



Stanton girls win district golf championship.

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**Coahoma ISD superintendent search narrowed to two**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The Coahoma school district's search for a new superintendent is entering its final stages. School trustees last week interviewed six candidates for the position, which became vacant with the January resignation of Dr. Bill Kingston. That list was narrowed to two individuals,



Mitchell

Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell said, declining to name the candidates. The first of those persons was interviewed Monday night, while the second will meet the board tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the

administration building board room. Mitchell said the district could announce as early as tonight who the finalist for the superintendent position is, but cautioned the board could just as easily decide that it wants to interview a third person this week. "Maybe they'll decide something tonight, maybe they won't," Mitchell

said. "But it has to be this way. They have to be sure of what they're doing ... They have to get it right." The candidates were selected from a pool of more than 20 applicants gathered by Mabank Superintendent Russell D. Marshall, who was hired by the school board to spearhead the search for a new superintendent. As opposed to the first

round of interviews, which featured canned questions to the candidates, this "call-back" round of interviews are far more informal in nature, Mitchell said. "Most of the times, people are more relaxed (the second time around)," Mitchell said. "Also, the candidates ... are more relaxed, which makes for better interviews."

The original schedule called for trustees to identify Kingston's successor at their April 21 meeting. After a waiting period mandated by state law, the new superintendent is expected to be officially hired May 17, Mitchell said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234.

**Senior Center policies put on hold temporarily**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners tabled approval of responsibilities and operational policies for the Spring City Senior Citizens Center during the court's Monday meeting.

Commissioners voted to table the proposed guidelines pending a meeting between the court and Bebe McCasland, chairman of the county appointed board of directors for the center.

"I think we need to have Mrs. McCasland here for this," said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "We can get it on the agenda for our next meeting in two weeks, and that will give us time to meet with Mrs. McCasland and go over these policies."

Commissioners did give their approval for the Senior Center's financial report, however, which showed a fund balance of a little more than \$70,000.

"When you look at the balance sheet, you'll see there were several months that showed the non-federal fund for the center \$45,000 to \$50,000 in the red," said County Auditor Jackie Olson. "This is because the fed-



Lockhart

eral grant money the center has been receiving in late. In all, the finances for the center seem to be fine."

While the center's financial situation seemed to be in hand, Center Director Bobbie Leonard said there were several matters that were no clear to her.

"I'm not sure how this is supposed to work now," said Leonard. "In the past, if we had a problem, such as with one of the freezer units, we just called someone right away to have them come out and fix it. Are we supposed to now wait two weeks until the next commissioner's meeting to get permission to get it fixed?"

Lockhart explained to Leonard that county policy was for her to contact the auditor's office and get approval for any expenses more than \$1,000, and for anything more than \$2,000 she would need, to get approval from the com-

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**ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM**



From left, Zane Clemmer, Devon Craven and Chase Billings watch as their cars race down the track at the annual Boy Scouts Lone Star District Pinewood Derby Race Saturday at First Baptist Church. Kevin Billings, right, den leader of Pack 305 in Big Spring, operates the track. See results, Page 3A.

**Wait for housing grows longer**

*New law changes way housing authorities conduct business*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The waiting list for assistance from the Big Spring Housing Authority has had its wheels substantially slowed thanks to financial restructuring handed down by Washington lawmakers.

BSHA Director Paul Pryor said a new law that recently went into effect has changed the way housing authorities everywhere do business, making the waiting list something of a casualty.

"This is still very new," said Pryor. "In the past, families moved through the waiting list fairly



Pryor

quick. Now, however, a new family may be listed toward the top of the list and still see no movement for weeks or even months. This is because there has to be movement on the voucher list for there to be any movement on the waiting list.

"We currently serve 361 people or families with the voucher program. The waiting list is approximately 286 people long. So you can imagine how slowing that list down has effected the way we oper-

ate. In the past, we could tell people they might have to wait 60 to 90 days, but now it could be even longer than that.

"As of Feb. 25, HUD has implemented a new funding method for public housing agencies that administer the housing choice voucher program," he added. "The new method of funding is based on a fixed amount of funds rather than being paid according to the amount of vouchers issued. This also comes with a stern warning not to exceed the cumulative num-

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**After 24 years, Lauder steps down as Stanton ISD trustee**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It will certainly be forgivable in future meetings if the Stanton school board feels that something is out of place.

Long-time board fixture Johnny Lauder decided to call it quits Monday after 24 years of service to the Stanton Independent School District. Superintendent David Carr said.

Lauder, who was the board's president, will be replaced by Valerie

Smith, who ran unopposed for Lauder's District 3 board position.

Carr said Lauder — who was first elected to the board in 1981 — was a steady presence that will be missed at future board meetings.

"He was our board president, and as good a one as I've ever been around," Carr said. "He was kind of the glue that held the board together ... I'd put our school board up against any other one in

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**FUN WALK & RUN**



The Master the Mountain Fun Walk & Fun Run is scheduled Saturday at Big Spring State Park. Late registration will be accepted at 8

a.m. on the day of the races, which begin at 9 a.m. Registration is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third male and female finishers in each category.

**HEALTH FAIR COMING**

"Prevention is the Key to Good Health," is the theme for this year's Health Fair, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The event is set from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free, though there may be a small fee for some of the screenings.

Organizers have planned a wide range of screenings and tests for all ages. Other booths will provide literature on a variety of topics. In addition, there will be various activities especially for children.

**AMERICAN PROFILE**



Cover Story: Eileen Collins, who was raised in Elmira, N.Y. (pop. 30,940), is the nation's first and only female commander of the Space Shuttle.

She will be guiding the shuttle as it makes its next voyage into space in May.

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Obituaries

W.E. 'Skeeter' Davidson



W.E. "Skeeter" Davidson, 82, of Big Spring died at 8:35 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005, at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler following a sudden illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 13, 1922, in Howard County to Walter E. Davidson and Elizabeth Haller Davidson. He was a member of a Pioneer Howard County Family.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, having served on the destroyer tender, U.S.S. Kennison in the Pacific during World War II. He had worked for the Ford Tractor Dealership, Rufus Davidson Service Station and he later farmed.

He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Nona Mae Hayworth.

He is survived by one sister, Barbara Jeane Kennemer of Tyler; eight nieces and nephews, Tim Kennemer, Lance Kennemer and his wife, Sissy, Neil Kennemer and his wife and Susie, David Huffman and his wife, Becky, all of Tyler and Beth Perry and her husband, Mike, Lydia Eubank and her husband, Alan, Melanie Cravens and her husband, Richard and Farley Hayworth and his wife, Tonda, all of Lubbock; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Pallbearers will be David Huffman, Trey Huffman, Lance Kennemer, Bret Kennemer, Tim Kennemer, Robert Neil Kennemer and Walter Neil Kennemer.

Honorary pallbearers will be S.C. Rhoton, Bobby Cathey, Jack Cathey, Tom Yeats and Jim Newsom.

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

*Paid obituary.*

Anita Booth

Anita Booth, 78, of Midland died Sunday evening, April 10, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services are 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 3, 1926, in the Philippines to Gregorio M. Dayao Sr. and Dolores Meilla Dayao. She married Deen Booth Sept. 9, 1960, in Denton. She came to Big Spring in 1965 and became a full time instructor in English and Spanish at Howard College until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by her husband, Deen Booth of Midland; one brother, Francisco M. Dayao Sr. of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Benefa M. Dayao of the Philippines; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

Gladys Clinton

Gladys Clinton, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning, April 12, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows around 50.

Monday...Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Take note

• **ROUGHRIDERS RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM GARAGE SALE** 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Big Spring Mall to benefit the American Cancer Society.

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 FISH FRY** from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday. \$7 per plate, carry out available. 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• **PROM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASS** students at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library. Call Cindy New at 2676237 for more information.

• **THE CODE PATROL COMMITTEE OF KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL MEETS** in the city council chambers at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

• **ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**, "Prevention is the Key to Good Health," sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNUAL CHUCK WAGON PARTY** from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. April 21 at Kokopelli's, 4007 Chararral Road. \$15 per person. Call the museum at 267-8255.

