

**Council approves cable franchise move** 

#### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

**Big Spring City Council mem**bers unanimously approved the assignment of the cable television franchise during their Tuesday meeting, giving the goahead for Cox Communications to sell its Big Spring operation to St. Louis-based Cebridge **Connections Inc.** 

The city of Big Spring will receive \$49,951.83 from Cox Communications, part of a settlement with the communica-

tions giant following an audit of the company's Big Spring operations over the past several years.

The settlement also calls for \$8,800 in credits for Cox's Big Spring customers for over-collection of franchise fees, which is to be divided equally among all existing basic cable subscribers.

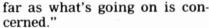
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With final approval of the agreement. Cox Communications is expected to go ahead with the sale of its West Texas operations — which includes cable television systems in Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, San Angelo and Abilene areas — to Cebridge.

McEwen said the city's dealings with Cebridge through the



# **Back in** business

Idle since 2002, Solitaire Homes ready to gear up

### **Special to the Herald**

Solitaire Homes, shuttered for almost four years following a fire, is expected to resume production in the very near future.

The announcement was Tuesday made by Solitaire Homes and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

Construction has begun with HUD, the company said. on a 30,625 square-foot expansion which will allow Solitaire to increase production from previous levels, according to information released by the company. Fourteen people have been hired, with plans to add eight to 10 more See SOLITAIRE, Page 3A

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The release indicates Solitaire hopes to hire up to 175 employees by July or August. The

time period is dependent on a certification process

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Big Spring High School junior Eric Barton sits next to his painting, titled "Precious," that received a medal at the recent State Visual Arts Scholastic Event in Houston.

# Painting ticket to state award for BSHS junior

#### By STEVE REAGAN

### Staff Writer

Notable works of art can take years to create - or not.

Big Spring High School junior Eric Barton parlayed four days of work into an award-winning painting recently when he medaled at the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) meet in Houston.

Barton was one of 40 students from this region to qualify for the meet, which was held Friday and Saturday in Houston, and one of only a handful of students statewide who received a medal at the state competition.

Barton received a Level 4 rating – the highest awarded — for his efforts. His work was lauded for

"It was the best thing in the world. Just to advance ... and go to Houston and see what those other (students) did is an honor."

#### —Eric Barton. **Big Spring High School junior**

originality of concept, technical expertise and interpretation of his

original stated intent, BSHS art teacher Judy Tereletsky said. Winning a medal at the state

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Courtesy photo

Barton drew from one of his passions in deciding on a painting. A Hacky Sack enthusiast, he produced "Precious," a tempera painting of a young man - perhaps Barton himself — kicking a Hacky Sack about. The tempera painting a style made famous by LeRoy Neiman — was completed in only four days, Barton said.

"It took me two days to draw it, and two days to paint it," he noted. Barton's first step toward state was at the regional VASE event at University of Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa in February. He was one

Applications for employment are being taken at the Workforce Network of Big Spring, 310 Owens. Solitaire is giving priority to those employees laid off follow-

# **BSISD trustees set** to cancel election, name junior high gym

Meeting to convene at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

### By STEVE REAGAN

### Staff Writer

No contested races means no needs for elections at Big Spring Independent School District.

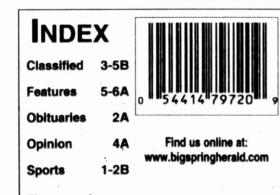
With both school board incumbents virtually assured of re-election, BSISD trustees are expected to officially cancel the May 13 election when they hold their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high See BSISD, Page 3A

Like many school board members in this area, Big Spring incumbents Maria Padilla and Tony Kennedy drew no opposition in their bid for reelection, making the scheduled May 13 election largely superfluous.

school board room.

By canceling the election, the district will save roughly \$5,000, Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider naming the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium after long-time teacher/coach



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### Radnofsky gets nomination, comes out swinging

AUSTIN (AP) - Newly anointed Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Barbara Ann Radnofsky didn't waste any time slinging mud at Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"What we are going to do is get the word out that this Radnofsky aging prom queen no longer

has the popularity she once enjoyed,' Radnofsky said. She also accused Hutchison of not bringing home enough federal bacon - even though Hutchison frequently points out the federal dollars she lands for Texas.



Radnofksy, 49, easily defeated 80-yearold perennial candidate Gene Kelly on Tuesday in a Democratic primary runoff, using her direct mail and radio ad campaign to counter Kelly's famous name that he shares with the 1940s song and dance star. Now Radnofsky will take on Hutchison in the November general election.

It won't be easy for Radnofsky, given Hutchison's popularity among the state's dominant Republican Party voters and Hutchison's much larger campaign account. Hutchison has about \$8

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#### Howard County results U.S. Senate, Dem x-Barbara Ann Radnofsky, Dem: 63 ballots - 73.26 percent Gene Kelly, Dem: 23 ballots - 26.74 percent Total ballots cast: 86 Lieutenant Governor Dem - Runoff x-Maria Luisa Alvarado, Dem: 23 ballots - 28 percent Benjamin Grant, Dem: 59 ballots - 72 percent

Total ballots cast: 82 Criminal Appeals Court Place 8 GOP - Runoff x-Charles Holcomb, GOP (i): 40 ballots - 38.8 percent

Terry Keel, GOP: 63 ballots - 61.1 percent Total ballots cast: 103

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### LOCAL

### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Wednesday, April 12, 2006

# **Obituaries**

### **Dortha Dyer Adams Carpenter**

Dortha Dyer Adams Carpenter, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Parkview Nursing and Center. Rehabilitation Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with

the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Dortha was born May 3, 1914, in Rush Springs, Okla., and married Raymond R. "Kent" Carpenter Jan. 6, 1956, in Culberson County. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 2002.

She graduated from Big Spring High School and lived in Big Spring most of her life, except for 17 years in Mitchell County on the family ranch, returning to Big Spring in 1984.

Dortha worked for 21 years as a cosmetic representative for Elizabeth Arden in Collins and Walgreen Pharmacies. She also worked beside her husband on the farm-ranch operation in Mitchell County.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and of the Rebekah Lodge. Her life was centered around her son and husband.

Survivors include her son, Joe Edward Adams III of Dallas and Big Spring; a special brother-in-law, T.F. Horton of Big Spring; and numerous nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Andy and Velma Beard Dyer, infant twin brothers, two stepfathers, Jack Cain and W.A. Waller, a sister and brother-in-law, Vera and Edwin Coyle, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Eugenia Dyer and Bill and Abby Dyer and a sister, Marie Horton.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705 or Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

"When love is the thrust and purpose of a life, the proper priority is in place. When compassion and concern for others is present, a life of grace is assured. When humor, and fun are important, a life with joy results. When these qualities come together in a soul, the life of DORTHA CARPENTER is seen." Thank you, Mama!

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### Albina M. Hernandez

Albina M. Hernandez, 71, of Coahoma died Monday,



April 10, 2006, in a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services are '10 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating. Interment

### Elmo P. Birkhead Sr.

Elmo P. Birkhead Sr., 106, of Midland, passed away Monday, April 10, 2006.

He was born Jan. 17, 1900, in Howard County to Bladen Thomas Birkhead and Mary Elizabeth Ellis Birkhead. After graduating from Coahoma High School, Elmo attended Hardin Simmons University, where he was on the football team.

After two years, he returned home to help his father on the family farm. On

Aug. 6, 1932, he married Christine Farrar in Carlsbad, N.M. The couple came to Midland in 1945.

In that same year, Elmo purchased a feed store which became Birkhead Feed & Seed. His memberships included First United Methodist Church and Grand Lodge of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Birkhead in 1999.

Elmo is survived by his son, E.P. Birkhead Jr. and his wife, Reta of Midland; daughter, Camilla Birkhead Wallace and her husband, Lawrence of Moore; grandchildren, James Birkhead of Midland, Graves R. Wallace of Boerne, Christy Wallace Chisum and her husband, Roy of Jayton; great-grandchildren, Weston Birkhead of Midland, Graves S. Wallace of Boerne and Kayla Chisum and Caleb Chisum, both of Jayton; one sister-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Elmo's family would like to extend special thanks to his caretakers, Sylvia and Lupe Ramirez.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Thursday, April 13, 2006, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, in the Worship Center of First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jan Reed officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be James Birkhead, Graves R. Wallace, Roy W. Chisum, Weston Birkhead, Graves S. Wallace and John Wesley Deats.

Honorary pallbearers are H.G. Bedford, Frank Cowden Jr., Roy Davidson, James Windham, Martin Fryar and Newnie Ellis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. To place on-line condolences visit www.mem.com.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird, Midland 79701.

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### Mary Jo Burns

Mary Jo Burns of Midland passed away Sunday, April 9, 2006.

