



VA hospital to expand services

It won't go; it will grow, says Perlin

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Not only will the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring stay right where it is, it's going to grow.

That's the message delivered by Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., the Department of Veteran Affairs under secretary for health, during a press conference at the facility Thursday afternoon.

Perlin, who was joined by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Randy Neugebauer and other VA officials, said the decision to keep the facility open is the result of an exhaustive study by the department.

"I would say I have a surprise for you, but I think there's no surprise," said Perlin, holding up the Thursday edition of the *Herald*. "I believe everyone agrees this is not just good news, but great news."

"After the year-long review of the issue, we've determined Big Spring VA Medical Center will remain open. We will continue to operate both inpatient beds and long term beds here in Big



Left, Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., the Department of Veteran Affairs under secretary for health, holds up the Thursday edition of the Big Spring Herald during a press conference Thursday afternoon to announce the Big Spring VA Medical Center has been removed from the list of possible closures. Right, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen share a quick embrace during the conference.



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Spring, provide quality health care to all of the veterans of West Texas and New Mexico, which this great hospital is proud to serve."

Keeping the doors of the

facility open was just part of the good news Perlin delivered, as he described expansion for the local facility that's soon to come.

"In addition, the secre-

tary has directed us to look at ways to expand the residential mental health services we provide in this region," said Perlin. "We will begin this process of evaluation

immediately. Over the next several years, we'll add 35 beds to Big Spring's domiciliary services.

"What we found in our studies was that this Big

Spring facility is in good condition, and that veterans' access to care would not be improved enough to justify the cost of build

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'Great day in Big Spring,' officials declare

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Thursday may very well go down as the best day in the history of Big Spring, according to several local veterans and elected officials.

Steeled by the news the Big Spring VA Medical Center was officially off the Department of Veterans Affairs chopping block, area officials said they couldn't be happier.

"There has been a lot of

prayer that has been offered up for this facility," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "A lot of prayer. And I believe with all my heart and soul that those prayers are answered today. The Lord's hand is on this, and it's a good thing."

"When I hear you talk about our facility, I have a father's pride in what's going on. It's so wonderful to have someone come in and talk about Lou Ann (Atkins, director of West

"It's a wonderful day. It's just a good day in Big Spring. We used to say it's a great day in Chicago, but today's a great day in Big Spring."

—Leo Welch,
World War II veteran



Texas VA Health Care System) and Pat (McKlem, director of VA VISN 18) — our people — because we're so proud of this facility. We're proud to have

been serving veterans for 50 years."

McEwen thanked many of the men and women who worked diligently on the effort to keep

the facility open, including U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

"As you can probably tell, this is a very emotional day for us," said McEwen. "It's something we've been concerned about and some people said this wouldn't happen. However, because of your help, it has happened."

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Seeking a road more traveled

Forsan RCCI hopes to shorten route to Tubbs addition

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — As the crow flies, it is about two miles from Forsan to the Tubbs Addition. Human beings, however, must take a more round-about route.

Developing a safe, direct route to the Tubbs addition is one of the major stated goals of the recently formed Forsan community development team. The group, like similar

efforts in Big Spring and Coahoma, was formed under the auspices of the Rural Community College initiative, which encourages community and civic leaders to devise ways to improve their respective communities.

Forsan's effort is the newest of the Howard County RCCI groups, but it may be the boldest single project of the three.

Constructing a road between Tubbs Addition and Forsan

certainly would have its advantages, among those convenience and safety, but it won't be cheap, either.

The route will go through privately owned property, meaning right-of-way must be obtained. Property must be fenced off. Materials must be purchased.

Group facilitator Jan Foresyth suggested that grant money, available from a variety of sources, could pay for most of the costs involved in

the project.

And preliminary discussions are already underway with property owners to obtain right-of-way approval.

"The owners I've talked with have some concerns ... but they certainly weren't against it up front," said group member Randy Johnson.

Despite the difficulties, Johnson said the goal is a beneficial one for Forsan.

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DISC GOLF ON TAP HERE

The second annual West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament will get underway Saturday and Sunday in Comanche Trail Park, with registration at 7 a.m. and a players meeting at 8 a.m.

The tournament is made up of three rounds of 27 holes — two rounds Saturday and one on Sunday — with several different divisions of disc golfers will be competing, including advanced, intermediate, novice, junior and a women bracket. Entry fees range between \$45 and \$15 for adults, with children competing in the junior division expected to ante-up \$10.

For more information on the tournament, contact Greg Brooks at 432-528-5076.

THE RAT SQUADRON

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Watch out Fido, your days on the force may be numbered.

Police in Colombia are training Lola and Espejo, two whiskered, red-eyed rats, to sniff out bombs and land mines.

The rodents are part of an experimental six-rat squadron that police are preparing for dangerous missions to defuse the more than 100,000 land mines that litter Colombia's countryside after four decades of war between the government and leftist rebels.

Unlike dogs, rats weighing less than half a pound each and don't trigger any explosions when they walk on a mine.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

Next week is National Infant Immunization Week and the Texas Department of State Health Services at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be giving free shots to children.

The immunizations will be given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents should bring the child's shot record or a note from school to the clinic.

"It's important for children age 9 and under to get their first flu immunization if they've never had one," the clinic stated in a news release. It's also important to ensure children have all their vaccinations by age 2 and that 4-year-olds receive boosters. Questions? call 263-9775.

Obituaries

Elma Evelyn Hood



Elma Evelyn Hood, 89, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 20, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until service time Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Elma Evelyn Hood was born Elma Evelyn Holland June 6, 1916, to Ernest and Myrtle Holland in Clarkston, Wash.

She came to Texas with her parents when she was a very young girl and grew up on a farm at Loraine. In 1929, she moved with her family to Big Spring.

After finishing school, she worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for several years and later worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical for about 20 years.

She married Curtis Hood Aug. 20, 1940, and he preceded her in death Aug. 18, 2000.

She joined the First Church of Nazarene in 1933. She loved the Lord and her church and enjoyed serving in many areas of the church for many years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Larry Don and Kathy Hood of San Angelo; one daughter, Theresa Luann Hood of Big Spring; Linda Voyles, who was like a daughter, of Terrell; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Avyce Lockhart of Houston; a brother and sister-in-law, Lowell and June Holland of Oklahoma City; a sister-in-law, Johnnie Holland of Eagle Lake; and a special friend, Billie Mize.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Children's Church Fund at the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Mitchell



Robert Mitchell, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Sims officiating. Interment will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born May 9, 1931, in McLean County, Ill., and came to Big Spring in 1985 from Bloomington, Ill. He had worked as a police officer most of his life and served as chief of police in Roanoke, Ill.

Survivors include four daughters, Kathryn Mitchell of Big Spring, Mary Ann Mitchell of Normal, Ill., Bobbie Ann Perkins of Des Moines, Iowa and Pam Reynar of Bloomington, Ill.; two sons, Robert H. Mitchell Jr. of Dallas and Kenny Mitchell of Winter Haven, Fla.; his girlfriend, C.J. of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Bowman, April 4, 2006.

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Police blotter

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

• **RODNEY TUBBS**, 22, of 1105 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Thursday on charges of burglary of a habitation (three counts).

• **JESSICA HERNANDEZ**, 22, of 403 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday on a local capias warrant.

• **ADRIAN CARRILLO**, 17, of 1600 Kentucky Way, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ**, 27, of 505 Bell, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

• **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 43, of 602 Holbert, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CHRISTOVAL MORENO**, 46, of 1501 Rannels, was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.

• **MONICA MINJAREZ**, 31, of 707 E. 16th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of interfering with the discharge of a police officer's official duties.

• **LORITA SCHULZE**, 19, of 1007 E. 16th Street, was arrested Friday on six local warrants.

• **JENNIFER DELEON**, 18, of 1104 N. Nolan, was arrested Friday on a local warrant.

• **BRADLEY UGSTAD**, 53, of 1308 Highway 350, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Goldye Mae Moad



Goldye Mae Moad, 98, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring and the Rev. Donita Lee, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Hammon, Okla., and married Curtice Roy Moad in 1932 in Taloga, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Philathea Sunday School Class, the United Methodist Women and the Church Women United. She was a homemaker and her family was the center of her activities.

Survivors include two daughters, Mona Drake of Sand Springs and Janel Robertson of Big Spring; one brother, Albert Campbell of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two stepdaughters, five brothers, three sisters and four sons-in-law.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229 or a charity of your choice.

