



Water supply declining, but 'typical rainy season' at hand

Special to the Herald

Little rain has fallen on the watershed of the Colorado River Municipal Water District's three reservoirs this year and surface supplies are now declining at an average of more than 6,600 acre-feet per month as temperatures, demands and evaporation rise.

Those figures include the meager 8,939 acre-feet of inflows received so far in 2006. In spite of that fact, District

reservoirs are still in better shape than they have been for most of the last 12 years and the normal season for good inflows has barely begun, CRMWD officials said. The watershed typically gains 90 percent or more of its inflows between April 1 and Nov. 1.

During 2004 and 2005, total reservoir inflows exceeded the historical average of 209,532. From 1993 through 2003, the only year when inflows were above average was 1997. As a

result, stored surface water as compared to annual deliveries reached one of its lowest points in District history in 2003 when the ratio was just under 4:1. This effectively meant that the District's stored surface water was only about four times the amount required to meet annual deliveries. The ratio had improved to more than 6:1 at the end of 2005, thanks to the two above-average years. When available groundwater is added to surface water, the ratio is

about 10:1.

The only time this ratio was lower than 2003 happened in another drought just before the Spence Reservoir was constructed. Then, District supplies were at 1:1 in 1970 and just over 2:1 in 1971 when rains began to fall in the months just before Spence was completed.

"You hear a lot about drought in East Texas and other regions when they have one or two years of below average rainfall," said CRMWD General

Manager John Grant. "That is because they receive 40 to 50 inches of rainfall annually so their reservoirs are typically designed to maintain a supply equivalent to about two or three times their water demands. In West Texas, we have only about a third of that amount of annual rainfall. Droughts lasting two or three years are fairly common. As a result, our reservoirs need to hold enough water for a

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Remembering ultimate sacrifices

Tradition continues with Memorial Day Ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Men and women from all walks of life joined together Sunday afternoon at Trinity Memorial Park to show their respect for America's fallen heroes during the 23rd annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

William B. Crooker, master of ceremonies for the program and former World War II prisoner of war, said Memorial Day has been a very special time of remembrance for veterans for more than 100 years.

"A thoughtful program has been developed so we can express our gratitude and remembrance to the veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice," said Crooker. "Our Memorial Day roots go back to May 5, 1868, when Union survivors of the Civil War decorated graves of fallen comrades, a custom begun even earlier in various communities, both in the North and South.

"It was originally known as Declaration Day. Congress made Memorial Day a national holiday in 1971. This is

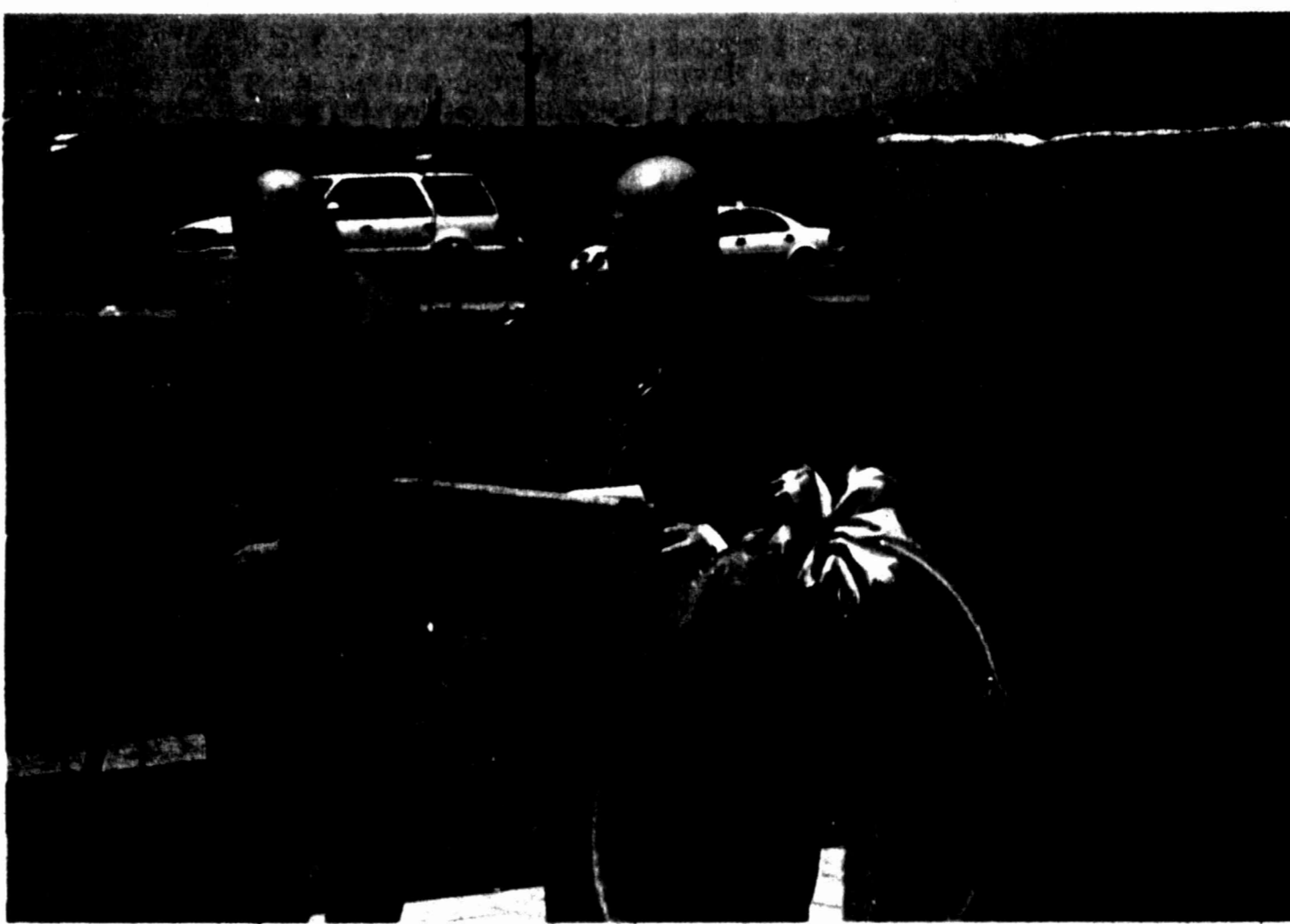
what we pause to remember every Memorial Day, this year and every year."

Crooker said Memorial Day isn't simply about the sacrifices made by America's warriors, it's about what they have accomplished through their blood, sweat and tears.

"We remember those that paid the ultimate price for America and all humanity," said Crooker. "But we also reflect on the achievements that have been wrought by their sacrifice. Life and liberty are God-given rights, but throughout history the task of defending these rights has fallen to ordinary men and women of extraordinary courage and fortitude."

Special guest speaker for the ceremony, Col. Andrew J. Britschgi, vice-commander of the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow AFB, said the United States, willingness to go to war is unique in a world where freedom isn't always free.

"We all know America is a warrior nation," said Britschgi. "Our history is steeped in conflict, defined by our wars. This



The Rev. Byron Brown, right, sings "The Star Spangled Banner" during the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park as master of ceremonies Howard County Commissioner William Crooker bows his head.