She was born Dec. 11, 1923, in Eastland County to Noah Garnet Barton and Ella Virginia Land Barton. On Dec. 20, 1942, Mary Jo married Johnnie L. Burns in Big Spring. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie, two sons, Johnnie Jr. and Jerry, brothers, Royce and Glen, sisters, Billie Jean Davis and Nell Rita Cooper and her parents.

Mary Jo is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janie and Jim Cooley of Midland; five grandsons, Jeff Burns of Laramie, Wyo., Kevin Burns of Midland, Brian Burns and his wife, Amy of Midland, Nathan Cooley and his wife, Kim of the Colony, Jarrod Cooley and his wife, Geri of Andrews; two great-granddaughters, Courtney and Jessica Burns of Midland; and daughter-in-law, Mary Hendricks of Midlana.

# **Police blotter**

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

• DONALD BRYANT, 43, of 447 Armstrong, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant.

• LESLIE FUENTES, 34, of 405 Moss Lake Road, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• KRISTIN HAWKINS, 23, of 405 Moss Lake Road, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended and a Tom Green County warrant.

• RANDY RENE OLVERA, 43, of 210 N. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1900 block of Monticello.
- in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1300 block of Third

Street. • INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Laurie.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

- in the 700 block of San Antonio.
- in the 400 block of 16th Street.
- · AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

ABANDONMENT/ENDANGERMENT OF A CHILD was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.

# Sheriff's report

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

• JAMES WILSON TOLLISON, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• ZABRINA FREEMAN, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• RICARDO CASTILLO, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft.

• KENNETH WAYNE CASBEER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JAY BILLINGSLEY, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid and charges of speeding, expired driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.

# **Fire/EMS**

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

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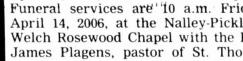
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ollows in Coanoma Cemetery. A vigil is p.m. Thursday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Nov. 29, 1934, in Ozona and married Domingo Hernandez in

1948. He preceded her in death Dec. 15, 2005. She moved to Coahoma in 1948 from Ozona. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include one son, Domingo Hernandez Jr. of Houston; four daughters, Ramona Tijerina, Maria Fulver and Albina Arguello, all of Big Spring and Rosa Hernandez of Fort Worth; two brothers, Santos Mendez of Big Spring and David Mendez of Coahoma; two sisters, Victoria Sanchez and Susie Moreno, both of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 108 S. Fourth Street, Coahoma 79511.

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

### Eliodora G. Renteria

Eliodora G. Renteria, 74, died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Earl Cunningham

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Earl Cunningham, 52, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, today, April 12, 200, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Jim Cooley, Nathan Cooley, Jarrod Cooley, Brian Burns, Kevin Burns and Jeff Burns.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. To place on-line condolences visit www.mem.com.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of one's choice.

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### Winona King

Winona King, 61, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### **Oleta Pruitt**

Oleta Pruitt, 87, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Midland . Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

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Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of North Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$220 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$189 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 2, 12, 45, 46 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 20.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-29-30-35. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-0



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### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Wednesday, April 12, 2006

# LOCAL/STATE

# Teveni takes top finish at Master the Mountain

### **HERALD Staff Report**

Paul Teveni needed a little less than an hour to turn in the fastest time of all participants involved in the 10-kilometer race staged during the ninth annual Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park Saturday.

Teveni took first place in the men's 40-49 division with a 54:22 clocking, while Floyd Prather finished second.

Jamie Burkhart finished first in the men's under 39 division, posting a 58:46 time on the 10K course. Thomas Moore finished second in that division and Harrison Prather was third. No women entered the 10K event.

participant in the older men's division, Jorge Corona, running in the 35-40 group, who posted the best time of 21:04. Frank Sumpter Jr. was second in the class, while Wade Graham was third.

Shane Ice, running in the men's 21-30 division, was close on Corona's heels, finishing with a time of 21:15 to win his class. Brian Castillo was second and Joshua Elenberger was third.

Frank Sumpter won the men's 41-55 division with a clocking of 25:02, while Chris Wingert and Enrique Garza were second and third, respectively.

Edward Slate took first place

sion with a 30.22 clocking, while Frank Parker was second.

In the men's 20 and under division, Bradley Dunn led the way with a time of 31:16, while Jesse Berner was second and David Scott Jr. finished third.

The women's field was also dominated by the senior competitors. Shanna Hale-Ginder posted a 23:09 to lead the women's 5K field overall and the women's 36 and over division. Danielle Ramirez and Kathy Dunn finished second and third in that age grouping. Dianna Welch's time of 27:12 was good enough to win first place in the women's 21-35 divi-

was second and Leticia Graham third.

In the women's 20 and under division, Vanessa Castillo led the way with a time of 34:02. Natalia Hernandez was second and Autumn Alton was third.

The event's 5K Walk was won by Dave Gwyn, whose 37:58 not only gave him the best time in the men's 40 and over division, but the overall win. Steve Gressett was second in the division, with Kenneth Haas third.

The men's 29 and under division was paced by Elijah Salazar's 49.52 clocking. Taybor Flores was second.

The 5K women's walk was won by Mary Garza, with her

In the 5K run, it was again a in the men's 56 and older division, while Shayla Seymore 42.37 time topping the women's 31-40 division. Tamara Berner was second in that classification, while Maribel Arenivas was third.

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Ida Sumpter topped the women's 41-50 division with a 43:49 time, while Debbie Kieger and Donna Burcham finished second and third, respectively.

Maruca Haas won the women's 51 and over division with a time of 46.08. Jean Slate was second and Marie Jones finished third.

Sarah Berner's 49.57 time was the best in the women's 30 and under division. Sherri Speed finished second, while Kayla Sigmor crossed the finish line third in that division.

COUNCIL	Spring, so I really don't see where there's going to	McEwen said it's merely a matter of wrapping	agement firm handling Cebridge — said he	most significant change	"We will probably look at boosting the top down-
Continued from Page 1A audit and settlement process leave him com- fortable with the transi- tion. "They're a quality com- pany," said McEwen. "They will still have a presence — in the form of an office — here in Big	Ũ	things up. "They are taking over the franchise agreement that Cox had with the city, which was a 20-year agreement," said McEwen. "So there will be no difference in the franchise agreements." Pete Abel, spokesperson for Cequel III — the telecommunications man-	current Cox employees in the affected markets, according to Abel. "Our number one goal when we officially take over is going to be to	Abel said there are no changes planned for the channel line-up currently in place. However, Cebridge is looking at making some improve- ments to the Internet broadband services Cox	load speeds," said Abel. "This is a very competi- tive market, so we're always looking for ways to provide faster speeds for the customers." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263- 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringher- ald.com
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RUNOFF	Democrats' nominee for lieutenant governor,	Two incumbents were defeated in the runoff's 13	beaten Darby in 2002. Rep. Al Edwards, a	Eddie Bernice Johnson. The next big date this	Some voters sat out the primary and runoff so

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million, compared with less than \$1 million for Radnofksy.

"I look forward to the campaign ahead and the opportunity to discuss the issues important to Texans. I have been proud to serve the people of our great state and, if ----elected, I will continue to be a senator for all Texans," Hutchison, 62, said in a prepared statement Tuesday night.

In other races, Maria Luisa Alvarado, a veterans issues research ana-

lieutenant defeating Benjamin Z. Grant, a former legislator.

"I think Texans are ready to elect somebody who's ready to get the job done," she said. Alvarado faces Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in November.

For the Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, Republican incumbent Judge Charles Holcomb held off a primary challenge from state Rep. Terry Keel. There is no Democrat in that race in November, although often voted with House Wilson Aurbach defeated Libertarian Dave Howard

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governor, defeated in the runoff's 13 legislative races, and two congressional nominations were also decided Tuesday, but only by a fraction of Texas' 12.7 million registered voters. The Secretary of State's Office said statewide turnout could end up below 5 percent. State Rep. Scott

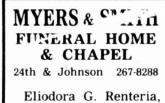
Campbell of San Angelo survive didn't his Republican runoff, losing to attorney Drew Darby, who was supported by teachers and education November. In District 30 groups. Campbell, who in Dallas, Republican

Rep. Al Edwards, a Houston Democrat who gained national notoriety last year for filing a bill that would have sidelined sexy high school cheerleading routines, lost to insurance agent Borris Miles.

In U.S. House District 10, stretching from Austin to Houston, Ted Ankrum defeated Paul Foreman to become the Democrats' nominee. Ankrum will challenge Republican Rep. Michael McCaul in GOP leaders on divisive Amir Omar to move on to

election season comes May 11, when independent gubernatorial candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman have to turn in voter signatures to make the November ballot. They're trying to oust Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who won his party's primary easily last month. Former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell won the Democratic nomination.

