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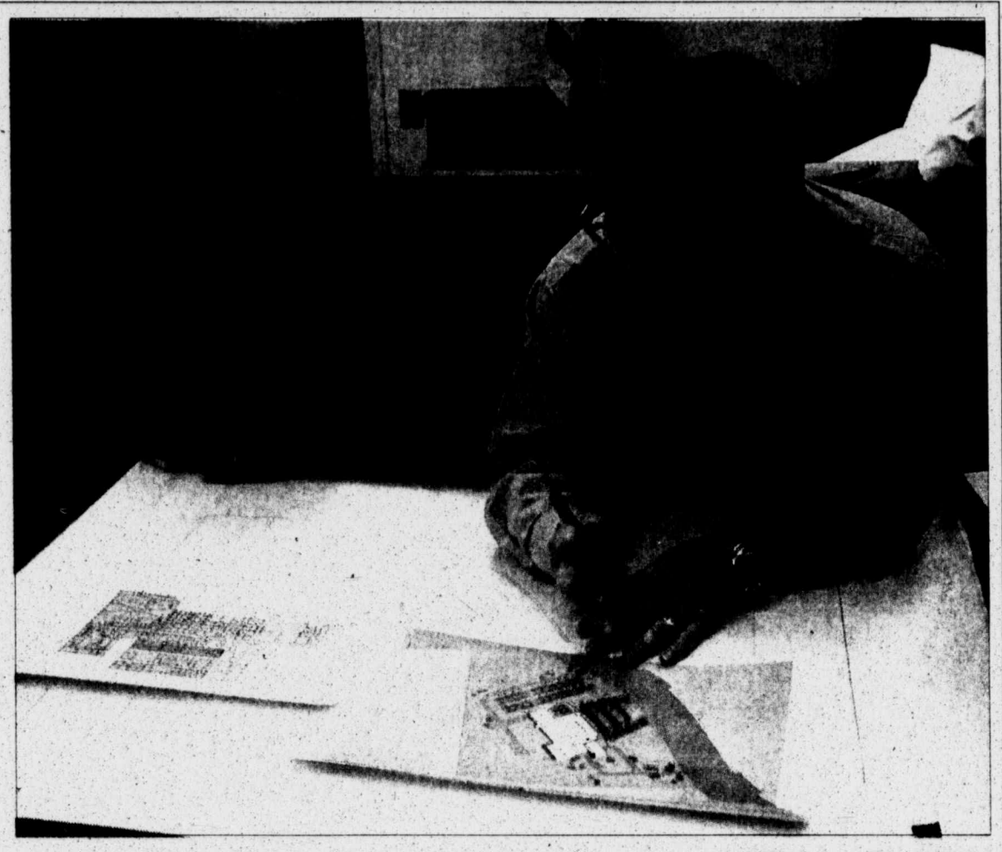
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Law enforcement facility begins to take some shape



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Project consultant Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group, right, and project architect Phil Furqueron unveil the first drawing of the proposed joint law enforcement center for commissioners Thursday morning. Spooner explained the various aspects of the drawing, but said he fully expects it to change at least four to five times before a final design is decided upon.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners got their first glimpse Thursday of what the new joint law enforcement center and county jail may look like — at least for now.

Project consultant Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group, presented commissioners with a drawing of the proposed facility during a special meeting Thursday morning.

"I expect this design to change at least four or five times before the final decision is made," Spooner told the court. "The sheriff and police chief will have to sit down and see what needs to be moved now that we've got a rough design to look at."

Sheriff Dale Walker said he's excited to see the process moving forward.

"We've been working together for several weeks — working on looking at different square footage for our respective departments. Trying to work out where we need certain areas. We've put all of that together and tried to refine that. I think we've kind of agreed on the space that we need. It's very exciting to see the drawings today. It's another step in the process, and we're very glad to see it."

While the decision to build a joint law enforcement facility, which will not only house the county jail and sheriff's office, but also the Big Spring Police Department, has been a bumpy one for the commissioners, Walker said the collaboration has

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Health fair, fun run set Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Health will be the focus in the Spring City this Saturday, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring State Park team up for the annual Health Fair and Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk.



ValVerde

"Prevention is the Key to Good Health" will be the focus of the Health Fair, which according to Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director, will feature a number of demonstrations and screenings to help area residents prevent health problems.

"I do know we'll have some of the same tests we've offered in the past — tests for glaucoma, blood pressure checks and blood sugar tests," said ValVerde. "We're also going to bring back the PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen, commonly used to detect prostate cancer) tests."

The Health Fair is slated from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. There is no admission fee.

