



## Coahoma trustees select Johnson as superintendent

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Independent School District has found its man.

School trustees announced Tuesday night that Jerry Johnson, currently superintendent of the Somerville ISD, is their selection to be the next superintendent of Coahoma schools.

Johnson, who has been superintendent at Somerville for the past five years, was selected from a list of about 20 candidates, Coahoma officials said. His selection culminates a months-long search

that started soon after Dr. Bill Kingston announced his resignation as superintendent in January.

By state law, the district must wait 21 days before officially hiring Johnson. After that, it will probably be June before he will be able to assume his duties in Coahoma.

"He's a very well-rounded superintendent; he's got plenty of experience and he's well-spoken," Coahoma School Board President Dale Coates said. "We had some very good candidates for the position. It was almost like splitting hairs making a decision."

Coates, who admitted relief at ending

the long search process, said he was impressed by Johnson's direct nature during the interview process.

"You ask him questions, and you get answers — direct, and straight to the point," Coates said.

Johnson, 53, has 31 years experience in education. He began his career as a teacher and coach in Clovis, N.M., before moving to similar positions in Pampa and Muleshoe.

He then served as principal of Irion County High School in Mertzon for several years before going to Somerville, which is about 20 miles from College Station. There, he served as assistant

superintendent for eight years before assuming his current post.

Johnson, who is a native of eastern New Mexico, said getting back to this area was a big plus in seeking the Coahoma position.

"(My wife and I) felt that (Coahoma) is ... a good opportunity for us," Johnson said. "We like the people from that area. I knew that it was a good school district, so I decided to put my hat into the ring and see what occurred."

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## Council

### Request for landfill expansion gives city much needed time

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council got good news on a downright nasty subject Tuesday.

Today Darden, director of public works, told the council the state has approved a modification to the municipal landfill's operation that will grant another 10-feet of vertical space to the facility's west cell, which was quickly reaching its capacity.

"The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approved our landfill height modification with a letter to the city manager," said Darden. "It grants a 10-foot extension, and will give us about another 175,000 cubic yards of waste stream that can be taken into the landfill and will generate several hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings for the closure of the facility."

"We're excited about it. We'll start processing this on the cell that we're currently working in, which we refer to as our west cell."

Darden said the modification will extend the cell's approximate life span by another six years, giving the council some much-needed time to come up with the funds to close the cell and eventually, begin looking for a new landfill site.

"The timetable was originally to close the west cell in 2005," said Darden. "This will get us through approximately

2011, if our waste stream stays considerably close to what it has been in the past. That has us opening the new site somewhere in the neighborhood of 2010 or 2011 and will give us some more breathing room to get some escrow built up in that fund."

"We're going to have to look into the future and look at opening another landfill," Mayor Russ McEwen said, noting the council approved a \$5 gate fee for the facility several months ago. "We already have a substantial amount of money put back already, and this will transition us in. Honestly, if two years from now the amount of revenue isn't what we need — every bit of the increases is going toward the closing and opening of a new cell — we'll have to look at it again. It's only logical to look at it now while we have the luxury of time."

Council member Woody Jumper echoed McEwen's desire to handle the problem while there's still time.

"We have to do something now," Jumper said emphatically. "We can't wait and let this turn into a catastrophe. We can't close the landfill without having some type of ongoing situation we've set up and accrued some money to so we can open a new landfill."

"We just can't put this on a future council to handle when we're gone. So we're trying to be proactive instead of reactive in this situation."

While it would appear things are leaning in the city's favor when considering the landfill, Darden

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## ONE MORE SIGN OF SPRING



Area residents aren't the only ones that have noticed the beautiful spring weather — rose blooms on this wild rose bush brighten up the landscape on East 13th Street.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## BSISD board to get legislative update

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

As the Texas Legislature continues to hammer out school finance reform, local school districts continue to play a waiting game of sorts.

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will get an update on legislative efforts toward education finance reform when it meets in regular session at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Superintendent Michael Downes said the Texas Senate recently unveiled

its version of a finance-reform bill, and called it an improvement over the Texas House's efforts.

"The Senate bill is more focused on several major issues, and does not encompass as many site issues as the House version," Downes said.

The House bill, which Downes and many other area superintendents oppose, deals not only with school finance, but ancillary issues such as dictating the start of the school year and trustee elections. Those ancillary — or "site" issues — are largely missing from the Senate bill.

Downes said the Senate bill concerns itself with three major issues: Revising the method of school financing; restructuring the state charter school system (which will have little effect on Big Spring schools); and changing from textbooks to other instructional material.

The Senate bill also calls for a statewide property tax, which could be a major stumbling block, Downes said.

"If this legislation stymies in this session, in all likelihood it will be on the property tax issue," he said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- A report on the district's problematic software system.

A group of district personnel has toured the Sweetwater, Seminole and Frenship school districts to see other software packages in action. The group came away unconvinced that those packages would represent an improvement over the district's current situation.

"At the time of the preparation of this meeting agenda, there is not

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### FLEA MARKET

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be holding a community-wide flea market April 23. Area residents are encouraged to bring their gifts, crafts and recycled items to the Big Spring Mall parking lot from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Booth prices range from \$25 for a 10-foot by 10-foot space, \$45 for a 12-foot by 12-foot space and \$65 for a 24-foot by 12-foot space.

For an application, mail a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Keep Big Spring Beautiful, P.O. Box 1350, Big Spring 79721. Applications can also be picked up at the chamber office.

### 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.

### 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.

## Obituaries

## Gladys Clinton

Gladys Clinton, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning, April 12, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born April 3, 1930, in Rush Springs, Okla. Gladys came to Big Spring with her family at a very young age. She married Buddy Clinton, June 7, 1947, in Big Spring. She was a member of the Baptist church. Gladys was manager of the Jet Drive-in Theater for 20 years. She then worked at the Big Spring State Hospital until retiring.

She is survived by her husband, Buddy Clinton of Big Spring; one son, Dub Clinton and his wife, Lucy of Big Spring; two sisters, Tink Harrell and Pete Smith, both of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Tanya Hartman, Cameron Clinton, Rachel Clinton, Jeff Reed, Suzanne Reed and Ami Byrd; and seven great-grandchildren, Meagan Hartman, Katie Hartman, Hayden Hartman, Payton Clinton, Alyssa Byrd, Alex Byrd and Jonathan Byrd.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby and Walter Brockett; one daughter, Donna Reed and one brother, Babe Collier.

The family suggests memorials to East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth Street, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

Paid obituary

## Ethel 'Chigger' Boyd King



Ethel "Chigger" Boyd King, 84, of Erath County, formerly of Big Spring, died April 11, 2005, in Erath County. Graveside services are 2 p.m. today, April 13, 2005, in the Tahoka Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Bayley officiating.

She was born May 31, 1920, in Erath County to the late George and Maudie Tate Crenshaw. She married W.L. "Bill" King, May 4, 1947, in Tahoka. He preceded her in death April 30, 1987. She worked as a permit agent for Amoco Oil until she retired in 1984. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy King and wife, Cindy of Stephenville; one daughter, Janice Wasner and husband, Daniel of Houston; two sisters, Ruth Knaack of Desdemona and Loreta Hill of Tahoka; two grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Raymond Crenshaw, one sister, Edith Robinson and one niece.

## Anita Booth



Anita Booth, 78, of Midland died Sunday evening, April 10, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services are 4 p.m. today, 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](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Burnis Mason

Burnis Mason, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in League City. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Tomilee Ford

Tomilee Ford, 80, of Coahoma died Tuesday night, April 12, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Doyle Vaughn

Doyle Vaughn, 91, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support groups

## 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.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

## FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

- KRISHA CASTILLO, 25, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- DANIELLE RAWLS, 19, of 1011 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- ALESHA PACE, 30, of 1708 S. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- LATOYA MAXWELL, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- CECE RODGERS, 51, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERNEST ESPINOZA GUERRA, 57, of 1108.5 E. 13th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Virginia.
  - in the 500 block of 17th Street.
  - in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street.
  - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Ave. C.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of 13th Street.
  - in the 3200 block of Randolph.

## Sheriff's report

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

- MARIA TERESA RODRIGUEZ, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off of bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BILLY C. RAMIREZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CRYSTAL ANN PEEBLES, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Fifth Street at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Langley at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Ent at 4:02 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 4:34 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline at 10:06 p.m. Tuesday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Fifth Street at 9:38 p.m. Tuesday. Fire was extinguished.

## 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. today.

• 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 Chaparral Road. \$15 per person. Call the museum at 267-8255.

• OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. April 21. The school is located at 118 Cedar Road. Call 263-0203 for more information.

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## TODAY

- 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.

## Lottery

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Tuesday night:

5-20-43-47-50 Mega Ball 24 Megaplier 3

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday night: 1-9-14-35-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 1-6-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon: 1-8-9

## Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds around 10 mph.

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

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

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

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

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Isolated 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 a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

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

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

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# Council reaches consensus to consider smoking ordinance

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council took up a controversial — and unexpected — subject during its Tuesday meeting, with at least five council members saying they would like to see a smoking ordinance in the city considered.

