Coahoma defeated Holliday in Game 3 to advance in the playoffs.

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# Bill would allow Texans to buy drugs from Canada

By BRANDI GRISSOM

**Associated Press Writer** 

AUSTIN (AP) - Texans could buy cheaper prescription drugs from Canada under a bill tentatively approved in the House on Sunday.

"This would provide the safety and the cost savings" for Texas consumers, said Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, who sponsored a measure that would allow the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to create a drugs from Canadian pharma-Web site listing approved cies because they are less Canadian prescription drug dis-

Texas would join at least eight other states ignoring a federal ban on importing prescription drugs. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration opposes importing drugs, arguing officials here cannot guarantee the products' safety.

"This is an attempt to pierce the closed system of regulating drugs in this country," said Rep. Vicki Truitt, R-Southlake.

Many Americans already buy expensive. Hochberg said his

"For a lot of people, it's a difficult choice: You get to either buy your medicine or buy food."

-Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston

measure would help ensure Texans buy safe drugs. The amendment, approved with a vote of 114-17, was attached to a bill that reauthorizes the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

It would require the pharmacy board to inspect no more than 10 Canadian pharmacies and make sure they meet FDA, Texas and Canada standards as well as safe-shipping codes. Information about those pharmacies and how to order prescription drugs would be listed on the board's Web site.

Individuals and Texas pharmacies could purchase only FDA-approved drugs. Only drugs that are prescribed for long-term use could be ordered, and no more than a 90-day supply could be purchased at one time. A Canadian pharmacy could not fill a first-time prescription.

Hochberg said the measure

would prevent Texans trying to save hundreds of dollars on expensive drugs from being ripped off by online scammers selling bogus medicine.

"For a lot of people, it's a difficult choice: You get to either buy your medicine or buy food," Hochberg said.

Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri are among the states

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About 300 motorcycle enthusiasts roar into the Big Spring VA Medical Center parking lot Saturday morning. The riders are participating in the 17th annual Run For The Wall, a cross-country tour that will end up at the Vietnam Memorial in

# RUN FOR THE WALL

Motorcyclists visit VA hospital en route to Washington memorial

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

For an hour or so Saturday, the Big Spring VA Medical Center was Hog Heaven. Harleys by the hun-

dreds stopped in Big Spring Saturday as the Run for the Wall touring group visited patients at the hospital. The motorcycle enthusiasts are headed to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington.

This is the second year the group has stopped in Big Spring, but it marks the first year the contingent has visited the local

"In the past, we've visited the (local) Vietnam Memorial, but this year See WALL, Page 3A

we wanted to come to the VA because of the uncertainty surrounding whether it'll stay open,' said Diann Perkins of Odessa, a yearly participant in the Run. "We were afraid that next year, it wouldn't be here, so we wanted these guys to see the vets ... We can always see the memori-

has been an annual event for the past several years, attracting thousands of bikers across the country to participate in at least a leg or two of the tour.

The Run for the Wall

Recent participation has grown so large that Run sponsors are running two

# Area schools work hard to get seniors graduated

Still, two Howard County students won't receive diplomas

By STEVE REAGAN

Washington, D.C.

Staff Writer

Two Howard County high school seniors will not receive their diplomas when their respective schools hold commencement exercises later this week. One student each from

Big Spring High School and Forsan High School have failed to successfully complete all portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exit-level test, denying them diplomas at this time, school officials said.

All of Coahoma's Class of 2005 passed the exitlevel test, counselor Cheryl Green said.

Statewide, there are 21,198 seniors who have not yet passed one or of Texas high school

"I'm proud of this group. I feel that our students not only met the

requirements that we threw at them, but the very strenuous

more sections of the exitlevel test and will not receive their diplomas, according to information released by the Texas Education Agency.

state requirements,

as well."

Conversely, 91 percent

seniors passed all portions of the test and are in line to receive their diplomas, TEA noted.

Students began taking exit-level TAKS exams their junior year, and had opportunities between then and now to pass all portions of the test in order to graduate on time. This is the first year that the TEA requires all high school seniors to pass all four portions of the exit-level. test before receiving their diplomas.

Both Big Spring and Forsan officials said that remediation efforts are ongoing with the students in question. They will have another opportunity in July to retake the TAKS exam.

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# MUSEUM MADNESS



Four-year-old Dora Diane Hickam, right, gets a close look at Mr. Hissyfit, an albino king snake at the Heritage Museum Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of area children were guests of the facility during iMuseum Madness festivities, the opening of new children's

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# Ropin' a verse: Young poets' celebration set

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Verses extolling the virtues of ropin' and ridin' and workin' the range will be in abundance Tuesday when Elementary Washington hosts a Cowboy Poetry Celebration Cookout and Awards Ceremony at 4:30

The ceremony is the culminating event of a month-long workshop in which Big Spring fourth graders



learned the ins and outs of writing the verse the cowboy way, local cowboy poet Carl Condray said.

"These kids have worked hard gathering words, roping rhymes and

wrangling them into some pretty fine poems," Condray said. "All the kids worked on a class poem and an individual poem."

A contest will be held to determine the best poem. Judging the students' efforts will be Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, Justice of the Peace and renowned redeo clown Quail Dobbs and

Smith, Condray said. Sponsors Wells Fargo and Ward's Western Wear have donated prizes which include savings bonds and cowboy hats.

journalist

"Other prizes are still com- See POETS, Page 3A

ing in, and no child will go empty-handed,' away Condray said.

Condray recorded each of the students performing their poems, and compiled a CD for each campus. Some of the classes are publishing the poems in book format as well, he added.

"This is the second year of the project," Condray said. "Last year was a pilot pro-

# **Charles Edwin Buckner**



Charles Edwin Buckner, 81, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 21, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiat-

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral

He was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Dawson County and married Vivien Ann Middleton Feb. 16, 1952, in Big Spring.

Mr. Buckner came to Howard County as an infant. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, as a sheet metal worker, repairing planes and was stationed in Europe. He attended Howard County Junior College from 1947 to 1948, in 1949 he atttended Sul Ross University and in 1950 North Texas University. He owned and operated Buckner Auto Sales from 1946 until 1990 and also had farming and oil interests.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include wife, Vivien Buckner of Big Spring; one son, Robert Buckner of Austin; two daughters, Paula Jones and Marie Buckner, both of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Bobby Chrane of Lubbock, Kerrie Kauss and Roger Kauss, both of Big Spring; and two great-grandchildren, Jake Chrane and

Ashley Benton, both of Lubbock. Honorary pallbearers will be Rayford Gillihan, Clay Harris, Lee Harris, E.W. Greer, James Weaver, Ronnie Jones Jr., and Rondel Brock.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720 or the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460.