ALON USA, First Big Spring Banking Center, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, First Bank of West Texas and T&P Federal Credit Union are the sponsors for 50 free PSA screenings, which will be on a first come,

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Lesser of several evils

After months of tribulation, BSISD will stick with present software

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It was, in the words of a Big Spring school official, a matter of choosing the lesser of several evils.

As recently as a week ago, odds were tremendous that the Big Spring Independent School District would dump its balky Chancery Student Management System software package, which administrators say has been the cause for innumerable problems with grades, transcripts and other reports.

> ***"No matter what we did, next year was going to be difficult. So we decided that the best course of action would be to stay with SMS."***
>
> Corey Wood, director of technology



But after spending the past month or so investigating possible replacements for SMS, district officials came to the sobering conclusion that switching to another package would probably result in many, if not more, of the same problems experienced with SMS.

Based on that somewhat sobering knowledge, and the fact that a year-long effort to streamline the SMS package has finally begun to bear fruit, officials announced at Thursday's meeting of the BSISD school board that the district will retain SMS

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RIDE'EM COWKIDS



Courtesy photo

Elbow Elementary students ride stickhorses during their kindergarten rodeo Thursday afternoon in the school gymnasium.

Area students to design lunar 'rover' Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Area high school students will get their chance to design a lunar rover — of sorts — for NASA this weekend.

The Texas Expedition, a cooperative effort between Howard College and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to encourage students toward careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, will attract about 50 area high school students to the HC campus Saturday morning.

Javier Flores, college dean of students, said teams of students will budget, design and build a lunar rover mockup during the day-long event, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in the college student union building. The models will then

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TAX DEADLINE ARRIVES

It's time. Area taxpayers who have not yet filed their federal income tax returns will have until 5 p.m. today to have their documents stamped with the all-important postmark. The Big Spring Post Office will close its windows at 5 p.m. and all mail will be collected from the drop boxes, located behind the facility and in its lobby, at 5:30 p.m.

Those citizens who have procrastinated past the post office's closing time can still file their returns online or by going to the post office at the Midland International Airport before midnight.

LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate on Thursday approved a bill that would give juries the power to sentence capital murderers to life in prison without parole.

Currently, Texas juries can sentence capital murder convicts to death or life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years. If the bill becomes law, juries would choose only between lethal injection or life in prison without parole.

The bill, which was approved on a final 26-5 vote, now goes to the House for consideration.

AMERICAN PROFILE



Cover Story: Eileen Collins, who was raised in Elmira, N.Y. (pop. 30,940), is the nation's first and only female commander of the Space Shuttle. She will be guiding the shuttle as it makes it next voyage into space in May.

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Obituaries

Doyle Vaughn



Doyle Vaughn, 91, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gary Groves, pastor of the First Christian Church of Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born March 3, 1914, in Hamlin and married Mildred Tynes, Sept. 15, 1934, in Midland.

Doyle was a baker and cotton farmer by occupation and enjoyed both. He was more widely known for his baking, especially donuts which gave him the nickname "Donut." His bakery provided bread for the major bread companies and he also had the contract for Webb Air Force Base.

He was operating seven trucks at one point in his career, working 24 hours, seven days a week, closing the business only on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. He raised and raced horses as a hobby and would never turn down a chance to play poker with his buddies.

Doyle was a friend that would help anyone in need; he had a heart of gold.

He was a good husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved his family.

He was a member of the First Christian Church and during his earlier years, Doyle was a member of many civic organizatiions including the Lion's Club, Knights of Pithias, Sheriff's Posse, Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Vaughn of Mansfield; one son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Carolyn Vaughn of Mansfield; one daughter, Beverly Kay of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Paula Kay and John Paul Kay, both of San Antonio, Lisa Vaughn Englett and husband, David and Kelley Vaughn Doby and husband, Bill, all of Mansfield; and four great-grandsons, Kevin "Tye" Vaughn, Brandon Englett, Austin Doby and Ethan Doby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Grover H. Wayland



Grover H. Wayland, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at his residence. Masonic graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 8, 1926, in Comanche County and married Letha F. Wright, Dec. 3, 1966, in Big Spring.

Mr. Wayland came to Big Spring in 1954 and had worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base as an aircraft sheetmetal worker, retiring in 1975 after 29 years. He liked to tinker, do woodworking and build birdhouses. He was a Baptist.

