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Kennel Club members gearing for annual dog show

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The dog days of summer may still be a few weeks — possibly months — away, but don't tell the Big Spring Kennel Club, as the group gets ready to co-host the annual Big Spring Dog Show.

The show is set for Thursday through Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, with up to 800 dogs of every breed imaginable expected to compete for top dog.

"This show is held the same way the dog shows on television are held, but you're a lot more likely to see people dressed in jeans and T-shirts at ours," said Tammie Porter, spokesperson for the event. "However, the intensity is still very much there."

Porter said each dog will compete within its breed, then in groups as the canines move closer to the daily award of best of show, with four dogs expected to take home those top honors.

Visitors that want to see the different breeds are encouraged to get to the coliseum early, according to Porter.

"Exhibition of the dogs begins at 8 a.m.," said Porter. "As the dogs complete their competitions, the owners

usually take them back to the hotel or to their RV. So the earlier you get there, the more likely you are to get to see all of the dogs that are competing. Toward around noon or 1 p.m., the majority of the dogs have been taken off the premise."

Porter said the decision to make the show — which is co-hosted by the Concho Kennel Club — a four-day event helps competitors get the most "bang" for their bucks.

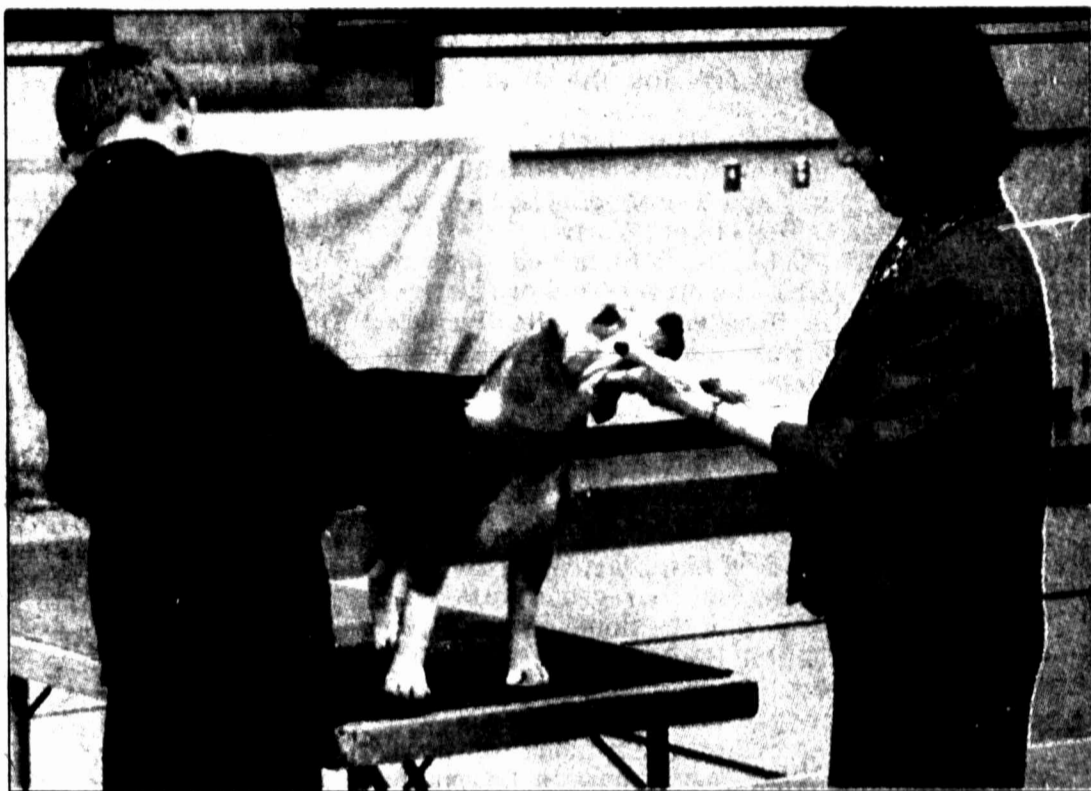
"The four-day shows draw a lot more entries here in West Texas," said Porter. "We have to face it, West Texas isn't the Mecca for dog shows. And it costs a lot of money to travel to these types of shows, especially with gas prices so high."

"The chance to compete four days in a row versus spending the same amount to travel to a two-day show translates into more entries for the competition."

Admission to the show is free, but onlookers would do well to remember a few simple rules of dog show etiquette if they plan to attend, according to Porter.

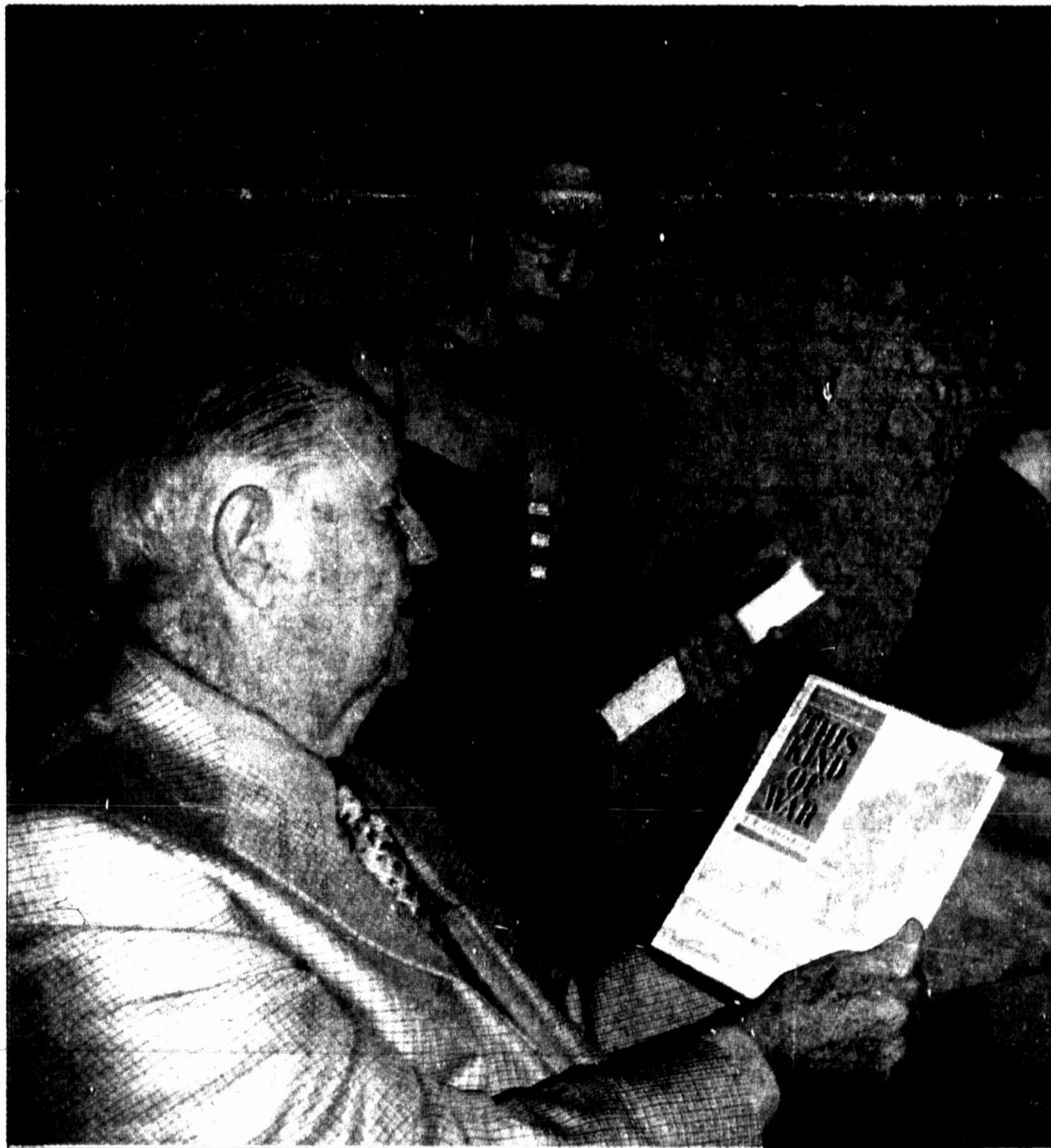
"Don't bring your pet to the show," said Porter. "The environment at the show is already extremely stressful for

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HERALD file photo
A beagle goes through judging during last year's competition at the Big Spring Kennel Club's Dog Show. This year's show is set for a four-day run, Thursday through Sunday, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

SILVER WINGS BALL ATTRACTION



HERALD photo/Susanne Reed
Heather Wallace, administrator of the Hangar 25 Museum, presents Jerry Worthy with a 50th anniversary edition of "This Kind of War," the classic Korean War history, during Saturday's Silver Wings Ball at the Big Spring Country Club. For more photos of the event, see Page 6A.