Police blotter

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

- **KATRINA MICHELLE DUNN**, 31, of 1200 Scurry, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **JOHNNY A. MARTINEZ III**, 34, of 1321 Mulberry, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- **BILLY C. RAMIREZ**, 33, of 900 E. 13th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton:
  - **THEFT** was reported:
    - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
    - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
    - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
  - **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
    - in the 4000 block of Parkway.
    - in the 2500 block of Albrook.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOSHUA JAMES GIBSON**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JAMES ANTHONY FRANCO**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ESHA WARD**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass.
- **PEDRO PERICO CASTRO**, 25, was arrested Monday by INS on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **TAMMIE SUE HORN**, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **DOUGLAS DEAN LIVENGOOD**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **KATRINA MICHELLE DUNN**, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6800 block of the I-20 N. Service Road.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the area of Third Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Moss Lake Road and I-20 at 6:21 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 11:55 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute at 11:36 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway at 3:36 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 2-24-26-34. Bonus Ball: 23.
- Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
- Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,132.
- Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 19. Prize: \$66.
- Number matching three of four: 763. Prize: \$22.
- Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 462. Prize: \$25.
- Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,349. Prize: \$7.
- Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,289. Prize: \$5.
- Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 5-6-18-27-29

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-1

Support groups

**TUESDAY**  
• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

**THURSDAY**  
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m., women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

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**TODAY**  
• Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.  
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• 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.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at 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. 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.  
• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.  
• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.  
• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.  
• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• Prom meeting for parents of Big Spring High School junior class students at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Call Cindy New at 2676237 for more information.  
• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.  
• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.  
• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main St.  
• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

**FRIDAY**  
• Roughriders Relay for Life team garage sale 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall to benefit the American Cancer Society.  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.  
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.  
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
• Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.  
• Roughriders Relay for Life team garage sale 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall to benefit the American Cancer Society.  
• Master the Mountain Fun Walk & Fun Run at the Big Spring State Park is set to begin at 9 a.m. with late registration accepted until 8 a.m.  
• The annual Health Fair sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
• American Legion Post 506 fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate, carry out available. 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**SUNDAY**  
• Rabies clinic at the Forsan Fire Station from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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# Scouts compete in pinewood derby

Special to the Herald

More than 125 scouts and family members were on hand as the Lone Star District, Boy Scouts of America, held pinewood derby races Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The event is an annual Cub Scout activity which has been going on for more than 50 years, said David O'Neill, district executive.

Boys from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Sterling City and Colorado City competed in the derby.

Recognized were the fastest cars, best looking and most unique.

Results are as follows:

**Tiger:** 1. Alex Bowman, Pack 29, Forsan, 2.701; 2. Dylan Watson,

Pack 305, Big Spring, 2.745; 3. Kenneth Priest, Pack 29, Forsan, 2.766.

**Wolf:** 1. Brandon Martinez, Pack 12, Sterling City, 2.681; 2. Tyler Bryan, Pack 29, Forsan, 2.714; 3. Wyatt Ferguson, Pack 12, Sterling City, 2.745.

**Bear:** Colby Adams, Pack 178, Big Spring, 2.671; 2. Brandy Mikeska, Pack 179, Big Spring, 2.732; 3. Alex Hughes, Pack 176, Big Spring, 2.776.

**Webeles:** 1. Kade Hodges, Pack 12, Sterling City, 2.701; 2. Aaron Rivera, Pack 2, Colorado City, 2.714; 3. Coleman Pitillo, Pack 12, Sterling City, 2.72.

**Adult:** 1. Chris Adams, Pack 179, Big Spring, 2.688; 2. Kim Armstead,

Pack 2, Colorado City, 2.734; 3. David O'Neill, Big Spring, 3.079.

**Open Class:** 1. Brent Yater, Troop 5, Big Spring, 2.693; 2. Mikayia Dillon, Pack 2, Colorado City, 2.735; 3. Dakota Dillion, Pack 2, Colorado City, 2.743.

**Best Looking:** 1. Joshua Baker, Pack 305, Big Spring; 2. Ardan Alvarez, Pack 2, Colorado City; 3. Kenneth Priest, Pack 29, Forsan.

**Most Unique:** 1. Zach Barber, Pack 29, Forsan; 2. Noah Brake, Pack 501, Coahoma; 3. Kyle Parker, Pack 29, Forsan.

**Overall Champ:** 1. Colby Adams, Pack 179, Big Spring, 2.671; 2. Brandon Martinez, Pack 12, Sterling City, 2.681; 3. Alex Bowman, Pack 29, Forsan, 2.701.

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missioners.

County Construction Administrator Phil Furqueron was also present during the meeting, and commented on some of the electrical and plumbing problems at the center.

"I went out with Mr. and Mrs. McCasland and Mrs. Leonard to look at the facility," Furqueron told commissioners. "There were several problems we noticed right away with the plumbing, most of them being high spots. However, I think most of those can be taken care of fairly easily."

"What concerned me the most is the electrical problems, especially in the kitchen. I really don't think we need to have an electrical engineer look at it at this point, but we certainly need to have an electrician go in and give us an idea what needs to be done. That way we can get a better idea how much all of this is going to cost."

Problems were first identified after the commissioners appointed a board of directors to oversee operations at the center. McCasland first reported to the court in March, claiming safety and health issues were "given a quick glance" by

those in charge.

"Previous courtesy calls for health reports overlooked an outdoor pit, illegal disposal of wastewater and a questionable grease trap," said McCasland. "The inspector, from the Texas Department of State Health Services, told me he should have caught several of these items in the past. However, during his courtesy calls, he would park in front of the center, walk up the steps and never tour the outside of the building... Both health and safety were given a quick glance."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

# USDA Rural Development slates forum here

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring will be the site for a forum put on by Texas USDA Rural Development and open to the public.

Speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and cooperative programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum, which is for Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Gaines and Andrews counties, will be held from 10 a.m. until

noon April 19 at the Howard County Library conference room, 500 South Main St.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditional underserved portions of the population," said Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development state director. "Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development

works to improve the quality of life for rural Texans.

The purpose of USDA Rural Development is to improve the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited.

To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

In addition to the forum, a representative of

USDA Rural Development will be on hand to assist individuals with applications and information concerning its programs. These are:

April 20 — 10 a.m.-noon, Howard County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Big Spring; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Borden County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Gail.

April 26 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Martin County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Stanton.

April 27 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Dawson County Annex Building-Auditorium, 609 N. First, Lamesa.

# HOUSING

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ber of units provided, or the amount of money expended."

While the new funding method has certainly taken a toll on many people's patience, Pryor said he doesn't expect it to have any detrimental effects on the service the housing authorities provide.

"Another change HUD made was giving local agencies the flexibility to manager their programs on a fixed budget," said

Pryor. "So there are options at our disposal which can conflict with the way the voucher program has been administered in the past."

"We really don't anticipate any drastic changes or significant impact on the program except slowing down the waiting list."

Pryor said it is important to keep in mind what type of services the housing authority offers, and what it hopes to accomplish with the voucher program.

"One key point to remember is the housing

choice voucher program is not a form of emergency housing," said Pryor. "Sometimes, people come to us and tell us they need a place to stay tonight, and there's nothing we can do for them. We provide housing assistance, not housing entitlement."

For more information, contact the local housing authority at 263-4090.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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the state, and a lot of that had to do with Johnny's leadership."

Carr said the major reason for Lauder's resignation is that he is building a home outside of the district he represents. Stanton school trustees must live in their respective single-member districts.

Valerie Smith and current board member Todd Smith — who are not related — both ran unopposed for election this

year. Since no one else filed for the race, trustees Monday night canceled the May 7 election and declared the two Smiths the winners.

They will be seated and board officers will be named at the trustees' regular meeting in May, Carr said.

In other business, trustees discussed possible repairs needed at the district's day care center, as well as the future purchase of playground equipment at the elementary school campus. No action was taken on either item, Carr said.

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**M**idnight's own horse was on another horse trying to catch him. But the horse and the owner could never catch up to Midnight! Then a



group of horsemen tried to get Midnight cornered so they could get a rope on him. They didn't want to hurt him. They just wanted to help

him get off that busy road.

No one could catch Midnight! Or could they? Remember in the first part of this story when I mentioned David's power? I didn't mean that David was stronger than the horse. I mean that he had power in a very different way!

David ran out of the store just as fast as he could go. He finally saw Midnight trapped in a corner of the woods. Midnight was really fright-

ened because he didn't know why the people were

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chasing him and he didn't understand why all of the cars and trucks on the highway were trying to harm him!

David looked at Midnight very closely. Midnight stared back at David! Somehow, Midnight knew that David was only trying to help. He could see in the softness of

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staring, and softly, slowly walked towards Midnight. Midnight started walking towards David, trusting him even more. As they came into



contact with each other, they both knew that they had made a wonderful friend.

David told Midnight in his own way, to stay calm and not be afraid. He would not ever let anyone or anything harm him! And Midnight trusted him. Slowly, they walked back to Midnight's pasture and when they got there, Midnight was really glad to be home again. And David was glad that he could help that beautiful ani-

mal!

No one could ever understand what David did that day. No one, that is, but David and Midnight! And he did it all without ever saying a word!

Do you know how to make a good friend without ever saying a word? It can be done. Just watch David!

GOOD NIGHT!  
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## EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

## Activities promise some healthy fun on this Saturday

We've always called it a "one stop shop for your health," and this year's Health Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Saturday is no different. As in previous years, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event is about as close to a do-it-all health checkup as you'll find outside of a doctor's office.

Free screenings, such as those for prostate cancer, depression, bone density, skin cancer, body composition, stroke risk, blood sugar and blood pressure are just a small sampling. In all, more than 60 booths will be supplying free screenings and information.

There are some other added attractions, including a special emphasis this year on mental health. There will be tests for glaucoma, free finger printing and photo-taking of children and food demonstrations by the Howard County Extension office. Dimples the clown will be there for the children, and for adults, there will be mini-information sessions by local physicians on various topics.

Another kid-friendly attraction will be an obstacle course provided by Air Extreme. It's all being held at coliseum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and admission is free.

In conjunction with the Health Fair, the public is invited to participate in the annual Master the Mountain five kilometer walk and five- and 10-kilometer runs. Held at Big Spring State Park atop Scenic Mountain, the friendly event offers beautiful, scenic views. The cost is \$10 per person. The entry fee includes a special T-shirt and there are prizes for winners. Pre-registration is at 8 a.m. at the park, with races to begin at 9 a.m. So come on out Saturday and join in the festivities. We can all afford to pay a little more attention to healthy living.

