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Coahoma headed to record eighth state tournament after win. Page 1B

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Water supply declining, but 'typical rainy season' at hand reservoirs are still in better result, stored surface water as about 10:1.

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

most of the last 12 years and the normal season for good inflows has barely begun, CRMWD officials said. The watershed typiof 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 above average was 1997. As a to surface water, the ratio is fall," said CRMWD General See CRMWD, Page 3A

shape than they have been for 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 cally gains 90 percent or more 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 in East Texas and other regions mon. As a result, our reservoirs two above-average years. When when they have one or two only year when inflows were available groundwater is added

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 years of below average rain-

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 year are fairly comneed to hold enough water for a

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 can express our gratitude to ordinary men and

ber 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.

what we pause to remem-

"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 defendhas been developed so we ing these rights has fallen and remembrance to the women of extraordinary courage and fortitude. Special guest speaker for the ceremony, Col. Andrew J. Britschgi, vicecommander 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 always fought for freesteeped in conflict, defined by our wars. This gle to gain and preserve



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

HERALD photo/Thomas

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.

warrior ethos does not the freedom of this great our freedom in unprecemake us unique among nations or civilizations of the world. However, what makes us unique is why others. dom. From our own strug-

land in the 18th and 19th dented ways, fighting to centuries, to the great bring freedom to nations conflicts of the 20th that have never known it. Century, defending and This Memorial Day, as we fight. Americans have regaining the freedom of American has done formally for nearly 150 "Now the 21st Century years, we honor the sacri-

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

finds us still defending fice of those who have See CEREMONY, Page 3A

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 ³Independent 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).

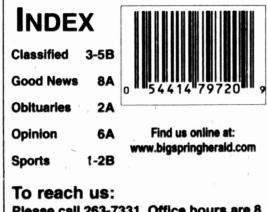
 Fourth grade — Reading, 86 percent (94 percent), math, 80 percent (94 percent) and writing 95 percent (98 percent).

• 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 doing this. Most people who are into astronomy love to teach others about it, See EVENT, Page 3A

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 year," said Salazar. "They really love moon' on that night, so half of it will be

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 Doporto 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 SUPPORT-ING 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 Klinksiek 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-monthold 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.

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Police blotter

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

• 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.

Bulletin Board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Monday, May 29, 2006

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

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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.

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⁵• **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 ANNU-AL 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.





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Support Groups

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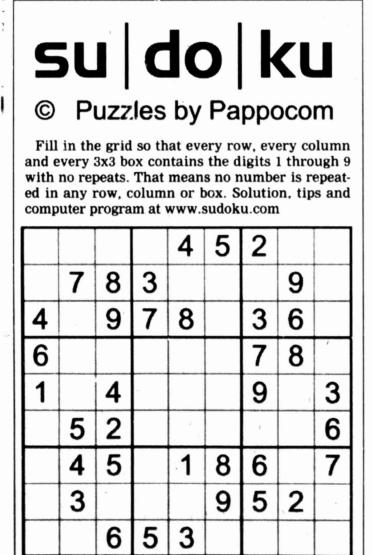
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

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.



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



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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

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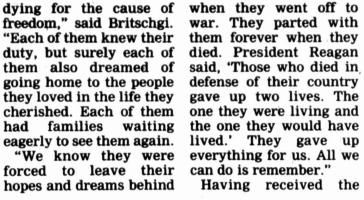
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in force from 1986 until rationing," Grant said. 2004, forced the District to "We are looking at the release more than 18,000 impact of this draft and acre-feet per year from re-evaluating the safe the E.V. Spence and O.H. yields of our reservoirs to Ivie Reservoirs, even in be sure we do not overthe absence of compensatdraft them in the future." ing inflows.

The safe yield of a reser-'We reached a turning voir is the amount of point when the U.S. Fish water that can be taken and Wildlife Service and out which will leave a the U.S. Army Corps of one-year supply of water Engineers realized that in place at the end of the we were in a severe situation where the health and worst drought of record. safety of the population of This drought exceeded West Texas was threatthose in the 1930s and 1950s. The impact was ened by continuation of compounded by provithese excessive releases,"

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.

LOCAL

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

at the middle school and

"This Memorial Day, our country remains at war," said Britschgi. "Since last Memorial Day, 850 Americans have joined our brethren hear 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,

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-

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-

for the cause of freedom.