Cinco de Mayo to be fun time of music, food

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As residents and vendors get ready to for two days of fun in the Heart of the City Park in the name of Cinco de Mayo, festival coordinator Kelly Zant said many people are asking a single question: Why?

"Following the article in the *Big Spring Herald* printed in late March, I had several comments from the public in regard to why I thought we should celebrate Cinco de Mayo," said Zant. "It had never occurred to me that people did not understand what Cinco de Mayo was about, so I decided to do some research."

Zant said her research led her to dispel some rather common misconceptions about the annual celebration.

"The 5th of May is not Mexican Independence Day," said Zant. "Mexico declared its independence from Spain on midnight, Sept. 15, 1810. And it took 11 years before the first Spanish soldiers were told and forced to leave Mexico."

So how does May 5 figure into the annual holiday?

"Because 4,000 Mexican soldiers smashed the French and traitor

Mexican army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico, 100 miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862," said Zant. "The French had landed in Mexico — along with Spanish and English troops — five months earlier on the pretext of collecting Mexican debts from the newly-elected government of democratic President Benito Juarez. The English and Spanish quickly made deals and left. The French, however, had different ideas."

The battle that followed as Napoleon III and Texas-born General Zaragoza went head-to-head was over quickly, with the French suffering massive losses at the hands of the Mexican Army.

"Big Spring's Cinco de Mayo Festival is true family fun, combining great food and awesome Texas country and Tejano music for a good old two-stepping and Cumbia dancing good time," said Zant. "This year's festival will feature the artistry of Folklorico de Guadalupe, as its members demonstrate both mariachi and folklorico dance forms."

"You can take a stroll around downtown, Big Spring and view the ongoing renovations, enjoy our entertainment stage, Texas artisans, merchants and visit the various exhibits for new

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BSSH observes Arbor Day with ceremony

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

The overcast skies and hint of moisture were the perfect accompaniments Friday for Big Spring State Hospital's Arbor Day celebration.

Six trees were planted in all around the hospital campus to provide shade, beauty and additional landscaping to the expansive campus.

Arbor Day is a national observation, typically held on the last Friday in April and stresses the importance of adding trees for aesthetic and environ-

mental reasons.

For the past week, more than 20 patients prepared the soil, tended to the trees purchased by the hospital's volunteers and planned their placement, said Josh Preston, Big Spring State Hospital's rehabilitation coordinator.

"The patients dug the holes and raked up the ground around there and put in the trees and filled it with soil and brought the water hose and filled it up with water," Preston said. "They did it all."

Two trees — a red oak and a globe willow — were planted near the hospital's

workshop and greenhouse.

"We had plenty of open space over there and the patients could see the trees' progress and care for them every day."

The horticulture program at Big Spring State Hospital — a 200-bed psychiatric hospital for people in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle — is one of the most popular therapeutic programs among patients, he said.

Planting the trees took teamwork and taught people living with mental illness

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Obituaries

Beatrice (Bea) Webb



Beatrice (Bea) Webb, 88, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in San Antonio. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2006, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born March 30, 1918, in Big Spring and married Leon Alvin Webb in 1940 in Odessa. He preceded her in death May 16, 1991.

She had taught school with the Big Spring Independent School District for more than 20 years and remained a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Other memberships include the Rebekah Lodge, the Trainman Lodge and the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Glenda L. Cruse of San Antonio; a grandson, Robert Morris and wife, Becky of Round Rock; and a granddaughter, Carrie Miller and husband, Nick of Fort Worth.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Lonnie Gene Webb, one brother and two sisters.

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

Imogene Turner



Imogene Turner, 86, formerly of Stanton, died Saturday, April 29, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's in the home of one of her daughters in Houston. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in Downtown Church of Christ with Deral McWhorter, minister of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ in Gatesville, officiating. Assisting will be Ellmore Johnson, retired Church of Christ minister of Lubbock and Van Pendergrass, minister of Downtown Church of Christ. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Imogene was born April 20, 1920, in Stanton and married Alton Turner, deceased, also of Stanton, Dec. 29, 1934, in Midland.

Imogene was a long-time resident of Stanton and a member of the Downtown Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Sheila and Wesley Williams of Houston and Debbie and Mark Locke of San Antonio; five grandchildren, Shannah Frambes and husband, Brian of Wellesley, Mass., Michelle Friede and husband, Cliff of Katy and Eric Williams, Mark Alan Locke and Jeffrey Locke, all of San Antonio; six great-grandchildren, Elissa Friede, Cole Frambes, Libby Frambes, Alison Frambes, Audrey Friede and Maeve Frambes; and numerous nieces and nephews.

One son, Alton Randall Turner, her parents, John William Morgan and Cordelia Bunavesta Grissom, brothers and sisters, Verda Guerrin, Ione Grizzell, Noble Morgan, Alvin Morgan, Tillman Morgan, Johnnie Morgan, Mabel Needham, Laverne Cheatham and Joy Morgan preceded her in death.

Pallbearers will be Rodney Morgan, Robert Morgan, Larry Duke, Paul Castilone, Eric Williams and Cliff Friede.

The family suggests memorials be made to Downtown Church of Christ P.O. Box 1067, Stanton 79782 or Evergreen Cemetery, P.O. Box 1087, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. On line condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Jose Vega

Jose Vega, 61, of Odessa, died April 26, 2006, in Stanton. Funeral services were 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006, in Stanton Memorial Funeral Home with interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 25, 1945, to Esperanza Vega in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Hope Trevino Vega; two daughters, Deborah Munoz and husband, Paul of Pennsylvania and Mychelle Vega of Odessa; one son, Ricardo David Vega and wife, Veronica of Odessa; two brothers, Benny Polanco of Las Vegas and John Polanco of Fort Worth; three sisters, Dora Garcia and Mary Ann Polanca, both of Defiance, Ohio, and Sylvia Pacheco of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Police blotter

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

- **MYRELL SIMPSON**, 32, 1704 Main, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **DENNIS SCOTT**, 46, Cherokee Road, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and failure to identify.
- **RANDY ROBLEDIO JR.**, 18, 405 Sunset Blvd., was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **RAUL MEJIA**, 43, Kerrville, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **DAVID WESTBROOK**, 32, 2527 Gunter, was arrested on local warrants.
- **JESSICA BLANCO**, 24, 1304 Madison, was arrested on a Howard County warrant, two citations and a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **BENJAMIN CLINTON**, 30, 1200 Michael, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **SCHEMICKIA CROSBY**, 23, 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **MEL ANTHONY ALMAZAN**, 28, 4207 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 37, 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested on three Howard County warrants.
- **MELISSA ANN PUGA**, 38, 1411 Settles, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSE MELENDEZ**, 23, 711 Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **CHRISTOPHER VALBUENA**, 31, 1604 Main, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD MARTINEZ**, 41, 805 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RANDY YBARRA**, 19, 1504 E. Fifth, was arrested on four local warrants.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 200 block of Airbase.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of Gregg.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Main.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 200 block of Third and the 300 block of Owens.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 2600 block of 16th; the 100 block of Gregg and the 400 block of Third.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Third.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.
- **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of Midway. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported at the intersection of Lancaster and Sgt. Paredez. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transferred to SMMC.

