



Discount available for few seats left on bus for Austin trip

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Final preparations for Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol, scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, are now being made and there are 16 seats remaining available on one of the buses that will be transporting much of the community's contingent to Austin.

To fill those seats, organizers are offering them at a reduced rate of \$40 per person, on a first-come, first-served basis. That \$40 price includes the cost of lunch on the Capitol grounds. But to secure a seat, you must go by the

Chamber of Commerce office and make payment.

"We can't reserve these seats," explained Debbye Valverde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, one of the co-sponsors for the trip. "They need to come to the office and pay their money to make sure they have a seat on the bus."

Co-sponsored by the Chamber and Moore Development for Big Spring, and the added help of corporate sponsors ALON and the Colorado River Municipal Water Districts, the trip is designed as a chance to offer the com-

munity's thanks to our legislators for their efforts, according to Pam Welch, assistant director of Moore Development.

State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Pete Laney are both expected to meet with those taking the trip, as will a number of other state officials.

This marks the fourth time a Big Spring and Howard County group has traveled to Austin to meet with state lawmakers and their staffs. And Welch stressed that the trip is meant to thank our lawmakers, who are now involved in one of the most challenging legislative sessions in the state's history.

"It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us," she explained.

Planners for the trip say they expect to have the same kind of response this year that the group received on its first trip to Austin when the local contingent included a group of fifth-graders involved in Howard College's "If I Had A Hammer" project, which literally had the governor and elected officials from both houses of the Legislature stepping out on the Capitol building steps to

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TENDING THEIR GARDEN



Bauer Magnet School students, from left, Adrianna Flores, Eric Rodriguez and Angel Villagrana tend to the school's wildflower garden Monday afternoon. The three are members of the school's Junior Master Gardener program, which helps beautify the school grounds.

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SWCID

Students, faculty set to celebrate 25th anniversary

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The little school that could is turning 25.

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, which began its life in a series of abandoned Air Force base buildings in 1980, will celebrate its silver anniversary this week — with events designed to celebrate the school's past while reaching out to potential future students.

While SWCID's progress over the years can't be described as "explosive," it has overcome its exceedingly modest beginnings to become the world's foremost community college for the deaf, said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard

College, which oversees SWCID operations.

In a sense, SWCID was born because Webb Air Force Base died.

Shortly after Webb was shut down in 1977, Howard College officials began looking at ways to help ease the impact the closure had on the community. The idea for a school for the deaf came when the parent of a hearing-impaired student, as well as certain state legislators, expressed interest in the concept, Sparks said.

Sparks said a feasibility study was then undertaken to gauge the need for such a school. After that, it was another year before SWCID was created by an

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Forsan band adds another sweepstakes award

Herald Staff Report

Another year, another Sweepstakes trophy for the Forsan High School Band.

For the seventh year in a row, the Forsan band claimed Sweepstakes honors at University Interscholastic League Concert and Sightreading Contest.

The FHS Band traveled to Crane on Thursday to participate in the UIL contest. The band competed in the Class 1A Division with Iraan, Wink, Grandfalls-Royalty, McCamey, and Garden City.

Judges unanimously awarded Forsan Division 1 ratings in both Concert and Sightreading. The Sweepstakes Trophy was presented to Forsan since it also received a Division I at Marching Contest last October.

Some comments from the judges were: "What a well taught group." "Great maturity

of sound," and "Thank you for your hard work and pride, it is exactly what I expected from this group."

The Forsan Band is directed by Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higginbotham.

"Every Sweepstakes is special, it never gets old," Rhodes said. "I want to thank my outstanding assistant, Mr. Higginbotham, for his work and commitment to the band program. We are both very proud of the students in our band."

This summer, the band will enter their Concert recording in the Class A State Honor Band competition. Tapes from all over the state will be judged at District and Area levels with the top two finishers making it to San Antonio in July. There, the tapes will have a final judging and rank. The

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Forsan High School Band students Hayley Lewis, left, and Rachel Clinton hold the University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Award presented to the band at the recent UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest. It marked the seventh year in a row the band received the Sweepstakes trophy.

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Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and must be purchased before noon on Wednesday.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for Donor Recognition in the Denim and Diamonds Gala Invitation has been extended until May 1. Responding by May 1 will ensure that Gala donors' names will appear in the Denim and Diamonds Invitation, which will be sent out closer to the June 3 party.

Gala announcements were mailed out last week to more than 800 people, including volunteers and those who have attended in the past. Anyone who did not receive a letter and would like to attend can contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office at 268-7535.

FLEA MARKET

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be holding a community-wide flea market Saturday. 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.

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Obituaries

L.K. Bartlett



L.K. Bartlett, 81, of Sand Springs died Friday, April 15, 2005, at Regency Hospital in Odessa. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 13, 1924, in Texoma, Okla., to Harmon Alexander Bartlett and Cora Bartlett. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Marines in the Pacific.

He married Alice Black, Sept. 16, 1944, in Guyman, Okla. She preceded him in death June 5, 2004.

He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1949 and worked for Cabot Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Coahoma Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Club and was a member of the First Christian Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Timi Jo Thacker and her husband, Jim of Vancouver, Wash.; one son, Jeff Bartlett and his wife, Julie of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Grant Bartlett and Sarah Bartlett, both of Big Spring, Scott Thacker and Savannah Thacker, both of Vancouver, Wash., Christie Savage and her husband, Mike of Seattle, Wash., Andrea Bartlett and Keith Bartlett, both of Granbury and Dawn Bartlett of Alamogordo, N.M.; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents he was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Kay Bartlett and nine brothers and sisters.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Hank Brooks, Lowell T. Brown, Kenny Curry, Charlie Thompson, James Archer and Fred Franklin.

The family will be at 208 Rocco Road in Sand Springs.

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

Paid obituary

Jesse LeRoy Smith



Jesse LeRoy Smith, 85, of Stanton, and formerly of Midland, died Friday, April 15, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger with the Rev. Paul Stephen II officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger.

He was born March 3, 1920, in Tarrant and married Janie Yvonne Ivy, May 22, 1939, in Eastland. She preceded him in death Jan. 12, 2004.

Mr. Smith graduated from Colony High School. He served in the United States Army in World War II. They had lived in Midland for the last 11 years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley and Marianne Smith of Abilene and Michael T. and Jackie Smith of Stanton; one daughter and son-in-law, Rene and Barry Heard of Whitharral; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Jesse and May Smith and his sister, Ella Mae Garza.

The family suggests memorials be made to Stanton Care and Rehab Center, P.O. Box 400, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.np Welch.com.

Johnnie 'Sparky' Turner Jr.

Johnnie "Sparky" Turner Jr., 54, died Monday, April 18, 2005, in Bellville. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jean George

Jean George, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at her home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ordis Walker

Ordis Walker, 93, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-6-12-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-21-31. Bonus Ball: 25.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 4-4-9

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Police blotter

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

- STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 33, of 1415 Wood, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.
- BLANCA MARIA VELASQUEZ, 32, of 800 Lorilla, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.
- CHERI DAWN ROGERS, 51, of 809 Wyoming, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff's report

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

An arrest log for Monday, April 18 was not available at press time.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Main Street at 3:35 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue at 12:03 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of S. Second Street in Coahoma at 2:17 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street at 3:11 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford at 5:35 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of S. Anderson Road at 6 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Presidio at 6:02 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Goliad at 7:09 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road at 11:19 a.m. Monday. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported at a location on North County Road 37 at 9:30 p.m. Monday. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of W. 19th Street at 2:36 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take note

• COAHOMA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS BARBECUE AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER is set to start at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the elementary school cafeteria. Plates are \$5 for barbecue, desert and a drink.

• AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY FAJITA COOK-OFF is set to begin at 8 a.m. April 30 at 3203 W. Highway 80. Judging is at 11 a.m. and lunch will begin at noon. Entry for teams is \$10 and lunch is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• PARENTS WHO CARE CLASS OF 2005 meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School library to discuss the after-prom party. Call 263-0497 for more information.

• HERITAGE MUSEUM ANNUAL CHUCK WAGON PARTY from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday 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. Thursday. The school is located at 118 Cedar Road. Call 263-0203 for more information.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
 - Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at First and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
 - Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
 - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - USDA Rural Development representative will be on-hand to assist with applications from 10 a.m. until noon at the Howard County Courthouse commissioner's courtroom.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

- 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.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds around 15 mph.