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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."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Z. "Bullcreek" Α. DEan, 94, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at **Robert** Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee with burial at Robert Lee Cemetery. Pedro Uranga, 75, died Funeral Saturday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Myers &



Smith Chapel.

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Bennett said the results were encouraging.

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Junior High TAKS

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

all TAKS scores were down 5 percent at Elbow Elementary, up 29 percent

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 per-

• Eighth grade — 84 percent passed reading (down 1 percent); 58 percent passed math (up 6 percent); 79 percent passed social studies

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

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some changes (next year) and try to improve even more.'

Coahoma High School students also showed improvement in most TAKS areas, including: • Freshmen – 98 per-

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• Sophomores — 92 percent passed English/lan- that 100 percent level. We guage arts (up 5 percent); 89 percent passed social

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get too high over good news," he said. "But overall, I'm very pleased with the scores." Contact Staff Writer

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Steve Reagan by calling 263-7331, ext. 234, or e-mail him at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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 don't want to teach to the

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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 part-

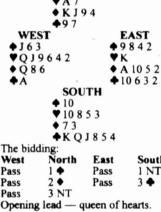
ner of your own choice. Naturally, when you play with a succession of strange partners, some of whom might have wild flights of fancy, almost anything can happen and does. As Kaplan commented

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

about the Individual." After describing several hands in which he was both lucky and unlucky, Kaplan discussed the accompanying hand, which came up near the end of the final session. "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 darndest to scream that my hand was worthless except at clubs. But there I was at three notrump. "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 aiamond return rode to the king. Now I led a club, finessed the eight and made ten tricks for a top. "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

(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

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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

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

test, but we do want to make sure they get the proper information so they can pass the test."

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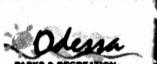
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On Memorial Day, we honor the brave servicemen and servicewomen whose hopes and dreams were cut short in battle. They sacrificed their own lives to protect the lives and freedom of others. Noble, courageous and just, we remember them today and every day in our thoughts and prayers.

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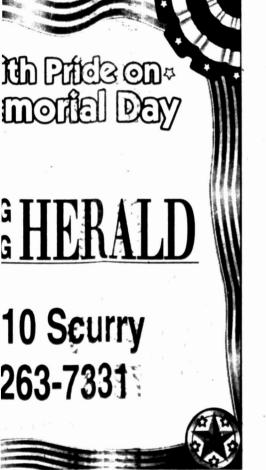
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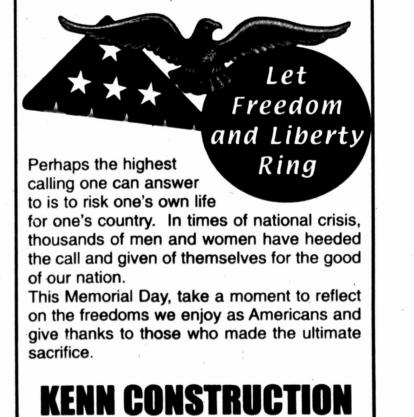
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In these uncertain times, we realize more than ever the vital importance of the men and women who serve in our country's military. On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to our fellow countrymen who died in wartime, fighting to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. On this solemn day, let us also remind ourselves that we must not take these freedoms for granted, but gratefully remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect them.

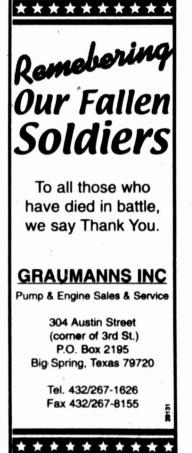








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OUR VIEWS

Our fallen heroes may they never, ever be forgotten

s is the case most years, the calendar for 2004 lists two Memorial Days: May 29, Memorial Day (observed) and May 30, the "real" Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., on April 25, 1866.

The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women were thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as **Decoration Day**.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate • KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. U.S. Senator Many Americans of a certain age still think of it 703 Hart Office Building as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South. In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity.

Special session was a success

ot only does the Texas Constitution require lawmakers to craft an equitable public school system, it's the right thing to do. We have one public school system in Texas to educate the next generation of leaders. History shows us that greatness can grow from humble beginnings, and its our job to make sure everyone has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their zip code.

It was with that in mind that rural and urban lawmakers, representing the needs of both rich and poor, crafted a school finance solution that will better serve all Texans.

This latest special session was enormously successful.

