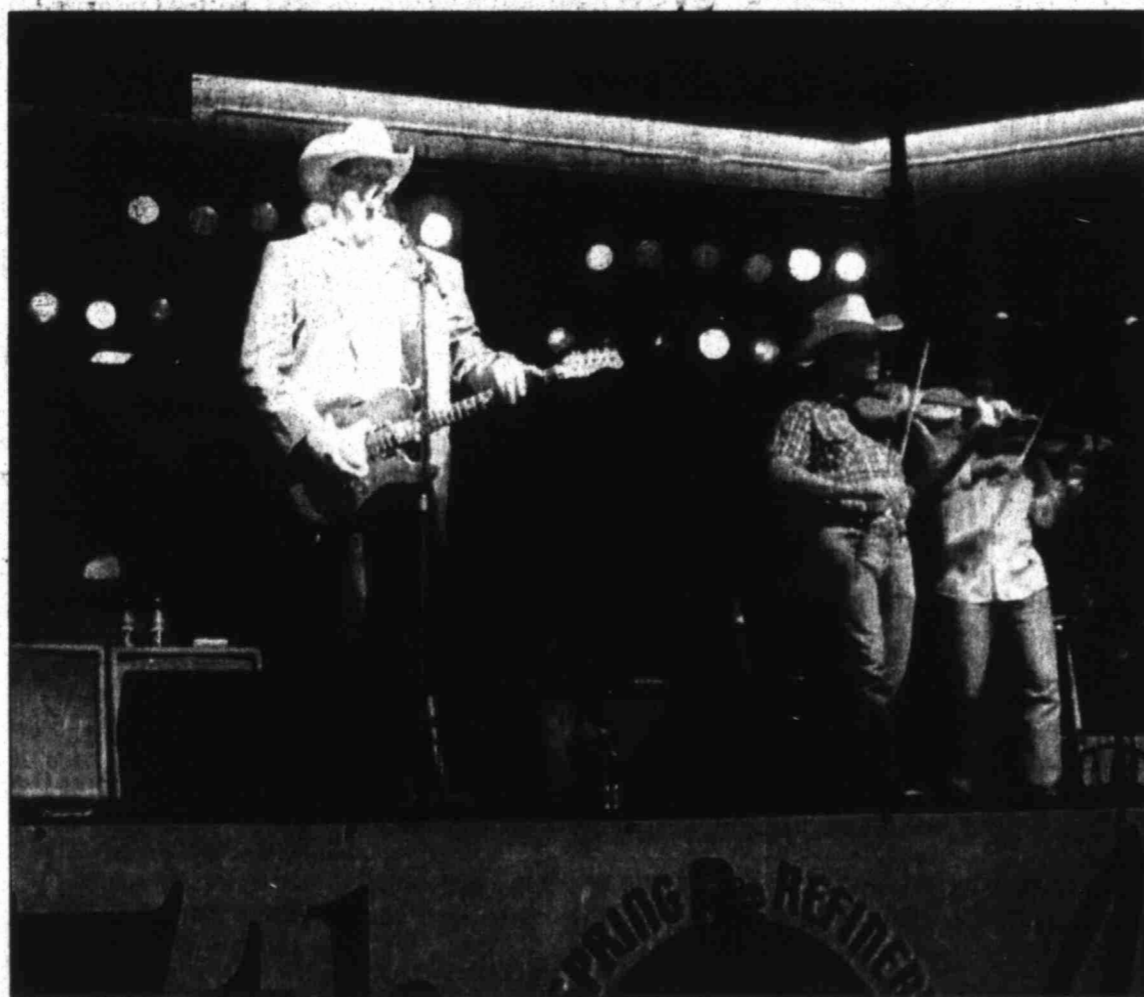
"It's wonderful to come back and see all of these people," said Meek. "I left the refinery in 1977 and I've been back a few times since then, but not for

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At far left, former Big Spring Refinery CEOs Paul Meek (left), and Ken Perry catch up on more than 20 years that has passed since they walked the halls of the local refinery. Lane Williams checks out the sound of country music singer Corey Morrow Saturday night during the ALON USA community concert in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Below, Billy Acosta and Kasie Woods of Forsan have a good time on the dance floor. Left, the nine-time Grammy Award winning band Asleep at the Wheel kept the party going until almost 11 p.m.

HERALD photos



Preparations set for solemn 'thank you' on Memorial Day

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Local veterans organizations and agencies are preparing to bid a solemn "thank you" to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of our country.

The 20th annual Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony is slated for Sunday, May 30, at Trinity Memorial Park, located five miles south of Big Spring on Highway 87. According to the facility manager, Phillip Welch, preparations for the ceremony will begin the day before, as local Boy Scouts say thanks in their own special way.

"The day before the ceremony

**What:** Memorial Day ceremony.

**Where:** Trinity Memorial Park, five miles south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday.

the Boy Scouts from the Buffalo Trail Council will come out and place miniature American flags on the graves of the veterans buried here," said Welch. "Unfortunately, they will only be able to place flags on the graves that are marked as veterans, but what they do is in honor of all of the veterans, not just some. The

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Wingert, Beall named top graduating class at BSHS

HERALD Staff Report

Crystal Wingert and Ryan Beall have been named the Big Spring High School Class of 2004 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Wingert, the daughter of Chris and Karen Wingert, has maintained a grade point average of 4.0 during her high school years.

Her extracurricular activities have included the Key Club, National Honor Society, cheer leading and French National Honor Society. She is active in the First United Methodist Church and College Baptist Church youth groups. She has also been a member and now a coach for the Sidewinder gym-



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nastics team.

She has received the Governor's Award for Academic Excellence as well as being

named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who Among American High School Student — Sports Edition.

She has been named an All-American Scholar, an All-American Cheer Leading

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Obituaries

DeLois Tindol



BRONTE — DeLois Tindol of Coahoma passed away on May 22, 2004, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. A memorial service will be held at the Coahoma Baptist Church on May 29, 2004, at 10 a.m. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Lois was born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Oscar, Okla. She married Asa W. Tindol on Sept. 17, 1946.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris and Jerry Smith of Bronte and Peggy and Kyle Springer of Miles; four grandchildren, Bryan and Cori Mears of San Angelo, Dawn Kelso of Bronte, Chad Collier of San Angelo, and Krisha and Chris Wilson, also of San Angelo; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Betty Tindol of Ryan, Okla.; one special cousin, Gaylon Harrison of Coahoma.

Lois retired from Furr's Grocery after 25 years of service. She loved gardening and bird watching with her family and friends. She was a very giving person, even in death. She donated her body to Texas Tech in hopes of finding a cure for rheumatoid arthritis.

The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice of San Angelo.

*Paid obituary*

Evelyn Grunden Blanchard



Evelyn Grunden Blanchard, 89, of Big Spring died on Friday, May 21, 2004, in a local hospital. Services and interment will be at a later date under the direction of Schindewolf-Stevens-Stout Funeral Home in Kenton, Ohio. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today, May 24, 2004, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. No services are planned locally.

She was born on July 6, 1914, in Ohio City, Ohio, and married Carl E. Blanchard on Aug. 20, 1958, in Glendale, Calif.

Evelyn had taught school at Wolf Creek School in Kenton, Ohio. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Carl E. Blanchard of Big Spring; three sons, Ron Blanchard of Mission Viejo, Calif., Rick Blanchard of Abiquiu, N. M. and David Blanchard of Sebastopol, Calif.; one daughter, Jeannine Blanchard of Phelan, Calif.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

Pat Highley

Pat Highley, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 24, 2004, at her residence. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service.

She was born Dec. 22, 1926, in Kerens. She married Darel Highley Dec. 25, 1948, in Blooming Grove. He preceded her in death Oct. 16, 1976.

She was a homemaker and a Presbyterian.

She is survived by one daughter, Marka Mitchell of Sanderson; two sons, Dee Highley of Big Spring and Bob Highley of Lubbock; two sisters, Wanda Sanders of Kaufman and Babe Crider of Breckenridge; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Benigna Chavez

Benigna Chavez, 88, of Big Spring died on Friday, May 21, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. today, May 24, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1916, in El Paso and married Simon Chavez Sr. on March 12, 1938, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1974.

Her life centered around her family, especially her grandchildren, and her church. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Simon Chavez Jr. of Lubbock and Julian Chavez of Big Spring; one daughter, Eva Sanchez of Midland; two sisters, Isabel Mata and Catalina Lomas, both of Big Spring; one brother, Manuel Gonzalez of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Eleno Chavez; two brothers and two sisters.

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

Police blotter

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

• **GLORIA DOMINGO MARTINEZ**, 39, of 1501 Chicksaw was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **CASSANDRA NICOLE DELACRUZ**, 20, of 2526 Fairchild was arrested today for warrants.

• **ARMANDO LOPEZ**, 33, of 710 Douglas was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **OTIS JAMES PORTES**, 21, of No. 1 Courtney Place was arrested Saturday on a traffic warrant.

• **JESUS MANUEL RAMIREZ**, 46, of 506 E. 15th St. was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.