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

Paid obituary

# Harry B. Stevens

Harry B. Stevens, 93, of Sweetwater died Sunday, May 22, 2005, at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2005, in Garden of Memories in Sweetwater with the Rev. Michael Rodriguez officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

He was born Nov. 1, 1911, in Houston and married Edith Jackson Nov. 21, 1931, in Abilene. He had lived in Sweetwater since the late 1930s and was a Singer sewing machine salesman and repairman for many years. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Stevens, June 7, 2004, a son, Michael Stevens, March 25, 1972, one brother and one sister.

He is survived by three sons, Dwane Stevens and his wife Jane and Paul Stevens and his wife Pam, all of Sweetwater and Howard Stevens and his wife Karen of Big Spring; one daughter, Janice Stevens Dickey of Sweetwater; a brother, Charles Lester Stevens of Irvin; 19 grandchildren; and several great- and great-greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

# John I. Knox

John I. Knox, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, May 22, 2005, at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# **Roger Lee Evans**

Roger Lee Evans, 63, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Take note

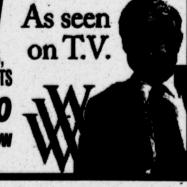
- ODYSSEY HEALTH CARE HOSPICE care giver dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. All past and current care givers are invited to this free dinner. Call Sadie Watkins at 263-5999.
- · YMCA SPLASH WEEK is May 31-June 3. Free swim lessons are available to families with children 5 and older. Four free 30-minute lessons are offered. Registration for Splash Week is today at the YMCA on a first come, first serve basis. There is a limited number of spots available.
- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- · RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

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# **Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- ROBERT EARL BURLESON, 42, of 1102 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- REBECCA HUTCHESON, 28, of 203 Becker, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- · CRUZ CASTILLO, 35, of 1572 Wood, was arrested Sunday on a Williamson County warrant.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 1200 block of 19th Street.
- in the 1000 block of Howell.
- THEFT was reported: - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 1200 block of 11th place. - in the 900 block of Willia.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 1900 block of
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1300 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of Willia.

# Sheriff's report

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

• FAVIAN ANDREW URIAS III, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense, enhanced.

• EARL PERRY HANKE, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for two counts of theft by check and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• ROBERT DIAZ JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving with an invalid license, resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal mischief.

 CARL CURRIE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for theft by check, Caldwell County warrants for aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping and a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 JEREMY SAMORA, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 TRACY LYNN STURGILL, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• HENRY DUSTIN SANCHEZ, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

 REBECCA HUTCHESON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• MICHAEL JAMES SHERIDAN, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

South winds Around 15 mph. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Southeast Winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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derstorms. Lows In the lower 60s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

# Support groups

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

THURSDAY

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

# **Bulletin board**

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

TODAY

 Registration for Splash Week at the YMCA. Four free swimming lessons for children 5 and older.

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

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

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

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

 Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome. · Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 12th Street at 6:10 p.m. Friday. One person was transported

to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 11:40 a.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 at 2:06 a.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison at 10:38 p.m. Friday. Service was refused. AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 at 2:06 a.m.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of

Harding at 1:04 p.m. Saturday. Service was refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg Street at 10:31 a.m. Saturday. Service was refused.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa at 9:27 p.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee at 10:12 p.m. Saturday. Service was refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway at 7:47 a.m. Saturday. One person was trans-

ported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels at 9:48 a.m. Saturday. Service was refused.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson at 9:59 p.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of S. Anderson Road at 12:09 a.m. Saturday. One person was

transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. One person was trans-

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· MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster at 11:23 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Soldier faces trial in unarmed Iraqi's death

gent in retaliation for a deadly attack on a U.S. base.

Before the military trial starts Monday, the judge

was to decide whether to allow testimony about one of

Werst's superiors allegedly giving an illegal order for

troops to hunt down a list of suspected insurgents and

Prosecutors have said part of their case involves

But Werst's attorneys said Capt. Matthew

Cunningham would testify that he never gave those

orders, showing there was no premeditation when

Another soldier told Army investigators that Werst

punched and shot Ismail, then planted a handgun on

him to make the shooting appear as self-defense,

Radioactive waste begins its journey to Texas

The Ohio plant processed and purified uranium

metal for use in reactors to produce plutonium for

nuclear weapons from the 1950s until 1989. The waste

will be transported to a site near the Texas-New

Mexico border in about 5,000 large, sealed containers

The material does not pose a great risk to humans,

said Jeff Wagner, a spokesman for the Fluor Fernald,

the U.S. Department of Energy contractor cleaning up

Should an accident occur, first responders would

deal with it like a hazardous materials spill, he said.

"From a radiation standpoint, it's not going to kill

people," Wagner said, adding that there are "far

greater risks" from chemicals, gasoline and acids

Visionary Solutions, LLC, an Oak Ridge, Tenn.-

based company, will transport the radioactive waste,

but Fernald is responsible for preparing the material

the shuttered plant just outside Cincinnati.

being carried on the nation's roadways.

before it's loaded onto flatbed trucks.

Naser Ismail was killed in January 2004.

according to previous court testimony.

ney to Texas this month.

filled with a concrete mixture.

if convicted of murder and obstruction of justice.

SHRINE CLUB RECEIVES CHECK

Gordon Myrick, left, of Open For Repairs, presents an oversized check for \$150 to Big Spring Shrine Club members,

from left, John Keller Jr., Howard Smith, James Hughes, Sherrill Farmer, Danny Wright and Hulen Bagwell Saturday

afternoon. Shriners collected used ink cartridges for Myrick, who will recyle the cartridges for future use.

# Girl, 8, found buried alive in trash bin at landfill

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — Police won a race against time when an officer searching a landfill found a missing 8-yearold girl buried under rocks in a trash bin, authorities said. The officer who found her hailed scene to there's hope her Monday as "a true there now." hero."

ing overnight at her god- the girl to breathe, Hall mother's house when she was reported missing early Sunday and an Amber Alert was issued, police said. A teen who had been staying in the home was arrested, and the girl was in good condition at a hospital.

Police Sgt. Mike Hall was scouring the landfill for the child when he looked inside the trash bin and saw a yellow recycling container. When he opened the lid, he saw a foot and a hand and feared for the worst. Hall told ABC's "Good tial court appearance Morning America" on scheduled Monday. Monday.

He said he summoned a fellow officer "and he shouted out, you know, her finger is moving. And at that point the expression on everybody's face just changed. I mean, it went from a hopeless

There must have been The girl had been stay- air pockets that allowed said, calling her a "true hero."