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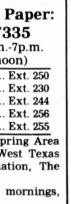
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E.C. Roberson, who coached and taught at the junior high from 1974 until shortly before his death late last year.

trict for a very long time," Superintendent Michael Downes home of the Lakeview YMCA, is said. "This is a way ... we can being sought by a group which honor him and his family for his wishes to construct a drug-counselservice.'

### BARTON

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of 23 BSHS students who entered artwork at the meet.

The most stressful part of the regional meet, he said, was the one-on-one interview with the judge.

"When you're talking to the judge, you have to be creative; you can't let the judge do all the talking," Barton said. "But you can't talk too much. You just have to be yourself, and take his criticism."

Although 10 local students medaled at regional, Barton's work was the 

**Charles Smith** 

really enjoys the

Sliced Beef Plate.

Al's Bar-B-Q

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Other agenda items Thursday

• Recognition of BSHS participants in the state powerlifting meet, state cross country meet, visual arts state competition and state science fair.

• Consideration of the possible "He meant a lot to the school dis- sale of property on 1002 N.W. Fourth St. The site, the former ing center, Downes said.

only one to advance to the do anything about it," he

"There was a lot more 1991, was proud, not only

pressure, but you couldn't of Barton, but of all her

but that doesn't mean hanging around."

• Policy updates concerning conflict of interest issues.

• A budget amendment to help fund the BSHS band's June trip to Carnegie Hall in New York.

• Sale of property held in lieu of taxes. · Resignations, retirements and

employments. · Superintendent's report on enrollment, maximum entitlements

from federal programs, the automated external defibrillator program and other items.

> students who competed at the regional level.

"I'm so proud of them, kind of like a puppet just not only for their talent and artwork, but for how they handled themselves in public," she said. "They are great ambassadors for Big Spring."

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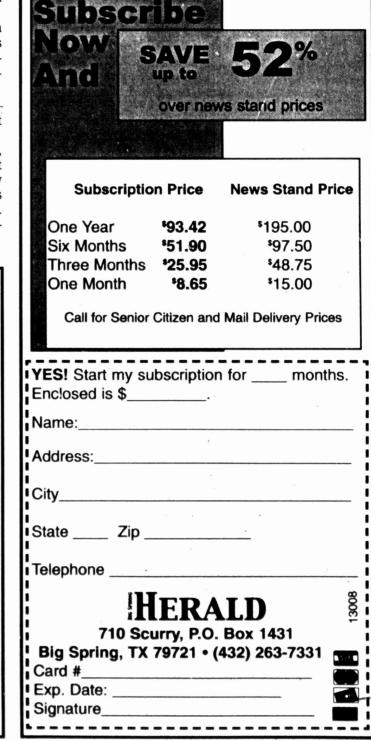
**Henry Backes** 

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**Bill McClellan** 

News Editor

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### **OUR VIEWS**

# **Common sense** key to wildfire prevention tips

t seems somewhat fitting that last week was Wildfire Awareness Week in Texas, considering the time Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel spent battling grass fires. It almost goes without saying that here in West Texas, where it almost always seems dry, hot and

windy at this time of year, we all need to do everything possible to not only prevent wildfires, but to protect our homes and other property as best we can.

To that point, here are some tips from the Texas Forest Service for rural residents:

• Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings; closely mow lawns and trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.

• Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

• Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

• Monitor hay-baling operations closely, dry hay can ignite within the baler.

• Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

 Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment under vehi-

# Latinos pawns in a blame game

ust when we thought lawmakers had finally reached a reasonable compromise on a plan to overhaul U.S. immition law - when they were about to settle on bipartisan legislation that would create a path to legalization for millions of illegal immigrants — both Democrats and Republicans had to show their true colors, turning the beautiful American dream into a nightmare.

They wear different colors, mind you.

**Republicans went** back to their meanspirited, immigrantbashing ways introducing a series of amendments that would have reversed every key segment of

the compromise. Democrats went back to their politically opportunistic, do-nothing ways

blaming Republicans to win the Latino vote as they usually do, by default.

The compromise bill fell apart, just in time for the senators who had built up our hopes to go on vacation and to let us down again.

Now both sides are playing the blame game, with Latinos and other immigrants as the pawns.

Republicans say they had the right to introduce amendments, which shows they never intended to abide by the compromise. Democrats, led by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, say they wanted to limit the number of amendments, which shows they wanted the compromise to fail so they could score political gains in the November mid-term elections.

Reid, of Nevada, was allegedly so worried that the Republicans would try to gut the bill with amendments that he just gutted the whole thing himself. Does that make any sense?

The only explanation for his absurd behavior is that Democrats see a political advantage in not having immigration reform before November. On Election Day, they want Latino voters to still be angry at the GOP bill passed by the House of Representative in December, which turns all illegal

immigrants, and those who help them, into criminals.

So which one is worse, he who bashes or he uses the bashing for self-serving interest?

It's becoming very obvious that neither the bashers nor the opportunists deserve respect - or votes — from those who truly support comprehensive immigration reform.

Only those politicians, in either party, who can demonstrate a true commitment to dealing with this issue, without hidden agendas or fear of repercussions, should be given a vote of confidence now. And that includes many Latino politicians who are showing little leadership at a time when their constituents expect them to step up.

Those who are proving to be more loyal to their parties than their communities, and those who fear alienating anti-immigrant voters, should be replaced as soon as democratically possible. We should be keeping tabs on who they are.

If they are not leading the marches when their own people are marching, they should not be called Latino leaders.

For those who fear the bigots, the compromise bill should be easy to defend. It includes many security measures to crack down on future illegal immigration, including a "virtual fence" of surveillance cameras and sensors at the U.S.-Mexican border. And it's not as generous to illegal immigrants as it should be.

It would divide illegal immigrants into three groups.

The seven million who have been in this county for more than five years would get a chance to earn legal U.S. residency by working for six more years, paying a fine and taxes, learning English and proving they are not criminals.

The three million who have been here between two and five years could apply for guest worker visas, but would have to travel to a U.S. port of entry to pick them up.

Those who have been here less that two years, roughly 1.5 million, would have to go back to

their homelands and apply to return under a temporary worker's program.

This will create a myriad of bureaucratic problems. It will be unfair to those who have been paid in cash and cannot prove they have been here longer than five years. And it will open a floodgate of counterfeit documents for those who have been here less than five years.

Of course, those who cannot find the phony documents to cheat will not be going home. They will simply remain underground, perpetuating our illegal immigration problem.

It would have been much easier — and humane — to allow them all to stay, work, learn English and prove themselves to be worthy of eventually becoming American citizens.

Nevertheless, it's a compromise. It may not be a panacea, but it's better than nada.

Yet many Republicans were still calling it amnesty for lawbreakers and trying to amend the compromise, and many Democrats saw it as an automatic way to win Latino votes.

Instead of trying to block the draconian GOP amendments, Reid should have allowed the Republicans to show just how mean-spirited they can be. Instead of using Latinos as political pawns, he should have realized that the fallout could also hurt Democrats.

No one knows what will happen when Congress returns from a two-week spring recess. Some say the bill suffered a fatal blow. because Republicans wanted to kill it, and Democrats let it die. Others say it can still be resurrected.

All we know is that with all the Latinos and other immigrants who have taken to the streets to demonstrate against anti-immigrant measures, there will be a price to pay, by both sides.

The politicians may not realize it until November, but Latinos are now politically sophisticated enough to tell who is the enemy and who pretends to be a friend. COPYRIGHT 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE INC. WI



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cles.

 Postpone outdoor burning until your area greens up, check with the fire department to determine if ban on outdoor burning have been lifted.

• When debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil prior to lighting your fire. Burn trash in a burn barrel or other fire-safe receptacle covered with a wire mesh or gird that will help contain burning debris. Stay with your fire until it is out.

The bottom line is that we all need to have a little common sense.

Forest Service officials and our communities' firefighters would appreciate it, we're sure.

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### **A SMALL PRAYER**

### by K. Rae Anderson

It is good when we overindulge ourselves in Your word, Lord. Amen



# Spring in Texas is wonderful

ife seems to begin in he springtime. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness.

We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to get a cane fishing pole and a can of worms and go to the

creek, even if you've never done that before. It's when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour. Or just stretch out and stare at your shoes.

Spring is when you think about going barefooted and wearing fewer clothes.

You might even get out that bicycle and take a spin. Or climb a mountain. It makes you feel

frisky, like you're 3 years old and you've just finished taking a bath. You pull out the ice cream freez-

er and begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. You think about swimming and con-

vertibles and warm, sensuous nights.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume.

