



Glasscock ISD voters to decide bond issue May 13

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock County Independent School District voters will decide May 13 whether to authorize \$4 million in improvements at the school campus.

After studying the situation for several months, school trustees in February called for the election. If the bond passes, it will finance various projects in the district, including:

- Remodeling and construc-

tion — Superintendent Steve Long said part of the bond money would be spent to remodel several classrooms at the school building, which houses all grades.

Long said most of the work would be geared toward making classrooms and restrooms compliant with Americans With Disability Act regulations.

• Technology upgrades — The last time the district significantly upgraded its technology program was four years ago, and Long said the ever-chang-

ing nature of computers makes new purchases long overdue.

"Whatever we decide on May 13 will probably be obsolete by the next May 13," he said. "We did a need assessment in this area ... and we decided we need to do some things to help get our kids where they need to be."

• Roof repair and resurfacing — It has been several years since any work has been done on the school's roof, Long said.

"This is probably the big thing (officials plan to do)," he

said. "This building has got a lot of years on it."

• Bus purchases — The district hopes to gradually replace its aging bus fleet. If the bond passes, Long said officials hope to gradually recycle buses at the rate of about two a year.

"We'll probably try to do at least two a year," he said. "That way, in four years, the buses that need replacing will be replaced."

Long said officials are keeping a wary eye on the latest special session of the Texas

Legislature, which is considering school finance reform. What changes, if any, the Legislature authorizes in regard to school bonds could have a great effect on the election.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. Officials from the construction management firm of DSA of Cleburne will answer questions.

Early voting begins May 1 in the Glasscock County Courthouse, Long said.

Hamm is lining up cancer survivors for Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

Lawanda Hamm serves as survivorship chair for the Howard and Glasscock County Relay For Life, which means she and her coworkers attempt to keep track all the cancer survivors living in the two counties.

Aided by Patti Meeks, Hamm has a list of more than 560 people still living after having had the disease. They send mailings throughout the year to encourage the survivors to register and lead the Relay For Life walk. So far, 168 people have registered to participate in this year's Survivor's Walk set for May 18.

"We have one more mailing, and we hope to get more registrants in time to get them a T-shirt for the walk," Hamm said.

At the beginning of the two-day event in May, Hamm, Meeks, Marcie Lykken, Mildred Franklin, Brandy Stewart and several recruits from Howard College will sign in survivors and hand out special T-shirts. Gale's Sweet Shoppe furnishes refreshments for the group, who literally celebrate life at the Relay.

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Lawanda Hamm, who serves as survivorship chair for the Howard and Glasscock County Relay for Life, poses beside picture of her late daughter, Tawanna.

Council

Routine will be focus for meeting

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Routine business matters top the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

Among the items on the meeting agenda are:

- Proclamations declaring May 7 through May 13 Compost Awareness Week and Building Safety Week.

- Final reading of a resolution seeking approval to auction Howard County trustee properties to the highest bidder for cash without reservation.

- Final reading of a resolution accepting a deed from State National Bank to the city of Big Spring and authorizing and directing the mayor to execute a deed conveying the same property from the city to the Crossroads Housing Corp.

- Approval of late homestead exemption refunds, along with acceptance of minutes from the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee and Howard County Appraisal District.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for a 20 percent penalty to defray the cost of collecting delinquent taxes.

- First reading of an ordinance granting a partial residence homestead exemption, over-65 exemption and disabled exemption.

- Permit requesting six roosters at 800 Creighton.

- Appointments to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

The meeting will get under way Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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BSPD will remove inspection stickers at wrecks

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Motorists who find themselves in a traffic accident in Big Spring may be surprised to find themselves without a motor vehicle inspection certificate, according to local law enforcement officials.

Part of the Texas Transportation Code (548.053), the law states vehicles that have been damaged in an accident to the extent they would not

pass inspection must have their certificate removed, according to Lt. Chad Williams of the Big Spring Police Department.

"BSPD officers, when investigating accidents where a vehicle is damaged to the apparent extent that it would require repair before passing inspection, will be removing the inspection sticker from the vehicle," said Williams. "The owner of the vehicle will be given a receipt and

will have 30 days in which to have the vehicle re-inspected."

Williams said local officers will begin enforcing the measure beginning May 1.

"The police department is initiating this procedure to protect the safety of the public and to ensure the safe operation of vehicles," said Williams. "If the citizens have any questions about this procedure, they can contact the police department at 264-2562."

Williams said another issue that has local law enforcement officials concerned is lost or stolen items.

"Many people don't report lost property," said Williams. "That makes returning the property very difficult. We want to encourage the public to report the loss. All they have to do is come to the police department office, where they will be given a lost property report, which has the case number. Their lost item or

items will be entered into the local database.

"If someone is unable to come to the police department to fill out a report, an officer will respond to take the information. Reports of stolen property will be handled as they have been in the past, with an officer dispatched to take a theft report."

Williams said citizens with questions regarding lost property should call the Police Department at 264-2551 for more information.

Forsan, Coahoma to compete for worthy cause

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Traditional rivals Coahoma and Forsan will be in competition once again — but it's all for a worthy cause. To promote literacy, Coahoma and Forsan elementary school students will compete to see which campus reads the most books Thursday.

The friendly competition is the brainchild of Coahoma ISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson, who promoted a similar activity at his previous job in Somerville.

"At Somerville, the entire (education

service) region was involved," Johnson said. "I met with (Forsan Superintendent) Randy Johnson and talked about it with him, and they accepted the challenge."

Principals of the respective campuses sounded enthusiastic about the impending competition.

"Mr. Johnson and I were talking about it, and ... we thought we'd make it into a little competition," said Patricia Bennett of Coahoma Elementary. "Kids love stuff like that."

"I think it's great," said Elbow Principal Steve Osborn. "We already have an excellent reading program, but

at the same time, this is a good way to help make the community aware of reading, and get them involved as well."

Community involvement is a major component to the challenge, which will involve students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. School officials are asking family members and other residents to take some time Thursday to read to the students.

"Any book (residents) read to the students counts toward the total," Bennett said. "We'll have lawn chairs set out, so

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Obituaries

Frances Rodriguez



Frances Rodriguez, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at her residence. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Frances was born Sept. 19, 1923, in Shafter and married Rodolfo Rodriguez in 1968 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Jan. 24, 1996.

Frances was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and Indian Art. She was loved by her family and friends. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jose F. and Mary H. Martinez and Jose Luis Gonzales, all of Big Spring; a beloved granddaughter, Gina Martinez of Dallas; and a beloved grandson, Francisco "Frankie" and his wife, Martha Martinez of Big Spring; and two great-grandchildren, Jeremy Gutierrez and Mai Gomez, both of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Salvador Martinez, four brothers, Daniel, Luven, Jesse and Amador Flores, two sisters, Enedina Gonzales and Amanda Deanda and one granddaughter, Porfidia Angela Martinez.

Mrs. Rodriguez will lie in state at her residence at 311 N. Scurry until service time Tuesday.

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

Betty Jo (Anderson) McNeal

Betty Jo (Anderson) McNeal died at 8 a.m. April 14, 2006, at her home in Show Low, Ariz. Memorial services were Friday, April 21, 2006, in Show Low, Ariz.

She was born in Big Spring, graduated from the local high school and earned her master's degree in mathematics from the University of Texas in Austin. She married Jim McNeal in California. They lived in Hawaii for 27 years, later retiring in Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ollie James Anderson and mother, Kittie Belle Anderson of Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Jim McNeal, sister, Joyce (Anderson) McDaniel and many cousins and nephews.

Paid obituary

Dalion Devin Vigil

Dalion Devin Vigil, infant son of Toni Coronado and Valentin Vigil, was stillborn Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Survivors include his grandparents, Mary Ann and Luis Coronado, of Hobbs, N.M.; grandmother, Mary Neito of Big Spring; great-grandmother, Juanita Garcia of Uvalde; and great-grandparents, Elvira and Eufrazio Mata of Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Everett Thomas (Sonny) Burt Jr.

Everett Thomas (Sonny) Burt Jr., 69, of Yanush, Okla., died Sunday, April 16, 2006, in his home. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in the Yanush Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Alton Linker and Johnny Joslin officiating. Burial followed in Sardis Cemetery.