He was a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M., a member of the Suez Shrine Temple in San Angelo, a member and past Worthy Patron of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Letha Wayland of Big Spring; two daughters and one son-in-law, Linda and Carl Lancaster and Brenda Garrett, all of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, James and Debbie Blair of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Heath Blair and wife, Jacy, Marlana Ott and husband, Harold and Wayne Riggins, all of Big Spring and Stephanie Minter of Abilene; four great-grandchildren, Ashley and Cheyanne Gibson of Abilene, Corbin Blair and Vance Ott, both of Big Spring; one sister, Irene Howell of Elko, Nev.; and one brother, Orba Wayland of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one grandson, Hunter Blair.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Weather

Tonight – Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night – Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Sunday – Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.
Sunday night – Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
Monday – Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80.
Monday night – Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tuesday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tuesday night – Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
Wednesday – Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.
Wednesday night – Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50.
Thursday – Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Gary B. 'Wig' Wiggins



Gary B. "Wig" Wiggins, 61, of Big Spring died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born July 13, 1943, to Allen M. Wiggins and Eva Mae Reigh Wiggins. He married Janet Gooch, July 16, 1960.

Gary graduated from Big Spring High School, attended Howard College and took numerous welding classes at the Welding Institute of America. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, except for his service in the Air Force from 1960 until 1965.

He was stationed in Alaska during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls and later at Sheppard Annex in Lake Texoma. Gary was a Golden Glove boxer at Lackland Air Force Base.

He was employed by Cosden, later Fina, for 38 years, as a Class A welder and was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club. He enjoyed all sports but especially hunting, fishing, golf, softball and bowling.

He spent numerous years coaching his son and others. He coached the Marcy Vikings in Pee Wee Football, in which they received first place in the City Championship and also coached the Sabres in the International Major League Baseball in which they received second place in the City Championship. Gary was a lifetime member of National Rifle Association and was past commander of the American Legion.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Wiggins of Big Spring; one daughter, Debbie Copeland and her husband, Kenny of Midland; one son, Cary Wiggins and his wife, Mindy of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Chance Copeland and Jordan Copeland, both of Midland and Kaitlyn Marie Wiggins of Big Spring; one brother, Kenneth Wiggins; three nieces; two nephews; one aunt; one uncle; and several cousins; father-in-law, C.L. Gooch of Big Spring; one brother-in-law, Don Gooch and his wife, Susan; and one sister-in-law, Patsy Norton and her husband, John.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Don Wiggins and mother-in-law, Oleta Gooch.

Pallbearers will be Hubert Bardwell, Milton Bardwell, Larry Stroud, Jay Woolf, Augustine Paredez and Paul Welch.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Paid obituary

Flora Porter

Flora Porter, 84, of Big Spring died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2005, at her daughter's residence following a long illness. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Westbrook. She married D.C. Porter, July 28, 1937, in Brady. They came to Big Spring in January 1961 from San Antonio. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of College Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda Halliday of Big Spring; one son, Dan Porter and his wife, Jean of Garland; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Scott Murphree.

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

Domingo Guerra Sr.

Domingo Guerra Sr., 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 14, 2005, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• **PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA,** 17, of 803 E. 14th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• **CATHERINE RENEE MAYBERRY,** 34, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

• **SHANNON ELEANOR LANG,** 19, of 1504 Jeffery, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

• **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ,** 18, of 2521 Chanute, was arrested Thursday on local traffic citations.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

• **FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

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TODAY

• Roughriders Relay for Life team garage sale until 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall to benefit the American Cancer Society.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-16-18-26-28.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-18-28-34. Bonus Ball: 4.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: $225,000.
Winning ticket sold in: Beaumont.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: $200,000

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-8

Sheriff's report

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

• **ROGER RENE HENRY,** 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **LYNN ERVIN INGRAM JR.,** 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended and driving while license invalid/suspended.

• **JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON,** 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **RAYMOND DALE PITTMAN,** 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **IRMA CANO DAWSON,** 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ,** 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft and a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• **ROBERT WHITE SCHAAF,** 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the area of Leatherwood Road.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 2200 block of N. Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 9:25 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 3:38 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of N. Gregg Street at 9:43 p.m. Thursday. Three people were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street at 1:34 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Kinley Lane at 11:20 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Road at 4:27 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of W. 14th Street at 9:34 p.m. Thursday. Smoke scare.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of Avion at 10:17 p.m. Thursday. Smoke scare.

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Friends, family dedicate clock in memory of former Big Spring man

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Friends and family members of Larry Wheat, the Big Spring High School graduate who was killed last June in Dallas, paid tribute to the Dallas planning commissioner in Old City Park this week.

They dedicated a 1905 clock in his memory in the park he was so fond of.

"Isn't it just magnificent?" Frances St. Clair, Wheat's mother, said of the clock, black with gold accents. "We are so touched. I think he would be rather awestruck."

The clock rests on a wooden sidewalk in front of a bank on the main street of the historic village, which depicts Dallas from 1840 to 1910.

"This clock will stand as testimony to how special Larry was to us," John Loza, city council member, told those gathered for the ceremony.



Courtesy photo.
Some 45 family members, friends and city officials gathered Tuesday to dedicate this clock in the memory of Larry Wheat.

"He had a vision of this city as a unique place that he could make better, and that's exactly what he did. He made it better."

