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Fiber Glass Systems to expand, add workers

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Special to the Herald

Coming to Big Spring: A \$2 million expansion and 25-plus jobs.

That's the news coming from Fiber Glass Systems, according to the pipe manufacturer and Moore Development for Big Spring.

Fiber Glass Systems, LP President Bill

Burnett announced the expansion Monday.

"We are pleased to announce the expansion of our facility," said Burnett. "The demand for fiber glass pipe is booming and West Texas is in the heart of the oil patch. We needed more manufacturing capacity to satisfy our customer demand."

Of the three possible sights manufacturing oil field pipe in the United States,

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In 4-1 vote, county approves 144-bed jail

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

After more than a year of heated debate, Howard County Commissioners gave the go-ahead Monday morning for a 144-bed jail facility to be located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20.

Commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of the proposed facility, with Commissioner Gary Simer the lone dissenter. Commissioners also agreed to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property, which includes lots located within blocks 34 and 35 of the Bauer Addition.

According to County Judge Ben Lockhart, who made the motion to accept the 144-bed facility, Monday's vote and subsequent approval was the result of meetings he had

"It was the best compromise we could get, and I really appreciate the Judge (Lockhart) taking the leadership role and getting this together. We owe it to our citizens, our taxpayers and everyone else to get our act together, and I hope that's what we've done."



Kilgore

with the commissioners, who were deeply divided on the issue.

"For over a year we've been haggling back and

forth on this, with different suggestions and not making much headway," said Lockhart. "Sometime back, I decided it was time to either do something or drop it altogether."

"So I started getting the commissioners in here — or wherever I could find them — one at a time, and told them we needed to do something. We needed to do something now and get on with it. I'm tired of it, most of the commissioners are tired of it and I'm sure the public's tired of it. That's how we got things started."

While the chosen location may seem to come from out of the blue to some area citizens, Lockhart said he's had an eye on it since the last time commissioners approached the issue.

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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Christine Everett, above left and Lois Hughes-Kennedy discuss the reports included in the rape exam kit they use to collect evidence during a sexual assault examination. Two rooms donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, including this examination room, are part of the tour members from the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners team will take tonight.

Local SANE officials eager to get feedback from AG's office

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

A six-county Sexual Assault Response Team meeting Wednesday begins tonight when two representatives from the Texas Attorney General's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners arrive in Big Spring to observe and critique the local pro-

gram. "I am very excited these women are coming to see our program and that we will have a chance to sit down with the entire six-county team to discuss how we might improve what we're doing to assist the victims of sexual assault as well as the law

enforcement and medical professionals who work with them," said Shann Smith, director of Victim Services.

Smith said two representatives from the AG's office, Bonnie Cone, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program spe-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A local resident patrols the perimeter of a controlled burn north of Big Spring Monday afternoon. Local resident Jason Seay (driving) circles the fire in a pickup while Kody McCann operates a water hose from a large tank. Seay said he was taking advantage of the lapse in the county-wide burn ban — which expired April 1 — to get rid of some unwanted materials. Local fire officials are still urging area resident to avoid burning due to a heavy fuel load in much of Howard County.

Business tax expansion wins approval in House

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$3.4 billion business tax expansion, the cornerstone of Gov. Rick Perry's efforts to overhaul the state's method of paying for public schools, won approval in the House late Monday.

The plan approved on a 80-69 vote is Perry's attempt to answer a Texas Supreme Court ruling that declared the state's school funding system unconstitutional and ordered it fixed by June 1. He has made a priority to restructure the state's loophole-ridden franchise tax, which an estimated one in 16 businesses avoid paying.

The proposal would

In a rare show of unity, the House agreed to a provision in the business tax structure to discourage employers from hiring undocumented immigrants.

give Texas property owners an initial one-third tax break by raising alternate funds from the expanded business tax, a \$1-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax and some money from the

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GOOD WEATHER DAY

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Instead of enduring a day of inattention and spring fever, Bellingham Christian School declared a "sun day" and gave everyone the day off.

School administrators had told the students there would be no school on the first sunny day that hit at least 63 degrees. After Monday's forecast called for a high of 65, school was closed. The mercury actually hit 68, the National Weather Service reported.

Students were told to return on Tuesday when the forecast called for rain.

No one answered the phone at the school Monday.

TASK FORCE RECEPTION

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce VA Task Force will be recognized during tonight's city council meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The task force is considered to be a major player in convincing the Veterans Administration not to close or cut services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Following the council meeting, the city will host a reception to celebrate the news of the VA Hospital staying open and the work of the Chamber VA Task Force. Everyone is invited to the meeting and reception.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

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

The immunizations are being given today 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

The Rev. Louis James Droll



The Rev. Louis James Droll, 73, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Padua Place in San Antonio. Droll served the Diocese of San Angelo from March 9, 1968, until his retirement May 16, 1995. A Rosary will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo at 7 p.m., Wednesday, with Msgr. Fred Nawarskas presiding at the Rosary and Msgr. Benedict Zientek delivering the eulogy.

Fr. Droll's funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Church in Rowena. The Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop of San Angelo, will be the celebrant; Msgr. Elmer Holtman of Austin will give the homily; and Msgr. Larry Droll will say the closing prayer for the funeral Mass and preside over the burial service. Fr. Droll will be interred in Rowena.

Fr. Droll was born April 3, 1933, in Rowena to Louis A. and Odella Droll, both of whom preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by a brother, Victor Droll and a sister-in-law, Frances Droll.

Fr. Droll is survived by a sister, Alma Mixon and her husband, E.C., of Georgetown and children, Gerald, JoAnn, Suzanne, Dennis, Timothy and Exley III; a brother, Daniel Droll and his wife, Kathy of McAllen and their children, Mary Ellen, David and Dina; and Victor and Frances Droll's children, Maureen and Charles.

While with the Diocese of San Angelo, Fr. Droll was assigned to Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Angelo, as pastor; Sacred Heart, Abilene and St. Joachim, Clyde, assistant pastor; Central Catholic High School and Grade School, Abilene, principal; Holy Angels, San Angelo, associate pastor; St. Joseph's, San Angelo, administrator; and St. John's Hospital, San Angelo, chaplain.

Also, Catholic Charities, San Angelo and Social Action, director; St. Therese, Carlsbad and St. Paschal Mission, Sterling City; Angelo State University, San Angelo, chaplain; St. Margaret, San Angelo, pastor.

Fr. Droll also worked served chaplaincies at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington D.C.; the Federal Correctional Institute in Texarkana and at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo.

Prior to entering the priesthood, Fr. Droll worked for the American Cancer Society in San Angelo. He was educated at St. Joseph's Elementary School, Rowena; Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin; the University of Texas at Austin; St. Mary's Seminary in Houston; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo.; and the University of Texas Graduate School, Austin (Master's in Education).

Pallbearers are Gerald Mixon, David, Robert, Montey, Herbert and Craig Biedermann and Exley Mixon III.

Paid obituary

Sue Guthrie

Sue Guthrie, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 22, 2006. A private family service was held.

She was the daughter of Lloyd and Merle Wasson, born July 23, 1933, in Big Spring. Sue was a lifetime resident of the community and was a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Kimball Guthrie; one son, Will; one daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Mike; two granddaughters, Andrea and Paige; her mother, Merle; and numerous other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kim Guthrie and her father, Lloyd Wasson.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite church or charity of choice.

In lieu of personal visits or phone calls, it would be meaningful to the family to express your feelings in a note.

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

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Frances Rodriguez



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

She 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 and 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" Martinez and his wife, Rachel 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.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Gutierrez, Oscar Flores, Luven Flores, Jimmy Futrelle, Suki Flores and Ismael Lujan.

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

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Ramon N. "Tito" Holguin Jr.

Ramon N. "Tito" Holguin Jr., 69, died Monday, April 24, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

William Milton (Bill) Condra



William Milton (Bill) Condra, 75, of Kerrville, formerly of Austin, died Friday, April 21, 2006, following a two-year battle with lung cancer. A memorial service was 10:30 a.m. today, April 25, 2006, followed by a reception with the family at Harrell Funeral Home in Austin.

He was born Oct. 3, 1930, in San Antonio to Leonard W. and Willie Mai (Rucker) Condra and married the former Lillian Tamsitt of Big Spring in 1953. He served from 1948-1953 in the U.S. Air Force in Korea and worked as a lineman for Southwestern Bell for 20 years, retiring in 1969 in Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his older brother, Harold Condra and his oldest sister, Mildred Anderson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Lillian Condra; his sisters Mattie Lynn Clark of Houston and Irene Bouchard of Austin; his sons and daughters-in-law, Guy and Lisa Condra of Boerne and Phil and Sally Condra of Austin; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to Peterson Hospice, 1121 Broadway, Kerrville 78028 or the charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerrville Funeral Home. Memorials may be made at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com.

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

Donald Myrick

Donald Myrick, 51, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-24-27-32.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$30,656.

Winning tickets sold in: Meadows Place.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-16-26-32. Bonus Ball: 12.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$2.9 million.

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

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Police blotter

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

• **KRISTIE CUELLAR**, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 234, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **DAVID YANEZ**, 56, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested Monday on charges of disorderly conduct - language and resisting arrest.

• **RUBEN TREVINO JR.**, 28, of 1129 Runnels, was arrested Monday on charges of disorderly conduct - language, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a Taylor County warrant.

• **DONALD RAY ALSBAUGH**, 45, of 3500 Hali Road, was arrested Monday on four local warrants and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **LINDA STEGMAN**, 44, of 302 S. Settles, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **COREY HOFFPAUIR**, 29, of 907 Rosemont, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KATRINA SUDDERTH**, 27, of 211 E. Robinson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Sheriff's report

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

• **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **LANCE GREGORY NEWELL**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and stealing checks.

• **PATRICK MCSHANE**, 57, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear on an aggravated sexual assault charge from Bexar County.

• **GILBERT VASQUEZ RODRIGUEZ**, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Loop Road.