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

Janice E. Towne

Janice E. Towne, 65, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Herminia R. Olivarez

Herminia R. Olivarez, 90, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

C. Josh Sullivan Jr.

C. Josh Sullivan Jr., 59, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIQUEZ**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

• **BILLY WAYNE COSTLOW**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• **BRANDON WHITE**, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• **CHAD MICHA PERKINS**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants from Parmer and Bailey counties for theft by check.

• **KIMBERLY SUE ANDERSON**, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• 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 1-800-332-8677 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.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3300 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 10th Street and Scurry. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Indian Ridge. Service was refused.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. Fire was out upon arrival.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

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

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-27-29 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 34.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$2.65 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-8-20-33-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-3

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"Remember...you deserve the best!"



Jan Foresyth, left, and Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, far right, present checks for \$100 to Devin Adamson, second from left, and Joshua Metcalf Wednesday afternoon. Adamson and Metcalf were winners of the recent Coahoma community slogan contest. The slogan, "Coahoma: Small In Number ... Big on Pride," will appear on city letterhead, signs and other media throughout town.

Amerikick Karate to host free carnival Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Amerikick Karate and Tumbling is hosting a free indoor carnival Saturday at the Big Spring Mall to raise awareness of the need for child safety.

The carnival will be held from noon to 2 p.m. All ages are welcome.

There will be a train ride, Velcro wall, sumo wrestler game, inflatable obstacle course, finger printing, and jumpers for young children. There will also be karate demonstrations.

"Our children are the

most important things we have. What we hope to accomplish is to have every parent in the area aware of the need for child safety and how to help protect their children from would-be predators," said Timothy McCandless.

In addition to the free carnival, Amerikick Karate will be hosting a free children's safety seminar the following Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m.

For additional information contact McCandless at 267-2467.

TXU to add 11 coal-powered generating units

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Corp. said Thursday it will spend \$10 billion to add 11 new coal-powered generation units in Texas.

The company said the new units will be added at nine existing power plants by 2010 and will be enough capacity for 6.5 million more homes.

Coahoma ISD to expand use of multi-age classrooms

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Elementary's experiment with multi-age classrooms was such a success that the school will expand the program next year.

Coahoma school trustees heard a report on the program during their regular meeting Thursday night in the administration building board room.

After studying a similar program in other school districts,

Coahoma Elementary officials decided to try combining kindergartners and first graders in one classroom this year, Principal Patricia Bennett said.

Teacher Kathy Nichols and 19 students soon discovered that the combined approach had an immediate benefit, especially for the kindergartners.

"It was tremendous," Bennett said. "What happened is that the first graders became little mentors to the kindergartners

... The kindergartners were just like little sponges — they soaked it all up."

Superintendent Jerry Johnson said results were so encouraging that the school will expand the program to include all kindergarten and first grade students in combined classes.

"There were a lot of benefits," Johnson said. "The kindergartners were able to advance in their studies a little quicker ... As a result, we are going to

expand that program next year."

Johnson said the expanded program will result in five classes holding combined kindergarten and first grade students.

In other business trustees:

• Accepted the resignation of elementary special education teacher Carol Williams, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

• Discussed personnel matters and issues pertaining to the

high school softball program in executive session, but took no action, Johnson said.

• Heard an enrollment report from Johnson. As of the end of March, there were 770 students enrolled in classes at CISD, an increase of seven from the previous month.

• Heard additional reports on the junior high school cheerleader program and possible ways to save on energy costs from officials with Siemens Building Technologies.

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ing a new facility in Midland or Odessa," he added. "Accordingly, Secretary Nicholson decided to keep Big Spring open and retain all of its existing health care services."

Hutchison, who was described as "vital" in the process to keep the Big Spring VA Medical Center in operation by Perlin, said the real deciding factor in the situation was the people of Big Spring.

"The community made

a fabulous effort, led by Mayor McEwen and certainly with the community leaders there to show their very best of what this facility is and what it could do," said Hutchison. "Dr. Perlin is who came forward and kept an open mind, and made the decisions along with Secretary Nicholson about what would best serve the veterans."

"I think it was the effort put forth by the community, by the staff here at the hospital and the Veterans Administration to do the right thing that all came together to make this happen."

Hutchison said she's

excited to see the VA take a more pro-active role in the mental health of the country's veterans, and hopes the increase in domiciliary care currently being studied for the Big Spring facility will help accomplish a lot for the men and women it serves.

"I'm very, very excited," said Hutchison. "I think the fact we're keeping it open is good, and I think the fact that we're expanding it is great. I couldn't think of better care than you could get here for people who have mental problems associated with their service to our country. And one of

the things that I have championed as the chairman of the Veteran Affairs in the senate is to look at the mental health needs of our returning soldiers.

"We take care of our veterans. We always have, and we always will. But we're noticing those that are returning — starting with Vietnam and now into the war on terror — there are mental issues and post traumatic stress syndrome that need to be addressed as fully as the physical ailments they come back with. Having an expansion of the mental care facilities has been a priority of mine."

Neugebauer said he would sum up his feelings on the news in one word.

"Good news travels kind of fast here," said Neugebauer. "It's a great day. I was trying to think of the words to describe this kind of day, and I come back to how proud I am of this day. I'm proud of this community, which came together."

"I am proud of the VA task force that was put together by the community. The case they made and the scenarios they worked up were very professional, and I think the fruits that are going to be borne from that is the community is going to

begin to network, take this day and move forward and grow this facility."

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GREAT DAY

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Richard Steel, president of the board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring, said Thursday's announcement that the facility was being removed from the CARES list was all he and many local officials wanted to hear.

"I think it's absolutely fantastic," said Steel. "It's really the best we could have hoped for. It's all we ever wanted, and more. That's exactly what we wanted, the addition of

domiciliary services, and they announced right here that the process has already started. It couldn't be any better news for Big Spring and the veterans in the VA system here."

Local veteran Leo Welch, who has also served as a long-time volunteer at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, said the announcement the VA is also looking at expanding the facility has him very pleased.

"It's a wonderful day. It's just a good day in Big Spring. We used to say it's a great day in Chicago, but today's a

great day in Big Spring," said Welch. "These new services they are adding are very important. We need them and should have had them. And now we're going to have them in Big Spring. They're (the VA) really doing a great job for us."

Big Spring City Council member Gloria McDonald said the news couldn't have come at a better time.

"This is the most exciting news Big Spring has had in a very long time," said McDonald. "It's going to be a great day."

County Commissioner Bill Crooker said the

announcement was the perfect way to close an already fantastic day.

"Wonderful, wonderful news," said Crooker with a smile. "And to top it all off, we got some rain today. So we're twice

blessed."

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RCCI

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Currently, getting between Forsan and Tubbs Addition involves a trip of about 14 miles, so there's the convenience factor of a direct route. However, a direct route into downtown Forsan would have the effect of funneling more people into the area, officials said.

Foresyth said conversations with property owners will continue as the RCCI group continues to scout possible routes for the proposed road.

One area where costs will be mitigated is in actual construction. Foresyth said Howard County, which partners

with RCCI on other projects, would handle road construction.

Other goals for the Forsan community development group include:

• A community slogan contest. The contest, similar to those in Big Spring and Coahoma, garnered 37 entries. The winner, who will receive \$100, will be announced in May, Foresyth said.

• Clean-up efforts. The group will decide in May on specific areas of the community to target for clean-up. Demolition of dilapidated buildings also is being examined.

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For information to recover 2 Lawn Mowers taken from 610 George St. A new Craftsman with white bagger, self propelled taken FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006 And 2 Yr. Old Murry Mower taken SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2006 And the identity of the person who took these items. Contact 432-517-0202

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2006-2007 Spring Registration for Current Big Spring Students:

Registration packets will be sent home on Monday, April 24, 2006, with your child.

Please return registration packets to your child's teacher or campus office by Friday, April 28, 2006.

This will constitute registration for the 2006-2007 school year.

If you have questions, please contact the principal's office at your campus.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- We'll revisit this in the Herald's weekend edition, but we don't want to miss an opportunity to salute all of the people who worked so hard to show the Department of Veterans Affairs how vital the Big Spring VA Medical Center is to West Texas veterans, Big Spring and surrounding communities.

- The many businesses, groups and individuals — and of course the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, VA Medical Center and Birdwell Park — for making the Easter holiday an exciting one by staging egg hunts throughout the city.