It just might be the best and most important fun you've ever had.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Others can't push us beyond our limits, Lord, when we have You standing beside us.

Amen

## Bankruptcy bill or welfare for usurers?

The bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act passed by the Senate last month illustrates once again that it is easier to pass a bad bill in Washington than it is to pass a good one. Make no mistake about it. This is a bad bill — which is why the House, no doubt, will pass this bill this week and why President Bush, to his discredit, will sign it.

The bill would make it harder for debtors to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 7, and push more debtors — it targets those who earn more than a state's median income — into Chapter 13, which has tougher repayment standards. That sounds fair enough, except that the Senate wasn't interested in making banks act more responsibly by dispensing with venal lending practices, such as lending money to people who have just filed bankruptcy and enticing college students with easy credit.

Consider this: The Senate rejected a measure to cap credit-card interest rates at 30 percent. Now, I ask, why should Washington want to protect lenders, who charge desperate people as much as 36 percent in per annum interest?

The lending lobby — Big Borrow-mongers — claims that it needs protections against deadbeats, who file for bankruptcy without even trying to pay off their debts. I would sympathize ... if the money lenders weren't so rapacious — shameless, really — about fleecing the poor.

The National Consumer Law Center argues that consumers often want to pay off their debt, but can't keep up with lenders'

late fees, penalties and exorbitant interest. The center cited the tale of Ruth Owens of Ohio. By the time Owens stopped using her credit card for purchases in 1997, she had racked up a balance of \$1,963. Over the next six years, she made \$3,492 in payments, but not a dime went to pay off the principal. Thanks to a 21 percent interest rate, fees of \$1,518 for exceeding her credit limit and \$1,160 in late fees, Owens paid the bank all that money and still owed the bank a whopping \$5,564.

As the Law Center noted, Owens would have been better off if she had become a deadbeat in 1997 — if she had simply stopped paying her credit-card bill until the bank sicced a collection agency on her — instead of honestly trying to pay off her debt. Rather than helping her to work out the debt, the bank simply drove her deeper into the hole.

When last I wrote on this bill ("Don't bank on it," March 17), arguing that the federal government shouldn't bail out banks for their own bad lending practices, I received a number of e-mails from people in the credit business who agreed with me. A minority of those in the business who e-mailed me complained that the very folks who criticize the financial-services industry for gouging poor lenders would be kicking the industry if it did not lend to the urban poor. They have a point: Consumer advocates do push banks to loan money to the often-overlooked urban poor, so that they can buy first homes and start their own businesses.

That said, I have yet to hear any consumer advocate say banks owe it to the poor to charge predatory interest rates — as high as 36 percent — as well as exorbitant late fees and over-limit penalties.

In fact, the industry's woes suggest that Washington should make

it easier to file for bankruptcy, in order to protect the banks from themselves. As Travis Plunkett, legislative director of the Consumer Federation of America noted, lenders "have it within their power to control the bankruptcy rates by controlling their practices."

As a Republican, it disappoints me to say this, but I understand why people call the GOP the party of big business. When Washington pushes for more responsibility among debtors, but not loan-shark-like lenders, when its "ownership society" principles don't make big corporations own up to their role in the bankruptcy problem, the GOP is toadying to big business. (Ditto the 18 Democrats and one independent senator who voted for the bill.)

Everyone expects the House to pass the bill. Plunkett said some House members are having second thoughts, but they figure there is no percentage in voting no, and displeasing a political contributing class. They figure, "Why anger the credit industry when they know they're going to lose?"

Well, there is a reason to anger the credit industry — to represent your constituents. If readers want the House to kill this turkey, they should let their congressional representative know that they oppose this bill. This bad bill probably will pass anyway, but citizens who care about good government and good business practices should at least make those lawmakers who vote for the measure sweat.

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## Inside report: Anti-DeLay campaign

On March 24, former Congressman Bob Livingston was sent an e-mail by a New York Times editorial page staffer suggesting he write an op-ed essay. Would Livingston, who in 1998 gave up certain elevation to be House speaker because of a sexual affair, write about how Majority Leader Tom DeLay should now act under fire? In a subsequent conversation, it was made clear the Times wanted the prominent Republican to say DeLay should step aside for the good of the party.

Livingston in effect declined by responding that if he wrote anything for the Times, it would be pro-DeLay. But this remarkable case of that august newspaper fishing for an op-ed piece makes it appear part of a calculated campaign to bring down the single most powerful Republican in Congress. The Democratic establishment and left-wing activists have targeted DeLay as the way to end a decade of Republican control of the House.

Ironically, this campaign's intensity may protect DeLay from Republicans who in their secret hearts would like to see the sometimes-overbearing Texan fall. No GOP politician wants to be the handmaiden of DeLay's Democratic detractors. Last Wednesday's closed-door caucus of House Republicans gave DeLay a standing ovation. Contrary to claims on leftist websites, no Republican member has called for the majority leader's resignation. Accusations of DeLay going on



ROBERT NOVAK

junkets funded by private sources and putting relatives on non-government payrolls reflect common congressional practice. The assault on DeLay did not begin until he redistricted Texas congressional seats, which changed the 2004 election from a net loss to a net gain for House Republicans. That accomplishment, however, makes it much harder to rip holes in DeLay's House GOP support.

At least 18 news organizations now have assigned reporters to cover DeLay, but the quest by The New York Times for a prominent Republican to suggest his resignation may cross a line. Livingston, a Louisiana congressman who was Appropriations Committee chairman, was set to succeed Newt Gingrich as speaker in November 1998, when he stunned Washington by announcing his resignation from Congress after allegations of a sexual affair.

New York Times editorial page staffer Tobin Harshaw sent the March 24 e-mail to Livingston, now a Washington lobbyist. Chris Terrell, a principal in the Livingston Group, declined to give this column a copy of the message but read it to us. Harshaw, reached in New York, confirmed he had a conversation with Terrell, but added: "We don't comment on assignments, written or unwritten."

According to Terrell, Harshaw's e-mail suggested Livingston might want to write "a short op-ed on DeLay's political future." Terrell said he telephoned Harshaw, saying his boss would "write a favorable piece," then asked: "Is that really what you're seeking or is that what you would print?"

It clearly was not. While Harshaw asserted "we would welcome any thoughts" by Livingston, Terrell quoted him as

saying "we are seeking those who would go on the record or state for the good of the party he [DeLay] should step aside."

The importance of such a column by so prestigious a Republican as Livingston would break a solid GOP front supporting DeLay. Potential Republican defectors have stayed loyal to DeLay because of Democratic leaders. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, abandoning traditions of at least minimum courtesy between party leaders, has led the campaign against her Republican counterpart Rep. Rahm Emanuel, the aggressive new chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, has made this the cornerstone of efforts to recapture the House in 2006.

The one crack in the pro-DeLay alliance was a March 28 editorial in The Wall Street Journal charging the majority leader with "betraying the broader set of principles that brought him into office." To be accused of imitating the ethical standards of the Democrats he deplored was viewed by DeLay as a "gut shot."

The question: Would this editorial start a chain reaction of Republican House members abandoning DeLay, such as Democrats turned against Speaker Jim Wright in 1989? Those defections doomed Wright, whose fall was followed in five years by the Republican capture of the House. Since Bob Livingston would not get the ball rolling, the campaign to get DeLay still needs a major anti-DeLay Republican to go public.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Fire kills 10-year-old and his sister in Ozona mobile home**

OZONA (AP) — A 10-year-old boy and his younger sister were killed and a woman was injured in a fire that spread from the mobile home they were sleeping in to another trailer.

Felipe R. Villarreal and Belia Cardenas, 5, were found in a bedroom, said Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne.

Sylvia Villarreal Cardenas, who was home with the children, was taken to a San Angelo hospital for treatment. Her relationship to the children was unclear.

Crockett County Sheriff's deputies responding to a disturbance call found the trailer on fire when they arrived around 12:20 a.m. Monday.

When firefighters arrived, the blaze had spread to another mobile home a few feet away.

The Crockett County Fire Marshal and the sheriff's office are investigating the cause of the fire, which destroyed both mobile homes.

**Five family members killed in weekend fire**

RAYMONDVILLE (AP) — Investigators are trying to determine what caused a weekend fire that killed a South Texas couple and three children.

Justice of the Peace Eliseo Barnhart and a deputy state fire marshal said authorities are investigating whether the fire was intentionally set.

Raymondville Police Chief Ulvado Zamora said a preliminary investigation showed the victims died of smoke inhalation.

The victims were identified as Oscar and Elougia Uresti, their 2-year-old son Oscar Jr. and 9-month-old daughter Lisa Gray as well as Elougia Uresti's 6-year-old son Gilbert Martinez.

"If somebody did this for whatever reason, it's just an evil, evil thing," Barnhart said in a story in Tuesday's Valley Morning Star. Barnhart's sister owned the mobile home the Urestis had just moved into.

The fire early Saturday gutted the trailer.

"I wouldn't want it to be arson. I really hope it was in God's hands, not anybody else's," said Oscar Uresti's brother, Johnny Garcia, 25.