"For her to endure what she did and live for more than seven hours in the recycling bin says a lot for her," Hall told ABC. The girl had been sexu-

ally assaulted, authorities said.

Milagro Cunningham, 17, was charged with attempted murder, sexual battery on a child under 12, and false imprisonment of a victim under 13 years old, police said. He was in custody for an ini-

# **Texas House approves** telecommunication bill

companies won a victory over the cable industry vice over fiber-optic net-Sunday when the House works that also could tentatively approved a carry voice and highbill that would make it speed data transmission. easier for SBC, Verizon and other phone compa-create billions of dollars nies to sell TV services.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, had tried unsuccessfully twice before to get the bill approved before prevailing Sunday.

non-recorded vote, would allow phone companies to petition as soon as the get a TV franchise from equipment and facilities the state rather than are ready, not months or requiring them to go to years later. each city they want to serve to obtain franchis-

allow phone companies to serve only the areas in a city that they choose to serve.

Current law generally forces cities to require cable franchise holders to serve all homes.

Cable companies dominate TV service now but phone companies are try-

AUSTIN (AP) — Phone ing to get into the business by offering video ser-

> King said the bill will of investment for Texas, spur job creation; increase revenue for municipalities increase competition.

Verizon Communications Inc. spokesman Bill The bill, approved on a Kula said Texans deserve the benefits of cable com-

"Genuine competition will happen faster by creating a statewide fran-The bill also would chise for video services in Texas," Kula said.

> The cable industry has said poor households would be discriminated against under terms of the bill because telephone companies want to build fiber-optic networks only in upscale neighbor-

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tours simultaneously, Perkins said.

"These are mostly Vietnam vets, and veterans of other wars," Perkins said, waving toward the mass of motorcycles. "This is to help keep people aware of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action issue ... and we want to show support for ald.com.

our troops in Iraq, also." After leaving the hospital, the group headed east

for a brief stop in Colorado City. Perkins said the enthusiasts plan to visit other VA hospitals and other sites of interest before arriving in Washington on Friday.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringher-

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that have similar programs, and the Nevada Legislature is considering setting up a Web site like anything to stop other the one approved by the House.

Truitt said she worried the site could result in the arrest of Texans violating the federal ban by

ordering foreign drugs.

"This is an issue of federal law," she said, adding the decision about allowing drug imports ought be left to Congress.

The FDA has not done states from creating such Web sites.

The measure must next be approved by the Senate and governor becoming law.

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gram, and it went so well we opened it up to the district. It has been a perwith the students, teach- ald.com.

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of the TAKS test.

"I'm proud of this group," Ritchey said. "I

FORT HOOD (AP) - A month after he backed out of AUSTIN (AP) - A measure that would require doca plea deal, an Army soldier faces trial on a charge tors to get parental consent before performing an alleging he killed an unarmed suspected Iraqi insurabortion on a girl younger than 18 died in the House on Sunday night, but the measure is alive in another bill approved by the House last week. Staff Sgt. Shane Werst, 32, faces up to life in prison

Parental consent bill tripped up

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, said he killed the Senate bill because the House had already approved identical legislation.

"It was a matter of spending two or three hours debating something we've already debated," he said about 9 p.m. Sunday after more than four hours of debate on another of his bills that would make it easier for phone companies to offer video services.

King said he is feels sure the parental consent measure will stay in the bill approved last week that reauthorizes the functions of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

The only major difference between the Senate and House measures is the punishment for doctors who do not seek a parent's consent before performing an abortion.

# School finance compromise deadline nears

AUSTIN (AP) - A self-imposed deadline for reach-LUBBOCK (AP) — Trucks toting tons of Cold Waring a school finance compromise neared Sunday with era uranium byproduct waste from a shuttered govlittle apparent progress on the centerpiece of the legernment plant in Ohio will begin their 1,300-mile jourislative session.

House and Senate negotiators did not meet publicly over the weekend, instead waiting for an analysis from the comptroller on an alternate tax bill crafted by the House.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, had hoped negotiators would reach a compromise over the weekend. But, he set Monday or Tuesday as his "drop-dead date" to produce an agreement before the session ends May 30. They would need to reach a consensus that could be sent to the printers in time to meet various legislative deadlines later this week.

Lawmakers intend to lower school property taxes and increase education spending, but haven't agreed on how the state will cover the tax cut and additional spending. Both House and Senate plans include a variety of new taxes, including increased cigarette, alcohol and sales levies.

The cornerstone of either proposal is a restructured business tax, though both chambers differ on how it will be applied to Texas employers.

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Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey said tutorial services were provided to students who initially failed portions of the TAKS exitlevel test during their junior year.

Ritchey said 18 students initially failed the language arts portion of the test, 27 failed the mathematics portion, only three failed to pass in social studies and 35 had to retake the science portion

While disappointed for the student who will miss this week's graduation, Ritchey said he was proud of the Class of 2005's overall accomplish-

feel that our students not

only met the requirements that we threw at them, but the very strenuous state requirements, as well."

Ritchey said 212 BSHS seniors will receive diplomas in graduation ceremonies Friday.

TEA allows school districts the option of allowing a student who hasn't successfully completed the TAKS to still participate in graduation ceremonies, receiving a "certificate of course comple-

tion" in lieu of a diploma. Independent Forsan School District Superintendent Randy Johnson said FISD will allow its student to participate in Thursday's gradceremonies. uation Ritchey, however, said that BSISD's student will not be permitted to participate in Friday's com-

mencement program. "Our school board has decided that students must pass (the exit-level one portion of the TAKS tests) before they can participate (in graduation ceremonies)," Ritchey said.

Johnson said Forsan school officials are actively working with the student in question in preparation for July's round of testing.

"Tutorials have been set up," Johnson said. "It will be a lot of one-on-one work to get that student ready for the TAKS test."

And Ritchey said that BSISD is by no means giving up on its student, even if that student does not pass the re-take in July.

"We will offer remediation as long as the student is willing to work on it," he said.

Johnson and Ritchey said the students will receive diplomas as soon as they successfully complete the exams. Both students have passed all but exit-level test.

Officials with Stanton, Garden City and Sands school districts all confirmed that all of the Class of 2005 at their respective schools have passed all portions of the TAKS exit-level test.

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

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# **OUR VIEWS**

# \$6 jury pay allows an excuse for folks to shirk responsibility

exas has put a price tag on civic responsibility. It's \$6 a day.

That's the going rate for juror duty in most counties, and it has been that way since 1954.