- Forsan High School, on winning its fourth straight district academic championship. Good luck at the region contest Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University!

- Layne Chapman, recipient of Howard College's Presidential Award; Dr. Nancy Allen, named Outstanding Educator of the Year; Rosa Canales, Outstanding Workforce Education Student; Gracie Acosta and April Collins, USA Today All-Academic Team; and Richard Villa and Andrea Torres, American Legion Citizenship Award; and all of the Howard College students who received departmental and academic recognition during Tuesday's convocation.

- Gary W. Dunwoody, Imperial Potentate of the North American Shriners, on his visit to Big Spring.

- Joshua Metcalf and Devin Adamson, winners of the Coahoma community slogan contest, with the entry "Coahoma: Small in Number ... Big on Pride." Great job, guys!

HOW TO CONTACT US

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You never stop working for us, Lord, thank You.

Amen

The joys of not being carded

Are you 55 yet? I'm not talking about the speed limit, I mean your age. Well, it doesn't matter. I turned 55 earlier this year and it's been an experience already.

For the first time, I can get the senior citizen price at Furr's Cafeteria. I am jumping with joy. Actually, I have been getting the senior price for a couple of years, but now I can do it legally. Not that I ever lied, mind you. They just took a look at me and said "There's a senior if I ever saw one." I didn't tell them any different.

What is perplexing about this is that I always looked young for my age "way back then" — or at least most people thought so. I could get into the movies at the children's rate for a couple of years after I became a teen. Of course, I didn't do it that often. When you are a teen-ager, you don't go around posing as 11 or 12 on purpose. No, I was doing all I could to hold on to 13.

I never tried to buy that liquid refreshment your mother wouldn't want you to buy until I was 21.

Like many maturing teens, my friends did, on occasion, break the law where drinking was concerned. We'd find a guy who "looked" older and he'd do it. Understand, I am in no way saying it is OK for underage young men and women to drink. It wasn't then and it isn't now. If I had it to do over again, I would have spent my time on more productive pursuits.

Anyway, on my 21st birthday, I, like millions of other red-blooded Americans — walked into an establishment my mother would not want me to be in ... set down my items to be purchased, ready to pull out my driver's license proudly showing my legal age and ... they didn't blink an eye. No ID needed. Didn't even ask. Bye.

I wanted to say "Hey! Pay attention here, this is a big deal. Check my identification!"

Nope, what the guy at the counter said was, "Next!"

It was a letdown, let me tell you. As it turns out, I didn't get asked for an ID until I was 28. TWENTY EIGHT! And that was just because the clerks were told by their boss they had to. My brother-in-law was 35 and they asked him, too.

Somehow, in a few short years, I had evolved from appearing younger than I was, to looking

older. I figure I got lost in a time warp. That may explain why I never grew any taller after about the sixth grade.

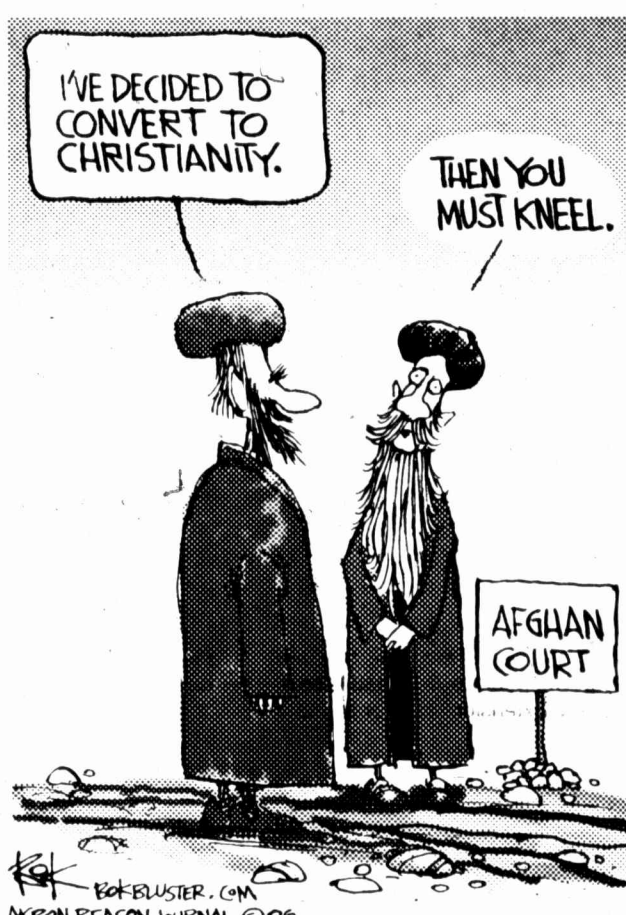
The other day I told a friend of mine I could now get a senior-price meal at Furr's — legally — and she said "Well good, I guess." Kinda like she was happy for me and sad for me at the same time.

The truth is, there isn't anything you can do about it. The years keep marching on. Like so many other people, I didn't expect to live to 21. When I reached 21, I was sure I wouldn't make it to 30, then 40. Then one day I was 50. Now I am 55. Things change.

This year I had an EKG and it indicated a problem. An angiogram revealed there was some blockage of my main right artery. It's something that can be handled without surgery, if I do what I need to do.

A few not-so-short years ago I never expected to live this long. Now that I am 55, I want to stick around awhile. Maybe just to take advantage of being a "senior" citizen. Even if the clerks never ask for my ID.

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Passport? Head for the post office

Heading overseas? You don't have to sail the seven seas to find the nearest "Office of Passport Services." Just visit the Big Spring Post Office. The hours for passport applications are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Remember that a passport will be required for travel to Mexico and Canada beginning Dec. 31.

Here you can pick up Form DS-11, Application for Passport. The form and instructions tell you everything you need to get a passport. In addition to Form DS-11, you will need to do the following:

Present proof of identity
For most people, a valid permanent state driver's license is all you need. If you don't have one, a government ID or military ID will suffice, as will a previous passport, Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization Certificate. A Social Security card is not sufficient to prove your identity. You must present a document showing your signature and photograph or physical description.

Present proof of U.S. citizenship
You can use a previous passport, a certified birth certificate (with a raised, embossed, impressed or

multicolored seal, the registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed, which must have been within one year of your birth — photocopies are unacceptable), a Certificate of Citizenship, a Naturalization Certificate or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth.

Provide two passport photos

Lots of photo shops, photographer's studios and even some department stores provide passport photos. They must be 2 inches by 2 inches and identical. They can be black-and-white or color. They must have been taken within the last six months and show your current appearance, full face looking directly at the camera, in front of a white or off-white background. In the photo, your face must measure between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of your chin to the top of your head. Wear normal street attire, without a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline. If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they should be worn in the photos. Dark glasses or non-prescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable. Photos are also available at the Big Spring Post Office.

Provide a Social Security Number

If you do not provide your Social Security Number, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may impose a \$500 penalty. If you have ques-

tions about this, please call your nearest IRS office.

Pay the fees

For those 16 years of age and over, the passport processing fee is \$67. An additional fee of \$30 is charged for the execution of the application. Your passport will be valid for 10 years from the date of issue except when limited by the Secretary of State. Young people age 15 and younger must pay \$52 in processing fees, plus \$30 for the execution of the application. Your passport will be valid for five years, except where limited. You may pay the passport fee by check, bank draft, cashier's check or money order made payable to the U.S. Department of State. You can pay the execution fee in cash or by debit or credit card, money order or check made payable to the Postal Service. Additional fees may also apply under special circumstances involving citizenship documentation.

One more thing ...

Don't sign the application form until the passport clerk tells you to do so. The passport clerk must witness you signing the form.

For more information or to print a passport application form, just go to www.usps.com/passport.

Big Spring Postmaster Gary Crittenden writes his weekly column to provide information on the history and services provided by the United States Postal Service.



GARY CRITTENDEN

Parent's Corner

How did you do today? What a question.

A few nights ago my oldest son, who is in junior high, was feeling quite philosophical. He came into the den where I was sitting, sat down beside me and out of a clear, blue sky said, "Dad, how did you do today?"

This question is usually asked regarding a specific activity or action. But there was no specific activity or action to which he was referring.

The question was extremely blatant and open ended. How do I answer that kind of question? I have thought about it many times since then and I have questioned myself in detail.

I have heard it said that you can blame others for the past but only yourself for the future. I have also heard it said that we are

only limited by the scope and size of our own personal vision.