He was born April 7, 1937, to Buster and Can Zadie Dill Burt in Yanush, Okla., where he lived and worked most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 until 1964. He married Lavonne Crisp June 15, 1984, in McAlester, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister, Ozell Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Lavonne Burt of Yanush, Okla.; son Everett and Mary Burt of Wilburton, Okla.; seven daughters, Evelyn and Chris Botts and Lisa and Tommy Morrow, all of Hartshorne, Okla.; Gina and Bo Bullock of Sherman, Lee and Alan Gogarty of Buffalo Valley, Okla.; Patricia Gregory and Jeanne and Collin Brown of Antlers, Okla.; and Rhonda and Dale McInnis of Clayton, Okla.; 24 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Andrew and Annie Burt of Yuba Okla., and Tommy and Sally Burt of Big Spring; and two sisters, Mazel Gray and Wanda and Rick Moyer, all of Bonham.

Arrangements were under the direction of Clayton Funeral Home in Clayton, Okla.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Indian Ridge. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Donley. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of West Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Father Delaney. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of West Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported at the Big Spring Mall. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of West Robinson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 5600 block of Walter. Fire was extinguished.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 181 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOE NICK GARFIAS JR.**, 58, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of stolen property.
- **BRAD GERALD UGSTAD**, 53, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CHRISTOBAL LIMON MORENO**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of stolen property.
- **JOHN CORBETT WILLIFORD**, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **VINCENT MARTINEZ ALVARADO**, 26, was arrested by the DPS on a charge of no driver's license, failure to appear and two counts of unsecured child.
- **RODNEY WAYNE TUBBS**, 25, was transferred to the county jail on charges of burglary of a habitation (two counts).
- **RICKY GOMEZ PORTILLO**, 35, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- **JESSE WYATT COLEGROVE**, 36, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MATTHEW SCOTT REAVES**, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- **CAMERON LEE FELTY**, 23, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KODY CHANCE JACKSON**, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor - third or more offense, enhanced.
- **COBY SHAIN HOWARD**, 19, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of family violence.
- **MICHAEL STEWART DEAX JR.**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **RANDOLPH DEMOND ANDERSON**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **CAROLINA MOSKOE**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JOE MICHAEL CANALES**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **PATRICIA RODRIQUEZ**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **JEFFREY CLARK FORSHEE**, 47, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **BRIAN DOUGLAS ROGERS**, 40, was transferred

to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

- **JORDAN PATRICK STICHMANN**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KEITH LAMON ROBERTS**, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **TED JOHNATHAN MARTINEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection certificate.
- **PHILLIP JON ROSE**, 23, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RANDY DUANE SEELY**, 37, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of felon in possession of a stolen firearm.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

Correction

A story concerning winners of the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk, indicated that Dr. Teveni won the 10K run, but the fastest time in that race was turned in by Gene Roffers.

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Police blotter

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

- **THOMAS EASTON**, 30, of 4700 Highway 176, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KENNETH DAVIS**, 55, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STEVEN TIDD**, 51, of Abilene, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EARNEST CLARK**, 65, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TED MARTINEZ**, 18, of 100 Circle Drive, was arrested Saturday on two local citations.
- **KEITH ROBERTS**, 32, of Carthage, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **LUIS PENA**, 31, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **APRIL ALLAINE**, 25, of 712 S. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 24, of 2501 Barksdale, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify.
- **KATRINA BUSTAMANTE**, 25, of 2509 Ent, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **LETISHA MENDEZ**, 24, of 2001 S. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BOBBY JOE LOPEZ**, 20, of 1107 Ridgeroad, was arrested Sunday on four local citations.
- **LANCE NEWELL**, 34, of 1601 E. 17th Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and stealing/receiving a stolen check.
- **JAMES WENDELL TUBBS**, 27, of 511 Galveston, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- **STEALING/RECEIVING A STOLEN CHECK** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Second Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Wasson.
 - in the 2700 block of Wasson.
 - in the 500 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1200 block of Settles.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 2100 block of Warren.
 - in the 2700 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Wasson.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-21-26-28-31. Bonus Ball: 13.

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ALL IN GOOD CLEAN FUN



Carol Anderson, left, and Katie Hein, decked out in sumo outfits, battle it out at the indoor carnival hosted by Amerikick Karate and Tumbling Saturday afternoon in Big Spring Mall.

Taxes will take center stage in Texas house

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Republican-led House is tackling taxes this week to try to change the state's school funding system and satisfy a Texas Supreme Court order.

The suspense lies in which avenue the House will take and whether enough Republicans will support Gov. Rick Perry's preferred plan. GOP Speaker Tom Craddick said signs are "positive" for passage of a new tax proposal, but he didn't make an ironclad prediction.

"You never know what's going to happen until you get to Monday," Craddick said.

Perry convened the Legislature for a 30-day special session to repair the state's unconstitutional school property tax system. The court set a June 1 deadline to get it done.

Perry's tax plan, resulting from a bipartisan commission led by former Democratic Comptroller John Sharp, calls for closing loopholes and restructuring the state's business tax while reducing school property taxes by

\$6 billion. It also would increase the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack and use some money from the state budget surplus.

It's one of several proposals the House will consider once it dives into tax debate today. The debate could last more than one day. A simpler proposal by Rep. Warren Chisum, a Pampa Republican, would use \$2.4 billion of the state surplus to give homeowners an 11-percent property tax reduction to meet the court mandate. Perry has dubbed that a "get out of Dodge" plan that he says is only a short-term fix.

Some House Republicans have indicated support for the surplus-only plan, especially in light of Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's unexpectedly high \$8.2 billion surplus update.

Republican Texas Senate nominee Dan Patrick, a Houston radio talk show host who spoke at the conservative Americans for Prosperity conference Friday, voiced a view similar to what some House Republicans are expressing, both publicly and privately.

Increases after tuition deregulation mirror those seen nationwide

By LIZ AUSTIN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Repealing tuition deregulation has become a rallying cry for many Texas students as college costs have increased each year since lawmakers allowed universities to adjust their own tuition rates.

Some lawmakers unsuccessfully tried last year to retake tuition-setting authority or limit the amount rates could grow, and a Senate subcommit-

tee plans to discuss the issue again Monday.

But Texas isn't the only state struggling with spiraling tuition rates, and tuition increases here are only slightly larger than others around the country in that period, an Associated Press analysis found. In fact, all but seven of Texas' 35 public universities charged less than the national average this year.

Universities say it simply costs more to provide

a quality education today. And since state funding nationwide isn't growing as fast as enrollment or inflation, students are bearing a bigger share of the financial burden.

"No one likes higher prices, and I appreciate that," University of Texas System Chancellor Mark Yudof said. "But I would say it's our responsibility to maintain a quality education. ... Tuition is our effort to maintain our quality."

Tuition and fees at Texas public universities cost an average of \$4,857 for this school year, according to information submitted by the schools to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. That's 28 percent higher than in 2002-03, the year before deregulation, once those figures are adjusted for inflation.

The average cost of tuition and fees at the nation's public universities was \$5,491 this year,

according to the College Board. That's up 25 percent from 2002-03 after accounting for inflation.

Although state appropriations to the nation's public universities increased 3.5 percent for the 2005 fiscal year, constant per-student funding was at its lowest level in 25 years, according to a March report by State Higher Education Executive Officers, a group of top state higher education officials.

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The Survivor's Walk marks the beginning of the Relay, held each year at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus.

In addition to keeping up with the survivors for the fund-raiser, Hamm coordinates drivers and rides for patients to their treatments.

Presently, 19 drivers — who must be checked out

by the American Cancer Society — provide transportation to and from Midland.

"We have two patients about every day," she estimated. "Last month there were 28 trips for nine patients."

She appreciates the cooperation of the Allison Cancer Center in helping schedule treatments to facilitate the available rides.

Hamm got involved with the ACS in 1991 when she lost her 40-year-old daughter to the dis-

ease. Her parents had cancer and a brother recently succumbed to the malady.

"I don't know why it has escaped me, but I can do something to help those who have it," she said.

She responded to her daughter's ordeal by forming a team for Relay, Tawanna's Troopers. The members work all year to amass donations from garage sales and bake sales. At the Relay, the group usually sells home-baked raisin-cinnamon whole wheat and white

bread at their site.

A tireless volunteer, Hamm feels that Relay For Life is a uniting force in the community because it touches everyone in some way. She said she hardly ever goes to the cancer center that she doesn't see people from Big Spring. And she is certain that the survivor list she keeps is far from complete.

She encourages anyone

who has survived the disease to add their name to the roll.

"When we get all our survivors registered and given a T-shirt, then I'll go over and work at Twanna's Troopers," she said with a smile. "Everyone can do something to be a part of this."

Relay For Life will be held May 18-19.

For more information, call 263-3382.

COMPETITION

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they can sit in the shade and read to the kids if they want."

"With adults reading, they show students that reading is a valued life activity," Johnson said. "We encourage businesses to allow their employees to read, either at school or a work location."