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warrior ethos does not make us unique among nations or civilizations of the world. However, what makes us unique is why we fight. Americans have always fought for freedom. From our own struggle to gain and preserve

the freedom of this great land in the 18th and 19th centuries, to the great conflicts of the 20th Century, defending and regaining the freedom of others.

"Now the 21st Century finds us still defending

our freedom in unprecedented ways, fighting to bring freedom to nations that have never known it. This Memorial Day, as American has done formally for nearly 150 years, we honor the sacrifice of those who have

fought for freedom."

Britschgi, who has served in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, logging more than 4,000 flight hours and 250 combat hours, said Memorial Day

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Coahoma ISD students show general improvement on TAKS

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma ISD students showed general improvement in state standardized testing scores this school year, data shows.

Officials with the Coahoma school district released preliminary scores from this year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, which is used by state officials to gauge student progress.

The preliminary scores show almost across-the-board improvement by CISD students from the previous year.

Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett was especially pleased

with results from the district's third graders, who were taking the TAKS for the first time.

Figures show that 100 percent of the district's third graders passed the reading portion of the test — an increase of 8 percent from the previous year — and 85 percent passed the math portion of the test, up 3 percent from 2005.

Other Coahoma Elementary test scores include:

- Fourth grade — 86 percent passed reading (up 2 percent from 2005); 93 percent passed math (down 5 percent from 2005); and 86 percent passed writing (down 9 percent).

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Forsan ISD students improve scores on TAKS from last year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Forsan Independent School District students showed improved scores on state standardized testing — in some cases, dramatically so.

With a few exceptions, FISD students scored better when taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test than in the previous school year, officials said.

"There's still lots to do, but I believe we're heading in the right direction," Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

TAKS passing rates by grade, with 2005 scores in parenthesis, are:

- Third grade — Reading, 96 percent (95 percent) and math, 82 percent (89 percent).

- Fourth grade — Reading, 86 percent (94 percent), math, 80 percent (94 percent) and writing 95 percent (98 percent).

- Fifth grade — Reading, 91 percent (83 percent), math, 95 percent (92 percent) and science, 93 percent (78 percent).

- Sixth grade — Reading, 93 percent (96 percent), math, 85 percent (76 percent) and reading, 90 percent (84 percent).

- Seventh grade — Math, 70 percent

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Stargazing slated June 3 at state park

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get a chance to check out one of mother nature's many faces, as they turn their eyes toward the heavens during the annual Stargazing event set for June 3 at Big Spring State Park.

Slated for 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. near the park office at the top of Scenic Mountain, the program will offer something for everyone in the family, according to Rocky Salazar, a ranger at the state park.

"It's a great time for families to spend

some quality time together," said Salazar. "It doesn't matter how old you are, seeing the stars and the different heavenly bodies through a telescope is just amazing."

Salazar said the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club from Midland will provide several high-powered telescopes for those attending to get a better look at the heavens.

"They've been really great in helping us put the Stargazing event on each year," said Salazar. "They really love doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it,

so there will be plenty of knowledgeable people to answer questions during the presentation."

Salazar said several planets should be in view during the stargazing program. "There are going to be some really spectacular planets for people to see. Saturn, Mars and Mercury will all be visible," said Salazar. "Jupiter and four of it's largest moons will also be in view."

"The moon will be a 'first quarter moon' on that night, so half of it will be

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Obituaries

Pedro Uranga

Pedro Uranga, 75, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today, Monday, May 29, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Maria Socorro Rios, pastor of Templo Belen Assembly of God, officiating. Prayer services were held at 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Mr. Uranga was born on Jan. 31, 1921, in Chihuahua, Mexico, to Petra and Nolberto Uranga. He moved to Howard County in 1989 from Paris. He was a retired farm worker and a member of Templo Belen Assembly of God.

He is survived by his wife, Genoveva Uranga of Big Spring; three sons, Servando Uranga of Presidio, Pete Uranga of Flower Mound and Rigo Uranga of Odessa; six daughters, Delia Gonzalez and Belem Cervantes, both of Big Spring, Leonor Garcia of Coahoma, Petra Ortega of Ojinaga, Mexico, and Moraima Doperto and Belsorina Contreras, both of Odessa; three brothers, Florencio Uranga of Alpine and Catarino Uranga and Andres Uranga, both of Ojinaga, Mexico; one sister, Macaria Lujan of Ojinaga, Mexico; 30 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Take Note

TICKETS FOR A PURPLE 1968 VW BEETLE are available for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The car will be awarded during the Martin County Relay For Life June 2. For information, call 756-4126 or 631-6388.

FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS IS SUPPORTING THE UNITED WAY of Big Spring and Howard County by donating proceeds it receives from the June 3 community-wide garage sale in Coahoma. If anyone has any items that they wish to contribute to the sale, they are encouraged to bring them by either the bank in Coahoma, located on the I-20 service road, or to the bank in Big Spring across from Big Spring Mall. If you have large items, call Lori Martinez at the bank at 394-4256 to arrange delivery.

THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE is June 3. To participate, register at The Lil' Sooper Market or by calling Brian Klinskiak at 394-4395. Deadline to register is May 27. Registration fee is \$15.

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.

AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

Police blotter

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

- **MICHAEL HOULIHAN**, 20, of 2617 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a local capias warrant.
- **PAULA BAKER**, 46, of 113 E. 16th Street Apt. A, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **OSCAR HILARIO**, 48, of 303 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **MICHAEL LOPEZ**, 18, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KYLE DUTTON**, 19, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ADRIANNA VALENCIA**, 17, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **ISRAEL MIRAMONTES**, 22, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **TONY GARCIA JR.**, 22, of 1806 Lorie, was arrested Sunday on a local citation and two Howard County warrants.
- **KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS**, 19, of 1607 Oriole, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- **BRENDA LEE PEREZ**, 31, of 710 E. 15th Street, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 59, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Sunday on a parole violation.
- **MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 43, of 100 N.W. Third Street, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.
- **ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 33, of 100 N.W. Third Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Eighth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lancaster.
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 300 block of Third Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Avondale.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lancaster.
 - in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3000 block of Cherokee.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 5600 block of the Interstate Highway 20 South Service Road.
 - in the area a half-mile north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

Support Groups

- MONDAY**
 - Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- 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.

Bulletin Board

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

- MONDAY**
 - Memorial Day holiday.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- TUESDAY**
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-16-23-40-51. Number matching six of six: none. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$13 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-11-15-18. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$13,770. Winning tickets sold in: Corpus Christi and Taylor. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-1-1

Weather

Memorial Day - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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dying for the cause of freedom," said Britschgi. "Each of them knew their duty, but surely each of them also dreamed of going home to the people they loved in the life they cherished. Each of them had families waiting eagerly to see them again. "We know they were forced to leave their hopes and dreams behind

when they went off to war. They parted with them forever when they died. President Reagan said, "Those who died in defense of their country gave up two lives. The one they were living and the one they would have lived." They gave up everything for us. All we can do is remember." Having received the

Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Britschgi said the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq aren't about conquest, but something much more important.