So I ask myself, "How did I do today?" What was the scope and size of my personal vision today? Was I honest in all my dealings? Did I have and show compassion to my fellow workers? Did I treat folks with dignity and respect? Was I fair and just in all my dealings? Did I greet folks with a smile?

Was my community better because I was in it? Was I a stepping stone or a stumbling block to those around me? Did I present my life as a positive influence before my children?

These questions and more continue to flood my mind as I ponder that simple question. We train our children every day by the way we live, the things we say and the things we do. What was the training I gave my child today?

Will Rogers is quoted, "How can I win the rat race without becoming a rat?"

Well, I really do not choose to become a rat. I can only hope that my

day-to-day dealings are positive and that I always keep in mind that what I accomplish is based on my belief of what I think I can do.

I must look at life as a journey that I am privileged to take and as Mark Twain said, that when it's my time to die, even the undertaker will be sorry. I don't remember how I answered my son that day, but if someday he asks that question again, he had better be ready for a long answer.

Think about it. How did you do today?

TAKS Question for the day. This was taken from a former fifth grade math test.

On a class field trip, there was one adult for every eight students. If a total of 54 students and adults went on the trip, how many were students?

a. 46 b. 47 c. 48 d. 62
The answer is the first letter from the word certainly.

Darrell Ryan is the BSISD director of curriculum.



DARRELL RYAN

Club News

In the Backyard
Brought to you by the Howard County Master Gardener

Water Wise Plant Sale May 6

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It's Spring! Things are greening up!

Are you getting the itch to plant something? That's great!

Stores and nurseries are full of lovely plants, we want to buy all of them because they'll look so pretty in our yard. The Howard County Master Gardeners want to encourage you to think about what you are buying. Does it work in our dry environment? Do you have to spend your time and money watering? Will it take those hot windy days and still look good, or will it wilt and die? This can mean the difference between a proud homeowner or a tired and frustrated ex-gardener! It may surprise you but you don't have to limit yourself to gravel and cactus. Whether you are re-doing your entire yard, or buying one special plant, **Water Wise** landscaping is the way to go! There are lots of great plants available that are native to our West Texas area or are adapted to it. Read labels, ask questions, call your Howard County Extension office or talk to a Master Gardener. We also want to encourage you to come by our **Water Wise plant sale booth on May 6 at the Flea Market** which will be held at the Big Spring Mall. We'll have West Texas hardy plants for sale and people who'll be glad to talk and answer questions. We hope you'll spend some time outside and enjoy spring in West Texas!

Neighbors and Newcomers Club of Big Spring

Neighbors & Newcomers of Big Spring April meeting was at Alldredge's Garden and Restaurant in Midland. A luncheon honored member, Angie Byerly on the birth of her and husband, Erich's triplets.

Officers elected for the 2006-2007 year are: president, Brenda Conciene; first vice-president, Gisela Preciado; second

vice-president, Pat Mireles; secretary, Willia Leford; treasurer, Pat Fleming; and activity chairman, Bernadine Grissett.

Anyone interested in Newcomers may call 264-6830 for more information.

Texas Retired Teacher Association

District President Janice Bond of Big Spring received a plaque in recognition of her service on the TRTA Board of

Directors as president of the district presidents council, 2005-2006 at the annual TRTA State Convention April 2-4 in Amarillo.

Maridell Fryar of Midland ARSP was elected to the office of secretary/treasurer of the state organization. District XVIII received the award for the greatest percentage increase in membership for the second year in a row.

Twenty-eight delegates from District XVIII attended.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Aquarius moon's vibrations range from merely cheerful, to friendly, to vehemently altruistic. It's the casual, upbeat daily contacts that mean most to you when you look back on this day. The successful among us are those who consciously decide to bring something, even if it's only a smile, to every person along the way.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Denying your passion doesn't make it go away, but it does make the window of opportunity shrink down to a size that you would have to squeeze through. Admit what you want, and this window becomes a sliding-glass door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your attitude is more important than what actually happens — it's more important than the facts. Attitude has the power to turn a sterile environment into a place where love can grow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something is missing. Art and glamour need to

be in your world on a daily basis for you to feel you're living the life you were meant to live. Find ways to add these elements.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your weird point of view on today's events makes other people laugh even when you're not trying to be funny. As far as your friends are concerned, you're the gift that keeps giving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The planets prod you to commit your random act of kindness immediately. "Now" is never too soon, by the way, because you never know when "tomorrow" is too late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're realizing your impact on your home life is greater than you normally take into consideration. In fact, your very example presents an overwhelming responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Usually, choose not to believe hearsay but now, you sense there is real truth to be learned. Your intuition is correct, though you would have a hard time convincing that realist to your life of it. Follow your guide, but don't tell anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mental sharpness is required for a job to go well. So take a nap if

you must or have an afternoon coffee. Tonight, you'll be the hero everyone toasts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Normally, you wouldn't think that spending one-on-one time with yourself is the most fun a person can have, but today, you're your own best company. Another Sagittarius is your second-best choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The word "potential" is a frustrating one for you, because you always see the unfilled part of potential in yourself and others. You're wonderful as you are. What you've done is important. Acknowledge yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Work is a lot of fun today. Your signmate Oprah Winfrey says you know you're on the road to success if you would do your job and not be paid for it. Dating tip for tonight: Fill awkward moments with kisses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your partners need to listen to you more closely and more often. You can help them do this by sweetly demanding their full attention — also, by putting your communication in note form, even if it's only for your own clarity.

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Church News

'Earley Praises' present concert at Berea Baptist Church Sunday

Don and Judy Earley of "Earley Praises" present a concert during the 11 a.m. worship service at Berea Baptist Church Sunday.

The Earleys, who are from the Fort Worth area, presented a mini-concert at Berea last October.

They have each received awards through the Southern Gospel Music Association. In 2004, Judy Earley was named "Female Vocalist of the Year."

That year, "Earley Praises" received the "Natalie Dawn Smith Love Award" and the song "And I Believe," was nominated for "Song of the Year."

In 2003, Don Earley was named "Male Vocalist of the Year." Tapes, CDs and videos of concerts by Earley Praises will be available at the end of the service.

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Road. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship is at 11 a.m. A nursery is available for children through age 3.

For transportation, call the Berea office at 267-8438. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. If there is no answer, leave a message and the call will be returned.



Don and Judy Earley of "Earley Praises"

Learning discernment

Sound of running water leads to surprise ending

I was just minding my own business when the trouble started.

Feeling good about the way I had planned my day, I walked into the bedroom to put away some freshly folded laundry. That's when I heard water running in the bathroom.

"Why did Dwayne leave the water running in the sink?" I wondered.

Preparing to turn off the faucet and deliver my lecture about wasting water later, I opened the bathroom door and looked toward the sink. To my surprise, I didn't see any water, but I knew there was water running somewhere.

I could hear it gushing out of a pipe. After jiggling the handle on the toilet and glancing into the shower, I opened the cabinet doors under the sink and felt all around for wet spots. There were none. Everything was dry.

Confused and alarmed at the thought of having a water leak inside a wall, I went back to the utility room and stopped the washer to see if the noise was just water running inside the pipes somewhere.

When that theory failed to stop the invisible flow of water, I went outside

and checked the faucets and looked around the foundation of the house for puddles. After inspecting the wall outside the bathroom for springs of water trickling out between the bricks, I hurried back inside to do something.

I wasn't sure what to do, but I had to do something. The only thing I could think of to do was to turn the water off. By crawling under the sink, I managed to turn off the cold water, but the hot-water valve was corroded beyond my ability to turn.

Frustrated by my puny grip, I called Dwayne on his cell phone and asked him to come help me stop the hidden waterfall.

After hanging up the phone, I went back into the bathroom and lowered my best ear to the counter top where the water seemed to be roaring the loudest. That's when I discovered the battery-operated toothbrush sitting on the counter vibrating with all the sound effects of a fire hydrant.

Quickly, I grabbed the toothbrush and pushed the only button I could find. Nothing happened!

When all my efforts to stop the quivering utensil failed, I made another

phone call and got instructions for dismantling a shaky toothbrush. That's when Dwayne finally remembered that he had been awakened in the middle of the night by running water only to discover that his toothbrush had decided to turn itself on.

The Psalmist asked God to give him discernment: *Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Thy commandments.* (Pslam 116:66 NASB).

I certainly could have benefited from a little more discernment the day I encountered the runaway toothbrush.