Bennett said her campus has set a goal of 1,200 books read by Coahoma students that day. Osborn said no specific goal has been set at Elbow, other than to "read one more book than (Coahoma) does."

And what would a competition be without a friendly wager between the principals?

Final details of the bet between Bennett and Osborn have yet to be worked out, but one thing they've agreed upon is that the losing principal must make an appearance at the other campus wearing that school's colors.

That gives Osborn all the rooting interest he needs.

"To be honest, I don't look good in Coahoma red," he said.

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Big Spring Independent School District

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May 2, 2006 - May 5, 2006

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Please bring Immunization Records, Birth Certificate and Social Security Card.

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.

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OUR VIEWS

Have some fun with this year's Treasure Hunt

Everybody could use \$250, right? That's what we thought, so the Big Spring Herald is giving its readers the chance to win just that — a \$250 cash prize — during our Spring Treasure Hunt which is now under way.

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While we hope this hunt lasts a couple of weeks or so — of course, we believe it could go on longer — we will continue to provide clues until someone finds the treasure chest.

The best thing about this year's prize — last year's winner took home \$250 in groceries and the first year's winner won a jeweled egg pendant — is that it's \$250 in money you can spend any way you want. It's certainly the right color, isn't it?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Please send us Your heavenly inspiration, Lord.

Amen

Looking for a best case scenario

Only a cynic would recognize that a strategic strike against Iran, if such were possible and especially if it were successful, might be the one thing that would restore the president's standing in the polls. For it might remind people of what they used to like about this president, in a way that nothing else could — not even the capture of Osama bin Laden.

A true lame duck is a safe bet in the White House. He has nothing to worry about but the historians. But a president who still has a chance to win, or lose, as Bush does in the midterms, still has reason to play for the crowds, and is a more dangerous, or rather more political, proposition.

In Bush's case, the jury is still out. The country doesn't think he acted with wrongful intent with respect to the war, just wrongly. The country doesn't favor censure or impeachment of the president, it just doesn't favor his handling of the war. A stable majority has clearly turned on the president, but it hasn't closed the door.

The guy they used to like was the one who the bad guys were all afraid of. It didn't matter that peo-

ple abroad didn't like him if it was out of fear and respect, if it was based on recognition of his strength. It didn't matter if he mangled a sentence if no one missed his toughness. He was more Reagan than his father. That's what people favored in him. You wanted to have a beer with him, if he drank, but you didn't want to get on the wrong side with him.

Much of that has been lost by what's gone wrong in Iraq, New Orleans and Washington, and at prescription counters across America. And much that has gone wrong is beyond Bush's power to fix between now and November. Does anyone really expect dramatic improvements in Iraq between now and then? Will he or won't he fire Donald Rumsfeld, and will it matter, if it happens, the next day? What can Bush possibly do to address the growing frustration and anger of seniors who simply cannot understand the new Medicare prescription drug plan, or are finding both intended and unintended gaps in coverage? Not likely much between now and November. Gas prices are going up, and Bush is not going to become the "Solar President" between now and September.

The worst thing is that the best that Bush can hope for is, in some sense, nothing — that nothing will happen on the terrorism front, in which case he'll probably get no

credit, if current trends to trust the two parties equally to deal with terrorism continue. Terrorism right now is a "no win" for Bush, in which he could be blamed if something goes wrong without getting credit for continued quiet.

Unless the boat gets rocked. Unless he takes bold, pre-emptive (remember pre-emptive?) steps to protect our children. Unless the old Bush emerges. Not that he would, for that reason, consider anything (only a cynic, a very cynical cynic) ... Especially if Israel were firmly by his side, neutralizing any Democratic opposition. Never.

Just because it would reinforce all his positives, make him look tough and strong and not to be reckoned with, "don't mess with George," change the subject dramatically, draw attention totally away from Iraq, maybe even give cover for strategic withdrawals from Iraq, make Bush look courageous and NOT poll-driven, even if it was a brilliant political move — that's hardly a reason to view such a move more positively, certainly no one would look at it that way in this particularly very unpolitical White House ...

Only a cynic would see a tail wag a dog like that. Or a wagging dog. Or something like that

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Mom, her food and her memories

We arrive at my mom's the night before Passover. It's a trip I've been dreading.

Dreading her questions: "What is today? Sunday? Thursday?" The confusion: "Is that lady coming again tomorrow? Is she supposed to be taking care of me?" The shock of clarity: "I think I'm having a breakdown." And the lack thereof: "My neighbor asked me if I had a caregiver. Can you imagine? Me?" Yes, I'm dreading the whole package, but I forgot what was still inside it. Mom herself. Grandma.

We get up to her apartment using our key — she can't remember how to buzz people in — but then there she is, waiting in the hall, so glad to see us she's grinning through tears. "Hello, hello! I may be going a little nuts, but welcome to Chicago!" In we go and I'm flooded with relief. The caregiver we've hired must be part pixie. Gone are the papers hiding the table. Gone is the obstacle course of piles on the floor. Everything sparkles. And in the kitchen, even better: Food!

There's a nice chicken in the fridge — God bless that caregiver — and fresh fruit. Milk, even. Milk that my mom used to buy by the gallon before our visits, but which gradually she'd grown to forget. Now with food and drink to offer, she sits my kids down and does just that: Would they like some supper? Some grapes?

It's just like the old days. One son and my husband peel off, too tired to eat. But my 8-year-old sits at the table and chatters happily as Grandma asks him: How's school? What grade is he in? What does he like best — oh, baseball? What's the best thing about baseball?

"Running." I listen from the darkened dining room, unwilling to break the spell, and I think: Hey, I didn't know my son liked running best. My mother is still teaching me things.

"How about some toast?" I've never seen my son so hungry. They're toasting some bread, and my mom is explaining: "Nowadays, toast pops up. But toasters used to have little metal doors on the side where you'd put the slice in. . . ."

Whoa! The days before the pop-up toaster are fresher to my mom than that slice of Wonder. More and more she talks about her

childhood, her old boyfriends. Her high school yearbook sits on the table now, consulted more often than the phone book.

"And what do you like best about camp?"

They're still talking. He's still eating. "I don't know where all this food came from," my mom says. My son shrugs: It doesn't matter. He'll take another cookie.

Will my mom remember this conversation? This perfect scene late at night as a little boy listens to stories of Sunbeam appliances and responds with his own about camp and cookies?

I don't know. Or maybe I do. I guess what really matters now is that I'll remember it and I hope so will my son.

He doesn't dread these trips to Chicago because, unlike me, he remembers what's waiting for him there. Not loss. Not dusk. Not a tangle of misfiring synapses. Just a lady who loves him more than the stars.

Grandma.

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'Quiet birth' practice raises a commotion

By VALERIA GODINES

Orange County Register

No words were spoken during Kim Binford's labor. When she wanted a back massage, she pointed to her back. When it was time to push, the midwife gave the thumbs-up sign.

It was a "quiet birth." Which meant that nobody spoke during the experience, in line with what Scientologists advocate.

"It was, for me, as a first-time mother, so empowering," said Binford, a Church of Scientology minister from Capistrano Beach, Calif. "There is so much force being channeled through one body and it's such a forceful and powerful experience. I felt empowered by it, instead of victimized by it. I had a very quick recovery experience."

Actors Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' decision to have a quiet birth brought media attention to a custom practiced by Scientologists who want to bring their children into the calmest environment possible. Holmes delivered a baby girl, named Suri, on Tuesday. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Facing growing criticism, Cruise, 43, stressed in a TV interview aired last week with Diane Sawyer that Holmes could make noise if she wanted to. And he denied rumors



Myles, left, and Kim Binford, second from right, pose for photograph with son Oakley, center, daughter Portia and Tyler, their English Bulldog, at their home in Capistrano Beach, Calif. The Binfords are scientologists who did a quiet birth for their children.

that he bought a giant pacifier for his 27-year-old fiancée.

Binford sees all the media attention as an opportunity to educate the public about what should be a peaceful experience for both mother and child. The 29-year-old has two children, son Oakley, 4, and daughter

Portia, 16 months. Both of them went through quiet births.

Binford said "that it is almost an impossibility" to truly have a "silent birth."

"I'd like to meet the woman who can pull it off silently," she said, laughing.

"You have a woman

going through this incredible experience, so much exertion. There will be noise. We want to make it as gentle as possible so it can be a positive experience."

According to the Scientology Web site, "Chatty doctors and nurses and shouts to 'PUSH, PUSH' and loud or laugh-

ing remarks to "encourage" are the types of things that are meant to be avoided."