• **INJURED PERSON** was reported seven miles from Forsan. Subject was airlifted to Lubbock via Aerocare.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Gregg. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Terry Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Alice. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. Fire was extinguished.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds Around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Northeast Winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50. East winds Around 10 mph. Thursday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. East winds 10 to 15 mph Shifting to the southeast 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. The Chance of rain is 20 percent. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and Thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. The chance of rain is 30 percent. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and Thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

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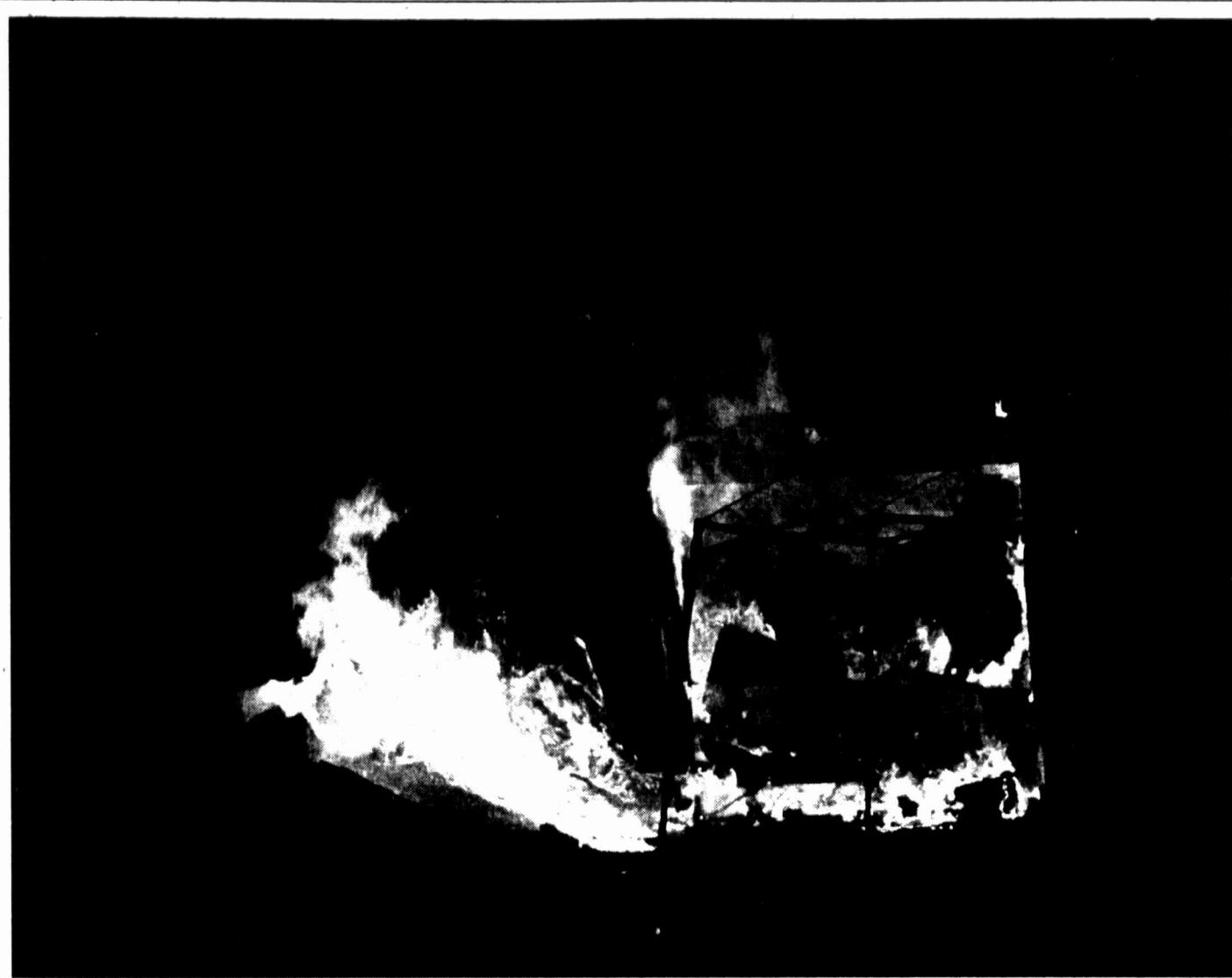
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This home, located in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad, sustained heavy damage during a fire early Monday morning. According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the fire is still under investigation with criminal activity yet to be ruled out. No injuries were reported as a result of the blaze.

SANE

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cialist and Lisa Zapata-Maling, the community development specialist, will tour the SANE rooms at Scenic Mountain Medical Center tonight and meet with the six SANE nurses who have received the training.

SANE is a local program, now in its second year, that works with victims of sexual assault, collecting evidence that may be used in court to prosecute offenders. The nurses receive 96 hours of training that includes evidence collection and interviewing techniques. The local program is certified through the Attorney General's office.

"This is a blessing for me and I am really looking forward to seeing them and see what critiques they may offer and feedback we receive from law enforcement," said Christine Everett, SANE nurse coordinator.

"I met these women at a Texas Association Against Sexual Assault convention in South Padre a few months ago and I invited them to

come to see our program. They will meet with the nurses tonight, just double-checking to make sure we're doing everything we could be doing and doing it the way it should be done," Everett said.

Six individuals received the intensive SANE training and will meet with Cone and Zapata-Maling tonight, including registered nurses Everett, Lois Hughes-Kennedy, Juanita Smith and Cynthia Schaffner and family nurse practitioners Les White and Kim Shaffer.

The law enforcement professions from six counties served through Victim Services, including Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell and Scurry, will attend the SART meeting Wednesday, where the AG's SANE representatives will offer their critique.

Scurry County will have representatives from Gateway Family Services as well as from the sheriff and police department. Mark Edwards, district attorney from Mitchell County and Sheriff Billy Gannaway from Borden County have also indicated they will attend.

"As far as I'm concerned, this matter will come down to a bond election," said Kilgore. "There has been some talk about certificates of obligation, but I really don't know if I could go that route. It's going to take a lot to change my mind on this issue. I think the people want to vote on this, and because we've had so much conflict on this, we owe it to the citizens. I hope they will realize this is something we have to have, and I hope we've done a good job on selecting and give them a choice as to how to finance this."

Whether the facility should be a stand-alone jail or also house a joint law enforcement center was not addressed by the court Monday, with several commissioners saying the matter is still up in the air.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Ramon N. "Tito" Holguin Jr., 69, died Monday, April 24, 2006 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

JAIL

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"I like this location," said Lockhart. "When we had a bond issue about 10 or 12 years ago concerning this, this is one of the sites that I preferred. Of course, I would prefer putting it on the north lawn of the courthouse, but that's not going to happen. It's handy, because you're right there on Highway 87 and three blocks from the Interstate. So you have good access to everything."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said approval of the 144-bed facility is a definite relief and will allow commissioners to get back on track.

"I'm relieved," said Kilgore. "I'm really not happy that it took us this long. We could have been to this point eight months ago. In all honesty, this is right where we were eight months ago when things came to a halt. I'm just glad to get it done."

"It was the best compromise we could get, and I really appreciate the Judge (Lockhart) taking the leadership role and getting this together. We owe it to our citizens, our taxpayers and everyone else to get our act together, and I hope that's what we've done."

Kilgore said he would have preferred the previous location favored by the court — near the intersection of FM 700 and Martin Luther King Boulevard — but compromises had to be made to get things moving once

again.

"There simply weren't enough votes to get the facility on FM 700," said Kilgore. "It was a good location, there just seemed to be a lot of opposition against it. But it was a good location and the land owner would have donated it to the county. It's going to be more expensive to have to buy the land north of the city. But that location was something everyone could live with, so that's what we'll have to go with."

"We agreed today to have the land appraised and the county attorney has been instructed to begin negotiations for buying it. We'll see what we can do with it from here. We have the money to do this with. We don't know how long it will take, but we hope it will be short. Then we'll get on with financing the jail and tackle that issue."

"It's not something we really want to spend the money on, but it's come down to a time when we have to do it," he added. "We've gotten more than 50 years out of our old jail, and if we're successful in getting this new one done, I hope it lasts us another 50 years, or more. We've tried to make sure we don't put up something cheap. We want something that's going to last and serve our needs, and I really think this will do it."

Not everyone was happy with the decision. Simer said the court's willingness to purchase the property before a bond election on the facility is fool-

hardy.

"It hasn't even gone before a bond election yet. It's possible it will be turned down," said Simer, who made a strikingly similar motion for a 96-bed facility adjacent to the district courthouse two weeks earlier and rescinded the motion during Monday's meeting. "If it is, we'll own a high-dollar piece of land that we have no use for. I suggested we wait until we take it before the voters."

Simer also chided his fellow commissioners for approving a jail he claims is entirely too big for the needs of Howard County.

"This week, we have 36 inmates. The 144-bed facility is four times what we need. We could build a 36-bed facility for \$2 million or \$3 million and it would save the taxpayers a ton of money," said Simer. "If we do go over (the jail's limit), we can house them out of town, which is actually cheaper than we can keep them ourselves. So it could

save the taxpayers approximately \$10 million."

Lockhart said work on the next phase of the project — designing the facility and acquiring the property — is already under way.

"We really need a figure of what it's going to cost before we can really decide how we're going to finance a new jail," said Lockhart. "We currently have the money to purchase the property, but anything beyond that is going to either call for a bond election or certificates of obligation."

"We're going to get the architect busy drawing it up so he can give us a cost. Right now, we own approximately a fourth of the property, so we're going to move forward with purchasing it. That will be the next major step, which we should be able to do pretty quick."

Kilgore said he supports the idea of a bond election, but it's too soon to say with certainty.

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• WIREWOOD JEWELRY SALE from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center lobby, sponsored by the SMMC Volunteers.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to make plans to attend Silver Wings Ball

How does a night of dining and dancing sound? And when you add in an auction for a number of special items, there's little doubt that this year's Silver Wings Ball at the Big Spring Country Club will be great fun Saturday night.

Actor John Travolta and Harrison Ford have provided a couple of the items that will be on the auction block Saturday — Travolta having donated an autographed poster advertising his 2005 movie "Be Cool," and Ford, who is the Experimental Aircraft Association's chairman of the Young Eagle program, has also provided his autograph for the fundraiser benefiting the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Other items to be auctioned include a baseball signed by the 2005 World Series champion Chicago White Sox; and a Wheaties cereal box, signed by members of the 1995 Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys. Other silent auction fare includes items autographed by Tiger Woods and other celebrities, a presidential pen from Air Force One, Secret Service cufflinks and more.

The event is set to begin at 6 p.m. as couples mix and mingle over cocktails. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and feature a military theme, with a special tribute to Korean War veterans and a POW/MIA presentation by area ROTC members.