Lord, when you have something important to say to me, let me have the discernment to hear what you're saying and not

what I think I'm hearing.

Bonnie Wheat is a local, published author and married to the Rev. Dwayne Wheat of Berea Baptist Church.

Aglow International Texas retreat set

Aglow International Midwest Texas Area Retreat, "It's a New Time!, It's a New Season!, It's a New You!" is May 5-7 in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Cost is \$65 for all four sessions or \$20 for an individual session. Register before the beginning of each session.

For more information, call Liz at (432) 275-0522.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:
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Pass ?

What would you now bid with each of the following five hands?
1. ♠AK96♥J6♦KQ84♠AJ5
2. ♠AJ6♥KQ852♦AQ3♠J74
3. ♠KJ4♥KQ63♦AK952♠8
4. ♠KQ95♥Q72♦AQ83♠J6
5. ♠AK♥QJ94♦KQJ862♠3

1. One notrump. You have to be careful when partner makes a minimum response to your takeout double, because he does not promise any high-card strength for his bid and may have a very poor hand.

The one-notrump bid in this sequence shows about 17 to 19 points and so accurately reflects the values you hold. It would be wrong to bid one spade, which would promise at least a five-card suit and imply greater distributional values.

2. Two hearts. There is no obligation on the part of the doubler to bid again after his partner makes a minimum response. Hence, your raise to two hearts indicates extra values — usually, 16 to 18 points. The raise suggests to partner that there is a possibility of game despite his discouraging response.

While the one-heart response improves your hand, it should not

stimulate more than a simple raise to two. You have too many losers to warrant undertaking a higher contract opposite a partner who was forced to bid.

3. Three hearts. This hand is far more promising for game than the previous one. Both have 16 high-card points, but this one has better distribution plus a strong side suit. Partner would not need much more than five hearts to the J-10 to have a good play for 10 tricks, so if he accepts your invitation to game, it is most unlikely he would lose more than three tricks.

4. Pass. You have no values beyond those already represented by the double. A further bid at this point would denote additional strength and might lead to an unmakeable contract. Your side cannot have a game, since partner failed to jump or make any other strength-showing bid in response to the double.

5. Four hearts. Even though four tricks might be lost, it is best to go right to game in hearts. The danger of jumping to only three hearts is that partner may have nothing more than four hearts to the king, or a similar holding, and pass three hearts.

Note that the high-card point count, only 16, is not the deciding factor. What really counts is the tremendous potential you have for producing 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Search for a missing damsel.

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College Park Church of God

Revival services begin Sunday and continue through Wednesday. The Sunday service begins at 6:30 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. Bishop James Binion, a singer, musician and preacher, will be the speaker.

Binion pastors and serves on the Evangelism and Home Missions board for the Church of God in Texas.

Friday Night Live Children's Blow Out is tonight.

A night of puppets, music and a chance to win a 6-foot candy bar are all part of the activities. Kim Higdin and her team from Waxahachie are looking forward to sharing the gospel in a very unique way. The event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. tonight at the church, 603 Tulane.

A youth fund-raiser lasagna feast is planned. The lasagna meal, complete with lasagna, bread, salad and dessert, is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. April 28 at the church. Orders are for dine in or pick up only.

All proceeds benefit the Youth World Missions in Ghana, Africa. For more information or to order, call 432-264-7081.

A chicken-fried steak meal is planned for May 5. The meal includes hand-battered, chicken-fried steak with mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, rolls, salad and dessert.

The cost of the meal is \$7.50 for double meat, \$6 for a regular adult and \$3 for children. Dine in, pick up or delivery. To order call, 432-267-8593.

Mt. Bethel Church

Mt. Bethel Men and the Deaconess have their first annual day this Sunday during the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Michael Gibson of Houston is guest speaker.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m. and Bible study is at 5 p.m.

The sanctuary choir meets for rehearsal Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Youth ministry meets Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. (Northwest Fourth Street.) The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

Friend of Unity

Members endeavor to keep the Unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. All study groups and services are open to people of all disciplines and persuasions. The Center is located in the east box car in the downtown Railroad Plaza. The phone number is 267-8783.

East Side Baptist Church

Weekly Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. Fun Time, 10:45 a.m., family worship and 6 p.m., evening worship.

Wednesday evenings, youth meet at 6 p.m. and Bible study is at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Jim Liggett's topic this Sunday is "Peace."

St. Mary's presents a special Easteride Offerings' Concert Thursday at noon. The Big Spring High School Honor Band, under the direction of Rocky Harris are the guest performers. After the concert, refreshments are in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First United Methodist Church

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Dave Ring's sermon message is "The Best Is Yet to Come." The gospel text is from John 2:1-11. During the second service, Bibles will be presented to first through third graders and sixth graders. Sunday school meets at 9:45 a.m.

The Centered in Praise Ensemble meets at 3 p.m. Gisters Fellowship meets from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.. Junior High Youth meet at 5:30 p.m. and Senior High Youth meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Partee Building.

Tuesdays Kid's Club meets from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m.; Lunch/Bible study is at noon. The Hispanic Ministry has Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Men's Bible Class; handbell practice at 6 p.m., Combined Youth Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 7 p.m.

Special prayer times are observed in the chapel Thursday at noon and Friday at 7 a.m. Friday at 9 a.m. is Children's Day Out.

April 30, the Children's Choir performs "Hallelujah Yippee Kie Yay."

The church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these, call the church office at 267-6394.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek ser-

vices are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Tonight, there is a Fort Davis Youth Camp meeting at 7 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Jacksboro. They are discussing the upcoming camps scheduled for the first two weeks of June. There is fellowship after the meeting.

The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 a.m. and evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

There is a Fifth Sunday Singing April 30, beginning at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal afterwards.

Salem Baptist is pastored by The Rev. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and the Old Colorado City Highway. The telephone number is 394-4655.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Alexis Armstrong, Sydney Winters and Amy Winters, all members of the church, compete in the State Bible Drill in Abilene this weekend.

Upcoming events include Project: HOPE April 29; a Youth Fundraiser Luncheon May 7; Parent/Baby Dedication May 14.

Mission Trips to Japan, Brazil, and Houma, La., beginning this summer, are planned. There are camps for youth and children. Summerama for children during the sum-

mer is set for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. For any questions concerning any of the programs offered for every age group, call 267-8223.

College Baptist Church

The church, located at 1105 Birdwell Lane, offers Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. Sunday and a Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7429.

Cornerstone Church

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and the message is at 11 a.m. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool during regular services.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call 263-3072 with any questions.

YoungLife

The Big Spring Rod and Custom Cruise Night to sponsor camperships is May 27 at the FM 700 Sonic. Sponsorships are available. Committee meeting is May 11 at 6 p.m.

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Forsan Baptist Church

A revival is planned for today, Saturday and Sunday. The service begins at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and Sunday starts at 10:50 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Marty Akins from First Baptist Church of Hobbs, N.M., is the scheduled speaker. His theme is "A time to rebuild" from Nehemiah.

The pastor is the Rev. Derrick Looney. For more information, call 457-2342.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles speaks on text from John 20:19-31 at worship service Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at

9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include: Presbyterian Women meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday; the youth group meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday; Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday; and choir practice is at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

April 30, a potluck luncheon is presented by the worship committee. Other upcoming events include Senior Recognition Day May 14 and the Presbyterian Women's Luncheon May 16. A church-wide camping trip to Fort Davis is set for June and vacation Bible School is planned for June 19-23.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels Street between Seventh and Eighth streets. For more information, call 263-4211.

New Covenant Worship Center

New Covenant Christian Worship Center is now offering adult and youth Sunday school classes beginning at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday night adult Bible study begins at 7 p.m.; youth Bible study is at 6 p.m.

New Covenant, under the leadership of the Rev. Michael Willard and co-pastor Bella Willard, is located at 1607 E. Third St. For more information, call 264-0015.