• **DONALD HARVEY SHERMAN**, 57, of 706 Goliad was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VALENTIN RODRIGUEZ TORRES**, 58, of Luther was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ADOLFO TURRUBIARTES**, 56, of Luther was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEPHANIE MICHELLE GUZMAN**, 23, of 3220 Auburn was arrested Sunday on a traffic warrant.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia and the 700 block of Gregg.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell, the 2300 block Wasson, 300 block of Gregg, 1100 block of Lamesa, the 900 block of Willa, the 300 block of Third Street, the 300 Owens and the 1200 block of East 11th Street.

• **TERRORIST THREAT** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

• **ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY, FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.

• **VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported at the Mayor Ranch Motel.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 600 block of State.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on Hwy. 350.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** were reported on FM 700 and FM 669.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** were reported on Lee Kirby Road the 2100 block of Oasis Road.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported on I-20.

• **PROWLER** was reported in the 200 block of Becker Street.

Take note

□ **Displays of Splendor** art camp at is set for June 7-10. Call 264-6444.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

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

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

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

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

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• Coahoma High School graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Big Spring High School graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 06-14-18-31-39. Bonus Ball: 34.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$65,000,000.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 10-13-14-15-23

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 2-8-7

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By LYNDEL MOOD  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Department is investigating the death of two Big men found in respective apart Sunday.

"There appear nothing in common either of the men they appear to have passed away on Sunday," said Big Police Sgt. Roger public information officer.

Police found the body of Gregory Crawford, 48, Kentwood Apartments the 1900 block I Street after offic

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flags will remain graves until Tuesday.

Welch said the ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and should last approximately two hours.

"We're going to have Mike Calvio, chief of environmental management for the Medical Center, master of ceremonies explained Welch said. Matt Miles from Presbyterian Church will be the minister of the ceremony and Congressman Stenholm (D-Abilene) will be our special speaker.

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Scholar, to the Honor Roll and National Society School Scholars.

Following graduation she plans to attend A&M University major in civil engineering.

Graduating grade point average Beall is son of Charmian Beall to attend the University Academy.

He is a two-year member of the National Society and a member of the school marching band.

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## Big Spring police investigating unattended deaths of two men

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is continuing investigation into the death of two Big Spring men found in their respective apartments on Sunday.

"There appears to be nothing in common with either of the men except they appear to have passed away on the same day," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer.

Police found the body of Gregory Neil Crawford, 48, in his Kentwood Apartment in the 1900 block East 25th Street after officers were

contacted at 3:47 p.m. by family members who were concerned about his welfare.

"They family contacted the police because they hadn't seen him in for some time," Sweatt said. "They were let inside by the manager to check on his welfare."

Later that night, at 8:23 p.m., police were contacted by the manager of Sunset Ridge Apartment in the 2900 block of West Highway 80 for a welfare check of Wayne Perdue after family members had called the manager.

"Mr. Perdue was found lying on his living room floor," Sweatt said. "In both these cases, the doors were locked and

there appeared to be no forced entry."

Both bodies were taken to the Texas Tech University Medical Center in Lubbock for autopsy, Sweatt said.

"As of right now we really don't know the cause of death in either of these two cases," Sweatt said. "There's nothing right now pointing to a homicide in either case."

The cases are under investigation by Detectives Phil Whitten and Richard Robertson.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## Condray says his office, fire department not the first option for those dealing with honey bee infestations

By **MEGAN KNIGHT**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fire Marshall's office has received more than two dozen calls reporting infestations of honey bees since a local TV station aired a story about the insects.

However, Fire Marshall Carl Condray says that the fire department should only be called in emergency situations. "We do respond to emergency calls for bee attacks, but not perform routine exterminations," Condray said.

Condray added that his office and the fire department are not good options to remove a colony of bees, because firefighters are trained to remove a hive by filling their tanks with chemicals and

spraying the area. This can cause substantial water damage.

Condray said that if there is an infestation of bees, he recommends calling a professional exterminator. He said another option was a bee keeper, who can be contacted through the County Extension agent's office at 264-2236.

Howard County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater said that while some bee keepers will collect the colonies to produce honey, they will exterminate them if the hive is in a wall.

According to Condray, many people are afraid that the hives are African honey bees, but only an entomologist would be able to tell. He added that swarms of bees can be

seen clumped on bushes and in debris are harmless if left alone. They are migrating and will move on in three or four days.

Staff writer Megan Knight can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 233, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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267-8288

Pat Highley, 77, died Sunday. Memorial Service will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service.

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flags will remain on the graves until Tuesday."

Welch said the program is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and should last approximately 30 minutes.

"We're going to have Mike Calvio, assistant chief of environmental management from the VA Medical Center, act as master of ceremonies," explained Welch. "Rev. Matt Miles from First Presbyterian Church will be the minister of the day, and Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene) will be our special guest speaker."

"The color guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base will post and retire the colors during the ceremony, and we also plan to have veterans from the VA Medical Center joining us as well."

Welch said each veteran organization will lay a wreath at the park's main flagpole during the ceremony to honor the fallen heroes. The event is being sponsored by the All Veterans Council of Howard County and the VA Medical Center.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were

placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

Since the late 1950s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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Scholar, to the National Honor Roll and to the National Society of High School Scholars.

Following graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in civil engineering.

Graduating with a grade point average of 4.0, Beall is son of Nolan and Charmian Beall and plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

He is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of the high school marching band

and concert/honor band. He is also a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club and student council.

During his high school career, he has received many honor including being recognized by the Optimist Club of Big Spring for 2003-2004, named the Outstanding Gifted and Talented Student in Region 19 for 2003-2004, named to the Who's Who American High School Students and the National Honor Roll.

Big Spring High School will hold commencement ceremonies for the 248 graduating students on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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## CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

BELIEVES IT IS UNFAIR AND UNACCEPTABLE WHEN AMERICANS PAY TWO TO THREE TIMES MORE FOR MEDICATIONS THEY NEED THAN THEIR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH



Dear West Texas neighbors,

The fact that West Texans have to pay up to three times more for their prescription drugs than our neighbors in Canada is unfair and unacceptable.

Last year, I voted for legislation to allow West Texans to purchase their prescriptions at the same price people pay in Canada.

Medicare beneficiaries can now apply for prescription drug discount cards. For help, they can call 1-800-Medicare or go online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

This process can be confusing, and that's why I'm holding a series of Prescription Drug Workshops to help seniors find their best way to save.

Experts from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be present to help you learn how the new Medicare law can work for you and save you money.

Sincerely,

*Randy Neugebauer*  
Randy Neugebauer

## WORKSHOP

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Leadership Council. Senior citizens can learn more on-line about the new Medicare-approved drug discount cards by going to the congressman's Web site at [www.randy.house.gov](http://www.randy.house.gov)

and clicking on the "Attention Senior Citizens" link, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Residents of the 19th Congressional district should feel free to contact Neugebauer's district offices toll free at 888-763-1611 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or at his Washington, D.C., office at (202) 225-4005.

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Vets need to register with VAMC

Complacency can be dangerous. That is particularly true where Big Spring and its VA Medical Center are concerned now that Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has approved recommendations made by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission's that call for a study of the local facility.

That study would determine whether there was a need to close the Big Spring VAMC and build a new acute care facility in the Midland-Odessa area.

Sadly, there are already those pessimists in our midst who've already begun sounding the VA hospital's death knell.

However, it is much, much too soon to do anything of the sort because the Big Spring VA Hospital's fate is anything but sealed.

Big Spring and the VAMC hospital here still have solid backing from a formidable contingent of Texas lawmakers from both sides of the aisle — U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, Republican Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Democratic Congressman Charles Stenholm.

They and local officials like Mayor Russ McEwen and County Commissioner Bill Crooker have made sure Principi and other Department of Veterans Affairs officials have an accurate understanding of the Big Spring VA Hospital's geographic value and of the quality of care it provides West Texas veterans. And you can bet they'll be working hard to place that input into the federal government's upcoming study.

That does not, however, mean that we as citizens of Big Spring can afford to rest on our laurels and be confident that the VA Hospital and its 500-plus jobs is safe.

Again, the most important thing we can all do on that front is to make sure veterans in this region are signed up as recipients of care at the hospital.

While there are currently some 65,000 veterans living in the hospital's catchment area eligible for VA care, less than 20,000 are registered as recipients of care. Efforts to increase those registered have yielded fruit but many more need to be signed up.

If a vast majority of those veterans who live in the area were registered — even if they never used the hospital's services for more than an annual checkup — it's clear much more consideration would need to be given before making any changes.

Therefore, we want to again stress that if you are a veteran and not registered as being served by the VA Medical Center, please remedy that situation as soon as possible.

None of us should take for granted the importance of our VA Hospital, least of all our veterans.

## LETTER POLICIES

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## Tilting at terrorists, plans

"I don't partake in the very stupid and elementary anti-Americanism" that has

infected some parts of Europe, said the former Spanish prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar, as he met with San Francisco journalists Friday. Superpowers have been hated throughout history, he added. Porque? Because they're superpowers.