Council members Gloria McDonald, Gregg Biddison, Joann Knox, Woody Jumper and Mayor Russ McEwen all expressed their desire to have the issue considered by the council. Councilwomen Jo Ann Staulcup and Stephanie Horton made no comment at the time the consensus was reached.

McEwen said Tuesday's informal poll of the council was the first step — not in passing an ordinance that would ban smoking in certain areas

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Mayor

in the city, but in considering the possibility.

"We're going to have to determine how we will go about the whole process," said McEwen. "We're going to look at the potential of doing something, so it's the absolute beginning of a process that we'll take our time to make sure we do it right."

"There's a consensus to look at it. There's not a consensus to do it, not to do it or anything else. So at this point and time we're just looking at it."

McEwen said he's been approached by many people in the community that are in favor of a ban on smoking in public places

— even restaurant owners that could have a very high stake in the decision.

"I've had people throughout the community, including restaurant owners, who ask why we don't do something about a smoking ordinance," said McEwen. "And I ask them why they don't just ban smoking in their restaurants, and they tell me they can't do that. They tell me they'd love to have no smoking in their establishments, but they want us to do it. It's that type of situation."

Tuesday's consideration of the issue didn't come as a total shock to city

officials. Councilwoman Knox brought the item to the council's attention during a budget planning session nearly two months ago as something she would like to see considered during the coming budget session.

"I've always had a deep passion about smoking," said Knox. "The majority of the reason for that passion is because I've had members of my family go through cancer treatment and have lost their lives to cancer. So that's where my heart is. I also have a passion for making our city a better place to live."

Knox said she understands the controversial nature of such an ordinance, but believes the council's actions shouldn't be dictated by whether or not an issue is unpopular among the council or citizens.

"We certainly don't want to purposely open a

can of worms that would be a bad thing for our community," said Knox. "But I don't look at this as a bad thing. You can look around at other progressive cities that surround us — Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, Odessa and San Angelo — that have all addressed this same issue. It's not that we need to do this because other cities are doing it. I think this is what we're seeing progressive cities do for their citizens."

The city ordinance adopted in Midland states: It shall be an offense to smoke in a public place except in an area designated by the owner, lessee, manager, or other person in charge of the public place as a smoking area in compliance with Section 8-8-2(B).

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7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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said what little time Big Spring has managed to buy for the facility could evaporate quickly.

"The waste stream we take in right now is regular household waste," said Darden. "If we start, as a community, going out and declaring buildings substandard and not meeting city codes, and then forcing an issue whereby the city or the property owner has to

tear down the structure, that debris will become intake into our landfill.

"Right now, on average, Big Spring is bringing in about 100 tons of household garbage each day. Some of that is construction debris, but it's a very small amount. If we go wide scale, tearing down buildings and bringing that debris to our landfill, our tonnage rate goes up and we shrink the life span of our landfill."

Taking a page from the Boy Scout handbook, Darden said the city is

preparing itself for a possible increase in waste going into the landfill.

"We're looking at other methods, such as on-site processing methods," he said. "Possibly even transporting the waste to another location. We're even looking at the possibility of having another Type 4 landfill that can accept this type of debris and waste. These are some of the options our consultant is looking at, but nothing has been set in stone yet. We're going to get all of the costs

together and get back with the council to see what kind of decision it wants to make as to how we handle future waste streams."

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enough supporting date to substantiate a recommendation for another software package," Downes said in a letter to board members.

Simply put, a change to another software system could prove to be just as problematic as staying with the current Chancery SMS package, Downes said.

"There is a moral to this story," he stated in the letter. "We are looking for a pearl, and one is not to be found."

The board has set aside time for limited public comment on the issue.

• Cancellation of the May 7 trustee election.

Because neither Irene Bustamante nor Alan

Partee drew opponents for this year's election, the board will likely cancel the election and name the two incumbents the winners. Canceling the election will likely save the district about \$3,000, Business Manager Sandra Waggoner estimates.

• Resignations, retire-

ments and employments.

• Downes' report on district enrollment and the 2005-06 accountability system.

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Trades students fare well during state competition

Special to the Herald

Four Big Spring High School construction trades students placed at the recent State SkillsUSA competition in Fort Worth, instructor Mark Winn said.

Jonathan Woodson and Josh Olivas won blue ribbons for their projects, while Talbot Moore and Jordan Rice took home third place medals for masonry technical information and plumbing technical information, respectively.

Also competing for BSHS were Steve Heffington, Joe Richter, Jonathan Woodson, Patrick Swinney and Paul Wylie.

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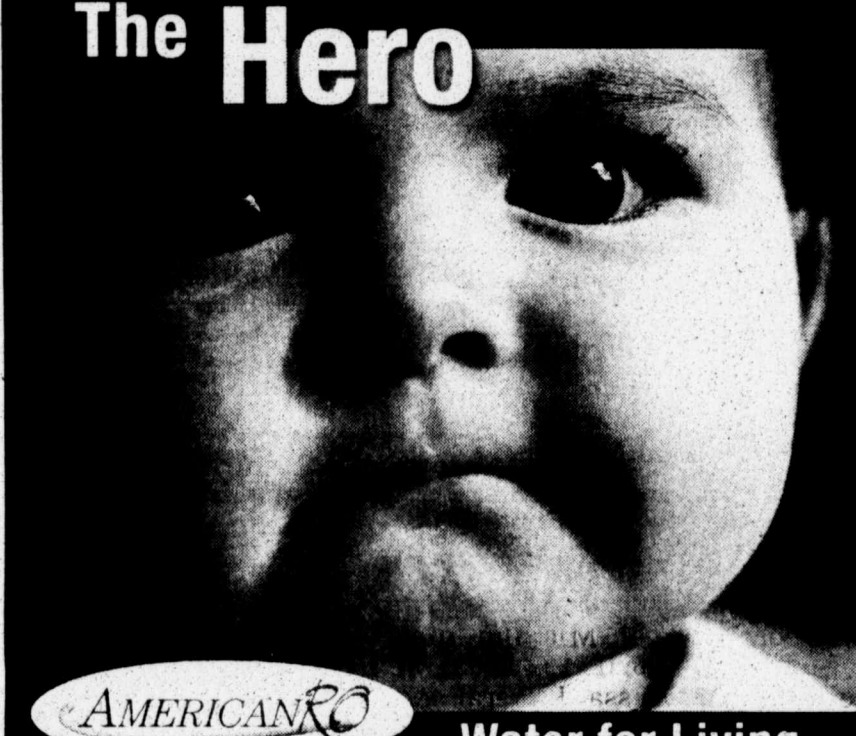
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## OUR VIEWS

## Regulators need better access in refinery accidents

When disaster strikes Texas petrochemical facilities, outside investigators need greater authority and speedy access to the scene.

When things go terribly wrong in an industrial facility and people die, in most states local police and state and federal investigators quickly take control of the scene and perform essential public safety and fact-finding duties. As the explosion at British Petroleum's Texas City refinery that killed 15 workers last month illustrated, it doesn't work that way in the Lone Star State. Plant owners are accorded wide leeway in controlling access to facilities.

As Chronicle business columnist Loren Steffy points out, for eight days after the March 23 explosion BP had almost exclusive control of the blast location. Company officials have thus far provided little information to the media concerning safety procedures in effect at the time of the blast. Contrary to guidelines, workers were allowed to conduct a routine staff meeting in a flimsy temporary building next to an isomerization unit undergoing a risky start-up procedure.

Even assuming the best intentions by the plant operators, standard police procedure would not allow the party at legal risk for an accident to maintain unfettered control of the evidence.

A team of Chronicle reporters found that other states use various enforcement agencies to take control of an accident scene and conduct an investigation to determine the cause of the mishap. In Louisiana, the state police do the job. In California, state occupational safety officers conduct the probe. In Pennsylvania, fire marshals and state troopers enter and secure the accident site.

Because of the evolution of the massive petrochemical complex on the Texas Gulf Coast and the relative lack of expertise in dealing with hazardous chemicals by local police, plant operators have been accorded near-autonomy in the handling of accidents. The BP explosion and aftermath indicate that arrangement is now outdated. Law enforcement and environmental agencies need to formulate new procedures for securing disaster scenes and ensuring that evidence is gathered in a timely and impartial manner.

Local police officers may not have the equipment or expertise to safely enter a chemical plant that might be leaking poisonous fumes. However, some designated Texas law enforcement agency with disaster training and a hazardous materials unit should have the clear authority to do so with the required assistance of the plant operators. Accident investigators should be on site to secure evidence much sooner than the weeklong delay that occurred at the Texas City refinery scene.

Refinery operators might be doing the best job possible and their concern for proper procedures and worker safety high. Nevertheless, when a mishap occurs, outside regulators must take the lead in determining what happened and how to prevent it from occurring again. They can't do that if they're not there while the evidence is still warm.

THE CHRONICLE  
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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hear Your word, Lord, when we read Your word.