Six dollars a day wasn't a king's ransom in 1954. Today, it doesn't cover courthouse parking or, God forbid, lunch and provides yet another excuse for Texans to shirk their civic duty. In Dallas County, it's estimated that one in five citizens summoned for jury duty shows up. You might not, either, if you hadn't gotten a raise since Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, wants to bring jury pay into this century and is pressing a measure to hike the daily rate to \$40 per juror after the first day the same as federal jurors get. His bill is close to passing in the Senate. The State Bar of Texas and several current and former Texas Supreme Court justices back his efforts.

Oh, sure, but who pays for this piece of good government? Here's the answer: The bill would add \$4 to criminal conviction fees; the estimated \$18 million that would raise would cover the additional compensation.

Texas jurors are the lowest paid in the nation. About 36 states require jurors be paid at least \$20 a day, and some mandate \$50 a day. About 23 states provide 100 percent of the funds for jury pay or 100 percent more than Texas does.

Better pay will reduce the no-show rate. For example, El Paso's rate dropped sharply after officials raised the county stipend to \$40 a day in the late 1990s.

People give lots of excuses to skip jury duty. Let's make sure "I can't afford it," isn't one of them anymore.

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# YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the many merchants who provided support for the Moss PTA Carnival on April

OPINION

We would like to also thank those who sat in the dunking booth; the Big Spring ISD cheerleaders and Kris Larson; the Moss Elementary staff; and the students, parents and grandparents for the donations of their time, supplies and help. All their efforts resulted in a huge suc-

LEIGH-ANNE BENSON, SHANA BIDDISON AND LEAH SEALY, Moss Elementary PTA

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the seventh grade at New Hope Christian School. The junior high and senior high classes have been working on a project about supporting the Jews that were killed in the Holocaust by collecting paper clips. Each paper clip represented 4,000 Jews who died.

I would like to thank you for putting our story in the Herald. It meant a lot to me.

> TRAVIS WARD **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the seventh grade at New Hope Christian School.

The junior high and senior high classes have been working on a project about the Holocaust.

Thank you for printing stories about the sports, UIL and special projects.

You print news from other schools and we thank you for your interest in our school activities.

> WENDELL MOORE **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the seventh grade at New Hope Christian School. We have been working on the Holocaust report. We got paper clips and put them up on the ceiling.

Thank you for putting us in the newspaper.

> TREVOR STRICKLAND **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the 12th grade at New Hope Christian School. We have been studying about the Holocaust. My class appreciates Marsha Sturdivant for doing the article

We want to thank her for her time and effort in preparing the article in the paper and for helping public remember Holocaust.

> NATHAN NALBY **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the eighth grade at New Hope Christian School. We have been studying and talking about the Holocaust.

I really appreciate the time Marsha Sturdivant devoted to our class. The entire class appreciated

Thanks again for your time and interest to get our class in the

> ASHLEY MIRAMONTES **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm in the 12th grade at New Hope Christian School. We have been studying about the Holocaust.

My class really appreciated Marsha Sturdivant doing the article about our Holocaust project with paperclips representing the people that died.

Thank you for spending time on the article so the public could remember with us.

> ANGELA CARRILLO **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the sixth grade at New Hope Christian School. We have been studying the Holocaust. My class really appreciates Marsha

Sturdivant putting us in the paper. Thank you for your interest and

> CHELSEA CARRILLO **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am in the sixth grade at New Hope Christian School. The junior and senior high classes have had a really great time. In

ject is a thank you. The Herald printed the pictures that we took of our Holocaust project. We collected paper clips in memory of the 6 million Jews who

It made us all feel important. We all felt proud and when we got put into the paper, it was awesome.

We all wanted to thank you for doing all of that. To be in the town's paper was an honor. You always print the news for all the schools and that's cool.

You print all the sports and everything and that's awesome. Thank you for liking our activity and just keep doing it.

JONATHAN B. WILLIAMS **BIG SPRING** 

TO THE EDITOR:

George W. is having a major problem with a revision of Social Security...he can't get any cooperation from a disinterested Congress who are happy, overjoyed and satisfied with their retirement benefits! So why worry about John Q. Citizen and his Social Security problems? To get instant attention from Congress George W. needs to merely jerk the Golden Fleece or Golden Parachute retirement out from under the Senators and Congressmen and place our House and Senate servants on Social Security just like you and me. Our Senators and Congressmen/women do not pay into Social Security since they don't collect from it. Plain old Social Security is not suitable for persons of such distinguished and rarefied elevation in our society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves so they voted in their own special benefit/retirement plan. It is a great plan and their plan works like this:

When they retire they continue to draw the same pay until they die, except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments.

For example, retired Sens. Bill Bradley and Phil Gramm of Texas and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000 with their wives drawing \$275,000 during the last years of their lives all calculated on an average life span for each. They draw over \$13,000 a month and what is the cost for this excellent retirement

congressmen voted for themselves is free to them. You and I, the just to name a few. happy taxpayers, pick up the tab. The funds for their retirement come directly from the General Fund...That's yours and my tax dollars. By comparison...from yours and my Social Security Plan (which we've pay into every working day of our lives—every payday) until we retire...we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement. We would have to collect our average \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one month to equal Sens. Bradley and Gramm

benefits. And who removed our Social Security from an independent fund and put it into the General Fund so that Congress could spend it? The first Texas president, Lyndon Baines Johnson. Who put an 85 percent tax on Social Security (money that we have paid into the fund for all our working days) the Democratic Party with Al Gore casting the deciding vote. And who decided to give Social Security to illegal immigrants who've moved into this country at 65 years of age? The Democratic Party has given them Social Security although they have never paid a dime.

Social Security could be very, very, good...if we could balance the equities...jerk the Golden Fleece Golden Parachute and/or Retirement Plan for the Senators and Congressmen and put them into the Social Security Plan with the rest of us...then sit back and see how fast the would fix it!

George Washington refused to accept a federal salary to serve as president endorsing and returning every paycheck he received to the U.S. Treasury. He said that to serve his nation was an honor and that neither he nor anyone else should

every be paid to do so. This scandalous and disgraceful situation is the best argument for term limits when (90 percent of the waking hours of these, our elected officials, are consumed in their constant and continuous fund raising activities to pay for their reelection. It is no surprise that they reward themselves with such an overly generous and absurd retirement at our expense, which

tion, health care and many other deserving programs go begging for lack of funds.

None other than Abraham Lincoln addressed such a bewildering and humiliating governmental situation.

"It is the eternal struggle between right and wrong...it is the same spirit that says, 'You toil and work and earn bread, and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a King...who would live by the fruit of the labor of his subjects...it is the same tyrannical principle.'

"In Latvia this past week, George W. (a good old West Texas boy) said, "We will not repeat the mistakes of other generations, appeasing or excusing tyranny...