There was a time when the Spanish were dominant, Aznar noted, and they "weren't very popular." Ditto the French and the Brits — "and now, it's your turn."

Aznar was in California to receive an award from Chapman University in Southern California. He gave interviews around the state, which resulted in a few short stories and this column.

When a European leader doesn't bash the Bush administration, it is not news. When he dismisses European values as "stupid and elementary," it's not news. (If he had called Bush stupid and elementary, that would be news.)

If a European leader is able to put America's situation in historical context, if he can recognize that America's woes are not entirely of George W. Bush's making, if he is willing to risk the blood of his precious countrymen to support an American led war in Iraq, then he's not front-page



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material.

On the other hand, it is news when Our Betters in Europe criticize American policies. Hence, stories on Aznar's visit dutifully reported his remarks about the Abu Ghraib prison abuses. (Aznar didn't bring up the subject — he was asked.) And stop the presses: Aznar denounced the mistreatment of prisoners.

It would have been news if Aznar had trashed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld — except he didn't.

It would have been big news if Aznar had said he regretted supporting Bush on Iraq — except he didn't.

It also was not big news when Spain, Denmark, the Netherlands, Portugal, Italy and the United Kingdom joined the international coalition fighting in Iraq. The anti-war crowd dismissed their presence as mere window dressing.

Never mind that more than 100 soldiers from allied countries have lost their lives in Iraq. Critics scoffed at the very word "coalition." Until March 14. Then, Spanish voters, spooked by the March 11 terrorist bombing in Madrid that killed 191 people, turned on Aznar's Popular Party, rejected Aznar's designated successor for the prime minister's post and elected Socialist Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who had promised to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq.

It was news when Zapatero began to recall the Spanish forces because it meant that the coalition (that critics previously never rec-

ognized as a coalition) was falling apart.

Aznar is a practical man. "Pragmatic intelligent politicians don't fight against realities," he said. "We just confront with reality. We deal with reality."

Reality, alas, is not pretty, and confronting it is not easy. The left uses Zapatero's election as a stunning example of how Bush has turned Europeans against America. Aznar knows that Zapatero's election is a stunning example of rewarding violence by giving terrorists exactly what they wanted: a regime change that would result in Spanish troops leaving Iraq. After killing 191 innocents and wounding some 2,000 others, they got it.

Now, Aznar believes that the Islamic terrorists will try to influence elections in other countries, including the United States. "If they were able to do it in Spain, why wouldn't they try to do it elsewhere?" he asked.

Why not indeed? It worked in Madrid.

And after the next attack, how will the world react? Will the survivors blame the big country? Or will they blame the men who deliberately planted the weapons that killed children and civilians?

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It's time the *Herald* and Big Spring wakes up. For us to vote for Congressman Randy Neugebauer is like chickens voting for Col. Sanders.

Your editorial praises Randy for opening an office here; does anyone think this was done for any purpose other than to improve his reelection prospects?

He never opened an office here when he also represented Midland and Odessa, and this office is too late to save the VA hospital. The VA move started under Neugebauer to help our larger neighbors to the west, and we'll get the rest of the bad news after the election. He only got interested in this town after Midland and Odessa were taken from the district and it's too late. If Big Spring continues to vote Republican, we will soon have to pick up our mail in Midland.

While on the subject of the *Herald*, your obvious preference for Neugebauer over long-term Congressman Charlie Stenholm makes no sense. When we were in Stenholm's district, Howard County didn't have government offices moving to Midland and farm programs weren't just passed, they were funded.

Farmers need Stenholm in Congress; the stage is set for the end of farm programs. Republicans will be pleased to end them using the World Trade Organization as an excuse, and the stage is set and it will happen.

You at the *Herald* may have no cotton, but your fortunes and those of us all are tied to these farm programs.

I expect you would endorse Col. Sanders to chickens if he were a Republican, but Howard County isn't populated by chickens, and we are consoled that the people often think it's right to oppose your slanted newspaper and the country club Republicans it champions.

ROLAND GORE  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Russ McEwen on his victory. My mother and the rest of the family have nothing but the utmost respect for him.

In regard to the recent election, I reviewed the numbers and was totally disgusted. With a population of 15,000 plus and 12,649 registered voters, only 10.849 percent of the population went out to vote.

I came across a copy of a petition recently to remove Mayor McEwen from office and there were more than 1,200 signatures.

If the people on that petition were so upset with the mayor, why was your voice not heard on Saturday?

Do you like the increase in water rates and green fees at the golf course?

What is it going to take for people to realize how important voting is?

I can remember as a little girl going with my parents to the polls so that they could vote. My parents understood the importance of voting their opinion, even if it meant the person or issue they voted for would not win. At least they could hold their heads high and know they took advantage of a gift that had been given to the American people many years ago.

Because of my parents I am an active voter and I will forever be grateful to them for instilling that value to me.

There are people in other countries that are dying for that right to vote and we as Americans cast it aside like it was nothing.

What amazes me the most is that thousands of people will phone in votes on a weekly basis to see who will be the next American Idol, but yet the majority of us can't get out to vote in an election every six months?

I guess something has to affect a person personally before it is a problem.

This is not a woman who is yelling sour grapes because my mommy didn't win the election, but an opinion on the sad situation we have at hand with people not voting.

To those 341 people who voted for my mother, I thank you. To those people that voted for the first time, don't give up. Keep voting!

For those people who sit back and complain about how the government is not doing what you think is right, then ask yourselves; "Did I voice my opinion by voting?" If not, then realize how you could of made a difference.

SHARON DEANDA  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The 2004 licensed vocational nursing class of Howard College participated in our pinning ceremony and graduation on May 14. We were successful not only due to Howard College, but also from many facilities and people in the Big Spring community.

We'd like to take this time to thank all those that aided in our education and success this year. First, we'd like to extend our gratitude to all the facilities at which we were able to perform our clinicals. The facilities include: Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the V.A. Hospital, Mountain View Lodge, West Side Day Care, Dr. Ahmed's office and the Westwood Campus of Midland Memorial. Next, we would also like to recognize all those that assisted with the

raffle that the students organized to raise money for our pinning and all those that purchased tickets.

We raised more than \$200 which allowed us to purchase nursing pins for our students. Our pinning ceremony was beautiful thanks to the hard work of Shannon Nabors, and well-stocked with food donated by local businesses.

Also, we would like to thank the State Hospital of Big Spring for allowing us to tour the facility and all the information they provided in psychiatric services and all those who came to lecture our class on different aspects of nursing. Your time and efforts were well recognized and appreciated.

Last and certainly not least, our entire class would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Margaret Davidson and Linda Schafer for all their patience, caring and knowledge bestowed to us as our amazing instructors.

Again, we thank everyone who participated in furthering our education and assisting us with obtaining our LVN degrees.

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TO THE EDITOR:

As we near the end of the 2003-2004 school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank those who helped to support the visual arts program at Big Spring High School.

We had an excellent article about our success at the Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibition (UIL) published in the *Herald*. Jackie Bowen did an outstanding report on our UIL successes for KBST.

Debbie Weissman and Sheree Moates of Displays of Splendor did a fantastic job preparing mats and artwork to be hung for display. Gary Miller (bus driver) and Paula Underwood (Spanish translator for ESL students) donated one of their Saturdays to attend the UIL exhibition.

A special thank you to the Big Spring Art Association for its monetary donation without whom we could not have purchased Regional and Area patches for letter jackets. I also send a thank you to the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) for the purchase of supplies (soap, markers, ruler, paper towels, etc.) to help out our budgetary needs. Visual arts is such a quiet part of the curriculum, so we appreciate all this special treatment.

There is often a display of current artwork in the high school's main office area for viewing by students, faculty and visitors. I hope everyone has enjoyed the displays and thank you once again for the support to the visual arts programs.

J. TERELETSKY  
BSHS ART DEPARTMENT

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anything like this. You just can't beat the people in Big Spring. It's a wonderful place to live and make friends that you never lose."

Meek said he's glad to see ALON USA putting on such a wonderful show, and believes they will be more than happy with the refinery that he at one time called home.

"I think they made a good acquisition and they are very proud of it," said Meek. "I think they'll be good stockholders for the refinery. I think it's very encouraging."

"I was really impressed with all of the good young people that I saw while we've been at the refinery this weekend. Us old timers sit around and have a lot of fun reminiscing, but our time is over as far as running the refinery goes. It's good to see the young people in there and all of their enthusiasm."

Perry, who left the local facility several years after Meek, said he's very pleased with ALON's acquisition of the plant, and the willingness to give back to not only the

community, but to the employees and retirees.

"I think they've done a terrific job since they took this over," said Perry. "Especially if you look at how they have streamlined it and made things happen. They've done a terrific job and really saved a lot here. They have some really good young people running this place, and they are all very enthusiastic and that's what I like to see."

"I'm so proud of them for giving something back to the community. This has really meant a lot to some of us that have been gone for a long time because it gave a lot back to us, too. This is part of our background — this is where we grew up, and we're very proud of what they've done here."