Wheat, a 42-year-old architect and pianist, was found by his neighbors in his loft on June 5. He had died from blunt-force trauma to the head and possible strangulation. Though a man was seen running from the building, Wheat's attacker has never been caught. Police have said it is likely Wheat knew who his attacker was because the loft complex is gated and there were no signs of forced entry.

Wheat was the architect for new Cedars area homes when he was killed. The Cedars Neighborhood Association funded the clock presented in his honor after raising some $5,000.

He was buried in Big Spring, where he was reared. He studied classical piano at Texas Christian University and earned a master's degree in architecture at University of Texas before moving to Dallas in the late 1980s.

The Dallas Morning News provided information for this article.

Big Spring ISD to receive some funds which had been eliminated a year ago

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees learned federal funds for rural-area schools, which had been cut off this school year, will soon be restored.

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said the U.S. Department of Education had cut off the funds, which are earmarked for school districts in towns of less than 25,000 population, last year because census data had Big Spring's population slightly above the cutoff point.



Downes

As a result, BSISD lost about $130,000 in funds that had gone toward purchasing educational software.

School officials objected to the decision mainly because the census factored the population of Big Spring's several prisons into its final numbers.

"I had no objection to the prison population being counted in the census data," Downes said. "But I did object to the Department of Education using that data alone in determining whether we received the funding."

Recent efforts by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, however, resulted in the DOE announcing that funding will be restored to Big Spring ISD as long as the prison population is the lone factor that pushes population totals above the 25,000 mark.

"(Neugebauer's) persistence has paid off for our district, and ultimately for our students," Downes said.

"I'm not maintaining that we don't need the prisons. I realize that they're vital to our economy," he added.

"This agreement is great news for Big Spring," Neugebauer said in a statement Thursday. "It was very important to me that we come to a common sense solution to this problem. Rural communities like Big Spring work hard to provide a good education for its students. We shouldn't make it tougher on them because of a technicality."

In other business, trustees:

• Canceled the scheduled May 7 trustee election because incumbents Irene Bustamante and Alan Partee are unopposed.

• Approved budget amendments totaling $12,100 to allow BSHS students to compete in the National International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Neb., and the National Forensic League National Tournament in Philadelphia. Both events will be held in June.

• Approved the resignation and/or retirements of BSHS teacher Mary Ellen Atkinson, softball coach Lee Daggett, kindergarten teacher Kristi Barnes, elementary teachers Danna Mahaffey and Shawn Martin and technology technician David Mahaffey.

• Approved the hiring of Washington Elementary principal Ruben Cervantes, diagnostician Valery Dykstra and kindergarten teacher Wendy Mayes.

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NASA

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be judged by NASA officials, and prizes awarded to the winners.

Howard College has partnered with NASA in the past as part of the agency's National Aerospace Scholarship Program, and Flores said Saturday's event represents a natural progression in that partnership.

"(NASA) had the idea that it wanted to expand the program into areas not historically included, like West Texas," Flores said. "They contacted us and asked if we wanted to participate, and we said, 'Absolutely.' "

NASA officials will brief the students on the project Saturday morning. The teams will then be given a budget for designing and building the rover, then will basically be turned loose.

Flores said the mockups will be built using everyday items, such as disposable cup lids and two-liter bottles. NASA officials and college students will then judge how closely the mockups match with conceptual designs.

Also Saturday, NASA's Tracey Smith, the coordinator of the Texas Expedition project, will counsel the students regarding the agency's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program, which seeks to encourage students following careers in those fields.

"Our hope is that we will have students who remain interested in those fields," Flores said. "Those four areas could really help students in whatever career path they ultimately choose ... We also believe that this program will be fun."

High school students in grades 10-12 who want to participate Saturday are encouraged to contact Flores at 264-5028 for more information.

SOFTWARE

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for at least the next school year.

A committee of district personnel toured other school districts to see how other software packages had fared in those places. At each stop, the word was the same: The first year or two after a software conversion was problematic at best.

And while problems still remain locally with SMS, they have been hammered down to manageable proportions, officials said.

"No matter what we did, next year was going to be difficult," said Corey Wood, BSISD director of technology. "So we decided that the best course of action would be to stay with SMS."

Problems with SMS' gradebook function have been solved by switching to another software product, which is compatible with the Chancery product. Other problems, such as student transcripts, are gradually being overcome, Wood said.

Officials recently printed out transcripts, grade point average and class ranking reports for Big Spring High School seniors, and are currently checking them for errors. Reports involving BSHS underclassmen should be complete in the coming weeks, Wood said.

"I can't say with 100 percent certainty that the transcripts will be 100 percent accurate," he told trustees. "But we are making progress and I'm confident that before the end of the school year, they will be complete for underclassmen."