Tonight — Increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 20 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

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

Friday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

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Numbers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

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Numerous activities scheduled for anniversary celebration

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has a variety of activities planned this week to mark its 25th anniversary in Big Spring.

SWCIDFest XXV will be held Thursday through Sunday at the campus, located on Avenue C on the former grounds of Webb Air Force Base.

Ron Brasel, provost of

SWCID, said the anniversary commemoration will not only celebrate the school's history, but also serve as a method for prospective students to see what the institute has to offer.

To that end, the first scheduled event is a Thursday open house for all prospective students.

SWCIDFest kicks into high gear Friday, with opening ceremonies held at 4:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner and ice cream

social are planned for that evening, as well as an Entertainment Night at the activity center featuring SWCID students and faculty.

A number of vendor booths will be set up on campus Saturday morning, Brasel said, and a volleyball tournament is scheduled for 8 a.m. at the activity center.

Campus tours for prospective students and other interested persons are scheduled for 9 a.m.

and 1 p.m. Other activities planned for Saturday morning include ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new resource center and archives at 10:30 a.m., as well as an alumni meeting at 11 a.m. in the Rattlesnake Room.

Evening activities will be highlighted by a gala dinner at 5 p.m. in the activity center. Dress is semi-formal and attendance is limited to the first 336 registrants.

Following the dinner,

entertainment will be provided by Peter Cook. Cook is a deaf performing artist whose works incorporate American Sign Language, pantomime, storytelling, acting and movement.

Cook is also a co-founder of Nature of the Beast Theater in Chicago.

The evening concludes with a Silver Celebration Social from 8:30-9 p.m., followed by a dance. Both events will be at the activity center.

Weekend observances of

the anniversary end Sunday with a pancake fellowship at 9 a.m., followed by a worship service at 10 a.m.

Contact: Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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act of the Texas Legislature in 1979.

When SWCID was launched the next year with Dr. Douglas Burke as its first provost, the school had to make do with facilities that were outdated or ill-designed from an academic standpoint. Students were housed in wooden barracks left over from the Air Force days, while the base's abandoned hospital had to be extensively renovated to serve as the site for the school's classrooms and administration offices.

Over time, however, the legislature and local junior college district

were able to provide enough financial aide to construct a more modern physical plant, Sparks said.

"Obviously, the physical plant has changed dramatically," Sparks said. "The state legislature financed numerous construction projects that have dramatically improved the campus' appearance."

"It truly looks more like a community college now than when we first arrived," said Ron Brasel, who has served as SWCID's provost since 1986. "The addition of buildings, the addition of programs and the increase in student numbers have all greatly enhanced (SWCID)."

Student enrollment has

grown gradually over the years. Currently, there are about 140 students and 11 faculty members at the campus, Brasel said.

Like almost everything else on campus, the curriculum has changed over the years to reflect a greater emphasis on workforce training, Sparks said.

Those programs range from construction trades and traditional business courses to more high-tech occupations such as graphic design. Also, students can be instructed to become sign language interpreters or deaf education paraprofessionals, such as classroom aides.

"There's been a greater emphasis on the workforce education program," she said. "We believe

that, because of that, SWCID has become a more complete institute in the last 25 years."

Sparks was quick to add that traditional academic courses also retain a vital position at SWCID. The current core curriculum includes standard academic courses such as English, college-level mathematics and science courses such as chemistry and biology.

A sign-language course is open to hearing individuals. All other courses are reserved for deaf or hearing-impaired students, Sparks said.

She stressed that the school's mission remains basically unchanged from its first year: To provide a comprehensive community college experience for

deaf and hearing-impaired students.

The school's success has come about because of the efforts of many people in many different areas, she said.

"This has been possible through the efforts of many people," Sparks said. "You're literally talking about local, state and legislative leaders. Because of them, we've been able to grow SWCID to the institution it is today."

Not all the improvements have been so tangible, Brasel said.

"We've had a lot of support within the community," he said. "I can only hope the next 25 years will be as productive as the last 25 years have been."

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watch the youngsters work.

"We think we'll get the same kind of response this year ... at least we hope we do," said Welch, "because this year we'll have Dr. Ken Tunstall and his crew working with the kids on a new project called Let's Build a Computer."

In addition to the fifth-graders who will be involved in that project, other students from the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts will also take part in the trip. And several others will have a chance to work as House and Senate pages for the day. Howard College's Diplomats will

also take part in the day's events.

Other activities scheduled for the day include the reading of resolutions on the House and Senate floors, lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

The bus will leave Big Spring at 4:30 a.m. that Wednesday from the east parking lot at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and should arrive back home around 10 p.m. Those taking the bus are asked to bring their own food and drink for breakfast on the trip, and the bus will stop for a Dutch treat meal at Cooper's in Llano during the return.

Several people have

already indicated that they'll be taking their own vehicles to Austin, Welch said, but stressed the importance that those people register as part of the group and pay the \$8 cost for lunch. They must do so in advance and that deadline is April 22.

Participants are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts, both short and long sleeve, are available at the chamber office for \$26 each.

For additional information, call ValVerde at the chamber office at 263-7641.

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DeLay's call for manners a bit hypocritical

Spring fever is taking a weird form this year. Politicians say nice things for political reasons and then revert with a vengeance — a sort of political Tourette syndrome, they can't help what they say.

Tom DeLay, of all people, recently issued a fatwa on the need for good manners, a concept so bizarre there is no metaphor for it. It is itself a metaphor: "... as weird as the time Tom DeLay gave us all a lecture on manners."

In his new role as the Emily Post of politics, DeLay informed us, "It is unfortunate in our electoral system, exacerbated by our adversarial media culture, that political discourse has to get so overheated, that it's not just arguments, but motives are questioned." Did someone question his motive in taking an all-expenses-paid vacation from a lobbyist?

This would be the same Tom DeLay who said, "Screw the Senate," when he learned Bob Dole had cut a deal with Clinton to end the government shutdown caused by Newt Gingrich.

"We're in charge. We don't have to negotiate with the Senate." Same as above.

"We are ideologues. We have an agenda. We have a philosophy. I want to repeal the Clean Air Act," he said in 1995.

"You don't want me as an enemy," DeLay to Jacqueline Blankenship, wife of a business partner who sued him. When the local Republican sheriff hired Ms. Blankenship, DeLay spent \$75,000 to defeat him.

"This whole thing about not kicking someone when they are down is BS. Not only do you kick him — you kick him until he passes out, then beat him over the head with a baseball bat, then roll

him up in an old rug and throw him off a cliff into the pound(ing) surf below!!!!!!" That gem was in a DeLay staff email about Clinton's impeachment.

"I can't afford you as a brother anymore," DeLay to his brother and lawyer Randy after Randy's lobbying had embarrassed him.

"The EPA, the Gestapo of government, pure and simply has been one of the major claw-hooks that the government maintains on the backs of our constituents," DeLay said in 1995.

And this truly spectacular outburst just a few weeks ago: "God has brought to us Terri Schiavo to elevate the visibility of what's going on in America. ... This is exactly the issue that's going on in America of attacks against the conservative movement, against me and against many others. The point is, the other side has figured out how to win and defeat the conservative movement, and that is to go after people personally, charge them with frivolous charges and link that up with all these do-gooder organizations funded by George Soros — and then get the national media on their side. The whole syndicate that they have going on right now is for one purpose and one purpose only, and that's to destroy the conservative movement. It's to destroy the conservative leaders. ... This is a huge nationwide concerted effort to destroy everything we believe in."

Whew.

There is much more from DeLay that is unprintable in a newspaper. For some rich samples, try "The Hammer" by Lou DuBose, my sometime writing partner.

According to The Associated Press, DeLay has urged the Republicans in Congress, when asked about his ethics problems, to blame Democrats. DeLay also said there is a "mammoth operation" funded by Democratic supporters designed to destroy him. People on the right just will not give up this eternal pretense of being victims.

DeLay's unlikely excursion into defining proper conduct came a few days after he had made a comment about the judges in the Schiavo case, which he repeatedly described as murder: "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior." Some picky people thought there was an implied threat or encouragement to violence in that. Even DeLay had to admit he had expressed himself "inartfully."