The embarrassing, inexcusable and assured retirement benefits our congressmen and senators have given themselves is tyranny right here at home.

And how should George W. repair Social Security? That's easy, remove the guaranteed federal lottery-winning benefits presently awarded to all our elected federal servants and put them on Social Security like the rest of us. Social Security can (and will) be repaired immediately.

> R.E. "PEPPY" BLOUNT LONGVIEW

TO THE EDITOR:

On April 28, Big Spring RSVP celebrated its 26th year. This year 378 volunteers served 88,085 hours, providing more than \$540,231 worth of service to our community.

I am sure you can go to a lot of towns and not get the same numbers we have in Big Spring alone. Our RSVP volunteers are everywhere a volunteer is needed.

These people were multi-tasking before anyone knew what the word meant. We just thought we were juggling a lot of jobs at one time and running a household, so doing a lot of this at once just came naturally. Now we know that were doing all along — multi-tasking. And the Big Spring volunteers multi-task well. They were at Relay for Life in full force; at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Home Hospice, always filling bags or stuffing envelopes for someone; delivering Mobile Meals; at the VA Nothing...Nicht...Nada...Zilch! This Hospital; helping out with the lucrative plan our senators and Festival of Lights; and driving patients to Midland for treatments,

There are many jobs too numerous to mention. All you have to do is call Nancy Jones and let her know you have a need for a volunteer and she can usually put you in contact with someone who can help. Volunteers are everywhere. If

they hear of a need they are there. Big Spring is so blessed to have such a strong volunteer program as RSVP and doubly blessed to have Nancy Jones as program director and Becky Letz as her assistant. Go by and see these two ladies and see what you can do as a volunteer for your community or just call them and tell them how much you appreciate their hard work.

SHERRY HODNETT BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of LULAC Council 4791 and the West Texas **Producers and Farmers Market our** sincere thanks to the many people, organizations and businesses that helped to make our Cinco de Mayo Festival the success it was.

We would especially like to thank the city of Big Spring. When lastminute changes had to be made, Kenny Davis, Jesse Baker and Tyler Bradley came out after hours and went above the call of duty to help make our event run smoothly. There is not enough we can say about men who are as kind and dedicated as they are.

Our city council also came out in support — speaking, working booths and pitching tents. Gloria McDonald, Woody Jumper and Stephanie Horton, we could not have done it without you.

Terry Blackshear helped coordinate Congressman Randy Neugebauer's appearance and we are grateful to her.

We would also like to thank the downtown businesses for their patience and support, as we flooded the downtown area with people this weekend. They were truly good sports about it all.

In closing, I'd like to say we are all fortunate to live in Big Spring and to have the support that is displayed day in and day out by so many. Thank you all.

KELLY DEAR ZANT BIG SPRING

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**BIG SPRING** 

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By BOB LAM South Florida

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# More and more terminally ill patients who prefer to die at home are turning to hospice

# To your health

By BOB LAMENDOLA

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South Florida Sun-Sentinel FORT LAUDERDALE,

Fla. - After the doctors told Jean Dunbar they couldn't reverse her terminal lung disease, she made a decision that a fast-growing number of Americans are making.

At 55, Dunbar quit fighting the illness and chose a hospice program that sends nurses, doctors, aides and counselors to the two-bedroom apartment in Coral Springs. Fla., she shares with her son and daughter-in-law.

"I want to die at home. Nobody wants to die in a hospital or some sterile somewhere." Dunbar said. "I can't take care of myself. There was no way my family could

to be with child. my Hospice was our way for me to have the best quality of life and be with here him."

The Terri Schiavo case illustrated a growing view of hospice as a dig-

nified and peaceful way to end life, free from respirators, feeding tubes and other devices that artificially prolong life for people with no real hope of Many of them watched

ple received hospice care "machines"in the hospital, last year, twice as many as in 1997. About onethird of Medicare patients now die in hospice, more than three times as many as in 1992. Medicare paid \$6.3 billion for hospice services last year, twice as much as in 2000.

Florida ranked third nationally Arizona and Colorado in the proportion of Medicare patients who chose to die in hospice, according to a 2000 federal study.

Rather than treat disease, hospice care focuses on making terminally ill comfortable patients through pain medication, help with daily tasks and lots of counseling that also extends to relatives. Hospices do not halt therapies such as heart pills that keep patients living well. They also supply wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen and other devices to improve quality of life. It's available to those who

are told they have up to six months to live.

Many are embracing the approach because of a growing awareness of the service and increased marketing to non-cancer patients, who had not been using hospice, said the U.S. Government Accountability Office study. Experts say it also reflects a change in medicine in which consumers take more responsibility for their own health care and look for more options.

Hospice advocates expect the trend to escalate as Baby Boomers grow older, with the number of people over 65 projected to double during the next decade to about 40 million.

"There's more attention on quality of life," said do it on their own. I want nurse Patrick Hansen, a

director at "Most doctors go Gold Coast Home Health into medicine & Hospice of because they want taxto make people assisted North better. It's difficult Broward when a course of Hospital District, the treatment is not program effective. They have used Dunbar. a hard time stopping "The old the therapy." generation of

patients did what the doctor said. The new generation is more willing to do what is best for them instead of what the doctor might say."

getting betteraggiovae gaittiolder relatives ebattle to More than amillion peorinettie end, kept alive b a process that can devastate the family, said Jon Radulovic, a spokesman for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

"They decide, 'I don't want to go through what grandpa went through,"" he said.

Hospice advocates say millions more people could qualify but do not sign up, often because of misconceptions.

Many think hospice care is practiced only in licensed facilities like the center where Schiavo lived. But three-fourths of the patients get care at home or their nursing home. Many also mistakenly think they have to pay the cost out of pocket, but Medicare has covered hospice care since 1983 and hospices are required to give service to patients who cannot pay.

Some physicians — especially older ones keep patients in treat-



When Jean Dunbar, 55, learned she had terminal lung cancer, she decided to live at home with the assistance of hospice care. Here she hugs CNA Mary Groom goodbye at the end of a visit. Groom comes twice a week to check on Dunbar.

ment after hope for recovmedical director of As death nears, aides may County (Fla.). More than clock.

the end. "Most doctors go into medicine because they want to make people better. It's difficult when a course of treatment is not effective. They have a hard time stopping the therapy," Cooney said.

Medical schools now include units on improving end-of-life care.

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Hospice doctors and free family members of care, advocates said. ery has gone rather than nurses visit patients at recommend hospice, said least monthly, and aides Dr. Gail Austin Cooney, come at least once a week. Hospice of Palm Beach be present around the I was like out in the mid-

> tion has turned her lungs leathery and dysfunctional, so that just walking to the bathroom leaves her winded.