If Meek and Perry seemed pleased with the caliber of performers and turn out for the concert, it could be seen as an echo of what the crowd enjoying the show was feeling as well.

"I think it's really fantastic that ALON USA put on this show," said Barbara Morgan, one of the many people who packed the coliseum for the concert. "I really think they should look at

doing more things like this. I think it would really help the city of Big Spring. I think it would be great to have more big-name acts like Asleep at the Wheel come into Big Spring. All you had to do

deserve a big celebration like this."

"It's a free concert," Ryan Gannaway said with a laugh. "I think it's pretty cool. Big Spring really needs this sort of thing. The bands tonight

cert has given him a new appreciation for what sort of planning goes into an event of such a high caliber.

"It's sort of interesting to watch all of this," laughed Concienne in between filling what might appear to be promoter and scheduling shoes at the concert. "I've never done this before. We've never put anything like this on before, so it's really interesting to watch it develop — knowing what's going to happen and knowing the bands that you've contracted with — seeing it all at once is really neat."

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Joe Concienne  
Refinery manager

was look around tonight and see how many people came.

"My husband is a big fan of Asleep at the Wheel. He's a musician himself, so there was no way we were going to miss this show," she laughed.

"We came out tonight because we like live music and I like Asleep at the Wheel," said Jimmy Shanks and his wife, Sandy.

"Seventy-five years is quite an accomplishment and they really

were really good. I had never heard of the first band (The Kaiser Brothers Band), but I had heard of Cory Morrow and Asleep at the Wheel. They're the real reason I came out tonight."

Joe Concienne, ALON USA vice president of refining and transportation, could be seen quickly stepping up and down the halls of the coliseum prior to the show making and remaking arrangements.

Concienne said the con-

the racing around, however, Concienne said the refinery and ALON USA managed to accomplish exactly what they set out to do.

"We had a lot of out-of-town guests here tonight," said Concienne, "we've had a lot of community people and a lot of employees, which is exactly what we set out to do. It's all about honoring the employees and retirees, the community and all the way down the line. This is sort of the culmination of what we wanted to see happen."

Herald staff writer  
Lyndel Moody also contributed to this story.

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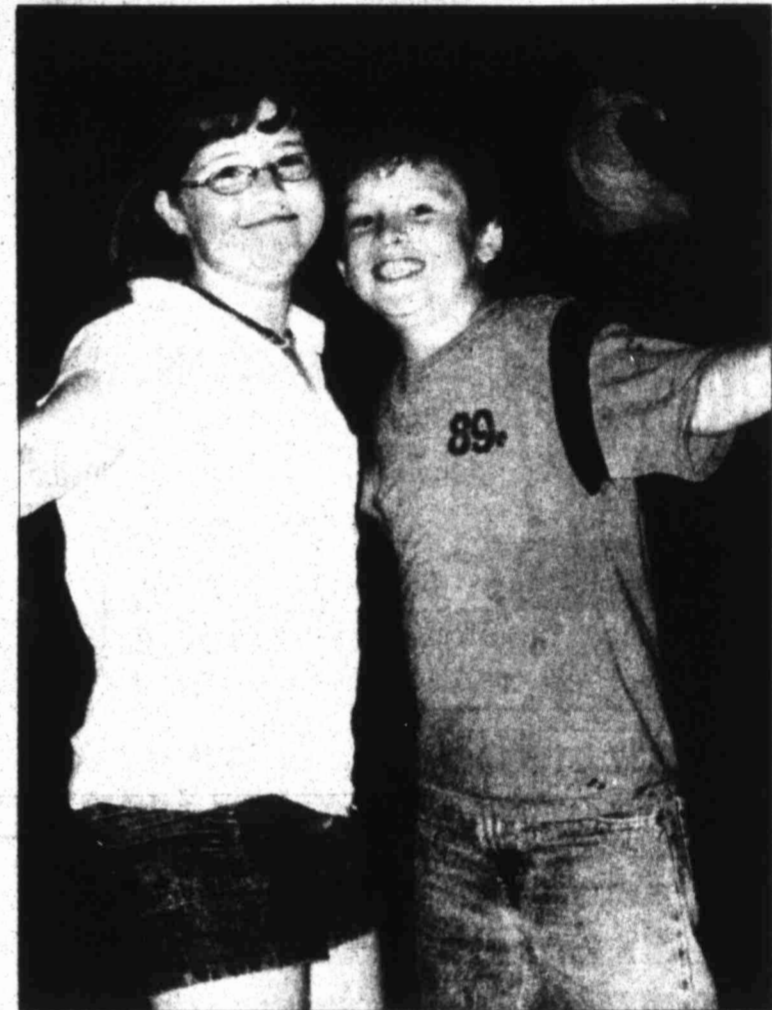
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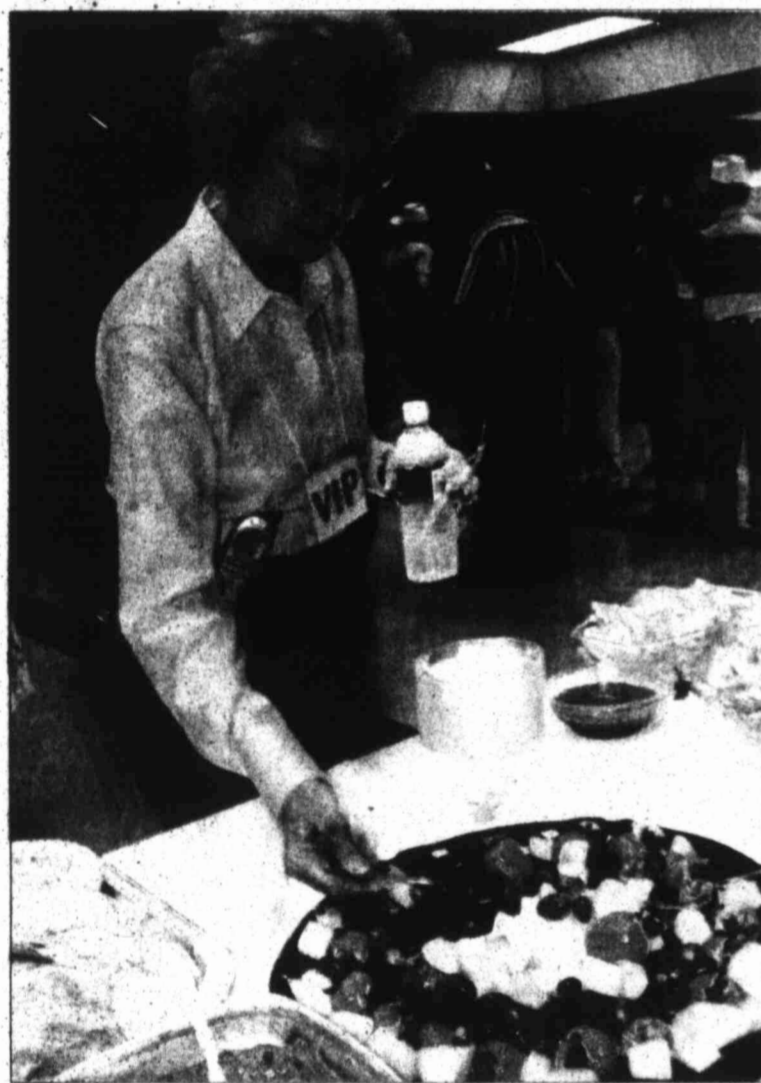
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Kevin Brownfield and his son Jarrett check out the performers' merchandise tables in the lobby of the coliseum moments before the show began with the Kaiser Brothers Band. The Brownfields traveled to the concert from Colorado City.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Paul Gibbs, an ALON USA refinery worker, takes a spin across the floor with his wife, Rhonda, Saturday night to the tunes of Corey Morrow.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Jessica Rivera and Chris Amet ham it up on the dance floor at the ALON USA community concert.

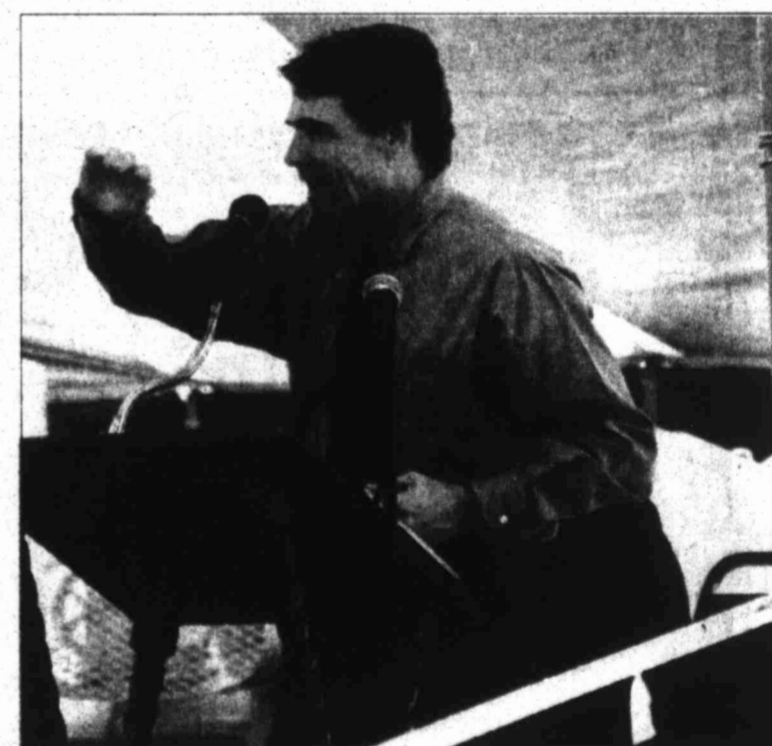


HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Bobbie Nix of Big Spring tries out some of the catered food available at the ALON USA hospitality suite during the community concert Saturday night.