"This Memorial Day, our country remains at war," said Britschgi. "Since last Memorial Day, 850 Americans have joined our brethren here on this wall, in this cemetery and in your hearts in making the ultimate sacrifice. We honor these most recent heroes. They died as American warriors have always died,

for the cause of freedom. They went as Americans have always gone to war, not as conquerors, but as liberators fighting for our continued freedom, and so significantly, for the freedom of others." **Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com**

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much longer period of time and we have to constantly plan for ways to meet needs in case the rains don't fall for five or 10 years."

Grant said planning is the reason the communities the CRMWD serves did not face water rationing in the past decade. The drought that actually began in the fall of 1992 broke all records for duration, low average annual rainfall and the number of days when temperatures exceeded 100 degrees Fahrenheit. "Low rainfall and high

evaporation over about a dozen years had a serious impact on our surface water supplies but we were able to meet demands without rationing," Grant said. "We are looking at the impact of this draft and re-evaluating the safe yields of our reservoirs to be sure we do not over-draft them in the future."

The safe yield of a reservoir is the amount of water that can be taken out which will leave a one-year supply of water in place at the end of the worst drought of record. This drought exceeded those in the 1930s and 1950s. The impact was compounded by provi-

sions that were in place to "protect" the Concho water snake, which was on the endangered species list. The provisions, to be in force from 1986 until 2004, forced the District to release more than 18,000 acre-feet per year from the E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie Reservoirs, even in the absence of compensating inflows.

"We reached a turning point when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers realized that we were in a severe situation where the health and safety of the population of West Texas was threatened by continuation of these excessive releases,"

Grant said. "In addition, research funded by Congress supported our contention that the snake should not be on the endangered list. We are continuing to work with other groups to implement a watershed management plan, approved by USFWS, to improve the watershed in ways that will ensure that the species will continue to thrive."

A fortunate spin-off of the watershed management plan is the recognition that saltcedar, long known to reduce and impair streamflows, also has a negative impact on the snake. Grant says this fact may actually make it

easier to fund necessary saltcedar control programs that will, in the end, increase inflows.

"The District's mission is to provide adequate water supplies at the best possible quality and all of these little steps are important. There are no additional locations for large surface lakes or reservoirs in our region so we must look to every possible resource," Grant said. "We are always alert for opportunities to expand our groundwater supplies but there is no magic silver bullet to remedy all of our future water supply needs. "Our supplies grew when the required releas-

es for the snake were reduced. We hope to gain several thousand acre-feet a year through saltcedar control," Grant continued. "Effective implementation of reuse or desalination will yield additional supplies and we want to continue our gradual progress in the area of water education and conservation as a strategy to meet the demands of a growing population. We will pursue most or all of these programs simultaneously to continue to provide the water essential for the continued survival and growth of West Texas."

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(60 percent) and writing, 96 percent (91 percent).
• Eighth grade — Reading, 94 percent (90 percent), math, 56 percent (53 percent), science, 73 percent (no comparable data available) and social

studies, 83 percent (88 percent).

• Ninth grade — Reading, 96 percent (86 percent) and math, 63 percent (56 percent).
• Tenth grade — English/language arts, 94 percent (54 percent), math, 67 percent (56 percent), social studies, 79 percent (92 percent) and science, 56 percent (63

percent).

• Eleventh grade — English/language arts, 100 percent (98 percent), math, 79 percent (93 percent), social studies, 97 percent (98 percent) and science, 86 percent (74 percent).

Compared to 2005, overall TAKS scores were down 5 percent at Elbow Elementary, up 29 percent

at the middle school and up 45 percent at the high school, Johnson said.

Johnson said a variety of factors — including increased state standards and differences in instruction methods — made a straight comparison between school years almost useless.

"Just as we don't try to get too low over bad

scores, we don't want to get too high over good news," he said. "But overall, I'm very pleased with the scores."

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• Fifth grade — 97 percent passed reading (up 2 percent); 88 percent passed math (unchanged); and 78 percent passed science (up 14 percent).
• Sixth grade — 92 percent passed reading (unchanged from last

year); and 83 percent passed math (up 7 percent).

Bennett said the results were encouraging.

"I was very pleased with the scores," she said. "We worked very hard this year and implemented a lot of things to help students with the TAKS, and they worked out."

Junior High TAKS

scores also show general improvement. They include:

• Seventh grade — 75 percent passed reading (down 7 percent from 2005); 66 percent passed math (up 18 percent from last year); and 95 percent passed writing (up 10 percent).

• Eighth grade — 84 percent passed reading (down 1 percent); 58 percent passed math (up 6 percent); 79 percent passed social studies (down 14 percent); and 72 percent passed science (no comparable date was available).

"We're not satisfied by any means, but when you put those scores up against last year, there's some improvement," said Junior High Principal Dean Richters. "We're

going to have to make some changes (next year) and try to improve even more."

Coahoma High School students also showed improvement in most TAKS areas, including:

• Freshmen — 98 percent passed reading (no comparable data available); and 70 percent passed math (up 18 percent).

• Sophomores — 92 percent passed English/language arts (up 5 percent); 89 percent passed social studies (no comparable data available); 64 percent passed math (down 10 percent); and 74 percent passed science (no comparable data available).

• Juniors — 98 percent passed English/language arts (up 28 percent); 96 percent passed social

studies (up 3 percent); 76 percent passed math (up 4 percent) and 87 percent passed science (up 21 percent).

High School Principal John Massey was pleased with results.

"I think as a whole, compared to state scores, we're looking pretty good," Massey said. "But we need to improve in some areas ... We're going to keep trying to push to that 100 percent level. We don't want to teach to the test, but we do want to make sure they get the proper information so they can pass the test."

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♥A7
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♣97

in his report:
"There are three factors in the winning of this event: You must play reasonably well; you need a lot of fortune; and you must be enormously lucky. Luck is the theme of this article, as it should be in one about the individual."

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♦J63
♥QJ9642
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♣A

EAST
♦9842
♥K
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♣10632

SOUTH
♦10
♥10853
♦73
♣KJ854

"This was the luckiest of all. As South, I hold no brief for my partner's three-notrump bid, although it won the tournament for me. I had done my damnest to scream that my hand was worthless except at clubs. But there I was at three notrump."

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♣
Pass 3NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

"I won the heart queen in dummy, East's king falling. I led the nine of clubs (not the seven) to my king, and West put on the ace. West shifted to a low diamond, and the jack forced the ace. A diamond return rode to the king. Now I led a club, finessed the eight and made ten tricks for a top."

The year Edgar Kaplan won the Life Masters Individual (1957), he also reported the tournament for the Bridge World magazine.
The individual is a special type of event where the participants take turns playing with each other, as contrasted with pair and team contests where you play steadily with a partner of your own choice.
Naturally, when you play with a succession of strange partners, some of whom might have wild flights of fancy, almost anything can happen — and does. As Kaplan commented

"You see, I was lucky enough to have Norman Kay on my left, in the West position. Never in his life has Norman been guilty of so bad a play as winning the first club if he could hold up, so the finesse was marked. "Obviously, the secret of winning Individuals is to make sure that your opponents are more expert than your partners."