Poor school districts will have access to more money

than ever before, and wealthy districts will be able to keep much more of the money they generate locally. All teachers will receive a \$2,000 pay raise. Homeowners will pay lower property taxes. And, the playing field for business has been leveled.

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This coming school year, the school finance plan compresses the local school property tax rate by 17 cents.

School districts whose rates are currently at the \$1.50 maintenance and operations cap will reduce their rates to \$1.33. School districts that are currently below the \$1.50 cap will see their rates drop proportionately. The following school year, the rate is further compressed to \$1.

To accomplish this, the state will step in with funding for education that had been provided by the local property tax. This state investment will equalize education

dollars to the historic level of the 88th percentile, far above the 73rd percentile now funded. Students across Texas will benefit from education funding at the level of the Dallas Independent School District, which is presently ranked at the 88th percentile. These percentiles indicate where a school district ranks based on its property wealth per student - the wealthiest school district in Texas is at the 100th percentile.

A new local enrichment tier will provide school districts with the "meaningful local discretion" in setting property tax rates required by last year's Texas Supreme Court decision. This new funding tier will raise an even greater amount of money for every penny of tax rate. The first four cents of any new tax rate locally levied will be free of recapture for wealthy school districts; poor school districts' funding in this tier will be equal to spending at the Austin Independent School District, currently just below the 95th percentile.

Texas' contribution to these two formulas will raise the state's investment from 34 percent to 50 percent of the cost to educate our children. In addition to investing a his-

toric amount of money in schools, this Legislature reformed our state's franchise tax. The new system will provide a fair, reasonable levy that replaces the current tax, which many businesses avoid through existing loopholes. This legislation returns to the original intent of the franchise tax, which is payment from those who enjoy liability protection under our state's laws.

We accomplished the long-stated goal "broadening the base and lowering the rate" of the business tax. The new base of the tax will be computed on gross receipts less, at Finance.

the election of the business, employment costs or the cost of goods sold. The current franchise

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tax is based on business income, with an alternative minimum tax based on net worth. And, the primary rate is dropped from 4.5 percent under the old franchise tax to 1 percent (0.5 percent for wholesalers and retailers). This plan protects small busi-

nesses. Sole proprietors and general partnerships are exempt from the tax. In addition, we doubled the small business exemption from \$150,000 in gross receipts to \$300,000 (adjusted for inflation beginning in 2009). If the business's tax liability is calculated to be less than \$1,000, no tax is due.

In essence, this reform accomplishes the following: it taxes all entities that enjoy liability protection; it taxes gross receipts minus certain deductions; it taxes at a lower rate; and it computes the tax based on gross receipts as opposed to income and net worth.

Small businesses will no longer be unfairly burdened. This landmark reform requires large companies, such as Dell Computer Corp. and Wal-Mart, to pay their fair share for the privilege of doing business in Texas.

The steps taken this year by the current Legislature injected new life into three of our most fundamental endeavors: public education, home ownership and Texas business. As these measures become law and evolve, expect to see great things from our students, our communities and our economy.

Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock has represented West Texas in the Legislature since 1993. During the school finance debate, he served on the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform and School

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By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press W WASHINGTON -Senate's effort to immig illegal involves the hirin 14,000 Border agents, more dete centers to hold i immigrants and 370 of fencing. But those get-toug visions aren't gener much support from GOP lawmaker in House — at leas when combined w provision that allow millions of immigrants alread the country a char become U.S. citizen: "It's too much too

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In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate.

Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and painful, as it is today with more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the holiday weekend will still be a time for celebration.

However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight **Patriots** who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Today, we saluted our own veterans not once. but twice; by attending ceremonies at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial or the Martin County Memorial Day service at Evergreen Cemetery.

If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices.

Remember our fallen. May they never, ever be forgotten.

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GED answer to 'No Child Left Behind'

s area students receive their high school diplomas, the question that cries out from the streets is: What about the children left behind?

We all know who they are, and there is no way we can ignore them. They can be found working at the local fast food restaurant or maybe they're the lucky one's roughnecking out in the oil fields making big bucks in the 100degree West Texas

summer weather. "What about when they're my age, 60 or 70?" asks Max Webb, director of the Northside

Community Center. "How are they going to keep up with the

motto. It is a reality check for those who have, for one reason or another, decided to leave school. And perhaps those who know someone who's opted for an "alternative education," also known as "the school of hard knocks "

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The big question has nothing to do with the Pythagorean theorem. Most people will never have to use complex algebraic equations in their everyday lives. However, it is sure good to know that car you want buy with no money down for \$15,000 at 8 percent interest, with \$365 a month payments for 60 months will end up costing \$21,900.