"It's going to be something different than we've done in the past," said Heather Wallace, the museum's director. "But I really think people will enjoy it."

Following a meal of prime rib and chicken, those attending will dance to the music of Carvel Mills and Sound Investment.

Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations should be made as quickly as possible.

Money raised through the ball will help fund museum activities, as well as future expansion plans.

To make reservations, call the museum at 264-1999.

Those who cannot attend the ball but who would like to make a donation are invited to do so by contacting the museum.

Remember, Hangar 25 is one of the sights that brings visitors to our community. And since the Silver Wings Ball is Hangar 25's largest fundraiser each year, it is important that each and every one of us who can attend do so.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hear clearly what You are trying to tell us, Lord, through Your word.

Amen

A caged bird because she didn't sing

On May 6, Serena Nunn, 36, will graduate the University of Michigan Law School. Armed with a law degree, she will be in a better position to challenge draconian federal drug laws that six years ago had her serving a 15-year, eight-month sentence for a first-time nonviolent drug offense committed when she was 19.

But as Nunn came to know, even federal judges have been powerless to mete out just punishments under the federal mandatory-minimum sentencing system, first legislated by Congress in 1986.

Be clear on this: Nunn broke the law. After she dropped out of college, she took up with the wrong boyfriend, a drug dealer — known as Monte — whose father (Plukey Duke) was believed to be the leader of the biggest cocaine ring in Minnesota. After Monte tried to buy cocaine from a government informant, the feds charged 24 people involved in the ring, including Serena, on felony charges involving cocaine distribution.

At trial, prosecutors established that Nunn drove Monte to drug deals and phoned people who owed Monte money. They found 6.5 grams of cocaine and 4 grams of crack stashed in her bedroom. A jury found Nunn guilty on all three counts.

Meanwhile, prosecutors had offered a sweet deal to repeat

offenders who testified against others. Mandatory-minimum sentences were supposed to guarantee that drug kingpins serve hard time. Yet the feds allowed the co-leader of this drug ring, Marvin McCaleb, to serve seven years — despite prior convictions for major drug dealing, rape and manslaughter.

I know I will receive e-mail from readers who will say that Nunn deserved her 15-year sentence; they only regret that prosecutors didn't sentence the kingpins to harder time. They fail to recognize that this system routinely sacrifices small fish of the drug trade — who don't have much information to trade — while enabling the big fish to re-offend. The system too frequently offers a get-out-of-jail-early card for the worst criminals.

In December 1997, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported that McCaleb was living free in Long Beach, Calif., while Nunn would not get out of prison until 2003. Sam Sheldon of San Diego had been a lawyer for a week when he read the story. He was one year younger than Nunn, but already she had spent eight years behind bars. Sheldon offered to take on her case pro bono.

Thanks to Sheldon's efforts, President Clinton commuted Nunn's sentence in July 2000. It helped that one of Nunn's prosecutors and then-Gov. Jesse Ventura of Minnesota wrote letters for Sheldon. The most breathtaking argument came from the sentencing judge, David A. Doty, who wrote an eight-page letter that ripped the mandatory minimum

system to shreds.

In 1990, his heart went out to Nunn because of the lengthy sentence he was required to impose on her, while others in the drug ring were sentenced to as little as one year. Doty wrote, "If mandatory-minimum sentencing did not exist, no judge in America, including me, would have ever sentenced Ms. Nunn to 15 years in prison based on her role in the conspiracy, her age and the fact that she had no prior criminal convictions before the instant offense."

On the phone Monday, Nunn told me of the frustration she faced after spending more than a decade behind bars — and wanting just one chance to turn her life around — while watching "someone who gets those opportunities, not once, not twice, but even three times" re-offend and return to prison.

Nunn looks back on her old life and realizes how the drug ring "harmed our communities" and "helped destroy families." And: "I am a firm believer in people being punished for things they do when they break the law. If you don't punish people, you'll have a chaotic society."

But when societies over-punish small-change offenders and under-punish kingpins — when 19-year-old kids serve sentences that exceed a decade, while career thugs do shorter time — you end up with expensive injustice.

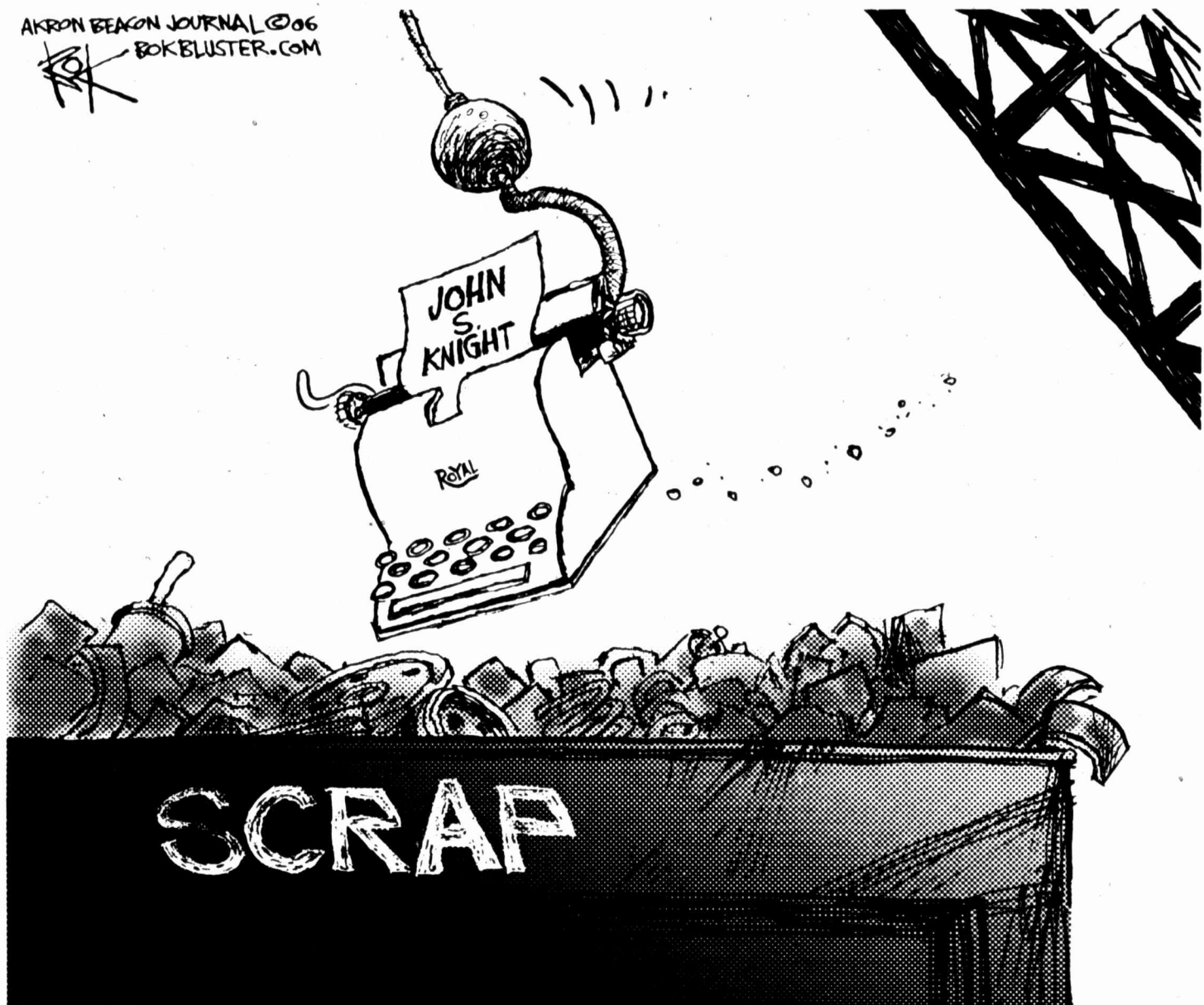
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Voters can contract with Congress

Vision America's recent War on Christians Conference in Washington, D.C., highlighted the great moral issues now facing the nation and the need for Americans to unite to renew its values of decency.

As Dr. Rick Scarborough, founder of Vision America, began the conference, he noted, "The United States of America has come to a critical moment in its history. The challenge, which confronts us today, is neither economic nor military. It is moral."

Scarborough founded Vision America to reach across the nation and help mobilize thousands of his fellow pastors of all denominations following studies that showed two-thirds to three-fourths of U.S. citizens who regularly attend church do not vote regularly or even at all.

As Vision America's mission declares, "God's people in Christ must address the great moral issues now before the nation...our passion is to rekindle the 'fires of righteousness' which once burned

so brightly in America's pulpits."

While in Washington, the hundreds of Christians attending the conference were able to hear from exceptional speakers like Sen. John Cornyn, Phyllis Schlafly, Janet Parshall and Alan Keyes. All came with a strong message of hope and encouragement that everyone can play a part in changing the course of the nation for the better.

As Scarborough charged, the secularists in the media, entertainment, politics and other areas are fighting to eradicate the basic values that have been a guide for generations. Americans must unite in their vision to restore and preserve their Godly heritage.

Through Vision America, Scarborough and other grassroots conservative leaders have created and established the "Values Voters' Contract with Congress," found at www.valuesvoter.org.

The contract is designed to keep the judiciary accountable and to restore the U.S. government to one of the people, by the people and for the people.

From limiting federal court jurisdiction to providing religious accommodation in U.S. schools and the workplace, the Contract with Congress joins citizens

together in protecting an American republican form of government. With patriots and leaders like Scarborough and organizations like Vision America, American citizens can stand together for the values the Founding Fathers intended to protect through the Constitution.

As President Ronald Reagan wisely stated, "You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children's children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done."

Gina Parker is the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company, and is also a successful attorney. She serves as a Perry appointee to the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board, and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas treasurer and associate general counsel. She now speaks on issues of national importance, including the need for judicial reform.



GINA PARKER



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Law enforcement officials and emergency medical technicians tend to this two-vehicle accident near the intersection of 11th Place and Johnson Monday afternoon. According to officers at the scene, the driver of a Dodge Intrepid (not pictured) made a left turn in front of this white Chevrolet Cavalier. The driver of the Chevrolet was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Bush orders gasoline investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, under pressure to do something about gasoline prices that are expected to stay high through the summer, has ordered an investigation into possible cheating in the markets. During the last few days, Bush asked his Energy and Justice departments to open inquiries into whether the price of gasoline has been illegally manipulated, said White House press secretary Scott McClellan. Bush planned to announce the action Tuesday during a speech in Washington.