Tomorrow: Pre-emptive defense.
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EVENT

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visible and we'll be able to look at mountains and craters on it. And although the moon will be bright, keeping us from seeing many deep sky objects, we should also be able to see M13, a large globular cluster in the constellation Hercules." And while mother nature may or may not cooperate with the

stargazing event, Salazar said he and the rest of the staff at the park have a back-up plan.

"If the weather doesn't cooperate with us — we have too many clouds or it rains — we'll reschedule the Stargazing for July 29," said Salazar.

The state park is located at No. 1 Scenic Drive, just off FM 700 near Wasson Road. For more information about the stargazing event, contact Salazar at 263-4931.

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Investigation continues into head-on train crash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A collision involving two Union Pacific trains was apparently caused by one train failing to yield at a split, officials said Sunday. It's still unknown why a northbound train headed to Louisiana failed to stop, Union Pacific spokesman Joe Arbona said. A signal that would have instructed the train to yield was apparently working properly, he said. The trains were hauling tanks with sulfuric acid and flammable liquids, but none derailed or leaked in Saturday's collision. Four cars skipped off the track but none contained hazardous material. Four people aboard the two Union Pacific trains jumped off before the collision but weren't seriously injured. The southbound train was headed to Laredo from San Antonio and moving about 8 mph when the low-speed collision happened, Arbona said. The northbound train was going about 15 mph.

Camel expedition retraces historic route in Texas

CUERO (AP) — Six camels and a group of history buffs are journeying across South Texas to retrace the route of a 19th century Army project. The group started the 215-mile trek May 20, leaving from the Port of Indianola on the Texas coast and bound for Camp Verde, the site of a frontier-era camel base about 50 miles northwest of San Antonio. "It's one chance in a lifetime to relive an excursion like this that a family member made," said Gil Tafolla Hernandez, 47, whose great-great grandfather was among Army troops who brought camels inland and cared for them at Camp Verde after the Civil War. The camels travel mostly in trailers because of the hazards of walking along roads, stopping for educational presentations at schools and civic clubs. The expedition is scheduled to arrive in Camp Verde this week. The first of about 100 camels imported by the Army arrived to Texas in 1856. The animals were brought to serve as

pack animals and on survey expeditions. They were well-suited to the task, but the Army dropped the program in 1869 when it ran into political trouble.

Shoe tags designed to ID children in case of hurricane separation

GALVESTON (AP) — A company has donated 6,500 shoe tags to the Galveston school district in hopes that they will serve as identification in case families are separated by hurricanes. Mary Lynn Fernau, the founder of Who's Shoes ID, said thousands of children were separated from their parents when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast last year. "Adults wouldn't leave the house without ID, nor would they let their pets run free without ID, yet we leave our children unprotected," Fernau said. The Galveston Independent School District is distributing the tags to its elementary school students during end-of-the-year awards presentations. The tags attach by Velcro to a child's shoe and have a small form for parents to write contact information with a permanent marker. Fernau's company is based in Pearland. She said the company decided to donate the identification kits to Galveston because it's "rather vulnerable." Who's Shoes ID has sold about 250,000 of the identification kits since its inception in 2003. The shoe tags sell for about \$8 a piece. Fernau said she started the company after her 9-year-old son spent hours in an emergency room without being able to contact his parents. The boy had gotten a fishhook stuck in his finger while visiting a friend's house. At the emergency room, he only remembered his parents' home phone number.

Suspect stabs four men as they leave Dallas bar

DALLAS (AP) — Four men were stabbed by an unknown assailant as they left a bar early Sunday morning, police said. The suspect had been removed from the bar earlier in the night after reports of a disturbance, Dallas police

spokesman Sr. Cpl. Max Geron said in a release. The suspect then attacked the victims with an unidentified type of knife and fled on foot, Geron said. "At this point, there is no indication that the suspect knew the victims nor does it appear that the victims had been involved in the original disturbance with the suspect inside the club," the release said. Three of the victims were transported to Dallas hospitals and were listed in stable condition Sunday, according to the release. The fourth victim sought hospital treatment on his own.

Peach shortage leaves Hill Country growers at a loss

FREDERICKSBURG (AP) — Texas peach lovers may need to find another fruit to savor this summer. Bad weather that wiped out 95 percent of the Hill Country peach crop — where about 40 percent of the state's peaches are plucked each year — has stretched

the supply of orchards elsewhere and left growers warning customers to take whatever they can find. Some orchards spared the poor conditions could be in for record sales. But many more growers are struggling. "Everybody will just have to be happy to get a peach," said Lafreita Hutton, who runs a farm outside Weatherford in Parker County. Hutton, whose own crop is only about 40 percent healthy because of a late freeze, is among the growers who don't know how many peaches they can spare to Hill Country farmers whose orchards were destroyed by hail storms. It's the second widespread crop loss for the Hill Country since 2003, when a late freeze destroyed nearly all of the area's peaches, said James Kamas, a horticulture expert with the Gillespie County Cooperative Extension Service. Kamas said growers expect a total loss only once every seven years. The Hill Country produces about 14 million pounds of peaches annually.

House Republican rejects citizenship plan proposed by Senate for illegal immigrants

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — The Senate's effort to curb illegal immigration involves the hiring of 14,000 Border Patrol agents, more detention centers to hold illegal immigrants and 370 miles of fencing. But those get-tough provisions aren't generating much support from a key GOP lawmaker in the House — at least not when combined with a provision that would allow millions of illegal immigrants already in the country a chance to become U.S. citizens. "It's too much too soon, and too expensive," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "What we have to do is first secure the border, and then we have to turn off the magnet that brings

more illegal immigrants into our country. "Once we do that and we know it's effective, then we can figure out what to do with the 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants that are already here." Sensenbrenner will lead House negotiators when they meet with their Senate counterparts to try to work out differences between competing versions of immigration legislation.

A Senate bill passed last week provides a chance at citizenship, but the earlier-passed House bill is generally limited to border enforcement and cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. Sensenbrenner answered a flat "no" when asked Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether he would accept any legislation that would put illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship.