**New Mexico man gets 5-year sentence for cigarette smuggling**

EL PASO (AP) — The mastermind of a plot to smuggle \$37 million worth of cigarettes into the United States was sentenced Monday to five years in federal prison.

Jorge Abraham, 35, of Sunland Park, N.M., pleaded guilty in December to conspiracy to smuggle cigarettes into the United States and trafficking in contraband cigarettes and counterfeit goods.

Abraham, a quadriplegic, also was ordered to pay nearly \$6 million in restitution to Texas, California, New York, the United States and Philip Morris U.S.A., Inc.

"These criminals deprived the American people of millions of dollars owed in taxes. While the rest of us are working hard and paying our fair share, these cheaters did not pay one cent," U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton said.

In his plea, Abraham admitted that between September 2001 and December 2002, his organization smuggled, diverted, transported and distributed, and attempted to smuggle, divert, transport and distribute at least 11,360 cases of counterfeit and contraband cigarettes into the United States for illegal sale.

A carton of 200 counterfeit cigarettes can cost as little as \$2 to produce in Asia. That same carton of cigarettes, when smuggled into the United States, can be sold on the streets of New York City for \$70 or more.

**Sacramento man pleads guilty to targeting Reno girl for sex**

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A convicted pedophile pleaded guilty Monday to traveling to Reno, Nev., to engage in sex with a 14-year-old girl he met through a telephone chat service.

Michael Stephen Dahl, 49, of Sacramento, already was on federal probation for a July 2000 conviction in south Texas for a similar conviction of traveling with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile. He spent 15 months in federal prison on that conviction.

Dahl now faces five to 30 years in federal prison at his July 14 sentencing.

He pleaded guilty to traveling to Reno April 23-25, 2004, to meet the girl, who had placed a personal ad on the Qwest Telepersonal system. The girl placed her ad in the 18-20 age category, and Qwest requires users to be at least 18 years old, but the girl told investigators no one

verified her age.

She and Dahl called each other for months before he told her he would travel to Reno, prosecutors said. He is alleged to have picked her up, forced her to engage in intercourse, then dropped her off near her home.

Dahl was arrested Jan. 20. Investigators said the case took so long to prosecute because the FBI wasn't notified until September and couldn't determine the alleged victim's identity until November.

**Here she is — Miss North Carolina crowned Miss USA**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Fashion marketing student Chelsea Cooley, 21, from Charlotte, N.C., got into pageants for the scholarships. "I fell in love with them and it snowballed," she said. "And here I am, Miss USA."

Cooley, the reigning Miss North Carolina, was crowned Miss USA in the 54th annual pageant Monday night. The new titleholder will compete May 30 in the Miss Universe competition in Bangkok, Thailand.

Miss California, Brittany Hogan, 20, was first runner-up; Miss Kentucky, Kristen Lynn Johnson, 23, was second runner-up; Miss Illinois, Jill Gulseth, 21, was third runner-up. Miss Florida, Melissa Witek, 24, was fourth runner-up.

Cooley said before the show that she wrote several of her fellow contestants a note to "let them know that regardless of what happened tonight I will always believe in them because they truly are extraordinary women and I'm very

proud of them."

**Former AIG chief Greenberg says he will take the Fifth**

NEW YORK (AP) — The former chairman and CEO of embattled insurer American International Group Inc. may be asked questions from securities regulators — but he isn't planning to answer right now.

The decision by Maurice "Hank" Greenberg to invoke the Fifth Amendment came after regulators questioned billionaire investor Warren Buffett on Monday, in connection with federal and state probes of AIG.

"I told them everything I know," Buffett said afterward.

But Greenberg — who, unlike Buffett, is identified by regulators as a target of their investigation — said he would not cooperate unless the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York attorney general's office narrowed the scope of their questions.

**Polish defense minister says forces should leave by early 2006**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland wants to withdraw its 1,700 troops from Iraq early next year, the defense minister said Tuesday.

Defense Minister Jerzy Smajdzinski indicated Polish forces would start pulling out after the U.N. resolution authorizing their mission expires at the end of the year.

He said it would take "a few weeks" for all the troops and equipment to return to Poland.

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## International penpals meet after 22 years of correspondence

By MICHAEL GRANBER (KRT)

DALLAS — Jennifer Blakley had been waiting for this moment for 22 years. "I have butterflies, yes I do!" she said. "I do. This is my first time to be nervous. I haven't been nervous. I haven't been nervous. You'd be surprised how calm I've been about it."

Jennifer was talking fast. Her husband was bemused. Because Matt Blakley knows that 22 years' of expectations don't exactly mesh with "calm."

At any moment, Jennifer, 35, would come face to face with fate. Her pen pal of more than two decades — a Danish woman she had never met or spoken to on the phone — would land at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Hanne Magnussen, 36, would walk through the revolving door of Gate 30 at the Terminal B baggage claim area and take their friendship to a new level. She and Jennifer had thought about this

moment since 1983, when Ronald Reagan was president and the Cold War was still, well, cold.

Hanne would bring with her a husband and two children and 22 years of shared memory. "I don't know what to say," Jennifer said to her husband.

"Well," Matt said, "why don't you just say... 'Howdy?'"

Trying anything at that point to calm down his wife... to make her laugh, he reminded her of what their 7-year-old son had been saying all week: "When are our Danishes coming?"

"We really grew up with each other," Jennifer said. "We could tell each other secrets! After all, who would she tell in Denmark?"

As the girls became young women, dating became topic No. 1. Around the same time, both fell in love — with quiet men, valued as much for being calm as compassionate. Their lives took a parallel path

yet again when the women got pregnant.

"Our daughters are the same age, 11," Jennifer said. "And her other daughter is almost the same age as my second son. So we talked pregnancy a lot."

Jennifer graduated from Texas A&M University and became the loyal wife of an active-duty officer of the U.S. Marine Corps. For nine years, they were hunkered down in such outposts as Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hanne grew up in Hjoerring, Denmark, and now works for a computer company there. She and her family live 15 miles away, in the small seaport town of Hirtshals.

Waiting at the airport, as the baggage-claim moment drew near, Jennifer marveled at the fact that she and Hanne have managed to feel even closer, despite the demands of adulthood.

Today, the Blakleys have three children — Allison, 11, Kyle, 7, and Zachary, 5, to the Magnussens' two — daughters Lisa, 11, and Emilie, 6.

A few hours before leaving for America, Hanne sat at home in Hirtshals, nervous as a cat. But, make no mistake, it was a "good" nervous.

"It's amazing!" she said by telephone. "I've known her longer than I've

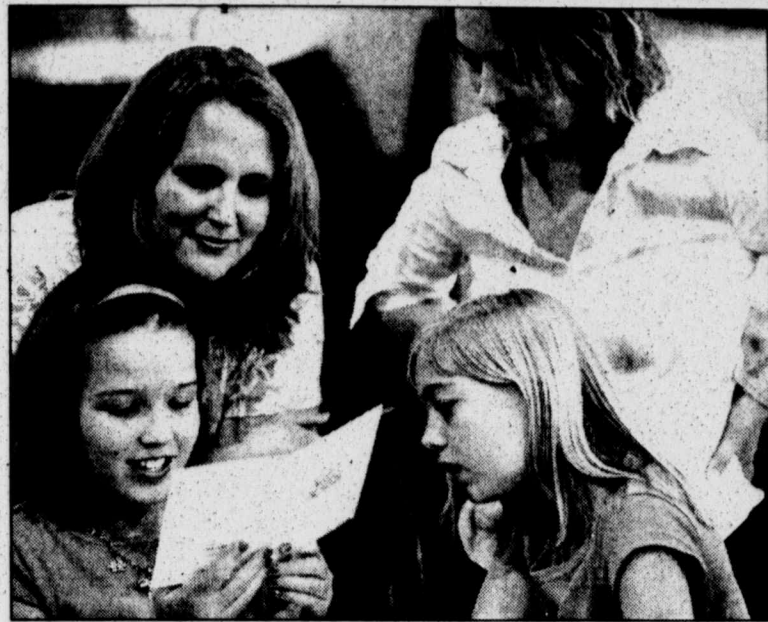
known my husband. We go so way back. I can't even remember our first letters. I remember she sent me gum, and it was so different from our gum. We wrote a lot about movies and food. After we had children, we got closer, I think. We talked about more family stuff. Feelings.

"We could talk about marriage and when we felt happy, when we felt... upset. We could argue with our husbands and talk about that. We talked about everything — religion and terrorism. When the World Trade Center was hit, I wrote her right away."

E-mail, of course, has elevated the correspondence to a new dimension, though e-mail, both women say, is a mixed blessing. When cyberspace came into vogue, the letter-writing stopped. Because of e-mail, Hanne was able to notify Jennifer within hours that her 11-year-old daughter had been hit by a car while riding her bike.

And Jennifer could bare her soul on a daily basis in 2003, when her husband was called up by his Reserve unit and deployed for most of the year in California.

"I'm nervous she will be disappointed — with me," Hanne said. "And I'm nervous about a lot of other



KRT Photo/Lara Solt

Pen pals Jennifer Blakley, 35, of Plano, (top left) and Hanne Magnussen, 36, of Denmark with their children, Allison Blakley, 11 (left) and Lisa Magnussen, 11 (right) who have starting writing to each other.

things. Will we get along? Will our kids get along? I know her so well, and yet we've never met. We've never even talked on the phone!"