Support Groups

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at the Spanish Inn on Northwest Third Street at 6 p.m. today. For more information, call 398-5522.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- **ADRIANE DENISE CREEKMORE**, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container, third or more offense.
- **LATASHA QUIVETTE WOODSON**, 26, was sentenced on a motion to revoke probation for credit card abuse.
- **BARBARA LYNN MULLIS**, 35, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- **JORGE LUIS PACHECO-HIGUERA**, 37, was arrested on a hold for Arizona authorities.
- **MARCO ANTONIO HAROS-ROJAS**, 31, was arrested on a charge of assault/bodily injury.
- **PEDRO URANGA**, 75, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault of a child and indecency with a child/sexual contact.
- **SARAH A. FAULTNER**, was transferred to the county jail after her arrest on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.
- **MARTIN GERALD KASTLER JR.**, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE**, 31, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- **KEITH DAVID RAHN**, 23, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **OMAR MEDELLIN**, 25, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RODRICK LAMONTE ESSIX**, 32, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on a bondsman off bond warrant for driving while license invalid, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **SHAWNA LEANN VANCE**, 20, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.
- **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON**, 30, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on two Howard County warrants.
- **BLUFORD ALLEN JONES**, 23, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER**, 26, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **MONICA J. MCGRUDER**, 33, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on a charge of failure to identify.
- **JAY CHANCELLOR**, 24, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on a charge of DWI.
- **JOHN HUCKABEE**, 70, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on a charge of DWI.
- **RANDY CARL DURHAM**, 45, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **RAUL MEJIA**, 43, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **RANDY ROBLEDIO JR.**, 18, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **MYRELL SIMPSON**, 32, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **JESSICA BLANCO**, 24, was transferred to county jail after being arrested on two charges of DWI.
- **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** was reported in the 900 block of Debra Lane.

Take Note

- **RETIRED GUITAR/FIDDLE PLAYER** is looking for others interested in playing old-time country and bluegrass music, just for the enjoyment. Call 264-0182.
- **ISAIAH 58 RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE** is set for 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at 107 Runnels St. Call 268-1270 for more information.
- **AARP SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** is May 11-12 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day at the Spring City Senior Center. Cost is \$10. Call the center at 267-1628 for more information.
- **NINE PUPPIES IN COAHOMA NEED RESCUING.** Mother is homeless and all are in need of a good home. Call 267-7387.
- **CORI MYERS, HOWARD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, PRESENTS "WHAT'S MISSING FROM YOUR PANTRY,"** from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Spring City Senior Center Tuesday. Lunch follows the program. The senior center is located at 1901 Simler and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., providing lunch and numerous activities for senior citizens over the age of 60.
- **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

A special tour for a special event

BirthPlace Tour: Monday, May 1 at 7:00pm

For over fifty years, little Midlanders and their families have counted on Midland Memorial Hospital... for life. Meet us at the first floor lobby to take part in our special BirthPlace Tour. Visit our Postpartum, Labor, Delivery, Nursery, and our new Breast Feeding Shoppe, *Beautiful Beginnings*. Meet our outstanding staff and find out what to expect when your special time arrives. The smallest details matter most to us. Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and *Beautiful Beginnings* in The BirthPlace at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

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TEXAS NEWS

Lay, prosecu again in Enron
HOUSTON (AP) — founder Kenneth Lay will contemplate how he got into his fraud and how he might have played with four men chosen to examine the case. Whether he tone examination conti to be seen.
Lay will return to the 14th week of a premier trial to em investigation of spectacular collap
Lay and former Skilling are accus to portray Enron government allega pany's purported s accounting tricks inflated profits.
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They attribute bankruptcy protec of bad publicity a dence.

Strayhorn car headed to fed

AUSTIN (AP) — Carole Keeton Strayhorn is suing a former Texas governor now heading a federal commission. Elected as a Republican, Strayhorn is suing the state to get back the property she says she lost.

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"I was South and bid spade, although I had a sure game in my hand. I bid three hearts, responded two hearts, spades, confident that where I was missing 12 high diamonds, someone would bid West bid three hearts."

Tom

EDITORIAL

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

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OUR VIEWS

Pops in the Park fund-raising now getting under way

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation will begin mailing solicitation letters to past supporters today, as they make plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

As we've noted before, it's not too early to be thinking about July the Fourth, because such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks. Especially not when they carry a price tag in the neighborhood of \$35,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Now heading into its ninth year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities.

Foundation members have begun the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources.

Those donations make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Jan Hansen, who serves as the foundation's co-chairman for the event. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we simply live in the best nation on earth."

The *Big Spring Herald* will again among the presenters for the show, along with the Big Spring Symphony, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

The *Herald* is proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and we encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we pray, Lord, may we tell You our specific needs and problems, believing You will take care of them.

Amen

The Great American Turnoff

I am one American who will be moved in the direction not intended by sponsors of today's National Day Without Immigrants Great American Boycott demonstrations.

When supporters of illegal immigration threaten to boycott all stores, it makes me feel like shopping. When I see TV reporters interview demonstrators, who announce that they are undocumented, I can only surmise that illegal immigrants have nothing to fear from immigration authorities.

When demonstrators say that Americans should welcome them because they are willing to work at low wages, I notice that they have depressed wages for other low-skilled workers and made it harder for less-educated Americans to earn a living wage. I salute anyone who wants to work hard, but I cannot feel good about the fact that they do so by dragging down other people's ability to earn a decent living.

When I read Mexican American Political Association flyers for the May 1 event that demand "immediate legalization without conditions," that tells me activists don't want the earned citizenship in the Senate Judiciary Committee immigration bill, because it requires would-be citizens to learn English, attend civics classes, pay a fine

and back taxes, and pass a criminal background check.

When I read, "no escuela" (no school) on MAPA flyers, and that the Los Angeles Times reported that in Southern California some 40,000 students may have skipped school to join in past protests, I think of the 18 percent of Latino high school seniors who have not yet passed the state exit exam.

When I read, "no trabajo" (no work), I see activists who are ready to stick it to their most potent lobby, American employers, which makes them ingrates.

Then, when MAPA President Nativo Lopez calls for "no employer sanctions and no guest-worker programs," that tells me he wants no laws whatsoever governing who can come to and work in America.

When the California Senate passes a resolution in favor of the boycotts, and doesn't even bother to tell children to go to school, I am grateful for term limits and yearn for reapportionment.

When Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa go public to bemoan stupid racist threats and letters they have received, I know I can match them epithet for epithet, except I wouldn't give the nut jobs who send such missives the satisfaction.

When organizers in Mexico call for a "Nothing Gringo" boycott of American goods today, I know that racism visits all sides of this debate.

The bottom line is that while

these demonstrations, I am told, are supposed to make me feel better about illegal immigrants, I feel angry when I see thousands of people who knowingly break American law, yet somehow feel entitled to do so and outraged that they have not been sufficiently rewarded for it.

And I'm someone who wants to find a compromise that accommodates working families that have put down roots in California.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., represents a district that includes suburbanites angry about the lack of enforcement, as well as agricultural interests desperate for guest workers. As he sees it, the recent protests, especially marches that featured the Mexican flag, "really did harden up people's positions. It really politicized the whole issue. It took away any hope we have of having a workable policy."

Now: "I don't think that there's a political solution that makes sense from a policy standpoint that can possibly come out of this."