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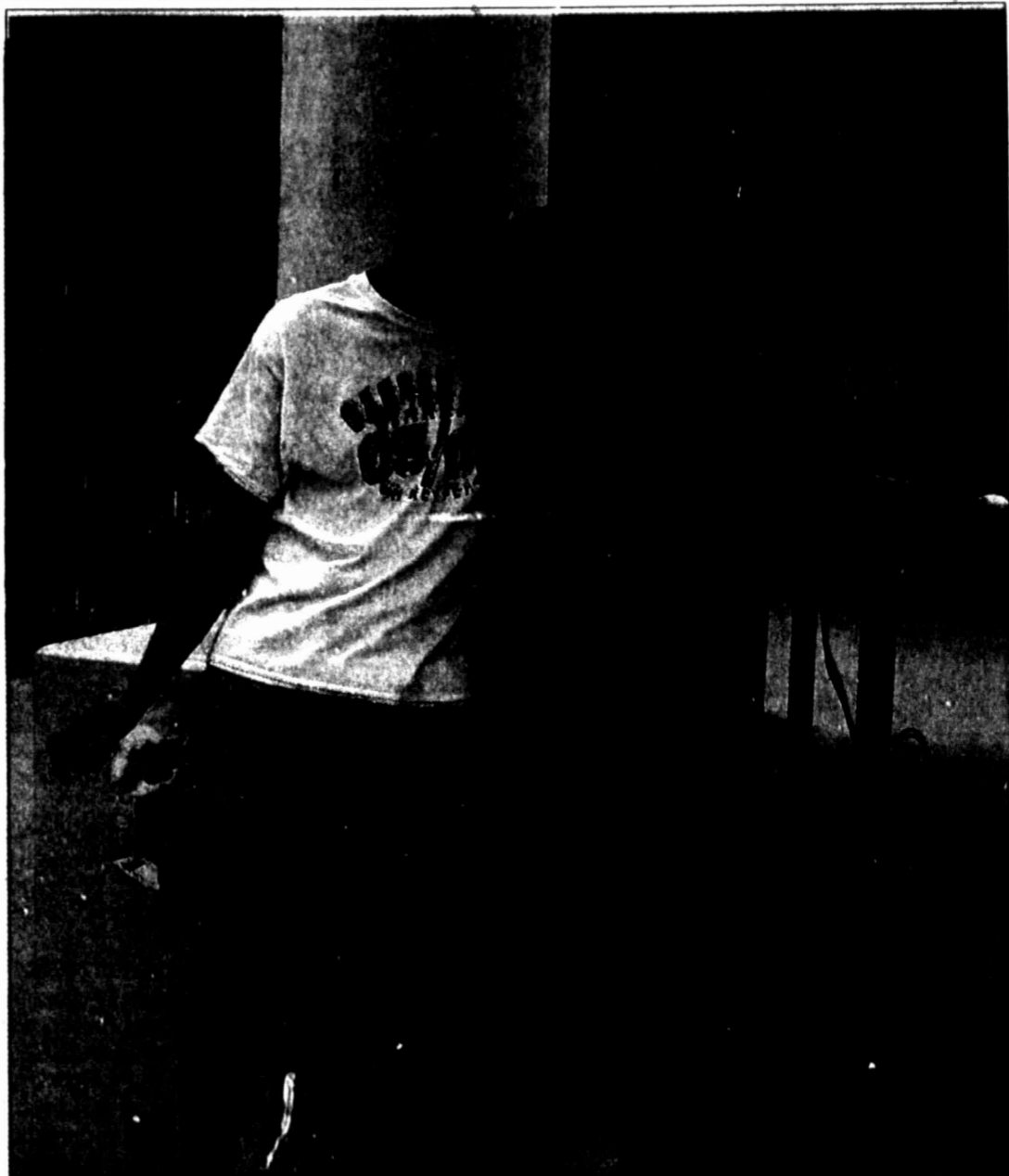
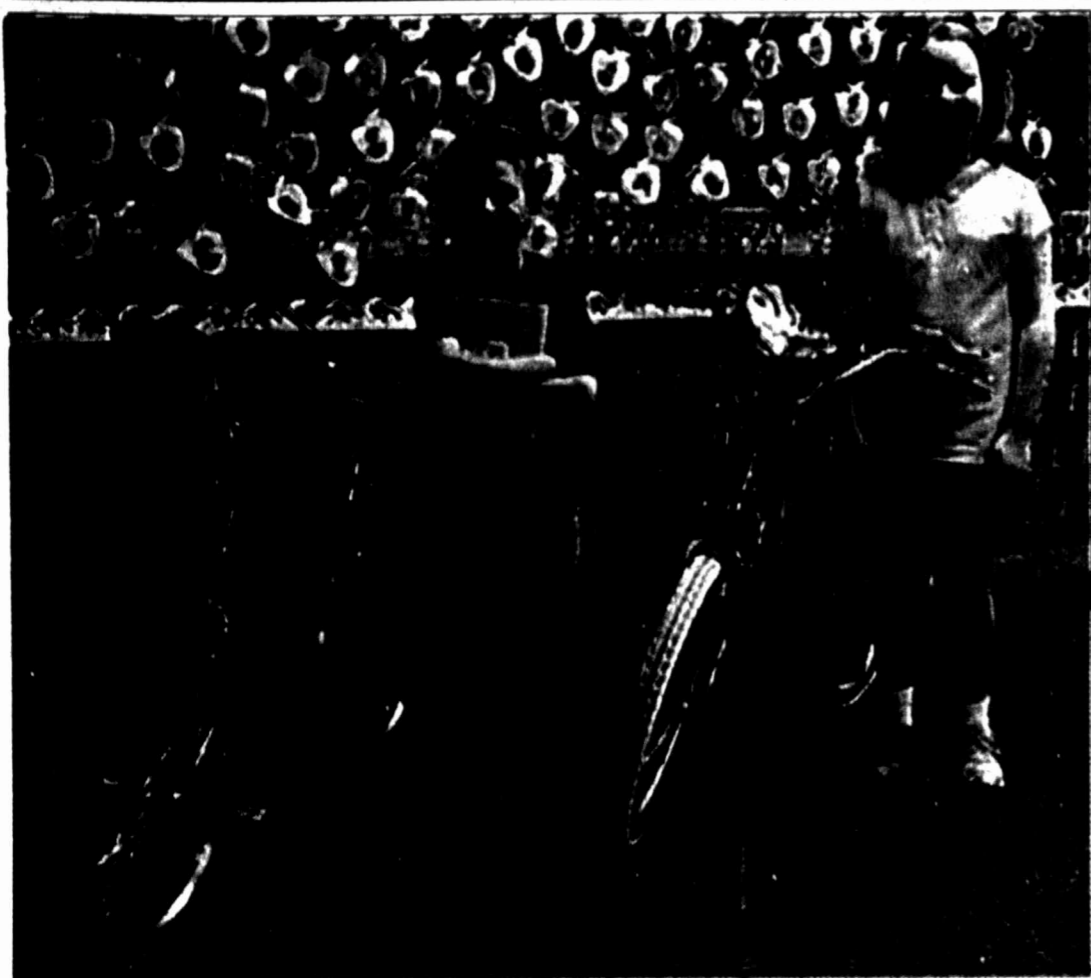
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HC sets girls summer basketball camp dates

Howard College women's basketball head coach Ed Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald have announced the dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information, call 264-5043 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

B.S. Country Club to host tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a golf tournament Saturday and Sunday starting at a.m. Saturday and p.m. Sunday.

The parent-child tourney is a two-person scramble with shotgun start on days and there will be a trophy division and an open division.

The entry fee is \$ for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division plus the price of a golf cart but private carts are welcome.

The tournament will be flighted by first-day scores and both divisions. Parents can play with more than one child and the entry fee for the second team is half price.

There will be a beque served on the golf course Saturday and prizes for the open division are gift certificates.

For more information or to sign up a team, contact the pro shop at 267-5354.

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The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5043. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set for HC baseball team

The Howard College baseball team will be conducting a local open tryout.