Amen

## A documentary called "Paper Clips"

The most moving documentary I've ever seen happened to be produced by a friend of mine, Bob Johnson. He and I studied drama together at Baylor. He played the part of a pie man in our commedia dell'arte (low Italian comedy) class. We did some skits for a full house as part of our spring drama recital. Some members of the audience are still laughing from our performance. The Baylor Theater probably hasn't produced such guffaws since.

Bob has been successful. He recently donated \$1 million to the Dallas Children's Theater. He has a production company near Washington, D.C., which stages among other things the lighting of the national Christmas tree. He is good at what he does.

He read in the newspaper about

a group of 8th graders in Whitwell, Tenn., (population 1,600) who were collecting paper clips. The kids were studying the Holocaust. Many of them had no knowledge of it. When they heard that the Nazis killed 6 million Jews, they had trouble realizing 6 million of anything. To put it in perspective, a teacher suggested students start collecting 6 million of some type of object, something they could touch. They chose paper clips. They wanted each paper clip to represent one Jewish person who died in the Holocaust.

Bob met with his production staff to see if they thought a marketable documentary could be made. The group seemed optimistic and got to work creating a seven-minute film about the effort. They took the short film to Miramax. The big movie studio not only wanted to do it, but insisted the film get produced.

Bob and his group spent months in Whitwell documenting the effort of the kids to collect paper clips and ended up with 150 hours

of material. The resulting documentary is 80 minutes long. It cost \$800,000 to film. The film is now in nationwide release. The National Board of Review named it one of the top 5 documentaries of 2004.

Word of the kids' project spread throughout the country and into Europe. Movie stars got involved. Survivors of death camps went to Whitwell and talked with the students. So did American soldiers who liberated the camps. Kids in Germany sent in paper clips attached to notes apologizing for what happened to Anne Frank. Paper clips poured in. The eighth graders in Whitwell, Tennessee collected 29 million paper clips. They created a Holocaust memorial that features a railroad boxcar that was used to haul Jews to concentration camps. The boxcar is filled with paper clips.

Paper clips were invented in Norway. Norwegians wore them on their lapels during World War II as a protest against the Nazis.



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## LOVE AMERICAN STYLE

## Mexico's Catholics are at a crossroads

The passing of Pope John Paul II signals a crossroads for Catholicism, and thoughtful Mexican Catholics must be wondering what the new pope, to be selected at the Vatican conclave in the next few days, will bring.

Catholics and non-Catholics alike are in awe of the personal courage shown in the life of Karol Wojtyla, from the time he was a vigorous young priest in Soviet-dominated Poland until his final days as Pope John Paul II campaigning for peace in the face of personal illness and pain.

Many were the triumphs of the man and his church, from his contribution to the defeat of the Soviet empire to his reaching out to Islam and Christianity's "elder brothers," the Jews.

John Paul's work provides a strong base for his successor to build on, but he also leaves a challenge and an opportunity to make the church more relevant to the lives of its 1 billion followers.

With his charisma and the adoration he received on his world travels, in many ways John Paul was a "macro Pope." During his 26 years as the church's spiritual leader he traveled to more than 120 countries promoting peace, faith, and goodwill, and extending the hand of friendship to those outside the faith.

But neither politicians nor churchmen can be all things to all people, and within the church much remains to be done.

While the pope was spreading goodwill around the globe, church membership was shrinking, espe-

cially in Latin America.

Mexico is a microcosm of this development.

Cardinal Norberto Rivera, the archbishop of Mexico, has been offering increasingly bold political opinions from the pulpit since 2000 about government activities, a territory in which the church has not ventured for nearly a century. Meanwhile, the size of his flock has been dwindling.

The most obvious reason for this is the church's inability to recruit enough priests to minister to the spiritual needs of its members. Recruitment into the priesthood has fallen so sharply that in many nations the average age of priests is above sixty years. In some rural areas of southern Mexico, priests are spread so thin that they can visit a parish only once every few weeks.

Meanwhile, small evangelical groups that bring enthusiasm, fervor and a caring attitude to the Mexican faithful, often delivered with sparse resources, have been filling the spiritual vacuum. And their membership is growing at the expense of the Catholic Church, which has served Mexico's large and small communities since the Conquest nearly five centuries ago.

Aggravating this problem is micromanagement from Rome. In Chiapas, the shortfall of priests was alleviated by training local deacons to perform church services and minister to the sick — that is until 2002, when Rome sent out orders to stop the practice.

Surely one leading cause of the priest shortage is the vow of celibacy, a legacy of the tenth century. However changing this policy was not seriously considered under John Paul II.

Another reason is that half of

the church's members — women — are disqualified from the priesthood because of their gender.

The church's unflinching position against birth-control measures and its opposition to the use of condoms create more feelings of guilt than changes in human behavior. This, and the advice of too many priests to physically and mentally abused women as family unity is more important than their welfare or safety, is driving people away from the church, often reluctantly.

Too, sizable minorities of Catholics face a powerful temptation to leave the church due to its continuing denunciation of homosexuals. The church remains firm in condemning homosexual practices as sinful despite convincing medical research that indicates sexual orientation is determined biologically and not as a matter of choice.

With a new pope, the church will have a new opportunity to address these issues in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council that was convened by Pope John XXIII in the 1960s. Or it can continue the conservative internal practices followed under John Paul II.

If it chooses the latter course, it is hard to see how the church can attract new members and keep its existing ones. In a world where church and state are accepted as separate entities, its members must be its source of regeneration and new growth.

Ideally, the new pope will consolidate the ecumenical gains made by John Paul II while bringing a new and creative focus to internal problems.

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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

### Tot shot while riding home with family

HUFFMAN (AP) — A toddler was shot and killed by a gunman who opened fire on the boy's family as they headed home from a snow cone stand, authorities said.

The 18-month-old boy, his father and older sisters, ages 4 and 11, were in the family vehicle when a man shot at them.

The child was struck twice in the head; his father and sisters were not hurt, Harris County authorities said.

Harris County Sheriff's detectives say the father thought someone was following him as he drove home with the children Tuesday night.

A car passed the family's vehicle in the road and a man got out of it, shooting at least five times. The father tried to back away, but crashed into another trailer. The gunman then got back in his car and fled, detectives said.

A motive in the shooting was unknown. The father told investigators that he didn't recognize the gunman and no words were exchanged before the shooting.

### Coast Guard still searching for missing boy

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard and other authorities were continuing to search Tuesday for a 15-year-old boy who was last seen wading in choppy waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

Witnesses said they saw Fred Villarreal wading with a friend near the Bob Hall Pier on North Padre Island on Monday evening.

A Corpus Christi police spokesman said the friend noticed Villarreal was in trouble and tried to swim to his aid, but couldn't reach him in time.

The Coast Guard was contacted and a search begun.

### Senate approves movie anti-piracy bill

AUSTIN (AP) — People who use video cameras and other devices to record films in movie theaters could face jail time under legislation given tentative approval in the Senate Tuesday.

Bill sponsor Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said the U.S. film industry last year lost an estimated \$3.5 billion in hard goods theft, much of it due to the use of a video camera to steal a movie from a theater.

In one year, more than 50 major movie titles were illegally recorded before they hit U.S. theaters, according to the Motion Picture Association of America, which backs the bill.

The illegal recordings, which often lack the audio-visual quality of DVDs, were sold to labs, where they were duplicated, packaged and then sold on the black market across the country and overseas, Wentworth said.

Under his bill, first offenders would face a misdemeanor charge and repeat offenders would face a felony charge.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, questioned whether the bill "moved too quickly into heavy punishment," noting it costs \$40 a day to keep felons in prison.

"I don't think the bill is strong enough to be truthful, but the industry agreed to it so I've agreed to it as well," Wentworth said.

Wentworth said his original bill called for the first offense to be a felony. He said a person who commits the first offense and gets caught probably won't commit the second offense.

"My guess is the people that are behind all of this won't hire the same person to do the second one," Wentworth said. "They'll hire first timers every time. You'll just have Class A misdemeanor."

### New kits to help victims get protective orders

AUSTIN (AP) — Domestic violence victims would be able to pursue protective court orders on their own under a new self-help initiative unveiled Tuesday by state leaders and victims advocates.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Supreme Court Chief Justice Harriet O'Neill and first lady Anita Perry announced the creation of the free protective order kits designed to provide victims with easy step-by-step instructions for filling out paperwork to receive temporary restraining orders.

"Domestic violence has reached alarming levels in Texas and often victims are too frightened or too financially strapped to get the help they need," Abbott said.

The kits are available online at [www.Texaslawhelp.org](http://www.Texaslawhelp.org) and the attorney's general office, [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

## DeLay: Blame Democrats if asked about ethics

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, hoping to hold support among fellow Republicans, urged GOP senators Tuesday to blame Democrats if asked about his ethics controversy and accused the news media of twisting supportive comments so they sounded like criticism.