Scientologists believe in "engrams," a moment of pain and unconsciousness. Any words spoken during an engram can affect the person later in life, Binford said.

"A baby doesn't know.

A baby can't judge if something is positive or negative. It is just recorded into their mind," Binford said.

Binford and her husband, Myles, trained in the Bradley method, which encourages a natural birth without medication. Scientologists do not have a policy on pain medication during the labor. That is a decision between the mother and her doctor.

The idea of a quiet birth isn't anything new, said Lorrie Walker, a registered nurse and certified nurse midwife. Walker, who has more than 20 years' experience, delivered Binford's children.

Walker says that 90 percent of her patients request a quiet birth, meaning that there is low lighting and as stress-free environment as possible.

"That is my highest request. They want it calm and quiet and just peaceful," she said.

The benefit of a quiet birth, Walker says, is that it keeps the mother in a tranquil state of mind.

However, if there is an emergency, talking is necessary, she said.

"Then families have always understood that we need to do what we need to do ... (Scientologists) have never tried to hinder me in my professional duties. If there is an emergency, you don't have to sign for the nurse to start an IV," she said.

The early-eating effect: breakfast calories keep overall counts down

People in a rush often skip breakfast and then later rationalize that it's okay, telling themselves they didn't need those calories anyway.

But not so fast! If you're among those who think you can escape your calories by running out on them, think again. New research shows that not only will those breakfast calories be waiting for you at dinner time, they'll have reinforcements!

A new study out of the University of Texas shows that people who skipped breakfast actually ended up eating more overall throughout the course of a day.

Breakfast tends to be a meal where it's easy to eat healthy, because of all the nutritious and convenient foods that are traditional for this first of our daily meals — dairy foods like milk and yogurt, whole grain cereals, breads and muffins, eggs and fruit. There are lots of good choices.

But people often skimp on their morning intake anyway, simply grabbing whatever they can hold in one hand while steering with the other. That leads to a lot of low-nutrition breakfasts of coffee and donuts or pastry that get wolfed down in the car.

Or worse, people often skip their breakfast altogether. Maybe it's the because of the morning rush, but many people skip breakfast on purpose, even

if they're hungry, subscribing to the notion that if they can just hold out for a few hours, they can leave those breakfast calories behind them, move on to lunch, and reduce their daily intake by one meal. They couldn't be more wrong.

The University of Texas researchers tracked a week's worth of intake for nearly 1,000 people. What they found was that when the participants ate a healthy, reasonable-sized, breakfast of about 400 or 500 calories, they consistently ate less throughout the rest of the day! When they ate a breakfast of just a couple hundred calories, they tended to load up later, even without meaning to.

Aside from the temptation to binge after depriving themselves, there's apparently something more at play.

It seems that any given number of calories eaten earlier in the day tends to provide a more lasting satiety than the same calories eaten later in the day. The researchers speculated that the body's mechanism for feeling satiety is functioning more fully in the morning hours.

That would be consistent with the diurnal sleep/wake cycle that has governed our species since time immemorial.

Just think, even 100 years ago, most people didn't have any kind of light other than firelight once the sun went down, and that pretty well put an end to the day's activities. There was none of this staying up for the late-night comedy with a quart of ice cream or a bag of popcorn.

Generally speaking, we didn't have much need to keep our bodies going into the night. It

makes sense that the body's mechanism for sending messages of, "Thanks, I've had enough," wouldn't need to function as well late in the day.

Of course, the advent of electricity has pretty well messed up that cycle. We can now munch well into the night, and we do.

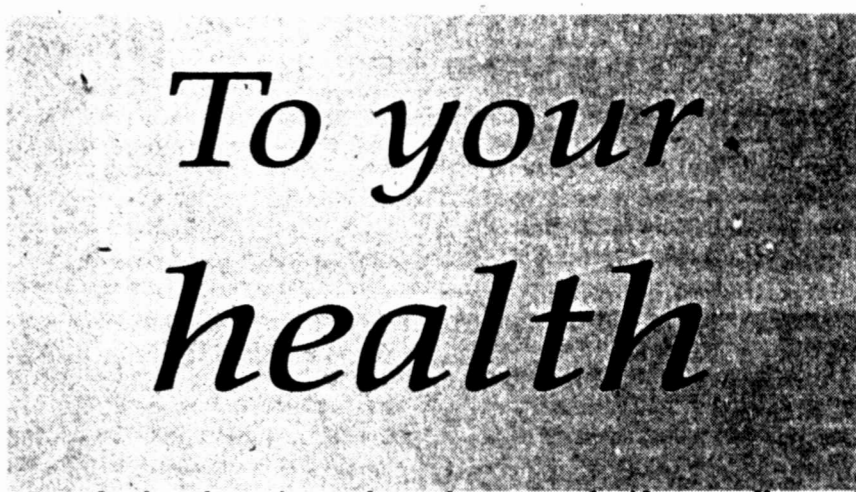
The researchers also noted that as the day wears on into night, our meals and snacks get closer and closer together, time wise. They saw that it was an average of four and a half hours between breakfast and the usual lunch break at noon, but then it's usually only a couple hours from the afternoon snack that we go for dinner. And after dinner, it's as little as an hour and a half before we're having that nighttime snack, so any late day eating is more likely to be followed by more eating.

And then add to that all the social and environmental distractions that come at us later in the day. We may be eating as part of some activity, perhaps a party, or even just when refreshments are served at meetings or classes. It could be that we're watching television while we dine or snack, and other research has shown that if we're distracted from what we're eating while we're eating, we'll eat more of it.

Whatever the reason for the early-eating effect, our response to it should be pretty obvious: have a good breakfast. Previous studies have shown that people who eat good cereals tend to be lower weight, and plenty of evidence that shows that breakfast eaters have a lower rate of obesity overall.



CAROLINE J. CEDERQUIST



But the key here is good — good cereals, good breakfasts — no sugary, 400-calorie Danish and a swig of juice! That sort of thing will only cause a spike in your blood sugar and leave you ravenous in an hour and a half.

That doesn't mean you need to whip up a big fluffy omelet. Instead, have some good dairy protein from milk or yogurt, a nice whole-grain muffin or toast, and a piece of fruit. If you have the time to sit and eat some cereal, remember that breakfast cereals are notorious sources of added dietary sugar, so choose a good, whole-grain selection without the extra sugar.

And don't settle for just knocking back a glass of juice. That will give you some vitamins and nutrients, but again, it can cause a spike in your blood sugar if it's not accompanied by any bulk. Try to have a piece of whole fruit instead.

The most important breakfast change you make may just be committing to having breakfast in the first place. And while that's easier said than done, it might just be one of those essential lifestyle changes you

have to make if you really want to reach and keep a healthy weight.

If you start the day right, you can end it up lighter overall.

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There's an ever-growing body of evidence that eating breakfast will help keep your weight down, so it's worth a couple minutes thought or preparation the night before, if that's what it takes to make sure you have time for your morning meal. To have the lasting effect of satiety, your breakfast should be about 400 to 500 calories and include protein and fiber.

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Moussaoui case: Defense hoping for jury's mercy

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**

Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Telling jurors "there is no place on this good Earth for Zacarias Moussaoui," prosecutors asked the jury Monday to sentence the Sept. 11, 2001, conspirator to death.

"It is time to put an end to all this," said prosecutor David Raskin. "It is time to put an end to his hatred and venom."

Raskin pointed out how Moussaoui mocked the testimony of Sept. 11 victims and their families throughout the trial.

"The defendant rejoices in all that pain. He told you that himself," Raskin said. "He loved it because he was responsible for it. He loved it because it meant to him, mission accomplished."

The defense was to give its closing arguments later Monday. The jury was expected to begin deliberations Monday afternoon.

The closing arguments came after a six-week trial that ran the gamut from jaw-dropping to heartbreaking testimony.

The federal jury has only two choices when it begins deliberations: death or life in prison. The judge will be bound to impose their decision.

Moussaoui is the only person in this country charged in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The jury earlier found him eligi-

ble for execution by determining that his actions caused at least one death that day. Although Moussaoui was in jail on Sept. 11, the jury ruled that lies he told federal agents when he was arrested in August 2001 on immigration violations allowed the plot to go forward.

The jury's decision now focuses on whether Moussaoui deserves the death penalty. Prosecutors emphasized the emotional impact of 9/11 on victims and their families.

They presented testimony from dozens of victim-impact witnesses whose testimony often left jurors in tears. Emotions switched from sorrow to rage when prosecutors cross-examined Moussaoui, who mocked the victims' testimony and took glee in the aftermath of 9/11.