The team will be holding its tryout Saturday, June 10, Jack Barber Field beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information on this tryout call 264-5046.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Tuesday at p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The club will elect new officers for next year and all parents of a Big Spring female athlete(s) involved in volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and power lifting are encouraged to attend.

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For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set by HC baseball team

The Howard College baseball team will be conducting a local open tryout.

The team will be holding its tryout Saturday, June 10, at Jack Barber Field beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information on this tryout, call 264-5046.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The club will elect new officers for next year and all parents of a Big Spring female athlete(s) involved in volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and power lifting are encouraged to attend.

Eight is Great

• Bulldogettes dominate Hawley; advance to state

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson wanted to jump on Hawley early in the third and decisive game of the regional championship Saturday afternoon in Snyder. But, when members of his Bulldogette softball team approached him and said they wanted to hit first if possible, Dickenson knew the team would do just that in maybe its biggest game of the year thus far.

"When they approached me and wanted to hit first, I kind of relaxed and knew the girls were ready to go," said Dickenson. "They had remembered that a lot of our success in the playoffs has come when we are the visiting team."

Batting first allowed Coahoma to score five runs in the first inning as the Bulldogettes proved to once again be big-time players in big-time situations.

Coahoma needed only four more innings to take down Hawley as it defeated its district rival, 11-0, in five innings and advanced to a state-record eighth state tournament, which begins Thursday in Austin.

"I'm really happy and satisfied, but we are not through yet," said Dickenson. "The girls were able to do things it took to win the game."

The five-run first inning may have deflated Hawley before it even headed for the batter's box.

"I think it took them out of it," said Dickenson. "This Hawley team has

never really been in this type of game so getting up early was big as it took confidence away from them."

Junior Ami Martinez, who will play in her second state tournament, started the game with a double and Coahoma sent five batters to the plate before Hawley recorded an out.

Sophomore Janice Gonzales reached on an error, which sent Martinez to third, and then senior Liz Conley walked to load the bases for senior Kali Roberts. Roberts then brought in the the first two runs of the game with a double to the wall. Conley scored on an RBI suicide squeeze bunt by senior Sarah Dunn and then freshman Alex Moore, who was pinch running for Roberts, scored on an RBI ground out by senior Ashle New.

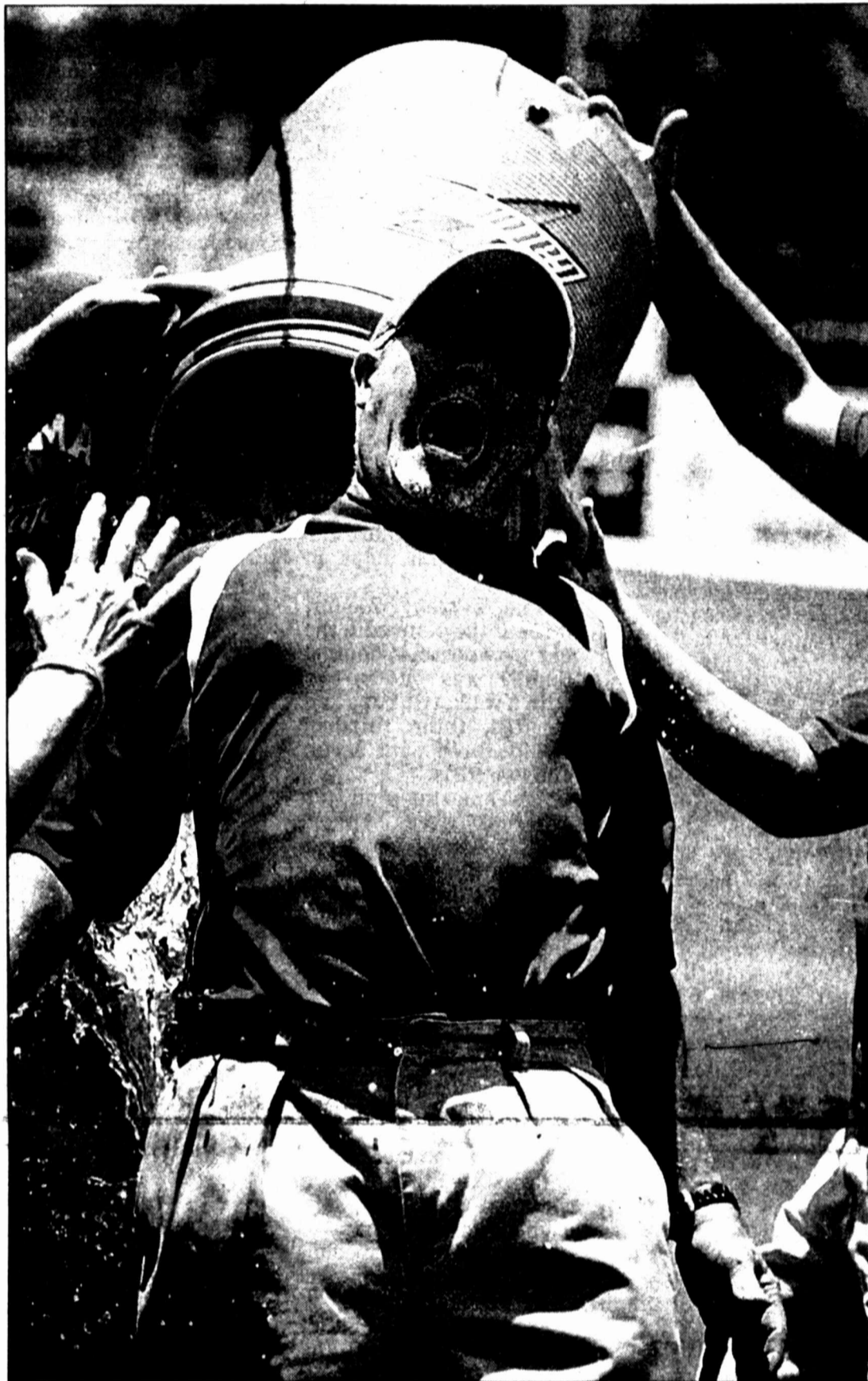
Conley, Dunn and New will be heading to state for the third time, while Roberts and Gonzales have reached Austin twice.

"It feels comfortable, but it is not over because everyone expected this team to get to state," said Roberts, who got the win on the mound after surrendering just two hits. "The ultimate goal is to go up there and win it."

Dunn agrees with Roberts and wants to also take home the title in Austin.

"It's a feeling of relief and completeness," said Dunn. "It's great to go, but we have gone before. We want to be the team up

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma head softball coach Robby Dickenson gets doused with water Saturday after the Bulldogettes defeated Hawley in Game 3 of the regional championship. The Bulldogettes won the game, 11-0, in five innings and will now play in the Class 2A state tournament for a state-record eighth time.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Liz Conley, right, hugs senior Kali Roberts after the Bulldogettes defeated Hawley in Game 3 of Coahoma's best-of-three regional championship series in Snyder Saturday afternoon. The victory advances the Bulldogettes to the state tournament for a state-record eighth time. Conley will make her third appearance in Austin. Roberts played at state last year for Coahoma.