As recently as a week ago, Wood conceded that the committee was prepared to recommend dumping SMS and purchasing Pentamation, a software package currently in use in the Frenship school district near Lubbock.

But school personnel there gave committee members all-too-familiar news: The school suffered numerous problems during the first year after converting to the software package, Wood told trustees.

Wood also said that the district's relationship with Chancery officials has improved dramatically since the start of the school year. Updates to the system, which arrived sporadically and were often ineffective earlier in the school year, have improved in both quality and frequency, he said.

In the end, the committee voted 18-9 to retain SMS for the coming school year. In addition, the district will hire personnel on at least a temporary basis to ensure that all necessary student reports are ready by the end of the school year.

"I think the committee made the right decision," Wood said.

Board President Phil Fuqueron agreed.

"Any software conversion is difficult," Fuqueron said. "And the thing is, we've gone through the hardest part (with SMS) and taken our lumps. It'd be a shame to switch to another system and go through the same thing next year."

And Wood expressed confidence that, within the next year or so, SMS will indeed become the "pearl" district officials thought they were getting when they purchased the software last year.

"I can tell you with 99.9 percent certainty that Chancery SMS will be the No. 1-used software package in the state of Texas within three years," he said. "By the end of next (school) year, we'll have 99 percent of the bugs worked out of the system."

HEALTH

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In addition to health, safety will be addressed.

"Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be focusing on child safety," said ValVerde. "They will be conducting interactive safety skits with children — teaching them about the 10 rules of stranger safety."

An educational video will be available and RSVP will have handouts showing children how to react to strangers. Coloring books about bicycle safety can also be found at the event.

The local police department will be on hand to help educate fair-goers on the how to protect themselves, both in everyday life and in cyberspace.

The Big Spring Fire Department will provide safety material and first-hand instruction on "Stop-Drop-and Roll" safety for children and adults. The information will stress personal safety if a fire should occur in a residence.

If the Health Fair isn't quite proactive enough in the "get fit" department, area residents will have the chance to challenge a real monster with the annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk.

Running and walking enthusiasts of every age are expected to "take to the mountain" Saturday morning, with late registration set to get under way at 8 a.m., and the first races to begin at 9 a.m. at the Big Spring State Park.

While the 10K and 5K races seem to draw the serious competitors, Park Manager Ron Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division.

"You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people that participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park, and the view from the 200-foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running or just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.
We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• Harris Lumber and Hardware owner Steve Herren on being elected president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas.

• Big Spring High School's academic team, which took first place at the District 4-4A Academic Spring Meet, and to their sponsors.

• Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for their hard work in installing playground equipment at the Northside Community Center last weekend.

• Organizers and participants of the Hollywood for Heart fund-raiser, which raised more than $22,000 for the American Heart Association.

• Big Spring High School drama department cast and crew and instructor Tracie Lindsey, on their area-winning performance of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

• Jerry Johnson, superintendent of Somerville Independent School District, who was named this week to take over the reins at Coahoma ISD next school year.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

For several years the Goliad Junior Classics, a girls' civic organization sponsored by the Big Spring Women's Club, has participated in the Texas Trash Off.

This year, 56 girls and three sponsors cleaned the Goliad campus and south on Goliad Street.

We were amazed at how little trash there was this year. We feel this is due to a new responsibility by Big Spring citizens to be more conscientious of littering. When we finished Friday, the Sonic on FM 700 graciously fed us at no cost.

Thank you Big spring for having pride in your community and for being an example to young adults.

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TO THE EDITOR:

The Easter weekend edition of the Herald was exceptional.

All the sections about our neighbors were so interesting. You and your staff did an extraordinary job at interviewing various members of our community and photographing each one.

Keep up the good work.

SHERRY NEWTON
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Regular news vs. satirical news

You may have never heard of David Javerbaum, but you probably have laughed at him.

Or at least his jokes. He is the head writer for "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," which appears on Comedy Central.



ROGER SIMON

Not only did "The Daily Show" just win its second Peabody Award, but it's on a definite roll: A year ago, a Pew Research Center poll showed that 21 percent of people ages 18 to 29, cited it and "Saturday Night Live" as places where they regularly learned about presidential campaign news.

"A lot of them," Jon Stewart told The Associated Press, "are probably high."

High or not, the trend seems to be tilting away from regular news and toward satirical news. According to the Pew poll, 16 percent fewer young people watched the network news in 2004 than they did in 2000 (which helps explain why the age of the average network news viewer is 60), while 12 percent more young people are watching comedy shows than they did four years ago. This was the largest percentage increase in the poll, topping even Internet use, which was up only 7 percent.