Moussaoui had previously taken the stand and stunned the courtroom by claiming he was to have piloted a fifth plane on 9/11, after years of denying a role in the attacks.

The defense sought to blunt the victim-impact testimony by putting a dozen 9/11 family members on the stand in support of Moussaoui. The witnesses were barred from explicitly saying they favored life in prison, but got their point across by saying that they do not seek vengeance.

Nagin, Landrieu beginning run-off campaign for New Orleans mayor

By **MICHELLE ROBERTS**

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Ray Nagin and Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, beginning a monthlong run-off campaign for New Orleans mayor, will be fighting over the white conservative voters who favored other candidates in the primary.

Nagin, in a complete reversal from four years ago, scored heavily with black voters and was practically abandoned by whites, while Landrieu scored some black voters and did well with French Quarter residents.

Slightly more than half of the overall vote was attributed to black voters, who favored the top two candidates, according to a consulting firm analyzing demographic data for the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

In predominantly white precincts, Nagin trailed behind several other candidates with less than 10 percent, according to GCR & Associates Inc. In 2002, Nagin got most of his support from white voters and business leaders. This time, many of those supported third-

place finisher Ron Forman, a nonprofit executive.

Nagin will have to win back their confidence for the May 20 runoff, said political analyst Elliott Stonecipher.

"His one shot is to get enough of the whites who liked him four years ago to like him again," he said.

Roughly a third of the city's voters participated in Saturday's election, some traveling hundreds of miles to help decide who will lead one of the biggest urban reconstruction projects in U.S. history after Hurricane Katrina.

Nagin and Landrieu led a field of 22 candidates, which included business leaders, a lawyer and a minister. Yet voters, as they did in several other municipal races, chose two men already in the political spotlight.

"It was normal, natural to expect some such expression" of frustration against current officeholders after Katrina, Stonecipher said. "Instead, we got the opposite."

The election, in which 36 percent of the 297,000 eligible voters participat-

ed, was an unprecedented experiment in democracy because fewer than half of the city's pre-Katrina residents remain in New Orleans. That forced nationwide campaigning and led civil rights activists to question whether the election could be fair.

Political observers said it was difficult to characterize whether turnout was better or worse than expected because it was such an unusual election. In the 2002 municipal primary, turnout was about 46 percent.

Nagin, a cable executive who first ran for office in 2002, said the overall results were an endorsement of his plans for the city's future and his four years in office.

"I just feel we're on the right track, and people have verified that to me," he said.

Before the storm, Nagin, who is black, had been largely expected to easily win a second term. It's too early to tell whether voters have forgiven him for fumbled plans during the storm and later verbal gaffes.

But Landrieu cited the number of voters who chose candidates other

than Nagin. "This city, this great city, calls for change," he said.

Forman did not endorse another candidate Sunday. Many conservatives dislike the Landrieu family, and neither candidate in the run-off was likely to take all the Forman voters, political observers said.

Landrieu, who has held office in Louisiana for nearly two decades and is the brother of U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu, has trumpeted his ability to attract a diverse group of voters. His father, Moon Landrieu, was the last white mayor of New Orleans in the 1970s, and is well-liked in the black community for opening high-ranking City Hall jobs to black professionals.

No major problems were reported at polling places, but the Rev. Jesse Jackson said Sunday the low turnout should be a mandate to further encourage participation among voters unable to return.

Jackson said the election would be challenged in court regardless of the outcome because voting rights need to be protected.

U.S.-leased plane crash in Afghanistan kills three

By **NOOR KHAN**

Associated Press Writer

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan — A U.S.-leased plane carrying counternarcotics officials crashed into a nomad settlement Monday while trying to avoid a truck on a runway during landing, killing two people aboard

and two young girls on the ground, authorities and relatives said.

At least 13 people were reported injured, including some Americans.

The Russian-made, twin-engine An-32 aircraft was landing at Bost airport in Lashkar Gah, capital of the southern

province of Helmand, but overran the airstrip after trying to lift over a truck that drove across the runway, a Canadian military spokesman, Maj. Quentin Innis, said.

Two of the 16 people on the plane died, Innis said. Two Afghan women, whose homes were

destroyed by the crash, said they each lost a young daughter.

"We were sitting eating our lunch when I heard a loud noise, and then turned to see a big plane sliding along the ground from the airstrip before it smashed into our homes," said Lal Bibi, 40.

Bush pushes immigration reform as Congress returns from break

By **NEDRA PICKLER**

Associated Press Writer

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — As Congress headed back Monday from a two-week recess, President Bush was in the country's most immigrant-rich state to push a stalled bill that would allow more foreigners to work legally in the United States.

Lawmakers, with an eye on Election Day in just over six months, remain far apart on whether to crack down on illegal immigrants or embrace them as vital contributors to the U.S. economy.

Bush wants a law that would give temporary guest worker permits to foreigners in low-paying jobs while strengthening border security. He was to push his idea in a speech Monday in Irvine,

Calif., a state that has seen massive protests in recent weeks calling for immigrant rights.

Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Sunday he believes Congress will be able to work out differences and pass a bill. Specter, R-Pa., has pledged to have legislation ready for debate soon after lawmakers return.

Specter said Democrats and Republicans have to agree on a list of amendments to consider. And he acknowledged that even if senators pass a bill with a guest worker program, it will be tough to work that out with House members who passed a much tougher bill that would impose criminal penalties on those who try to sneak into this country and

would build up fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"It would be a tough conference, candidly, with the House, but we were able to work through the Patriot Act although there were big disagreements," Specter said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., intends to seek passage of immigration legislation reviving the Senate bill that stalled earlier this month due to internal disputes in both parties.

In a gesture to conservative critics of the measure, Republican leadership aides said last week that Frist also will seek roughly \$2 billion in immediate additional spending for border protection.



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IN BRIEF

Howard team sets annual crawfish boil
Howard College's softball team has announced its annual crawfish boil will take place Saturday at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl at 2 p.m. before Howard College's 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.

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.

BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting Thursday 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.

BSCC sets 'cancer' scramble touney

The Big Spring Country Club has announced a 'cancer' scramble for Saturday and Sunday.

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.

Summer bowling leagues now forming

Summer bowling leagues are now forming at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.

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The other leagues are between 17 and 19.

Andrews' loss is Lady Steers' gain

• Big Spring softball team wins 4-4A title after Frenship win

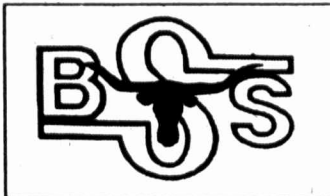
By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring-Andrews game for playoff seeding will not take place Monday after the Lady Mustangs were

handed a 1-0 defeat at the hands of District 4-4A rival Frenship Saturday night.

The Lady Steers defeated Lubbock Estacado twice Friday evening and finished as the District 4-4A champions with a 9-1 record following Andrews' loss. The Lady Mustangs enter the play-



offs with an 8-2 record in the district and will be the No. 2 seed out of 4-4A. "I'm excited for the girls," said Big Spring

head coach Jennifer Reyes. "It feels good to win the district."

The Lady Steers won the district for the second straight year as they went undefeated last season on their way to a regional championship berth.

The Lady Tigers needed the win to advance to the postseason and will be the

district's third team in the playoffs.

Big Spring now gets a bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs, but Reyes is trying to find teams for warm-up games. The playoffs will begin this weekend, but Big Spring will not play until the Area championship round.



Howard freshman Jessica Garcia throws the ball back into the infield from centerfield Sunday during Game 2 of a doubleheader at Foundation Field. The Hawks took three out of four from Frank Phillips this weekend.

Hawks take three out of four from WJCAC rival FPC

• Lady Plainsmen come from behind in Game 3 victory

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Taking three out of four from a team in a weekend series would usually bring smiles to a coach's face. Well, Howard head softball coach Kelly Raines isn't smiling very much today after her Hawks dropped a game to Frank Phillips at home this weekend in a four-game series at Foundation Field.

Howard dominated the first two games Saturday, winning 9-1 in six innings and 13-3 in five innings, but dropped the first game, 6-4, Sunday before coming back to take the final game of the series, 11-4.

"This is a win for them to just take one from us," said Raines. "We were not ready to play in Game 1 (Sunday). It's hard to play these games sometimes,

but you can't get lazy and walk through it."

The Hawks did not walk through things Saturday. They made easy work of Frank Phillips, which entered the weekend with just enough players to field a team.

Howard got all 13 runs in Game 1 in the first two innings, including a nine-run second inning.