But, happy to report, DeLay's new-found temperance did not last long. He just keynoted the convention of the National Rifle Association in Houston, where he cheerfully told the audience: "I feel really good. Because when a man is in trouble or in a good fight, you want to have your friends around, preferably armed."

How armed? The NRA is now defending the .50 caliber sniper rifle as a "standard hunting weapon." The manufacturer's brochure for the sniper rifle states that jet engines and helicopters "are likely targets for the weapon, making it capable of destroying a multi-million-dollar aircraft with a single hit delivered to a vital area."

The brochure also states, "Cost effectiveness of the Model cannot be overemphasized when a round of ammunition purchased for less than \$10 can be used to destroy or disable a modern jet aircraft." That's some bargain, all right.

As to DeLay's claim of a vast left-wing conspiracy out to destroy the conservative movement, nonsense. I like conservatives. They're opposed to all questionable adventures abroad and for fiscal prudence and responsibility. It's right-wing nuts I can't stand.

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New Hope Christian School Open House set for Thursday



New Hope Christian School students Ashley Miramontes, right, Wendell Moore, left, and Chelsea Carillo, take down the school flag.

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Features Editor

New Hope Christian School swings wide its doors at 6:30 p.m. Thursday for a Hawaiian luau-themed open house.

"This promises to be lots of fun and we hope everyone will come out to see the school," said Vicki Parnell, director of the school located at 118 Cedar Road.

Along with barbecue and all the trimmings, those attending will also be served desserts from the homemade ice cream and cake baking contest, she said.

Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased before noon Wednesday by calling 263-0203.

Along with the food, the classrooms will be open and students work will be on display. New Hope Christian School currently has 75 students with nine teachers and four office staff.

Parnell said any parents who register students at the open house will

receive \$25 off of the fall registration fee.

"Teachers will be available to talk to any parents interested in enrolling their child at New Hope," she said.

Cost to attend the school, which offers classes from pre-school through 12th grade, varies from \$200 per month up to \$320 per month for a full-day program, Monday through Friday.

The preschool-second grade students study the Abeka curriculum, while students in third through 12th grade are using the self-paced Alpha-Omega curriculum, she said.

"These are Christian-based programs and everything we do is based on the Bible. We also have a visiting pastor each week for chapel for the older students and a Bible story is read to the younger children," she said.

A special summer program, Camp Victory, is scheduled for children 18 months through 12 years, and a tutoring program

for students older than 13 is planned this year.

Also, Parnell said the school has plans to open an infant classroom this fall.

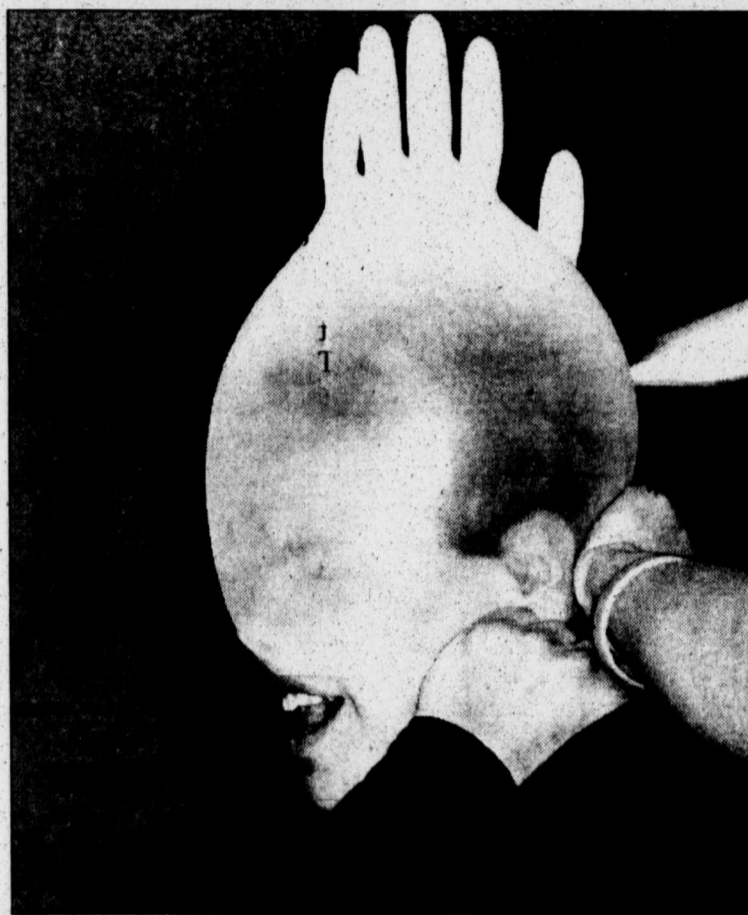
"All our teachers are Christian and they are wonderful. They love these children unconditionally and when we have students graduate, they are ready to go to college," she said.

Three students will graduate in May, and two of those students have passed their required tests for graduation and college entrance while the third is preparing to take the tests, she said.

"Any denomination is welcome in the school, you don't have to be a Nazarene," she said.

New Hope Christian School is operated by the First Church of the Nazarene and operates with a church board and an education committee, she said.

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YoungLife volunteer Karen Ivey, above, assists Travis Calloway, a Big Spring High School student, in the Surgical Glove Inflation game during Club Monday night. Calloway, below, wins the competition.

YoungLife Club planning fund- raisers for camp

YoungLife, a non-denominational club for high school students, plans to have camp fundraisers in May and June to help local teen-agers attend the Colorado event.

"We will have a detail car wash in May and a special event in June that involves a car show and Sonic drive-in," said Shelly Warren, YoungLife co-leader.

Thus far, 10 students have signed up for to attend YoungLife camp, and at least three adults are taking the students July 2-10.

Also, BSHS sophomore Michael Loftis will attend Windy Gap Camp in Asheville, S.C. May 28-June 26 as a volunteer camp worker.

"Mike went to YoungLife camp in Colorado last year, which makes him eligible to be a camp volunteer this year. All he has to pay is his plane fare; the camp will take care of every thing else," Warren said.

Loftis is raising funds to cover his airfare by doing odd jobs and may be contacted at 816-3659.

Anyone wanting to learn more about YoungLife or to help with the fund-raising, call Warren at 264-1234.

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DeLay's call for manners a bit hypocritical

Spring fever is taking a weird form this year. Politicians say nice things for political reasons and then revert with a vengeance — a sort of political Tourette syndrome, they can't help what they say.



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Tom DeLay, of all people, recently issued a fatwa on the need for good manners, a concept so bizarre there is no metaphor for it. It is itself a metaphor: "... as weird as the time Tom DeLay gave us all a lecture on manners."

In his new role as the Emily Post of politics, DeLay informed us, "It is unfortunate in our electoral system, exacerbated by our adversarial media culture, that political discourse has to get so overheated, that it's not just arguments, but motives are questioned." Did someone question his motive in taking an all-expenses-paid vacation from a lobbyist?

This would be the same Tom DeLay who said, "Screw the Senate," when he learned Bob Dole had cut a deal with Clinton to end the government shutdown caused by Newt Gingrich.

"We're in charge. We don't have to negotiate with the Senate." Same as above.

"We are ideologues. We have an agenda. We have a philosophy. I want to repeal the Clean Air Act," he said in 1995.

"You don't want me as an enemy," DeLay to Jacqueline Blankenship, wife of a business partner who sued him. When the local Republican sheriff hired Ms. Blankenship, DeLay spent \$75,000 to defeat him.

"This whole thing about not kicking someone when they are down is BS. Not only do you kick him — you kick him until he passes out, then beat him over the head with a baseball bat, then roll

him up in an old rug and throw him off a cliff into the pound(ing) surf below!!!!!" That gem was in a DeLay staff email about Clinton's impeachment.

"I can't afford you as a brother anymore," DeLay to his brother and lawyer Randy after Randy's lobbying had embarrassed him.

"The EPA, the Gestapo of government, pure and simply has been one of the major claw-hooks that the government maintains on the backs of our constituents," DeLay said in 1995.

And this truly spectacular outburst just a few weeks ago: "God has brought to us Terri Schiavo to elevate the visibility of what's going on in America. ... This is exactly the issue that's going on in America of attacks against the conservative movement, against me and against many others. The point is, the other side has figured out how to win and defeat the conservative movement, and that is to go after people personally, charge them with frivolous charges and link that up with all these do-gooder organizations funded by George Soros — and then get the national media on their side. The whole syndicate that they have going on right now is for one purpose and one purpose only, and that's to destroy the conservative movement. It's to destroy the conservative leaders. ... This is a huge nationwide concerted effort to destroy everything we believe in." Whew.