When she could no longer care for herself at home in Tupelo, Miss., Dunbar moved in with her son, Eric, and started hospice in October.

Hospice services also

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some daily chores, giving them more time together in the final weeks of life. "When hospice came in,

dle of the ocean and someone-third of hospice Jean Dunbar's aide one threw me a life raft," the Carolinas reported patients die within a comes twice a week. She week because they gets medication to help entered the program at her breathe. Her condidiapers, feeding, cleaning and moving her mother, Helen Winterstein, 92, who died in February.

Hospice is not for everyone. Many people want doctors to keep fighting their disease to the end. and some cannot abide strangers when they are ill. Such people are not a good match for hospice a bad rap."

Also, some people have profound pain or depression that hospice can't alleviate. In a survey last year, more than half of hospice social workers in

some protesters angry at the decision to remove her feeding tube accused the hospice facility of being a party to her death.

Shaw said she stands by hospice. "Her case should be a great opportunity to teach about it. "I'd hate to see them get





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# RN, LVN of the Year named at BSSH

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital Team Nurse Roe Lynn Fuqua, RN, and Chris Lopez, an LVN on the Medical Unit, were named RN and LVN of the Year during a May 11 luncheon honoring the hospital's 90-plus nurses during National Nursing Week.

Chief Executive Nurse Stormy Ward, MSN, RNC, named the two outstanding nurses during a luncheon in the Allred Building Auditorium.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthof Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Amid a backdrop of blue and gold stars following the theme of "BSSH Nurses - Our Shining Stars," Ward presented the two awards to the RN and LVN who have demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and who continually improve the lives of the

patients through their daily contact.

began her Fuqua employment at Big Spring State Hospital in January 1996 and currently is employed as a team nurse.

"Her quality of work is so high that it has often been used as an example for training new team nurses," Ward said when making the announcement. "She is not only committed to her patients and the other members of the team, but also to those staff members on the unit who are providing direct patient care. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure continuity of care for her patients.

"She does not consider herself a leader, but she is not a follower either. She chooses the right path for clients no matter what opinion others may have. She works very well independently, is punctual, dependable and knowledgeable in hospital policies and procedures, often assisting other nurses to



Big Spring State Hospital Chief Executive Nurse Stormy Ward presents Roe Lynn Fuqua with the RN of the Year

better serve our cus- State Hospital who protomers. She has been described as not only an excellent nurse who always provides the highpeers."

employee of Big Spring an LVN.

vides care to the medically frail patients who are mentally ill.

"He enjoys working est level of care to her with his patients," Ward patients, but also as a pos- said. "He is trustworthy itive role model for her and sets a good example. He has overcome many Lopez is a 13-1/2-year obstacles in his career as

patient's families, his

peers and other staff members. He is kind, has a quiet demeanor and always takes on new assignments without complaint. The patients and staff depend on him to provide quality, timely, appropriate care."

"He is considerate of

The two nurses received a plaque honoring their award.

The winner's peers and supervisors nominated Fuqua and Lopez. A committee of two nurse managers and an MHMR Service Assistant made the final selection, Ward



Big Spring State Hospital Chief Executive Nurse Stormy Ward presents Chris Lopez with the LVN of the Year award.

# Clark named Psychiatric Aide of the Year

Each of the 15 mental brainchild of Smith and

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

James A. Clark, a fiveyear employee of Big Spring State Hospital, was named the 2005 Psychiatric Aide of the Year by Chief Nurse **Executive Stormy Ward** during a Friday afternoon ceremony and reception.

Psychiatric aides or direct care workers comprise the largest segment of the hospital's workforce — about 230 of the 600-plus employees.

The Psychiatric Aide of the Year is nominated by hospital employees and supervisors and is chosen by a committee of their peers.

Clark began his career at Big Spring State

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

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Hospital in January 2000 other staff members. as a direct care worker on

I within six months.

He earned two more leader during the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift on acute psychiatric males and intensive observation ser-

A repeat quarterly award winner, Clark's supervisors call him a "valuable staff member of kind of person that would Big

and always does his best," Ward said. "He is an and all who know him." excellent role model for

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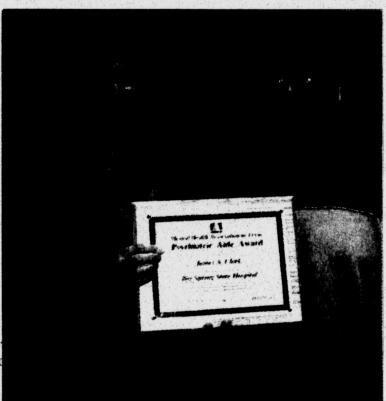
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### Lady Steer Boosters to elect new officers

The Big Spring Lady Booster Club has se its end of the year meeting for Monday a 6 p.m. in the ATC.

The meeting will pri marily take place to elect new officers for the 2005-06 school ve The meeting will at be used to discuss mer fund-raising idea and close out the 2 05 school year.

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# Coahoma outlasts Holliday to advance

By TROY HYDE

**Sports Editor** 

ABILENE — It seemed like deja vu Saturday for the Bulldogettes softball team in Abilene, and the result proved to be similar to last week, as well, as Coahoma (23-11) outlasted Holliday in three games to advance to the regional final next week against Jim Ned.

The Bulldogettes won Game 1 Friday, 6-0, lost Game 2, 3-2, in 12 innings and then came back to take the series in the decisive game, winning 5-2.

"Like last weekend against Hawley, the girls responded well with the pressure on them," said Coahoma Robby Dickenson. "They got things done when we needed it most."

Mistakes cost Coahoma the win in Game 2 as the Bulldogettes committed four errors - two in the final inning — and lost by one run after grabbing the lead in the top of the 12th.

The game was scoreless through 11 innings, but the offense for each team picked up in the 12th.

Coahoma started the inning with a single by junior Kali Roberts and then later scored on a double down the left field line by junior Liz Conley. Then, junior Sarah Dunn singled in Conley and Coahoma led, 2-0.

On a normal day that would have been enough runs to give Roberts the win on the mound. but mistakes in the field turned things around in a hurry.