And then came the waves, cascading gales of girlish laughter, followed by an endless hug. It was a warm embrace between women who have shared so much — adolescent angst, courtships ending in marriage, the rigors of childbearing, the sorrow of wars and terrorism.

"Oh, my gosh!" Jennifer said. "How are you? Oh, my God! How are you? I don't believe it."

"This is surreal!" Hanne said, her arms still clinging to Jennifer.

"Hey, that's my word!" Jennifer said. "I can't believe you're here. Just

look at me. I'm shaking."

Hanne's husband, Jon Magnussen, said his wife had grown eerily quiet as the moment drew near.

"Expectations," he said with a smile.

Soon, the Magnussens and Blakleys would be heading north, into the Texas night, gearing up for a fortnight in which nine people would share the same house.

It would be two weeks of baseball and barbecue, Easter egg hunts and even a bit of Duran Duran.

"I was worried, but not any more," Hanne said with a smile as big as Texas. "She's absolutely wonderful."

World Pen Pals may be contacted at [www.worldpen-pals.com](http://www.worldpen-pals.com); P.O. Box 337, Saugerties, NY 12477.

## Annual rabies clinic set

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

A rabies clinic is scheduled in the Forsan Fire Station from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday and the public is invited to bring their cat or dog for vaccinations.

"We've been having this clinic for years and we encourage everyone to come do this," said Jeannie Pitts, one of the organizers of the event.

Dr. Debra Hill of Western Hills Animal Clinic is sponsoring the event, she said.

Both dogs and cats are welcome and different immunizations will be available for each species.

For dogs, rabies shots are \$6, booster shots are \$11, bordetella a type of

kennel cough in dogs, is \$13, distemper is \$5 and parvo is \$8.

For cats, feline CVR is \$10 and feline leukemia is \$20.

"We have put up flyers everywhere to let people know this is available," Pitts said.

An appointment is not necessary and pets will be seen on a first come, first serve basis, she said.

For more information, contact Western Hills Animal Clinic at 267-5721 or Pitts at 263-3236.

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## Washing a car turns into fat-burning, athletic feat

Washing my vehicle at the car wash turned into a fat-burning, athletically-charged feat last week.

I put my coins in the slot, worth something in the calorie-lessening world and got out the wand of power.

Spraying down the van with one hand and weilding a scrub brush in the other, I attacked bugs, tar, dirt and grease with a karate-type vengeance.

After this great act of coordination came the foam brush. With Pilates-style bends and sways, I cleansed the automobile from top to bottom.

I finished off with a spot-free rinse. I have no idea what spot-free

means at a car wash. My van looked like a leopard after it dried.

On I went to the vacuuming section. The super long hose proved difficult to maneuver.

I did everything but stand on my head to control it. I felt like I was back in my exercise class. Triceps, biceps, quads and lats, all straining to reach unattainable crumbs.

First on tiptoes, then on knees, I kickboxed my way from the front to the back of my car.

Completely drained of energy, I had to power-pump my way into the driver's seat.

I headed for a local taco hut to enjoy a fat-free, non-caloric, all organic taco — but that's another article.

Christy Alton is mother of two, works full time and is married to her park ranger, Ron. Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



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### IN BRIEF

#### Cornell Corrections announces softball tournament at Mize

Cornell Corrections is sponsoring a co-ed softball tournament benefiting Relay For Life.

The tournament will take place April 22 and 23 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The cost is \$10 per player and the deadline to register is Friday, April 15.

For more information, call 267-1911 ext. 214 during the day and 267-2004 at night.

#### Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil Saturday at 3 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

#### Couples scramble set up at Comanche

A summer long couples scramble tournament has been set at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will take place every Thursday throughout the summer, ending sometime in October.

For more information, contact Sue Russell at 398-5452.

#### Suddenly hot Mets end Astros' streak

NEW YORK (AP) — Kaz Matsui hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning, and the New York Mets won their home opener by rallying past the Houston Astros 8-4 Monday.

Matsui also drove in a run with a bunt single. Tom Glavine threw six solid innings and Jose Reyes used his speed to send the Mets to their second consecutive victory following an 0-5 start.

Morgan Ensberg had three hits and an RBI for Houston, which had won four in a row after an opening-day loss to St. Louis.

Roberto Hernandez (1-0) got the win, and Russ Springer (0-1) the loss.

Cliff Floyd hit a two-run single off ex-Met John Franco in the eighth.

#### Mavs' Stackhouse suspended one game for on-court fight

DALLAS (AP) — The on-court pushing, shoving and arguing that Dallas' Jerry Stackhouse and Utah's Kirk Snyder continued in a hallway after a recent game resulted in a one-game suspension without pay for both players.

The incident lasted less than a minute near the Jazz team bus following an 88-81 win by the Mavericks Saturday night.

## Laurikkala wins individual title at 4-2A golf meet

Stanton's top team also advances to regional tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BIG SPRING — The Stanton girl's golf team maintained its first round lead and advanced to the regional tournament Monday after shooting a course-low 433 at Big Spring's Comanche Trail Golf Course in the second and final round of the District 4-2A golf tournament.

The Lady Buffaloes will send their entire girl's 'A' team, while Coahoma will send Sini Laurikkala,



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Stanton's Megan Cook attempts a putt at the district tournament Monday. Cook finished sixth overall, but the Lady Buffaloes won the overall team title and advanced to regionals.

who dominated the individual portion of the tournament.

Colorado City and Hawley won the two top spots in the boy's district tournament as Coahoma and Stanton failed to advance anyone on the boy's side.

### GIRLS

Laurikkala shot a second round 83 Monday and won the overall district tournament by 23 strokes over second place Shante Kreis of Colorado City.

Stanton will send its entire girl's team after it dominated the team competition by 58 shots. Colorado City's entire team will also advance to regionals after it claimed second behind Stanton.

The Lady Buffaloes were led by Savannah Smith and Megan Cook. Smith shot a second round 93 to grab third overall among medalist finishers and defeated her teammate — Smith — by 16 strokes, despite Smith leading after round one. Smith shot a 115 in round two after shooting a 105 in the first round.

Samantha Portillo, Bonnie Kendall and Brittani Garza shot 225, 229 and 246, respectively, to round out Stanton's 'A' team.

Callie Paige and Bethany Shivers shot 238 and 281, respectively, for Coahoma.

Stanton's 'B' team was led by Amy Jo Bryand's 239. Mallory Cotton fired a 248.

Stanton's top team and Laurikkala will now play in the Region 1-2A Tournament April 25-26 in Baird at the Shady Oaks Golf Club.

### BOYS

Colorado City dominated



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma's Sini Laurikkala attempts a putt during Monday's District 4-2A golf tournament at Big Spring's Comanche Trail Golf Course. Laurikkala won the individual title of the two-round tournament and advanced to regionals after defeating her nearest competitor by 23 strokes. She fired an 83 Monday and finished with a 169.

ed the boy's tournament at Comanche Trail Monday as the Wolves took the top spot as a team and claimed the top three spots in the individual standings.

The Wolves defeated second place Hawley by 36 strokes, but both teams will advance to regionals.

Stanton's top team missed regionals by one placing, while Coahoma's 'A' team took a distant fifth. The Buffaloes finished 11 strokes off second place Hawley.

Nick Edwards, Kenneth Scott and Brik McGuffin all of Colorado City finished first, second and third, respectively, in the

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## Bulldogettes fare well at District 4-2A tuneup meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — Coahoma's girl's track team grabbed several top five positions at the Colorado City track meet Saturday.

The team's top finisher was freshman Krista Kerby, who finished first in the high jump after clearing the bar at 4-10. Kerby was also part of the fourth place 4x400 meter relay team. Other members of the team included senior Sarah Collom, senior Mendy Morgan and Kayla Gutierrez.

Morgan also grabbed third place in the 100 meter dash after crossing the line in :13.0 and then finished fourth in the 200 meter dash with a time of :27.8.

Junior Sterling Gee grabbed the silver medal in the 100 hurdles with a time of :17.1. She also finished third in the triple jump and third in the 300 hurdles.

Monica Morelion ran a personal best time in the 3,200 meter run on her way to second place. She finished in 13:32.9. Morelion also finished third in the mile.

Aside from being a part of the 1,600 meter relay team, Gutierrez grabbed third in the 400 meter dash with a time of :55.1.

Heather Sheppard and Liz Conley finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the shot put. Sheppard threw a personal best 29-01.

Caylea Wood took one minute off her 1,600 meter time, which was another promising spot, according to Coahoma coach Sandy Logan.

"She also competed well against the teams from our district," said Logan.

The District 4-2A meet will take place Friday at 10 a.m. in Stanton.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma's Terrell Bibb attempts a putt on the No. 9 green at the District 4-2A tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Monday. Bibb led the Bulldogs with a second round 86.

## Rangers suffer another one-run loss

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer  
ARLINGTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels are already spoiling things for the Texas Rangers this season.

Orlando Cabrera hit the first pitch of the 10th inning for a home run, an inning after Darin Erstad's game-tying lead-off homer off Francisco Cordero, and the Angels won 7-6 Monday in the home opener for Texas.