There is much more from DeLay that is unprintable in a newspaper. For some rich samples, try "The Hammer" by Lou DuBose; my sometime writing partner.

According to The Associated Press, DeLay has urged the Republicans in Congress, when asked about his ethics problems, to blame Democrats. DeLay also said there is a "mammoth operation" funded by Democratic supporters designed to destroy him. People on the right just will not give up this eternal pretense of being victims.

DeLay's unlikely excursion into defining proper conduct came a few days after he had made a comment about the judges in the Schiavo case, which he repeatedly described as murder: "The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior." Some picky people thought there was an implied threat or encouragement to violence in that. Even DeLay had to admit he had expressed himself "inartfully."

But, happy to report, DeLay's new-found temperance did not last long. He just keynoted the convention of the National Rifle Association in Houston, where he cheerfully told the audience: "I feel really good. Because when a man is in trouble or in a good fight, you want to have your friends around, preferably armed."

How armed? The NRA is now defending the .50 caliber sniper rifle as a "standard hunting weapon." The manufacturer's brochure for the sniper rifle states that jet engines and helicopters "are likely targets for the weapon, making it capable of destroying a multi-million-dollar aircraft with a single hit delivered to a vital area."

The brochure also states, "Cost effectiveness of the Model cannot be overemphasized when a round of ammunition purchased for less than \$10 can be used to destroy or disable a modern jet aircraft." That's some bargain, all right.

As to DeLay's claim of a vast left-wing conspiracy out to destroy the conservative movement, nonsense. I like conservatives. They're opposed to all questionable adventures abroad and for fiscal prudence and responsibility. It's right-wing nuts I can't stand.

To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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New Hope Christian School Open House set for Thursday



New Hope Christian School students Ashley Miramontes, right, Wendell Moore, left, and Chelsea Carillo, take down the school flag.

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Features Editor

New Hope Christian School swings wide its doors at 6:30 p.m. Thursday for a Hawaiian luau-themed open house.

"This promises to be lots of fun and we hope everyone will come out to see the school," said Vicki Parnell, director of the school located at 118 Cedar Road.

Along with barbecue and all the trimmings, those attending will also be served desserts from the homemade ice cream and cake baking contest, she said.

Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased before noon Wednesday by calling 263-0203.

Along with the food, the classrooms will be open and students work will be on display. New Hope Christian School currently has 75 students with nine teachers and four office staff.

Parnell said any parents who register students at the "open house" will

receive \$25 off of the fall registration fee.

"Teachers will be available to talk to any parents interested in enrolling their child at New Hope," she said.

Cost to attend the school, which offers classes from pre-school through 12th grade, varies from \$200 per month up to \$320 per month for a full-day program, Monday through Friday.

The preschool-second grade students study the Abeka curriculum, while students in third through 12th grade are using the self-paced Alpha-Omega curriculum, she said.

"These are Christian-based programs and everything we do is based on the Bible. We also have a visiting pastor each week for chapel for the older students and a Bible story is read to the younger children," she said.

A special summer program, Camp Victory, is scheduled for children 18 months through 12 years, and a tutoring program

for students older than 13 is planned this year.

Also, Parnell said the school has plans to open an infant classroom this fall.

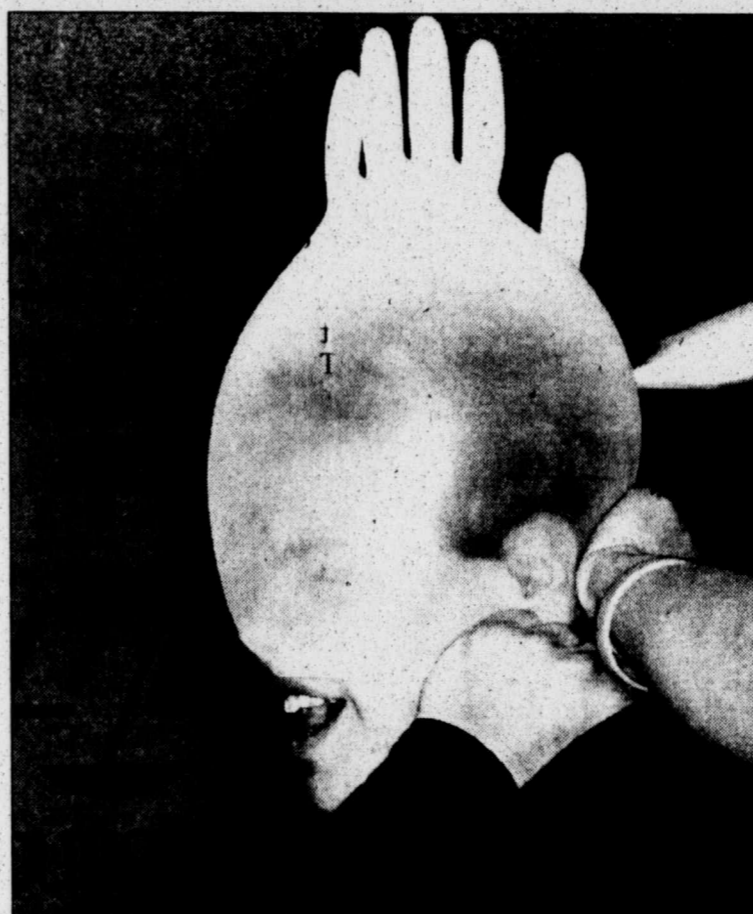
"All our teachers are Christian and they are wonderful. They love these children unconditionally and when we have students graduate, they are ready to go to college," she said.

Three students will graduate in May, and two of those students have passed their required tests for graduation and college entrance while the third is preparing to take the tests, she said.

"Any denomination is welcome in the school, you don't have to be a Nazarene," she said.

New Hope Christian School is operated by the First Church of the Nazarene and operates with a church board and an education committee, she said.

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.



YoungLife volunteer Karen Ivey, above, assists Travis Calloway, a Big Spring High School student, in the Surgical Glove Inflation game during Club Monday night. Calloway, below, wins the competition.

YoungLife Club planning fund- raisers for camp

YoungLife, a non-denominational club for high school students, plans to have camp fundraisers in May and June to help local teen-agers attend the Colorado event.

"We will have a detail car wash in May and a special event in June that involves a car show and Sonic drive-in," said Shelly Warren, YoungLife co-leader.

Thus far, 10 students have signed up for to attend YoungLife camp, and at least three adults are taking the students July 2-10.

Also, BSHS sophomore Michael Loftis will attend Windy Gap Camp in Asheville, S.C. May 28-June 26 as a volunteer camp worker.

"Mike went to YoungLife camp in Colorado last year, which makes him eligible to be a camp volunteer this year. All he has to pay is his plane fare; the camp will take care of every thing else," Warren said.

Loftis is raising funds to cover his airfare by doing off jobs and may be contacted at 816-3659.

Anyone wanting to learn more about YoungLife or to help with the fund-raising, call Warren at 264-1234.

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The West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament will consist of three 27-hole rounds. Two rounds will be played Saturday and one run will be played Sunday. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and a player's meeting follows at 8 a.m.

For more information or to pre-register call Greg Brooks at 432-528-5076.

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.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

There will be a Lady Steer Booster Club meeting in the ATC at 6 p.m. Thursday.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading and/or training are encouraged to attend. All parents of incoming freshman are encouraged to attend, as well.

The Lady Steers Sports Banquet will take place Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Lady Steers Softball Booster Club sets monthly meeting

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the ATC Thursday.

All parents of girls involved in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Big Spring Country Club sets scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has set up its 2005 Cancer Scramble golf tournament.

The tourney will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life.

Teams will be made up of four players and the field will be flighted by first round score. The tourney will have prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

Prizes — gift certificates to the BSCC gift shop — will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each flight.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information or to enter, call the country club at 267-5354.

Unusual day ends in another win for Lady Steers

• Seniors go out with victory in final home game

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The game started off on the wrong foot and did not get much better, according to Big Spring coach Phillip Pearce, but the sixth-ranked Lady Steers' softball team was able to keep their winning streak intact as they defeated rival Frenship at home Monday, 4-1.

