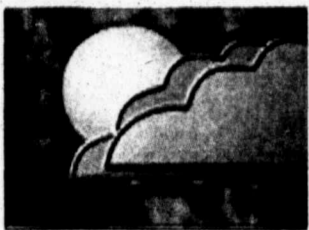


WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 36°-38° TOMORROW 66°-68°

BRIEFLY

Kiwanis set for pancake supper

The Big Spring Kiwanis Club's 60th Pancake Supper will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College cafeteria.

The all-you-can-eat meal includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and a drink for \$5 per person.

Municipal Court closed March 7-11

The Big Spring Municipal Court will be closed the week of March 7 through March 11. The computer system is being updated to a new, more efficient format and the staff will be training the entire week to learn the new system. The court will open for business Monday, March 14.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: From minus 75 in McGrath, Alaska, to 124 degree in Yuma, Ariz., the United States has its share of extreme weather. So what are the sunniest, cloudiest, wettest, driest, foggiest, and windiest places in America? Which places get the most snow, hail, hurricanes, tornadoes and lightning?

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Positive thinking

Mayor urges citizens to be proud of themselves and their community

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen believes it is high time people started saying what is good about living in this community.

So he decided to take the lead.

Countering what he considers an overblown sense of negativity.

McEwen presented an optimistic picture of Big Spring during his State of the City speech Tuesday afternoon.

McEwen left his wife Laura's sickbed Tuesday to deliver the speech; she had undergone colon surgery that morning at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"When we found out Laura needed surgery, too many people asked me, 'where are you going for it? And then they seemed shocked when we told them we were getting it done here,'" McEwen said, illustrating the negativity he said is too prevalent in Big Spring.

"We've got to quit bash-

ing ourselves," he said. "We've got to get to the point where we're proud of ourselves — because what we've got is pretty good."

And to back that assertion, McEwen checked off a long list of positive accomplishments, covering a cross-section of the community. The individuals and organizations praised by McEwen

included:

• Howard College — The mayor praised college President Dr. Cheri Sparks and others at the college for securing the Rural Community College Initiative for HC, and for recent groundbreaking for the new Visual and Dramatic Arts Center.

"If you take (Sparks) slow, and my fast, you have a happy medium," McEwen said.

• Big Spring Symphony and Chorale — Big Spring is the smallest town in Texas with an orchestra, and McEwen praised the

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"It's easy to be mediocre. It's tough to be excellent. We should always strive for excellence."

Mayor Russ McEwen



Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen gives his annual State of the City address at the Rotary sponsored Community Luncheon Tuesday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The mayor urged citizens to be proud of Big Spring and what it has to offer.

State hospital to add 49 employees

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

After a year of dark clouds hanging over their heads, the employees at Big Spring State Hospital have some sunshine heading their way.

It was announced at Tuesday's chamber of commerce luncheon that the hospital will soon be able to open up beds to 24 new patients, resulting in an increased workforce of 49 employees.

"We are waiting for actual approval to post the positions and that should happen any minute now," said hospital CEO Ed Moughon.

"Coming on the heels of a whole year talking about privatization and discussion of closure, this is absolutely great for our staff."



CEO Ed Moughon

The new beds will be an extension of the hospital's treatment for patients who have been charged with a felony.

"They are in the hospital because they are incompetent to stand trial for some non-vio-

lent felony charge, breaking and entering, things of that nature," said Moughon, explaining the hospital houses about 50 such patients currently. "This will allow us to raise the number of those patients by 24."

Moughon explained that after treatment, the patients are returned to their community to stand trial.

"The patients are scattered in overcrowded hospitals right now ready to be transferred to us. It will take us about 45 days to ramp up and accommodate them," said Moughon. "As far as our buildings and all, there are just some small changes that will need to be done

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Flying high

World hang gliding championships are headed to Big Spring in 2007

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Consistent flying conditions, solid accommodations and a supportive community are among the reasons Big Spring has been named to host the 2007 World Hang Gliding Championships.

The announcement was made Tuesday by Mayor Russ McEwen in his State of the City Address and greeted with applause by the 200 or so people attending the annual luncheon.

"We are delighted to have the nationals again this year and the world championships in 2007," Ret. USAF Col. Jim Little, manager of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, said after the luncheon.



Little Glover

ships) by one vote."

Big Spring has hosted the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championships for the past two years and a regular USHGA meet the year before that. The city will again host a USHGA meet in August. This is the first time,

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High court considers Ten Commandments

Supremes end death penalty for juveniles. See Page 5A.

By HOPE YEN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is considering whether Ten Commandments displays on government property unconstitutionally entangle church and state, a cultural battle that has splintered lower courts for more than two decades.

Justices were hearing arguments Wednesday in two cases involving displays in Texas and Kentucky. It is the first time since 1980 the high court is tackling the emotional issue, in a courtroom boasting a wall carving of Moses holding the sacred tablets.

Ten Commandments monu-

ments are common in town squares, courthouses and other government-owned land around the country. At issue is whether they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion," or simply represent a secular tribute to America's legal heritage.

The question has sparked dozens of heated legal battles, including one in Alabama by Roy Moore. He lost his job as chief justice a year ago after defying a federal order to remove a 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument he had installed in the state courthouse.

Demonstrators gathered in front of the Supreme Court in the icy cold Tuesday night for a candlelight vigil, and rallies were expected Wednesday morning.

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## Obituaries

### Tommy Conover Reeves

Tommy Conover Reeves passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, in Corpus Christi. Tommy had been a Corpus Christi resident for 67 years. He was born April 26, 1918, in Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Frances Reeves.

Tommy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1936. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 until 1946, returning to Corpus Christi in 1946. Tommy was employed by Gulf Iron Works, where he served as plant manager, retiring in 1985.

The First Methodist Church of Corpus Christi was an integral part of Tommy's life for more than 60 years. He served in many areas of the church. Tommy served as treasurer of the church almost 40 years and was a perinial member of the finance committee.

Tommy and Frances established the Christian Adventure Camp for Methodist youth in 1954 and served as the camp directors for 27 years. This Christian experience for youth is held each summer at the H.E. Butt Foundation Camp outside Leakey. The camp celebrated its 50-year anniversary in 2004. More than 5,000 youth and counselors have attended Christian Adventure Camp.

Tommy is survived by two sons, Jim Reeves and his wife, Charlene of Richardson and Tom Reeves and his wife, Bonnie of Frisco; one daughter, Linda DiFeo of Houston. His daughter, Patti Kirkpatrick preceded him in death in 2002.

Tommy is also survived by six grandchildren, Mitchell Reeves, Jason and Tyson Kirkpatrick, Patti Lee, Cindy Wallace and Danny DiFeo; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, at 10 a.m. today, March 2, 2005. A reception followed the service in the church's fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in the memory of Tommy and Frances Reeves Christian Adventure Camp Trust Fund, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1838, Corpus Christi, 78403.

Arrangements were under the direction of Cage-Mills Funeral Directors, Corpus Christi.

*Paid obituary*

### Eddie Larth Digby



Eddie Larth Digby, 78, of Kingsville, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, in Kingsville. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at the Turcotte-Piper Mortuary Chapel with Evangelist Tim Bennett officiating. Graveside service is 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, with full military honors following the graveside service.

He was born March 4, 1926, in Big Spring to Edwin Levi Digby and Lillian Harper Digby. He was employed as an oilfield worker for Pool Well Service for more than 25 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carlene Digby of Kingsville; four daughters, Edwina and her husband, James Cox of San Marcos, and Elaine West, Ruby Digby and Jennifer Lill Moceika, all of Kingsville; one brother, Raymond Elliott Digby of Big Spring; one sister, Ollie Stalcup of Odessa; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to be made to the Leukemia Foundation or to Relay for Life.

Arrangements are under the direction of Turcotte-Piper Mortuary, Kingsville.

### James Timothy Walker

James Timothy Walker, 48, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at his home. A family-only memorial service is planned.

He graduated from Brownfield High School in 1974. He was self-employed and he was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Walker of Stanton and his father, Floyd Walker of Brownfield.

Survivors include his mother, Peggy Walker of Cleburne; a son, Cory Walker of Sweetwater; a daughter, Holly Walker of Forsan; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sue Lynn and Larry Nelson of Cleburne.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Agape Funeral Home in Lubbock.

### Cruz H. Martinez

Cruz H. Martinez, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds. Around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. Highs around 70. West winds around 10 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL HEATH ANDERSON**, 28, of 3212 Cornell Street, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for parole violation.

- **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 19, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license.

- **CARL WILLIAM WELLS**, 22, of 2500 Cedar, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
  - in the 4100 block of Parkway.
  - in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **LEVI CARTER**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment for possession of marijuana.

- **DUSTY JOE CLINGAN**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **CATHERINE MAYBERRY**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

- **SHANE EDWARD ANDERSON**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of a controlled substance.

- **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **FREDRICK DEON SCOTT**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a dangerous drug.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Road.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 7500 block of Borden Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Hillside at 7:31 a.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 12:41 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster at 2:16 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3500 block of E. FM 700 at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of W. FM 700 at 4:03 p.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 4:09 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to the VA Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to the VA Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of NE Eighth Street at 11:14 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing with a ticket bought in a Dallas suburb.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing worth \$112 million was sold at the Dal-Rock Grocery in Rowlett. The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 1, 8, 18, 39 and 48. The Mega Ball number was 1.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-22-27-34. Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-4

## Bulletin board

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

**TODAY**

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at 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.

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- Nancy Castelle in concert at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center. The event is free and open to the public.