It's unclear what impact, if any, Bush's investigation would have on prices that are near \$3 a gallon. Asked if Bush had any reason to suspect

market manipulation, McClellan responded, "Well, gas prices are high right now, and that's why you want to make sure there's not."

Republicans who control Congress have become concerned that the high cost of filling up could become a problem for them in the November elections. Polls suggest that voters favor Democrats over Republicans on the issue, and Bush gets low marks for handling gasoline

prices. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., urged Bush in a letter Monday to order a federal investigation into any gasoline price gouging or market speculation. "There is no silver bullet," Frist said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," but "we need to make sure that any efforts at price-gouging be addressed and addressed aggressively."

FINANCE

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state's budget surplus. The House also passed a requirement that car sales be taxed on a standardized value.

The cigarette tax did not pass after a lawmaker raised a legal objection. It will be reconsidered by the tax committee.

Supporters said the business tax, which would be levied on a com-

pany's gross receipts with various deductions, modernizes the tax structure so that it can grow with the state.

"The system is broken," said Rep. John Otto, a Republican from Dayton. "It's time to fix it."

Progress was slow for most of the day, as Perry aides huddled with lawmakers and policy analysts stood by to answer questions about the complex legislation.

"I've been conflicted on

this bill all day long, I've gone back and forth," said Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner of Houston.

He eventually opposed the bill because it didn't include any new money for education improvements. Perry has promised to allow school improvement legislation once the court problem has been settled.

Others criticized the measure because it would raise taxes on most Texas

business.

"I do not in good conscience understand how we can implement the largest tax bill in Texas history when we have the largest surplus in Texas history," said Rep. Debbie Riddle, a Tomball Republican.

In a rare show of unity, the House agreed to a provision in the business tax structure to discourage employers from hiring undocumented immigrants.

EXPANSION

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the Big Spring location won out over San Antonio and Wichita, Kan. Start up of the new second pipe production line will be in 2007.

"We liked the work of the management team in place, and we particularly liked how Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. worked with us to locate the expansion here," said

Burnett. "Of the communities we looked at, the staff and directors of Moore Development really understood our manufacturing needs better than the rest, and they were able to expeditiously get this deal done."

Headquartered in San Antonio since 1980, Fiber Glass Systems originally began operations in 1968 in Big Spring.

Mike Niklasch, vice president of Moore Development and chairman of the Business and

Retention Committee said his committee was impressed with the operations of Fiber Glass' Big Spring facility.

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♣K 8 6 4

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♦Q 10 7 5 4
♣3 2
♥Q 10 9 3

SOUTH
♦J 9 5
♥A 6
♦A Q J 9 4
♣A 7 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

Declarer frequently holds up an ace in notrump play, but there are times when it is much wiser to take the ace at once rather than withhold it. The issue can be resolved only if declarer carefully weighs the merits of each card separately before committing himself one way or the other. Consider this deal where West leads the spade six against three notrump. Should South play low from dummy at trick one, or should he play the ace?

When the deal occurred, declarer ducked, and East won the trick with the queen. Back came a spade, covered by the nine and ten, and declarer

ducked again. A third spade then drove out the ace.

South had no choice but to try the diamond finesse, and when West won the ten with the king and cashed his remaining two spades, the contract went down one.

Subsequent analysis revealed that declarer would have made the contract had he played the ace of spades at trick one and then tried the diamond finesse. With the spades blocked, East-West could not have run the suit, and South would have scored nine tricks. The question, therefore, is whether South erred by holding up the ace initially.

The answer lies in which play — going up with the ace or ducking it — offers the better chance for the contract in the long run. On that basis, the right play is to take the ace at once.

South should reason that, assuming West's six is his fourth-best spade, East has only one card higher than that — the seven, ten, queen or king. Presumably it is not the seven, since with the K-Q-10 West would have led the king rather than the six. Therefore, East's high spade is either the ten, queen or king.

Declarer can gain by ducking at trick one only if East's high spade is the ten. But if East has either the queen or king, playing the ace assures the contract. The odds are thus 2-to-1 in favor of playing the ace, making it by far the better play.

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Bird Poop

The mother bird immediately took flight as the workmen neared the old evaporative cooler.

Their routine maintenance of replacing coolers had come to a halt when they realized



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there was a panicky youngster inside. The nestling jumped from its rusty home and wasn't too graceful in finding the ground. Since they had disturbed the family, one of the workmen carefully placed it back in the "squirrel cage." He decided to check on it daily.

At the same time, an employee in another location slowly rolled open the giant metal doors to a hangar. Suddenly, he noticed a movement to his right.

A bird had stirred enough dust from the floor to get his attention. Frightened, it had backed up enough to wedge itself between the door and some heavy sheets of metal that were leaning against the wall.

To reach the bird would be very difficult. Both businesses at the airpark had someone call and ask for help with their young great horned owls.

Getting the young owl out of the cooler was made easier by the use of a motorized lift. With bird in hand, I noticed the open field surrounding the north side of the building.

It would provide a place for the young owl to practice flying.

Being close to a residential area, however, added danger because of people, pets and autom-

bile traffic.

Extracting the owl from its hiding place at the hangar proved more difficult. With the floor and contents covered with a powder from the cutting of limestone, we wore masks and had to move slowly to prevent creating clouds of fine particles.

For a nestling to breathe or ingest them could cause lung and digestive problems.

As I approached the young owl, it decided to move. Jumping past me, the bird headed toward a corner where materials had been stacked.

In its effort to escape, the fledgling had given me the opportunity I needed. With only one way to leave, the bird made its capture easy. As I picked it up, a puff of beige dust from its beating wings covered my hair and glasses.

Showing the youngster to the employees, we learned that the owl's nest was in the upper part of the hangar. For years, they had seen numerous owl families.

The workers related that in the past, if a young owl landed on the floor, the parents would encourage the fledgling to work its way back up to the beams to safety.

This bird, however, chose not to return to the upper parts of the structure.

In less than a week, we would have to return to the hangar to rescue the owl's sibling.

Inquisitive and eager to test their wings, some juvenile owls readily leave the nest while others vacate only at the insistence of a parent.

As they glide to the ground, owls enter a dangerous environment.

Even if the two hangar owls had landed outside, dogs, coyotes, bobcats, cars and humans posed a possible threat.

Courtesy photo
Using a defensive display, this juvenile great horned owl rescued from a hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park, will develop into the largest of the eared owls.

Unable to fly or feed themselves, all of these young owls were totally dependent upon their parents. During the day, the fledglings would be seen without a parent, although an adult might be roosting nearby.

They would have to wait until night for food and guidance. At the airpark, the coloration of their feathers, which would help them blend in with their surroundings in the countryside, would be of little help against the starkness of buildings and runways.

As we captured each owl, we were greeted with the loud popping of its beak. The puffed up display of chest feathers and spread wings made each owl look larger than it was.

Sitting on their rumps, the owls, in order to intimidate us, extended their legs with talons ready.

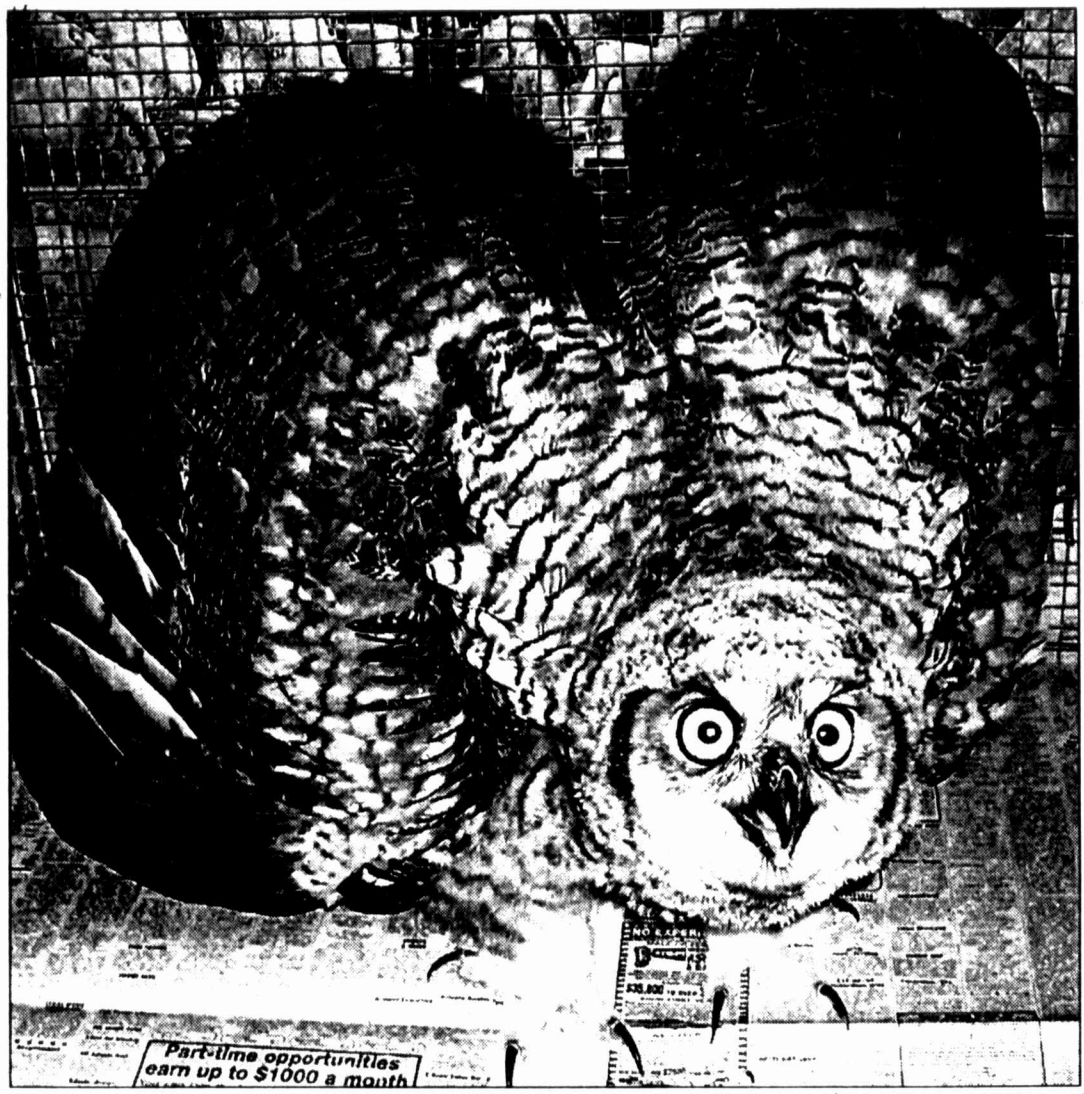
A natural predator would have thought twice before advancing on such a sight.