The early leaves on mesquite trees are a shade of light green artists find hard to duplicate. Lawns come back to life. The earth warms.

The sky boils. The wind howls. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Texas is the birthplace of spring. Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

The silence of the prairie is broken by the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mockingbirds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land.

The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house. Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that exists in Texas. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway.

The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed up in sunrise pink. Later, the golden sun illumines the clouds, which become active in mid afternoon and float around and bump each other. At sundown the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. And darkness brings its own special magic.

It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars.

If you're lucky, you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you glad to be

alive.



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ew books on CD have come in and one of the more attractive offerings is Lakota author Joseph Marshall's "The Journey of Crazy Horse" (AUCD 921.997 MAR J). He has

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drawn upon rich the Native American oral tradition to carefully and lovingly "unfold the life of HOLLIS Crazy MCCRIGHT Horse as a storyteller would."

The result is a vivid, haunting biography. Raised on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, Marshall recalls hearing his grandfather share stories of battles fought 75 years earlier against "Long Hair," the Lakota name for Gen. George Custer, vanguished at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Marshall reveals Crazy Horse as a loyal son, spurned lover, instinctive warrior, doting father, compassionate hunter and natural leader, one "reluctantly who answered the call to serve" and "literally had no desire to talk about his exploits."

Marshall sidesteps blood-and-guts combat scenes, emphasizing the larger picture of the Indians' defiant, doomed struggle as settlers and miners flooded the Great **Plains of the Sioux tribes** between the 1840s and the 1880s.

With the movie "Capote" winning an Oscar, there has been renewed interest in Truman Capote's writings.

Perhaps the best known one is "In Cold Blood." For those of you who pre-South dealer. fer audio books, we now Both sides vulnerable.



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In "Blood Junction,"

Australian outback with

a precision. This taut

thriller opens with the

deadly massacre of an

Aboriginal family, which

took place almost 50

years ago in the town of

Cooinda, earning it the

A half-century later,

journalist India Kane is

drawn to the town with

the promise of informa-

tion about her own past.

What she gets instead is

jail time, having been

arrested for a double

India knows no one and

must rely on strangers in

her efforts to figure out

the connections among

the murders, the lost gen-

eration of Aborigines and

her own tangled history.

Conrad Voort, the pro-

tagonist of Ethan Black's

"All the Dead Were

Strangers," is of Dutch

extraction. Voort is asked

by a friend to meet him at

the White Horse Tavern

The friend, Meechum

Keefe has something on

his mind, but he is reluc-

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Carver depicts

As Nathan recovers his soul through immersion in their lives, Auster meditates on the theme of sanctuary in American literature. Hawthorne to Poe to Thoreau, infusing the novel's picaresque with touches of romanticism, Southern gothic and utopian yearning.

But the book's presiding spirit is Brooklyn's first bard, Walt Whitman, as Auster embraces the borough's multitudes neighborhood characters, drag queens, intellectuals manqué, greasy-spoon waitresses, urbane bourgeoisie — while singing odes to moonrise over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Auster's graceful, offhand storytelling carries readers along. with enough shadow to keep the tale this side of schmaltz. The result is an affectionate portrait of the city as the ultimate refuge of the human spirit.

donated Some Mysteries have been received. Some are new and some are not.

We have "Cat & James Mouse," by Patterson in large print; Caroline Carver's "Blood Junction;" "All the Dead Were Strangers," by Ethan Black; "Stalking Moon," from Dave Cole and "Land of Burning Heat," from Judith Van Gieson.

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You Have to Do a Little Work

clear that Voort must tread very carefully. Keefe has a list of names on a napkin and explains to Voort that the

people on this list are dying, one by one, but there seems to be no con-

By Steve Becker

even though at first blush the slam

appears to depend on the location of

However, rather than stake the out-

come strictly on the success of a

heart finesse, which is only an evenmoney proposition, South puts into

motion a plan designed to overcome

the possibility that West might have

He does this by clearing the dia-

monds and clubs from his own hand

and dummy before tackling the heart

suit. After winning the opening club

lead with the ace, he ruffs a club high

and draws a round of trumps. Next

he cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs

a diamond in dummy, then ruffs

dummy's last club and ruffs his last

The stage is now set for the end-

West wins with the ten, but, what-

ever he returns, South is sure to take

the rest of the tricks. A heart lead is

fatal, and so is a club or a diamond, which would hand declarer a ruff-

and-discard. The endplay thus

defense if East played the jack when

the heart was led from dummy. South

would simply cover the jack with the

queen, and West would again find

himself in a hopeless position

Note that it would not help the

play that cannot fail. He leads a low heart from dummy and, after East

plays low, finesses the seven.

removes all risk of defeat.

been dealt the heart king.

the king of hearts.

#### nection among them. What Voort discovers is that all but one of the people on the list are dead, but that they died in accidents. No foul play is suspected at all.

Nor does there seem to be any connection on any front. Voort finds himself pulled into one of the strangest cases of his career.

The pacing here is terrific and it is impossible for readers to guess what is going on even though they meet the bad guys and become privy to their thoughts and actions.

This is a very well constructed plot from Black and one of the best pageturners of the year.

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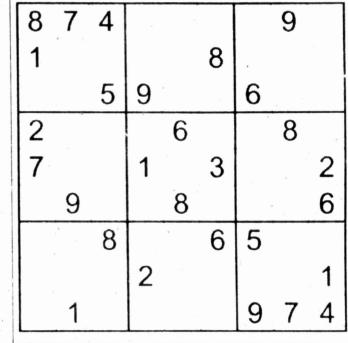
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have "In Cold Blood" (AUCD 364.152 CAP T) available for checkout.

Another sounding AUCD is "The Brooklyn Follies," (AUCD F AUS P) by Paul Auster. Nathan has come to Brooklyn as a place to recover.

The butt of many Manhattanites jokes, Brooklyn is a vital, bighearted borough brimming with great characters. These include Nathan's nephew, Tom, a grad student turned spiritually-questing cab driver; Tom's serenely silent 9-year-old niece, who shows up on Tom's doorstep without her unstable mom; and a flamboyant book dealer hatching a scheme to sell a fraudulent manuscript

of "The Scarlet Letter.'

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Many endplays come ready-made for declarer. Some of these might not

be as easy to see as others, but that does not alter the fact that the position necessary to accomplish the endplay is there from the start. All that is needed is to lay the proper groundwork, and the final piece simply falls into place. In today's deal, for example,

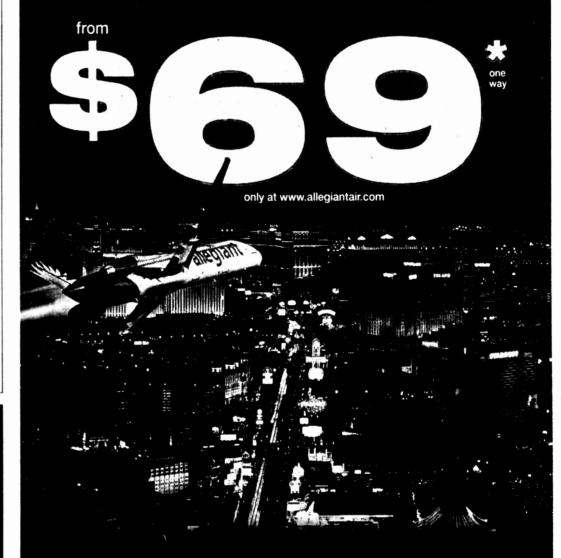
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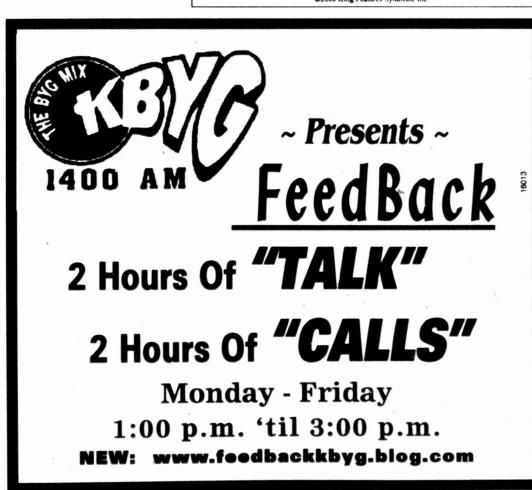
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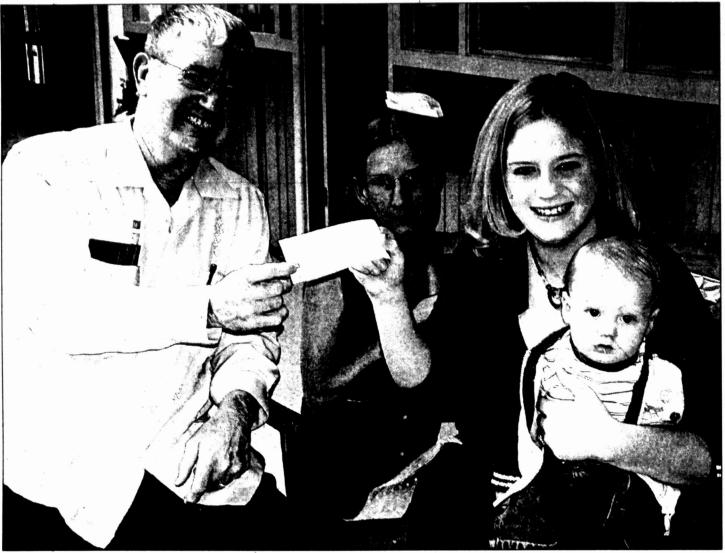
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### FEATURES