I did my own survey when Javerbaum came up to Harvard recently to give a talk to my weekly study group. (He packed the room, with some people sitting on the floor and others spilling out the door.) I asked everyone who watched "The Daily Show" regularly to raise his hand. Nearly every hand went up.

I asked how many watched the network news regularly. Only about three hands went up.

What does this mean for the future of society?

Not much, according to Javerbaum.

"I do not think our show makes a difference," he said. "I don't think Aristophanes made a difference. I don't think Jonathan Swift made a difference."

In other words, Javerbaum doesn't think satire really causes change. Though he does think humor is a good thing. "Laughter is always a good thing, a redemptive thing," he said. "It's always good for the soul. Humor helps people get through tough times."

Javerbaum, 33, has worked as a writer for "The Daily Show since" 1999. He worked for a year as a staff writer for "The Late Show With David Letterman" and three years as a writer for the humor paper The Onion. He also writes scripts and lyrics for musical theater.

He graduated from Harvard in 1993, where he wrote for "The Harvard Lampoon" and co-wrote two Hasty Pudding musicals.

"America (The Book)" co-authored by Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin (executive producer of "The Daily Show") and Javerbaum has been on The New York Times best-seller list for the last 27 weeks. And I am sure that has nothing to do with the fact that the book contains a picture of all nine U.S. Supreme Court justices completely naked.

The picture is a fake, of course, but Javerbaum said the book's producers spent quite a bit of time matching each justice with a "photorealistic" naked body and not just any naked body.

But what is the coolest thing about the picture? "The Supreme Court defends our right to print pictures of them naked," Javerbaum said.

Is this a great country or what?

But don't some people — those they make fun of, for instance — really hate the "Daily Show" writers?

Javerbaum thinks not. He says the show gets almost no hate mail.

"We are the jester," he said. "As long as we keep the funny shoes and hat on, we can say anything."

So what makes a good show?

"Absurdity, hypocrisy, silliness and folly is what we're looking for," Javerbaum said.

Which means he will never run out of material.

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Persian poetry and foreign policy

Freshly returned from a week of intellectual sparring at the Conference on World Affairs, the annual gabfest in Boulder, Colo. (the late jazz critic Leonard Feather called it "the leisure of the theory class"), I find making connections between headlines mere child's play.

After a week of contemplating Persian poetry, the possible aphrodisiac effect of black licorice, American foreign policy, what we do in the name of God (an actual panel title), war and medicine, I scarcely blink, much less boggle, at such simple topics as tax policy, international finance, terrorism and offshore money laundering.



MOLLY IVINS

This all started with a report in The New York Times last week that the administration is finding heavy sledding in its efforts to go after terrorist financing. But who could oppose such a worthy endeavor? For starters, this administration. You may recall that Bill Clinton had commenced an international effort to track terrorist money, but the Bushies, upon arriving, denounced it as yet another soft-headed multilateralist initiative and promptly abandoned it. Then came 9-11, and suddenly it was in vogue again, though experts in the field, such as Sen. Paul Sarbanes, criticized the administration's initial efforts as lukewarm and half-hearted.

The Times reports a classic "little-noted provision" (oh, the trouble caused by "little-noted provisions") in the intelligence reform bill passed by Congress in December. It gives the government new tools to go after specific suspects and, "more broadly, to analyze patterns in terrorist financing and other financial crimes. They said they were mindful of privacy concerns that such a system is likely to provoke and wanted to include safeguards to prevent misuse of what would amount to an enormous cache of financial records ... tactics ... (that) have already caused something of a backlash among banking compliance officers — and even some federal officials, who say the effort has gone too far in penalizing the financial sector for lapses and has effectively criminalized what were once seen as technical violations."

Like what "technical violations"? Perhaps we find a hint in a recent report by the Tax Justice Network, an international group of tax experts and economists. The Network estimates the rich have stashed an impressive $11.5 trillion in tax havens. John Christensen, coordinator of the Network and former adviser to the government of the tax haven island of Jersey, told The Observer of London: "This is one of the defining crises of our times. One of the most fundamental changes in our society in recent years is how money and the rich have become more mobile. This has resulted in the wealthy becoming less inclined to associate with normal society and feeling no obligation to pay taxes."

Now see if you can make a connection to this report in the March 30 New York Times: America lost more than a quarter of a trillion dollars a year in tax revenue due to cheating in 2001. "The IRS said that 80 percent of taxes owed but not paid by individuals were a result of underreporting of income, often by people working in the service sector."

"Ah ha!" you think. "All those waitresses failing to report their cash tips." Nope, according to the IRS, underreporting of "business income" by individuals costs the treasury $100 billion, while underreporting of wages, salaries and tips accounts for $18 billion.