After capturing the three great horned owls, we delivered them to South Plains Wildlife Rehab Center in Lubbock.

Placed with surrogate parents, the fledglings were nurtured and taught how to kill their food. Flying short distances increased their muscle tone and stamina.

This led to their being placed in the flight cage. When fully capable of sustained flight, the threesome was released.

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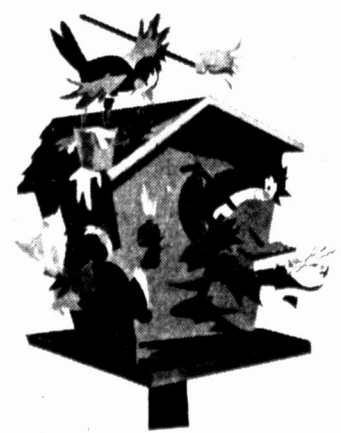
Bedtime Stories

SLOPPY JOE WOODPECKER AND THE FRONT YARD BIRDBATH

This story happened just a few weeks ago. I was flying over a town near you. Come to think of it, I believe it was your town I was flying over when I saw this happening. Yes, I am sure of it now, it was your town! Does your town have paved streets? Does your town have streetlights? How about a library? Does it have big buildings? Then, it was your town!

On with the story now. As I said before, I was flying over your town when I saw a very pretty birdbath in the front yard of someone's home in your town. Was it your home I saw? Do you have a birdbath in your front yard? I wanted to get closer to the birdbath so I could see it better. I landed near the front yard right away. I heard noises that seemed to be someone who might be in trouble. The noises became louder and louder. Someone must really be in

trouble! Then, out of the bushes came the redheaded woodpecker! He was dirty and sloppy! He hadn't combed his feathers in a very long time. He hadn't had a bath in a long time, either! And, he sure needed a bath! All the noises I heard were from all the other birds, running that woodpecker from their nice, clean birdhouses. They didn't want him in there, tracking dirt all over their clean floors. Yes sir, this was one dirty bird!



Sloppy Joe was his name. Sloppy Joe Woodpecker! I felt sorry for him because no one seemed to like him. He didn't have any friends!

Maybe if he took a bath and combed his feathers? Maybe if he put on some clean clothes! I wanted to

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help him, but how? I went to Bonnie Bluejay's house first. "Mrs. Bluejay," I asked, "Why doesn't Sloppy Joe like to take baths?" "I don't know," Bonnie Bluejay said to me. "He has never had a bath!" "Never," I asked. "Never," Mrs. Bluejay!

Then I went to Ruby Redbird's birdhouse. I knocked on her door. Ruby came to the door. "Mrs. Redbird," I asked, "Why doesn't Sloppy Joe like to take baths?" "I don't know," Mrs. Ruby Redbird said. "But I do think he is afraid of water!"

Have you ever heard of a bird that was afraid of water? I haven't either! But, Sloppy Joe must be one! I wanted to ask him if he was afraid of water. I

didn't want to hurt his feelings, so I never did ask him. Why do you think he might be afraid of the water? Do you think he was even afraid!

Let me finish the rest of the story, but I must warn you, I never did find out why he might be afraid of water! If the pretty birdbath I saw was really in your yard, then you will have to find the dirty bird

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and ask him yourself!

Do you know what woodpeckers do best? Did you say they peck on wood? Do you know why they peck on wood? Tomorrow, will you look in one of your books and find out just why woodpeckers peck on wood? I am glad that you will find out for me. I do know that they love to peck on dead trees.

Sloppy Joe Woodpecker was doing just that! Pecking on an old dead tree. He was very high up

in the dead old tree, pecking away, having a good time, even smiling! Have you ever seen a redheaded woodpecker smile? I never have! I'll bet he would look funny! He stopped smiling when the branch broke! He fell. And fell! And fell some more! And guess what he fell into?

The pretty birdbath! Right in the middle of the birdbath, where the water is deepest, and coolest! The water broke his fall! If the water had not been there, he might have gotten hurt! He stood back up. He shook his feathers. He started to fly off, right back up into another branch of the dead tree. But he waited.

Why didn't he fly? He sat back down in the deep water. He stood back up and fluffed his feathers. He sat back down again! The water really felt good on his feathers, and his wings, and his feet, and even his

red head! He played in the water for a very long, long time. And, the next day, he would come again, and again, forever!

And he began to have friends, lots of friends. They even invited him into their nice, clean birdhouses. Mrs. Bonnie Bluejay never called him Sloppy Joe Woodpecker again! Mrs. Ruby Redbird didn't either! In fact, no one ever called him Sloppy Joe again. And I should know!

Remember in the first part of this story when I said that I was flying over your town? You thought I was a human just like you, didn't you? I am not a human. I am a pretty lady woodpecker. I thought that Sloppy Joe was so cute when I first saw him. Then, when I first saw him when he was really clean, I fell in love with him!

And now, all the other birds just call us Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodpecker. In about a year, I hope we will have a lot of little woodpeckers to tell you, "GOOD NIGHT"



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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

HC rodeo team sets annual crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team has announced its annual R-E-B crawfish boil will take place Saturday 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.

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 tourney

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.

HC sets annual sports banquet

Howard College's annual sports banquet will take place Sunday at the Dorothy Coliseum on the arena floor beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event, which includes a crawfish boil, are \$10 and may be paid at the door. RSVP to Betty Reed at 432-816-9477.

Cain sits third after Round 1 of regional golf meet

• Shroff ousted in Round 2 of Region 1-4A tennis tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring senior Chance Cain is in a tie for third place after Round 1 of the Region 1-4A golf tournament at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

Cain shot a first-round 72 and trails Frenship's Landon Waters by three strokes. Aledo 'A' is leading the team competition after shooting a 294.

Andrews is in second after firing a first-round 306.

The tournament's final round took place today, but results were unavailable at press time.

Region 1-4A tennis

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring junior Roshan Shroff defeated Heath Cochran of Dumas 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Region 1-4A tennis tournament Monday at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo, but was knocked out of the tournament in Round 2 by the tournament's No. 2 seed.

Shroff lost to Wichita Falls Rider's Eric Simmons 6-0, 6-3.

Region II-A golf

ABILENE — The Garden City girl's golf team is in fourth place after Round 1 of the Region II-A golf tournament at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene, while the Bearkats are sitting sixth on the boy's side.

The Lady Cats shot a first-round 407 and trail first-place Robert Lee by 40 strokes. They are behind third-place Paducah by just 10 strokes and Throckmorton is in second after firing a 371.

Brooke Halfmann led the way for the Lady Kats with a 96, while Kayla Medrano fired a 98. Amy Multer and Mikela Barton shot 105 and 108, respectively, and Erin Hirt pitched in a 110.

The Bearkats are in sixth place, but trail first-place Throckmorton by just 18 strokes after the first day.

Garden City senior Chase O'Brien shot a 79 and junior Eric Hirt fired an 80 to lead the way for the Bearkats. Senior Cory Multer finished with an 86, junior Taylor Niehues shot an 89 and senior Sam Long added a 93.

Grady sophomore Justin Tubb competed as a medalist and he is in ninth place after Round 1 after firing an 87. O'Brien, Hirt and Multer are also in the top 10 overall.

The Grady girl's golf team is in 10th place after Day 1. The Lady Cats shot a 446, but are well off the pace in the team standings.

Senior Emily Krug led the way after Round 1



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Chance Cain attempts a putt at the Big Spring Country Club during action at the District 4-4A golf meet early this year. Cain is in a tie for third after Round 1 of the Region 1-4A golf tournament.

with a 103, while Kiersten Russell added a 113. Kenzie Madison and Kelsi Howard each shot a 115 and Sandi Cox added a

117. The tournament's final round took place today, but results were unavailable at press time.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring junior Roshan Shroff sends a shot back over the net during action at the District 4-4A tennis meet earlier this season. Shroff won the district meet easily, but was ousted in the second round of the Region 1-4A tennis tournament Monday by the tourney's No. 2 seed.

Steers fall to Mats in Big Spring

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

A complete-game two-hitter by Lubbock Estacado's Marcus Limon was too much for the Steers' baseball team to handle at home Saturday.

Limon struck out nine batters in seven innings and the Matadors moved closer to a playoff berth with a 3-1 victory against Big Spring.

Estacado now has a two-game cushion with two games to go for the third and final District 4-4A playoff spot.

The Matadors can clinch a berth to the postseason with a win against Plainview on the road Tuesday.

Big Spring's only run of the game came in the fifth inning off a solo home run by Charles Downing.

Freshman Nathan Doport started on the mound for the Steers, but ran into trouble with control in the second inning. Estacado scored all of its run in the inning as Doport issued two walks and hit two batters.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring junior Caleb Choate holds his ground against a runner from Lubbock Estacado Saturday during the Steers' loss to the Matadors. The Estacado runner was ejected from the game for not sliding.

Marcus Flores, who went two-for-four on the day, also had an RBI single in the inning.

Junior Chris Garcia relieved Doport before the end of the second inning and gave up one run before shutting down Estacado in the final five innings.

Estacado improved to 13-16 overall and 4-4 in the district, while Big Spring dropped to 8-15 and 2-6.

The Steers have two games left of their schedule. They travel to District 4-4A rival Frenship today before hosting rival Plainview at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Stars now in 0-2 hole after OT home defeat

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Joe Sakic scored 4:36 into overtime to give the Colorado Avalanche a 5-4 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night for a 2-0 advantage in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Sakic tipped John-Michael Liles' slap shot from the point past goalie Marty Turco seconds after Dallas' Antti Miettinen hit the post at the other end.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is

Wednesday night in Denver.