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# **VETERAN'S FAMILIES**





# For those who serve

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant a Dr. J. Gale Kilgore, above left, presents a \$500 check to Whitney Dickens, wife of U.S. Army Pfc. Daniel Dickens, right, who is stationed in Baghdad, part of Kligore's Veterans Families program. Kilgore performs benefits throughout the year at various locations, including Wal-Mart and the Big Spring Mall, to raise funds to give to military families with a loved one serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dickens, holding 7-month-old Matthew Dickens, said the money will be put to good use, as keeping her young family's bills paid is difficult on a private's salary. Also in the photo is Daniel Dickens' mother, Rita Wilkerson. She has two sons serving in the military. Her older son, U.S. Army Corp. Alfred Dickens, is stationed at Fort Hood now but is expecting deployment to Iraq anytime before December. Kilgore accepts donations to the Veterans Family fund year-round. Call him at 267-7096, mail donations to Veterans Families P.O. Box 3358 Big Spring or stop by Woodforest National Bank Inside Wal-Mart Supercenter.

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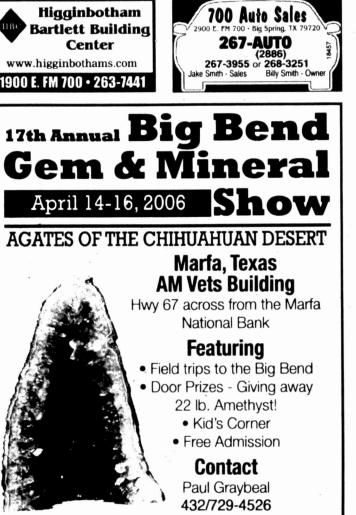
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the month of May as National Preservation month and is seeking submissions to its free online Preservation Events Calendar from organizations and individuals hosting events that celebrate preservation month.

Preservation Week was created by the National-Trust in 1971 and has grown into an annual celebration by small towns and big cities alike.

The spotlight is on grass roots preservation efforts across the country and events include architectural and historic tours, award ceremonies fundraising events and educational programs and heritage travel opportunities.

Founded in 1949, the National Trust provides leadership, advocacy and resources to protect the irreplaceable places that tell America's story.

To learn more about the National Trust or to submit an event to the online calendar, visit www.nationaltrust.org, e-mail PreservationMonth@nthp.org or call 202/588-6141.



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### Elbow pre-registration set

Forsan Elbow Elementary pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration is set for 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 17-21 at the school.

Children who are 4 years old or who will be on or before Sept. 1 are eligible for pre-kindergarten. Students 5 years old or who will be 5 on or before Sept. 1 should enroll in kindergarten.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records, proof of residency, such as a utility bill and proof of income such as a pay check stub to the school to register. For more information, call the school at 398-5444.

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# Lady Steers bounce back against rival Frenship

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Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH Another strong pitching performance by senior Mandy Walker allowed the Big Spring softball team to get back on track after a loss against arch rival Andrews Friday.

The Lady Steers got six strong innings from Walker and senior Krista Chesworth had three hits as Big Spring knocked off 4-4A rival Frenship, 8-1,

#### on the road.

"I was impressed with how they played after our loss to Andrews," said Big head coach Spring Jennifer Reyes. "Frenship is a team which can sneak up on us, but we didn't let that happen."

The Lady Steers scored two runs in the first and blew the game open in the fourth with six runs. Frenship got its only run in the seventh inning. Walker struck out five and allowed just two hits



in her six innings of work.

Shelbi Freshman Stewart threw the seventh inning and allowed one earned run on three hits and struck out one.

"Mandy pitched well for us again and we helped field," said Reyes. "For the first time this year, the team had no errors."

Chesworth went threefor-four at the plate to lead Big Spring, which is now 19-8 overall and 6-1 in the district. She had two runs and two RBIs.

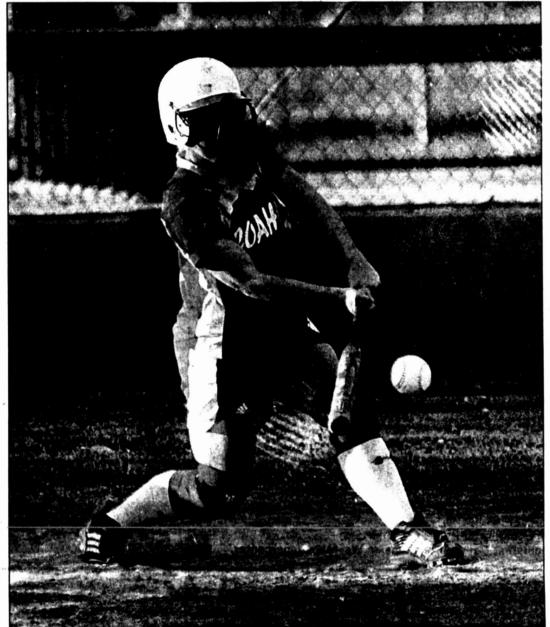
Junior Katy Abner had two hits, two RBIs, two stolen bases and one run, while sophomore Desiree Yanez had one hit and scored twice.

Junior Amber Sides,

her out this time in the who returned from strep throat after missing the Andrews game, had one hit and two RBIs.

The Lady Steers will host Plainview Thursday before ending the regular season against Lubbock Estacado April 21.

Big Spring will finish the postponed game at home first and then play the originally scheduled game after that. The Lady Steers lead Estacado, 21-0, in the third inning of Game 1.



#### HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

**Bulldogettes rout** rival Lady Wolves

 Coahoma jumps out to early lead, ends game in five innings

### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor COAHOMA – No. 4 Coahoma defeated Colorado City 1-0 on the road in the first meeting this year. The Bulldogettes made sure it wasn't that close the second time around in Coahoma.

Senior Kali Roberts struck out nine batters and the Bulldogettes pounded their arch rival at home, 10-0, in five innings Tuesday night.

"This was a totally different kind of game than before," said Coahoma coach Robby head Dickenson. "We came out ready to play tonight."

Dickenson said the Bulldogettes did not swing the bats well in Colorado City earlier this year and swung at a lot of bad pitches.

"We were more disciplined this time around." said Dickenson. "We hit

the ball hard tonight and See SOFTBALL, Page 2B

we put it in play all night. I think our little hitting slump is over."

The Bulldogettes scored four runs in the first inning. Junior Ami Martinez started the game off with a single and then sophomore Janice Gonzales walked before senior Ashle New knocked in Martinez with an RBI single. Roberts reached on an error, which scored Gonzales, and then an RBI single by senior Liz Conley plated New. Berkely Iden, who was pinch running for Roberts, scored later on an RBI senior from freshman Laci Sterling.

Martinez scored again in the second inning. She walked and then later crossed homeplate after back-to-back errors by Colorado City. The Bulldogettes stranded three in the inning and did not score in the third but got back on track in the fourth and fifth.

New, Sterling and sophomore Christie Rich all had hits in the fourth

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coahoma senior Liz Conlev smacks a sing le throug Buildogettes' 10-0 win against arch rival Colorado City.

# **Bulldogs suffer first District 4-2A defeat**

 Errors, poor at-bats hurt Coahoma against rival Wolves

### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor COAHOMA — The Bulldogs know they have a good baseball team. Sometimes, however, things don't always go as planned. Coahoma got behind early, made some mistakes in the field and took some bad at-bats at the plate against arch rival Colorado City Tuesday and the Wolves returned home with a 7-4 victory.

It was Coahoma's first district loss of the season, but head coach Brad Harman said it isn't something that will linger through the mind's of the players.

"This game taught us a lesson that we need to be ready to play every night out," said Harman. "The guys won't carry this game with them very long though. We'll get back to work tomorrow and look ahead."