Sophomore Paige Ruiz got the win on the mound as she threw the first three innings. She gave up a three-run home run to Nicole Whaley and struck out five on the day. Sophomore Zapora Gatson gave up one hit and struck out one in her two innings of work.

Freshman Honda Rodriguez led the Hawks at the plate with two hits, one walk and three runs. Freshman Alisha Rams had a triple, a walk and two runs.

The Hawks got out fast again in Game 2, scoring

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Howard takes one from Odessa after Robinson's gem

• Brown breaks HC's career doubles record

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Ryan Robinson's complete-game gem on the mound Saturday saved the Howard College baseball team from being swept by arch rival Odessa.

The Hawks dropped Game 1, 12-5, but Robinson allowed no earned runs on just five hits in Game 2 and Howard came away with a 3-1 victory.

Howard, which is now 14-10 in conference play, lost three out of four against Odessa this weekend, but still sits two games ahead of the Wranglers for third place in the conference. Both teams are expected to advance to the regional tournament, said Howard head coach Britt Smith.

"This whole weekend comes down to us not pitching until the fourth game," said Smith. "They just played harder than us, but we were able to match their intensity in Game 4."

The Hawks fell down early in Game 1 Saturday and could never recover. Odessa scored five runs in the second and added four in the third and three more in the fifth. Howard scored two runs

in the fourth and one run each in the final three innings, but it wasn't enough to claim the win.

Freshman Barrett Lowenstein had three hits in the game to lead the Hawks at the plate. Sophomores Darby Brown and Will Basom each got two hits. Brown scored twice and Basom knocked in two. Sophomore Jeff Storms scored twice and freshman Ryan Pruitt had an RBI double.

Bobby Gonsoulin (4-6) started on the mound for Howard and took the loss. He allowed seven earned runs in 2.1 innings and was relieved by sophomore Matthew Shepherd, who gave up four earned runs in 4.2 innings of work.

The Hawks committed three errors in the game, but Smith said they came after guys tried to make plays and the bottom line was they just didn't pitch well.

"The errors came on guys trying to make plays for us but it just made things worse," said Smith. "Daman has a major league type arm and he is playing in right field which is not suited for his arm. The ball just got away from him, but the breaks didn't go our way today and that's just part of baseball."

Nick Love had a monster game at the plate for



Howard freshman Ryan Robinson delivers a pitch to the plate against Odessa College Saturday afternoon at Jack Barber Field. Robinson got the complete-game win and improved to 5-1 on the season.

Odessa as he finished with four hits, three runs and four RBIs. Mike Hancock had two hits including a home run and Kevin Rawls and Curtis Gibson also had two hits each.

Clayton Cooper pitched all seven innings and gave up five runs for Odessa and earned the win on the hill.

Robinson could not have been much better on the hill in Game 2. He allowed a double to Logan Leslie in the first inning and another hit to Leslie

in the fourth. Leslie was stranded in the first inning and picked off at first base by Robinson in the fourth.

He had 1-2-3 innings in the second, third and fourth innings and was never in real trouble in any inning. Ten outs were recorded by fly out, six came on ground outs and four more came by strike-out. He also retired two guys on the bases with solid pickoff moves.

"Ryan's done that four or five times this year," said Smith. "He's easily

our best 'pitcher' and has confidence in all of his pitches. He was really the lone bright spot at that position this weekend."

Howard got eight hits at the plate, but stranded six runners on the bases. The Hawks got two runs in the fourth inning to take the early lead. Brown hit an opposite-field double to start the inning. Lowenstein, who bats in the team's cleanup spot, laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Brown to third

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five runs in the first inning. They added one run in the fourth and scored three runs to end the game in the sixth. Sophomore Nicole Dickson ended the game with a two-run walk-off home run.

Dickson gave up just one run in Game 2 and it was a solo home run in the second inning. She allowed four hits and struck out six.

Rams hit a home run in her first at-bat of the season from the right side, had two singles and scored three runs. Ruiz added two doubles and two runs, while freshman Jessica Garcia had two singles.

Howard controlled Game 3 of the series Sunday until the seventh inning. The Hawks led 4-2 entering the final inning before Frank Phillips scored four runs off Dickson to take the lead and held on to win by two.

Frank Phillips scored the first run of the game in the first inning, but it was due to two errors by the Howard defense.

The Hawks got three runs to take the lead in the second inning. Sophomore Amanda Kuramata started off the frame with a single and freshman Kendra Corbin followed with a single of her own. Freshman Whitney Roden hit an two-run double to score both runners and then Rams knocked in Roden with an RBI infield single.

Whaley homered in the fourth inning off Dickson to move Frank Phillips to within one run, but Howard got the run back in the fourth inning. Corbin doubled to start the inning and later

scored on an RBI single by Rodriguez.

Frank Phillips did not score in the next two innings, but rallied in the seventh with four runs. The Lady Plainsmen recorded four of their 11 hits in the inning. Whaley had an RBI double in the inning to lead the way.

Howard, which saw itself down for just the second time during the weekend, got a single from Roden in the seventh, but couldn't get anything else going. The Hawks stranded 11 runners on base in the game.

Dickson took the loss on the mound as she allowed four earned runs on 11 hits and struck out two.

Six Howard hitters — Rodriguez, Rams, Kuramata, Roden, Corbin and freshman Laura Lopez — got two hits each at the plate. Corbin scored twice, while Rams, Rodriguez and Roden had one RBI each.

The Hawks got down early in the final game of the series, but Frank Phillips' lead did not last long.

Howard scored four runs in the fourth inning to go up 4-2 and never looked back. Rodriguez got a single and Rams reached on an error in the inning and then Lopez brought in one run with an RBI squeeze bunt. Garcia singled after that and Ruiz brought her home with a two-run home run over the wall in center field.

Sophomore Bethany Rose and Rams each got on base with bunt singles in the fourth inning and later scored on a Frank Phillips error.

Kuramata delivered an RBI double in the fifth inning to put Howard up 7-3.

Howard put the game out of reach for the Lady Plainsmen in the sixth inning. The Hawks got



Howard freshman Kendra Corbin tosses the ball the second base during action at Foundation Field Sunday. The Hawks split with Frank Phillips Sunday, but took three out of four in the weekend series.

four runs on five hits in the inning. Rodriguez doubled with one out and then Rams brought her home with an RBI triple. With two outs, Garcia delivered a RBI triple to score Rams and then scored on an error. Ruiz then doubled and scored on an RBI double by Dickson.

Ruiz allowed two runners to reach in the seventh against Frank Phillips, but a double play and a strikeout ended the game.

She got the win on the mound, but gave up four runs on five hits and walked seven hitters. She also struck out six. Ruiz is now 15-4 on the season after two wins this week-

end, while Dickson went 1-1 this weekend and is 16-4 on the year.

"Neither pitcher had their best performances (Sunday) that's for sure," said Raines.

Howard is now 34-12 overall and 24-8 inside Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Hawks are in third place in the league, but only trail second-place Midland by one game. The Lady Chaps lost two games to Odessa this weekend.

Howard has already clinched a berth in the Region West Tournament, but will finish its regular season Friday and Saturday at home against Clarendon.

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and then Brown scored on an RBI double by sophomore Daman Aaron. Pruitt knocked in Aaron with an RBI single to make it 2-0.

The Hawks added another run in the seventh.

Sophomore Gabe Marchant doubled with two outs and then Storms knocked in him with an RBI single.

Odessa's lone run came in the fifth inning. Robinson gave up a lead off walk and then another reached base on an error. The Wranglers got an RBI ground out to make it 2-1. Brown had two doubles in the game and broke the career doubles record at Howard College. He doubled in the first, but was stranded on the bases. He now has 48 career doubles at Howard.

Brown can break his own doubles record for a season if he can get seven two-base hits in the final eight games. He set the single-season record last year with 27 doubles.

"He's been one of the best two guys in this league the past two years," said Smith. "And he's really picked it up for us lately. You're talking about a guy who has a career batting average of around .475 while at

Howard and now has the doubles record. There's not a lot more you can ask of a kid."

Brown reached with a walk in the eighth inning and was again sacrificed to second by a Lowenstein bunt. Aaron walked later but a double play ended the inning.

"The first sacrifice bunt Barrett did on his own," said Smith. "The second one was due to us wanting to try to get an insurance run."

Lance Parker threw seven innings and gave up three earned runs for Odessa in the loss. Leslie had two hits to lead the Wranglers at the plate.

Robinson's win improves him to 5-1 on the year and his E.R.A dropped to 5.45, which is second best on the team among active pitchers.