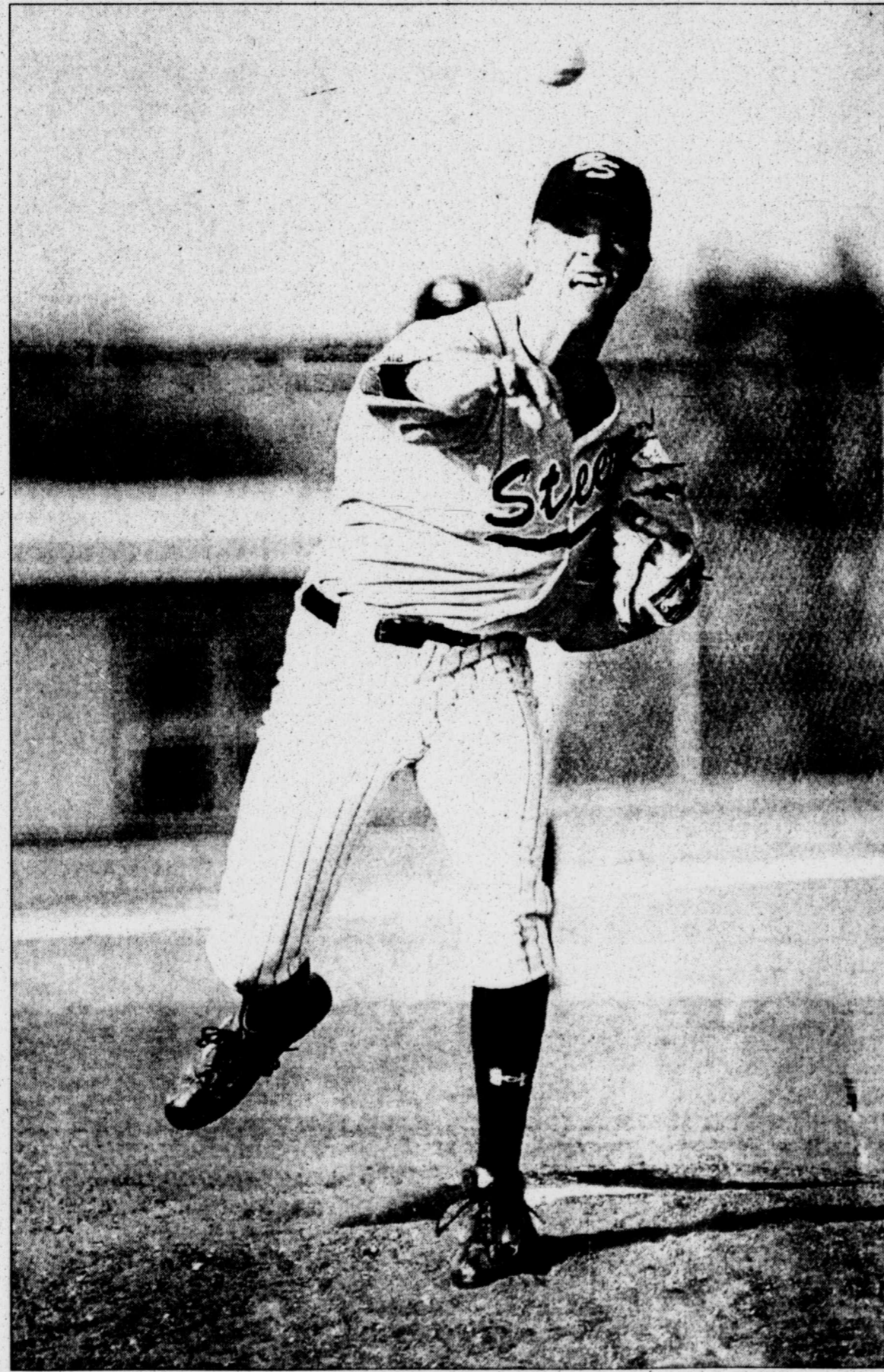
"The game was changed to Monday because of the TAKS testing and it seemed like things went wrong all day," said Pearce. "Things started off bad and just got worse and worse."

The original start time was pushed back one hour because of an umpire misunderstanding, and that may have caused some of the problem, said Pearce, but the Lady Steers eventually got through it.



Big Spring senior Heather Vassar hits a home run against rival Frenship Monday at in Big Spring. The home run was Vassar's second of the year as the Lady Steers won the game, 4-1. Vassar came through at the plate on senior night as the home run put No. 6 Big Spring up 3-0. Big Spring is now 23-2 overall and 9-0 in District 4-4A.

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Big Spring's Ryan Slate attempts a pick-off Monday during the Steers' loss to rival Andrews. Slate pitched three innings in the game and was successful on one pick-off play. He allowed two runs on five hits and struck out six batters in the no decision.

Andrews hurts Steers' playoff hopes after win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The last-time Big Spring's baseball team faced rival Andrews, the Steers suffered a 13-3 loss in five innings. On Monday, the Steers hung much tougher and even led at two different points in the game, but Andrews had too much offense in the end as the Mustangs defeated the Steers in Big Spring, 10-5.

The Steers grabbed the early lead in the first inning as junior Matt Hilario started the inning off with a single and eventually scored on a past ball. Junior Andy Lasater also reached base with a single two batters later and Caleb Choate's RBI double knocked him in. Choate, a sophomore, later scored on an RBI single by junior Kyle Piercefield as Big Spring grabbed a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Andrews tied up the game in the second inning, however, as Big Spring starter J.W. Beauchamp, a senior, gave up three hits — two of which were home runs — to start the inning.

Mark Lozano scored in the second inning for Big Spring as the Steers regained the lead. He was able to cross the plate after Andrews committed an error on a fly ball hit by Lasater. Lasater

wound up on third, but was unable to score.

The Mustangs came right back in the first half of the third inning. Beauchamp gave up five runs on three hits, a walk and an error in the inning as Andrews grabbed an 8-4 lead — which they wouldn't relinquish.

Big Spring senior Justin Green cut into Andrews' lead in the fourth as he led off the inning with a solo home run.

However, that's as close as the Steers would get as Andrews added one run in the fifth and sixth innings to win by five.

Big Spring stranded runners on base in every inning. They had runners on second and third in the fifth inning and couldn't score. They also had two guys on base in the bottom of the seventh, but ended the game after two straight strikeouts.

Beauchamp took the loss for Big Spring as he gave up eight runs on eight hits in three innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Ryan Slate pitched the next three innings and gave up two runs on five hits, while striking out six. He allowed runners to get on base in every inning, but got out of

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Coahoma's winning streak ends at six

• Bulldogs hit four home runs in loss to Midland Trinity

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma baseball's six-game winning streak came to a screeching halt Monday as the Bulldogs lost in non-district action to Midland Trinity, 17-7, in six innings.

Coahoma (8-13) had no troubles scoring runs as they crossed the plate at

least once in every inning and hit four home runs on the night. However, Trinity, too, had great success with its bats as they scored 13 runs in the second and third innings combined.

"We were coming off a big win and there were a lot of distractions," said Coahoma coach Brad Harmon, "but we just weren't mentally ready to play."

Senior Lance Roberts started the game for the Bulldogs, but lasted just

2.2 innings as he gave up 11 runs (seven earned) and took the loss. Junior Tad White threw the final 3.1 innings and allowed four earned runs.

Coahoma scored one run in four of the five innings and grabbed two runs in the second off a two-run home run by senior Garrett Cline.

Senior Chad Born led off the game with a home run, as well, to put

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Big Spring junior Kyle Piercefield attempts a tag at first base during the Steers' loss to Andrews Monday. The Andrews runner was safe on the play. Piercefield had three hits at the plate to lead Big Spring.

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The seniors were honored before the game as Big Spring played its final home game of the year. And it was fitting that the seniors played a big role in the outcome of the game.

Heather Vassar hit a two-run home run in the third to give Big Spring a 3-0 lead, while Alex Watkins did her thing on the mound, allowing one run on seven hits. She struck out six and walked two and had to earn every pitch as she threw a season-high 111 pitches.

"The umpire made Alex work for every pitch and often wouldn't give her anything unless it was right down the middle," said Pearce.

Nonetheless, she won her 14th game of the year and also went two-for-three at the plate with a run.