Officials said DeLay recommended that senators respond to questions by saying Democrats have no agenda other than partisanship, and are attacking him to prevent Republicans from accomplishing their legislative program. One Republican said the Texan referred to a "mammoth operation" funded by Democratic supporters and designed to destroy him as a symbol of the Republican majority.

DeLay also thanked Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., for his recent comments and said the news media had twisted them to make them sound critical, the officials added, all speaking on condition of anonymity.

In an appearance on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday, Santorum said DeLay "has to come forward and lay out what he did and why he did it and let the people then judge for themselves. But from everything I've heard, again, from the comments and responding to those, is everything he's done was according to the law."

The officials who described DeLay's brief remarks noted that the session, a regularly scheduled weekly lunch, was held under rules of secrecy. Dan Allen, DeLay's spokesman, declined comment.

DeLay's case is at the

heart of a broader controversy in the House, where Democrats accuse Republicans of unilaterally changing ethics committee rules to prevent any further investigation. Republicans have denied the allegation.

The panel arranged a meeting for Wednesday, and Rep. Alan Mollohan of West Virginia, the senior Democrat, said he would renew a push for a bipartisan rewrite of the rules that Republicans put into effect in January on a party-line vote. Officials in both parties said they knew of no compromise discussions.

One senior Republican spoke sympathetically of DeLay after the closed-door meeting.

"I hope he survives, and I hope he will stay in there and do his job," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

"The power of prayer is the only thing that will sustain you" in the cir-

cumstance DeLay is in, Lott added, and he spoke disparagingly of any Republicans who fail to stand by the Texan.

"That's the problem, you know, Republicans eat their own. ... Democrats stand by their own until hell freezes over," said Lott, who was ousted as Senate majority leader two years ago after making controversial race-based comments at a birthday party for the late Strom Thurmond.

DeLay was admonished three times last year by the House ethics committee. Recent articles have disclosed that his wife and daughter were paid approximately \$500,000 in recent years by political organizations under his control, and have raised questions about the financing of three overseas trips he took.

DeLay has consistently denied any violation of either law or House rules.

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Dr. Lillian Bohannon works with high school student Jacob Alcantar at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson.

## Maranatha set to celebrate 25 years of service

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Maranatha Baptist Academy celebrates 25 years of service to Big Spring and Howard County with a special end-of-the-year event May 20.

And as administrator and school founder, Dr. Lillian Bohannon recalls the last 25 years have been challenging and rewarding.

"There is a lot of history behind this school," she said.

The name Maranatha comes from I Corinthians 16:22, which says, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha."

"Let him be accursed when the Lord comes," she explained. "The word Maranatha today is used to mean the Lord is coming back."

"Maranatha means the Lord cometh and today it is a glorious word," she said.

Bohannon said, for her, the history of the school actually began in Sand Springs at the First Baptist Church school in 1981.

From Sand Springs, Bohannon moved to Hillcrest Baptist Christian School, which operated in the 1980s.

"When that school closed, we knew we needed to open a school, but we also knew we didn't have the money to open a school," she said.

Maranatha opened its

doors in 1989 with 14 students. By the academic year's end, there were 29 students, she said.

"We opened at the 11th Place location and kept extending into the office space as we grew. We opened the next year with 34 students," she said.

In 1991, there were 55 students enrolled and the school expanded into a house near its 11th Place offices, but the rent became too expensive to maintain, she said.

"In 1993, there were 77 students enrolled. So we moved to the old Green Stamp store at 903 Johnson. And we began praying about buying a building," she said.

Her prayers to have a permanent home for the school continued for the next eight years, as the owner of the building was willing to sell for \$85,000.

"I said that's great, but I don't have \$85,000, and I continued to pray," Bohannon said.

A series of family events for the owners of the building in 1996 led them back to Bohannon and she was made an offer she could not refuse.

"Basically, God worked out the finances because we were able to buy an \$85,000 building for \$18,000. Only God could do that," she said.

She received her doctorate degree in 1998.

Today the school offers the Accelerated Christian Education System curriculum to its 25-30 students enrolled at the

Christian school.

Some of those students attend classes in the building, while others are home schooled with Maranatha facilitating tests and certificates.

"We offer vocational and general diplomas as well as an honors diploma and college preparatory classes," she said.

The school has an in-house chaplain as well as physical education instructor and a licensed vocational nurse.

Classes are available for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, and tutoring is available as well.

All four teachers affiliated with Maranatha are trained in the ACE curriculum and each student is allowed to proceed at their own grade level, based on abilities. This means that some students work beyond their grade level, she said.

"I do have a silent partner in this, my husband, Earl Bohannon, who retired from Big Spring Printing when he was 65. Today he operates the gate at the high school.

"And in his spare time, he takes care of a four-acre farm," she said.

For more information about the school, contact Bohannon at 263-7696.

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald.

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## Briefly

### 55 Alive driver safety program scheduled

A 55 Alive Driver Safety Program class is set for 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. April 21-22 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

This class, taught by a state certified instructor, is a two-day course with four-hour sessions each day.

Frequent breaks and a lunch break is provided.

Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate,

which is accepted by most insurance companies for a reduction in premiums for a three-year period.

The cost is \$10 per person.

While this class is not a defensive driving class and cannot be used to dismiss traffic violations, the AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists 50 and older.

For more information or to pre-register for the

class, call 267-1628 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

### Moss Elementary spring carnival set

Moss Elementary PTA Spring Carnival is set for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. April 29. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. and remain open until 7:15 p.m. A silent auction and door prizes will also begin at 5:30 p.m. Booths are open from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. There are about 18 booths.

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If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call 264-3600. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

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Si usted sabe de un niño o niños que califican para este programa por favor de llamar al numero 264-3600. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificados seran escogidos antes que la clase se ofrecerá.

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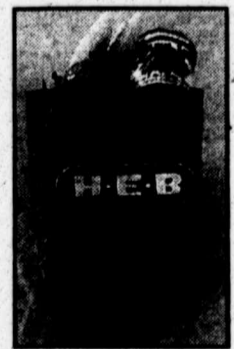
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# Library News

The focus this week is on the children's section.

We have received many beautiful books for the children and young adult collections. Since I am the children's director, I was elected to write this column.

In the category of science, we have new books that are bright, colorful and engaging.

"The Case of the Missing Caterpillar A First

Look at the Life Cycle of a Butterfly," in this case, the name really does say it all. A couple of curious ladybugs and a bee closely watch an egg hatch into a caterpillar.

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"Never, EVER Shout in a Zoo" has very good advice for all. The little girl in the book tells everyone what might happen if someone shouted in the zoo. The animals could all get loose and the people could end up in the cages. A really cute use of rhyme and colorful illustrations makes Karma Wilson's book destined to be a family favorite.

"Seaman's Journal," by Patricia Reeder Eubank is the story of Lewis and Clark's journey, told from a dog's perspective. The dog belongs to Meriwether Lewis and travels more than 8,000 miles from Pennsylvania to the Pacific Ocean and back again.

The dog tells about the animals, people and sights they see along the way. The book is based on the true entries of Lewis. It is beautifully

illustrated and quite readable. Children and adults alike would enjoy a book of this caliber.

We also have a book about the Pilgrims voyage on the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving. The focus of this book is on Pounce, the cat that jumped aboard the Mayflower before she set sail from England and a little girl, Faith, who befriends her.

It is a fictional work describing the events as they might have happened during the trip to the New World and after. Faith is devastated when Pounce disappears. The cat is later found by Squanto, the Indian who helped the Pilgrims so much.

There is an interesting twist. Pounce happens to be a girl and has some very lovely kittens. "Pilgrim Cat," by Doris Ettlinger is another beautifully illustrated book that is a joy to look at as well as to read.

We also have "Rosa's Room," by Barbara Bottner. This is a warm and wonderful story of a little girl trying to settle into her new room and make it a just right. After she adds everything to her room, she realizes there is still something missing. She finds a new friend, and they enjoy the room together. The paintings in the book are done in watercolor, gouache, and India ink. The illustrations add emphasize the way a child would view the world.

Just a few other books in the Juvenile section are: "This is the Teacher," by Rhonda Gowler Greene, "Stinky Smelly Feet, A Love Story" by Margie Palatini, "The Toughest Cowboy or How the Wild West Was Tamed" by John Frank, and "Sock Monkey Boogie-Woogie" by Cece Bell.

In Juvenile Fiction, we have some interesting new arrivals. "The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of 5th Grade," by Ken Derby, and "Three Rotten Eggs," by Elaine Clayton come to mind. These are really cute looking books.

In our Young Adult sec-

tion we have some new arrivals as well. The series of books about encounters with famous artists has one on Paul Gauguin. It is called "Smoking Mirror," by Douglas Rees. This story takes place in Tahiti where Paul Gauguin lived. The main character is Joe Sloan. Joe wants to avenge the murder of his best friend and somehow finds a strange new ally in the French artist.

"Mira, Mirror" by Mette Ivie Harrison is about a young girl abandoned by her parents and then apprenticed to a witch. Mira is tricked by a spell and turns into a mirror till another girl comes along to help her. This one seems very interesting from the beginning if high fantasy is for you.