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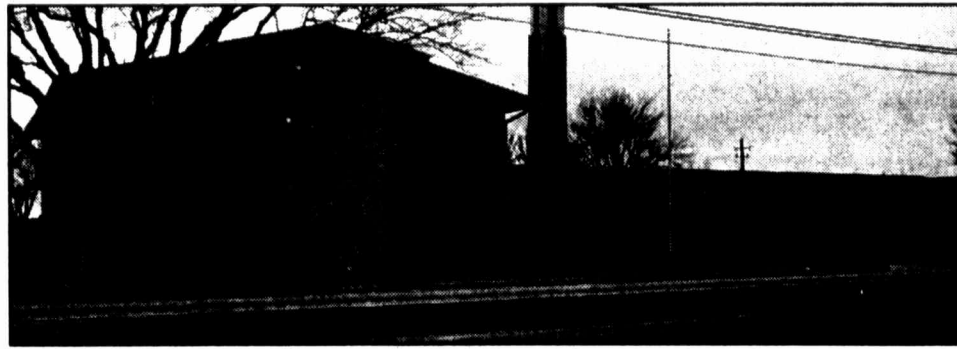
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IN BRIEF

HC rodeo team sets annual crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team has announced its annual H-E-B crawfish boil will take place Saturday, April 29, at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl at 2 p.m. before Howard College Rodeo action takes place.

The price for a crawfish boil ticket is \$15. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or ahead of time by calling Howard head rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 432-816-9477.

BSGSA announces opening ceremonies

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be having opening ceremonies Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Teams will be announced, batting and base running contests will be held for each division. Air Extreme games will be on site and hotdogs and other food items will be sold.

Forsan's athletic banquet date set for early May

The Forsan all-sports banquet will take place May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office, but must be purchased by Thursday, April 27.

Ragball toumey set to benefit Relay For Life

A Relay For Life ragball tournament will take place at the Big Spring ISD Softball Field Saturday and Sunday.

Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. and teams must consist of five men and five women.

The cost of the tournament will be \$10 per player.

For more information or to sign up a team, call Angel at the Big Spring Bus Barn at 264-4108.

KBSB golf toumey set for Saturday

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

For more info, contact the country club at 267-5354.

BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting April 27 in the Athletic Training Center at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to play volleyball and is entering seventh through 12th grade should attend.

For more info, contact McAden at (325) 277-4007.

Heavy rains postpone HC softball doubleheader

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Heavy rains in the area the past couple of days has postponed Howard College softball team's Friday doubleheader against Frank Phillips.

Howard head softball coach Kelly Raines said the team's are expected to play Saturday's doubleheader as scheduled and

will makeup Friday's two games Sunday. The games will start at noon and 2 p.m. both days.

The Howard College baseball team left for Odessa this morning for its doubleheader against Odessa College. The game was scheduled to be played at noon, but could be pushed back to 1 p.m. if the field is not ready to go. Howard head coach

Britt Smith did not expect a postponement. The Hawks will host Odessa College Saturday at Jack Barber Field beginning at noon.

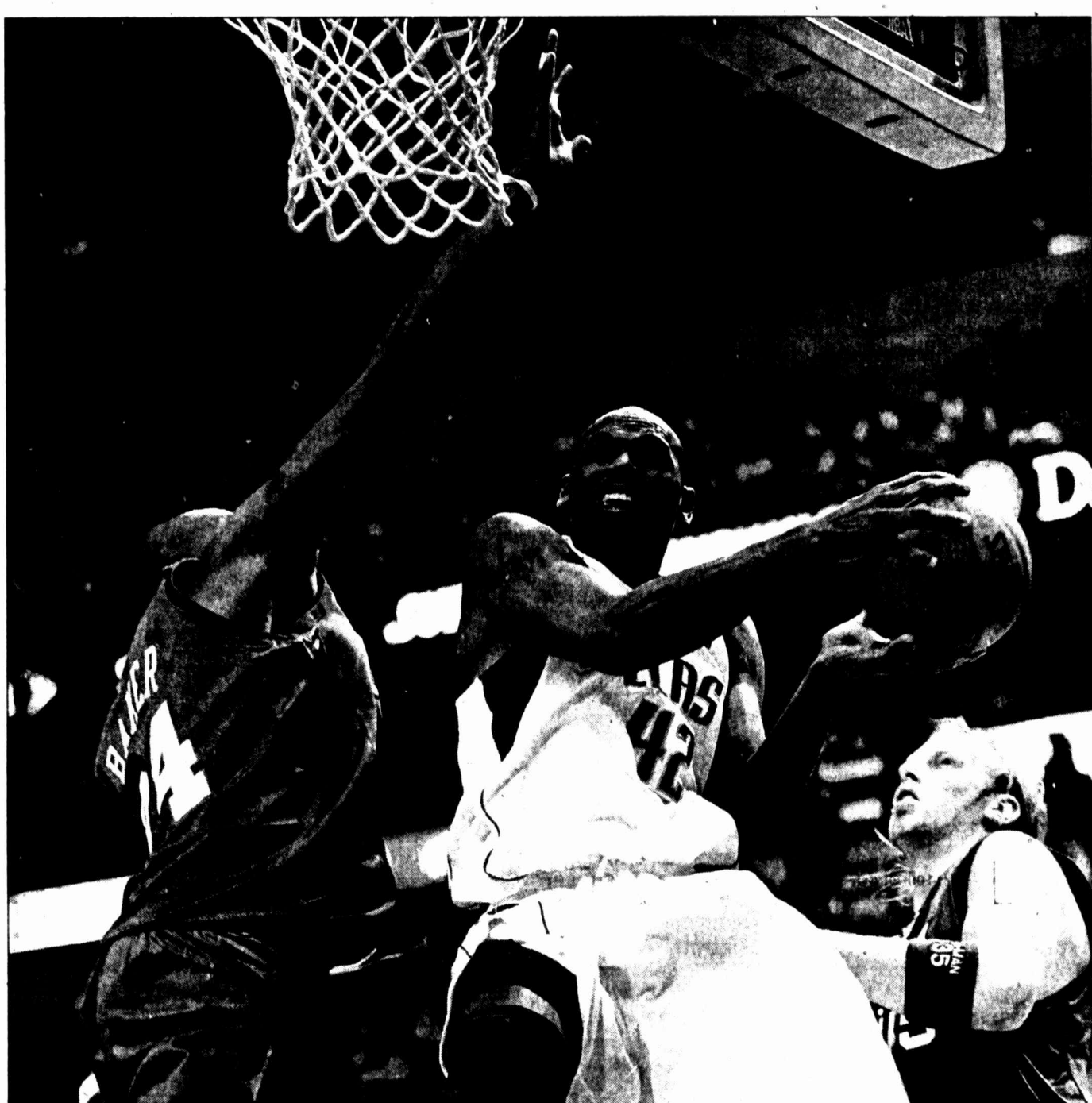
Big Spring's softball game will most likely take place as scheduled this afternoon at 4 p.m. against Lubbock Estacado. Big Spring head coach Jennifer Reyes said anymore rain though

would call for a postponement. If by chance the game does not take place today, it will be made up Monday and Game 3 of the Andrews-Big Spring rivalry for playoff seeding will take place Tuesday in Greenwood at 6 p.m.

The Steers are also scheduled to play Estacado tonight at home beginning at 5 p.m., but information on their

game was unavailable at press time.

Both Coahoma teams are scheduled to play Hawley tonight on the road and, according to Coahoma ISD and head softball coach Robby Dickenson, the games had not yet been postponed at press time. The softball team will also play Anson Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. in Coahoma.



Los Angeles Clippers' Vin Baker, left, tries to stop Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse, center, as he goes in for a layup at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Wednesday. The NBA playoffs begin this weekend. KRT photo/Jeffery Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

King James makes playoff debut, Lakers' Bryant returns to spotlight

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

Welcome to the post-season, LeBron. And welcome back, Kobe.

Sure, the Pistons and Spurs made for a great NBA Finals last year, and they would surely do it again if both get back, as expected, this time.

But for the playoffs to really be special, they need the league's superstars to have their time in the spotlight. And make no mistake: LeBron James and Kobe Bryant are the biggest the NBA has to offer right now.

Both were sitting at home this time last year, and a couch or golf course is no place to cement an NBA legacy.

That can only be done in a packed arena in May and June.

"That's a road you have to follow if you want to be considered among the great ones because it demonstrates that you're either making the players around you better or management is putting better players around you in order to showcase your talent longer into the playoffs," commissioner David Stern said last week.

"The campaign last year about the finals was, 'Where legends are born' and I think you could have said that for the playoffs. You clearly — in order to write yourself large in NBA history — you've got to be in the

playoffs."

James thought he was headed there last year before a late-season collapse left the Cleveland Cavaliers at home. Now in his third year, he's ready to make up for lost time.

"I don't put timelines on anything," James said following practice Thursday. "It's unfortunate I didn't make it the last two years, but I'm here now."