"When you battle back and come back and win a game, I don't think you ever feel like you stole one," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We came back against one of the best closers in baseball, and that makes us feel good."

The Angels came back from a 6-2 deficit against a Texas bullpen missing its top two setup men. And Cordero, who allowed just one homer in 67 appearances last season, pitched for the third straight day.

Erstad, with just 11 homers over 753 at-bats the last two seasons, was down 0-2 after fouling a 98 mph pitch off his hands. But Cordero then hung a slider.

"What can I say? We've got good pitchers, but we're going through a rough time," said Cordero, who has two blown saves among his

four chances.

Cordero struck out two batters to get out of the ninth, but didn't return in the 10th because he saved the previous two games. Cabrera homered off R.A. Dickey (0-1).

The Angels and Texas have played four of their seven games against each other. All were one-run games. Los Angeles winning two of three at home last week.

All three Texas wins, and three of its losses, were by one run.

"I don't look at seven games as telling what we are. I feel good about this club," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "There are too many games. We can't let these create a mind-set. And our guys won't."

Texas was in playoff contention until the 158th game last season, an 11-inning home loss that was their third straight to the Angels, who went on to win the AL West.

But this season is just a week old.

"We expect the West to be won at the end of September, as usual," said shortstop Michael Young, the only Ranger with hits in every game.

After Scot Shields (2-0) allowed just one hit over two innings, including a perfect ninth against the heart of the Texas lineup, Francisco Rodriguez got

his second save in as many chances.

The Rangers broke out the big bats early, but only had two of their 14 hits the final 4-2-3 innings against three relievers.

Alfonso Soriano hit a leadoff home run before Rod Barajas and Hank Blalock also had solo homers in the first five innings for a 5-2 lead.

Barajas broke a 2-all tie when he homered with two outs in the fourth. Blalock's homer led off the fifth before Chad Allen had an RBI single and another run scored on Chris Bootcheck's wild pitch.

All three Texas homers came off Jarrod Washburn, who gave up six runs on 12 hits with three walks over 5-1-3 innings. He threw six shutout innings against the Rangers last week.

Garret Anderson had a two-out, two-run single in the third to tie the game. The Angels didn't score again until the seventh when Steve Finley had a leadoff double and scored on Lou Merloni's sacrifice fly, making it 6-3.

Kenny Rogers pitched seven solid innings in his 500th appearance for Texas, the team for which he is in the second season of his third stint. The 40-year-old left-hander limited the Angels to three runs on eight hits.

### Big Spring JH Track Results at Andrews Track Meet — 4-7-05

**Seventh Grade — 3rd place, 83 points**  
Shot put: Lauren Porras, 5th  
High jump: Macy Graves, 5th; Halee Thomas, 6th  
Triple jump: Iesha Simpson, 2nd  
400 relay: Callie Shafer, Emily Key, Selena Gonzales and Simpson, 2nd  
800 meter: Kelly Sage, 6th  
100 hurdles: Linzee Yarbar, 6th  
100 meter: Simpson, 1st  
800 relay: Marisa Zavala, Yarbar, Shafer and Simpson, 2nd  
400 meter: Graves, 6th  
200 meter: Simpson, 1st  
1,600 meter: Sage, 5th; Angelica Doportio, 6th  
1,600 relay: Shafer, Yarbar, Zavala and Key, 3rd

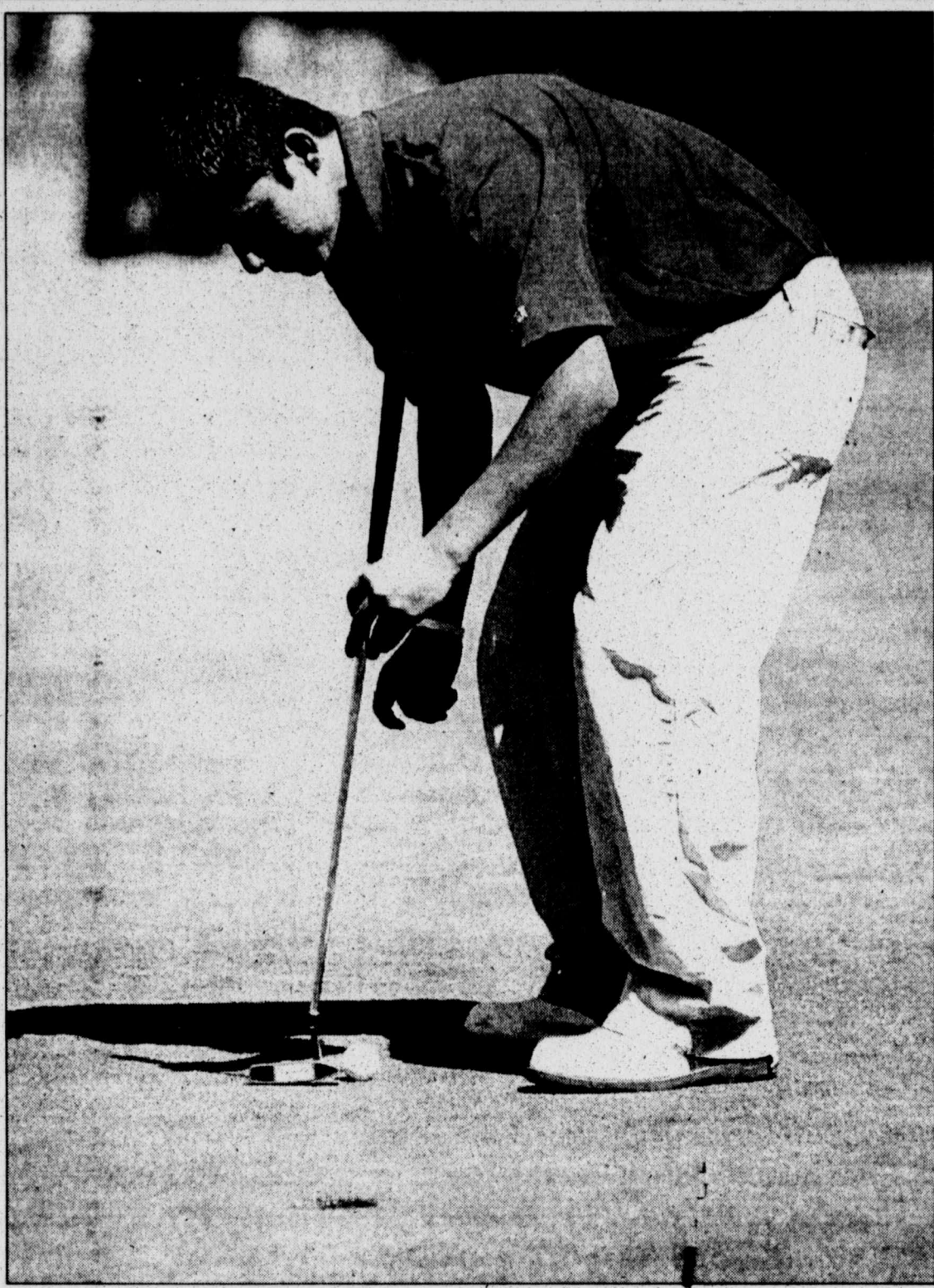
**Eighth Grade — 3rd place, 114 points**  
Shot put: Leslie Leal, 2nd; Sarah Armentrout, 5th  
Discus: Leal, 2nd; Armentrout, 4th  
High jump: Andrea Claxton, 3rd; Bri Downes, 4th  
Triple jump: Claxton, 6th  
Long jump: Tra Walker, 5th  
2,400 meter: Megan Hilano, 4th  
400 relay: Turquoise White, Walker, Downes and Claxton, 3rd  
800 meter: Catherine Leubner, 1st; Chelsea Franco, 2nd  
100 hurdles: Cheyenne Lesser, 5th; Brianna Rodriguez, 6th  
100 meter: Walker, 3rd  
800 relay: White, Downes, Walker and Whitney Worthan, 3rd  
400 meter: Leubner, 4th; Franco, 5th  
300 hurdles: Lesser, 6th  
200 meter: White, 3rd  
1,600 meter: Hilano, 5th  
1,600 relay: Franco, Claxton, Rodriguez and Leubner, 3rd

### Forsan JH district tennis meet results

**Seventh grade boy's doubles**  
Joshua Hatfield and Jake Moore, 2nd  
**Seventh grade boy's singles**  
J.P. Barber, 4th  
**Seventh grade girl's singles (Forsan swept this division)**  
Noelle McDowell, 1st  
Amanda Barber, 2nd  
Laura Spence, 3rd  
Bree Clark, 4th  
**Eighth grade girl's singles**  
Sandi Golleher, 4th  
**Eighth grade girl's doubles**  
Faith Belew and Whitney Price, 2nd  
Haylie Bureson and Brittani Huit, 4th  
**Eighth grade boy's singles**  
Clay Lockhart, 1st  
**Eighth grade boy's doubles**  
Nathan Atkinson and Vince Penick, 2nd  
Ryan Welch and Eric Valle, 4th

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Stanton's Justin Hinojosa lines up his shot on the No. 9 green at Comanche Trail Golf Course during the District 4-2A golf tournament Monday. The Stanton and Coahoma boy's failed to qualify for regionals, but Stanton's top girl's team qualified as a team and Coahoma's Sini Laurikkala won the individual title.