Big Spring scored one run each in the second and fourth innings and Frenship got its lone run in the fourth. All in all, the offense for the Lady Steers was not what Pearce wanted, but it was good enough to get the job

done.

"We did not strike out and we put the ball in play nicely, but we just didn't hit it very hard," said Pearce. "I thought after Heather's home run we would get things going, but they weren't able to find the bats (Monday)."

Sophomores Amber Sides and Katy Abner each went one-for-three from the plate. Sides scored a run and Abner added an RBI. Junior Courtney Rodriguez went two-for-two with an RBI, while junior Krista Chesworth went one-for-two with a run.

"The seniors were disappointed in the way the day went because it was senior day, but they were able to get it done," said Pearce. "That just shows the heart and determination this team has."

The Lady Steers' have now won 17 straight games, but their seven-game shutout streak ended. They are now 23-2 overall and 9-0 in District 4-4A play. They clinched the district title with a win over Lubbock Estacado last week and will close out the regular season Friday on the road against Plainview.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring senior Chelsea Abner makes a play on a ball hit to center field Monday during the Lady Steers' 4-1 win over Frenship. Abner and the other Big Spring seniors were honored before the game as they played in their final home game of their high school careers.

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jams with key strikeouts. He struck out the side in the fourth after allowing the first two runners to get on base. He allowed a run in the fifth, but got out of the jam with a strikeout and key pick-off play. Two more strikeouts in the sixth got him out of a jam after allowing two early hits and a run in the inning.

The other bright spot on the mound was Lasater, who pitched for the first time this season after recovering from a shoulder injury. He tossed the seventh inning and struck out two of the three batters he faced.

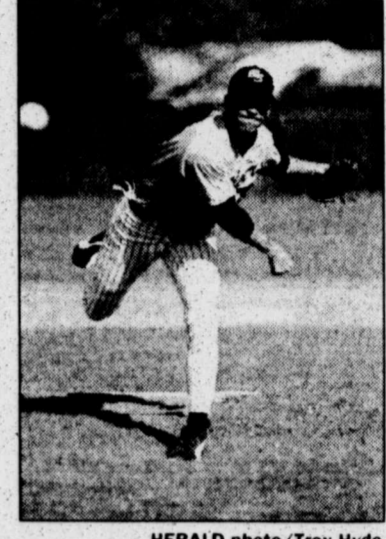
Piercefield led the Steers at the plate with three hits, including an RBI single in the first inning. Hilario had two hits and two runs and walked once, while Choate had an RBI double and walked twice. Lasater went one-for-two with two walks and a run and Green added the home run in the fourth.

Big Spring played against rival Andrews without senior starter Jerry Doporto, who will

miss the rest of the season after sustaining a knee injury against Plainview last week.

The loss all but eliminates the Steers from postseason contention as they are now 1-6 in District 4-4A with three games remaining. Andrews improved to 4-3 in district play with the win and will hold the tiebreaker over the Steers if needed.

Big Spring travels to state-ranked Lubbock Estacado Friday. The Steers nearly pulled off the upset against the Matadors in the team's first meeting.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior J.W. Beauchamp delivers a pitch to the plate Monday against Andrews.

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Coahoma up 1-0, but Trinity scored five in the second and eight in the third and grabbed a 13-4 lead after three innings.

Coahoma could not recover after that as

they lost in six innings by 10 runs.

Sophomore Collin McMillan led Coahoma at the plate with two doubles, a home run, two RBIs and two runs. The home run was his second of the season. Roberts hit his fourth home run of the year and added an RBI and two runs.

"We have to learn from this now," said Harmon. "The guys should now know they have to show up mentally for every game."

The Bulldogs return to District 4-2A Friday at



Anson, a team which they beat 10-0 in the first meeting. The game against Anson is just one of two district games remaining before the playoffs begin.

"We hope to be able to finish the district season strong and get ready for the playoffs in two weeks," said Harmon.

Armstrong announces retirement after Tour

By CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — While watching a cycling race on TV recently, Lance Armstrong hardly acted like someone who was considering retirement.

"I couldn't sit down the entire race," said Armstrong, who then faced a tough question from girlfriend and rock star Sheryl Crow.

"She said 'Look at you. You can't even sit down. How are you going to retire?'" Armstrong said.

"It's a great question."

Armstrong will soon find out the answer.

At a news conference Monday, he said he is retiring after this Tour de France, a three-week race ending July 24.

"I have to tell you I am 100 percent committed and the decision is final," he said.

The cycling great will end a career in which he inspired millions by overcoming testicular cancer to win his sport's signature event a record six straight times.

He said his will to win a

seventh straight Tour de France is boosted "by that dream to go out on top. That's a big deal to me."

"It will be the last one, win or lose," the 33-year-old Texan said. "While it is an older man's race, it's not an old man's race."

Armstrong said having to spend a month away from his three children recently helped seal the decision.

"That was much more difficult than it had been before," he said. "It's time for me to not miss key moments in their lives."

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to eat, and the spiders went to work. The sailors



had to store all of their food in open containers way down below on their ships. The spiders loved to eat all of the worms that loved to eat the sailor's food. Soon, the sailors began to love the little spiders. Do you love little spiders yet?

Then, a very not too long ago, our grandfathers used Sydney to help them in their homes. Do you know how the spiders helped your grandfather? Grandfathers didn't have window screens for their windows, so all kinds of insects would just fly right into their homes. But Sydney helped keep the insects away because she loves to eat them! She really loves flies!

Then, not very long ago, Sydney helped our fathers. They planted fruits and vegetables in their gardens. But the insects came and ate all of the fruit and vegetables, leaving none for our fathers to eat!

Guess who came to help! Did you say Sydney? How did you know? Do you know how Sydney helped?

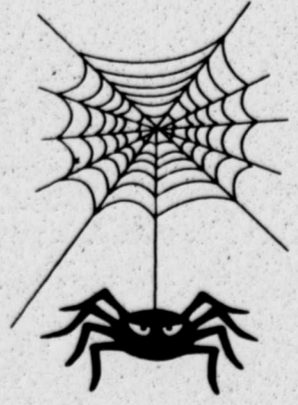
Sydney learned how to make a web with her silk. The silk is soft and sticky. And Sydney learned how

to stretch it between two trees or bushes. When the insects flew into it, they would get stuck to the sticky silk. And there was not only help for our fathers, but a great meal for Sydney! So Sydney had plenty to eat and so did our fathers, and it was all because of a

little spider! Then just a few weeks ago, I saw Sydney do something else that I thought was sweet! I saw a very young, little spider that looked very sad. She was just a little spider named Abbigail, and she didn't know how to spin a web. I watched, being very careful not to let them see me. I didn't want to scare them. After all, I am much bigger than they are. Are you bigger than a spider? I'll bet you are!

Sydney lovingly told Abbigail.

Sydney started spinning that web from here to there, and from there to here, and then up there, and then down there, and even around there, and I



believe, over there, too! Abbigail watched closely at every move Sydney made while she was spinning that web. "You try now, Abbigail. Just do everything that you saw me do, but have fun doing it," Sydney said.

Abbigail started spinning her web, but she missed a tree on her very first try. But she got right back up and tried again! And, do you know what? She

missed again! But, on that third try, she made it! Then she went back! Then she went here and there, then there to here, then up, then down, then all around. When she was finished, she looked back at what she had done and thought to herself, "That looks as good as Sydney's!" Sydney thought the very same thing!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The annual solar transit into Taurus is made even lovelier by a grounded Virgo moon. It's a rare time when things that fall into the good for you category also happen to be appealing, appetizing and affordable. Nature's grace is often imitated, but never duplicated. Go for the real package in every area from friendship to nutrition and beyond.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Carefree days may seem like something of the past, but it's a way of thinking that you can have again -- yes, even with your current heavy responsibilities. The right teacher will take you as far as your mind wants to go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life is a grocery store, and this morning you picked the slowest check-out lane ever. Fear not. You got a great parking spot, and once you're out of the early a.m. slump, the rest of the day flies by.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a position to grant forgiveness. It's tempting to ask for a written statement expressing contrition, but instead you're easygoing and compassionate, just as you would like others to be with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love and happiness follow you like the "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack followed John Travolta. Share the joy with a friend who's in a rut. You and John have plenty of disco fun to spare.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're happy in situations that highlight your bold style. You may be the fashionable worker in an unfashionable industry, and being different makes you like yourself that much more. Why shouldn't you?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just like the Green Day song, sometimes it seems like your shadow is the only one who walks beside you. If that's true, it's only because you haven't extended enough invitations. Put yourself out there -- you'll be embraced!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a knack for mutual interest and you teach others how to play nice. Life doesn't have to be a zero-sum game where in order for you to win something someone