The Bulldogs are still in great shape in District 4-2A as they drop to 5-1 in league play. Colorado City was desperate for a win as it entered the game in fourth place in the district and already dropped two games to second-place Hawley.

The Wolves got a strong pitching performance from Tanner Borcik. He

was cruising along having given up just one run through six innings, but wore down late and allowed Coahoma to make a little bit of a run before closing the door.

"He pitched a great game," said Harman. "We fought until the end and began to wear him down late, but we gave them two much and waited too long to make our move."

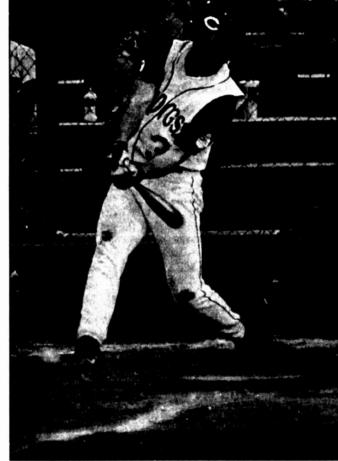
Of the seven runs Coahoma gave up, only two were earned.

Senior Kacee Coberly started on the mound and threw the first four innings. He gave up four runs but only two were earned.

Freshman Donnie Garcia entered the game in the fifth and finished the game. He gave up three runs but none of them were earned as the **Bulldogs committed three** errors in Colorado City's three-run seventh inning.

"We made a couple of errors early and took some bad at-bats and just didn't put those mistakes behind us," said Harman. "We never regained confidence which is something I haven't seen out of this team all year."

Colorado City scored an unearned run in each of the first two innings, but Coahoma got to within one in the third. Coberly walked and then advanced to second on a ground out by freshman P.J. Daylong. He took rally and David Hughes



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Coahoma freshman P.J. Daylong hits the ball info the dirt in front of homeplate Tuesday during the Bulldogs' loss to Colorado City.

then scored on an errant attempted pick off.

The Wolves got two runs in the fifth to make it 4-1 and then scored three unearned runs in the seventh.

Coahoma stranded runners on second and third in the sixth inning, but came through in the seventh and nearly pulled off another comeback. Garcia walked to start the

third on a wild pitch and reached with a single. Coberly knocked in both throw to third on an runners later with a tworun double to the fence in left-centerfield.

Coberly scored the third run of the inning off an RBI fly out by Daylong, but senior Tad White grounded out to end the game.

Coahoma travels Tuesday.

The Bulldogs drop to 14-7 overall with the loss. to Midland Trinity Friday before playing at Kermit

# six players to Region 2 tourney

 Bearkats' tennis team takes top spot at district tourney

### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor GARDEN CITY - For the second straight year. Garden City juniors **Taylor Niehues and Alex** Halfmann are tennis champions

of District 9-A.

The duo, which made it all the way to state last year, took home the



NIEHUES doubles dis-

trict title again this season during the 9-A tournament held in Garden City Monday and Tuesday.

The Garden City boys won the team title, while the Grady

girls took home top prize on the ladies' side. Besides Halfmann

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the Bearkats HALFMANN will also send junior Evan Jansa and Nick Sanchez to the

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## SPORTS

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# Steers keep hopes alive after 4-4A win

### By TROY HYDE

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Sports Editor SAN ANGELO – The Steers kept their slim playoff chances alive Tuesday evening with a much-needed 8-5 win over 4-4A rival Lake View in San Angelo.

Big Spring (8-13) exploded with five runs in the third inning and held on late to win its second district game of the season, both of which have come against the Chiefs.

The Steers got a solid performance pitching from freshman Nathan Doporto and rolled off 14 hits at the plate. All but one starter had a hit in

the game as Doporto led, the way with a double and three runs. Senior Kyle Piercefield also doubled in the game.

Doporto threw into the fifth inning before tiring a bit. He allowed four runs and was relieved by Abel Morelion and Ryan Tannehill before earning the win.

Big Spring got up 8-1 after its at-bat in the fifth inning. Lake View rallied late, scoring three runs in its half of the fifth inning and one in the sixth inning, but it was not enough as the Chiefs are now all but eliminated from postseason play.

### TENNIS

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regional tournament in Abilene as they took second in boy's doubles. Garden City's mixed doubles team of Lyza Lopez and Jeffery Pierson also advanced.

Grady qualified several to regionals. girls Amanda Cooper advanced in singles action after finishing second behind Westbrook's Linsey Chavez, while Kandace Schuelke and Ericka Medina took home first place in girl's doubles. The Wildcats also sent two to regionals from the mixed doubles category sophomore Justin as Tubb and Stefani Robles advanced after finishing in first place.

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Garden City just missed advancing to regionals as she took third in girl's singles. Garrett Nichols of Sands took third in boy's singles.

Grady also had two teams finish third. Guillermo Medina and **Geoffrey Schuette took** third in boy's doubles, while Santos Montoya and Monica Medina placed third in mixed doubles.

Trey Chavez, a senior from Westbrook, matched his sister with a boy's singles title. Both he and Lindsey advanced to the state tournament last year.

Westbrook took second as a team on the girl's side, while Grady's boys finished runner-up to Garden City.

The regional tournament will take place in Wheeler of Abilene April 26-27



Colorado City Tuesday.

### SOFTBALL

Coahoma scored three runs in the inning - one each by Roberts, New and Conley. Coahoma finished off Colorado City in the fifth inning with the final two runs of the game. **Gonzales and Roberts** each walked and scored the runs in the inning and Conley had an RBI hit. Roberts gave up just one hit (a misplayed pop up in the infield which landed between ty will play Midland the pitcher's mound Christian at 4 p.m.

### and second base) an struck out nine while surrendering no walks in five innings. "She was hitting her, spots and had things

under control tonight," said Dickenson. The Bulldogettes will not play Midland High Friday, but return to action next Tuesday at home against Midland

Christian beginning at 6 p.m. The junior varsi-

# **Texas' Aldridge to** enter NBA's draft

### By JIM VERTUNO

**AP Sports Writer** AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns got the news they had been expecting: sophomore LaMarcus Aldridge plans to leave school and enter the NBA draft.

Calling a career in the NBA his "ultimate goal," Aldridge announced his decision Monday night after the team banquet.

"I have a chance to be drafted in a good spot and be an impact player," Aldridge said. He said he also considered the financial impact on his family and said it is important that he be able to take care of his mother.

Texas coach Rick Barnes, who Aldridge said talked to NBA officials to gauge the player's draft position, gave Aldridge his blessing on the decision.

Aldridge is expected to be among the first players drafted.

"We've talked about it a lot," Barnes said. "The real story would have been if he came back."

The 6-foot-10 Aldridge averaged 15 points and 9.2 rebounds for the Longhorns (30-7), who won the regular-season Big 12 title and got within one game of the Final Four before losing in the Atlanta Regional final. The 30 wins set a school record.

Aldridge's announcement wasn't much of a country, including Kevin surprise. He had consid- Durant, a 6-9 wing player ered entering the draft who was co-MVP of the straight out of Seagoville McDonald's All-American High School in 2004 basketball game.

before deciding to play at Texas.

His college career has been up and down with flashes of brilliant play and a hip injury that forced him to miss 15 games of his freshman season.

Healthy again for the 2005-06 season, he had 16 double-doubles and a team-high 73 blocks and was named conference defensive player of the year by the Big 12 coaches.

Long and lean, Aldridge has shown flashes of a game that looks ready for the next level. He's also stumbled badly enough at times to raise doubts.

In his first three NCAA tournament games, he averaged 18.3 points and 10.3 rebounds and shot 54 percent from the floor. But he also shot 2-of-14 and finished with four points in a 70-60 loss to LSU when matched up against the Tigers' big and athletic frontcourt of Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Tyrus Thomas.

Aldridge's departure depletes the Texas lineup but doesn't decimate it.