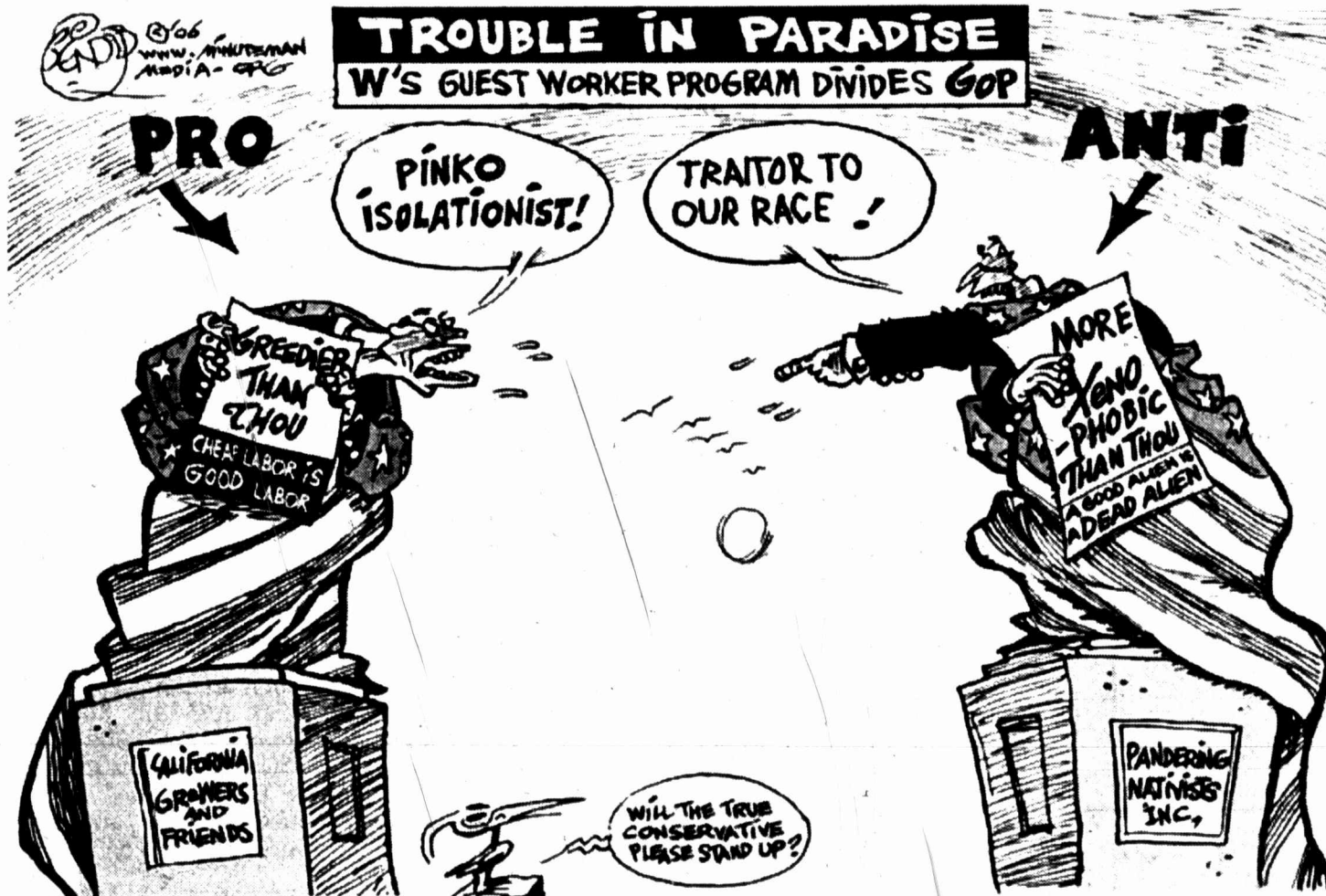
Even Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer has told demonstrators that while she supports their right to boycott, the demonstrators have made their point, and now it's time to cool it.

I can only say that when I read, "no trabajo" and "no escuela" and "no compra" (no shopping) and "no venta" (no selling), my response is: "No mas." No more.

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Signing on the dotted line ...

University of Southern California quarterback Mark Sanchez, who was fighting to succeed former Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart in the Trojans' starting lineup, may have lost his chance in the early morning hours of Wednesday in an encounter with a USC coed.

He was arrested yesterday by Los Angeles police on suspicion of sexual assault. Bail has been set at \$200,000, and the redshirt freshman will be booked very soon, according to LAPD.

The university "takes these things very seriously," Michael Jackson, vice president of student affairs, said. Sanchez has been placed on "interim suspension," meaning he can't attend classes (which end this week in any event) or participate in student activities, pending an investigation.

So far, no one at the university has hired Clinton defender Bob Bennett to trash the victim, or called for her name to be released, or otherwise begun a defense fund for Sanchez. Part of the reason, no doubt, is that the alleged victim is also a USC student. I'd also like to think that at my school (I teach at USC), cooler heads tend to prevail in these circumstances.

But no school is immune from troubles with student-athletes, and

Sanchez wasn't the first USC football player to face charges in recent years (one was arrested in 2005, but he was never charged and ultimately transferred), and he probably won't be the last.

On university campuses, athletes are rock stars, and unfortunately, they tend to behave and be treated like them. You don't have to be a lacrosse player at Duke to be part of the problem. The question for those of us who care about our students' lives is how to avoid seeing more of them ruined, boys and girls.

In other areas of life, the answer is obvious. Where there is a danger of different opinions after the fact as to what was and wasn't agreed to, we put it in writing. We absolutely insist on it. A handshake is fine, but a deal requires a contract. Initials, at least.

Some years ago, in a lecture series about rape, I suggested that young men and women should literally initial the condom package before they had sex. There were titters in the audience whenever I mentioned it. How unromantic could you get? To be sure. Later, I learned, one condom company started producing wrappers with room for initials.

There's nothing romantic about two drunken kids playing with fire with their futures. Notably, those who have real money at stake don't do it so cavalierly. A friend ran into a British rock star recently, who told him about the detailed consent form that "his managers" insisted that any

"ladies" sign before they came upstairs to his hotel room. The consent form, not surprisingly, was a lawyer's version of my condom package — an agreement in advance to engage in sexual intercourse and not complain of rape. While it would not protect the star from using violent force, it would certainly discourage more garden-variety rape complaints.

As a mother of two teenagers, I wish kids didn't have sex so casually, didn't drink at such a young age and didn't so often mix the two. What is known in the Sanchez case is that he was out at a club earlier in the evening with a false ID. Most sexual assault allegations on campus involve drugs and alcohol. Get a handle on underage drinking and drug use, and you'll have a handle on the sex problem, as well.

But at the very least, the challenge is to make consent a real standard, and one way to do it may be by formalizing the way girls and boys approach it. Signing on the dotted line, making clear exactly what you do and don't agree to, isn't what you expect to do before having a romantic encounter, but it beats what you have to do when you're arraigned later, and have to pose for the mug shots.

Better to be a little bit embarrassed at the outset than utterly humiliated later. It may not be romantic, but there's no romance in rape for either party.

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Women's health: An age-by-age guide

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Dr. Onelia Lage's teenage patients look nothing like the fragile-boned, curved-shouldered elderly victims of osteoporosis, yet the advice she gives them today — go for the grilled cheese for lunch, join a sports team or dance regularly, don't watch TV or play on the computer more than two hours a day — are tips that could prevent young girls from developing the painful disease.

It's the kind of lifespan approach to health that doctors are preaching to their patients — that is, how you treat your body as a child, teenager and young adult has a direct impact on your quality of life as a senior citizen.

"Good nutrition really begins in infancy," says Lage, an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the University of Miami and an adolescent medicine board certified specialist.

As new research delves into the causes of diseases and how they may differ for females and males — heart disease, for example — there is an emerging emphasis on prevention, especially for problems that are exclusively female.