According to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the top four reasons people took the GED (General Education Development) Test in Howard County during 2005 were:

1. To get a better job. 2. Personal satisfaction. 3. Enter a two-year college. 4. To be a role model for the family.

The truth is you can get a better job with a GED, more than 95 percent of U.S. employers consider GED graduates the same as traditional high school graduates with regard to hiring, salary, and opportunities for advancement. Among the GED graduates of note are: Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, comedian Bill Cosby, actor Christian Slater and the late Dave Thomas, who founded the Wendy's fast food chain.

As a matter of fact those who obtain scores high enough to earn a GED certificate outperform 40 percent of today's graduating high school seniors. And since 1949 an estimated 15.4 million adults worldwide have taken and passed the GED and earned their credentials. Worldwide, more than 860,000 adults take the GED every year.

In January 2002, GED Testing Centers began administering a new edition of the tests. Any GED candidate who did not successfully complete all five tests by Jan. 1, 2002, has to start over with the new series of tests to qualify for a GED credential. Scores from the previous version (1988) of the GED tests cannot be combined with or converted to scores on the 2002 Series GED Tests.

The GED consist of five tests in mathematics, science, social studies, writing skills and interpreting literature and the arts. Adaptations to testing conditions are permitted for adults with disabilities.

If you know somebody that may have been left behind, or if you

decided to leave school early, there is time to get your GED diploma. Elizabeth Palomino the GED testing administrator for Big Spring has scheduled three opportunities to take the test this summer. It is a two-day test and you must have a valid photo ID, Social Security card and the \$70 test fee. The dates are: June 7-8, July 12-13 and Aug. 2-3.

The tests are administered at Howard College and applications can be picked up in Palomino's office, located in the STEPS Learning Center. Candidates that are 17 years old must have an official withdrawal letter from the last school attended and a parent/guardian consent form or marriage license/certificate.

Debbie Klepper, director of Adult **Basic Education at Howard** College, has arranged for free GED night classes to help prepare students to pass the test. The classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

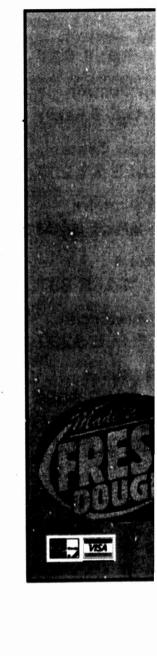
There are day classes for people 18 years and older. For more information call the GED classes at 264-5014. The Northside Community Center is also available to provide educational counseling and financial assistance at 263-2673.

For added incentive, WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Youth **Employment Training Program** will have vouchers to take the test along with other financial assistance. For more information, Tim Larson at 263-8373 ext. 205.

Congratulations to all area GED graduates, you are the ones that refused to get left behind. Now is the time to take the next step. To follow your dreams.

Anthony Aguilar is serving a 100hour internship with the Big Spring Herald this summer. He attends Angelo State University.

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young 20-somethings then?" This is a story that addresses the "No

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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

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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-ofthe-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 a disturbance, Dallas police of

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 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

spokesman Sr. Cpl. Max Geron said in a 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 involved in the original disturbance 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.

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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

more illegal immigrants into our country.

"Once we do that and citizenship, but the earliwe know it's effective, er-passed House bill is then we can figure out generally limited to borwhat to do with the 11 der enforcement and million to 12 million ille- cracking down

A Senate bill passed last week provides a chance at on

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.