Not surprisingly, James and Bryant get the prime TV slots this weekend. The Cavaliers open their first post-season since 1998 Saturday afternoon against the Washington Wizards, and the Lakers got the Sunday 3:30 p.m. EDT spot for both their open-

er at Phoenix and Game 4 back at Staples Center next weekend.

In the other best-of-seven series that open Saturday, defending champion San Antonio hosts Sacramento, Chicago visits Miami, and the Los Angeles Clippers host the Denver Nuggets. Also Sunday, New Jersey hosts Indiana, Milwaukee heads to Detroit, and Memphis visits Dallas.

That last one has caused plenty of debate. The Mavericks (60-22) had the West's second-best record, but they fell to the No. 4 seed because they are in the same division as the Spurs (63-19). So Dallas is

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Mariners' closer walks in winning run for Texas

By GREGG BELL

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Seattle closer Eddie Guardado walked the bases loaded in the ninth inning and then walked Phil Nevin to force in pinch-runner Gerald Laird with the go-ahead run and give the Texas Rangers a 4-3 win over the Mariners Thursday night.

Guardado (0-2), appearing for the first time since allowing a two-run, game-winning home run Sunday at Boston, imploded again. He angrily pounded his thigh with his glove after his third walk, to Michael Young. He then struck out Mark Teixeira for the second out.

But he then walked

Nevin to send the Mariners to their fourth loss in five games.

Francisco Cordero, pitching for the fourth straight game and one night after allowing Carl Everett's game-winning, three-run home run, finished the ninth for his third save.

With the victory, Texas had its first winning AL

road trip of at least nine games (5-4) since 2001.

Seattle's Raul Ibanez tied the game at 3-3 with two outs in the eighth inning on a double off Texas' Brian Shouse. Rick Bauer (1-0) then came on to retire Richie Sexson and earn the victory.

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Stars' Turco takes solid season into NHL playoffs

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Marty Turco made a quick impact when he became a No. 1 goaltender three years ago, setting the modern NHL record with a 1.72 goals-against average. This season, his 41 victories were good for a Dallas Stars team record.

Now, Turco gets another chance to do what people would really remember: excel in the playoffs.

"I'm sure he's looking forward to that responsibility, that competition," Stars captain Mike Modano said Thursday. "He feels he's done enough in the regular season, but great players are remembered by how they do in the playoffs."

The second-seeded Stars play Game 1 at home against Colorado on Saturday. It's a rematch of their last Western Conference playoff series two years ago when Turco struggled and the Stars lost in five games.

Colorado averaged 3.22 goals a game against Turco in 2004, and twice scored five in a game. That series followed a regular season in which Turco had a 1.98 GAA with nine shutouts, and included the last games for Dallas before the lockout that wiped out the 2004-05 season.

"Even though the potential is there, I don't think he was playing nearly as well as he's been this year," Colorado's Alex Tanguay said. "He's good saving the puck, and playing it too."

Turco was twice named the NHL's defensive player of the month this season. With new rules designed to increase scoring, Turco had a 2.55 GAA that was eighth in the NHL.

And Turco isn't bothered by what happened two years ago. Nor does he want to win any more than usual because it's Colorado again in the playoffs.

"Probably just as much as I always do and always will. I want to play as well as I can for these guys and give us a good chance to win," Turco said. "Definitely, there's no question in the team's mind nor is it in mine."

Turco has won a playoff series, his first in 2003 when the Stars beat Edmonton in six games. Then came a six-game series against Anaheim that started with a five-overtime loss and included four other games decided by a goal.

"He's always been a great goalie. It's just that he played in the shadow of Eddie Belfour when he was in Dallas," Colorado winger Ian Laperriere

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IN BRIEF

BSCC sets 'cancer' scramble tourney

The Big Spring Country Club has announced a 'cancer' scramble for April 29-30.

All proceeds of the four-person scramble will be given to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

The teams can be made up or be made for you and the field will be flighted by first-round score.

Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop Gift Certificates will be given to the top three teams in each flight.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, but private carts are welcome. Checks can be made payable to the Big Spring Country Club.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

HC rodeo starts off on wrong foot at Tarleton State

The Howard College rodeo team had a few participants up Thursday night during the Tarleton State University rodeo, but head coach Greg Kernick said the Hawks did not fare well.

"We had a few up but none of them did anything that will be enough to get another one," said Kernick. "We have a bunch up today so hopefully we can get things on track."

The rodeo will run through Saturday night.

BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting April 27 in the Athletic Training Center at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to play volleyball and is entering seventh through 12th grade should attend.

For more info, contact McAden at (325) 207-4987.

Longhorns hire new swimming coach

AUSTIN (AP) — Kim Brackin, former co-head women's coach at Auburn, was hired Thursday to lead the Texas women's swimming and diving program.

Brackin, 36, who coached at Auburn from 1997-2005, was given a four-year contract at Texas.

At Auburn, she worked with the men's and women's teams and served her last three seasons as women's co-head coach. Auburn's men's and women's team won seven NCAA championships during her tenure.

"We are delighted to have Kim join our staff. She brings championship experience, a high level of energy and impressive credentials to this job," said Christine Plonaky, Texas women's athletic director.

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forced play a tough opening-round opponent in the Grizzlies, who went 49-33.

"The Mavericks are getting the short end of the stick," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said. "They're playing the five seed when they should be playing the seven. The fair way to do it is just seed one through eight based on records."

Then again, they may not have wanted to play the No. 7 seed anyway. That's where Bryant lurks — and he scored 62 points in a game against the Mavs this season.

Neither James nor Bryant is expected to go far: Even if Cleveland gets by Washington — the Cavs dropped three of four meetings this season — it would draw powerful Detroit in the second round. The Lakers, the No. 7 seed in the Western Conference, won only once in four matchups with high-scoring the Suns.

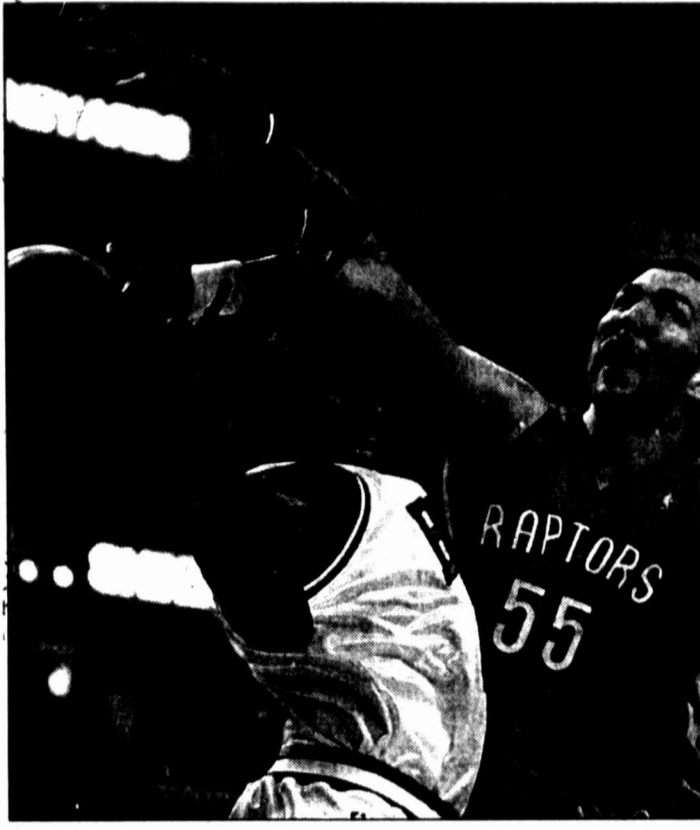
But count them out at your own risk. Bryant averaged 42.5 points against Phoenix, and James finished a sensational regular season with averages of 31.4 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.6 assists.

For those who prefer teams to individual stars, there's plenty of good ones, too. Detroit, San Antonio, Dallas and Miami have had title hopes all season, and how about this — the Staples Center fans will see the Clippers twice before they see Bryant.

The Clippers are back in the playoffs for the first time since 1997 as the No. 6 seed in the West. And with a better record than third-seeded Denver, Los Angeles has home-court advantage against the Northwest Division champions and will try to put it to good use starting Saturday night.

Talk about California dreamin': How about a Clippers-Lakers second-round matchup?