Youth shines at Steer spring game

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring football team wrapped up its spring practice session with a spring game featuring members of the Steer program and several young up-and-coming players stole the show.

"Our big guys up front are good and we are going to have some talented young guys, too," said Big Spring head coach Tim Holt. "We are not going to have a lot of depth so staying healthy will once again be key."

The varsity defense took the first 20 plays against starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill and the scout offense and then Tannehill directed the No. 1 offense against the scout defense.

The defense stood its ground on most plays and the highlight was a long interception return for a touchdown by Matt Castaneda.

The offense scored several times against the scout defense. Freshman Giorgio Taylor rolled off several long runs from his running back position. Tannehill scored once



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Scott Fankhauser gets away from a teammate during the Steers' spring football game at Memorial Stadium Saturday night.

on the ground and threw touchdown passes to junior Scott Fankhauser, freshman Sydney Parker and sophomore Brandon Ontiveros.

Freshman Chayson Holt also scored on a long run and junior Lance Tissue made several big catches out of the backfield.

Two touchdowns were also negated due to penalties. Tannehill scored on a long run, but was brought back

and then a clipping penalty brought back a Fankhauser TD catch.

Holt wanted to run 10 more plays each for the second-string offense and defense, but the game was called midway through the first 10 defensive plays due to lightning.

Big Spring started spring practices May 1 and finished up Saturday with an open house, a hot dog supper and the "organized scrimmage."

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there that heads home with a win."

This year's state tournament features three of the four teams which advanced to Austin last year in Class 2A. Coahoma lost to the eventual champion Elysian Fields in the semifinals last season and Troy defeated Weimar before losing in the final. This year, Elysian Fields and Weimar return, but Troy was knocked out in the regional final by Celina, 5-1.

"I feel like we are as good as anyone there," said Dickenson. "We are a much better team than last year."

Coahoma enters the state tournament this year with the same number of losses it had a year ago. The Bulldogettes are 28-11-2 this year and enter the state tournament as the No. 6 ranked team in Class 2A.

Elysian Fields is ranked No. 1 in the state, while Celina is No. 11 and Weimar is No. 16.

"We are good enough that if we just go out and play we can bring home the title," said Dickenson. "The depth we have this year is our big strength. We have a lot of options and someone different can beat you each game."

Coahoma will again meet Elysian Fields in the state semifinals Thursday beginning at 2 p.m. and Celina faces off against Weimar at 4:30 p.m.

All state tournament games will be played at McCombs Field on the campus of the University of Texas.

The Bulldogettes added a run in the second inning on an RBI single from Dunn.

Coahoma made it 8-0 in the third inning after Martinez and Gonzales both delivered RBI singles, scoring freshmen Laci Sterling and Shelbi

Paige. "The double Ami started the game with today really got us going," said Dickenson. "She has been huge for us during the entire postseason."

Coahoma finished off Hawley in the fifth with three more runs. Martinez singled and scored in the inning as did sophomore Krista Kerby.

Gonzales reached on an error and then pinch runner Berkley Iden, a freshman, scored later on a sacrifice fly by Roberts.

"It feels great to be going back to Austin because that is the goal we set every year," said Martinez, who was three-for-four in the game with two runs and an RBI. "It's not fun to go up there and lose so we want to come back as champs."

Dickenson has now taken Coahoma to the state softball tournament five times.

"They are all special in their own way," said Dickenson. "From a personal standpoint, it's a good report card to see how things go. I guess the stuff we do here as a group works and it's proven by our trips to Austin."

Roberts went one-for-three at the plate with the big two-run double. Conley was one-for-two with a walk, two runs and an RBI. Dunn finished one-for-three with a run and two RBIs.

"It's amazing and it's different every time," said Conley of her three trips to the state tournament. "It feels great, but none of us are going to be satisfied until we get that title."

Dunn said this year's trip to state ranks right up there with her first two.

"We have played together for so long and this is the most seniors I have had on one team before so I think we have a good shot in Austin," said Dunn. "All three trips to state have been special, but I want my senior year to be the best."

Pee Wee Burton did not finish the game on the mound for Hawley, but took the loss after giving up the first six runs of the game. Hawley was plagued by six errors.



The Coahoma softball team gets awarded the regional championship trophy Saturday after eliminating district rival Hawley in Snyder. The Bulldogettes won the game, 11-0, in five innings and will play in the state tournament in Austin starting Thursday.

Mavs take win with tough play

PHOENIX (AP) — The first two games of the Western Conference finals between Dallas and Phoenix were all about grace and style.

Game 3 was about toughness. And when emotions flared Sunday night, the Mavericks proved grittier than the Suns.

Sparked by a first-half shoving match between Dallas guard Jason Terry and Phoenix forward Tim Thomas, the Mavericks defeated Phoenix 95-88 to take a 2-1 lead Sunday night.