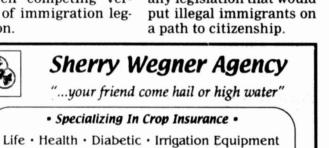
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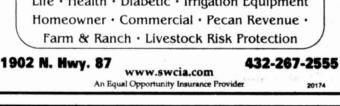
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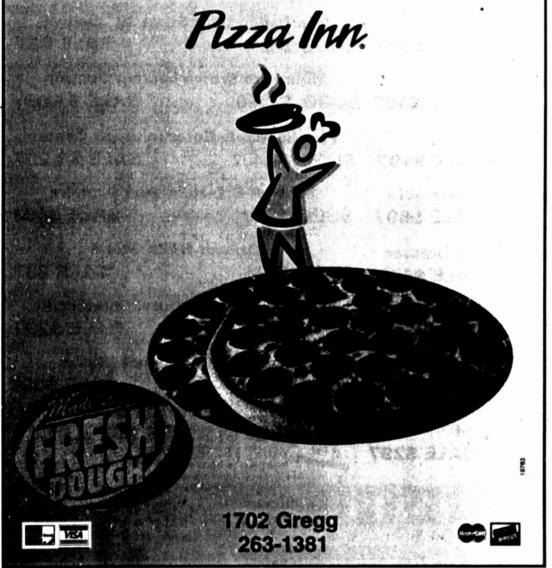
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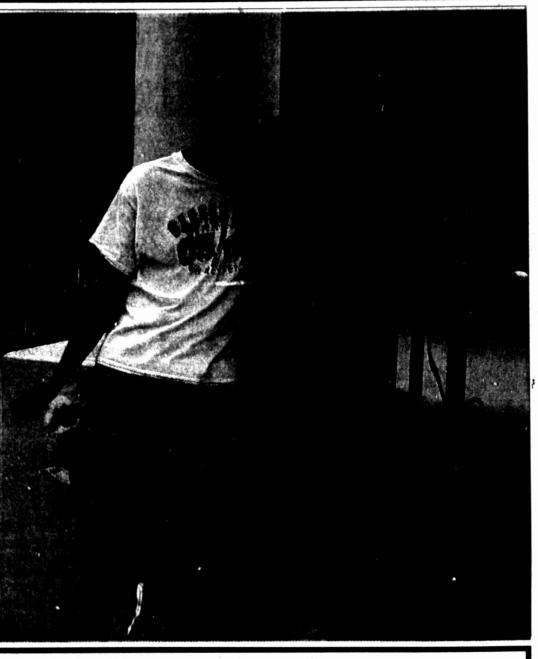
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Gien Burch, left in photo above, a kindergarten student at Elbow Elementary, and Hannah Minchew, an Elbow third-grade student, won bicycles for logging perfect attendance at the school this year. The bicycles were provided by Wesley Beauchamp's local State Farm insurance Company office. In the photo at right, Garden City High School students Tyler Bednar, left, the son of Jimmy and Sandy Bednar, and Katle Guily, the daughter of Rodney Guily, participated in the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in Orlando, Fla., during May 10-14. Tyler finished sixth in integrated office applications competition and Katle placed eighth in advanced office systems and procedures.

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Howard College-women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald have announced the dates for three sum-mer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more informa-tion, call 264-5043 or 816-4327. Pre-registra-tion 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 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

The parent-child tourney is a two-per-son scramble with a shotgun start both days and there will be a trophy division and an open division. The entry fee is \$80 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 of divisions. both Parents can play with more than one child and the entry fee for a second team is half

There will be barbeque served on the golf course Saturday and prizes for the

Eight is Great

BIG HERALD

Bulldogettes dominate Hawley; advance to state

By TROY HYDE

Sports

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, team to get to state," said which begins Thursday i Roberts, who got the win in Austin.

"I'm really happy and rendering just two hits. satisfied, but we are not "The ultimate goal is to through yet," said go up there and win it." Dickenson. "The girls were able to do things it took to win the game." The five-run first Austin. "Its a feeling of relief 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 See EIGHT, Page 2B

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 on the mound after sur-



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open division are golf shop gift certificates. For more information or to sign up a team, contact the pro shop at 267-5354.

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College basketball men's coaching staff and players 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 264-5040. 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 informa-tion 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 thlete(s) involved in lleyball, cross co ry, cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and power lifting are d to att

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

By TROY HYDE

The Big Spring foot-

ball team wrapped up its

spring practice session

with a spring game featuring members of the

Steer program and several young up-and-com-ing players stole the

"Our big guys up front

are good and we are going to have some tal-

ented young guys, too," said Big Spring head coach Tim Holt. "We are

not going to have a lot of

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and completeness," said Dunn. "Its great to go, but we have gone before. We want to be the team up



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Coahoma head softball coach Robby Dickenson gets doused with water Saturday after the Buildogettes defeated Hawley in Game 3 of the regional championship. The Buildogettes 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 Kall Roberts after the Buildogettes defeated Hawley in Game 3 of Coahoma's best-of-three regional championship series in Snyder Saturday afternoon. The victory advances the Buildogettes 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.