Roland Smith has written a book about cryptozoology. In case you don't know what that is, it is the study of animals, such as the Sasquatch, the Yeti, the Loch Ness monster, the

Chupacabra, and other creatures whose existence has not been proven. I know this because the definition is on the back of the book.

The book is "Cryptid Hunters." This one should be full of all kinds of useful information for those with a passion for Bigfoot and his

kin.  
Janet Osborn is the children's librarian for the Howard County Library.



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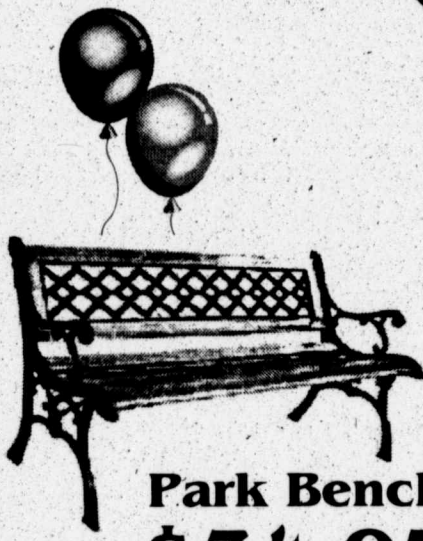
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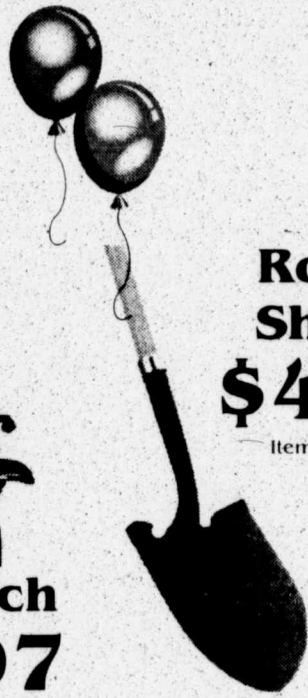
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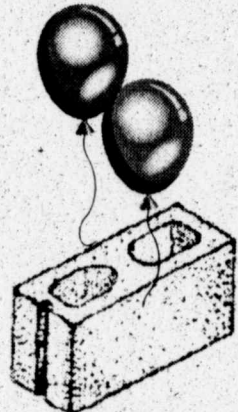
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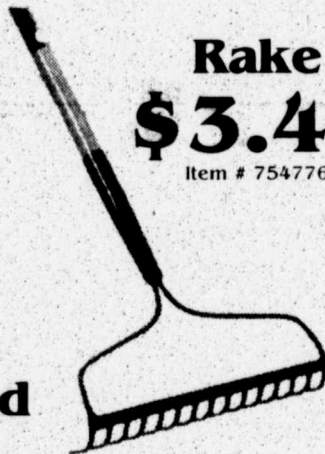
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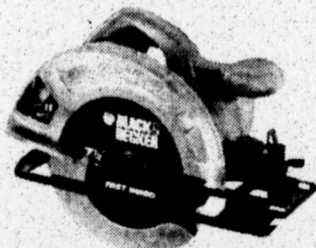
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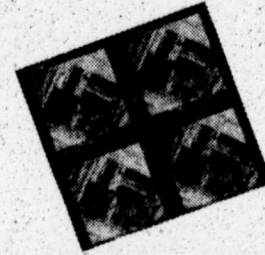


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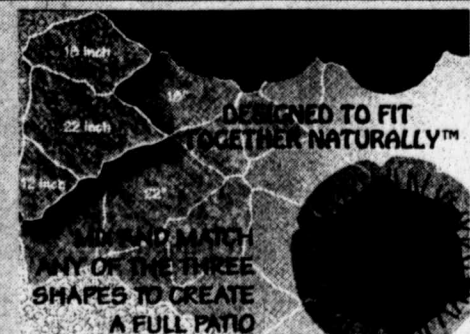
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## IN BRIEF

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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.

### NFL agrees to apply tough steroid policy

DALLAS (AP) — The NFL and its players have agreed to follow stricter standards for testosterone levels for the start of next season.

The upgrade, which required the approval of the NFL Players Association, had been expected to be adopted, but not until next month, when the NFL and the union hold their annual discussions about revising the drug program. However, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that the union had approved the new standards, which continue its practice of using the guidelines set by the Olympics.

Last week, the NFL submitted documents to a Congressional subcommittee which investigated steroids in baseball and is continuing with scrutiny in other sports.

### Bohn replaces Tharp as A.D. at Colorado

San Diego State athletic director Mike Bohn has agreed to return home to take the same post within Colorado's troubled department, the university announced.

Bohn replaces Dick Tharp.

The 44-year-old Boulder, Colo., native has a tremendous task, repairing the damage done by scandals within the football program that contributed to the departure of Tharp, chancellor Richard Bynny and university president Betsy Hoffman.

# Fifteen and counting



Big Spring senior Chelsea Abner lays down a key sacrifice bunt single in the seventh inning Tuesday against Andrews. Abner's bunt advanced Alex Watkins to third base and Watkins scored the game-winning run on the next play. Big Spring won the game, 1-0.

## Big Spring takes big step toward district title after win over arch rival Andrews

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

If Andrews softball coach Holly Tippin didn't feel like "it was over" after Big Spring's first win, I wonder what she is thinking now.

The Lady Steers and Lady Mustangs renewed their intense rivalry Tuesday and, just like in the first meeting earlier this season, Big Spring got the clutch hits when they needed them and narrowly defeated Andrews, taking a huge step toward claiming the District 4-4A crown. The Lady Steers won 1-0 and scored their only run in the team's final at-bat in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"It is always close," said Big Spring coach Phillip Pearce. "The last four games have been decided by one run."

It was No. 8 Big Spring's 15th straight win and sixth straight shutout. The Lady Steers are now 21-2 overall and 7-0 in dis-

trict play. They are now two games up on rival Andrews with three games to go.

Like game No. 1 in Andrews, the pitchers dominated the game.

Big Spring senior Alex Watkins gave up just one hit and struck out 11, while walking three. Two of her three walks came in the seventh, but she struck out the side in the sixth.

"I can't say enough about Alex," said Pearce.

Andrews starter Kendra Corbin allowed one run on five hits and struck out five, while walking just one. Big Spring had just two hits through six innings, but three straight hits in the seventh proved to be the difference.

"I thought we were going to be able to hit the ball tonight after Heather got a hit early, but as the game went on we just hit the ball right to them," said Pearce.

Andrews' only threat came in the seventh inning. Watkins walked Honda Rodriguez to start the inning. However, sophomore Amber Sides

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## Errors plague Steers in loss to Plainview

### Big Spring drops to 1-4 in district play

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring baseball team started and finished slow against Plainview Tuesday at home. The Steers got down 8-2 in the first two innings to the Bulldogs and gave up four runs in the seventh inning and lost 12-4 to their new district rival.

Big Spring was able to cut the lead to four with two runs in the third inning before Plainview put the game away late.

The Steers also lost Jerry Doport in the game as he injured his right knee in the seventh inning playing a ball hit off the wall in left field. The severity of the injury was not known at press time, but Doport is listed as day-to-day, said Phillips.

Ryan Slate started the game on the mound and took the loss for Big Spring. He threw one and two-thirds innings and allowed eight runs, but just two were earned as the Steers committed seven errors in the game.

"We came out flat and had no emotion or fire," said Big Spring coach Jason Phillips. "And we played like it."

"Most of our errors were because of lack of focus. We just didn't make the plays we usually make. I don't know if we looked past them or were just emotionally spent from Friday, but our emotion wasn't

there."

Mark Lozano came into the game in the second inning and threw four and one-third scoreless innings before giving up three runs in the seventh. J.W. Beauchamp pitched the final two outs of the game and gave up one earned run.

"Mark throws strikes and kept us in the game during the middle innings, but our offense just couldn't produce any runs," said Phillips. "We were trying to pull everything and that is why we had so many pop ups."

Juniors Matt Hilario and Andy Lasater each had two hits for Big Spring. Lasater also scored a run.

Beauchamp had an RBI triple in the first inning and Lozano and J. Rich Sparks each had RBI singles in the third. Sophomore Caleb Choate singled, was hit by a pitch and scored in the third inning.

Big Spring dropped to 1-4 in District 4-4A action and 7-12 overall after the loss. Plainview improved to 2-3 in district play.

The Steers will travel to Lake View Friday to take on a Chiefs team they beat earlier in the year. Big Spring defeated Lake View at home to start the district season, 11-7, off a seventh inning walk-off grand slam by Choate.

"We always have a tough time winning in San Angelo," said Phillips. "We need to have two good days of practice and get our focus back."

## Bulldogs win fifth straight

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma baseball team began the second round of district play with an easy mercy-rule victory as the Bulldogs defeated Stamford, 15-5, in six innings.

Coahoma smashed 20 hits and won its fifth straight game. The Bulldogs are now 4-1 in district play.