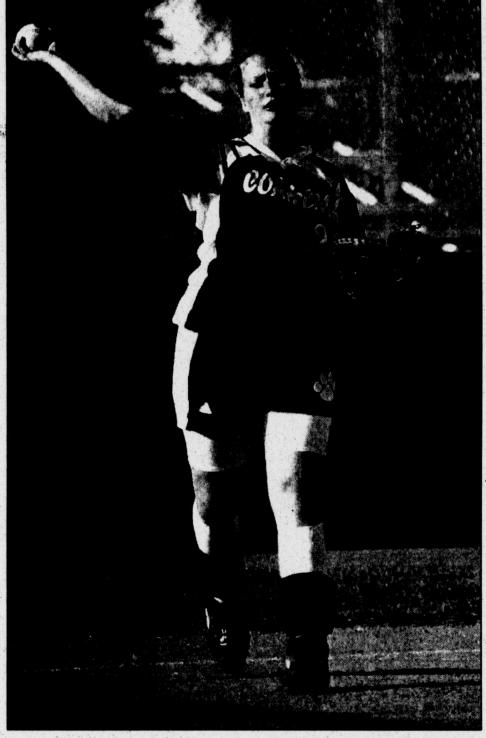
Holliday started the 12th inning with a walk and then a routine fly ball to the outfield was misplayed by the Bulldogettes. The Lady Eagles had three runners on base with one out but after a force out at home as a throw by Dunn, Combons as de unners on second and third with one out with a 2-1 lead.

Holliday managed to score two runs on the next play as another error in the infield for Coahoma led to two unearned runs and the win for Holliday.

Roberts threw all 12 innings and gave up five hits and one earned run. She struck out 17 batters and only walked one.

"I thought she was strong all the way through," said Dickenson. "When we needed an out she stepped up and got it done."

The only other time Coahoma was in trouble on defense was in



Coahoma freshman Christie Rich attempts to throw out a runner during Game 1 of the Buildogettes' series with Holliday Friday in Abilene.

the fifth inning when Holliday them came in the final inning. That runner was eventually thrown out at home in a run down.

"I can't complain about the effort on the two plays we made mistakes, but the miscues definitely hurt our chances," said Dickenson.

Coahoma had a runner on second base in both the fifth inning and 11th inning, but could not get her across homeplate.

"The heat fatigued us a bit and much

Dickenson.

led off the inning with a triple. Conley led Coahoma with two hits, an RBI and a run, while Ruby Garcia, Cheyenne Grice. Dunn and Roberts all added hits, as well. Dunn had an RBI and Roberts scored one run.

"We struggled to hit the ball because their pitcher competed hard," said Dickenson. "She rose to the ocassion and was difficult to hit. We hit the ball, but she kept us off-balance."

The offense in Game 3 was different as the think we got tired," said Bulldogettes rapped off 12 hits and won by three runs. Eight of The Bulldogettes managed just the nine players in the six hits in Game 2 and two of Bulldogettes' lineup got at least

one hit in the game.

Holliday took the early lead with two runs in the third inning. However, Coahoma stormed back and broke the game open in the fourth inning with four runs and grabbed the lead for good. Holliday committed four errors in the game and three came in the four-run fourth. The other error by the Lady Eagles came in the seventh inning as Coahoma added another run and put Holliday away.

"The girls' attitude was the same as it was last week after we lost to Hawley," said Dickenson. "I knew we would score some runs so getting down early didn't really scare me."

The difference in the game was Coahoma's ability to use another pitcher in Game 3 and give Roberts a break for a few innings.

Junior Ashle New started the game and pitched the first three innings and left on the losing end as the Bulldogettes were down 2-0. New struck out three in the first three innings and allowed five hits.

Roberts finished the final four innings and gave up just one hit, while striking out seven and allowing two walks.

"It was huge for us to be able to give Kali a break," said Dickenson. "Ashle being able to pitch was the key I thought because their pitcher got tired. I think throwing in all three games took a toll on her late in Game 3."

Roberts led the Bulldogettes with three hits at the plate, as well. She added an RBI. Conley and New both had two hits. New added an RBI and a run scored.

"They made more mistakes than us in Game 3 and that helped us win the game," said Dickenson. "Our ability to put the ball in play was another difference."

The road to state runs through Jim Ned for Coahoma as the Bulldogettes try to get to state again next week in the regional final. There has been no information released on next week's game, but possible locations are Snyder, San Angelo or Abilene. The game will most likely be a one-game series due to graduation of both teams and the one game could be played Saturday.

Jim Ned defeated Seymour in the regional semifinal, 4-1.

# Softball

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Abilene High - Coahoma 6, Game 1 Holliday 0

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Region I

Regional semifinals Eula vs. Windthorst, 8 p.m.

Thursday at Graham

# Early's Longhorns end Bulldogs' season, 10-0

BY ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO - The Early Longhorns struck early and often en route to a 10-0 victory Saturday over the Coahoma Bulldogs in Game 2 of the Region 1-AA quarterfinals.

The Bulldogs fell 4-3 in eight innings Thursday in the first game of the series and struggled from the get go Saturday, dropping the best two out of three game series to the Longhorns to Coahoma's season at San Angelo's Foster Field.

The Longhorns jumped out to an early lead in the first inning. After a fly out, Early pitcher Chris Finlayson ripped a double and scored on first baseman Matt Thomas' RBI

double, taking a 1-0 lead. Early scored two more runs in the second inning. Following backto-back walks combined with an error allowed one

run to cross the plate. An RBI single by Early's nine-hole hitter extended the Longhorn lead to 3-0.

Coahoma senior Adrian Abrego retired the Longhorns in order in both the third and fourth inning, before surrendering a single run in both the fifth and sixth inning.

Early sealed the game with five runs in the top of the seventh inning for the final 10-0 tally. Abrego suffered the loss

as he surrendered all 10 runs on seven hits and nine walks. He struck out six Longhorns.

Senior Lance Roberts pitched in relief of Abrego recording the final two outs for the Bulldogs.

At the plate, Coahoma could only muster three mits.

Junior shortstop Cody Griffith had a double, while Roberts and senior third baseman Gene Corse each added a sin-



Nimit senior Chad Born checks the umpire after taking ball four during Game 1 of the Buildogs' playoff series with

# Rally lifts Spurs to win

PHOENIX (AP) - A fourth-quarter fueled by layups, dunks and 3-pointers is to be expected in a game featuring the Phoenix Suns.

Yet it was the San Antonio Spurs who did it Sunday in the opener of the Western Conference finals.

Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Brent Barry and the Spurs proved that defense might be their best thing, but not their only thing. Beating the league's top offense at their own style, San Antonio used its insideoutside scoring practically to perfection in the final period to beat Phoenix 121-114.