Howard (32-16) has a doubleheader against UTPB Tuesday at 2 p.m. on the road and then finishes up WJCAC play this weekend with a road doubleheader against second-place Midland Friday and a home doubleheader against the Chaps Saturday. Both doubleheaders against Midland start at noon.

"We just have to play as good as we can play everyday," said Smith. "We have to play fundamental baseball and pitch. The talent is there, but it doesn't always show up ready to go."



Howard freshman Ryan Pruitt, left, gets waived home by head coach Britt Smith during the Hawks' split against Odessa Saturday.

No. 4 Coahoma shuts out rival Anson

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
COAHOMA — Two Coahoma pitchers combined to toss a no-hitter against rival Anson Saturday afternoon at home. The Bulldogettes did enough at the plate to win as they scored three in the second and two in the third and won 5-0 to end the District 4-2A season.

"Anson was greatly

improved from the last time we played them and its pitcher did a good job against us," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "The game meant nothing to us and our intensity wasn't as high as it probably should have been."

Dickenson rested senior pitcher Kali Roberts for the postseason, but seniors Sarah Dunn and Ashle New were more than ready to step in.

Dunn got the win on the mound as she threw the first five innings. She allowed no hits and struck out 11 while walking two. New got the two-inning save as she allowed no hits and no walks and struck out five. "I was able to get everyone in the game and that's always good and I was happy to get Sarah and Ashle some work," said Dickenson.

New had two doubles

and scored once to lead the Bulldogettes at the plate. Senior Liz Conley, freshman Shelbi Paige and sophomore Christie Rich all got one hit and scored one run.

Coahoma improved to 21-6-2 on the season and finished the district season 8-0. It will wrap up the regular season at home against Lubbock Coronado Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Bulldogs miss chance to clinch 4-2A title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
HAWLEY — Coahoma senior Tad White (11-1) threw another good game on the mound for the Bulldogs' baseball team, but his team failed to clinch the District 4-2A championship Saturday on the road against Hawley as the Bearcats sent Coahoma home with a 4-2 loss.

White, who lost his first game of the season, gave up two earned runs on three hits and struck out 10 in the loss, but was good enough to win, according to Coahoma head coach Brad Harman. "He really pitched a good game," said Harman. "He gave up two home runs, but you have

to give credit to the hitters because Tad made good pitches.

"We needed to do a better job of scoring runs and hitting the ball and we just didn't get it done at the plate."

The Bulldogs struck out 14 times at the plate and left 12 runners on base in the loss.

Hawley scored two runs in the first inning and never trailed again. The game remained 2-0 until the sixth inning when Coahoma (16-8, 5-2) got two runs to tie it. However, the tie was short-lived as Hawley came back to regain the lead in its half of the sixth inning.

Junior Collin McMillan had three hits, two stolen

bases and one run to lead Coahoma at the plate. Freshman P.J. Daylong had two hits, two stolen bases and an RBI, while freshman Donnie Garcia went one-for-three with a stolen base and a run. Junior Dakota Teaff also had a hit and an RBI.

The Bulldogs are still in good shape to win the district as they have a one-game lead with one game

to go.

They can claim the 4-2A title and first round bye in the playoffs Tuesday with a home win against Anson.

If the Bulldogs win, they won't begin postseason action until the Area championship round the week of May 12-13, but a loss could give them a bi-district matchup the weekend of May 5-6.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Key info comes from the general public. You may have to ask first, though — or get tuned in to people's faces and what those looks really mean. A bonus: When you pay attention, you'll figure out that someone is flirting with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your interests are best served by working your social network. Be thoughtful, send post cards, call just to say hi. Mix and mingle over lunch. The friends you make now will keep you in mind for future opportunities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have eyes bigger than your bank account and should hide the credit cards for safe measure. This afternoon, you're extraordinarily inventive and will implement ideas that put you ahead of the trend.

CANCER (June 22-July

Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). A little shameless self-promotion goes a long way toward keeping you on the "hot" list. Perhaps you can find a sneaky way of leaking your success story out so that VIPs hear it through the grapevine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Finances are unnerving. Try this mantra on for size: I am not defined by how much money I make. Mentally exclaim and repeat it often, and you'll remain poised when you need to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To some people, staying home under the covers and reading "how-to" books doesn't sound like a heavenly way to blow off the day, but you're not some people. Incubation/hibernation is part of your creative process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's money to be made by someone — why not you? One connected friend can introduce you to whomever you need to know. Once the ball gets rolling, you'll have more opportunities than time to explore them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A loved one gives you insight into his fragile soul. You're more alike than you previously thought. Now that you know, you'll probably choose to be gentler.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and a special person are really "clicking" now. Time seems to stand still in the world you co-create. The two of you, like butterflies, count not hours, but eternal moments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love, supposedly, leads you back to yourself. This is difficult to see when loved ones act in a manner you cannot identify with. Objectivity is needed. Go to the movies to get your mind in another world for a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The day's events bring out another part of your personality. You may even feel you're a stranger to yourself — but an attractive stranger, all the same.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your greatest joy today is in learning about someone, getting to know the sound of this person's voice, finding out what games he or she likes to play and what collections delight him or her.

ASTROLOGICAL SPECIAL, PART ONE OF FOUR: Is "What's your sign?" your pick up line? It's an old classic, to the point of being cliché — but it can still work to open the conversation. That is, if you know how to follow it up! If the answer to this question is ARIES, you can offer up these tidbits: (SET ITAL) Did you know that Mercury is in your sign right now? Have you noticed yourself being more outspoken than usual lately? (This is good through May 5th.) What do you put all of your fiery energy into? I heard that Aries people like to run with a posse! Is that true for you? (END ITAL)

If the answer is TAURUS, you can say: (SET ITAL) Oh, then it's right around your birthday now. What

day is your birthday? (This is good through May 20th). Taurus is known for having an interesting voice. What songs do you sing when no one is looking? Taurus people are supposed to be drawn to luxury. What's your splurge? (END ITAL) If the answer is GEMINI, you can reply: (SET ITAL) Is it true you have a good twin and a bad twin? What's the last mischievous thing you've done? Do you play sports? I heard that Gemini is playful and competitive. What's your cell phone plan? (END ITAL)

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actor Jason Lee wows audiences with his subtle and commanding movie-star performances and entices TV viewers each week with his off-the-wall comedic character, Earl, in the hit sit-com "My Name is Earl." With his natal Mars in Gemini, Lee's quirky qualities are deeply ingrained in his personal life, as well. Case in point, the name of his young son is Pilot Inspektor.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I recently discovered my husband of 40 years has been carrying on for three years with an old married girlfriend he saw at a high school reunion.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I knew "Harry" was talking with "Thelma," which was fine, but when he wouldn't let me meet her on a trip to her area, I got suspicious. I uncovered hundreds of cell-phone records and e-mails, and realized that their attraction was much deeper than I imagined. Harry has never been romantic toward me — in fact, he's quite critical. Now I discover that he is writing sweet nothings to Thelma.

Harry finally admitted he is infatuated with her,

although there is no sex involved because he is impotent. This has caused me great pain and anger, and Harry doesn't get why. He insists they are just old friends. By the way, I doubt Thelma's

husband knows about any of this.

Harry and I had a shotgun wedding. He didn't want to marry me. It hasn't been perfect, but we made the marriage last, and we have wonderful kids and grandkids. I wrote Thelma, and she asked for my forgiveness. I told her she could continue her friendship with Harry as long as it included me, and she has since been sending long, newsy e-mails about her life. We even are planning a trip so I can finally meet her.

Now Harry is mad at me. He says I'm making a mountain out of a molehill. He wants his old happy wife back, but he wants to stay in contact with Thelma. Why does he need to do this? I feel like such a failure. Harry is all I have. — In Pain

Dear In Pain: Harry is reliving his youth. And he believes that doing it long distance and without sex is harmless to his marriage. He doesn't understand that it is an emotional betrayal. Ask Harry to go with you for counseling so the two of you can work on restoring your confidence in the marriage, and tell him that as long as you are included in his friendship with Thelma, he can stay in touch.

Dear Annie: My late father had an earlier marriage that produced a son. The son lived with us when he was a teenager, and then went to Korea, where he served several tours of duty. After leaving the service, we lost all track of him — except for a small red tin, filled with photos of his time overseas, as well as a pay stub and some other small items. My grandmother kept that tin until the day she died. We are now in the process of moving, and while packing, I came across the small red tin.