"We hit the ball extremely well and our defense played good, too,"

See BULLDOGS, Page 2B



Big Spring's Lance Murphy throws a ball back into the infield from his right field position Tuesday during the Steers' loss to Plainview at home.

## Coahoma girls rout Stamford

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

It took them awhile, but once the Bulldogettes got going they had no trouble scoring runs against rival Stamford Tuesday.

No. 10 Coahoma got just two runs in the first three innings, but exploded with 12 runs in its final at-bat and easily defeated the other Bulldogs, 14-0, in five innings.

"Sometimes it takes us awhile to get the bats going, but once we did things were fine," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson.

The Bulldogettes rapped off 11 hits as sophomore Ami Martinez, junior Drew Wells and junior Sarah Dunn each had two. Martinez had two RBIs, while Dunn and Wells each added one, as well. All three combined



to score six runs (two each) in the 12-run fourth inning.

"It was nice to get some hits from the people that had been struggling," said Dickenson. "That was the bright spot."

The other bright spot came on the mound for Coahoma, where two pitchers combined to allow just one Stamford hit.

Junior Kali Roberts started the game and allowed the only hit, while striking out eight and walking three. Ashle New pitched the fifth and struck out two. The win pushes

Coahoma's district record to 5-0 and improves its overall record to 14-8. A win over arch rival Colorado City Saturday will pretty much seal the deal on another district championship.

"If we can take care of business Saturday we'll be in good shape," said Dickenson.

Cheyenne Grice added an RBI single and two runs Tuesday against Stamford, while Ruby Garcia and Roberts each added an RBI hit and a run.

Freshman Christie Rich got hit by a pitch twice and scored a team-high three runs.

Saturday's game against Colorado City will be played in Coahoma beginning at 2 p.m.

The baseball team also hosts the Wolves at 2 p.m. Saturday.

SHUTOUT

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erased her on the basepa-  
th with a nifty backhand  
stab at short. Another  
walk by Watkins put two  
runners on for the Lady  
Mustangs. But, again  
Sides came up with a key  
ground ball and retired  
the lead runner at third.  
Then Watkins ended the  
threat with a strikeout.

"Andrews got better  
with its discipline and  
wouldn't swing at pitches  
they were swinging at  
earlier in the game," said  
Pearce. "I knew Alex  
would be fine out there  
and her defense backed  
her up well. Amber made  
some key plays in the sev-  
enth for us, too."

Big Spring sent three  
batters to the plate in the  
seventh and none of them  
were retired. Watkins  
started the inning with a  
double that wound up hit-  
ting the wall. Senior  
Chelsea Abner then laid  
down a perfect bunt to  
advance Watkins to third,  
but also reached base her-  
self as she beat out the  
throw to first.

Then, junior Krista  
Chesworth smashed a  
hard shot back to the  
mound. The ball went off  
Corbin's glove and  
Watkins took off for home  
and eventually slid under  
the tag.

"Alex told me before she  
got the hit that she was  
getting on and then  
Chelsea laid down a per-  
fect bunt," said Pearce. "I  
can't say enough about  
the seniors on this team.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring sophomore Amber Sides flips the ball to second  
base for the force out in the seventh inning Tuesday during  
the Lady Steers' 1-0 triumph over rival Andrews.

When the game gets  
tough they just get  
tougher.

"I then told Krista it  
just takes one swing and  
it did as she came  
through for us."

Watkins injured her  
ankle on the play, but the  
injury is not expected to  
be serious. She will prob-  
ably sit out Friday  
against Lubbock  
Estacado, but Pearce  
plans on pitching her  
Tuesday against  
Frenship.

Big Spring had two  
other chances to score in  
the game. They stranded  
Neisha Heinis at third  
base in the third inning  
after she led off the  
inning with a double and  
reached third on a sacri-  
fice. Chesworth was  
stranded at second in the  
fifth after she led off with  
a walk and reached sec-  
ond on a sacrifice.

"We left some kids on in

key situations," said  
Pearce. "We just didn't  
have the sticks to move  
them around."

The rivalry doesn't need  
much extra motivation,  
but the Lady Steers got  
some last week after a  
nasty article came out in  
the Andrews paper.

"I taped the article up  
all over the place," said  
Pearce. "It was extra  
motivation and I think we  
used it to our advantage."

Abner will likely take  
the mound Friday as the  
Lady Steers travel to  
Lubbock to take on  
Estacado. The team's  
final regular season home  
game will take place  
Tuesday against  
Frenship. They close out  
the season against  
Plainview April 22. The  
Lady Steers defeated  
Estacado, Frenship and  
Plainview in the first  
meetings by a combined  
score of 47-0.

BULLDOGS

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said Coahoma coach Brad  
Harmon.

While the bats were  
clicking for Coahoma,  
junior  
Lance  
Roberts  
was shut-  
ting down  
Stamford at  
the plate.



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He got the  
win on the  
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after throw-  
ing a complete game and  
giving up just three  
earned runs and striking  
out 12. His only problem  
was his control as he  
walked six batters and hit  
two others.

The Bulldogs scored at  
least one run in each of  
the six innings and had

multiple runs in every  
inning but the fifth,  
including four runs each  
in the second and fourth  
innings.

Seniors Adrian Abrego  
and Chad Born each went  
four-for-four from the  
plate.

Abrego had a triple, two  
stolen bases, two runs  
and three RBIs.

Born added two doubles,  
two stolen bases, three  
runs and an RBI.

Roberts helped himself  
out at the plate with four  
hits, as well. He doubled,  
scored two runs and had  
three RBIs.

Junior Tad White had  
three hits, scored two  
runs and stole one base,  
as well.

"I thought we stayed  
focused in this game and  
did not look ahead to  
Saturday's big game,"  
said Harmon. "They are



taking things one game at  
a time and are playing  
really good baseball right  
now."

Coahoma defeated  
Stamford for the second  
time this season. They  
won on the road earlier in  
the year, 7-1.

The Bulldogs "big  
game" Saturday will take  
place in Coahoma against  
arch rival Colorado City,  
who handed the Bulldogs  
their only district loss  
this year.

The game could play a  
major factor in which  
team clinches the District  
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The Gemini moon offers relief from social anxiety, especially to those who suffer from stage fright even in everyday interactions. Relax knowing that everyone is not out to criticize. Aries sun, Mercury and Venus promise that if we can't work something out verbally, we can work it out physically through exercise, stretching, body language, etc.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You were taught to believe that when you call, you are answered. But the truth is that you are answered before you call. Trust that you're being taken care of on every level. Supply precedes demand.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your work team is creatively dry ... that is until you come along with your big idea. Then, everyone wants to get in on a brainstorming session. The most inspired ideas won't conflict.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Relationships get

your full attention. Be brave. There's no real power in fear. If you take an action because you are afraid of losing someone, that action does nothing to keep the person.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The acceptance of your peers energizes you. But don't let the praise go to your head! When you model grace and maturity, you magnetize the most exciting people into your realm.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're on the fence on whether to join in on a tradition. The rebel in you thinks it's silly, but the sentimental fool will probably win out. Your complex personality intrigues Virgo and Capricorn.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Uncertainty inspires safe choices. But the so-called "safe" choice isn't really the safest choice. When you have a desire and don't act on it, that's more dangerous! Just ask Scorpio.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It takes awhile to fall in love with doing what's good for you. First, you'll simply endure it, pretty soon you'll kind of like it and then, before you know it, you'll ultimately be thrilled about your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to try hard to be persuasive. Be calm and assured that you and your ideas are attractive "as is." It has been said that brevity is the soul of wit, discretion, and lingerie.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For ultimate peace of mind, get back to basics, especially nature. It's just right. The fresh air longs to cleanse your lungs, and the earth longs to feel your bare feet walk it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A legacy comes in many forms. What forms is your legacy taking? You've had an impact on the people close to you, and you'll see it reflected in their actions today. Delight in the recognition!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Jaded people believe they know it all. You benefit from relishing in the unfamiliar. Not knowing it all keeps you young and vibrant. There's a bit of magic waiting for you somewhere in the night.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are your word (both spoken and implied). Credibility depends on your prompt attention to daily matters.

Friends wait for your call — don't make them wait too much longer!

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I woke up this morning with many things on my mind. I'm curious to know what you think about dream interpretation. I usually read about what my dreams mean in a book. Do you think the books are usually pretty accurate? Also, my boyfriend and my mother are both Gemini and I read that Gemini and Virgo aren't compatible. Why do we get along so well?"

I believe that dream symbols are highly personal, and therefore, it would be impossible for a book to nail exactly what the symbol means to you. However, I've found that books can offer valuable insights and a place from which to begin the interpretation. A person journaling about a dream will often remember more details that when read will practically scream out their meaning. It's an art that takes practice, but its benefits are rich. First of all, by acknowledging your dreams you are giving power to your subconscious mind, and it will speak to you in a louder voice because of

this, steering you away from harm and toward the things you really want in life.