**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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

- Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Big Spring Kiwanis Club 60th annual Pancake Supper from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Howard College Cafeteria.

## Take note

- **ODESSA ART ASSOCIATION 47th ANNUAL JURIED ART EXHIBIT** is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Call Jean Johnson at 432-362-4019 or Lura Sivals at 432-550-2662 for more information.

- **BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION** monthly board of directors meeting is 5:30 p.m. March 14 at 808 Scurry St.

- **BOOK FAIR AT KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY.** Call the school at 264-4130 for more information.

- **NANCY CASTEELE IS GIVING A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT** at 7 p.m. today in the Dora Roberts Community Center Lake Room. The public is invited.

- **HOME HOSPICE OFFERS LIFE AFTER LOSS SIX-WEEK PROGRAM** beginning Thursday. The course, free to the public, is every Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 to register.

- **BIG SPRING KIWANIS CLUB 60TH ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College Cafeteria. All you can eat pancakes, sausage and bacon, \$5 per person.

- **MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY** are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

- **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2005** beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Theme for this year is "Let Our Light Shine." For more information, call 263-3766.

- **HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENS A NEW EXHIBIT, LAW AND ORDER, MARCH 10**, featuring memorabilia from the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the Big Spring Police Department and local and past attorneys. Special items in the exhibit include the murder trial in Howard County and a 1902 shoot-out. Contact the museum for more information at 267-8255.

- **A BENEFIT BARBECUE COOK-OFF FOR THE FORSAN BAND WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP** is set for March 12 at 703 W. Third. Categories are: brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

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### RECYCLING WITH KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL



Courtesy photo. Todd Darden, city of Big Spring director of public works, dons his Keep Big Spring Beautiful Randy Recycle costume to celebrate with Marcy Elementary first grader Nathan Permenter and Marcy school principal Carrie Dunnam for their efforts at collecting H-E-B plastic bags for a special recycling effort that earns the school funds. The recycling program, in place at all elementary schools, encourages students and their families to recycle the grocery store bags, which once properly rolled, will be sold to Enviro-Bag for up to \$1 per pound. The bags must be cleared of all debris and rolled into a special log shape in order to meet the specifications of the company for recycling. Thus far, Marcy Elementary has participated in the project by rolling their bags into logs for recycling. Directions for the proper method of recycling the plastic bags are available at any elementary school.

### HOMESCHOOL BEE CHAMP



Courtesy photo. Ten-year-old Cassandra Sulatan, left, won the spelling bee for the Big Spring Homeschool Coalition, which was conducted by Terri Machiavello at the Primitive Baptist Church. It was a close call between Cassandra and the runner-up, 12-year-old Rebekah Sikes. They went seven rounds to determine the winner, with Cassandra spelling "scenario" and "carbohydrate." She will represent the coalition in the Regional Spelling Bee Saturday in Lubbock.

## Public education committee approves school finance plan

By APRIL CASTRO  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A plan to overhaul education in Texas has cleared a major hurdle along the path to becoming law, despite opposition from every major education advocate in the state.

The House Public Education Committee on Tuesday approved the school finance legislation, which would give Texas schools an additional \$3 billion. The vote clears the way for the bill to be debated next week by the full House.

Opponents claim that the additional money is not enough and will be eaten up by inflation and other mandates in the bill, like the restoration of a \$1,000 teacher health care stipend that was cut in half by the Legislature two years ago.

The bill "in its present form is the worst thing to happen to Texas school children since chicken pox," said John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

Funding for the proposal is far from certain.

A separate committee is considering a slew of taxes to replace reduced school property taxes. The additional \$3 billion will have to be found from cuts to other agencies in the state budget.

"The bottom line is there is \$3 billion more than they will get if (this bill) doesn't pass," said Republican Rep. Kent Grusendorf, who wrote

much of the bill. Each school district would get a minimum of a 3 percent increase over the current school year.

Revising the state's system for paying for public schools has been a top priority for many lawmakers this session. Lawmakers are under pressure after a judge last year ruled Texas' school finance system unconstitutional, calling the \$30 billion system "financially inefficient, inadequate and unsuitable."

The state appealed his ruling to the Texas Supreme Court, but a final decision is not expected until after the current legislative session.

Before approving the bill, the committee debated a provision that would cap the amount of money taken from property wealthy districts to be redistributed into the system.

The approved bill would phase in a 35 percent cap over the next three years, which would significantly reduce the contentious share-the-wealth aspect of the system, known as Robin Hood.

Still, opponents claimed that by allowing about two dozen "super-wealthy" districts to keep more of their property tax revenue, the measure leaves a too-wide gap between the haves and the have-nots.

The bill also would restore funding for at-risk and bilingual students, which was cut in the

original legislation. The proposal does not contain a mandatory teacher pay raise, but introduces a teacher incentive program to reward teachers with money based on student performance. Schools would get extra money to be used on textbooks or technology to replace textbooks online.

The separate funding legislation is expected to be voted out of the House tax-writing Ways and Means Committee this week.

That bill also is expected to be debated in the House next week.

The House Public Education Committee, which is led by Republicans, approved the proposed education overhaul by a 6-3 vote along party lines.

"It puts a lot of new money in places that aren't those with the greatest need. It leaves those with the greatest need out of getting improvements and it makes it harder for money to go into those areas in the future," said Rep. Scott Hochberg of Houston, one of the three Democrats who voted against the bill.

If the measure passes in the House, it would still have to be approved by the Senate and be signed by the governor before becoming law.

### Regional science fair

## Big Spring students win first place

Herald Staff Report

Six Big Spring High School students received scholarships to the University of Texas Permian Basin after winning first place awards at the UTPB Regional Science Fair Feb. 26 in Odessa.

Manuel Gonzales (biochemistry), Nick McMahon (chemistry), Donnie Karavatos (botany), Samantha Lucas (microbiology), Brandon Pierce (space science) and Mike Heffington (math) each placed first in their respective divisions, and were awarded an \$8,000 scholarship to UTPB, according to information released by BSHS.

Other BSHS students who placed at the fair included: Brandon Barraza, second place, engineering; Brent Yater, second in medicine and health; Ariell Brown, third place, medicine and health; and Janica Ceniza, third place, botany.

Several Big Spring elementary and junior high school students also

competed at the science fair. Among those who placed are:

#### Junior Division

• Bauer Elementary — Ayanna Gomez, second place, behavioral/social science; Mark Torres, third place, environmental science.

• Goliad Intermediate — Trey Lowery, first place, behavioral/social science.

• Kentwood Elementary — Brady Weber, first place, life science; Brianna Knight, third place, life science; Matt Beal and Drake Worthan, third place, environmental science.

#### Intermediate Division

• Goliad Intermediate — Austin Sharp, second place, physics; Nicole Davidson, second place, biochemistry; Zachary Hernandez, second place, Mathematics; Di'ona Parker, third place, zoology; Lupita Sifuentes, second place, engineering; Trinity Terrazas, first place, biochemistry; Brandi Vaughn, third place,

space science. • Big Spring Junior High School — Tyler Keeton, second place, earth science; Hannah Weber, second place, microbiology; Jonathan Womack, physics.

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#### Blood drive set

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Donors must be at least 17 years of age.

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Talking about the weather

Hot or cold, wet or dry, sunny or stormy, everyone loves to talk about the weather. But, what about weather's extremes? Do you know where it's the hottest, the coldest, the wettest? Plus, filing your taxes and Rice-A-Roni salad.

**American Profile**

Celebrating HomeTown Life

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."

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

# McEwen right about stressing city's strengths

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Countering what he considers an overblown sense of negativity, McEwen presented an optimistic picture of Big Spring during his State of the City speech Tuesday.

"We've got to quit bashing ourselves," he told his audience. "We've got to get to the point where we're proud of ourselves — because what we've got is pretty good."

We couldn't agree more.

Our pages continually chronicle our community's positive accomplishments and other top attributes McEwen listed during his speech — Howard College's involvement with the Rural Community College Initiative, the symphony and chorale, the United Way of Big Spring, Relay for Life, the Festival of Lights, Pops in the Park and especially the way local residents went to work when it appeared state and federal agencies threatened the existence of the Big Spring VA Medical Center and Big Spring State Hospital.

We applaud his stand on the need for local citizens to "quit taking potshots at the Moore Board" and allow it to do its job.

We also support McEwen's desire to upgrade recreational facilities at Moss Lake and the municipal golf course.

And we wholeheartedly agree in his assertion that Big Spring should expand efforts to become a "meeting place for West Texas."

Yes, the mayor was absolutely correct when McEwen said much still needs to be done in Big Spring, but complaining does nothing to solve problems.

"It's easy to be mediocre. It's tough to be excellent," he said. "We should always strive for excellence."

Amen.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We look forward to positive changes, Lord, with You.

Amen

# Harnessing...Goat power?

My pal Jim Runge of Eldorado stages some of the most creative events to come along since Luckenbach's celebration of the return of mud daubers. One of his events is the Elgoatarod, featuring goats pulling carts around the courthouse square. It coincides with Alaska's Iditarod and is set for April 2 & 3. Jim's latest news release, about a gang of goataholics coming to Elgoatarod, is worth passing along:



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"It seems that Alexander the Goat, Captain Goataroo, Lady Goatlady (who is no goatie two shoes), Cuba Goating Jr., Rongoat Starr, Vincent Van Goat (who has quite the inflated ego and is quite egoatistical) and Abe Vigoata, got together and decided to sow some wild goats and go on a vacation goataway, boldly goat-

ing where no one had gone before. They left with goat expectations as the following story details:

"Leaving Fargoat, North Dagoata, in Augoat of 2004 they have visited Afgoatistan, Agoatsa, Georgia and Agoatsa, Maine, Bogoata, the Cape of Goat Hope, Chicagoat, the Goat Wall of China, Goatalahara, Goatamala, Goathem City, Goatsyburg, the Golden Goat Bridge, Mexigoat, Minnegoata, San Dagoata, San Francisgoat, South Dagoata, Yugoatslavia and both east and west goats.