**4-2A GOLF**

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individual medalist standings. McGuffin tied with Joshua Winegart of Hawley and Zach Gilbert of Anson, but took third after winning a playoff. Edwards and Scott shot a 162 and 172, respectively.

Stanton's 'A' team was led by Dex Shafer's 181. Shafer shot a second round 88.

Matthew Ruiz and Joe B. Bryand each finished with a two-round total of 183, while Justin Hinojosa fired a 194.

Coahoma's top team was led by Terrell Bibb and Taylor Earhart, who finished one stroke as a part of each other. Bibb

shot a 186 (second round 86), while Earhart fired a 187 (second round 93). Blaine Henderson shot two consecutive 104s and finished with a 208.

Stanton's 'B' team was led by Jeo Vela's 207, while Michael Washington fired a 214. Matt Earhart led Coahoma's 'B' team with a 218.

**Mavericks deny Grizzlies first chance into playoffs**

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer  
DALLAS (AP) — Josh Howard scored 23 points and Keith Van Horn added 14, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 110-89 victory over Memphis on Monday night that spoiled the Grizzlies' first chance to clinch a playoff spot.

Memphis endured its worst loss under coach Mike Fratello and second-worst of the season; the Grizzlies lost to Minnesota by 25 on Nov. 26 when Hubie Brown was still in charge.

Regardless, Memphis can still get into the playoffs with its next win or a loss by the Timberwolves. Both teams play next on Wednesday.

Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who

clinched the West's No. 4 seed in its previous game. They won their season-best eighth straight at home and improved to 11-2 under coach Avery Johnson.

The Mavs took control midway through the second quarter and never relented against a team that had won five of its last six games, most by wide margins.

Dallas enjoyed another big scoring night despite being without sixth man Jerry Stackhouse. He was suspended without pay because of a skirmish with Utah's Kirk Snyder in a hallway following Saturday night's game.

Van Horn and Marquis Daniels knew they were going to have to pick up the slack created by Stackhouse's absence, and they responded perfectly

with a 15-3 run early in the second quarter that began with the Mavericks down by five.

After Van Horn tied it at 30, he made a nice pass to set up Daniels' jumper that put Dallas ahead for good. Then Van Horn began padding the lead with a finger roll that turned into a three-point play.

The Mavs led by 13 before halftime and the Grizzlies could only get within four the rest of the game. Every time Memphis began a rally, Dallas came up with a momentum-killing basket. Then Van Horn opened the fourth quarter with four straight free throws and Devin Harris had a three-point play and fed Michael Finley for a 3-pointer that upped the lead to 14.



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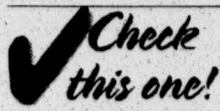
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Mercury goes direct, which acts like a cosmic Drano for the previously clogged communication pipe. The next few days feature movement in a formerly stagnant area because finally, we know just the right sentiment to get things back on track. The moon is in Gemini, so even if a few words are all that's needed, conversations go on and on.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Time can be a friend, but not if you use it as an excuse. Refrain from saying "I didn't have the time." Einstein said, "Time and space are modes by which we think, and not conditions in which we live."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Obligations feel restrictive, tethering you to a particular course. Though you long to be in an unattached state, following through with your commitments will be the most liberating thing you can do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Competitive instincts are full blast. You're a talented student of human nature, and this gives you an edge in anything you choose to do. A friend will be your saving grace if you require a referral, a pinch hitter or a baby sitter.

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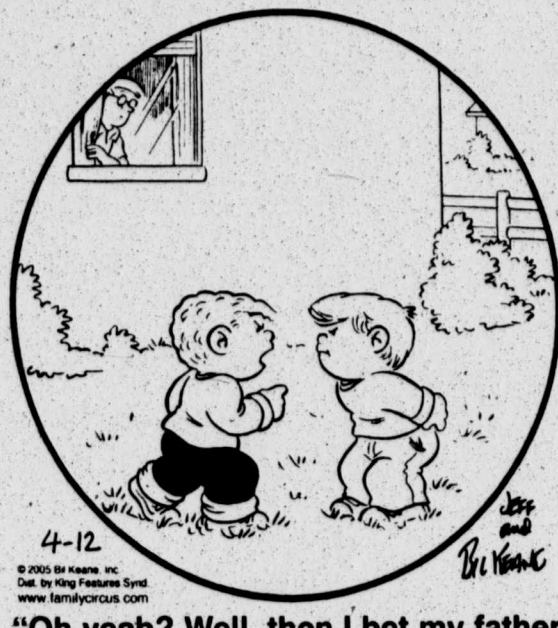
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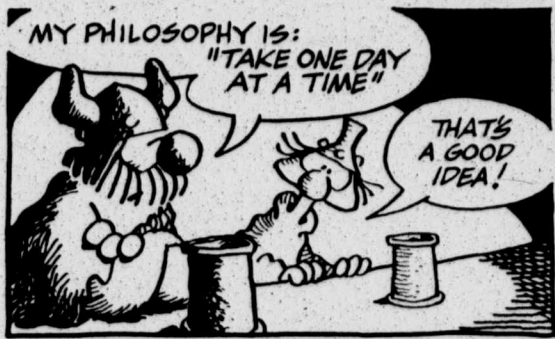
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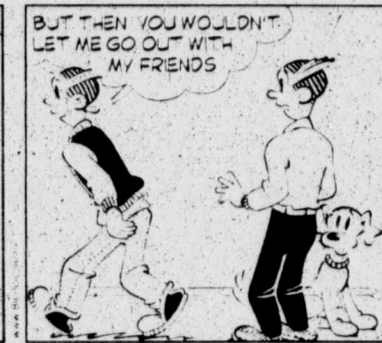


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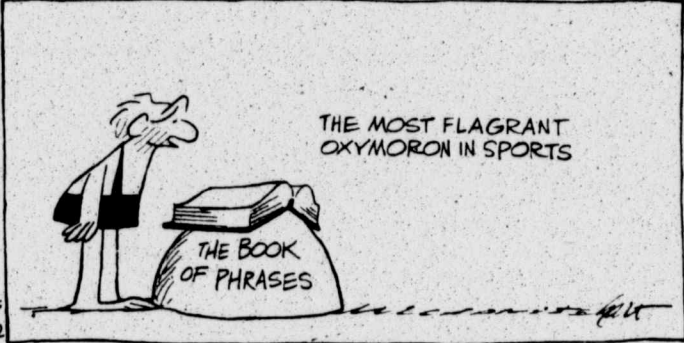
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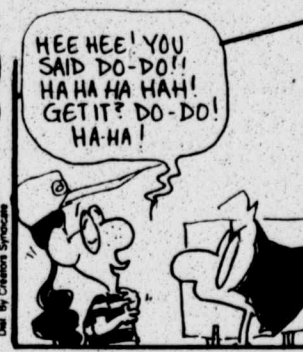
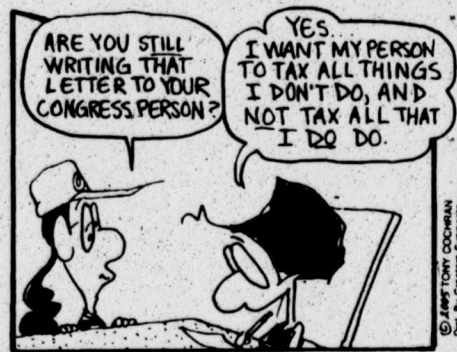
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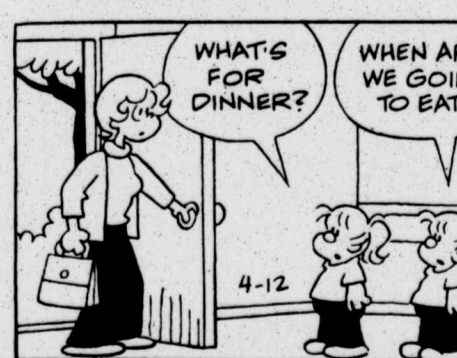
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2005. There are 263 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman. On this date: In 1606, England adopted as its flag the original version of the Union Jack. In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina. In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published. In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective. In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing. In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its first test flight. In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor. In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off. In 1989, radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age 52. In 1989, former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age 67. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ned Miller is 80. Actress Jane Withers is 79. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 72. Actor Charles Napier is 69.

Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 65. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 63. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 61. Actor Ed O'Neill is 59. Author Tom Clancy is 58. Actor Dan Lauria is 58. Talk show host David Letterman is 58. Singer Scott Turow is 56. Singer David Cassidy is 55. R&B singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 53. Singer Pat Travers is 51. Actor Andy Garcia is 49. Movie director Walter Salles is 49. Country singer Vince Gill is 48. Actress Suzanne Douglas is 48. Rock musician Will Sergeant (Echo & the Bunnymen) is 47.

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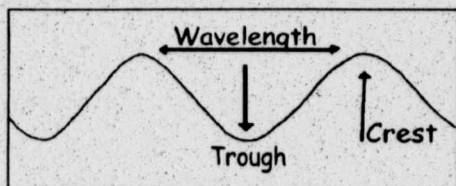
# Wind-Caused Ocean Waves



The Mini Page celebrates Earth Day (April 22) with a story about water waves. Water covers 70 percent of the Earth's surface.