"Business income" means sole proprietorships, S corporations — lobbyists, sports agents, political consultants, etc. The IRS said in total it was cheated out of as much as $353 billion in 2001, the most recent such study since 1998. That would cover the cost of Medicare and the war in Iraq, with change left over.

Which brings us back to the howling over the plan to give government access to possibly hundreds of millions of international banking records in order to track and deter terrorism. As a good civil libertarian, I'm concerned about the privacy issues here myself. But money laundering, whether for terrorist purposes or tax evasion, is a crime.

Now consider the plight of the Bush administration. It has done gone and upset the *banking industry*, rather a large donor to the Republican Party. Fifty-two banking associations around the country wrote a letter to the Treasury Department in January complaining that *they* should not be held responsible if drug dealers dump duffel bags with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash with them. (They didn't actually say that, it's just what they meant.) A mere technical violation. Not to mention the fact that many of the "mobile rich" who stash their money offshore are also generous donors to Republican causes. What's a poor party to do? Quel political pickle.

The Times reports a growing backlash among "congressional leaders." What do you think will happen now? Any chance the Justice Department will be reined in from its "overly aggressive tactics" in this field?

Good for you. Now you, too, are ready to go to Boulder and find the connections between Persian poetry and licorice.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Assistant CEO Brett Kinman presents a donation to Forsan High School junior Shiloh Sanders for the Forsan After Prom event planned Saturday at the YMCA. Members of the planning committee include president Cindy Sanders, Jana Phillips, Charla Lewis and Kim Barer.

Toxicology tests lead to search of veterinary clinic

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Investigators searched the home and veterinary clinic of the widow of an airman after toxicology tests on his body found high levels of a drug that can be used to euthanize animals.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Leslie Severance's body was found tied to cinder blocks at the bottom of a West Texas stock tank last month. The 24-year-old Maine native's death has been ruled a homicide.

His wife, Wendi Davidson, was free on bond Thursday on a charge of tampering with evidence.

According to an affidavit filed Wednesday in state district court, Lubbock County Chief Medical Examiner Sridhar Natarajan told investigators that toxicology tests found high levels of pentobarbital, a sedative that can be prescribed to humans to relieve anxiety and fight insomnia. The drug also can be used to euthanize animals.

The tests also found a similar drug called phenobarbital, court records show.

San Angelo police spokesman Lt. Curtis Milbourn said in Friday's edition of the San Angelo Standard-Times that he didn't know whether either drug was prescribed to Severance.

Police were still waiting for a final autopsy report.

Department of Public Safety officers took four bottles of phenobarbital tablets from Davidson's veterinary clinic this week, as well as two unidentified pill bottles and documents related to the administration of the drugs to various animals, according to the affidavit.

Davidson referred the newspaper to her attorney, Tom Davidson, who declined to comment.

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gone well.

"I'm real happy to see that a large portion of this facility is shared space," said Walker. "The police department and the sheriff's office have worked very closely together in this whole process, and we have agreed on a number of areas that we can share that will cut down on the overall size of the facility as well as the expense. It's gone very smooth.

"Dispatch, records, the training rooms and some interview rooms will all be shared. We've even cut out some reception areas that we started with, and combined them into one area for both departments. That cut down quite a bit on the square footage."

On top of saving space and fewer duplicated positions between the two agencies, Walker said having one centralized law enforcement center should also help cut down on some of the day-to-day confusion area residents experience.

"I think it will be a lot easier on people. On nearly a daily basis people come in to pay a ticket or to get information on an accident, and they go to the wrong building and get confused," said Walker. "We have a lot of people we have to refer to the police department and vice versa. It will be easier to obtain copies of records with just one central location. It's just more convenient. I think it will be a lot better."

While the two agencies will be sharing space and resources through the center, Walker said it's important to remember one basic point — the two departments are not being combined.

"It's not a situation where the two departments are being combined into one agency," said Walker. "That's not what's happening. We'll be sharing a facility. You still have the separation of the two agencies and everything is still separated in its own way — we'll just be sharing space.

"The employees are a little uneasy right now. They're afraid that someone's going to lose a job or there will be cuts because of this. We don't see that at all. We haven't yet decided who will run which departments, but we'll get that done. But I don't see anyone losing a job. If there was a decrease in personnel in one area, I'm sure they would just be moved over to another area."

As the effort to design the facility continues, architect Phil Furqueron said the decision of where to put the center is ongoing, concentrating on a more than 10 acres of land at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and FM 700.

"We've ordered a survey," said Furqueron. "It's a pretty rough site and they are going to use GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) to do the survey. The site has a lot of brush on it, so it's hard to set up a line-of-sight type survey.

"I think this site is outstanding. The location is great and access to it is great. There's plenty of land. To come up with the same amount of land downtown, you would probably have to buy nine square blocks. To me, it's a great site. There's a little (rough) terrain, but we can actually work that to our advantage. Of all the sites we looked at, it's by far the best."