"They saw a goatem pole and an alligoater (which was pretty goatesque), went to a goateo and a disgoateque, attended a goatary meeting (where they heard a goati-vational speaker), rode a roller goatster, shopped at Targoat, went on a fishing goat, went to church and heard about the Father, the Son and the Holy Goat, saw the Goatyair blimp and visited the site of the Watergoat scandal. In movie theaters they got to see The Goatfather, The Great Goatsby and 007 in Goateneye and Goatfinger.

In goatels they watched Goat Morning America, Murder She Goat, The Goat outdoors, The Goat Train Robbery and The Love Goat.

"One of the gang played the goatar and performed such hits as Don't Goat Breaking my Heart, Goat Tell It On The Mountain, Goat Balls of Fire, Johnny Be Goat and Michael Row Your Goat Ashore. They ate Goatfathers Pizza, Goata Cheese, escargoat, Goatsissery Chicken, Goatmeal cookies and drank Goata Cola.

"They did suffer some hardships. Captain Goataroo had to put on some new BF Goatrach tires and had to call Goatarooter for their goater home. Someone stole their goater scooter and Goatway computer. A few got sore goats even though they wore fur goats. They didn't get any pictures because no one was a goatographer and no one thought they were goatogenic.

"They did conclude that this is as goat as it gets, or as good as it goats. You can never get too much of a goat thing. The show must goat on."



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# The umms of Boston fellowship

I have been here only a few weeks, but I have already developed the Harvard "umm."

It goes like this: A friend calls me on my cell phone and asks why he has not seen me at this or that Washington press conference.

"Actually, I am, umm, sort of out of town," I say.

"Where?" he says.  
"Umm, Boston," I say.

"Boston?" he says.  
"What the hell are you doing in Boston? Have you switched jobs?"

"No, no," I say. "I still work in Washington, but I am away on a fellowship for several weeks. In, umm, Boston."

"What fellowship?"  
"Umm, the Institute of Politics fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government," I say.

"Is that at the Kennedy Library?" he says.

"No," I say. "The Kennedy Library is in Boston, but I, actually, I am at, umm, Cambridge."

"Cambridge? Where in Cambridge?"

"At this point I usually break down."

"Harvard," I say. "I am spending a semester at Harvard."

Laughter always follow. "How can you be at Harvard?" my friend says. "If you are bright, you have been hiding it effectively all these

years. Didn't you get thrown out of high school?"

"Not actually thrown out," I say. "I was voted Most Likely to Commit a Felony, but they let me graduate."

"And now you are a student at Harvard!" my friend says.

"Umm, actually, I am conducting a study group primarily for undergraduates," I say. "We discuss politics and the media and stuff like that. And I get to monitor classes."

"Isn't the president of Harvard in big trouble right now for saying something about why women don't do better in the sciences?" my friend says.

"To quote Henry Kissinger," I say, "academic fights are so vicious because the stakes are so small."

"What does that mean?" my friend says.  
"I don't know," I say. "But people spend a lot of time quoting other people up here."

"Don't you feel a little out of place?" my friend asks.

"No, I feel a lot out of place," I say. "And I already have proved to everyone how dumb I am."

"That didn't take long" my friend says. "What did you do?"

"I had a choice between coming up here in the spring semester or the fall semester, and I chose spring," I say.

"What's wrong with spring?"  
"Nothing, except for the snow, sleet and freezing rain," I say. "It

is the 'spring' semester in name only. The weatherman said on TV the other day that the Boston area has had 29 storms so far this year. Twenty-nine, and the year is barely two months old! Smart people pick the fall semester."

"But are you enjoying yourself at least?"

"Enormously," I say. "I knew I would. When I was out of college a few years and working at the Chicago Sun-Times, we hired a guy who had just graduated from Harvard, and so, naturally, I was prepared to hate him."

"Naturally," my friend says.

"So he shows up at work on his first day and we are chit-chatting, and he asks me where I went to school, and I say the University of Illinois, and he asks if I worked on the school paper, and I say yes, and he asks if anybody famous ever worked on the school paper, and I say, 'Roger Ebert!' And then I ask him, 'Anybody famous every work on your school paper?' And he says, 'Franklin Delano Roosevelt.'"

"Ha!" my friend says. "Pretty smart kid!"

"Yeah," I say. "After all, he went to, umm, Harvard."

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organization for being "instrumental in bringing culture to our community."

• Big Spring State Hospital — A recent state study that many feared would result in the hospital's closing instead reinforced its usefulness to the West Texas area, McEwen said. He also said that BSSH plans to add 24 new beds to the facility, which will result in 49 new jobs, with the possibility of more in the near future.

• United Way of Big Spring — The annual fund-raiser netted \$272,000 in 2004, an all-time record, the mayor said.

• Relay for Life — The charitable activity, which raises money for cancer research, is tops in Texas and sixth in the nation for money raised per capita.

• Festival of Lights — The annual Christmas-time event "gets bigger and better every year, and is a source of pride that is

incomprehensible," McEwen said.

• Big Spring VA Medical Center — Although the hospital's fate is up in the air because of a federal study, McEwen cited the near-unanimous support the facility has received, and expressed confidence it will remain in Big Spring.

The mayor also praised hospital officials for securing an accounts receivable program for the hospital which will eventually result in about 100 new jobs for the community.

• The Boeing contract — Big Spring has recently partnered with the Boeing Corporation to vie for a pilot-training program at the airport. The Department of the Air Force is scheduled to decide later this year which company will contract for the program.

McEwen singled out several Big Spring industries for praise, specifically ALON USA, A&M Composites and FiberRod, and defended Moore Development for Big Spring from charges that it is a waste of time and money.

"Let's quit taking potshots at the Moore Board, and let's allow them to do their job to the best of their abilities," he said.

Among the goals for the near future, McEwen said he wants the city to upgrade recreational facilities at Moss Lake and the municipal golf course. More importantly, however, he wants the city to ramp up its efforts to become a "meeting place for West Texas."

"We sit in the middle of one million people," he said. "I want us to build a world-class meeting center here. It's a natural. We need to do it."

McEwen admitted that "much still needs to be done" in the city, but added that grousing about the community's shortcomings would do nothing to solve the problems.

"It's easy to be mediocre. It's tough to be excellent," he said. "We should always strive for excellence."

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Death penalty ruling will have profound effect in Lone Star state

HOUSTON (AP) — For almost 12 years, Melissa Pena has waited for the execution of five gang members who raped and killed her teenage daughter and a friend and left their bodies to rot in a Houston field. On Tuesday, she learned that day would never come.

"They should die for what they did to my daughter. This is not right," Pena said.

A closely divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that it's unconstitutional to execute juvenile killers, ending a practice in Texas and 18 other states that has been roundly condemned by many of America's closest allies.

The 5-4 decision throws out the death sentences of about 70 juvenile murderers, 28 of whom are on Texas's death row. It also bars states from seeking to execute minors for future crimes, saying such executions violate the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Twenty-two of the people put to death since 1976 were juveniles when they committed their crimes; 13 of them were in Texas.

The ruling triggered cries of outrage from Texas victims' rights activists, victims' relatives, as well as renewed demands for a moratorium on the Texas death penalty — a demand Republican Gov. Rick Perry immediately refused.

But Perry asked the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to review the state's cases affected by the Supreme Court ruling.

At least two bills pending before the Legislature would prohibit the execution of violent offenders under the age of 18.

"If a bill that brings Texas law in line with the court's ruling reaches my desk I will sign it," Perry said in a prepared statement. "Regardless of what the Legislature does, however, Texas will abide by the court's ruling."

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More than 50 groups have filed "friend-of-the-court" briefs weighing in on the issue.

While the cases strictly

involve Ten Commandments displays, a broad ruling could define the proper place of religion in public life — from use of religious music in a school concert to students' recitation of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. A decision is expected by late June. The Bush administration, which sided with a California school district last year to keep "God" in the Pledge, is now joining Texas and Kentucky officials to back the Ten Commandments displays.

WORLD

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however, for the city to host the world championships. Along with it, the city will host the Pre-World Hang Gliding Championships in August 2006.

"We're very pleased they chose us. We've enjoyed hosting these hang gliding competitions and this one should be even larger. It also gives us an opportunity to put Big Spring in the spotlight, not just nationally, but internationally as well," said Little.

Comments from hang gliders throughout the world make it clear why Big Spring was chosen.

"There is sufficient lodging, hotel, restaurants; the roads are excellent; and the people of this town make a big difference — they are the

most grateful people we have met," said pilot Mexico's Alejandro Olazabal in an e-mail.

"I have never in my life (I'm 70 years old) experienced as much support for my hang gliding hobby from members of a local community as I did in Big Spring, and rarely in my life experienced as fantastic soaring conditions, as I did in the Big Spring area," stated Vim Toutenhoofd of the Netherlands.

Perhaps the greatest praise came from Brett Hazlett, a pre-worlds champion hang glider from Canada.

"The facilities available to us at the airport are excellent. Preparing for each flight, staying hydrated, and cool, is easy. This makes for more pleasant, and safer flying," wrote Hazlett.