"I'm very happy for the city," Bryant said. "The



Chicago Bulls' Luol Deng, left, is fouled by Toronto Raptors' Rafael Araujo during the first quarter. The Bulls defeated the Raptors 127-106 at the United Center in Chicago, Ill., Wednesday. The Bulls are one of eight Eastern Conference teams in this year's playoffs, which begin this weekend.

city is used to championships and I am as well."

He won three in a row from 2000-02, then got back to the finals in 2004 before losing to the Pistons. The Lakers missed the playoffs last year after Phil Jackson departed and Shaquille O'Neal was traded, but Bryant made sure they would have a short absence by averaging 35.4 points and winning his first scoring title.

Jackson has never lost a first-round series, and he says the way to win this one won't necessarily be with Bryant shooting all the time.

"It's not going to be about Kobe getting 45 points a night," Jackson said. "It's going to be about how are we going to use all the talents to do what we have, to do to take a team apart."

No team does that better than Detroit.

The NBA champions in 2004, the Pistons are motivated by trying to reclaim the title after losing to the Spurs in seven games last season. Detroit won an NBA-best 64 games behind the best starting five in the NBA that included four All-Stars —

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won the Stanley Cup in 1999. In 2000, Belfour and Patrick Roy were in net for the conference's top two teams.

In 2004, it was Turco vs. David Aebischer in the first-round playoff series. This time, Turco goes against Jose Theodore, who has played in only five games for the Avalanche since Aebischer was traded to Montreal for the former league MVP March 8. Theodore finally made his Colorado debut a month later after recovering from a fractured right

heel. Sounds like the same plan Colorado has against Turco.

"You have to get a lot of traffic in front of the guy's face so they can't see the puck," Tanguay said. "And you have to make sure you take as many shots as possible. That's going to be our strategy."

Theodore has a 3.04 GAA in his five games for Colorado, but had 32 saves in the season finale and in 28 career playoff games has a 2.54 GAA and .921 save percentage.

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Texas starter Vicente Padilla allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. He walked three and struck out seven five days after he had become the first major league pitcher in five years to give up home runs on three consecutive pitches, at Oakland.

Trailing 3-0, Ibanez hit a solo homer in the seventh. The Mariners then got two runs in the eighth on Jose Lopez's fielder's choice and Ibanez's double.

But then Benoit gave up a Jeremy Reed leadoff

single in the eighth. One out later, Benoit walked Ichiro Suzuki. Jose Lopez fielder's choice force out made it 3-2. Then Raul Ibanez scored Lopez with the tying run on a two-out double off Shouse.

Texas took a 3-0 lead in the sixth on Gary Matthews Jr.'s homer and Kevin Mench's two-run double.

Seattle starter Joel Pineiro had matched Padilla through five innings, also allowing only two hits. But with one out in the sixth, Matthews hit a line drive into the right-field bleachers to break the scoreless tie. It was his first home run in 30 games, since last Sept. 5 at Minnesota.

This Weekend's Schedule

- Friday**
HC baseball DH @Odessa College, noon
Big Spring softball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 4 p.m.
Coahoma baseball @Hawley, 4:30 p.m.
Big Spring baseball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 5 p.m.
Coahoma softball @Hawley, 7 p.m.
HC rodeo @Tarleton State University, 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
HC baseball DH vs. Odessa College, noon
HC softball DH vs. Frank Phillips, noon/ 2 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Anson, 1 p.m.
Forsan baseball vs. Colorado City, 2 p.m.
HC rodeo @Tarleton State University, 7 p.m.
- Sunday**
HC softball DH vs. Frank Phillips, noon/ 2 p.m.

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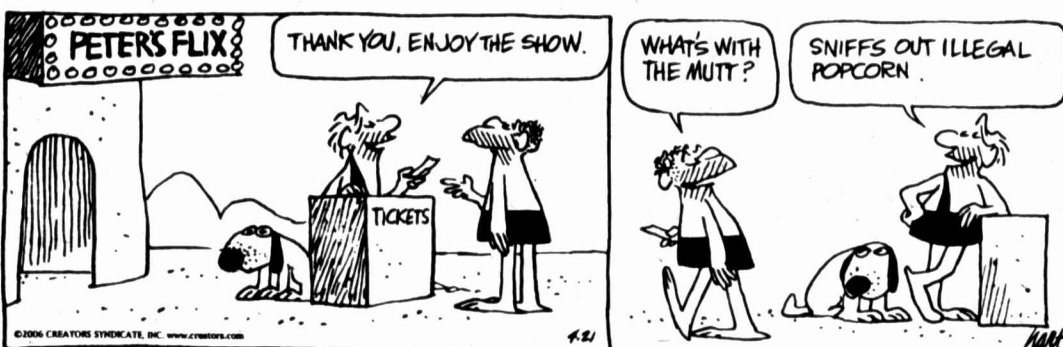
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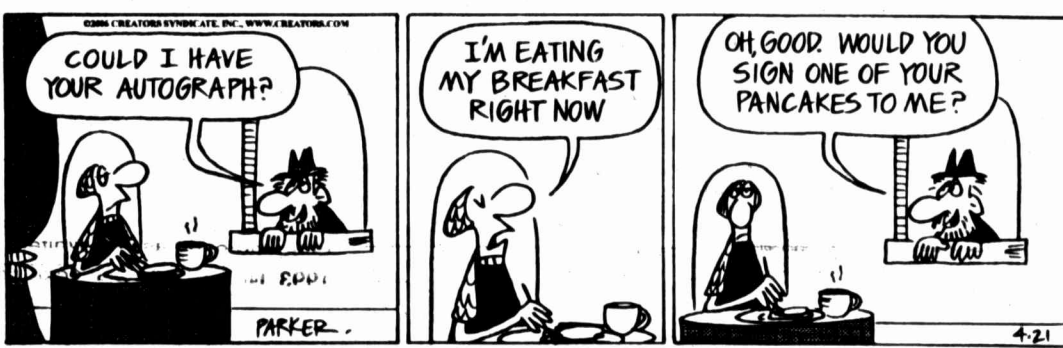
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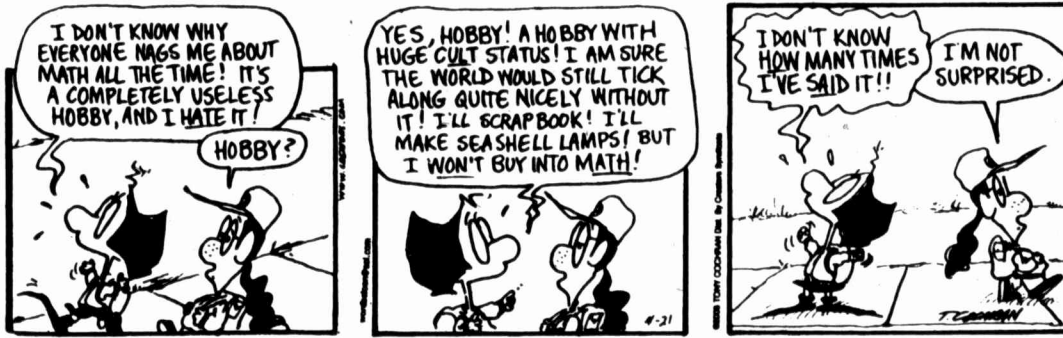
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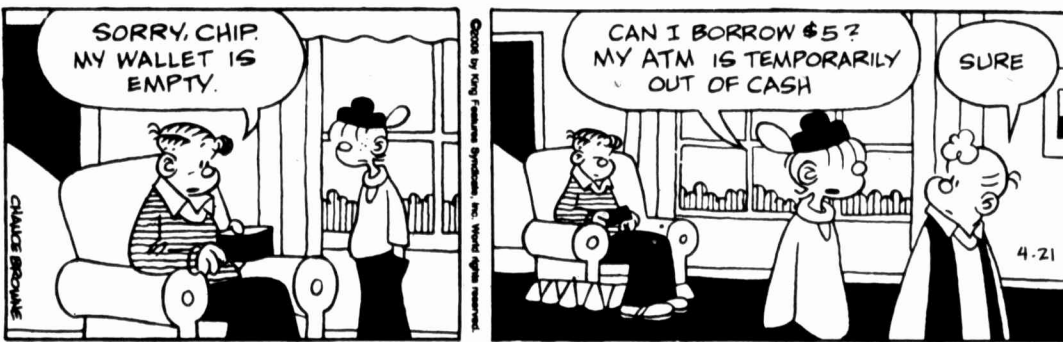
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