As far as Gemini and Virgo go, I don't see a problem as long as you are tolerant of their chatter and they accept that sometimes you need time to yourself!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rick Schroder doesn't remember a time when he wasn't famous. This innocent Aries stole hearts at 7 years old opposite Jon Voight in "The Champ."

Now a writer/director/producer/actor and father, his ease with fame and fortune will rub off on his children who, despite his protests, will join the family business. Aries make protective fathers, but when it comes to child rearing tend to be a rather soft touch.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: A year ago, my mother-in-law had a stroke. Her husband was in a rehabilitation center, and I spent hours helping her pack so she could move to be closer to him. Two days after she moved, I went to her house to pick up a book and let myself in with a key she had given me. I meant to leave her a note, and when I picked up her writing tablet, I noticed that she had written some very unflattering words about me. I was hurt and angry, and left in tears.

I always thought my mother-in-law was lovely and kind. I still can't



KATHY MITCHELL  
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believe she would write something so mean, especially days after I busted

my behind to help get her packed. My husband says to get over it, that it was her personal journal and I shouldn't have seen it. Well, too late for that.

Now, whenever I see or speak to my mother-in-law, I suspect she is faking her feelings, even though she tells me constantly that she loves me. Since the episode with the journal, we've had a few run-ins, although when she recounts the incidents to my husband, her version is a bit different from mine. My husband told her to quit complaining to him about me, and she stopped.

I want to tell her what I saw and call her on the carpet, but I'm afraid it could bring on another stroke. Holding this in is making me nuts, not to mention the fights that have brewed between my husband and me because I'm so angry with his mother. I can't stay away from her because we have a newborn, and I don't want to withhold the baby from her. Please help. — Devastated DIL

Dear Devastated: Many people are unaware that a stroke can create changes in one's personality. It's quite possible that your mother-in-law does love you, but has moments when she is not so rational.

Mom's personal feelings, however, are less important than the way she treats you. We all occasionally have unkind thoughts about people we love, which is why diaries are for the writer's eyes only. If you fear discussing this with Mom could bring on a second stroke, it might help to unburden yourself to a friend, your clergyman or a trained counselor.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a woman whose husband had driven her to tears by buying her a Barney sweatshirt and flannel nightgown, which led her to shop for her own gifts the past 17 years. You said she's "learned how to turn lemons into lemonade."

I know I'm violating the Code of Male Silence by telling you this, but her husband performed one of the Seven Secret Disciplines: "When called upon to shop, buy the worst thing you can imagine. That way, she will never ask you to do it again." HE turned lemons into lemonade. Fortunately, he is married to a woman who loves the stuff. (P.S.: Nothing, not even Alberto Gonzales' Torture Squads, will get the other Six Disciplines out of me, so please don't ask.) — Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Santa Fe: We suspect the others are along the lines of, "When asked to do the laundry, make sure to bleach everything." Thanks for a good laugh.

Dear Annie: I have been at my job for 22 years. There are girls in my office who wear perfume and put on scented hand cream four or five times a day. It drives me nuts. I have allergies, and these multiple scents burn my nose and make it hard for me to breathe.

I talked to my boss, and she said to talk to the girls. I did, and they stopped for a while, but then started up again. I am ready to leave. What can I do? — Nancy

Dear Nancy: Ask them again. There are dozens of fragrance-free lotions available, and perhaps you could buy one for the office and ask the girls to use it so your allergies don't act up. If that doesn't help, inform your boss that you have done your part and now it's her turn. The workplace should not be a health risk for you.

Dear Annie: My mother is elderly but in good health. Her personal hygiene, however, is terrible. She neither shampoos, cuts nor combs her hair. Her hands look like she's been digging in dirt, her clothing is wrinkled and stained, and her hair literally sticks up every which way, as if she got

out of bed and never touched it, which is probably the case. My siblings and I have tried, delicately, to discuss her hygiene, but she gets very insulted and says she isn't out to impress anyone.

Mom could easily afford a trip to the salon once or twice a week and some new clothes, but she won't do it. We've offered to take her for a cut and perm, and then for lunch after, but she turns us down. Her housekeeping is the same. She has help once a week, but in between those cleanings, Mom does absolutely nothing. Crumbs and sticky spills are left on the table, food in the sink, and a mess everywhere.

Mom never used to be this way, but over the past 20 years she slowly has gotten worse and worse. We have no one who can intervene for us, and Mom will not allow us to speak to her doctor. We've encouraged her to join senior groups and take part in local activities available to the elderly, but she won't. I suggested she speak to a counselor, but she blew up at me, saying she was not crazy and just wants to be left alone.

I don't think the way she lives is sanitary or healthy. We all love Mom but don't know what to do. Any suggestions? — Caring Daughter

Dear Caring: Your mother may be depressed or showing early signs of dementia. It's also possible that her senses have dulled and she can't see the spills and stains, or smell the dirty laundry. If you cannot speak to her doctor, call your local Department on Aging, or the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116, and ask for help.

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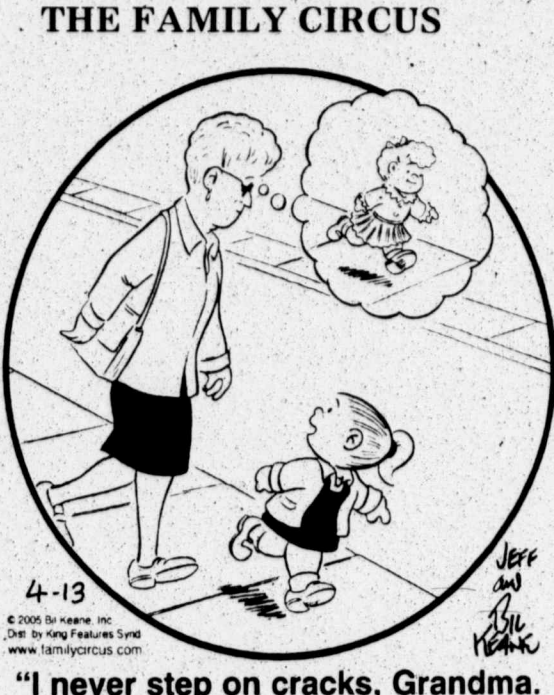
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|       | WFAA (2)<br>Dallas                        | KMID (3)<br>Midland                       | UNI (4)<br>Spanish                | KPEJ (5)<br>Odessa               | KOSA (7)<br>Odessa      | KTLE (8)<br>Telemundo    | KWES (9)<br>Midland                         | WTBS (11)<br>Atlanta         | KMLM (12)<br>Odessa              | KOCV (13)<br>Odessa           | DISC (20)<br>Discovery | AMC (21)<br>Classics                  | SPIKE (22)<br>Spike TV       | TNT (23)<br>Atlanta           | BET (26)<br>Black Ent.       | DISN (27)<br>Disney            | ESPN2 (28)                  | ESPN (29)<br>Sports           | TMC (250)                  |
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| 6 PM  | News (CC)<br>Wheel-Fortune                | News<br>Wheel-Fortune                     | Inocente de Ti                    | Malcolm-Mid<br>Raymond           | News<br>Ent. Tonight    | Amarte Asi               | News<br>Sinfeld (CC)                        | Raymond<br>Raymond           | Sam Peak<br>John Hagee           | News-Lehrer                   | American<br>Chopper    |                                       | CSI: Crime<br>Scene Investgn | Law & Order<br>(CC) (DVS)     | Live<br>Blueprint-Carey      | That's-Raven<br>That's-Raven   | MLB Baseball<br>Teams to Be | NBA                           |                            |
| 7 PM  | Lost (CC)                                 | Lost (CC)                                 | Apuesta por<br>un Amor            | Simple Life<br>Stacked           | 60 Minutes<br>Wednesday | La Mujer en el<br>Espejo | Dateline NBC<br>(CC)                        | Raymond<br>Raymond           | Update/Israel<br>Biblical Israel | Roadshow FYI<br>So. Frontiers | It Takes a<br>Thief    | Movie: The<br>Silence of the<br>Lambs | CSI: Crime<br>Scene Investgn | Law & Order<br>(CC) (DVS)     | The Parkers<br>Girlfriends   | Movie: The<br>Thirteenth Year  | Announced<br>(CC)           | Basketball:                   | Movie: A Guy<br>Thing (CC) |
| 8 PM  | Alias (CC)                                | Alias (CC)                                | La Madrastra                      | American Idol<br>Life on a Stick | King<br>Yes, Dear       | Los Plateados            | Revelations<br>(CC)                         | Sinfeld (CC)                 | Light of the<br>Southwest        | Movie:<br>Prisoner            | MythBusters<br>(CC)    | Movie:<br>Carto's                     | Coming to the<br>Stage       | Executive                     | Club Comic<br>View           | Sister, Sister<br>Even Stevens | MLB Baseball<br>Teams to Be | New Jersey<br>Nets at Indiana | 45 Movie:                  |
| 9 PM  | Eyes (CC)                                 | Eyes (CC)                                 | Don Francisco<br>Presenta         | Malcolm-Mid<br>70s Show          | CSI: NY<br>(CC)         | La Ley del<br>Silencio   | Law & Order<br>(CC)                         | Sex and-City<br>Sex and-City | Movie:<br>Unfaithful             | Extreme<br>Engineering        | Movie:<br>City         | Decision                              | Club Comic<br>View           | Nightly News<br>Music Special | That's-Raven<br>That's-Raven | Announced<br>(CC)              | Basketball:                 | Movie: The<br>Prince of Tides |                            |
| 10 PM | News (CC)                                 | News<br>Nightline                         | Primer Impacto<br>Noticiero Univ. | Becker (CC)<br>Becker (CC)       | Letterman<br>Late Late  | Al Rojo Vivo             | Late Night:<br>Conan O'Brien<br>Fraser (CC) | 45 Movie:                    | Update/Israel<br>Van Impres      | First Person<br>Roadshow FYI  | It Takes a<br>Thief    | Hall                                  | Law & Order<br>(CC) (DVS)    | Midnight Love                 | Proud Family<br>Kim Possible | Billiards:<br>7-Ball           | Sports/Center<br>(CC)       | 45 Movie:                     |                            |
| 11 PM | Ent. Tonight<br>Jimmy Kimmel<br>Live (CC) | Ent. Tonight<br>Jimmy Kimmel<br>Live (CC) | Alma Rebelde                      | Spin City<br>Dharma-Greg         | Show<br>The Insider     |                          |   |                              |                                  | Sign Off                      | MythBusters<br>(CC)    | 45 Movie:                             | Blind Date<br>Shipmates      | Club Comic<br>View            | Boy World<br>Lizzie McGuire  |                                |                             |                               |                            |
| 12 AM | News (CC)                                 | News (CC)                                 | Alma Rebelde                      | Spin City<br>Dharma-Greg         | Show<br>The Insider     |                          |   |                              |                                  |                               |                        |                                       |                              |                               |                              |                                |                             |                               |                            |