else has to lose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep aware! Work may put you in a position to defend a policy with which you personally disagree. Such activities have an ill effect on your health. Think long-term, and withdraw yourself from duplicity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Going with the group today means you must compromise, negotiate and ultimately settle. Happiness is having your own transportation so you can leave the "party" whenever you want!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work involves a big to-do. Systems that rely on order and plan for chaos will work. You should know that an old friend longs to be back in touch with you, but is afraid you still harbor resentment over an ancient sin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An amazing opportunity drops right in your lap. No need to waste time weighing the pros and cons. This is the chance of a lifetime. Give it your all, and you will be rewarded financially.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You woke up thinking there can't possibly be a wrong side of the bed. Your optimism is catching -- you can help a family member who is having a hard time seeing the silver lining to a (seemingly) bad situation.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kate Hudson was born on the cusp. However, as astrologers know, "cusp" is just another way to say "not sure which sign it is." In Hudson's birth year, 1979, the sun was still in Aries on April 19, but a baby born today would be a Taurus. Hudson's Venus in Pisces gives her a magical aura, which could be why she was recently cast to play Jeannie in the movie version of "I Dream of Jeannie."

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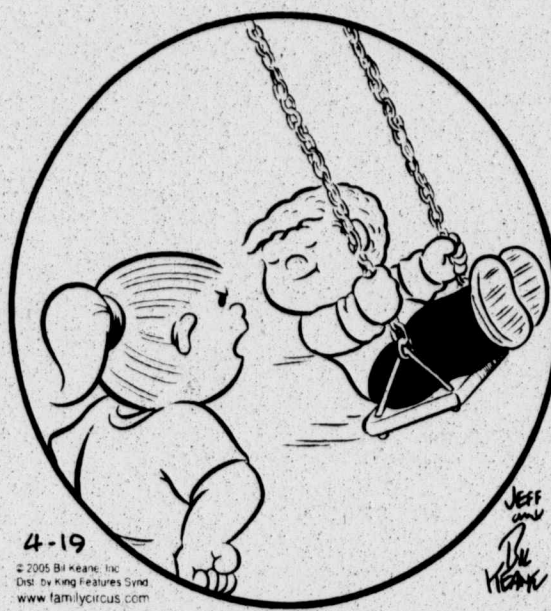
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"One thing everybody should take is turns!"

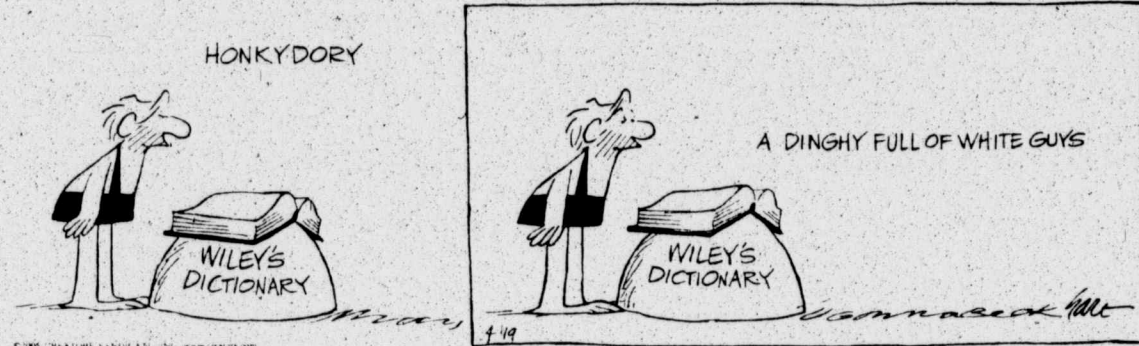
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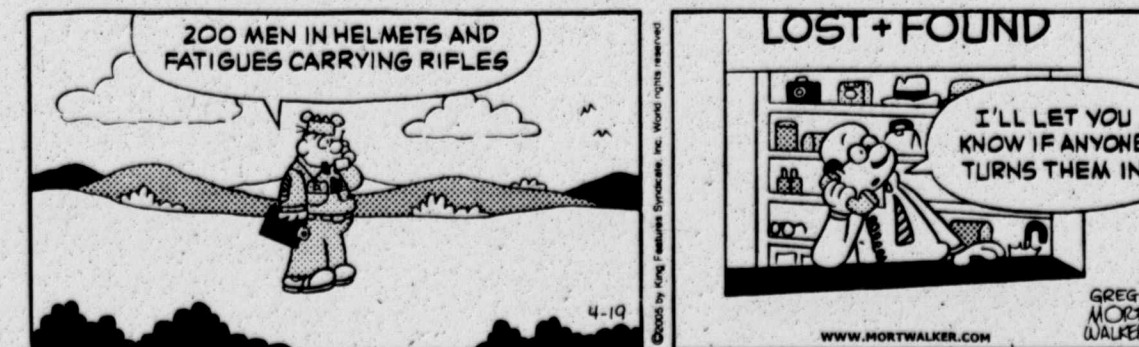
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 19, the 109th day of 2005. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

On this date:

In 1782, the Netherlands recognized American independence.

In 1893, the Oscar Wilde play "A Woman of No Importance" opened at the Haymarket Theatre in London.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quipping a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

In 1975, India announced it had launched its first satellite, from the Soviet Union atop a Soviet rocket.

In 1982, astronauts Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Hugh O'Brian is 80. Actress Elinor Donahue is 68. Actor Tim Curry is 59. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 58. Tennis player Sue Barker is 49. Recording executive Suge Knight is 40. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 38. Actress Ashley Judd is 37. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 37. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 35. Actor James Franco is 27. Actress Kate Hudson is 26. Actor Hayden Christensen is 24. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 24. Actor Courtland Mead is 18.

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE-A BATTERY by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Actress Lanchester, 5 Airport tracking device, 10 Sound boosters, 14 Two-person contest, 15 Film role for Madonna, 16 Numerical information, 17 Superior and Ontario, 19 "Fine by me!", 20 It follows the second intermission, 21 Concert extras, 23 Pi follower, 24 Wind dir., 26 From the top, 27 School fund-raiser, 30 Menu words, 33 Plumber's installation, 36 Descending one, 37 "When pigs fly!", 39 Moslem Almighty, 41 Margarine holder, 42 Idealistic hope, 43 Pageant winner's prize, 44 Coalition, 46 Cook's measures: Abbr., 47 Casual greeting, 48 Massachusetts nickname, 51 Postal delivery, 53 RR stop, 54 Family drs., 57 Learns thoroughly, 60 Horror-film sound, 62 Kitchen utensils, 63 Utility-bill adjustment, 65 Type of rapier, 66 Song syllables, 67 Playwright Coward, 68 Egg depository, 69 Arrive, as darkness, 70 Actor Malden, 8 "___ o'clock scholar", 9 Wily one, 10 Revere, 11 Cause trouble, 12 27 Across sponsors: Abbr., 13 Make a comment, 18 Turner or Brown, 22 Upright, 25 Elapsed, 27 Yellowstone beast, 28 All ___ Day (November 2), 29 Monastery heads, 31 Jump, 32 Weaponry, 33 Park trail, 34 Nastase of tennis, 35 They share their toys, 38 Art Deco artist, 40 Nun's garb, 45 Medical test, 49 Police announcements, 50 Auto gauge, 52 Balance-sheet item, 54 Port of Italy, 55 Clip-on device, 56 Fresh bread attribute, 57 Be sulky, 58 More than uncommon, 59 Numerical information, 61 Put in order, 62 Signer's implement, 64 Inventor Whitney

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

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Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

An Honored Poet

Meet Poet Ted Kooser

The Mini Page celebrates poetry month with an interview with U.S. poet laureate (LORE-ce-ut) Ted Kooser.

Each year the Library of Congress* appoints a top poet who works to encourage people to read and enjoy poetry. Today this honor is called "Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry." But most people just say "poet laureate."

*The Library of Congress is the official library for the U.S. Congress and is also the nation's library.