The varsity defense took the first 20 plays against starting quarter- Big Spring Junior Scott Fankhauser gets away from a back. Ryan Tannehill teammate during the Steers' spring football game at and the scout offense Memorial Stadium Saturday night.

and then Tannehill directed the No. 1. threw touchdown passes offense against the scout junior to Scott Fankhauser, freshman The defense stood its Sydney Parker and ground on most plays and the highlight was a long interception return for a touchdown by Matt sophomore Brandon **Ontiveros**. Freshman Chayson Holt also scored on a long run and junior The offense scored sev-eral times against the

Lance Tissue made several big catches out of the backfield. Two touchdowns were Taylor rolled off several

also negated due to penalties. Tannehill scored on a long run, and the "organized but was brought back scrimmage."

on the ground and 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

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there that heads home with a win.'

This year's state tournament features three of the teams which four advanced to Austin last vear 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

state semifinals the 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 had on one team before so McCombs Field on the I think we have a good campus of the University shot in Austin," said of Texas.

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"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 more runs. three 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 threefor-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-forthree 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 Dunn. "All three trips to





HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

F 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.



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Mavs take win with tough play

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

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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. Flexing their defensive

muscle, the Mavericks³ limited the NBA's most potent attack to a playofflow in points.



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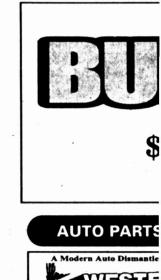
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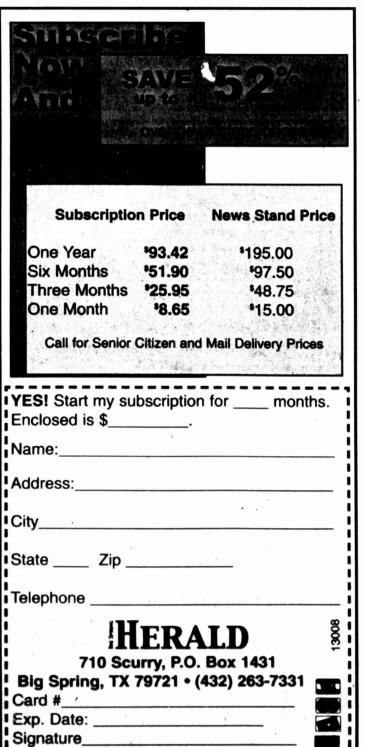
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The Bulldogettes added a run in the second inning on an RBI single from Dunn.

both delivered RBI sin- up the first six runs of the gles, scoring freshmen game. Hawley Laci Sterling and Shelbi plagued by six errors.

state have been special, but I want my senior year to be the best."

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The moon in Cancer makes this the perfect day to honor the memory of loved ones from the familiar surroundings of home sweet home. If entertaining the gang, just remember that people are sensitive now, so it's not the best time to

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bring up any sore subjects. Venus entering Taurus makes already attractive people even more so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Here's a radical hypothetical: What if you were to take care of yourself (SET ITAL) before (END ITAL) attending to the demands of your work? The result is equally radical. Your desires will be fulfilled.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

mind throughout the entire day. Merely wanting a personal improve-

ment is not ____ enough to make it happen, but wanting it optimistically, consistently and specifically is more than enough.

HOLIDAY GEMINI MATHIS (May 21-21).

June The treasure hunt is on, and you're the one with the most clues. It makes sense that you'd lead the group, but you'll probably use your famous charm to lead from behind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your sensitivity is a blessing. It helps your read the "signs" on a life path that is for you and only you. The most minute tickle or muscle twitch in your body is a response to your environment that you are wise to listen to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're feeling experimental and are willing to test vour relationships. This isn't done because you want to play games. You're trying to get to something better, truer and more joyful!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). History isn't made, it's spun. Your brilliant mind picks through your "memory snippets" and then fashions them in the manner of your choosing. Knowing this, you have the power to put a positive slant on what happens today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your complaint is certainly well-founded. Even bright and optimistic Libra gets irritated once in a while. The stars drop money in your pocket, and that helps you shake vourself out of pessimism before you infect others with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Dare to be outrageous, instinctual and even a bit cutthroat about your business of course, I mean that in the nicest way, dear Scorpio. Change is coming. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're ready to "go to the boardroom" and justify your position! Remain true to a friendship as you get down to

business. Just because your universe is expanding, doesn't mean that someone else's has to shrink.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's logical is not always true, and what's true is not always logical. Success depends on whether you're bold enough to go with the way you see, hear and feel truth, even if it doesn't make sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your energy is vivacious. You attract an admirer who pursues you fearlessly and perhaps too aggressively for your taste, but it's fun to be wanted, so enjoy the attention.