# Big Spring Refinery 75th anniversary celebration



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
State Sen. Kel Seliger puts the finishing touches on a hamburger Friday. Refinery employees cooked more than 750 burgers for the event.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Gov. Rick Perry talks to employees and friends of ALON USA during a luncheon Friday at the refinery.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
David Weissman, chairman of the board and owner of ALON USA and the Big Spring Refinery, and his wife, Bruria, leave the Heritage Museum following a ribbon cutting for the opening of the permanent exhibit of the Big Spring Refinery. The ribbon cutting was held Friday.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
The Frasier Brothers Band performed during Friday's luncheon at the refinery and again at the concert that evening.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring Country Club tourney set

A parent and child two-person scramble tournament has been announced by the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament (either open division or trophy division) will take place June 5-6 with shotgun starts both days. Saturday's competition begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday tees off at 1 p.m.

The open division tournament will cost \$80, while the trophy division is \$30. Carts are not included. However, private carts are welcome.

The divisions are broken up into ages 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee on the second team is half price. There will also be BBQ served on the course Saturday.

If interested, call 432-267-5354 to sign up.

#### Over 80 scramble set for mid-June

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting an over 80 golf scramble June 19-20.

There will be a \$60 per player fee plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome, as well.

The tournament will have a shotgun start and will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee includes a BBQ on the course Saturday and a practice round Friday (golf cart extra). The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

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#### Coahoma softball camp set for June

Coahoma softball coach Robby Dickenson will lead a camp for all incoming second through ninth grade girls at the Coahoma High School Field June 7-10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50 if received by June 5 and \$55 if received after and the money includes a camp t-shirt. The camp will cover fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, and individual techniques and drills for all positions.

Each girl needs to bring her own glove and any other equipment needed to play her position (catcher's gear, etc.).

Dickenson also encourages players to bring their own bat, sliding shorts, knee pads and cleated shoes.

Enrollment forms must be filled out and turned in by June 5 to receive the discount, but they will be accepted up until the first day of the camp June 7.

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# Coahoma advances to semifinals

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Coahoma made things interesting once again Saturday, but still managed to advance to the Region I, Class 2A baseball semifinals.

The Bulldogs were defeated in Game 2 of a best of three series with Post, 16-3, in five innings at Christenson Stadium in Midland, but recovered to claim victory in Game 3, 13-5.

Saturday's high-scoring games came after Coahoma defeated Post 16-6 in five innings Friday. Both teams combined for 24 hits in that contest.

The Bulldogs got down quickly in Game 2 as Post brought the offense early and often. The Antelopes took a 9-0 lead after two innings and never looked back.

"We just came out flat and got in a huge hole pretty quick," said Coach Brad Harmon. "Then we just couldn't recover from the deficit."

Post continued to score runs with one run each in the third and fourth innings and closed out the game with a five-run fifth.

Coahoma scored its only runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Senior Justin Gard took the loss on the mound and lasted only one and one-third innings. He gave up eight runs total.

"They hit the ball well," said Harmon. "Justin wasn't comfortable and

that happens sometimes. He never really got into any kind of rhythm."

Junior Chad Born scored the Bulldogs' first run after an RBI single by junior Orrin Mansfield in the fourth. Coahoma added two runs in the fifth after senior Kelby Kemper smashed a home run that also scored senior Sam Tindol.

Junior Lance Roberts went two-for-three from the plate, as well.

"At the end of the game, not much was said because we knew what we had to in game to move on," said Harmon. "I wanted them to erase game two from their minds and think about what we did in game one that allowed us to get the win."

Coahoma did erase everything.

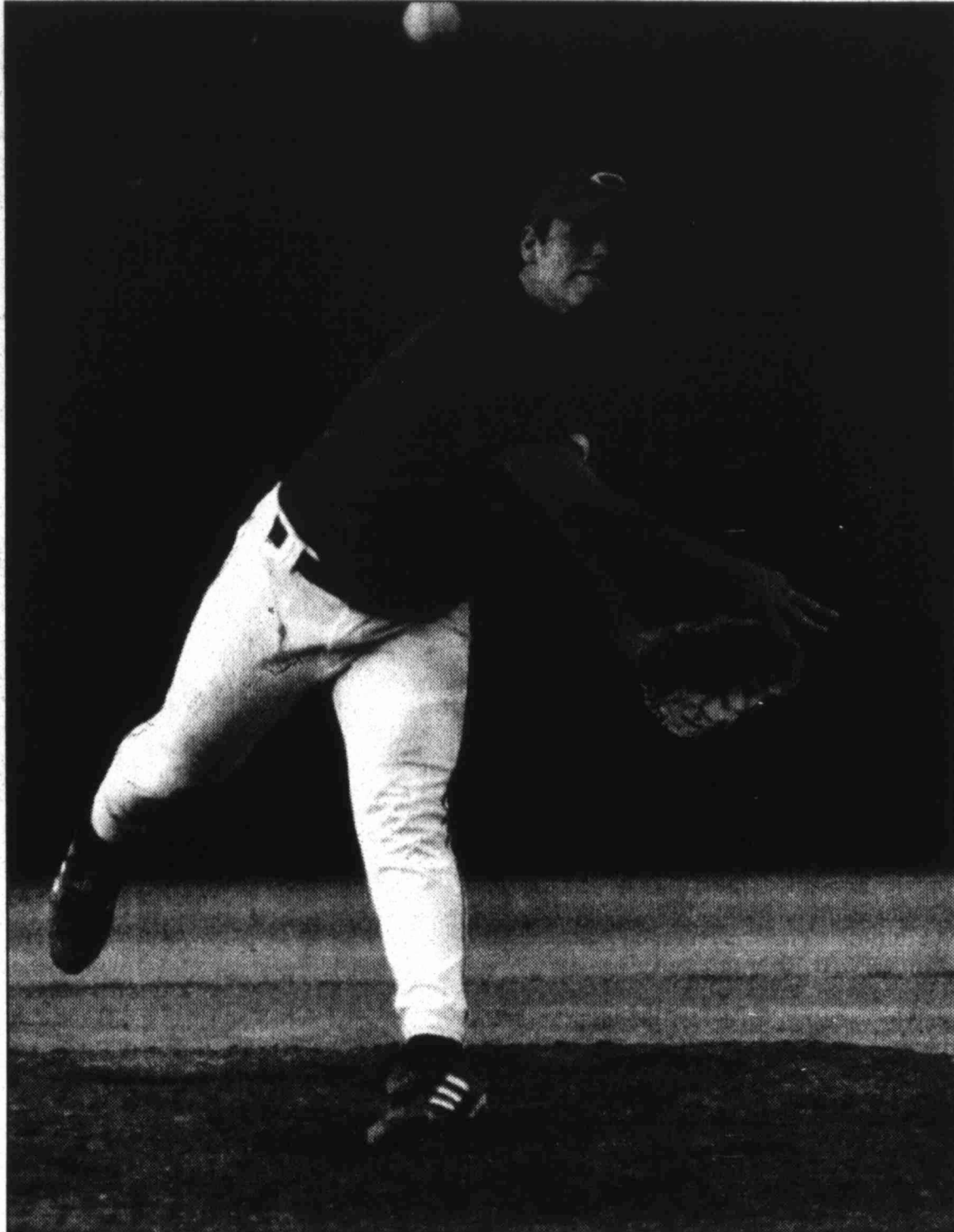
Kemper took charge on the mound in game three and gave Coahoma the victory, which moved the Bulldogs onto the regional semifinals next week.

Kemper pitched all seven innings, gave up three earned runs on four hits and struck out nine, while walking none.

"Kelby wanted the ball in his hands in the deciding game and he did a great job for us on the mound," said Harmon.

The Bulldogs were also potent from the plate, cracking out 13 runs on 15 hits, led by Roberts' 4-for-5 performance.

Coahoma trailed after  
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma junior Lance Roberts tosses the ball to the plate against Post in Game 1 of the best of three series at Christenson Stadium in Midland. The Bulldogs defeated Post, 16-6, in the opener, lost in Game 2, 16-3, and won the series with a deciding Game 3 win, 13-5. In Game 3, Roberts went 4-for-5 from the plate with five RBI. The Bulldogs will now play Holliday in a best of three series starting Friday at noon in Abilene.