Junior forward P.J. Tucker was the Big 12 player of the year after leading the Longhorns in scoring and rebounding. The Longhorns also expect to return sophomore Daniel Gibson and welcome one of the top recruiting classes in the



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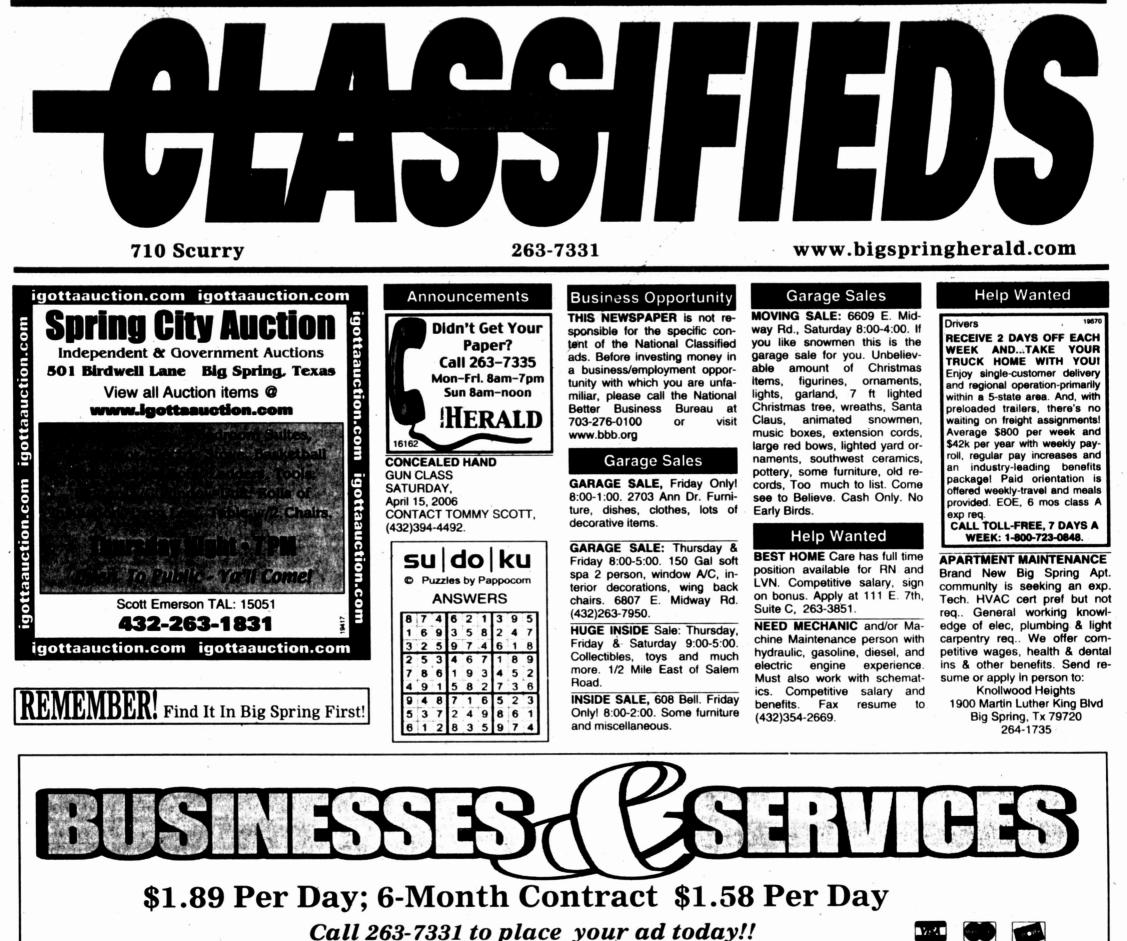
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### Legals

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living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause. to-wit

S/50 feet of Lot 6, Block 1, Manning Addition, City of Big Spring, (50X106) 0.122 acres, Spring, Howard County, Texas

Mhich said property is delinquent to Plaintitts for taxes in the fallowing amount: \$2,742.00, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Raymond Valdez, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 18th day of April, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAYMOND VALDEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4886 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** It's the eve of the full moon in Libra — the first full moon of the spring. This com-

munal energy is all about connecting in soft, intellectual but Call meaningful ways Whether or

not you HOLIDAY make plans MATHIS to be with those you 💳 are fond of, you'll wind up together in the light-

hearted spirit of Libra sometime in the next 48 hours. **ARIES (March 21-April** 19). A problem you are having can be solved with air and mirrors. In other

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TO: Gloria Gonzalez if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit

Lot 19, Block 7, South Haven Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: As-sessed Value- \$8,475.00 Amt. Owed- \$1,795.67

Lot 21, Block 7, South Haven Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: As-Value-\$1000.00 Amt. sessed Owed- \$438.60

Lot 18, Block 7, South Haven Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: As sessed Value \$1000.00 Amt.Owed- \$239.30 Lot 20, Block 7, South Haven

City of Big Spring, Addition. County, Howard Texas: Assessed Value-\$1000.00 Amt. Owed- \$239.30

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follows ing amount: \$2,712.87, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest. penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Tony Gonzalez and wife Gloria Gonzalez, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY GON ZALEZ and wife, GLORIA GON-ZALEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit s now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4848 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judg ment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law. All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property a the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by al other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property. You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of May, 2006 before the Honorable Distric Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs; of this suit. #4922 April 5 & 12, 2006

# Tomorrow's Horoscope

words, hiding it in the dark won't help. Take it out, and talk about it. Let others reflect a response. Once you do, there's a swift resolution.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You love a person you have created in your mind - a version of the real person who is standing in front of you. Harmony depends on your being able to see a more complete image of this individual.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're not one to be a follower, but if someone has a success formula, why not use it? Yours is a competitive field. It takes more than natural talent to win at this game.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Gravitate toward those who are strong in the areas where you are weak, and do some delegating. Those talented, intense, twisted friends of yours influence you well

### Legals

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

The City of Coahoma, Texas will receive bids for Sewer Improvement Project until 5:00 P.M., Local Time, May 16, 2006 at Coahoma City Hall, P.O. Box L, 122 N. 1st St., Coahoma, Texas 79511. The Principal items of work for this project are set forth in specific detail in each proposal section of the specifications. However, the princi-

pal work items may be generally described as follows: PROPOSAL A: Furnished and install approximately 619 feet of 8" and 10" gravity sewer, 262 feet of Jack and Bore welded steel casing, 646 feet of Trench Safety, four 48" fiberglass manholes, reconnection to existing manhole, pavement repair and appurtenances; PROPOSAL B: Rehab 48" manhole, furnish and install fiberglass insert into existing 48" manhole and rehabing the manhole.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the 7:00 P.M. Council Meeting at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date. the second secon posal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without re course to the order of the City of Coahoma, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A career is a process. Some days it seems you are not moving forward at all. It's just that you've grown accustomed to such a fast pace that moderate movement feels like standing still. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). There are two kinds of problems in the world: 1) yours, and 2) theirs. Distinguish between the two, and you're much happier. Tonight, you could be suddenly struck by a deep and indefinable feeling of affection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your life is a work of art. Thoughtfully, move ahead with all the tools you have at your disposal. The new habits you establish create different patterns. The patterns create a different you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are daring moves that even you wouldn't make, but imagine what it would be like if you did. This exercise gets you thinking outside

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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: C.F. Coates, Sr.

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

E/2 of Lot Six, Block Two, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: As-sessed Value- \$1,580.00 Amt. Owed- \$869.11

W/2 of Lot Six, Block Two, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: As-sessed Value- \$1,942.00 Amt. Owed- \$2,371.60

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,240.71, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest. penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

the box, which just happens to be where all of the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your judgment is fabulous. Still, it's the old one-step-forward-twosteps-back dance. What's different? Your attitude. Play, and have fun with the obstacles. They make vou unique.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your incredible sense of responsibility is more than a positive quality; it's a talent! This is one of the reasons so many people need you. Don't forget that your first responsibility is to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even if you're not the leader of a group, your opinion and attitude will sway others. Be aware of your power, and use it for good. Aries friends are lucky.

Romance visits tonight. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March** 20). The song says you can't hurry love, but the song is wrong. Love often happens in a hurry, and when it's not happening fast enough for you, you might take this as a sign that it's time to move on.

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if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

1.015 acres out of Sc. 42, Blk 32, T-1-N, Tr. 4, William B. Currie Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas as described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,448.33, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including

# Annie's Mailbox ·

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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My 60-yearold niece, "Louise," is being married for the first time. She lives out of state, and the whole shebang is being planned as if she were some 20-year-old blushing bride.

Louise always has been a loner. She's industrious and proper, but not particularly close to her family, although she's on good with them. terms However, I am disenchanted with the sparse attention she pays to her aged mother (my sister), who lives in the same town. Louise never goes out of her way for any of us. I have never seen the inside of her home, and she hasn't been in mine for many years, although when I visited her mother a while back, Louise did drive across town to spend a few minutes with me.

I feel friendly toward Louise, but not overly obligated. However, the entire clan expects me to attend the nuptials. I am in my 70s, divorced and in excellent health. However, I don't like the idea of a six-hour drive all by myself, and I hate large airports. There is no direct flight to the town where she will be married, and even if I were willing to fly there. I'd still have to rent a car and drive for a while.