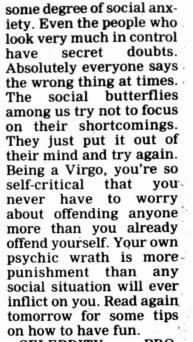
PISCES (Feb. 19-March) 20). Situations come up in your social life that challenge or interrupt your natural intuition. It's like a psychic workout. The strain will actually build up your powers of perception.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo with a Virgo moon. I've often felt socially awkward. I read books on how to mingle, and I try very hard to have fun at parties and events, but it never fails - I always stick my foot in my mouth in some way and go home thinking about what I could have said. Sometimes, I can't sleep after a social gathering because I'm thinking about all I did wrong. Whether I drink alcohol or not doesn't seem to matter, except maybe I'm a little more obnoxious with a drink. Will I ever learn to have fun?"

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Dear Readers: Today is Memorial Day. Here is a poem that a thoughtful reader sent to us. It was written in 2001 by Ali M., a talented third-grader at Academy Elementary School in Madison, Conn.



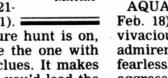


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Dear Annie: My son's mother and I broke up more than four years ago, when he was an infant. My son is now 5 years old. Unfortunately, I have heard my son tell his friends and others some very bad things about me. The verbal poisoning from his mother is getting worse. Almost every time I see him, I hear something new or he tells me about the horrible things he was told I did to his mother.

Up until now I have answered him by saying, "I am sorry you had to hear that, but let's move on." However, I am concerned if I do not respond to his comments, he will have no choice but to believe the terrible things she (and possibly her family) are saying about me. I realize I have no control over what my ex says,

but I am sure this poison can be very damaging to a child in the long run. How do I respond to my son without being derogatory toward his mother? - The High Road Is a Lonely Place

MARCY SUGAR Dear High Road: Try diplomacy first. Talk to your ex-wife and explain what you are hearing from your son. Tell her; you understand that she holds a grudge, but such comments undermine your child's emotional stability and security. Ask her to cease and desist for his sake. If this doesn't work, we recommend family counseling for you and your son, and if possible, include your ex. Sometimes an unbi-

KATHY MITCHELL

behavior patterns. Lastly, there is nothing wrong with telling your son, "Mommy sometimes says angry things because she is unhappy that our family isn't together anymore. I am very sorry that Mommy is unhappy, but I want you to know how much I love you." This says nothing derogatory about Mom, but does reassure your son about your feelings for him and that is what counts.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox. and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists. visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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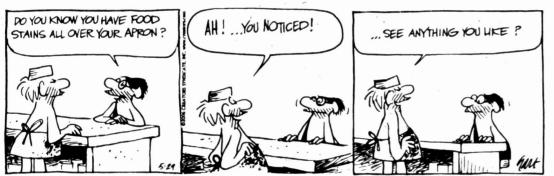
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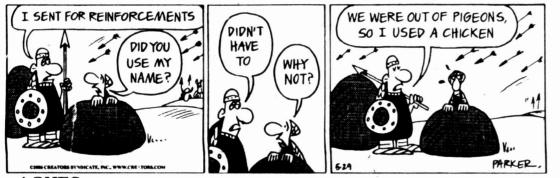


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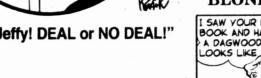
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 29, the 149th day of 2006. There are 216 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day Observance. Highlight in

Today's History:

On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. Responding to a cry of "Treason!" Henry declared, "If this be treason, make the most of it!" On this date:

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original

England. In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

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EVERYONE ELSE ...

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive for another 13 years.

1943. In Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday **Evening Post.**

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1985, 35 people were killed in rioting that erupted between British and Italian spectators at the F iropean Cup soccer final in Brussels, Belgium.

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In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Ariz., at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 85. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 68. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 67. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 65. Actor Kevin Conway is 64. Actor Helmut







In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and

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