In addition to osteoporosis — which women are four times more likely than men to develop — preventive care for young to middle-age women includes mammograms, breast exams, pap smears and cholesterol screenings.

You may know that heart disease, cancer and stroke are the leading causes of death for women in the United States. But did you know an unhealthy diet and lack of physical exercise contributes more to disease and death than alcohol use, flu, car accidents, firearms, sexual behavior and illegal drugs?

The prescription for fighting some diseases can be as simple as adding 15 minutes to your workout or taking a morning walk.

Much of what we know about women's health today comes courtesy of the Women's Health Initiative, the most comprehensive study of postmenopausal women's health conducted in this country. From revealing the effects of a low-fat diet and calcium supplements to the dangers of hormone replacement therapy, the study has helped to advance the health care of women for more than a decade. Before then, assumptions about health and medicine were based on clinical studies that primarily involved white, middle-aged male participants.

"There's so much information available for women in the last 10 to 15 years, and it's out there now in magazines, on TV and the Internet," says Jo Parrish, vice president of the Society for Women's Health Research.

"Women are empowered to be very pro-active about their health like they weren't just 10 years ago," Parrish says. "We can make a lot of lifestyle changes without having an appointment at a doctor's office."

What's so different about women? Just a sampling:

— Medications, such as antihistamines and antibiotics, cause different side effects in women, partly due to women's hormonal cycles.

— Women are more susceptible to immunity diseases like multiple sclerosis and lupus.

— Women who are the same weight and consume the same amount of alcohol as men have higher blood alcohol levels because they don't have a certain enzyme in their stomach that helps men break alcohol down faster.

— Women are more likely to contract a sexually transmitted disease.

"The more research we do, the more we find out," Parrish says. "Men benefit from these findings, too, because, ultimately, everybody's health is improving by finding out what works better or the same or not at all."

Today, the approximate life expectancy is 78 years for men and 82 years for women.

But while longer life spans appear to be good news, there is a growing concern that our "health span" is shrinking. People may be living longer, but they're spending more years unhealthy.

"With longevity comes the fact that we may have more than one chronic condition," Parrish says. "But if we can have a healthy weight and maintain bone density, then those issues of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other diseases so common in the elderly don't have to take place."

IN CHILDHOOD

Poor eating habits can start as early as infancy, with parents introducing solid foods too early or giving their babies too much cereal, says Lage, the adolescent physician who sees patients from ages 7 to 25 in her Miami office. The cycle continues with parents insisting that older children "clean the plate" at meals.

"Kids are really good about regulating their appetites," Lage says. "They know when they're hungry. They're sometimes nibblers. Parents just need to make sure they're getting the fruits, vegetables and proteins throughout the day."

Physical activity is critical, too. Kids should spend no more than two hours a day at the computer, watching TV or playing video games, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Lage says some of her young female patients who are overweight have high blood pressure, blood sugar that is borderline diabetic and menstrual cycles that are stalled or irregular. The hormonal imbalances caused by obesity are of particular concern because menstrual cycles are critical to bone health, Lage says.

"This is where they start loading their bones so they're ready when they hit menopause to have enough stored bone density so they're less likely to have fractures

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| TWEENS & TEENS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eating disorders Depression Sexually transmitted diseases | <p><i>Develop good eating habits</i> Yearly check-ups with pediatrician or adolescent medicine specialist</p> | <p><i>Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine</i>, which could help prevent cervical cancer, is expected to come out this year</p> | <p><i>Annual screening for chlamydia</i>, most prevalent in 15- to 19-year-olds; can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, tubal scarring, ectopic pregnancy and infertility</p> |
| YOUNG ADULT Ages 20-35 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urinary tract infections Premenstrual syndrome Birth control Sexually transmitted diseases | <p><i>Pap smear and pelvic exam</i> every year for cancer prevention <i>Examine moles</i> for increased growth, have doctor examine them every three years</p> | <p><i>Hepatitis B shot</i> if you're sexually active or have herpes, syphilis or chlamydia <i>Tuberculosis vaccine</i> every 10 years throughout adulthood</p> | <p><i>Genetic tests for BRCA</i> for those at risk for breast or ovarian cancer <i>Urine tests</i> for sexually transmitted diseases <i>Chlamydia test</i> annually until 25 <i>Blood pressure test</i> every year after 21</p> |
| MIDDLE AGE Ages 36-55 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infertility Cancer Heart disease Menopause Arthritis HIV/AIDS | <p><i>Breast feed</i> if you have children; reduces risk of contracting breast cancer by 5 percent <i>Breast self-exams</i> every month and yearly visit to gynecologist</p> | | <p><i>Mammograms</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline between 36 and 40 From 40 to 50, every other year By 50, annually <i>Tests for colorectal cancer</i> by 50; colonoscopy every 10 years <i>Cholesterol and diabetes tests</i> by 45, then every three years</p> |
| SENIOR YEARS 56 and up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteoporosis-related fractures Cancer Heart disease Cholesterol Weight management Diabetes Memory loss | <p><i>By 50, annual mammograms</i> <i>Pap test</i> every three years, unless multiple sex partners or weakened immune system; pap tests not recommended if woman has had a total hysterectomy</p> | <p><i>Pneumococcal vaccine</i> when you turn 6</p> | <p><i>Bone scan</i> for osteoporosis annually <i>Blood cholesterol test</i> every five years, more frequently if there is heart disease <i>Diabetes blood sugar test</i> every three years <i>Mammograms</i> annually</p> |

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THE TWEEN GAP

Girls from pre-teens to the college years can easily fall through medical care cracks because they often stop seeing a pediatrician and aren't ready to see a gynecologist yet.

Yet this point in a girl's health can be crucial. There are body issues related to anorexia and bulimia, and addiction problems often develop in this stage of life. Studies show girls develop nicotine addictions faster than boys and progress from alcohol use to abuse faster than boys, Parrish says.

Girls this age also are more susceptible to stress and low self-esteem from peer pressure.

"Our goal at this age is body-mind-spirit," Lage says. "You can't forget about mental health. I'll talk to them about books and how to relax. With a lot of my girls, I'm prescribing yoga. A lot of times there's a lack of nurturing at this age. I hug my patients."

Statistics show that about 25 percent of 15-year-old boys and girls in the United States have had sexual intercourse. About 35 percent of teen girls become pregnant at least once between 15 and 19, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. STDs — gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes simplex and chlamydia, among others — are generally graver in females. Untreated, these STDs can lead to infertility or cause miscarriage, premature birth or newborn infections.

A vaccine against one STD particularly rampant in teens — human papillomavirus or HPV — could be available soon. HPV often has no symptoms, but if left untreated it could lead to cervical cancer.

The Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve the vaccine, which is manufactured by Merck, this summer.

If a teenage girl is sexually active, doctors recommend that she get an annual screening for chlamydia, which is most prevalent in ages 15 to 19. Another important vaccine, now required by schools in Florida, is for Hepatitis B, which can cause scarring of the liver, liver cancer or failure and death.

"It's mandated now, but there is a whole group of women in their 20s who

didn't get it," Lupi says.

"About 45 percent of Hepatitis B is heterosexually transmitted. It's totally preventable and the vaccine is phenomenally safe."

YOUNG WOMEN, UP TO 44

Now that women are bearing children later in life, infertility and reproductive issues are the leading health concerns among women 25 to 44. More than 6 million Americans suffer from infertility, half of them women.

But the focus on reproduction overshadows other mounting problems: cancer, heart disease and HIV/AIDS. HIV among American women is on the rise and is now the leading cause of death for black women.

Smoking and its related problems also are on the rise. Smoking at this age has long-term consequences; smoking and taking oral contraceptives after age 35 is an especially deadly combination. Lung cancer deaths among men are dropping, but rates among women are on the rise.