Common sense tells me that a civil ceremony with a handful of people would have been more appropriate, but it's not my call to make. I don't want to offend anyone, but do you think sending a gift and card would suffice? -Aging Uncle Dear Uncle: While we think getting married for the first time at the age of 60 is a reason to celebrate, we understand why you don't want to make the trip. Is there anyone from your area who might be willing to travel with you? Are there family members you'd like to see who would be in attendance? If you can't find a reason that makes the trip worthwhile, sending a gift and card is perfectly fine. Dear Annie: I am a veteran of two services. I served in the U.S. Army, saw combat, and when the Army discharged me in early '44, I got to thinking about all my friends still in the fight, so I decided to help them. I became a merchant seaman carrying the goods and supplies required by our troops. To get to my problem, I see mentions of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and even the Coast Guard. Never do I see merchant marines mentioned in any columns, not even yours. I think it is high time we paid some respect to the 9,500 mariners who gave up their lives so that our troops could have the materiel they needed to fight. — Proud Merchant Seaman in Sun City, Calif. Dear Merchant Seaman: The merchant marine delivers military supplies to our forces overseas, and our armed services could not manage without them. In World War II, mariners suffered the highest percentage of casualties of all five branches of the armed services. We owe them a great deal.

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All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinguent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinguent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property. You are hereby commanded to

appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of May, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax iens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions

Information for bidders, proposals forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the Mayor, City Hall, City of Coahoma, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith& Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 5030 E. University, Ste. C-104, Odessa, TX 79762.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill. Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 5030 E. University, Ste. C-104, Odessa, TX 79762 (Phone (432)520-2110) for a price of THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) for each set of plans and specifications. The deposit is NON-RE-FUNDABLE.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race color, religion, sex or national ori-

Bids may be held by the City of Coahoma, Texas for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The City of Coahoma, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

All contractors/subcontractors which debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. CITY OF COAHOMA

Bill Read, Mayor #4933 April 12 & 19, 2006.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against C.F. Coates, Sr., as De fendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 20th day of October 2005, in a certain suit styled HOW-ARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. C.F. COATES, SR., for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4674 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit. are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units

who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law

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You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of May, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof. then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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the day of judgment herein

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against John B. Digby, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of March, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHN B. DIGBY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District and the file number of said suit is 5126 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of May, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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### COMICS

**BIG SPRING HERALD** Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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7	:30	Freddie (CC)	Freddie (CC)	Arnor	American Idol	Race 9 (CC)	Pasiones	Deal (CC)		Dr. Karl Coke	Cousteau	Everest	No Return	Scene Invstgtn.	(CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Friendehip	(CC)	Besketbelt:	(CC)
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8	:30	•	•	•	Unan1mous	(CC)	Decisiones	• •	Raymond	Southwest	The Heroes	(CC)	•	Tomorrow	Avenger	The Parkers	Emperor New	•	Cavaliers at	(CC)
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11	:30	Jimmy Kimmel	Live (CC)	Risa	Malcolm-Mid.	Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo-	Late Night-	to Remember	Charles Scott		Everest	Hustle (CC)	Scene Invstgin.		Jamie Foxox	Kim Possible	With Smith	•	•
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12	:30	News (CC)	Paid Program	•	King of the Hill	The Insider	Pagado	Apex		Booker	-	(CC)	:45 Novie:	Blind Date		(CC)	Thet's Raven	Battle of the	(CC)	Twilight Zone

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I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT

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DON'T YOU MEAN A LITTLE "POP"?

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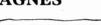
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### WIZARD OF ID





OK, LISTEN UP, PEOPLE! THIS WON'T BE EASY FOR YOU! SOMETIMES YOU WILL BE SO TIRED, SO BONE WEARY, SO DISHEARTENED, WELCOME TO JUMP CAMP! TODAY, WE START WEEDING OUT THE DEAD-FOOT FLOPPERS

better almost get to the table!"

"Dinner's almost ready! You guys

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

HEY! MY FOLDER

In History Today is Wednesday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2006.

There are 263 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in

History:

Four hundred years ago, on April 12, 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag (also referred to as the Union Jack), which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

On this date: In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1862, Union volunteers led by James J. Andrews stole a Confederate train near Marietta, Ga., but were later caught. (This episode inspired the Buster Keaton comedy "The General.")

This Date President Harry S. Truman. In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

IT'S GOT MY STOMACH SO

UPSET, I'LL

NEVER GET

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

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In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first

test flight. In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn of Utah became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off. In 1989, radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hore Ba, at are 52 Hope, Pa., at age 52.

**Birthdays**: Today's Country singer Ned Miller is 81. Actress Jane Withers is 80. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 73. Actor Charles Napier is 70. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 66. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to

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56. Rhythm-and-blues singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 54. Singer Pat Travers is 52. Actor Andy Garcia is 50. Movie director Walter Salles is 50. **Country singer Vince Gill is** Country singer Vince Gill is 49. Rock musician Will Sergeant (Echo & amp; the Bunnymen) is 48. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 44. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 42. Figure skater Elaine Zayak is 41. Rock singer Nicholas Hexum (311) singer Nicholas Hexum (311) is 36. Actor Nicholas Brendon is 35. Actress Shannen Doherty is 35. Rock musician Guy Berryman (Coldplay) is 28. Actress Claire Danes is 27.

show host David Letterman

is 59. Author Scott Turow is

57. Singer David Cassidy is

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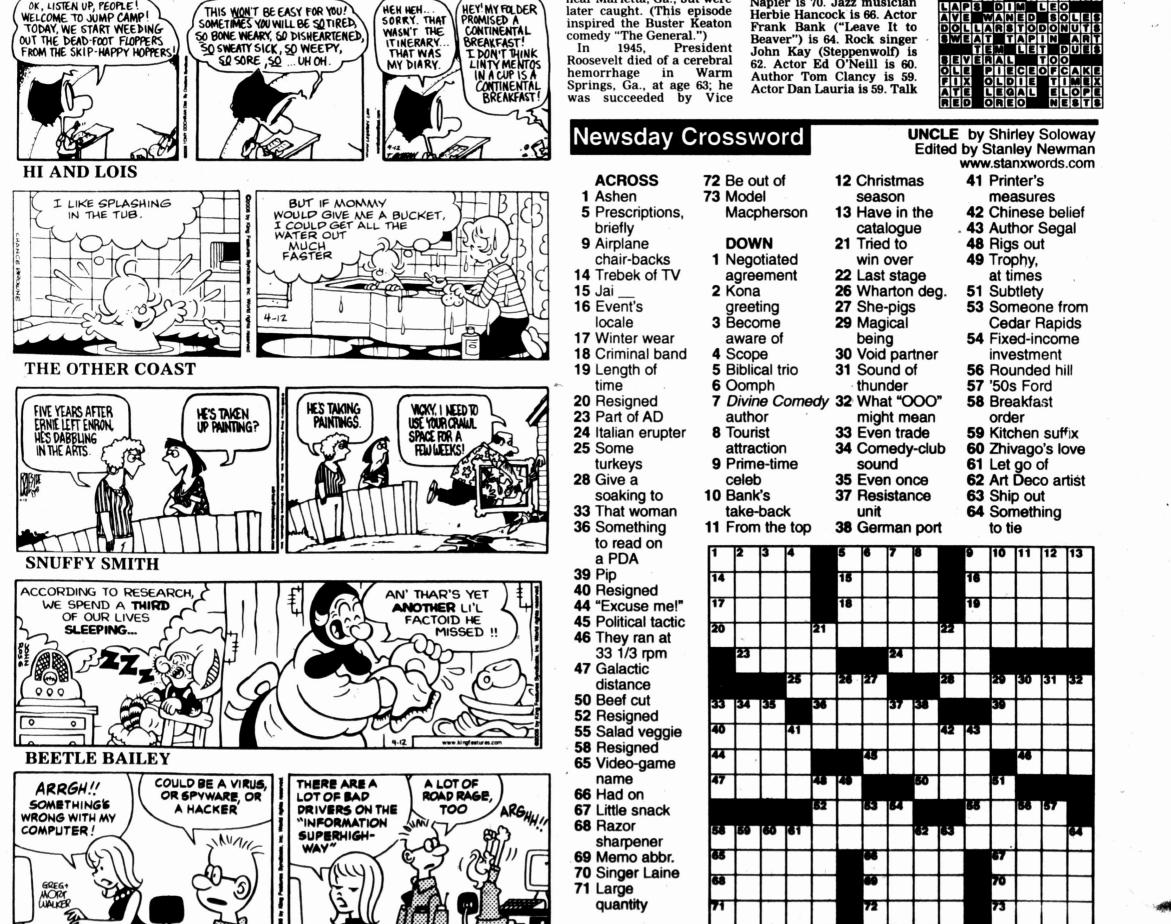
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