"In Big Spring, there is a level of community support that I have not seen

elsewhere. The entire community wants us to be there, and they hope that we come back! They have shown a willingness to cooperate with us to solve any difficulty that might arise. Even at the individual level, the friendly folks of Big Spring are a pleasure to talk to.

"Even more impressive is the strong and consistent conditions, with low turbulence. This is something that high level competitors will appreciate. With 35 competition tasks flown, out of 35 days of competition, Big Spring has a consistency record that is unheard of!"

The other factor in bringing the world championships to Big Spring is David Glover, who has engineered all three hang gliding events here.

"I would like to support Big Spring for the world championships, especially if David Glover is run-

ning it as meet director," said Ron Richardson of the United Kingdom.

"Of all the competitions I have participated in over the last 21 years, the ones I have enjoyed the most have been the ones that David Glover has acted as director of competition," added Mike Glennon of Columbia.

Glover passed off the praise.

"The world famous Big

Spring hospitality and facilities won the day," he said. "All the pilots who have flown there love the conditions and town. Their comments are what swayed the international body of delegates to vote for Big Spring."

"I could not be happier. There has only been one world championship ever held in North America and that was in the last century."

The world championships are held every two years.

Glover said Big Spring residents can expect around 75 competitors for the regular meet this August, between 75 and 100 competitors for the pre-world championships in August 2006 and 125 to 150 competitors for the world championships in August 2007.

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and they can be made ready in a week or two."

Moughon said the news has brightened spirits at the hospital.

"We're excited about it. Coming on the heels of a whole year talking about privatization and discussion of closure, this is absolutely great for our staff. We're excited about it," he said.

The state at first looked at privatizing some of its state hospitals and schools as a way to save funds, but discovered that

course was not cost-effective. State officials also looked at closing at least one state hospital and one state school. The outcome of that study seems to be that closing facilities might not in the state's best interest either.

Meanwhile, the Big Spring State Hospital has put in a request for yet another 24 patients.

"It's a growing market in Texas. There is an ever increasing demand for forensic psychiatry," Moughon said.

Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez has taken a lot of leadership in regards to safety and he is to be commended for

it. By allowing us to expand, it takes a load off other hospitals. It's really a breath of fresh air for all of us.

"We have the capacity for another module of 24 without making capital improvements, and we've submitted that. However, that expansion would have to come out of the legislature. Right now, they are looking at how to handle the capacity demands the state is facing."

Big Spring State Hospital serves a 56-county area and employs 560 people. The 49 new employees will raise that number in excess of 600.

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# Stirring up conversation

By Theresa Walker  
(KRT)

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The dinner table was the place to be in Julienne Smith's childhood home in Fullerton, Calif.

Her father, a constitutional law professor and a Lutheran minister, was a busy man. But her parents made the family meal a priority since it was about the only time they could sit down together with their four children.

Typically, visitors joined the dinner table — law students, missionaries, folks from different walks of life — who didn't have a place to eat that night.

"I remember sitting there listening to these great conversations," Smith says in her husky voice, savoring the memory. "They would talk law and politics and theology. Just the most interesting conversations."

Nothing like the rushed, monosyllabic talk taking place at her own dinner table years later when she became a self-described "supermom" with three children into soccer and dance and other interests that precluded spending much time at the table.

"We were the family that was gobbling down our meals. It was, 'How was your day? Fine.' And bolting from the table."

Smith, a former broadcast TV reporter and radio talk-show host, decided to change that.

First, she limited her children's scheduled activities. Then she started bringing something else to the table to stimulate conversation beyond the standard inquiries about school or work.

She'd jot down on an index card some saying that had caught her eye or ear that day — a quote from a newspaper story, a song lyric, a message on a billboard — and toss it out on the table. The family took turns talking about what was on the card.

Her kids loved it. "Before, we just asked how was your day just to humor them, not because we really wanted to know," says her daughter, Nicole, 13. The cards "were out of the ordinary. Not just the regular stuff like football and soccer."

That was seven years ago. Now those handwritten cues have evolved into a handsomely packaged recipe box of 200 glossy, printed cards called, "Food for Talk."

The cards include questions about life that Smith thinks up herself, quotes from people as diverse as Hoagy Carmichael, Mother Teresa and Lance Armstrong and invitations to share such things as a best and worst memory from the past, five things that make you smile, or a recent dream.

Smith's intention is to help families move past routine chitchat to a deeper level of communication around the kitchen table in her Yorba Linda, Calif., home, a mix of old memories and new insights.

Smith and her children, Nicole, Jordan, 15, and Adam, 10, were joined for brunch by friends Ken and Linda Simpson and their two children, Julia, 17, and Kyle, 15.

They sat down to egg and turkey ham casserole, fresh fruit, coffee,

fececake, orange juice and coffee. And this card that Julia pulled from the "Food for Talk" side dish: "A wise man (or person) controls his temper. He knows that anger causes mistakes." Proverbs 14:29. Share a time when you lost your temper and another time when you controlled your anger. Explain how differently both situations worked out."

Kyle remembered the time he threw a toy truck at his sister's head in the car because she wouldn't share new toys with him. Nicole told about the times she poked her fingers at Adam's eyes and sprayed Binaca at him.

The kids, and the parents, laugh. Even a surprised but amused Smith. "I never heard that."

Adam couldn't think of a specific example but said he's learned he ends up the loser when he loses his temper with big brother Jordan: "I just get hurt more."

Ken Simpson revealed how the other day he was angry at his wife for something, but rather than confront her, decided to think it over for a while and see if it really was an issue. Turned out, he says, that it wasn't really a problem.

"I had manufactured the whole thing in my mind. It worked out because I did not go over the deep end over something that wasn't an issue."

Linda Simpson admits she'll get upset over a mess her kids leave behind, but then she'll read about people dealing with real tragedies and everything falls into perspective.

"You go, oh well. They



Julienne Smith (center) with her children from left, Nicole, 13, Adam, 10, and Jordan, 15. She invented a game called "Food for Talk" to make families closer by talking around the dinner table.

still should clean up, but it's not the worst thing in the world."

Julia came away with a greater understanding, and appreciation, for her parents.

"I think I have a new respect for my mom and dad, for sure. I'm like, wow, my parents did that."

Smith couldn't get a publisher to bite on "Food for Talk," so she invested \$20,000 of her own money, found a graphic artist and an illustrator and self-published through Seven Locks Press.

The first 8,000 copies of "Food for Talk," introduced last summer, sold out in six months. The next printing of 10,000 copies is due in March and Smith is buzzing with ideas for new themed editions.

"Food for Talk" won awards from the National Parenting Publications Awards and iParenting Media, along with praise from Woman's Day.

The simple fact is, fewer families regularly eat meals together these days, one 1999 study said only

one in three. And meal-times are much more compressed.

More than half of American families have the TV on during dinner or zap individual meals in the microwave and haven't developed the habit of eating together and having mealtime conversations, says William Doherty, a professor of family social science at the University of Minnesota.

"Products like this can help some families jump start themselves into a family meal," says Doherty, who is involved in two grass-roots efforts in the Minneapolis area to get parents to commit to four or more family dinners a week. "Something that would seem to be a no-brainer is actually something a lot of families decide they have to be intentional and mindful about."

A 2003 survey of youth ages 12-17 by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found

that teens who shared family meals five or more times a week were less likely to smoke or try alcohol and marijuana, and did better in school.

Other studies show better psychological adjustment in adolescents and fewer eating disorders in girls.

That evidence motivates Smith to get "Food for Talk" into more homes.

"It's just a simple box," she says. "It looks kind of innocuous. But I know from my own family, it can have a truly powerful and lasting impact on your family. It's not so much this product, but the byproduct of the conversations you have."

"Food for Talk" retails for \$19.95 and can be found in the gift section of some Borders Books and Music stores and Barnes & Noble stores. It also is available on Amazon.com or through Bas Bleu and Chinaberry catalogs.

Her Web site is [www.foodfortalk.net](http://www.foodfortalk.net).

### Tips for talk

- Have regular family dinners with a goal of getting together at least once a week.

- If you don't have time to cook dinner, you can bring home takeout and still set the table.

- Make sure everyone knows what time the meal is.

- Clear the table of everything except what you need for the meal. Turn off the TV. Unplug the phone.

- Make it something special. Set the table with place mats and napkins. Light candles. Put on some music.

- Let the kids go first. Don't interrupt or criticize.

## Library News

After a misdiagnosis caused the death of a young girl, Dr. Jo Banks quit her lucrative medical practice and tried to outrun her emotional pain.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

She fled to Bayfield, N.J., to become the doctor on call to various models in the area. She lives in a suite at the Oakview Motor Lodge and uses a cabin to see private patients.

The tranquility ends when the rowdy, noisy Satan's Apostle motor cycle gang arrives to stay at the motel.

When a biker dies from arsenic poisoning, the police suspect Pi killed him. Jo hides him while she quietly snoops for the real culprit. The title of the book is "Satan's Pony," (M HAT R) by Robin Hathaway; this is a cozy mystery, not a "gritty" one.

Another book by the same author is "The Doctor and the Deadman's Chest" (M HAT R).

If you liked Alexander McCall Smith's Botswana series, then you may enjoy his new heroine, Scottish-American philosopher Isabel Dalhousie, a single woman of independent means.

She is editor of the esteemed "Review of Applied Ethics" and presides over the club of the same name. When Isabel witnesses fund manager Mark Fraser fall from a balcony after a performance at an Edinburgh

concert hall, she feels obliged to investigate the gentleman's demise.