Waves are motions that carry energy from one place to another. We cannot see these energy waves, but we can see and feel and hear what they do. For example, microwaves cook food. Other kinds of waves carry TV, radio and light signals. Water carries wave motions — pulses or short energy spurts. To find out more about water waves, we talked with scientists and educators at the National Ocean Service.

## Wave parts



- wave crest: high point
- wave trough: low point
- wavelength: distance between two crests

Site to see: [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

The National Ocean Service is a special agency within NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which has many scientists and other experts who know a lot about our oceans.

## We can cause water waves



We can cause waves by jumping into the water, throwing a rock into the water, or driving a boat through the water and making a wake.

## Wind causes most waves



This surfer's wave off the coast of Hawaii began as a small choppy wave, hundreds of miles offshore. It joined with other waves and became a big long wave, or "swell." Surfers like this kind of wave.

Wind causes most waves. The size of a wave depends on:

- how strong the wind is.
- how long the wind blows from one direction.
- how long the wave travels over the ocean.

## What makes waves move?

Waves are pulses of energy moving through the water. The water does not move forward as the energy waves pass through. If it did, much more of the Earth's surface would be covered with water. The water particles move slightly forward and backward in a circle as the energy waves bob up in the crest and down with the trough.



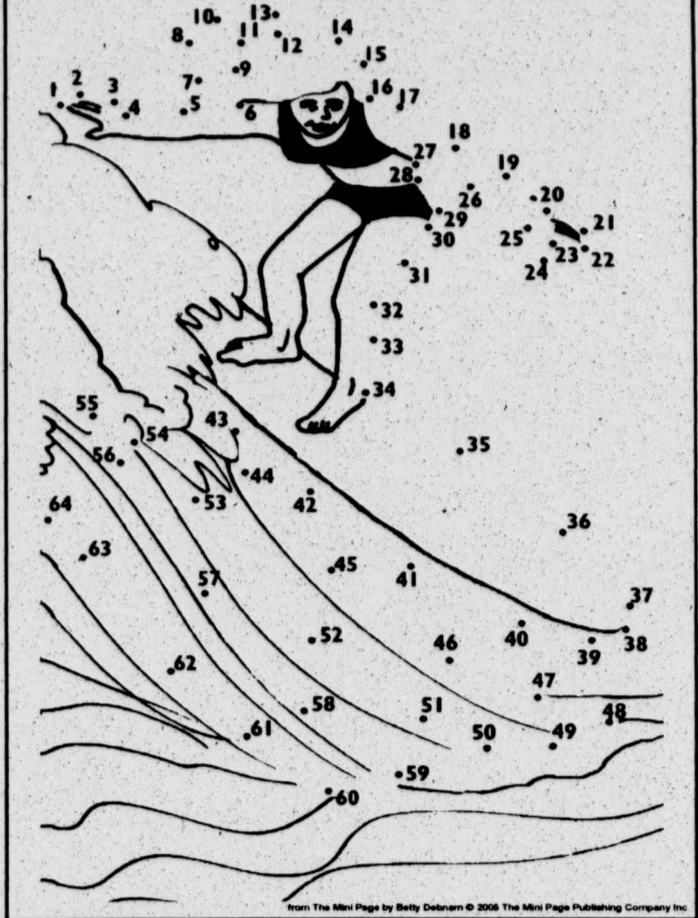
A floating rubber duck in the open sea bobs up and down but would not move forward with the wave unless the wind blows it from that location.



## When waves reach shore

When waves reach the shore, they slow down as their troughs drag the bottom. Incoming waves become higher as other, faster waves build up behind them. The waves break, or crash over, when the crest that has built up becomes too steep and topples over.

Go dot to dot and color this popular sport that uses waves.



## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Tuna Salad

You'll need:

- 1 (13-ounce) can tuna, packed in water
- 1 egg, hard-cooked
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- pinch of salt and pepper

What to do:

1. Drain the tuna and place in a medium-size bowl.
2. Remove egg shell and cut egg into small pieces.
3. Add egg and remaining ingredients to the tuna, mixing well.
4. Refrigerate until serving.
5. Serve on crackers or bread. Serves 2.



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**Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Steve Nash**

Height: 6-3 Weight: 195 Birthdate: 2-7-74 Home: Canada

Steve Nash played lots of ice hockey growing up in Canada. But after trying basketball in the eighth grade, he was hooked on hoops. He even told his mother he would play in the NBA.

Nash went on to star at Santa Clara University, made the NBA in 1996, and currently is an All-Star point guard for the Phoenix Suns. With Canadian cool and a dash of flash, Nash has averaged 16.2 points and 11.4 assists after 57 games this season.

Steve also gives Suns tickets to charities and sponsors a youth basketball league that has more than 10,000 participants.

Nash is from an athletic family. His father and brother played pro soccer. He also competed in soccer and lacrosse as a youth. But basketball became his big sport. He has developed a game that makes the Suns shine.

**Meet Alex Etel and Lewis McGibbon**

Alex Etel and Lewis McGibbon are young British actors.

Alex, age 10, got into acting when a casting agency interviewed some of the kids at his school. He was chosen and had seven auditions before getting the part of Damian in the movie "Millions." Alex enjoys playing cricket. He has a goldfish and a rabbit as pets.

Lewis, age 13, got his start in acting as an extra in a soap opera. He also had a part in the first episode of a British TV series and a cereal commercial. He, too, had seven auditions before getting the role of Anthony in the movie. Lewis likes skateboarding, basketball and playing the bass guitar. He has two cats as pets.

Both Alex and Lewis live in small towns in England.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Victor:** What grade was the eyeball given in reading class?  
**Vivienne:** "C!"

**Zachary:** Why did the cyclops stop teaching?  
**Zena:** He only had one pupil!

**Zeke:** When do your eyes become something else?  
**Zebulon:** When a breeze makes them water!

**WAVES TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of waves are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: WATER, TIDES, WIND, TSUNAMI, EARTHQUAKES, REEF, SHORE, MOTION, CREST, OCEAN, CHOPPY, SWELL, FALL, SURF, BOB, CURRENTS, HURRICANES, TROUGH, WAVELENGTH, PULSE, SHALLOW, LOW.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are playing in the ocean waves. See if you can find:

- word MINI
- ladder
- flyswatter
- olive
- key
- number 3
- duck
- kite
- doughnut
- letter B
- caterpillar
- letter A
- squirrel
- pencil
- number 7
- letter L

# Wind Waves, Tsunamis and Tides

### More about wind waves

**Good waves**  
Many wind waves can be a lot of fun to play in and to watch. They can move the sand and shells along the shore and build sand bars that help to keep the beach from washing away.

**Harmful waves**  
Wind waves can also rise to a huge size, be very strong and cause a great deal of damage. One storm wave measured 112 feet high. Hurricane waves can be 10 to 20 feet high.

### Tsunamis ... earthquake waves

On Dec. 26, 2004, the worst tsunami in history took place. The official death toll is more than 175,000. More than 1 million were left homeless.

It struck in the Indian Ocean. The damage caused by these waves spread thousands of miles to the shores of the islands and coasts that bordered the Indian Ocean.

Tsunamis are caused by sudden underwater thrusts from the sea floor, the result of an earthquake or landslide or volcano. The tsunami waves might travel 600 miles an hour. **\*The number of people still missing is more than 100,000.**

### A Japanese word

The word "tsunami" (soo-NAH-mee) is a combination of two Japanese words meaning "harbor" and "wave."

**When a tsunami strikes**  
Often the trough of the wave hits the shore first, making the water recede from the shore before the first crest comes slamming in.

Many people who are unaware of tsunamis are killed when they go to the shoreline to watch the water recede and expose the fish and other sea life that had been underwater and are now lying on the shore.

Once onshore, a tsunami has strong currents that first wash everything onto shore and then wash everything out again.

After a tsunami reaches shallow water, there is less time between crests, and the waves roll in slower. The waves usually rise in height from 10 to 20 feet. One tsunami wave was 100 feet tall!

How far inland a tsunami goes depends on how tall the wave is and the height of the shoreline. If there is a cliff, it can block the force.

In the open ocean, the distance between each wave can be as much as 100 miles. The first waves might be from 1 inch to 3 feet high. Boats out in the ocean would not know that they had sailed over them.

### Tides

Have you ever been to the beach and had your sand castle wash out to sea as the tide rolls in?

Tides are the slow rising and lowering of the ocean's waters. Wind and tsunami waves ride atop the rising and lowering tide waters.

In a 24-hour period, in any ocean or on any coast around the world, there are usually two high tides, where the water is the highest it will rise, and two low tides, where the water is the lowest.

As the sun and the moon move in their orbits around the Earth, their gravitational pull causes tides.

This rising and lowering happens about every six hours, but high and low tides are not the same time at the same place every day. As the Earth rotates on its axis, the oceans are affected by the sun's and moon's location and height. The phases of the moon also have an effect.

**Tides are important**

- Ships must go under low bridges when the tide is low.
- Builders must know the highest high tide so houses will not wash away.
- Fishermen usually make better catches at high tide.
- Cargo ships dock and sail away at high tide so they will not get stuck on a rock in a shallow harbor.

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