Many of the preventive screenings and tests necessary at this age — pap smears, pelvic exams, breast exams and urine tests for STDs — occur in the office of a gynecologist, who often becomes the primary doctor for young women.

The American Cancer Society recommends that a woman get her first baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 to 40. For women with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer, testing for BRCA (breast cancer) gene mutations could save your life.

And if a woman has a history of heart disease, high blood pressure or stroke, she should get an HDL blood cholesterol test and a blood pressure check every one to two years.

MIDDLE YEARS, 45-64

Menopause, arthritis, osteoporosis-related fractures, heart disease and breast and cervical cancer are the big issues.

Most insurance policies now cover some type of colon screening, which is recommended every 10 years. If a parent had colorectal cancer, get a colonoscopy 10 years earlier than the age he or she was first diagnosed. (Example: If your father was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 55, get tested from 45 on).

Women who are caregivers are more likely to have health problems, with 54 percent having one or more chronic conditions, compared with 41 percent of non-caregivers, according to The Commonwealth Fund, a New York-based foundation that works to improve health care systems.

"Women go about taking care of children and they're quick to tell their spouses and friends to run to the emergency room if they have chest pain, but they tend to downplay it if they feel it themselves," Parrish says.

Only 61 percent of women over 50 had undergone a complete physical exam in the past year; 64 percent a pap smear; 66 percent a breast exam; 55 percent a blood cholesterol test and 69 percent a mammogram, according to a study commissioned by Women's Policy Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit.

SENIOR YEARS, 65 AND OVER

In women 65 to 74, cancer is the leading cause of death, while heart disease dominates in those over 75.

The relationship between sex hormones and blood vessels is likely what keeps heart disease rates low in women before menopause. But a popular way to combat the problem in older women — hormone replacement therapy — has become more complicated today, ever since a major clinical trial found increases in breast cancers, heart disease, strokes and blood clots in women taking estrogen-progestin pills. Some women have stopped taking the pills, but many are going on lower doses or using them only for a short term.

Additionally, 23 million women in the United States have osteoporosis. One of the most important screenings for women in their 60s is a bone scan for osteoporosis. (Bone density measurements can predict the risk for fractures and treatments can reduce that risk.)

Women in their senior years should keep up with regular blood pressure and blood cholesterol checks, and blood sugar tests. They also should be immunized against pneumonia if they haven't been already.

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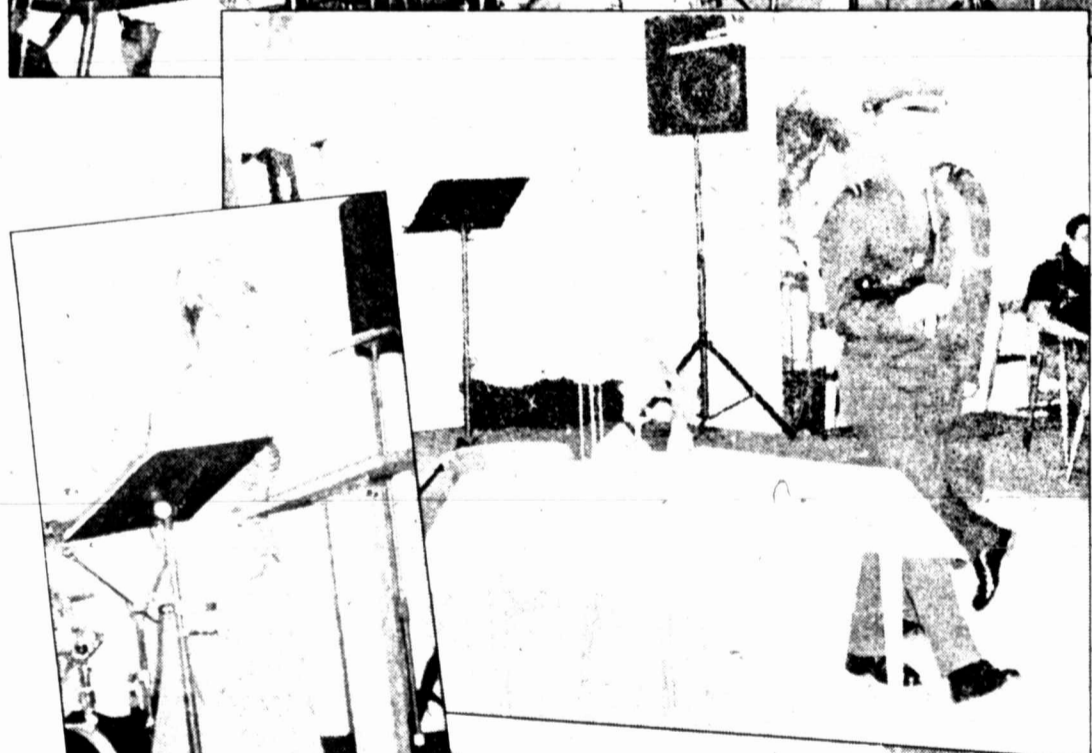
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The third camp, shooting and position camp and it runs from June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp costs \$60 and is for grades through 12.

For more information, call 264-5081 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all camps is also encouraged.

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Howard finishes four-game sweep over Clarendon

• Hawks' bats wake up just in time for regional tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team won two tuneup games against Clarendon Saturday at Foundation Field.

The Hawks, who will begin action at the regional tournament this coming weekend, took down Clarendon 8-2 in Game 1

and then ended the second game early with an 18-2 win in five innings.

"This is what I expected from them," said Howard head coach Kelly Raines. "We feel good about things after this weekend."

Howard now takes a 38-12 record into regionals Saturday. They finished the WJCAC season 28-8 and will enter as the No. 3 seed after finishing one game behind Midland and two games behind

Odessa. The Hawks open the double-elimination tournament against Midland at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

"I think the bats are back and it was a good way to end the weekend," said Raines.

The bats were slow to start Game 1, but once they got going they got going. The Hawks were tied with Clarendon after five innings. Clarendon got two runs in the first

inning off starter Paige Ruiz after Ruiz walked two batters and gave up a hit.

Clarendon did not score the rest of the game, however, and a six-run sixth inning for Howard broke the game wide open.

Ruiz got the win on the mound after surrendering just two hits. She allowed two earned runs, but that was mainly because she walked six batters and hit two others.

"She pitched well besides the walks," said

Raines. "She is still giving up too many free bases and that is concerning me as we head into regionals."

Sophomore Nicole Dickson and freshman Laura Lopez each had three hits for Howard at the plate. Freshmen Kendra Corbin and Honda Rodriguez and sophomore Bethany Rose had two hits each. Rodriguez scored two

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Howard hits four home runs in win over Chaps

• Midland takes three out of four of weekend series

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team hit the ball again Saturday at home against Midland College, but a combination of mistakes in the field and poor pitching led to a doubleheader sweep at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks had 12 hits — including four doubles — and got a good pitching performance from Kenny Smalley, but had two errors in the field and lost Game 1 8-6. Howard hit four home runs and two triples in Game 2 as neither team's pitchers got easy outs, but the Hawks won the slugfest, 16-14.

Howard jumped out to an early lead in the first game but Midland tied the game with one run in the third and then went up 5-2 after a four-run fourth inning.

The Hawks scored three runs in their half of the sixth inning to tie the game at 6-6, but the Chaps won the contest with two runs in the top of the ninth inning.

Smalley threw seven innings and gave up six runs — two earned — on nine hits and struck out nine while walking four. The loss was taken by freshman Bobby Gonsoulin, who gave up two runs on three hits and walked two in two

innings of work. Gonsoulin is now 4-8 on the season.

Sophomore Darby Brown had three hits including one double at the plate and now has 25 doubles on the season. Sophomore Daman Aaron had two hits and doubled and sophomore Jeff Storms had two hits as well. Freshman David Fonseca had two RBIs and sophomore Will Basom scored twice.