After blowing a 3-0 first-period lead, Colorado forced overtime when Brett Clark scored a short-handed goal with 2:04 left in the third period. The Avalanche got an odd-man rush and Milan Hejduk got the puck to Clark.

Stars captain Mike Modano, whose goal with 3 seconds left in the second period made it 4-3, had a backhand swipe that goalie Jose Theodore grabbed with about a minute left in regulation.

Upcoming Area Schedule

Today

Coahoma baseball vs. Anson, 7 p.m.
Coahoma softball vs. Lubbock Coronado, 7 p.m.
Big Spring baseball @ Frenship, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring (Region I-4A) golf tourney @ San Angelo, TBA
Garden City/Grady (Region II-A) golf tourney @ Abilene, TBA

Wednesday

Garden City/Grady regional tennis tourney @ Abilene, TBA

Thursday

Garden City/Grady regional tennis tourney @ Abilene, TBA
Howard College hometown rodeo @ HC Rodeo Bowl, 5:30 p.m.

HC cowboys struggle in Tarleton, gear up to host rodeo

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STEPHENVILLE — All three Howard College rodeo qualifiers for the Tarleton State short round competition were too long Saturday night,

according to Howard head coach Greg Kernick.

Sophomore Wayne Schaffeld recorded an 8.0 in steer wrestling, while Shelly Combs' 10.2 in goat tying was not good enough to place either. Cody Heiner and team-

mate Tyrell Paul went too long also in team roping as the group roped a leg.

The big news for the Howard College rodeo team is the upcoming hometown rodeo, which begins Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard

County Rodeo Bowl.

The rodeo runs through Saturday night with the finals. Thursday night's competition is free to public, Friday night's competition will cost \$5 to the general public and Saturday is Alon night

and the admission is free again.

The annual crawfish boil will take place Saturday afternoon at the rodeo bowl beginning at 2 p.m. and the cost is \$15. Rodeo action Friday and Saturday begins at 7 p.m.

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The Aries moon is like a gunshot at the races, and everyone is off with a burst of adrenaline. Do you know where you're going? It would be a shame to waste this astral fuel by running off in a random direction. Take the Taurus sun's lead. Eliminate distraction, and settle on one important task that can be completed by the end of the day.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Forget being the most creative, best and brightest in favor of just getting the work done. When you remove your lofty expectations, you'll be surprised to find your work to be of very high quality, in spite of the perspective shift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Secrets spread like wildfire, and you're easily sucked in to the guilty pleasure of gossip. Your role might be more of damage control, keeping people from getting too nasty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You want and deserve top billing, but saying you want it at this stage in the game will weaken your position. When a boss asks you to share center stage, go along. In the end, the credit goes where it's earned.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The buzzword for the

day is: CONTRAST. It's the colorful people in your life who make you appreciate the mainstream, and vice versa. Tonight brings the chance for playful mischief and memory making.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's an old German proverb that says: Even the lion must defend himself against flies. You'll be swatting such small, noisy nuisances out of your life today, possibly for good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do you dare mention your ultimate goal to higher-ups? If so, the opportunity they'll offer will be much more in line with your values. Speak up around 3:00 p.m., when your confidence is so high that nobody can say no to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whatever you do today, you do it with a wholehearted and strenuous effort. Expect to sweat. Tonight, you'll tumble into bed with a satisfied smile on your face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For the one you love, you'd do anything — walk through fire, swim through battery acid or throw on a meat shirt and wrestle a bear. This person doesn't need you to do any of those things but will have a favor to ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It feels as though your life is an episode of "The Surreal Life" today, complete with oddly wrecked individuals squabbling over ridiculous circumstances. The only sensible thing to do

is separate yourself from the riffraff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's dilemma boils down to: "Should I stay, or should I go?" You're better off staying. There's too much to do in your corner of the world. Any improvements made now have a far-reaching effect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A behavior you used to think was maverick is really just stubborn. The new motto is: "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." It's not weakness, but social smarts, that drive this transition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone loves you very much. This, however, doesn't mean they own you. Today is for drawing boundaries, even if they are only drawn in your own mind. Talking with a Cancer person helps.

ASTROLOGICAL SPECIAL, PART TWO 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 CANCER, you can offer up these tidbits: *Has your work life been particularly interesting lately? Because Mars has been in Cancer (good until June 3rd). Do you find you're more affected by the moon than other people are? What was your last psychic experience?* If the answer is LEO, you can say: *Wow, Saturn has been in your sign ... that's heavy! Have*

you experienced profound changes this year? (Saturn will be in Leo until Sept. 2007.) Do you have any hobbies that have to do with entertaining an audience? What's the wildest thing you ever did with your hair? If the answer is VIRGO, you can reply: Do you take vitamins? Your sign is known for being somewhat of a health expert. I heard that Virgo has a natural green thumb. Have you ever had luck growing things? Virgos are supposed to be terrific dancers because they have good rhythm. Does this describe you?

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Venus-ruled Renee Zellweger has followed her heart to professional greatness (an Oscar and Golden Globe awards) and also to personal disappointments (an annulment from quickie marriage to country star Kenny Chesney). Even when things don't work out, Taurus women are better off for having followed their heart's instinct. After risking all, deep self-knowledge emerges.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 12, and in the winter, it's cold, so I usually wear a flannel nightgown to bed. I often wake up in the middle of the night because I'm hot, and I throw off the blankets. Then I wake up cold in the morning. In warmer months, this can happen even if I wear a T-shirt to bed.

My parents sleep in the nude. I guess I thought it was an adult thing, like drinking coffee, but I thought I'd give it a try. It felt strange at first, but after a while, it felt great. I didn't wake up in the middle of the night, and since I keep my blankets on, I didn't wake up cold in the morning. I keep my nightgown right next to the bed so I can slip it on when I get up.

After a few nights of doing this, I told my parents. They were really angry and say I am too young to sleep naked, even though they can't give me a good reason. Will you tell me if there's a reason I shouldn't sleep in the nude, and if not, can you help me convince my parents that it's OK? — California Girl

Dear California Girl: The only reason to sleep in jammies is if you want to, or if someone is likely to walk in on you. Since your parents were unaware you were doing this until you told them, we assume no one enters your bedroom after you get into bed, so we don't see anything wrong with it. That said, however, we aren't going to undermine your parents. If they are uncomfortable with you sleeping in the nude, we hope you will respect that. In fact, abiding by their decisions, even when you disagree, will stand you in good stead. They will know they can trust you.

Dear Annie: Do you know the rest of the poem with the line "Dance like no one's watching"? I can't find it. — Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia Beach: William Watson Purkey is



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

credited with writing, "Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth." Later, the phrase "Work like you don't need the money" was added, often credited to baseball great Satchel Paige. This poem obviously speaks to a lot of people, because over the years, many others have created their own additions. We think the sentiments are life-affirming.

Dear Annie: I am a 22-year-old male living in Southern California. For as far back as I can remember, I have felt like I was born the wrong gender.

Transgendered people often realize this at an early age. I knew since the age of 6. It is hard for people to understand unless they have it, and this lack of understanding often leads to intolerance and bigotry. It is unfortunate and hurtful, since all we are trying to do is be ourselves, and reconcile the way we feel inside with the way we look outside. Most of us are normal, nice people. You have probably met someone who is transgendered and didn't even know it.

It is difficult for people of any age, but especially children, to come to grips with this. You feel trapped with no way out. This can lead to severe depression, and, unfortunately, many transgendered people turn to suicide, thinking they'll

never be able to resolve the issue.

I hope readers who have children who feel this way will get some help for them through counseling. And that those going through this will understand that they are not alone. I hope the rest will be understanding and compassionate. Thank you, Annie, for shedding some light on a subject that needs it. — Been There, Too, in California

Dear California: You're welcome. We hope your letter will open up the lines of communication for those who need it.

Dear Annie: I'm an American soldier who fought in Iraq. I'm not writing about the battles over there, but the battle I lost at home.

While I was in Iraq, my wife had an affair. I had just pulled into a base after our convoy had been ambushed. When I checked my e-mail from home, it dawned on me that something was wrong, even though my wife didn't say so. When I returned home months later, she denied it, and I believed her. Eight months later, I had proof and finally knew I hadn't lost my mind. I felt a weight lifted off my shoulders. I'm not sure where we will go from here, but I am a lot better off knowing the truth.

I didn't ask to leave my family to go to war, but when ordered, I went and fought with pride. While I was away and the affair was going on, people back here knew but did nothing. If one of these friends had said something to my wife, maybe they could have stopped her. And if someone had told me the truth, it would have prevented several months of confusion on my end. I don't blame them for not telling me while I was in Iraq, but I wish they had said something as soon as I got home. Bad news doesn't get better with age.

The pain of knowing my wife was cheating and not

having anyone back me up was worse than anything I felt in the war. I was awarded the Bronze Star for defending our home. A little help protecting mine would have been nice. — Just Another Soldier

Dear Soldier: We aren't sure what anyone could have done to convince your wife to remain faithful. And telling you the truth would have been difficult. While you apparently appreciate having the facts, no one could have expected you to accept this information with gratitude. We're glad you came home safely, and hope you and your wife are in counseling and working through your problems. Now please forgive your friends and family for being human.

Dear Annie: I've known "Rayna" for 14 months. In fact, I dated her for nearly a year. But she is playing with my mind. She's all nice to me one moment, and the next, she's saying she never wants to talk to me again.

I still love Rayna, but my family and friends say I should find a new girlfriend to get her off my mind. What should I do? — Mixed Up

Dear Mixed Up: Rayna enjoys playing games with your head because it gives her power over you. It also means she is still interested in you, but we'd avoid anyone whose idea of romance is seeing how high she can make you jump. Ignore her completely and she will stop.