Given her affinity for applied ethics, questions of conscience are a daily concern for Isabel, and the more she thinks about Fraser's fall, the less accidental it seems.

Look for "The Sunday Philosophy Club" (M SMI A) in the mystery section.

Another couple of cozies is Jeanne M. Dams "Winter of Discontent" (M DAM J) and "Holy Guacamole!" (H FAI N) by Nancy Fairbanks. Rather lightweight, but they will fill an evening when there is nothing on TV.

Bob Greene, ex-columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* has written "Fraternity: A Journey in Search of Five Presidents" (973.920 GRE B). It is an engaging book, filled with minutiae of what Bush, Reagan, Carter, Nixon and Ford have done since leaving office.

It is not a riveting book. Greene inserts too much of his own thoughts and personality for my taste. I could almost hear Carter's drawl or Bush's accent as I read what they had to say.

Gerald Ford comes across as an everyman, one who, while admittedly served as President, still has the Midwestern sense of basics. The book won't keep you on the edge of your seat, but it does have some interesting points.

Some interesting religious themed books have come in: "Spiritually Incorrect: Finding God in All the Wrong Places," (248.4 WAK D) by Dan Wakefield; "What

DID Jesus Do?" (232.904 SPE F) by F. Scott Spencer, "The New Face of Grandparenting," (306.874 SCH D) by Don Schmitz and "Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way" (282.092 POP J) by Pope John Paul II.

All you golfers, both men and women, Annika Sorenstam has written a book on golf. It has some biographical details, but for the most part, it is full of golf "stuff."

"Golf Annika's Way" (796.352 SOR A) was written in conjunction with the editors of *Golf Magazine* and seems, my untutored eye, to be quite interesting.

Mark Falanga is a familiar character: the transplanted urbanite that must make major adjustments when confronted with eccentric neighbors, block parties, Little League and lawn sales.

Falanga writes a column, *Male Call*, for the *Chicago Tribune* and launches his career as an author with this comedic portrait of suburban living. Title "The Suburban You" (307.740 FAL M), I think that those of you who have lived in a small town all your life may not identify with some of his stories, but at least you can visualize how the other half lives.

"When Nothing Else Matters: Michael Jordan's Last Comback," (796.323 LEA M) by Michael Leahy is the definitive account of Michael Jordan's spectacular and disastrous return to basketball.

Having gone on the road to chronicle Jordan's final two seasons, Michael Leahy draws a riveting portrait

of a deeply-complex man waylaid by his impulses and impatience, frequently hampered by injuries, assaulted by younger players eager to usurp his throne and ultimately done in by his presumption.

For teammates and outsiders alike, the star emerged as a relentlessly driven, at times unapproachable personality. Leahy reveals the striking contrast between Jordan's public image and the man who couldn't stand not "bein' it."

A couple of "Dummy" books have come in. "Creating Web Pages for Dummies," (005.72 SMI B) by Bud Smith will take you from thinking about a Web page to the necessary basic: pages, HTML, linkages, multimedia and so on.

The second Dummy book is "The Internet for Dummies" (004.67 LEV K) by John Levine. This is the ninth edition and I suppose that there are all sorts of new hints that can be used. You can find these two books in the non-fiction shelves.

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## IN BRIEF

### Howard wins WJCAC cheerleading title

The Howard College cheerleading squad traveled to Odessa College Saturday and yelled and danced its way to a first place finish at the first-ever Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) cheerleading championships.

South Plains took second, while New Mexico Junior College captured third place.

"The cheerleaders worked so hard and I am very proud of the young ladies," said Cheerleading Sponsor Linda Berry. "I want to thank all the people that came to support us."

### Class of 2005 to host fund-raiser

The Big Spring class of 2005 will be holding a softball fund-raiser at Cotton Mize Field March 11 and 12.

The entry fee will be \$125 and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

For more information, contact J.R. Landin at 264-1736 or Able Rios at 213-2115.

### Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday, March 19, at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12 and enrollment is limited.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

### B.S. Little League umpires meeting set

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association will conduct a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

This is the second meeting of the year and all current umpires and anyone who wants to be an umpire should attend the meeting.

For more information, call Don Booth at 816-9748 (leave a message if no answer).

## Coahoma boys deliver two-'Corse' meal late

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Gene Corse delivered two big hits Tuesday against Sonora as the Coahoma baseball team came from four runs down late in the game to defeat the Broncos, 6-5, in Coahoma on a night that featured rain, thunder and stretches of lightning from a distance.

Corse reached base four times. He was three-for-three with two doubles, four RBIs, one run and

one walk. His first double led to three runs for Coahoma in the sixth and his second double was the game-winning two RBI walk-off hit in the seventh inning.



CORSE

The Bulldogs entered the seventh inning down 5-4. Senior Adrian Abrego started the inning with a walk and then Chad Born and Cody

Griffith were issued back-to-back free bases, which loaded the bases for Corse. And he delivered for a second time scoring Abrego from third and Born — the game-winning run — from second.

Corse's two RBI double in the sixth scored both Born and Griffith. Born reached base three times with one hit and scored all three times. Born put the Bulldogs up 1-0 in the second inning after crossing the plate off a wild pitch.

Sonora did not score through four innings before exploding for five in the fifth and sixth combined.

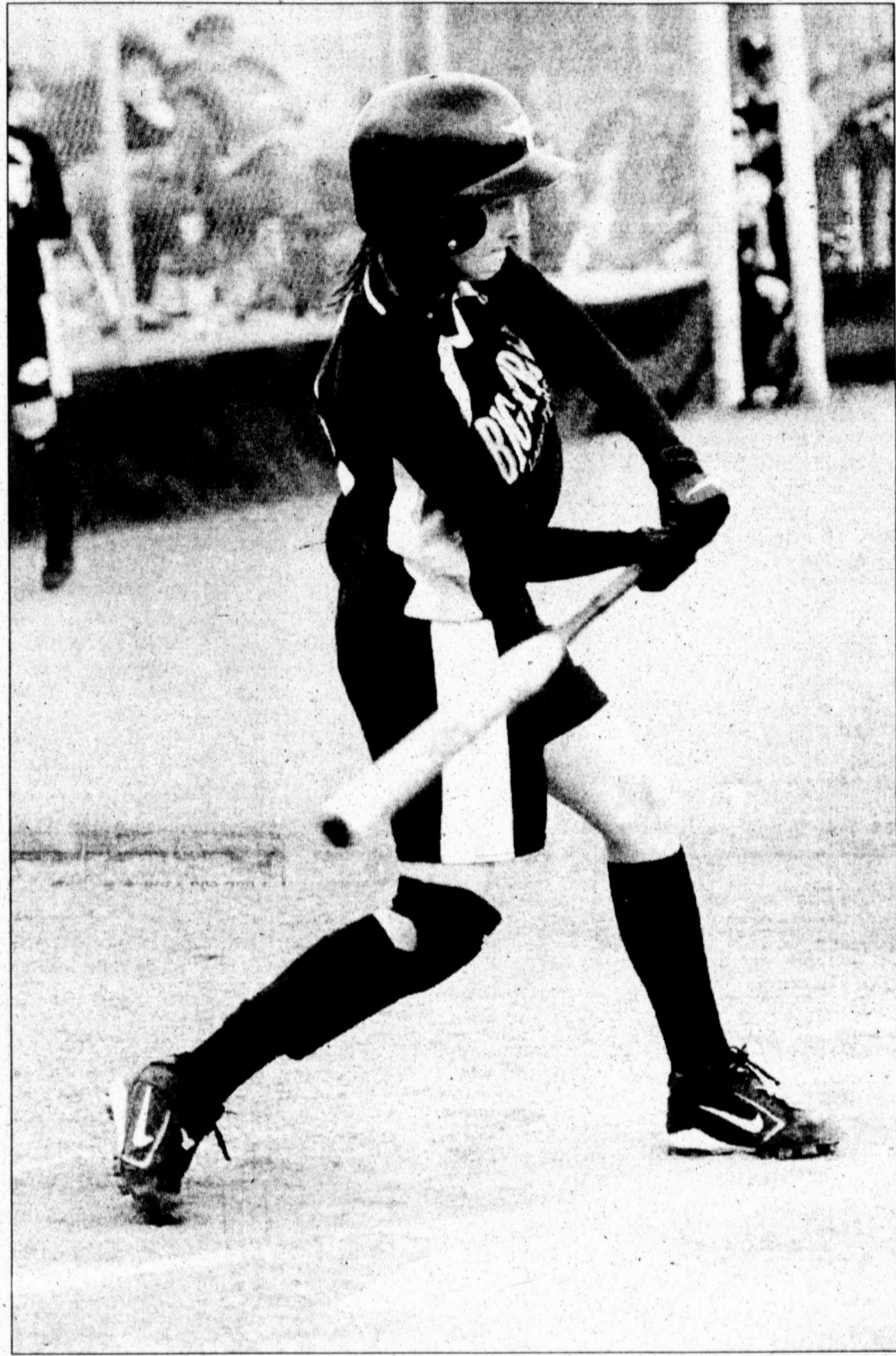
Tad White started the game on the mound, but got the no decision as he gave up two runs in four innings. He got out of a jam in the fourth, as well.

Senior Lance Roberts came on in relief in the fifth inning as he inherited a bases loaded jam with no outs. Sonora scored its first two runs of the game on a Coahoma

fielding error. The Bulldogs committed three more fielding errors in the sixth, which led to all three Sonora runs.

Coahoma won the game despite stranding nine runners on base. The Broncos stranded five.