## Big Spring ends season against Dinny, Crowley

By JEFF LANE  
Special to the HERALD

The 2004 season came to an end Saturday in Abilene as the Lady Steers softball team fell to defending Class 4A state champ Crowley, 5-0.

Big Spring was not lacking desire as the ladies came in with plenty of intensity. But, Crowley pitcher Meagen Dinny proved to be too much for the Lady Steers as she struck out 16 of the 22 batters she faced.

Both teams played pretty even through the first two innings. However, Crowley took control in the third, scoring three runs on three hits and a walk.

Big Spring was never able to get rolling as Dinny retired the first 12 batters she faced, nine by way of the strikeout.

The Lady Steers still showed some fight in the late innings but were unable to capitalize when runners did reach base. In the fifth, junior Alex Watkins drew a walk for Big Spring's first base runner, but was left stranded as the next three batters struck out.

Big Spring picked up its only two hits of the day in the sixth and seventh innings as freshman Katy Abner and senior Whitney Hufford each had singles. Each time, though, Dinny was able to get out of the inning with strikeouts or by forcing pop-ups.

The Lady Steers lose four starters next year and will have to regroup as they look to match the

success of this season. Key returners include Watkins and fellow juniors Chelsea Abner and Heather Vassar.

Also returning are freshmen Katy Abner and Amber Sides.

The Lady Steers will also look to several others moving up from the junior varsity ranks to contribute next year.

Big Spring finishes the season with a record of 34-5-1.

Crowley advanced to the Region I, Class 4A championship game against Big Spring's district rival Andrews. Andrews defeated Fort Worth Brewer in Abilene, 4-1. Big Spring defeated Brewer earlier this season, but Brewer defeated Crowley in each of their two matchups in district play.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Whitney Hufford throws out a Crowley runner at first base during the Lady Steers' 5-0 loss Saturday at Wells Field in Abilene. Hufford got one of Big Spring's two hits.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring freshman Amber Sides gets down low in an attempt to bunt a pitch from all-state pitcher Meagen Dinny of Crowley. Dinny struck out 16 Big Spring batters and picked up the 5-0 shut out victory over the Lady Steers Saturday in Abilene.

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one inning, 2-1, but scored two runs in the second, third and fifth innings and closed out the victory with a six-run seventh.

Post scored one run in each of the final three innings, but it proved to not be enough.

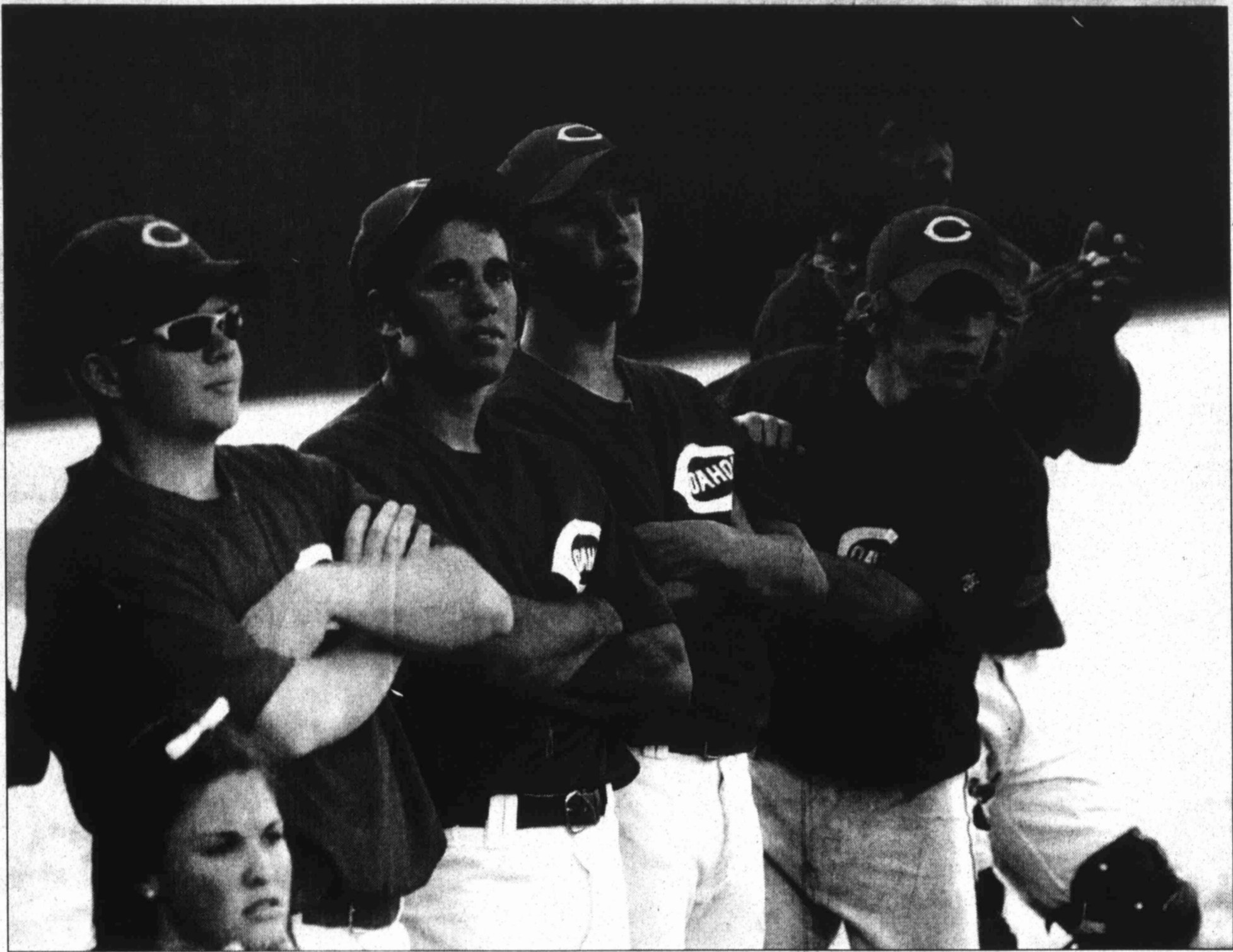
"The crowd was fantastic, but we didn't give them much to cheer about until Game 3," said Harmon. "We always have good fans and we are going to need that to continue next week."

Besides his four hits, Roberts also added five RBI and one run at the plate.

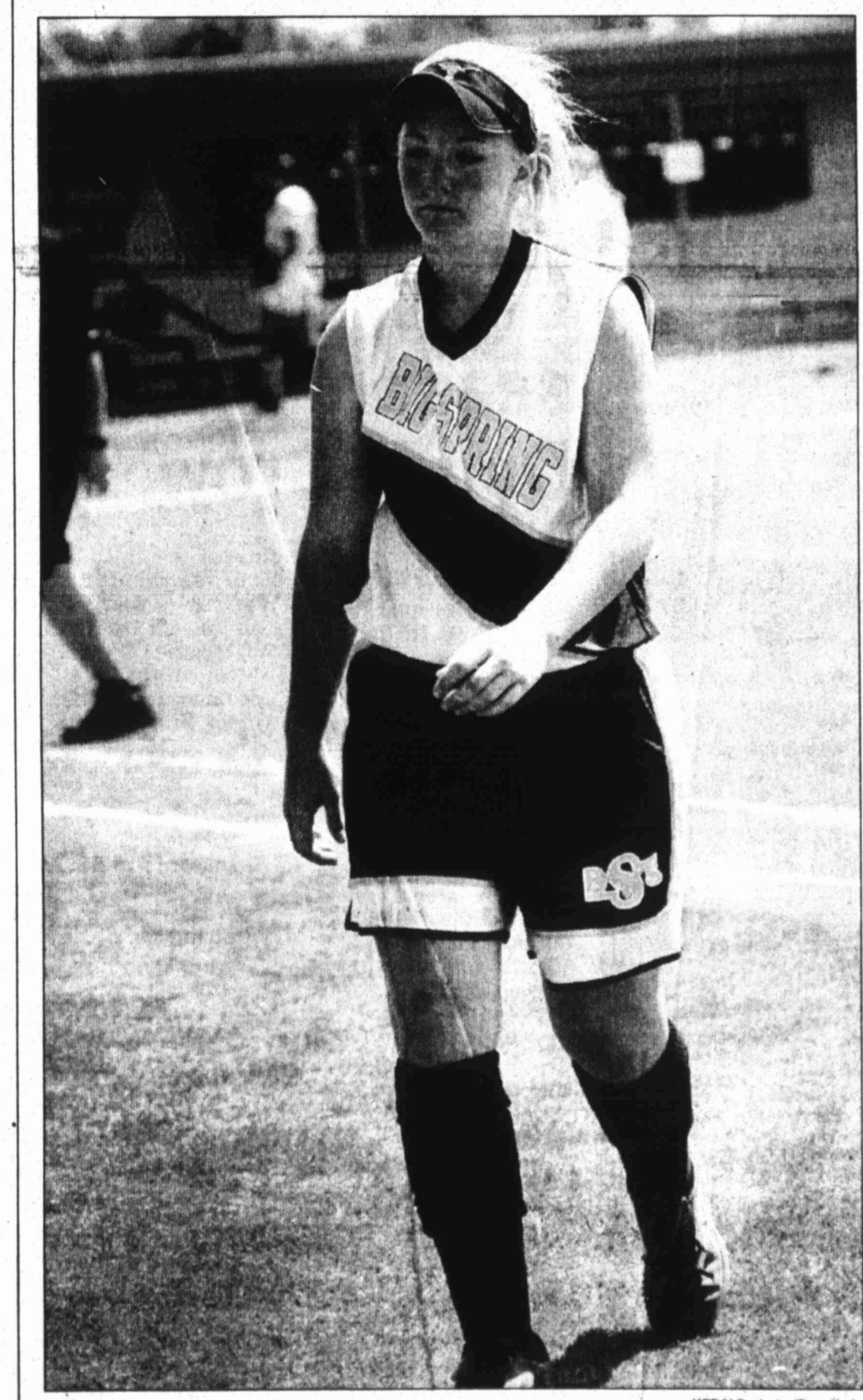
Kemper had two hits, two RBI and one run, while junior Adrian Abrego added two hits, including a double, and scored two runs.