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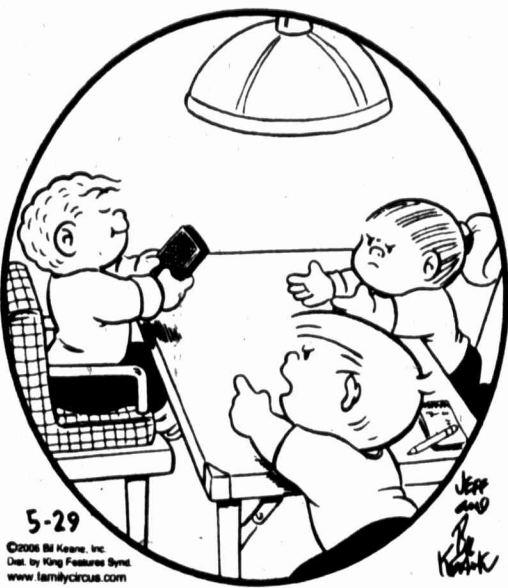
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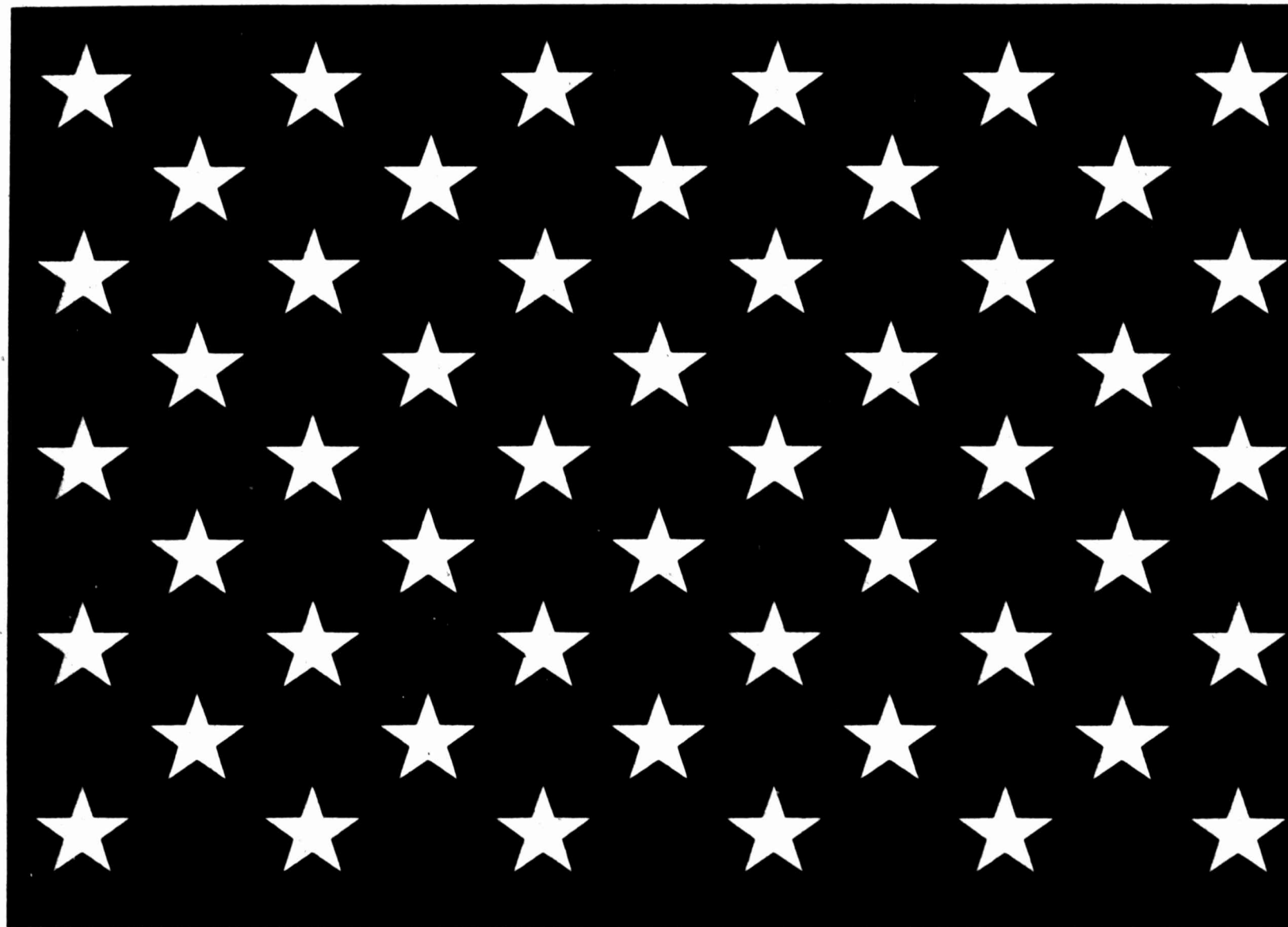
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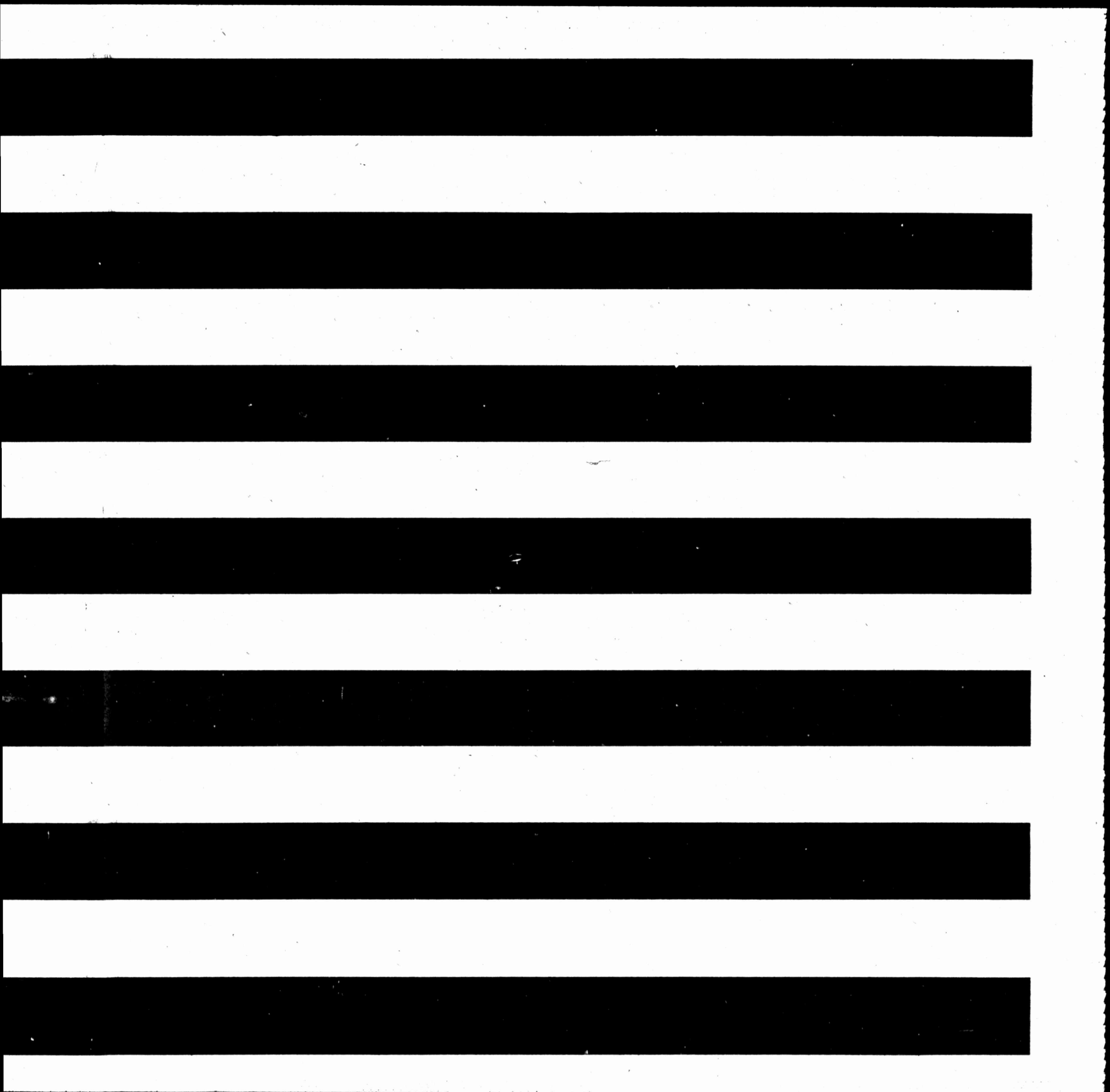
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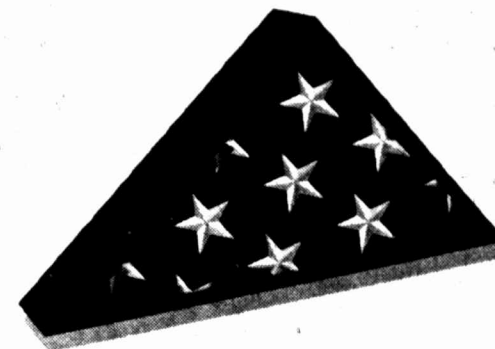
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