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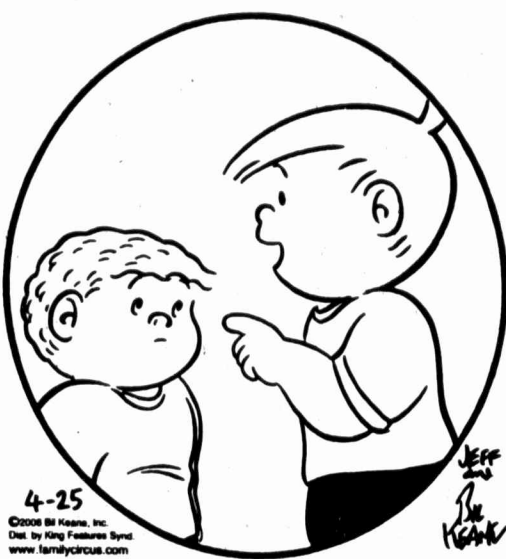
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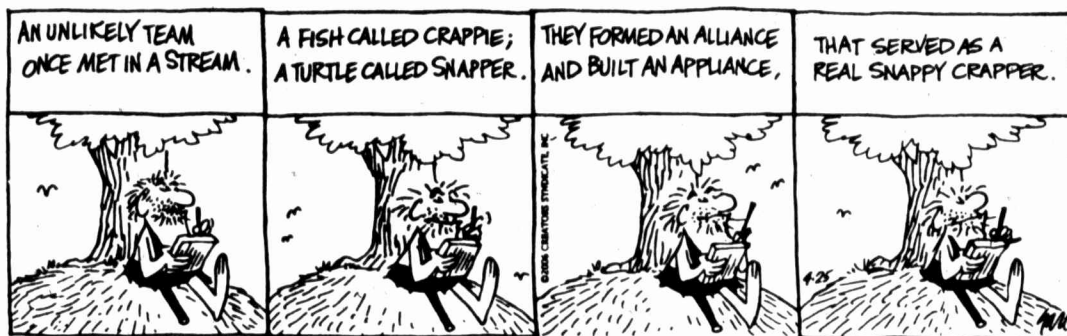
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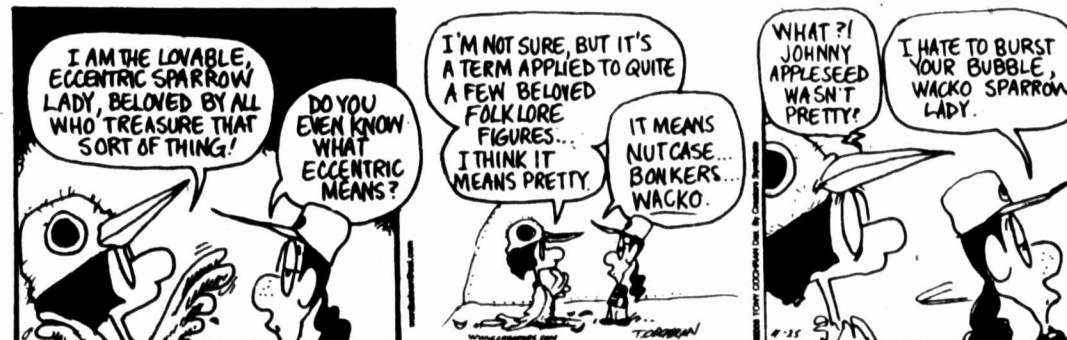
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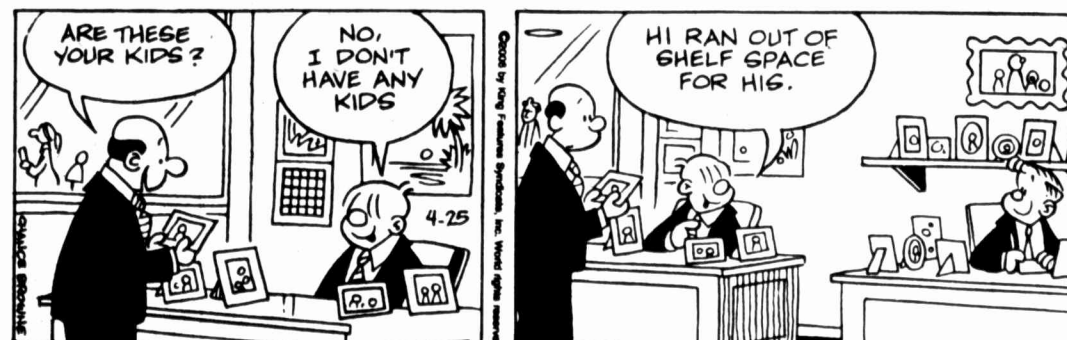
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On April 25 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

On this date: In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1906, 100 years ago, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Five years ago: A rescue plane flew out of the South Pole with ailing American doctor Ronald S. Shemenski in the most daring airlift ever from the pole.

One year ago: The CIA's top weapons hunter in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, said his search for weapons of mass destruction had been "exhausted" without finding any.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 76. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 73. Actor Al Pacino is 66. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 61. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 61. Actress Talia Shire is 60. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 59. Rock musi-

cian Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 57. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 56. Actor Hank Azaria is 42. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 42. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 41. TV personality Jane Clayson is 39. Actress Renee Zellweger is 37. Actor Jason Lee is 36. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 29. Singer Jacob Underwood is 26.

Thought for Today: "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." - William James, American philosopher and psychologist (1842-1910).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- Raisin _____ (cereal)
 - Japanese wrestling
 - Wild guess
 - Acting job
 - Tourist's residence
 - Woody Guthrie's son
 - Molecule part
 - Very angry
 - Small glass bottle
 - Start, as a project
 - Be untruthful
 - Sleeve filler
 - Donkey, in the Southwest
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 - A bit nervous
 - Scratch up
 - Finished, for short
 - Remains unsettled
 - Doubles or home runs
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 - Spirit-raising session
 - So far
 - Thickly packed
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 - Be realistic
 - Swiss mountains
 - Shoestrings
 - Star Wars princess

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- 63 Across
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Wacky Facts

- May is named for Maia, the goddess of plant growth.
- May 2 is Sibling Appreciation Day.
- National Teacher Day is May 9.
— World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."
— A line from the movie "Frida," starring Salma Hayek (right), about the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo.



In The News

Who is Hannah Montana?

Ever have a secret, one that's hard to keep? Miley Stewart has a big one! She's Hannah Montana, a famous pop star who keeps her musical career a secret so she can lead a normal life when she's not on stage. The story line on the new Disney Channel show gets complicated because the actress Miley Cyrus plays both Miley Stewart and her secret identity, Hannah Montana.

DOWN-TO-EARTH ROCK STAR

Time For Kids recently previewed the new show and interviewed Cyrus at a Disney media event in New York. "It's about a rock star who just wants to be with her friends and family and be a normal girl, and she tries to



Miley Cyrus, left, plays Miley Stewart, and Emily Osment, right, plays Lilly Truscott, on the new show "Hannah Montana."

go in disguise and not show everyone she's a rock star because she's supposed to be normal," Cyrus said. "So she goes in disguise and puts on wigs and tons of makeup. At the end she has her friends, but she also has her secret life of being a rock star."

The show has Cyrus changing from Miley to Hannah and back again. "It gets difficult sometimes because I'll be in the same place but being two people, so I'll have to run back and forth and take the wig off and be two different people at the same time. They both have different attitudes, so you've got to change quickly," Cyrus said.

MEET THE CAST

Emily Osment, who has been in "Spy Kids II" and "Spy Kids III," plays Lilly Truscott, Miley's best friend. "It's very cool. We're really good friends now, so it's just like chilling with my sister every day. She's like my best friend so it's really fun," Cyrus said about working with Osment.

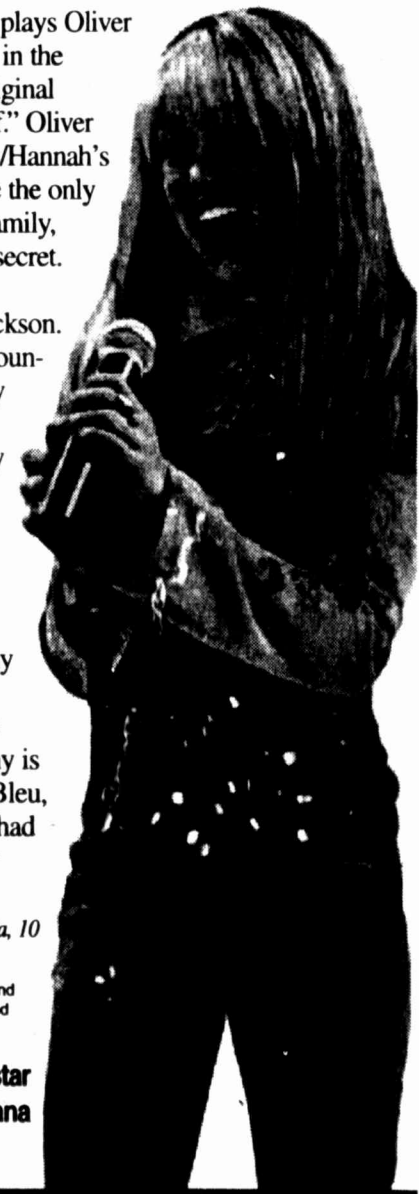
Mitchell Musso plays Oliver Oken and also was in the Disney Channel original movie "Life is Ruff." Oliver and Lilly are Miley/Hannah's best friends and are the only ones, besides her family, who know the big secret. Jason Earles plays Miley's brother, Jackson. Her real-life dad, country singer Billy Ray Cyrus, famous for his hit single "Achy Breaky Heart," plays Miley's dad, Robby Stewart.

Miley falls into trouble when her secret crush, Johnny Collins, is one of Hannah Montana's biggest fans. Johnny is played by Corbin Bleu, who also played Chad in Disney's "High School Musical."

— Emily Doveala, 10

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Cyrus as pop star Hannah Montana



It's time to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Toast Mexico's 1862 victory over invading French forces on May 5 with these irresistible south of the border ideas from FamilyFun magazine.

Mini Piñatas

Spice up your holiday celebration with these treat-filled paper chilies. Modeled after traditional piñatas, these personal-size candy holders tear open easily, revealing a cache of sweets inside. And since they're a cinch to put together, they make great favors for a school party.



1. Make a cut along the length of a toilet paper tube, then roll the cardboard into a cone and secure it with tape.



2. Roll the cone in green tissue paper, taking care to fully cover the tip, and tape the tissue paper in place.



3. Remove the cardboard and fill the paper cone with small candies.



4. Tightly twist closed the top to create the chili's stem.



5. For the fringe, accordion-fold a 25-inch length of red paper streamer and cut slits 1/4 inch apart along one side, stopping 1/4 inch from the edge.



6. Unfold the streamer and place the chili's bottom point at one end of the fringe. Slowly wrap the fringe around the chili in a tight upward spiral, sticking it in place with a glue stick as you go. Trim any excess fringe and allow the glue to dry. Come fiesta time, partyers can simply tear the tissue paper to break open the piñata.