The Bulldogs hit the road for the rest of the month. They travel to Sweetwater this weekend for a tournament beginning Thursday. They do not return home until April 1 against district rival Anson.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Neisha Heinis swings at a pitch in a recent game this season. The Lady Steers traveled to Abilene Tuesday and came home with a 2-1 victory over Abilene High. Heinis went one-for-three at the plate.

## Watkins leads B.S. to narrow victory

• Offense just enough as Lady Steers record win over Abilene High

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Big Spring senior Alex Watkins got just enough run support Tuesday in Abilene to record her fifth victory of the season as the Big Spring softball team improved to 3-0 under new head coach Phillip Pearce after defeating Abilene High, 2-1.

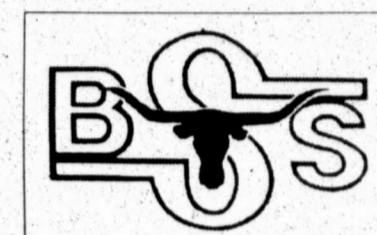
Watkins improved to 5-1 this year as she pitched a complete game one hitter. She gave up one earned run, while striking out 10 and walking four.

"Whenever she throws like that, getting two runs usually puts us in the win column," said Pearce, who took over as head coach last Thursday after former-head coach Lea Daggett was reassigned by the school.

The offense wasn't good, but good enough to get the victory as Big Spring improved to 10-2 this year. They had five hits, but Pearce liked the way the connected with the ball.

"We are putting the ball in play and not striking out very much," said Pearce. "We are just not hitting it hard and often hitting it right to them."

"We struck out just three times in 21 outs so that is a good sign that we are at least hitting the



ball."

Abilene High got on the board first in the game as they scored one run in the first inning, Abilene's only hit was recorded in the open stanza and recorded by the team's leadoff hitter.

Big Spring countered Abilene in the second inning as both of its runs crossed the plate. Neither team scored after the second inning.

Junior Krista Chesworth went one-for-three from the plate to lead Big Spring as she had an RBI and scored a run, as well. Senior Chelsea Abner had one hit and scored a run, while sophomore Amber Sides had an RBI hit.

The other two Big Spring hits were recorded by seniors Heather Vassar and Neisha Heinis.

Big Spring had two errors in the game, but Pearce said they didn't have much effect the game.

"The errors advanced runners, but they didn't hurt us," said Pearce.

The Lady Steers were rained out in two out of three days this weekend.

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## Brewer takes Co-MVP in boys District 4-2A

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Coahoma senior Isaac Brewer earned Co-District 4-2A MVP honors this year as the all-district teams were announced recently.

The 6-9 Brewer led the Bulldogs in scoring for much of the district season. He shared the award with Anson's Luke Key. Coahoma landed five

other players to three teams, while Stanton got four.

Coahoma senior Adrian Abrego and Stanton sophomore Michael Washington and junior Matthew Ruiz were all chosen to the first team. Washington led the Buffaloes in scoring, while Abrego, who

missed the start of the year due to an injury he suffered during football season, did just about everything this year for a Coahoma team that reached the Area Championship round of the playoffs. Ruiz was Stanton's second leading scorer and best 3-point shooter this year.

Stanton's lone second teamer was Jeremy Esparza, while Coahoma placed three — Tyler Fowler, Clint Walker and Terrell Bibb — on the squad.

Coahoma senior Joe Holguin and Stanton senior Matthew Ireton were both selected to the all-district teams as honorable mention members.

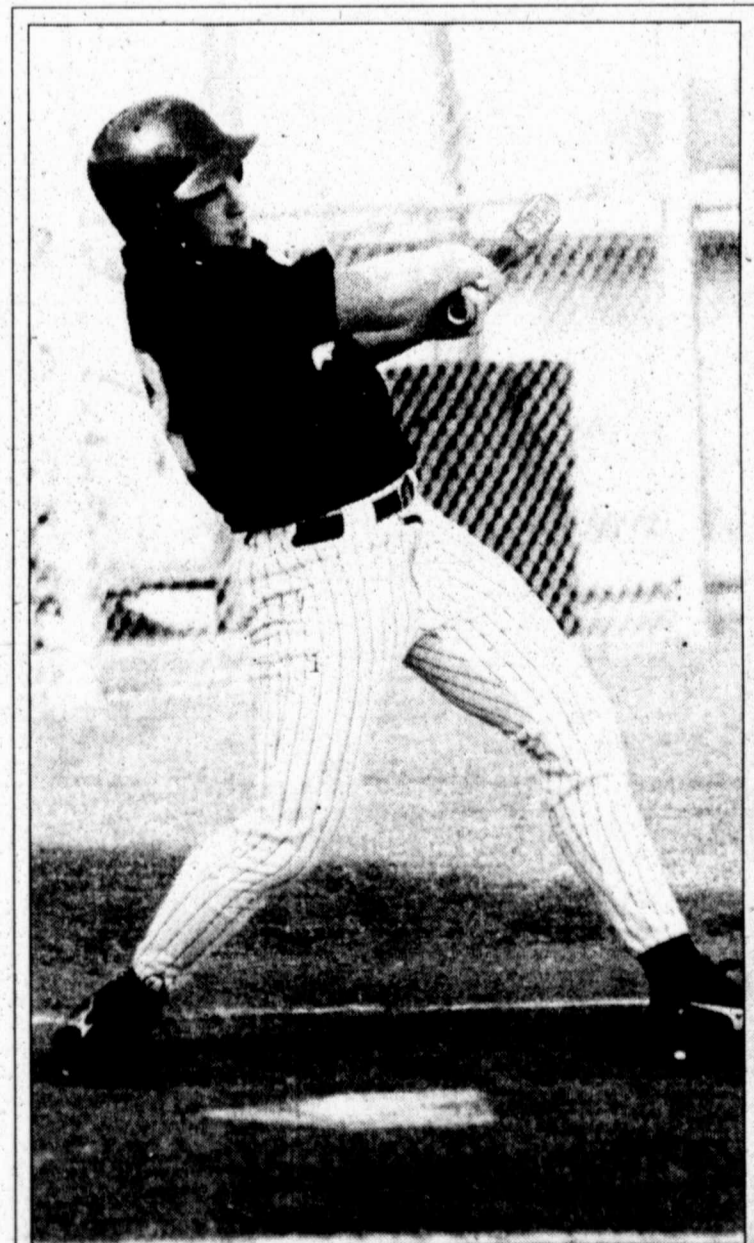
Coach of the Year: Shea Feagan, Anson; Co-MVPs: Key, Anson and Brewer, Coahoma; Co-Defensive Players of the Year: Hann Olsson, Colorado City and K.C. Fields, Anson; Newcomer of the Year: Cyrus Goodman, Colorado City; First Team: Washington, Stanton; Devin Robinson, Anson; Abrego, Coahoma; Andrew Cadle, Hawley; Kelsey Cagle, Hawley; Ruiz, Stanton; Shiloh Kalen, Stamford; Chad Plumlee, Stamford; Nolan Fuzzell, Colorado City; Henry Reyna, Colorado City; Second Team: Daniel Williams, Anson; Trenton Bounds, Anson; Fowler, Coahoma; Walker, Coahoma; Bibb, Coahoma; Roland Ryera, Colorado City; Erik McGuffin, Colorado City; Kyle Parker, Hawley; Brendon Bounds, Hawley; Esparza, Stanton; Jacob Riley, Stamford; Rode Owen, Stamford; Honorable Mention: Ireton, Stanton; Holguin, Coahoma; Isaac Franco, Colorado City; Elijan Ramos, Anson.



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RUIZ



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring sophomore Lance Tissue swings through a pitch in the Steers' first game of the year recently. Big Spring lost to Odessa Permian Tuesday, 10-4.

## Three Hawks get chance to showcase rodeo talents

• Howard rodeo season kicks off in Weatherford

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Three members of the Howard College rodeo team will take part in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo March 20 at Reliant McDowell Stadium in Houston.

Sophomores Danny McDowell and Brent Walden and freshman Jeremy Russell will take part in the college rodeo exhibition after ranking in the top five in their respective events among the southwest region. The top five members in the Southern Region will also take part in the one

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**IN BRIEF**

**Coahoma Little League sets tryouts**  
The Coahoma Little League has set up baseball try-outs and sign-ups for Thursday and Friday at the Coahoma ballpark. The tryouts will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. The sign-ups are for boys and girls ages six (with one year of experience) through 16. Anyone interested in coaching or helping out with a team may also attend the meetings. For more information, contact Jill Ringener at 816-1532 or James Sanders at 394-4804.

**B.S. Country Club announces scramble**  
The Big Spring Country Club has set a four-person scramble golf tournament for Saturday and Sunday. The tournament costs \$75 per player plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome. The entry fee includes a BBQ meal on the course both days. There are also practice rounds available Friday, but the golf carts are extra. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The field will be flighted by first round scores. For more information or to enter a team, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

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day event. "It's a pretty neat deal to showcase our talents against the Southern Region," said Howard coach Greg Kernick. "It can be a good recruiting tool for us because not everyone gets to go to these things." McDowell will participate in the bull riding event in Houston as he comes into the spring rodeo season ranked third overall in the region. Walden is ranked third in the tie down roping; while Russell ranks sixth in saddle broncing. Russell earned a spot in the Houston event due to an injury to one of the top five athletes in saddle broncing. "It's a pretty big honor," said Walden. "It's a good deal because it gives us a chance to go to Houston and be like one of the PRCA guys. I just want to go and make a smooth run and try not to make any mistakes." Russell was unaware of the Houston rodeo and said he really has no expectations at this point. "It is my first year at Howard and I didn't even know they had this thing," said Russell. "I wasn't even expecting to go so I don't have expectations really. I just want to get my horse rode and take care of business." Both Russell and Walden's ultimate goal this season is to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Wyoming. "I want to make it to the CNRF and win Rookie of the Year in the PRCA circuit," said Walden.