"You got to score points to beat these guys because you are not going to hold them to 82," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

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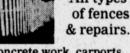
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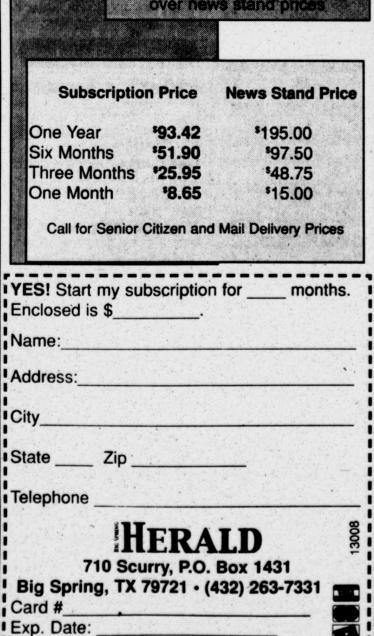
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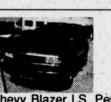
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# Tomorrow's Horoscope

### BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The full moon in

Sagittarius inspires action (before thought), adventure (before risk assessment) and new experiences (before cost analysis). So ... knock yourself out. It's not often you can be this spontaneous without much of a backlash. The piper will be paid, by someone, eventually, but in the meantime, he plays dance music on the house.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some families teach one another to be judgmental, and there's no shortage of scapegoats. Resolve to be different, and go against ingrained tendencies. As the Irish say, "He who gossips with you, gossips of you."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your luckiest move is to make it safe for people to tell you the truth. Uninhibited discussion starts the ball rolling toward a relationship breakthrough. Remember to put gas in the car.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being a social butterfly is tough work. Give your public life a break, and spend the evening alone. You are your own best company. The conversation in your head will be downright fascinating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even if you're not the one in charge, thinking on your feet is required. Children take your lead, so be reasonable, sane and not too attached to getting what you want every time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel your resolve waning and are flirting dangerously with returnyou've reached your full potential.

22). You typically know what's best for you, as truly beautiful.

well as everyone around you. But the stars favor those close to you, particularly Taurus and Libra, and their gift to you is good advice. Listen up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). "If you didn't come to party, don't bother knocking on the door." In homage to Prince, live life like it's a party, and karma will repay you with an exciting event you don't even have to clean up after.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel powerful! Now you're strong enough to avoid a situation that once would have sucked you in. A search ends well when you let friends help, especially if those friends Sagittarius or Virgo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are no boring projects, just ones you are ill-suited for. If you're not "getting it" right away, put it down, and try again at the end of the week. Chatty friends eat your time. Set new social rules.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's comfort in ignorance. But you've never been a fan of comfort when it means giving up your chance for greatness. So be willing to learn all you need to know about your project good, bad or ugly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). From your waking moment, you take command. Your mind filters out all that doesn't contribute to the bottomline result you are looking for. This kind of mental discipline doesn't come around every day, so make the most of it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March ing to an old habit. Fear 20). Without the creative not! The stars boost your impulse, your work sufconfidence and willpower. fers. And without struc-Don't give in before ture and rules, your creativity has no form. Today is about finding VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. the perfect balance and producing something

# Annie's Mailbox •

ago and said, "I need to him. However, this may know what I should do to get out of the doghouse with you." This puzzled had any disagreements.

She proceeded to tell me that she is going to visit brother-in-law, "Skip," and his wife. "Lucy," instead of coming to visit my husband and me. She has not been to see us in over a year, even though we live 90 minutes away. Skip and Lucy live eight hours away, yet, in that same time period, my MIL has visited them twice and stayed for several weeks. She also spent a week with my other brother-inlaw and his wife.

We have practically issued engraved invitations to her, but it never seems to work out. My husband has said repeatedly that he is not his mother's favorite child. I used to disagree with him, but now I'm starting to see his perspective.

In addition to the hurt, I'm annoyed that she uses such a passive-aggressive approach to telling me. Should I confront her about her favoritism or iust disengage? Bewildered Daughter-in-

Dear Bewildered: A loving parent recognizes that favoritism exists and child equally, but some parents don't realize how blatant such favoritism is. They don't see the hurt, or understand how it affects a child's development. Even though your husband is an adult, the pain doesn't disappear. Ideally, your husband would speak to his mother, and say that her

Dear Annie: My mother- behavior hasn't gone in-law phoned a few days unnoticed and it upsets not be something he is willing to do, and if that's the case, please don't me, because we hadn't force it. You can always tell Mom, "We'd love to see you and wonder why you don't visit more often."

Dear Annie: I'm getting married, and my father promised to give me away. Now that the wedding is actually coming up, however, he's backing out.

Dad has some kind of phobia. He doesn't like to be around a lot of people, and he hates traveling because he doesn't like to stay in motels. I thought he would be OK with the wedding, but it doesn't look like it. Our family only recently learned about this phobia when Dad didn't go to my graduation.

I am completely crushed that my father won't walk me down the aisle, and I can't stop crying. This is supposed to be a really happy time in my life, and now, I'm so sad. I really want him to be a part of my day. -- Soon-To-Be-Mrs.

Dear Soon: Keep in mind that your father is equally crushed and sad. It sounds as if he may have agoraphobia and fears a full-blown panic attack. This kind of photakes pains to treat each bia can occur suddenly, and, without treatment, can get worse. Ask your father, for your sake as well as his, to seek medical help.

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incentive to work on it.

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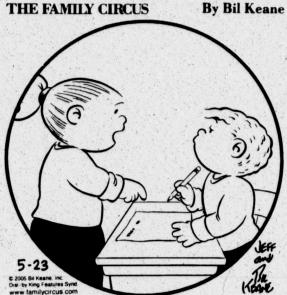
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## DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T GET IT. IF WE'RE ALL MADE FROM DUST, HOW COME WE DON'T TURN TO MUD WHEN IT RAINS?

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"A sentence starts with a grownup letter, followed by the younger letters."

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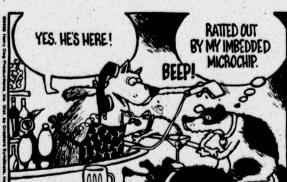
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# This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after being convicted of piracy and mur-

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio

began a major breakout offensive.

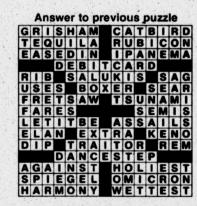
In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Eichmann in Argentina. Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity and hanged in 1962.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

In 1985, Thomas Patrick Cavanagh, an aerospace engineer who admitted trying to sell "stealth" bomber secrets to the Soviet Union, was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison.

Ten years ago: The ninestory hulk of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished. That same day, James Nichols, whose brother and a friend were charged in the Oklahoma bombing, was released from federal custody.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty Garrett is 86. Pianist Alicia de Larrocha is 82. Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 80. Actress Joan Collins is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer General Johnson (Chairmen of the Board) is 62. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 47. Country singer Shelly West is 47. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 38. Singer Maxwell is 32. Singer Jewel is 31. Actor Adam Wylie is 21.



# **Newsday Crossword**

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