Brain Ferguson had three hits to lead Midland, while three oth-

ers had two hits each, Brian Anderson threw four innings of relief and got the win after allowing one run on four hits and striking out two.

Offense dominated Game 2 as the two teams combined for 34 hits and 30 runs in seven innings.

Howard again scored first but Midland tied it at 1-1 after two innings. Howard grabbed control with a four-run third and added seven more runs in the fourth to lead 12-5. Midland scored nine runs in its next two at-bats, but Howard held off the Chaps with two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings and then held Midland scoreless in the seventh.

Brown, Fonseca and sophomores Dusty Dallas and Gabe Marchant all homered in the game for Howard. Ryan Pruitt went four-for-four and had a double and a triple. Brown finished with two hits, two runs and three RBIs, while Storms and Marchant also had two hits.

The Hawks used four pitchers, but only one was effective. Sophomore Parker Sisk pitched the final 1.2 innings and allowed no runs on one hit. He improved to 5-2 after the win. Scott Stephen gave up eight runs in five innings but had eight strikeouts. Gonsoulin gave up four runs and did not record an out, while sophomore Matthew Shepherd allowed two runs on three hits and got just one out.

The Hawks are now 35-19 this year and have two games to conclude the season as it hosts Western Texas in a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks are 15-13 in the conference and will play in the regional tournament in Abilene beginning May 13. Howard is the No. 4 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and will most likely play No. 1 seeded McLennan in the first round.



Howard freshman Maegan Layton competes in barrel racing during action at the Howard College hometown rodeo this weekend. Layton split first and second in goat tying after recording times of 9.4 and 9.0.

Schaffeld, Layton lead Hawks at Howard's hometown rodeo

• Alcazar gives Howard 1-2 finish in steer wrestling

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College rodeo team advanced seven individuals to the finals of their hometown rodeo Saturday and both steer wrestlers dominated the rest of the competition.

Sophomores Wayne Schaffeld and Juan Alcazar finished first and second, respectively, in steer wrestling. Schaffeld entered the finals with one of the top times and had a finals run of 4.1, which gave him an 8.3 on two. Alcazar had a 5.1 in his first run and finished the event with a 4.2 Saturday. He was second in the round and second in the average behind Schaffeld.

The other top finisher was Maegan Layton. She won the finals round in goat tying with a 9.0 and split first and second in the average with a two-run total of 18.4.

Clay Hale and Trey Hale recorded an 8.1 in the finals of the team roping competition and that was good enough for third in the round



Former Howard College cowboy Zach Cobb competes in tie down roping at the HC hometown rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl this weekend. Cobb was a student at Howard College for two years and now attends West Texas A&M University.

and fourth in the average.

Both barrel racers also fared well Saturday night. Shelly Combs scored a fourth-place finish in the round with a run of 17.11 and ended up fifth in the average. Britta Hollingsworth ran a 17.28 in the finals and took fifth in the

round and sixth in the average.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Happy May Day! Mere decades ago, children were taught that this is the day to place flowers on neighbor's doorsteps, ring and run! Now, in most communities, the day comes and goes without ceremony. May Day is derivative of an ancient celebration called "Beltane," marking the approximate midway mark of the sun's spring journey.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships develop in warp speed. You meet someone, like them, love them, and before you know it, you miss them when they're gone. Luckily, the feeling is mutual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The world seems to mold to your will. You're not being an egomaniac by thinking so. It's actually happening. You'll have witnesses if you need them. So be sure your will is gentle and uplifting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your secret to success is clear. Knowing is nothing, unless you apply what you know. This you do so well today that you could be asked to teach others. A Sagittarius is an especially good student.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some relationships are like seaweed. No matter how hard you push them away, they

still stick to you. Wonder what your clingy individual sees in you? The answer is flattering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Like a wild rose, in spite of your serene beauty, you're willing to injure in your defense. Issue a fair warning to clueless folks who, as of yet, don't understand the full range of your power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can be confident in your communication skills. You're a master of persuasion. Continue to use stories to illustrate your point - your telling of them is mesmerizing, entertaining and informative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in a whimsical mood, eager to act on whatever moves you from moment to moment. Loved ones who aren't able to follow your spontaneous style are forced to entertain themselves. This may be better, anyhow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be mixing and mingling with the creme de la creme. Fashion choices could affect your attitude. Think ahead - make sure you're dressed in a way that makes you feel comfortable among the well heeled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not wrong to want to know "why," but it's not the best use of your time to figure it out, either. Concentrate on the what, who and how, and the situation gets better right away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a message to get out to the

group. For maximum effect, sail it on the wings of humor. The luckiest people to have around you are friends who make your heart feel like a light helium balloon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's hindrances are imaginary or much more easily overcome than you project. A Capricorn helps you keep it "real," and in return, you'll help a Capricorn keep imagination alive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A spotlight illuminates the basic differences between you and a partner. Now, you can see exactly how you complement one another. One picks up where the other leaves off, and you can both do what you're great at.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was recapping your year-ahead predictions for Libra that were printed in January, and I am not surprised "moving" was in my future. I just had an encounter with my landlord and spent the past two days thinking about moving. I have an Aries rising, and my moon is in Scorpio. My life has been upside down these days. I'm hoping I can get back on track soon. I'm also wondering ... you look like an Aries. Are you?"

I'm a Leo, so we share that fire-sign energy. Aries rules my 8th house of legacies. Thanks for your interest! You might also be interested to know that there are still a few days of Mercury in

Aries, and you can take advantage of this by making a decision either way about moving. Moving goes much better when the quick-thinking messenger is working with you to maximize efficiency! Just be sure you're not moving as a knee-jerk reaction to the landlord encounter. I'm sure you've figured out by now that things said under the influence of a hot, Aries temper are often a later source of regret. As for your Scorpio moon, you'll find that your most profound intuition comes to the surface when life is, as you say, "upside down."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Adorable Kirsten Dunst has the chart of a remarkably grounded Taurus, though she's been a famous movie star since before the age of 12, starring with Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise in 1994's "Interview With a Vampire." She soon sheds her cutesy persona with a juicy starring performance in Sofia Coppola's highly anticipated "Marie Antoinette," which will bring her critical and public praise.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My friend, "Lisa," and I both gave birth to daughters seven years ago, and we both breastfed our infants. Lisa had another two children and breastfed those infants as well, but she also continued breastfeeding the others. Now her children are 7, 5 and 3, and all of them are still breastfeeding.

Last month, I took my daughter over to Lisa's house to play. I was shocked when the 3-year-old walked up to his mother, pulled up her shirt, and started breastfeeding while we were sitting at the kitchen table having lunch. Later, as we sat talking in the family room, her 5-year-old son did the same thing. My chin almost hit the floor. I didn't say anything, but Lisa noticed I was uncomfortable. She said, "Breastfeeding is healthy for the children."

After that, I excused myself and left with my daughter. As you can imagine, my daughter had a lot of questions on the drive home. Although she has seen relatives breastfeed their babies, she couldn't understand what was going on in this situation. I'm not sure I understand it, either.

Annie, I have no problem with breastfeeding infants, but these are walking, talking children who attend school. Am I a prude? And, if this is normal, how should I have behaved? I have not gotten together with Lisa in her home since this happened, and frankly, I'm not sure I want to. But our daughters are in the same class at school, so I am bound to see her somewhere. Tell me what to do. — Red-Faced Friend

Dear Red-Faced: While breastfeeding a toddler is quite common, most children wean themselves long before the age of 7. Nursing a child that age is often more for Mom's benefit than the child's. Our concern is if Lisa is encouraging an unhealthy dependence. However, what Lisa chooses to do in her own home is her business. The friendship need not suffer. If it makes you uncomfortable, arrange to

see Lisa outside her home, and have your daughters play together at your house.

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Delores," who continually asks for advice, but she has never taken it. After many years of this, I finally told her to stop asking and figure things out for herself.