Junior Gene Corse went 2-for-5 with two runs, Mansfield finished the game 2-for-3 with two runs and Tindol doubled and had one RBI, while also scoring a run. Junior Luis Ramirez added two RBI and a run, as well.

The Bulldogs will now take on Holliday in a best of three series starting Friday at noon in Abilene. The second game will be played Saturday at 2 p.m. and, if needed, game three will begin 30 minutes after Game 2.



Members of the Coahoma baseball team like what they see in game one against Post Friday night in Midland. The Bulldogs won Game 1 of the best of three series, 16-6, in five innings. Coahoma lost Game 2, 16-3, before bouncing back to defeat Post, 13-5, in Game 3. The series win advances Coahoma to the Region I, Class 2A semifinals next Friday in Abilene against Holliday. The first game starts Friday at noon, while Game 2 will take place Saturday, starting at 2 p.m. If a third game is needed, the two teams will play that contest 30 minutes after Game 2.



Big Spring junior Alex Watkins walks off the field after losing to Crowley, 5-0, in the Region I, Class 4A softball semifinals Saturday at Wells Field in Abilene. Watkins was the losing pitcher, giving up five runs, while striking out seven. She was also one of three Big Spring batters to reach base after walking in the fourth.

**A-Rod's two hits helps New York avoid Rangers sweep**

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Enrique Wilson homered and drove in three runs, sparking the Yankees to an 8-3 victory Sunday over the Texas Rangers and helping New York avoid a three-game sweep in Alex Rodriguez's return to Arlington.

Kenny Lofton opened the game with a triple and scored on the play when a relay throw by Michael Young, A-Rod's replacement at shortstop, bounced into the netting in front of the Yankees' dugout for an error.

Javier Vazquez (4-4), who hasn't had much run support this season, gave up the lead in the second inning but was steady after that to win for the first time since April 30. He allowed three runs and six hits in six innings with six strikeouts.

Wilson was in an 0-for-17 slump until hitting his first homer of the season Friday night.

He had a 400-foot out to the warning track in right-center in his first at-bat Sunday, then connected for a two-run shot off R.A. Dickey (4-4) in the fourth to put New York back ahead 4-2.

Wilson doubled in the first run during a three-run rally in the sixth inning, then scored when a grounder by Lofton went under the glove of Alfonso Soriano, New York's second baseman the last three years until being traded for A-Rod.

It was Soriano's fourth error of the season.

Wilson earned Soriano's old job by hitting an AL-best .463 during spring training, but a slow start at the plate caused him to lose much of his playing time to Miguel Cairo. Wilson was hitting only .177 coming into this series, but now he's up to .211.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4 Sunday with a single, double and two strikeouts. He was 5-for-13 in the series with a homer, two RBIs and three runs. He also extended his streak of consecutive games reaching base to 32, making it the longest in the majors this season.

While getting booed during every at-bat, Texas' former star proved

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Soriano went 3-for-13 with a homer in his first series against his former team.

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for a Maintenance Worker for the Lake Thomas area. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. The District is an equal opportunity employer.

Application are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

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Fax: 1-800-645-5552  
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## Miscellaneous

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**NOTIFICATION**  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
Mars passes by Saturn tonight, bringing a lesson to the home front. Emotions are heightened,



Joyce Jillson

but if you keep an open mind and stay a bit detached, the amped-up style with which many people choose to express themselves will provide a vivid and specific indication of the problem. There will be a continued effort to fix it as the week progresses.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're contemplating a financial move that will drastically change your lifestyle, whether or not you realize it now. It's important to imagine all of the ways this move will affect you before taking a step.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Alfred Hitchcock once remarked that "There's nothing scarier than the neighbors." Indeed, today, you could hear strange noises or get an odd vibe and wonder, "What are they doing in there?" Cautiously check it out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The mathematics of the universe are far less logical than most people believe. Giving to charity can be incredibly selfish — you wind up getting so much in return! Tonight, your dinner conversation is incredibly charming.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Those talented, intense, twisted friends of yours influence you. You're not one to be a follower, but if someone

has a success formula, why not use it? It takes more than natural talent to win at this game.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Sure, you need your peace and quiet, but this much of it? Reach out, and get in touch! The more communicative you are, the more likely you are to come across a piece of information that helps unlock your current conundrum.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 24). This is your year! You've passed many tests and have the personal fortitude to go "for real" this time. The next seven weeks are extraordinarily lucky when you gather up your courage and jump in — no looking back. An educational opportunity at the end of August, once completed, boosts your income considerably. Love signs are Leo and Cancer. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 9, 4, 1 and 17.

**VRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way you thoughtfully move ahead in life, creating new patterns as you plod along at a deliberate, albeit slow, pace will turn your days into a work of art. Your intrinsic elegance attracts luck on all levels.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your incredible sense of responsibility is more than a positive quality — it's a talent! This is one of the reasons so many people need you. At work, your irritation is certainly well-founded, but shake it off before you infect others.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Dare to be outrageous, instinctual and even a bit cutthroat about your business — of

course, I mean that in the nicest way, dear Scorpio. Change is coming. Soon, everyone will be accountable for actions taken.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your universe is expanding. That doesn't mean someone else's has to shrink. Keep the abundance mentality, and remind yourself often that there is plenty for everyone. Get your worries under control.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel ready to make progress but may not be sure just where you're going, with whom and so on. This kind of openness is both wonderful (anything can happen!) and dangerous (anything can happen!).

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are expending great amounts of energy and could probably use some more support in terms of nutrition for both your body and spirit. The more freedom you give a loved one, the clingier this person becomes. It's weird.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's important to know that the people you are doing business with will keep promises — you can never be sure, but a good track record does mean something. Do your research! Check references, and pay attention.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Will my mother and I succeed in a new food business we plan to start this year? The family business has been suffering, and we need to supplement our income. Will we be lucky in finances in the future? I was born March 12, 1980, and my mom was

born March 23, 1960."

A Pisces and Aries mother-daughter team is a winning combination indeed. Still, I suggest you get help on the financial-organization side of this business arrangement. A Taurus, Capricorn or Virgo finance expert will be able to troubleshoot potential problems in your business before you even open, saving you time and money. Being a Pisces, you have an intuitive sense about what is going to sell and about what foods are nourishing.

It's important to consider the health of your customers and provide nutritious food. Your mother is an excellent salesperson and hard worker. It will be up to you to keep her focused. Do not start without a business plan! Write everything down, and get an expert opinion, even if you have to pay for it! I see the end of October as a profitable time when you can put money back into the business to keep up the momentum through next year.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Gemini people like Anne Heche need plenty of exercise to keep up their stamina. This busy actress and mom will be appearing on stage with Alec Baldwin in the comedy "Twentieth Century" and on screen later this year with Nicole Kidman in "Birth." Heche could increase her endurance by participating in team sports such as volleyball or doubles tennis and could even pick up a few awards along the way.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have never written to anyone about this problem, although it's been bothering me for over 10 years. Annie, I am a large woman. (I weigh 240 pounds and am 5 feet 4.) I am a divorced mother of a 7-year-old girl who also is heavy for her age.

I fear my bad eating habits and couch-potato routine are forcing "Abbie" to be overweight. I was big as a child, and I still remember all the name-calling and being the last one picked on a sports team. I do not want this for Abbie, but I feel helpless. I have tried diets and exercise programs, but they last only a few weeks. What can I do? — Struggling with Weight in Texas

Dear Struggling: You are not alone, but you are wise to recognize that your habits have a huge impact on your daughter. Both of you need to eat healthier, and she needs to see Mom exercise every day. Ask your doctor to refer you to a nutritionist, and consider Weight Watchers ([weightwatchers.com](http://weightwatchers.com)). You must change the way you buy, cook, and eat food. This must be a lifetime change.