"I'll bet you have to tie Mr. Wilson's shoes for him, right?"



"I never step on cracks, Grandma. It's a thing I thought up myself."



SON, YOU'LL NEVER BECOME A TOUGH VIKING WARRIOR IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP!



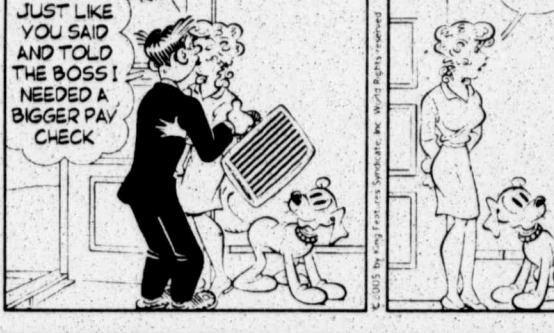
UH... MAYBE YOU SHOULD PUT DOWN YOUR BOOK WHILE YOU PRACTICE!



I DID JUST LIKE YOU SAID AND TOLD THE BOSS I NEEDED A BIGGER PAY CHECK



WHAT BOTHERS ME IS THAT THEY ALL MAKE MORE THAN THE BATBOY.



HE GAVE ME THIS



HE GAVE ME THIS



WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO PICK UP TRASH ALONG THE HIGHWAY?



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

### This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2005. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1965, 16-year-old Lawrence Wallace Bradford Jr. was appointed by New York Republican Jacob Javits to be the first black page of the U.S. Senate.

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 81. Actor Don Adams is 79. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 72. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 70. Actor Edward Fox is 68. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 68. Actor Paul Sorvino is 66. Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 63. Rock musician Jack Casady is 61. Actor Tony Dow is 60. Singer Al Green is 59. Actor Ron Perlman is 55. Actor William Sadler is 55. Singer Peabo Bryson is 54. Rock musician Max Weinberg is 54. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 53. Actress Page Hannah is 41.

Answer to previous puzzle

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I AM VERY UPSET ABOUT TOXIC WASTE



ALSO WARS! AND POLLUTION! AND THE HEARTLESSLY CRUEL ENSLAVEMENT OF BABY ALIENS IMPORTED ILLEGALLY FROM THE DISTANT GRIM PLANET JUPITER!!

### Newsday Crossword

SOUND THINKING by Norma Steinberg  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Profundity
  - 6 Alpha, \_\_, gamma
  - 10 Store, as gear
  - 14 Kauai greeting
  - 15 October birthstone
  - 16 Sugar source
  - 17 Come of age
  - 18 \_\_ oxide ointment
  - 19 Off-Broadway award
  - 20 Hairpin curve
  - 21 Superstitious one's phrase
  - 24 Think-tank output
  - 26 Claws
  - 27 Certain check writers
  - 29 Morsels
  - 31 Dairy dozen
  - 32 "How true!"
  - 34 Loathes
  - 39 Model Macpherson
  - 40 Jousting weapon
  - 42 Foal's mom
  - 43 Actress Witherspoon
  - 45 Read a bar code
  - 46 Mayberry name
  - 47 Headstrong
  - 49 Anger, so to speak
  - 51 Channel between seas
  - 55 Line dance
  - 56 Daybreak
  - 59 Gridiron org.
- DOWN**
- 1 Challenge
  - 2 Yale students
  - 3 Top-40 record
  - 4 Common article
  - 5 Year
  - 6 Knuckleheads
  - 7 Homeric work
  - 8 Aquarium need
  - 9 Little Women author
  - 10 Look of displeasure
  - 11 Forbidden thing
  - 12 Root veggie
  - 13 Flower-bed invaders
  - 22 \_\_ congestion
  - 23 Poet Ogden
  - 25 Elixir portions
  - 27 Bambi's kin
  - 28 Gawki's
  - 29 Pianist's perch
  - 30 Ancient Peruvian
  - 33 Church service
  - 35 Surrounded by
  - 36 Kind of hooper
  - 37 Cleveland's water
  - 38 Fortune-teller
  - 41 Equip
  - 44 Actor Estrada
  - 48 "Right now!"
  - 50 Once-a-year publication
  - 51 Sportscast announcement
  - 52 Work out
  - 53 Role for Dustin
  - 54 Twinges
  - 55 Sophisticatedly funny
  - 57 Part of FDA
  - 58 Part of FDA
  - 60 Criticism, so to speak
  - 61 Minus
  - 65 Gun owners' org.



GIRLS ARE SUPPOSED TO LIKE DOLLS.



SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



...TRACK 3 IS VILE. TRACK 4 MAKES MY STOMACH HEAVE. TRACKS 5 TO 8, GIBBERISH. TRACK 9 ISN'T TOO BAD...



NICE WORK, GUYS. WE HAVE AN ALBUM!



THAR BACK ON SPEAKIN' TERMS, BUT NOT ON LIS'NIN' TERMS !!



HE'S IN SHOCK! NOBODY SAID THAT TO HIM BEFORE



BRING ME SOME COFFEE!



GET IT YOURSELF!

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# HOWARD COUNTY BUYERS' GUIDE

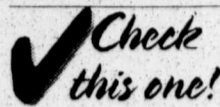
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- Appliances
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### REPORT THE SCORE

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To submit engagement, wedding, or birth announcements come by our office at 710 Scurry and pick up a form. You may also download a form from our website at [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com). If you have questions regarding the guidelines for these announcements, discuss them with Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 236.

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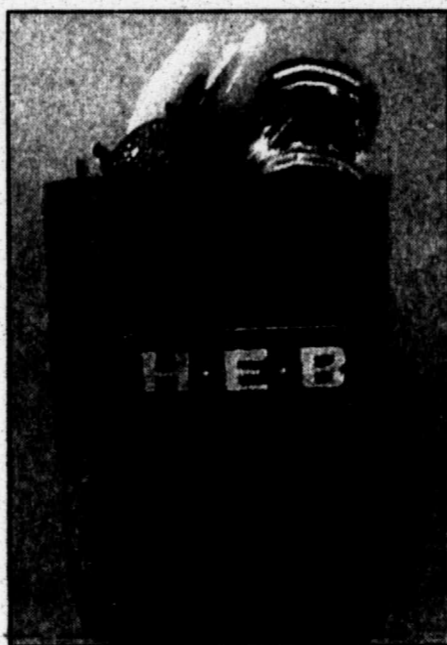
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2. Contest begins Saturday, April 9.
3. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult to hunt and win. You must be at least 16 to ask for a clue. You must ask for a clue in person. No phone calls to sponsors allowed.
4. The "bag of groceries" will be hidden on public property. It is not necessary to dig or move anything to find it. The Big Spring Herald and sponsors cannot be responsible for acts of God (wind, rain, animals, etc.), but will monitor the hiding place.
5. To be declared the winner of the shopping spree, any finder of the "bag of groceries" must present it to the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, Big Spring. You must have at least one clue from one of the sponsors, and must not have been disqualified by the judges.
6. The Big Spring Herald reserves the right to stop the contest or change contest rules effective immediately upon publication in the Big Spring Herald.
7. By presentation of the "bag of groceries" you agree to allow the use of your name and photograph by the Big Spring Herald in a future promotions.
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