PHOTOS COURTESY FAMILYFUN MAGAZINE

South of the Border S'mores

A classic campfire dessert with a distinctly Mexican spin.

- 2 (8- or 10-inch) tortillas
- 3 large marshmallows, cut in half
- 2 tablespoons chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon sugar mixture

First, generously coat a medium skillet with vegetable spray and heat it over medium heat. Place a tortilla in the skillet, then sprinkle the marshmallow halves and the chocolate chips evenly over it. Top with the second tortilla and spray it with the vegetable spray as well.

Cook the tortilla stack for 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly browned, then carefully flip it and cook on the other side for an additional 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove the tortillas to a cutting board, sprinkle the cinnamon sugar over the top, then cut the s'more into quarters.

Makes 4 s'mores.

Sparkling Soda Sangria

- 1 orange, quartered and thinly sliced, seeds removed
- 2 limes, thinly sliced, seeds removed
- 2 cups cran-raspberry juice
- 2 cups ginger ale or lemon-lime soda

Place the fruit slices in a pitcher, then pour in the juice and the soda. Serve in tall glasses with ice.

Makes 4 cups.

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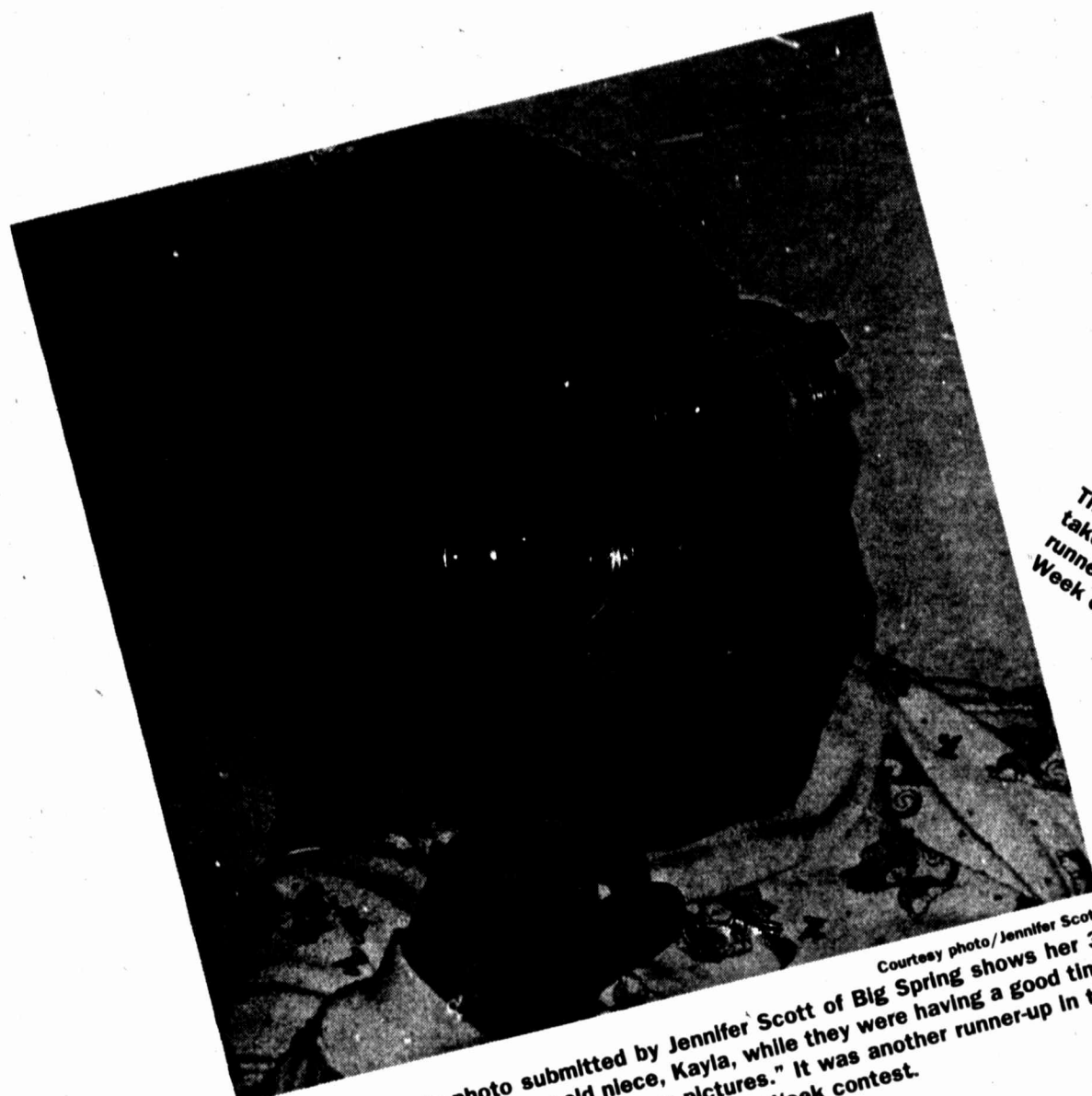
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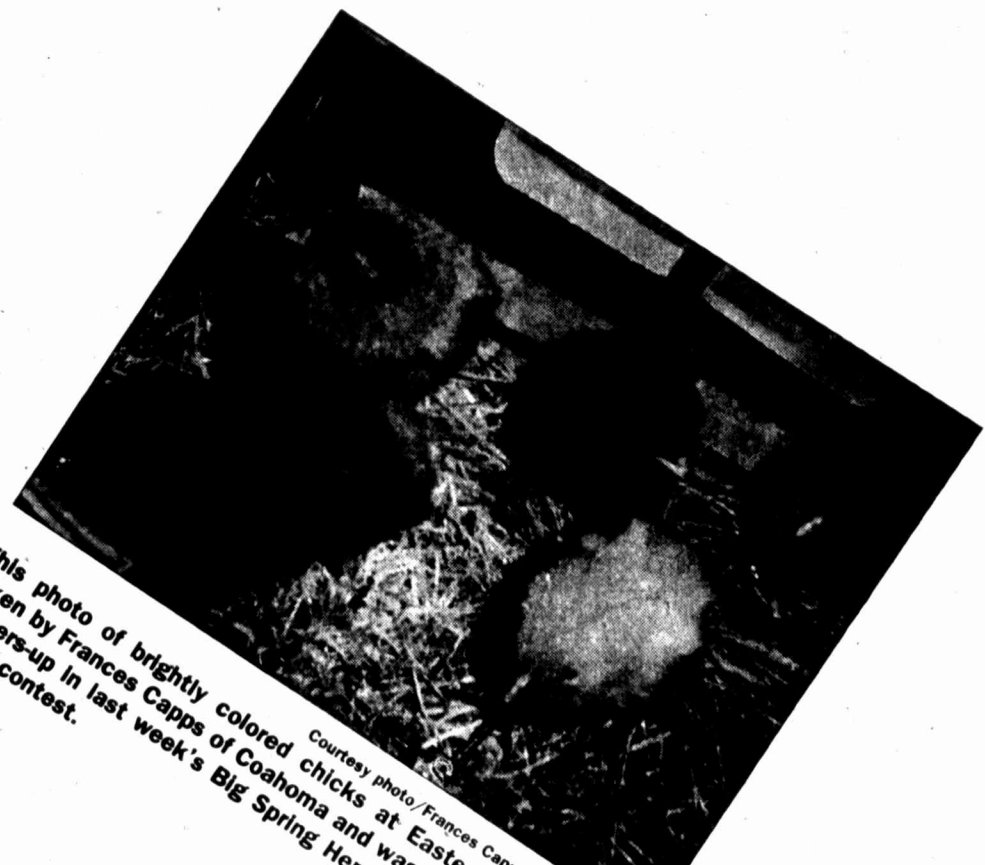
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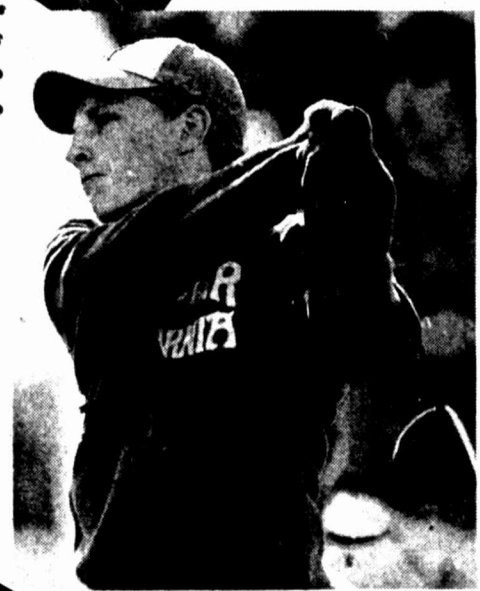
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Courtesy photo/Jennifer Scott
This photo submitted by Jennifer Scott of Big Spring shows her 3-year-old niece, Kayla, while they were having a good time taking "funny pictures." It was another runner-up in the Herald's Photo of the Week contest.



Courtesy photo/Frances Capps
This photo of brightly colored chicks at Easter was taken by Frances Capps of Coahoma and was one of the runners-up in last week's Big Spring Herald Photo of the Week contest.



Casey Shands



Justin Hinajosa

To enter the Photo of The Week contest, email your photo to publisher@bigspringherald.com; bring by 710 Scurry; or mail to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring Tx, 79721.



Courtesy photo/Jennifer Scott
This photo of young Maddie Scott helping out her mom, Jennifer Scott of Big Spring, was one of the runners-up in last week's Big Spring Herald Photo of the Week contest.



Courtesy photo/Tom Hines
This picture was taken at Sandia Peak on a trip to Albuquerque, N.M., on March 13. Photographer Tom Hines said the temperature was 39 degrees in the city, but 10 degrees with 30-mile-per-hour winds at the top.



Courtesy photo/Karen Thibeault
This picture is one of several that received strong consideration for Photo of the Week contest. Karen Thibeault of Big Spring said this butterfly stayed by her house for about 10 minutes a few weeks ago.

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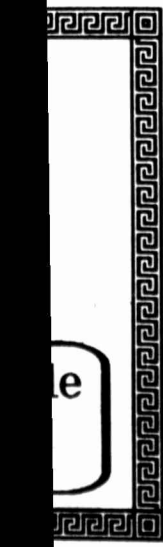
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