Past poets laureate include: Robert Frost, Gwendolyn Brooks, Robert Lowell and Rita Dove. Most of their poetry is for adults or older kids.

His background

Ted Kooser was born in Ames, Iowa. He earned college degrees at Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska.

He worked for an insurance company until he retired in 1999. For 35 years he got up early every morning and wrote before going to work. He has taught poetry part time at the University of Nebraska for many years.

Advice to kids

"Read poetry. That's the most important thing." He tells his college students they should read 100 poems for each one they write.



Ted Kooser, 65, lives with his wife, Kathleen Rutledge, outside Garland, Neb. She is the editor of the newspaper in Lincoln, Neb. They have two dogs, Howard, a yellow labrador, and Alice, a mutt. He has one grown son and a 6-year-old granddaughter.

His poetry

Ted Kooser said: "I had some pretty good teachers when I was a little boy. They got me interested in writing poems when I was quite small."

When he was a teenager, he became even more interested in writing poetry, partly, he said, because "I thought girls would be interested. It did work."

His first poem, about a hot rod race, was published when he was about 16. A friend of his sent it to a magazine.

He has since written 10 books of poetry. Most of his poetry is written for adults. At the right is one of his poems that kids might enjoy.

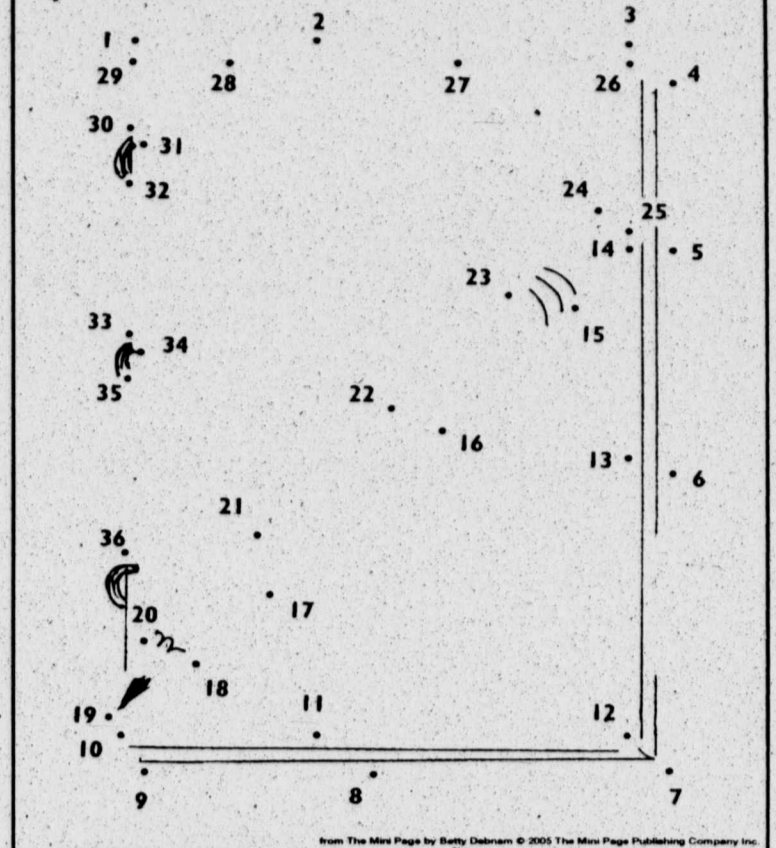
Sparklers by Ted Kooser

I scratched your name in longhand on the night, then you wrote mine. I couldn't see you, near me, laughing and chasing my name through the air, but I could hear your heart, I think, and feel your breath against the darkness, hurrying.

One word swirled out of your hand as you rushed hard to write it all the way out to its end before its beginning was gone. It left a frail red line trembling along on the darkness, and that was my name, my name.

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Go dot to dot and color what you might use to write a poem.



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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Mike Krzyzewski

Birthdate: 2-13-47 Hometown: Chicago
College: U.S. Military Academy

Mike Krzyzewski (sha-SHEF-ski) arrived at Duke University 25 years ago as a little-known basketball coach with a funny name. Now he's the well-known "Coach K."

The former team captain and coach at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point has guided Duke to three national championships, 10 trips to the Final Four and more than 700 victories. That earned him a spot in the Basketball Hall of Fame, and prompted Duke to name the floor at Cameron Indoor Stadium in his honor.

But Krzyzewski is more than a coach. He teaches his players life lessons as well as how to win titles.

Krzyzewski, married and the father of three daughters, also is the author of a best-selling book on leadership and is active in the community. He has helped raise several million dollars for charities, along with raising championship banners for Duke.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Pea Salad

You'll need:

- 1 (32-ounce) package frozen peas
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup sweet relish
- 2 eggs, hard-cooked and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- lettuce

What to do:

1. Cook peas according to package instructions. Drain and set aside to cool.
2. In a large bowl, combine the other ingredients except peas and lettuce.
3. Slowly add peas to mixture.
4. Chill in refrigerator for 1 hour. Serve over lettuce leaves. Serves 10. You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

Alan: How should a jogger wash his shoes?
Abby: With running water!

Abraham: When does running mean walking?
Alice: Running out of gas!

Andy: Why did the refrigerator lose the race?
Amy: It stopped running!

Basset Brown The News Hound's Poetry Month TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of poetry are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: POEM, RHYME, FORM, WORDS, READ, WRITE, ENJOY, FUN, PUBLISH, POET, DISCOVERY, EXPERIENCE, INFLUENCE, VARIETY, LIBRARY, FAVORITES, EXCITEMENT, PROSE, CARE.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN A POEM?

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is working on a poem. See if you can find:

- question mark
- ice-cream cone
- letter D
- sailboat
- steak
- kite
- letter Z
- arrow
- bell
- word MINI
- carrot
- safety pin
- tin can
- book
- key
- lima bean

A Sampling of Poetry

What is a poem?

Poet laureate Ted Kooser talked about what a poem is. He said: "A poem is the record of something discovered. It has about it the sense of discovery and the excitement of discovery."

"A poem is an experience like any other experience." Reading poetry should be an experience "like going to a movie or eating a good meal."

Poetry is different from prose because it "is written so carefully. If you were to move any of the words around, or any of the punctuation around, or change any of the words ... it would not have as much effect on us as it does ..."

"Prose is the usual way people speak or write."

The choice of words in the poem can affect how people respond to it. For example, if you put a chicken in a poem, people's experiences with chickens will influence how they respond to the poem.

A poem can be seen as a kind of machine. Its job is to affect the reader. And as with any machine, Kooser said, "we don't want any extra gears and belts in it."

"Poems have to feel complete and finished. They shouldn't have any spare parts."

What a poem is not

"A poem does not have to rhyme. It does not have to have a certain pattern," Kooser said. A poem "ought to have the form that feels most natural to itself."

A poem should not be seen as a problem to be solved. It should not be seen as something with a hidden meaning that only a teacher can figure out.

There is a big variety of poetry. Read as much as you can and choose your own favorites. Here is a sampling of poetry books for kids, and an example from each book.

"If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Poems About School" has fun poems about this big part of kids' lives.

"Mamá Goose: A Latino Nursery Treasury; Un Tesoro de Rimas Infantiles" is a sampling of poems from many Spanish-speaking cultures. Poems are in both Spanish and English.

Dancing on a Rainbow

by Kalli Dakos

When my reading teacher Comes to get me For my special reading class I feel like Dancing on a rainbow.

To me she is
a light in the darkness the twinkle of a star soft as a cottonball a true friend.

When my reading teacher Comes to get me For my special reading class I know what it is like To dance on a rainbow.

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Next week The Mini Page features recent discoveries about the planets.

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A nursery rhyme

by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy

Las palabras se reúnen para jugar saltan la cuerda, brincan y corren, forman rimas y marcan el ritmo. Las palabras cantan mientras juegan y la vida se vuelve canción.

Words get together to play. They skip rope, hop, jump and run. They form rhymes and mark the rhythm. Words sing as they play and all life becomes a song.

Some Things Don't Make Any Sense At All

by Judith Viorst

My mom says I'm her sugarplum. My mom says I'm her lamb. My mom says I'm completely perfect Just the way I am. My mom says I'm a super-special wonderful terrific little guy. My mom just had another baby. Why?

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