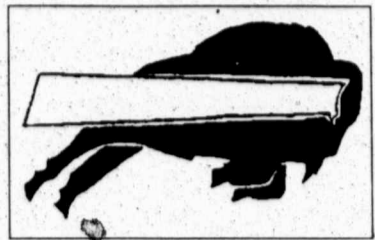
Russell added, "I just hope to get a few better draws this season because I didn't get to ride much last year. And hopefully I can get into the top three and get to the CNFR." The Hawks will begin their spring season March 10-12 at Weatherford College. They also travel to Odessa and Snyder this month before hosting their own rodeo April 14-16. Kernick is just happy to get the first semester out of the way. "Glad to be in the second semester because the first semester seems to always be a large learning curve," he said. "The guys know how to practice and know how to win now. It takes time though every year." Besides McDowell, who is currently in Houston at a pro rodeo, Russell and Walden, Kernick expects Ryan O'Donnell — who qualified for the CNFR last year — and Sloan Smallwood to make some noise in their events as well as Sierra Stoney on the women's side. O'Donnell is sitting eighth right now in team roping and Smallwood is not too far behind him. "Two guys that can rope like they can should be good for us this season," said Kernick. "Maybe it is our turn." Stoney is currently 12th in barrel racing and with a good spring could be in the mix, said Kernick. "She could be right there if things go her way," he added.

**Buffaloes grab second, girl's take third in first meet of year**

By TROY HYDE

Sutton took third in the long jump, while Sandridge's 11.66 in the 100 meter dash placed him third. Other strong finishers included Aaron Hughes in the 800 meter run (fifth) and a third place finish by the 1600 meter relay team. The team consisted of Cody Freitag, Adam Bailey, Clint Stanley and Cameron Parker and they crossed the line in 4:05.63. Senior Cynthia Becerra, who qualified for state in cross country this past fall, led the Lady Buffaloes with first and second place finish in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Becerra crossed the line in the 1600 in 6:01, while getting a time of 13:08 in the two mile race. Forsan had two other athletes get second place finishes. Caitlin Jones grabbed two seconds. She got the silver in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 37.7. The boy's team finished with 98 points in the meet and was led by junior Mitchell Murray, who scored 21 points by himself. Junior Adam Johnson and Justin Forshee added 17 and 13 points, respectively. Murray took first in the long jump (19-3) and fourth in the 200 meter dash (24.51) and also grabbed a second and third place in relay events. Murray teamed up with Anthony Acosta, Skylier Sandridge and Forshee in the 400 meter relay and took the bronze and then the team of Johnson, Forshee and Jon Sutton captured the silver in the 800 meter relay. Johnson and Forshee got strong finishes in individual events, as well. Johnson grabbed first in the pole vault with an 8-6, while Forshee took fourth in the triple jump with a

37.7. Sutton took third in the long jump, while Sandridge's 11.66 in the 100 meter dash placed him third. Other strong finishers included Aaron Hughes in the 800 meter run (fifth) and a third place finish by the 1600 meter relay team. The team consisted of Cody Freitag, Adam Bailey, Clint Stanley and Cameron Parker and they crossed the line in 4:05.63. Senior Cynthia Becerra, who qualified for state in cross country this past fall, led the Lady Buffaloes with first and second place finish in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Becerra crossed the line in the 1600 in 6:01, while getting a time of 13:08 in the two mile race. Forsan had two other athletes get second place finishes. Caitlin Jones grabbed two seconds. She got the silver in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of



20.00 and place second in the triple jump with a leap of 29-5. Carlee Barraza grabbed the other individual second as her throw of 87-0 was good enough for the silver in the discus. She also took third in the shotput with a toss of 27-5. Kayla Spence and Kaela Strickland each participated in the 100 and 200 meter dash. Spence took third in the 100 with a time of 13.88 and grabbed fourth in the 200 with a time of 30.09. Strickland finished fifth and sixth in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, respectively. The other runner in the top five was Kimmy Berry. She took fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:49.

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in Midland. Big Spring got two wins Thursday before not playing either Friday or Saturday. They beat El Paso 14-0 and El Paso 12-0. Abner

got the win against Hanks and gave up just one hit, while Watkins' one-hitter gave her the victory against Montwood. Big Spring will not travel to El Paso this weekend as originally scheduled. The Lady Steers will next play a week from Thursday on the road against Greenwood. They return home Saturday, March 12, against Lubbock High.



WATKINS P a s o Montwood 12-0. Abner

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Sagittarius lunar energy  
ignites fire in the soul.  
The effort it took to  
research, explore and  
embrace the new is now  
no effort at all — the  
process is as  
natural as  
waking up  
in the morn-  
ing. Without  
fear holding  
us back, we  
can leap into  
the air with-  
out a  
thought or  
worry about  
where we'll land. The  
landing plans itself as it  
happens.



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April  
19). A reality check is fea-  
tured. This is a momen-  
tary blow to pride but  
ultimately a break-  
through. Work to elimi-  
nate the self-imposed  
restrictions that have  
kept you telling the same  
sob story over and over.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May  
20). Recent changes have  
made it impossible for  
you to go about your busi-

ness in the same manner  
as before. But you're feel-  
ing brave about your new  
life. As an exercise, com-  
mand an audience — take  
over a room.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June  
21). Your heart is in the  
right place. Still, there's a  
charmingly misbegotten  
quality to the day's  
endeavors. One can  
almost hear Paul Simon  
softly crooning in the  
background. "Still crazy  
after all these years."

**CANCER** (June 22-July  
22). The conventional  
method isn't going to  
work, period. You'll know  
you're on the right track  
when you field your share  
of sideways glances, like  
you've got poppy seeds  
stuck in your teeth.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).  
You'll have to build up  
your nerve and then  
rebuild it. Anxiousness is  
a good sign, though. It  
means you've got enough  
going on in your life to  
really care about what is  
at stake.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.  
22). Modern life has mod-  
ern challenges. If you're

not frustrated by technol-  
ogy today, perhaps it's a  
sign that you should be  
upgrading! Maybe it's  
time to get your own Web  
site — and learn how to  
use it!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).  
Your "resume" precedes  
you, both in romance and  
in business. When friends  
have something wonder-  
ful to say about you, your  
stock goes up! This after-  
noon, plant more seeds  
for future connections.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.  
21). Tasks that used to go  
quickly seem to be taking  
longer — it's because you  
care more about the out-  
come. Just because you  
obsess over a project doesn't  
mean it will turn out  
better. In fact, the oppo-  
site may be true.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21). Something  
important comes out of all  
your clowning around.  
Others just wouldn't  
understand. One can  
never underestimate the  
role of whimsy, mischief  
and magic in the life of a  
Sagittarius.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You've cultivated  
a certain degree of confi-  
dence, and seeing how  
well it works, now you'll  
go even further. First,  
you'll think confident  
thoughts, then, you'll  
write confident words,  
and finally, you'll take  
confident action.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18). The intersection of  
two sectors of your life is  
featured — probably two  
distinct worlds that you  
unconsciously have been  
trying to keep separate.  
Worry not. You'll be  
accepted. There is no dan-  
ger.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March  
20). Your superior charm  
and grace are featured.  
Put them to good use by  
thanking all of the people  
who have allowed you to  
get where you are. This  
can be done in thought,  
deed or word — it all  
counts.

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# Annie's Mailbox® Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Once  
again, we've endured an  
unpleasant visit from my  
boyfriend's daughter,  
"Mitzi," and her husband,  
"Boris." Mitzi is OK, but  
Boris is intolerable.  
Unfortunately, Mitzi  
apparently sees nothing  
wrong with her hus-  
band's behavior. She will  
occasionally tell him to  
"shush," but that's about  
it.

Every time we are in  
Boris' company, he  
expounds about bathroom  
procedures and tells jokes  
about everything anal.  
One time, my boyfriend  
had a private conversa-  
tion with Mitzi about her  
husband, and she broke  
into tears and defended  
him. She said that he  
expects us to laugh at his  
stories. I admit, when I  
first met him six years



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ago, he would make mild  
allusions about some vul-  
garity in a recent movie,  
and it could be amusing.  
But now it occurs every  
time we are in their com-  
pany, and it's becoming  
more and more disgust-  
ing.

Mitzi was not raised  
this way, and we can't  
understand why she isn't  
embarrassed. We have  
asked Boris to refrain  
from this kind of talk, but  
he just ignores us. Would  
you have any helpful sug-  
gestions in dealing with a  
very

inconsiderate and crude  
relative? — Disgusted in  
Florida

Dear Disgusted: You  
must be more forceful.  
Whenever Boris starts  
one of his stories, stop  
him midstream, and say  
you aren't interested in  
listening to such vulgarity  
and to please talk  
about something else. If  
he won't stop, you can  
ask him to leave, or you  
can get up and walk out  
of the room. Boris contin-  
ues to do this because you  
put up with it and he  
doesn't respect you. Mitzi  
defends him because she  
is embarrassed, but  
thinks this is the way to  
be "supportive" of her  
husband. She is mistak-  
en.