My stepbrother would probably be in his 60s now. I know he would love to have these mementos, but I have no idea

where he is. Is there any way I can trace him through his Social Security number, which is on the pay stub in the tin? Or maybe he will read your column and get in contact with you. — Mary Ruth in Colorado

Dear Mary Ruth: We don't normally use our column to find missing persons, but many readers ask, so here are two places to start: The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service at 1-800-698-7728, and Military Locator Services at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636). If your stepbrother sees this and writes to us, we'll let you know.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Crying in Connecticut," who has cerebral palsy and is lonely. Please tell him to contact his local rehabilitation hospital. They often have services and activities available to people who are living with a disability. Adaptive sports programs, social networks and therapeutic recreation are just a few of the things that may be offered. — Involved in Illinois

Dear Involved: Thanks for your suggestions. Living with a disability can be difficult enough. Feeling isolated can compound the problem and actually damage the immune system. We hope "Crying" will reach out to all available resources.

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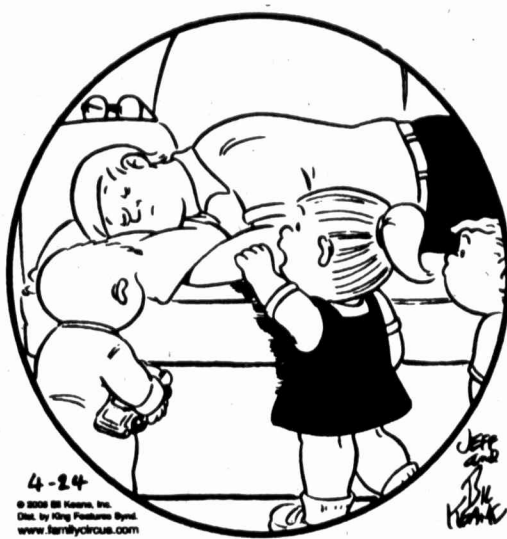
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9	PM News (CC)	What About Brian (CC)	What About Brian (CC)	Cristina	Becker (CC)	70s Show	CSI: Miami (CC)	Decisiones	Medium (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	The Standard of Perfection	American Chopper	Movie: Uncommon Valor (CC)	Pros vs. Joes (CC)	The Parkers The Parkers	Natural Sadies Even Stevens	Paintball	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
10	PM News (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid	Letterman Late Late	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Movie: Screen 3 (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stunt Junkies	The Ultimate Fighter	Baseball: First Round - Teams TBA (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody Their-Raven	Quile Frankly With Smith	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Battlerstar
11	AM Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	The Insider	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Movie: Screen 3 (CC)	CCM Ministries Schriener	Sign Off	American Chopper	15 Movie: First Blood (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Teams TBA (CC)	In Living Color In Living Color	Phil of Future Kim Possible	Paintball	NBA Baseball
12	AM News (CC)	News (CC)	Paid Program																

DENNIS THE MENACE



"How come fallin' into Missus Miller's fishpond don't count as a bath?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy? Besides church and libraries, where else do we hafta be quiet? Daddy?"

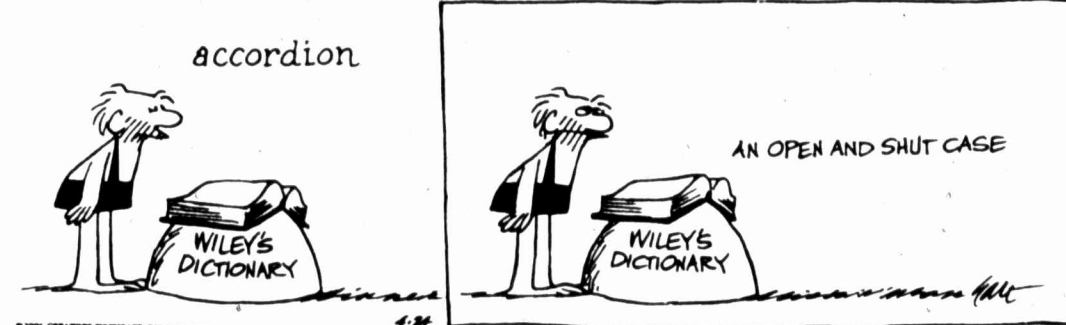
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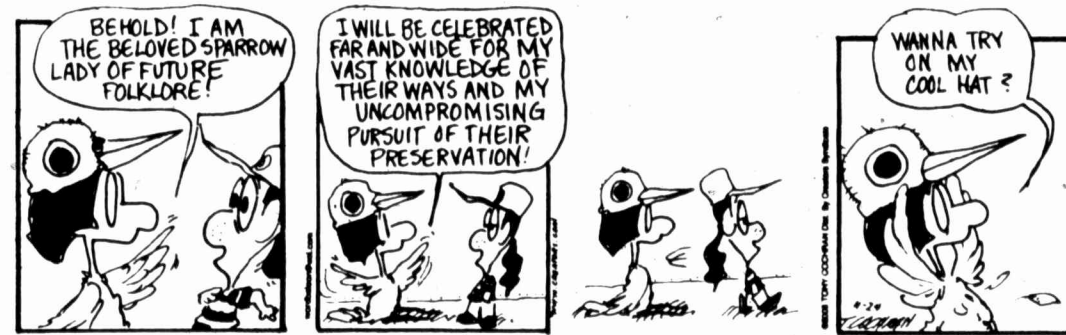
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THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 24, the 114th day of 2006. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 24, 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces several days later.)

On this date:
In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.
In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.
In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.
In 1915, the Ottoman Turkish Empire began the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a weeklong occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis, the Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Critic Stanley Kauffmann is 90. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 72. Author Sue Grafton is 66. Actor-singer Michael Parks is 66. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 64. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 64. Country singer

Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 63. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 61. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 53. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 51. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 49. Rock musician Billy Gould is 43. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 42. Actor Djimon Hounsou is 42. Rock musician Patty Schemel is 39. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 38. Actress Melinda Clarke is 37. Latin pop singer Alejandro Fernandez is 35. Actor Derek Luke is 32. Actor Eric Balfour is 29. Country singer Rebecca Lynn Howard is 27. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 24.

Answer to previous puzzle

TRAP	ACCORDANCE
HERA	CRADLESOME
RIPAS	CANTISMAJOR
UMPS	RICE MOTE
SEIPLANE	SLAKES
TAMOR	LATENESS
STORAGE	POT
SETFOR	BUSTLE
LEAM	STOWARD
ANSWERTO	FOYER
NOHITS	SELFSAME
CHIP	PERI
HONEST	LOOK DITS
OPERAHOUSE	EDIE
REDS	SPOTTED
DECS	

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cabinet's moving part
 - 5 Harvest season
 - 9 Applaud
 - 13 Tennis champ Arthur
 - 14 One of the Great Lakes
 - 15 Run after
 - 16 March Madness org.
 - 17 University official
 - 18 Lace again
 - 19 Gift-box material
 - 21 Atlantic, for one
 - 22 Pencil part
 - 23 Potato bag
 - 25 Eyelid attachment
 - 28 Jerusalem's locale
 - 32 Sleeveless shoulder wrap
 - 36 Close to
 - 38 Creme-filled cookie
 - 39 Very strange
 - 40 Sphere
 - 41 Works hard
 - 42 Place for a mural
 - 43 Army offense: Abbr.
 - 44 Accumulate
 - 45 Acquired illegally
 - 47 Six o'clock broadcast
 - 49 Butter portions
 - 51 Tear into
 - 56 Detest
 - 59 Leno's late-night rival
 - 62 Comical circus performer
 - 63 "Oh, dear!"

- DOWN**
- 1 Twist or tango
 - 2 Hollywood award
 - 3 Scarlett of fiction
 - 4 Enjoys a book
 - 5 Soft felt hat
 - 6 Neighborhood
 - 7 Deceitful one
 - 8 Advances, as money
 - 9 Place for coats in a café
 - 10 Behind schedule
 - 11 China's continent
 - 12 Hammer part
 - 15 Gators' kin
 - 20 Gal at a ball
 - 24 Tire filler
 - 26 Winter precipitation
 - 27 Long-necked bird
 - 29 Opera solo
 - 30 Electrified swimmers
 - 31 Election defeat
 - 32 Uses needle and thread
 - 33 Furnace output
 - 34 Folk singer
 - 35 Self-control
 - 37 Competent
 - 41 Take a bite of
 - 43 Hill-building insect
 - 46 Makes, as a living
 - 48 Sherlock Holmes' colleague
 - 50 Incline
 - 52 Piece of hair
 - 53 Stubborn as
 - 54 Diamond unit
 - 55 Old TV-set controls
 - 56 Performs in a play
 - 57 Jeans color
 - 58 Sharpen
 - 60 Gen. Robert
 - 61 Bring under control