Enlist Abbie's participation in an exercise program. (Don't invest in a piece of home equipment unless you are certain it won't become an expensive coat rack.) Check out some nearby fitness centers, and take Abbie with you. Talk to one of the trainers. Look into computer or video games that involve movement and dance. Perhaps Abbie would be interested in taking a karate class at the park district, swimming at the YMCA or joining a local soccer team. Take a bike



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

ride together on weekends and a walk after dinner (also a great way to talk with Abbie about her day).

Readers, let us hear from those of you who have taken off substantial weight and kept it off for two years or more. Tell us what worked for you.

Dear Annie: I am so upset right now I can hardly type. Last night, there was a message on my answering machine from a salesperson. It said, "Hi. This is Mike, and I got a message that 'Tyler' called requesting information." Annie, Tyler is my 14-year-old son who died last year.

I phoned the salesman back. To his credit, he did apologize. However, I am terribly upset by the practice of stating that Tyler had called requesting information when, obviously, his name was pulled off some list. We have worked hard on our grief journey to be able to function normally, and this was a horrible intrusion.

Salespeople cannot possibly know what is going on in my home. If companies are going to make these cold calls in an effort to sell something, they should NOT use a name from a

consumer list they purchased from heaven knows where. Thanks for letting this mom vent. — Grieving in Kansas

Dear Grieving: Our hearts are breaking for you. Some telemarketers believe using a person's name will lure the customer into talking, and possibly buying. Unfortunately, as you have pointed out, such a tactic can backfire. We hope those companies will read your letter carefully, and cease and desist.

Dear Annie: When I was 12 years old, my father started molesting me. A year later, I told a childhood friend. She told someone, her parents, a teacher or a counselor. I'll never know, but that anonymous voice saved me. Dad got a phone call, and the abuse ended. I owe my friend a debt of gratitude for her courage.

I want to encourage others to be the voice for a silent child. Your words can make a huge difference. — Forever Grateful in West Virginia

Dear W.Va.: Heroes come in all shapes and sizes — and ages. Bless your friend for having the strength to speak up.

Dear Annie: My parents, both in their mid-50s, have decided to move out of state. The problem is, my mother wants to keep her job here and live with me during the week, commuting to her new place only on weekends.

My husband and I have two children, ages 6 and 9, and we don't have room for Mom to stay here comfortably. She insists she can sleep on the couch in the children's playroom. I don't want to hurt my mother by telling her she cannot live with me, but I certainly don't want to

ruin the good relationship we have now by setting up a situation that is certain to cause hard feelings. With summer just around the corner, the kids will be staying up later and making noise while she will want to sleep, and I know this will become a problem. Any thoughts? — Role Reversal in California

Dear Role Reversal: It's probably a good thing that your children will annoy your mother. Maybe she'll decide your home is not where she wants to be.

Some folks can manage fine with Mom in the house, but the choice should be yours. The two of you are close enough that Mom feels welcome in your home, so you should be able to talk to her about this. Let her know you love her and want no friction, but your accommodations are such that there is bound to be trouble. She will eventually find the playroom uncomfortable or not private enough, and her warm relationship with the children will suffer. Tell her she can stay now and then, but five days a week is not a good idea. Offer to help her find a better arrangement.

Be prepared for some hurt feelings, but it's better than a wrecked marriage and an estranged mother. Good luck.

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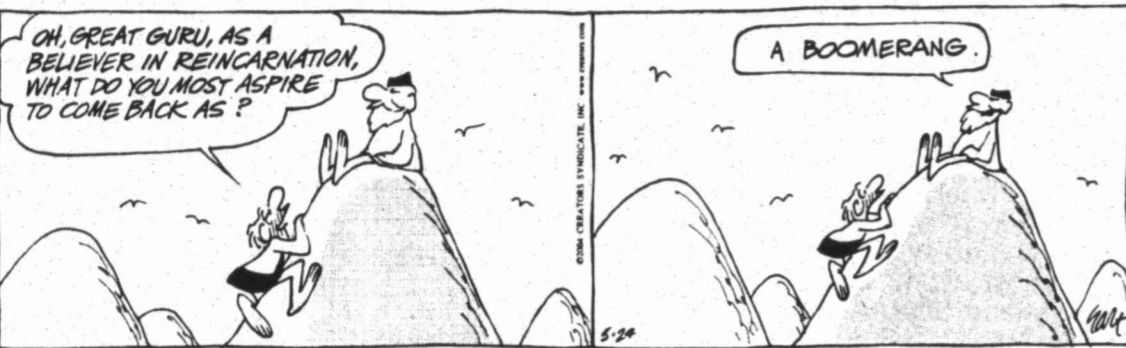
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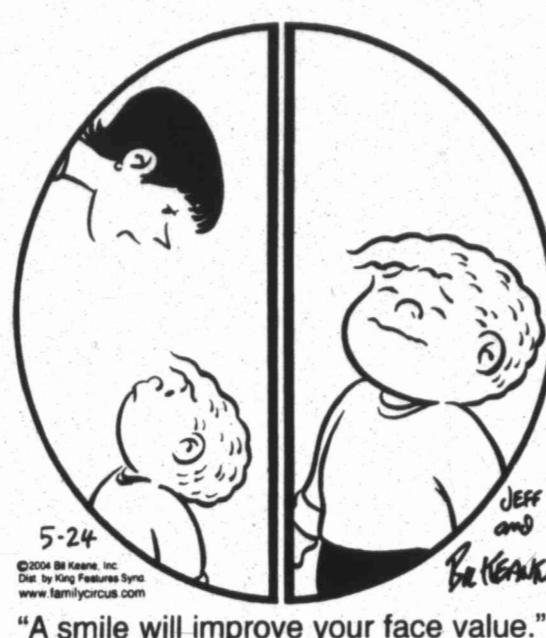
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"A smile will improve your face value."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 24, the 145th day of 2004. There are 221 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 24th, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought!" from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

On this date:

In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London.

In 1881, some 200 people died when the Canadian ferry Princess Victoria sank near London, Ontario.

In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened to traffic.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the

British dreadnought Hood in the North Atlantic.

In 1958, United Press International was formed through a merger of the United Press and the International News Service.

In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora Seven.

In 1976, Britain and France opened transatlantic Concorde service to Washington.

In 1977, in a surprise move, the Kremlin ousted Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo.

In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

In 2002, President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a landmark nuclear arms reduction treaty in Moscow.

Ten years ago: Four men convicted of bombing New York's World Trade Center were each sentenced to 240 years in prison. The United

States and Japan agreed to revive efforts to pry open Japanese markets to U.S. goods.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tommy Chong is 66. Singer Bob Dylan is 63. Actor Gary Burghoff is 61. Singer Patti LaBelle is 60. Actress Priscilla Presley is 59. Country singer Mike Reid is 57. Actor Jim Broadbent is 54. Actor Alfred Molina is 51. Singer Rosanne Cash is 49. Actress Kristin Scott Thomas is 44. Rock musician Vivian Trimble is 41. Actor John C. Reilly is 39. Actor Eric Close is 37. Rapper-recording executive Heavy D is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FILL 'ER UP by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Fraction of a foot
- 5 Venomous vipers
- 9 Loathe
- 14 Lugosi of film
- 15 Immaculate
- 16 Playground equipment
- 17 Hawaiian island
- 18 High-school dance
- 19 Devastation
- 20 Baseball substitute
- 23 Sp. ladies
- 24 Partakes of
- 25 Airport car, e.g.
- 28 Onion coating
- 30 IRS employee
- 33 Hunter constellation
- 34 Wet weather
- 35 Loafer or moccasin
- 36 Hand-held lens
- 39 Tennis great Arthur
- 40 Chimed
- 41 Rustler's rope
- 42 Court divider
- 43 Summoned, with "for"
- 44 Shepherdess of rhyme
- 45 Pool stick
- 46 Bering and Caribbean
- 47 Rustic '50s film couple
- 53 Contented sounds
- 54 Leave out
- 55 Smidgen
- 57 Stage whisper

DOWN

- 1 Apple Computer competitor
- 2 Close to
- 3 Hint
- 4 Icy pellet
- 5 Legal motion
- 6 Searches, as the Internet
- 7 Stage item
- 8 Highway hauler
- 9 Garbage container
- 10 Bored feelings
- 11 Honeybee home
- 12 Skunk's defense
- 13 Tape-deck button: Abbr.
- 21 Teheran resident
- 22 Person, place or
- 25 Julius Caesar, for one
- 26 Wipe away
- 27 Period after
- 28 Canonized one
- 29 Chess piece
- 30 Pursue
- 31 Sheriff's group
- 32 Man of fables

- 34 Meg of *Sleepless in Seattle*
- 35 Keystone Kops comedy
- 37 Released
- 38 Crow (over)
- 43 Twilight time
- 44 Bailey of cartoons
- 45 Aces and jacks
- 46 Ability
- 47 Erato, for one
- 48 La Scala solo
- 49 Sit, as for a portrait
- 50 Part of U.S.A.: Abbr.
- 51 Like a folk tale
- 52 British prep school
- 53 Sidekick
- 56 Do something