Now Delores has started asking me questions in my field of expertise. Yet, whenever I give her an answer, she argues about it. My husband says she is arguing because I'm not giving her the answer she wants. What do you think? — Bewildered Dear Bewildered: We suspect Delores would argue regardless of the answer. This is her way of showing her superiority — not an uncommon response in insecure people. It's pointless to offer advice or answers to someone who wants only to prove she knows better. Either stop answering her or say, "I'm not sure. What do you think?" which allows Delores to expound while you nod your head and ignore her.

Dear Annie: Nearly 46 million Americans are living without health care coverage, including 8 million children. As costs go up, fewer individuals and families have insurance, and fewer businesses can afford to offer insurance to their employees. Already, one in seven Americans is uninsured. America can do better.

From May 1-7, Presidents Ford and Carter will co-chair a nonpartisan campaign, "Cover the Uninsured Week," calling on people from all walks of life to put politics aside and make health coverage a top national priority. During the week, we will highlight the issue through events in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

I hope your readers will get involved by going to CoverTheUninsured.org. Together we can help make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans. — Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., President & CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



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Dear Margo

Dear Margo: I am in my late 50s. At high school reunions and social occasions - with other women my age - my husband and other men always comment that some women look so much younger than their age.

When complimented on their looks, these women say things like, "Well, I try to take care of myself," or "Just good genes, I guess." Oh, please. These women have had extensive cosmetic surgery. Their skin is tight and wrinkle-free. One woman's daughter revealed that her mom spent over \$50,000 on her face and body!

I struggle with this dishonesty. If I ever had work done, I would say, "Thanks, I'll pass your compliment on to my doctor." Any ideas for a response when people start discussing these preternaturally young-looking women? — Mrs. Meow

Dear Mrs.: I will tell you my answer when I find myself in the same situation. I just say, "I'm not doing anything to my face because I want to see how it goes to hell on its own." Implicit, of course, is that the flawless-looking middle-aged women have had work done.

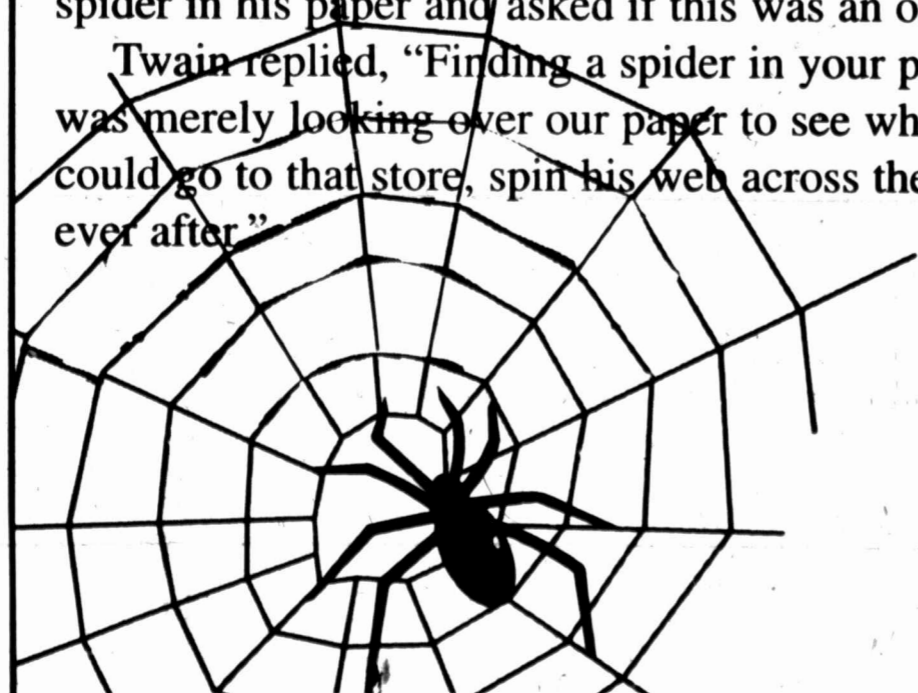
Furthermore, in any discussion of wrinkle-free

old babes, I am always happy to tell people WHY I am steering clear of the knife. For one thing, it's a real operation, wherein there's always risk. And if the procedure is not well done, you end up looking like a Picasso. Not to mention that members of the face-lift brigade often look like each other, or so totally different from how they looked before that they could easily go into the witness protection program.

My feeling is that wrinkles and real faces are earned, they have character... and who are we kidding, anyway? — Margo, genuinely
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DO YOU THINK WE'VE BEEN VISITED BY INTELLIGENT BEINGS FROM OUTER SPACE?

I'M SURE OF IT!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?

THEY'VE NEVER BEEN BACK.

WIZARD OF ID

WHAT DOES YOUR FORTUNE COOKIE SAY?

BECAUSE YOU OVER-TIP, YOU ARE WELL-RESPECTED

WAITER, MY HUSBAND GOT THE WRONG COOKIE

AGNES

OH NO! MY FAVORITE COMIC STRIP IS GONE! CANCELLED! THEY CAN'T DO THAT!

HOW WILL I GET BY WITHOUT MY DAILY DOSE OF THE QUIRKY YET POIGNANT ADVENTURES OF ACCOUNTANT JACK AND HIS ONE-LEGGED SPACE DONKEY?!

THE UNFAITHFUL CLAIM IT'S JUST A RIPOFF OF FAMILY CIRCUS, BUT I DISAGREE... BILLY HAS ALL OF HIS LEGS.

HI AND LOIS

THAT WAS A NICE BLESSING

THANK YOU

IT WOULD BE A REAL BLESSING IF I GOT SOMETHING BESIDES BABY FOOD

THE OTHER COAST

HEY BEANPOLE BOY!

SORRY THE TEAM HAS BEEN PICKED.

BYE.

IT'S TOUGH BEING THE ONLY SKINNY KID IN SCHOOL.

SNUFFY SMITH

I TOOK YORE ADVICE, ELVINEY, AN' MID MY BUTTER AN' EGG MONEY WHAR NO ONE WOULD THINK TO LOOK IN A MILLION YEARS!!

NOW CAN YA HALP ME FIND IT ???

BEEBLE BAILEY

WHERE'S BEEBLE? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!

HA! CAUGHT YOU HIDING BEHIND A PANEL!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 1, the 121st day of 2006. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

On this date:

In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler committed suicide, it was announced that Admiral Karl Doenitz had succeeded Hitler as leader of the Third Reich.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was proclaimed.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.)

In 1971, Amtrak — which combined and streamlined the operations of 18 intercity passenger railroads — went into service.

In 1978, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

In 1981, Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., D-N.J., was convicted in New York of charges related to the FBI's ABSCAM probe.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Glenn Ford is 90. Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 81. Country singer Sonny James is 77. Singer Judy Collins is 67. Actor Stephen Macht is 64. Singer Rita Coolidge is 61. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 57. Actor Dann Florek is 55. Singersongwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 52. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 46. Actress

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Texas

By APRIL CASTRO
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AUSTIN — The tentatively approved major parts of a state plan Monday, including a \$3.4 billion overhaul. Senators voted in the House version of the tax without still needs final approval.

Plea by former probate

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
A former Big Independent District teacher received probate been stripped of teaching license result of a recent 118th District Court. Brian D. Morris was arrested on assault of a child in August, pleaded to the charge of in relationship between a District Attorney L. Wilkerson said. As part of the arrangement, Morris placed on probation five years, ordered a fine of \$2,500 signed an order

Under most fine cope with

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
A vast major youngest school representatives formed well in the round of state sized testing. Coahoma and school districts f state trends by slight increase fifth graders who the mathematics of the state Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam the initial round in February. Statewide, 81 percent of the TAKS test increase of 2 percent the previous year. Those who have passed the math are ing portions of the test must do so in May not being promote

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