Dear Annie: I am  
"Scared to Death," who  
wrote about my husband,  
"Chet," who watched  
incest porn. After reading  
the responses you print-  
ed, I thought you might  
appreciate an update.  
First, none of Chet's  
porn ever involved  
minors. After my letter  
was printed, I followed  
your advice and demand-  
ed that Chet attend coun-  
seling with me. Chet was  
diagnosed with sexual  
addiction, and like any  
addiction, the need escal-  
ates, along with the  
desire for more excit-  
ing forms. But addictions  
can be managed, and the  
addict can live a normal  
life through hard work

and dedication to being  
healthy again.

Chet voluntarily turned  
over his Internet pass-  
word to me, we no longer  
have porn in the house,  
and he is a new man.  
Getting his addiction  
under control has made  
him stronger and happi-  
er. No one would advise  
the spouse of an alcohol-  
ic to leave without first try-  
ing counseling or treat-  
ment. I'm glad I stayed. —  
Still Chet's Wife

Dear Chet's Wife: We're  
glad you stayed, too,  
because it gives Chet a  
reason to stay clean and  
be a better man. We want  
to believe the two of you  
will make it.

Dear Annie: I read the  
letter about "Jennifer,"  
the 7-year-old who is  
obsessed with her hair.  
You advised her parents  
to explain that "too much  
fussing can damage the  
hair and excessive primp-  
ing makes her seem  
vain," and said if it gets  
worse, she could be obses-  
sive-compulsive. That's  
good advice, unless she  
also has trichotillomania,  
in which case, rational  
answers may not address  
the underlying compul-  
sion.

That might not be the  
case here, but I thought  
you might want to men-  
tion the possibility. —  
C.C. in California

Dear C.C.:  
Trichotillomania usually  
involves pulling out one's  
hair, but if Jennifer's par-  
ents are concerned that  
this may be happening,  
they can contact the  
Trichotillomania  
Center  
(www.trich.org) at 303  
Potrero St., Suite 51,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060.  
Thanks for making the  
suggestion.

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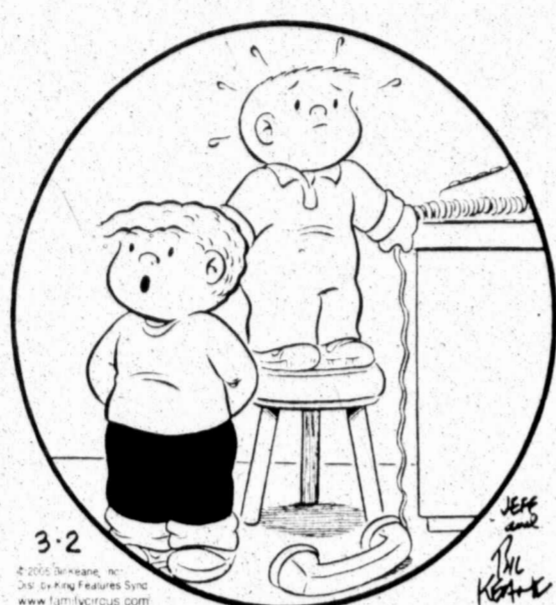
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10 PM	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	Raymond	Late Show	Noticias	News	10 Movie: Sex and-City	Cherie Rose	Sign Off	MythBusters	Movie: Death	Widest Police	Movie: True	Midnight Love	That's-Raven	Dream Job	SportsCenter	Movie: Lanny
11 PM	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	La Hora	Becker (CC)	Letterman	Al Rijo Vivo	Late Night	12:10 Movie: Lost & Found	N. McBride	MythBusters	Movie: Death	Widest Police	Movie: True	Midnight Love	Proud Family	NBA Fastbreak	OutSide-Lines	Gamerlight	(CC)
12 AM	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Amor Rebelde	Spin City	Show	Maria Celeste	Conan O'Brien	12:10 Movie: Lost & Found	Update-Israel	It Takes a	Blind Date	Club Comic	Movie: True	Midnight Love	Boy World	Streetball	SportsCenter	Movie: Bare	

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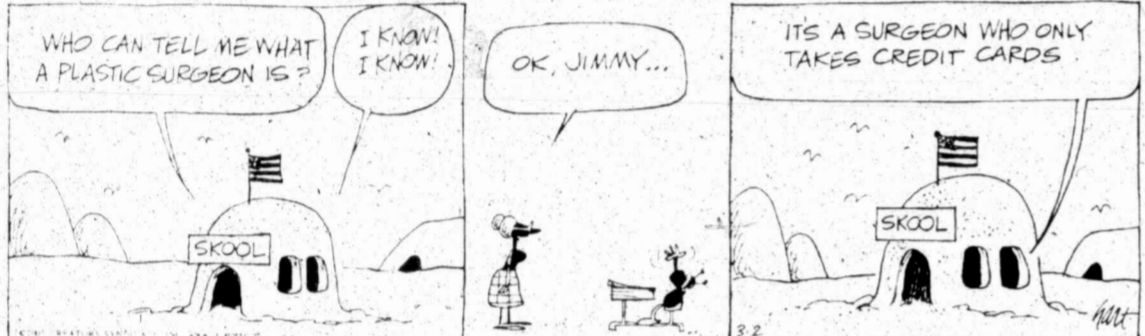
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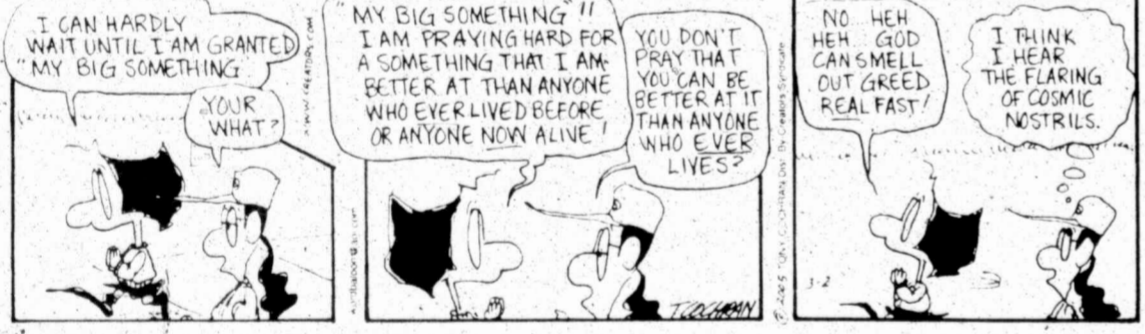
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2005. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 2, 1965, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music," starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theatre.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election

over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

In 1955, the William Inge play "Bus Stop" opened at the Music Box Theatre in New York.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Jennifer Jones is 86. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 82. Actor John Cullum is 75. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 74. Author Tom Wolfe is 74. Actress Barbara Luna is 66. Actor Jon Finch is 64.

Author John Irving is 63. Singer Lou Reed is 63. Actress Cassie Yates is 54. Actress Laraine Newman is 53. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., is 52. Singer Jay Osmond is 50. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 49. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 47. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 46. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 43. Rapper-actor Method Man is 34. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 29. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 28. Actress Heather McComb is 28. Actor Robert Iler ("The Sopranos") is 20.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

OUT ON A LIMB by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS	64 Limerick starter	7 Beethoven pieces	35 Jai ___
1 Rainfall unit	65 Sommer of films	8 Memo phrase	36 Nuisance
5 Tableland	66 Leather strap	9 Slants	37 Mrs. Dick Tracy
9 Seafood restaurant handouts	67 Suggests as a price	10 Jack's place	39 Bear's foot
13 Give out sparingly	68 Pioneer's direction	11 Fictional elephant	41 No-frills
14 Love god	69 "Polka" designs	12 Python or cobra	44 Anarchy
15 Preposterous		16 Watched carefully	47 Garden flowers
17 Fiesta shouts		21 Rapiers	48 "Much obliged!"
18 Part of A.D.		22 Valuable rock	50 Social asset
19 Cornered		25 Like some appliances	51 Kahuna's hello
20 Type of notebook		26 Croft of video games	52 Beguiling behavior
22 Do a doggy trick		27 Down in the dumps	54 Not yet decided
23 Attention getter		28 Sheet candy	56 Make ale
24 Yelled insults		30 Chess piece	57 No walk in the park
25 Seaweed		32 Needing a cleaning	58 Droxie rival
29 Least exciting			59 Army group
31 Paid a visit			60 A heap
33 Maxim or proverb			
34 Enthralled			
38 Solicits, as business			
40 Interstellar clouds			
42 Hunter's attire, for short			
43 Dashiell sleuth			
45 Verandas			
46 Chowderhead			
49 Potato coverings			
50 Cheap-looking			
53 Feng			
55 Suspect's story			
56 Expand, as a business			
61 Fizzy drinks			
62 Baseball scores			
63 River of Florence			

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MARCH 2, 2005

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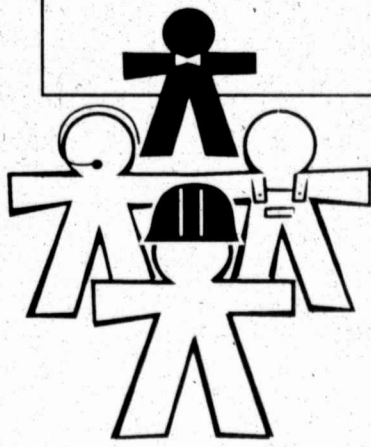
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**Profile, 2005**  
Sunday, March 27

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sonal or work related, and you'd like to share  
their praises, nominate them using the form  
below. We'll pick as many as we can, inter-  
view them and write a feature story about  
them.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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