Furqueron said he and the rest of the design and construction team will make every effort to identify any weaknesses in the proposed site, but the architect doesn't foresee any problems.

"There has been some drainage through there. That's very evident when you walk through there and look at the topography lines," said Furqueron. "As far as it being some sort of deep ravine running through there, I'm not aware of it.

"We're not going to build on the low part, where the drainage had the most impact. We're going to be up on the high part. We'll be doing a number of core-borings and I will look at it personally in conjunction with the structural engineer to determine if there are any anomalies on that site that might cause a problem in any way."

While the commissioners got the chance to see a drawing of the proposed facility, one aspect of the process was conspicuously absent — a price tag.

"What will all of this cost?" asked 118th District Judge Robert Moore.

"We're not at a point where that's a consideration yet," Spooner told him.

"Do you have an idea what a facility this size generally runs?" asked Moore.

"I do, but I haven't presented that number to the commissioners yet," Spooner said, moving on to another issue.

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER TERM 2004

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 11th day of April, 2005, at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for March, 2005, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as $7,474,813.49

Ben Lockhart, County Judge
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Ben Lockhart, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 11th day of April, A.D., 2005.
Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 11TH DAY OF April, A.D. 2005, and recorded on the 11th day of April, A.D. 2005.

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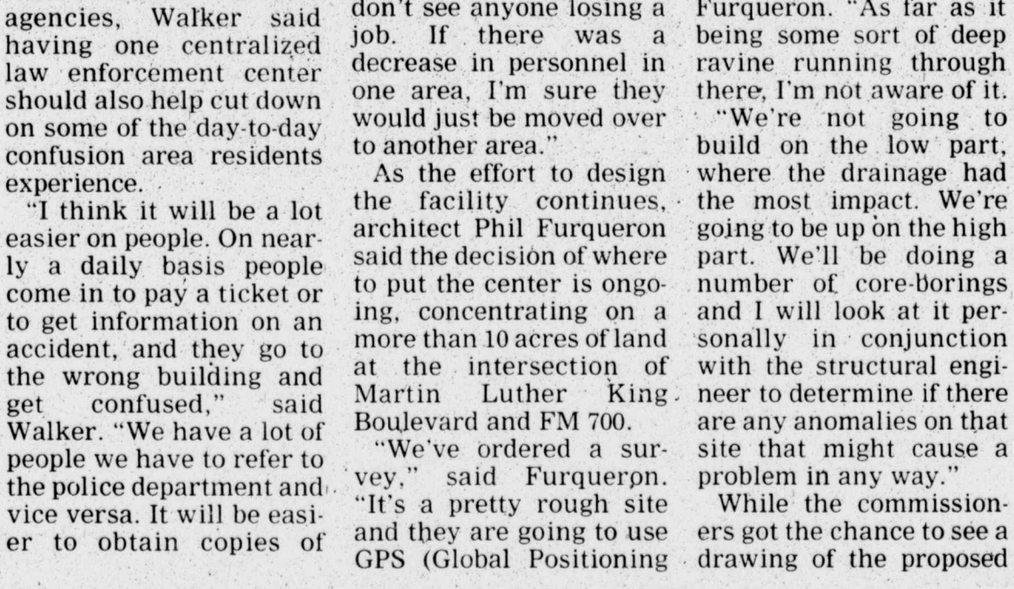
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Midway Baptist Church

This Sunday, The Rev. Jim will continue his message, "Seeing and Knowing the King."

The Youth will be leaving Friday morning to go to the "Dare 2 Share" Youth Conference in Houston. The public is invited to activities that offer something for all ages.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship and Children's Church begins at 11 a.m. Team Kids, Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action, Cross Training and evening worship begin at 5 p.m. Sunday. Wednesday evening fellowship begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. with children's choir and Solid Rock. A 7 p.m., Little Dribblers, Youth Drama and Choir and Adult Bible Study begin.

For more information about any of these programs, call 432-263-6274. The church is located at 6200 S. Service Road. Or e-mail midway@crcom.net.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth invites the Big Spring community to join Sunday services. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m.

A Youth Discipleship class, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children of all ages Sunday nights at 4:45. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5 and the evening worship service begins at 6.

Wednesday, adults are invited to worship in the Beth Moore Women's Bible Study or Men's Bible Study from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., and teenagers are invited to worship with the youth group at the same time.

April 22 at 7 p.m., all adults are invited to celebrate their birthday at the church birthday party. Then, April 23 at 7 p.m., East Fourth will be having a special Praise Team lead us in worship. Call 267-2291 for more information.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invites you to worship with them this Sunday at 1512 Birdwell Lane. This is a very friendly Church that lifts Christ up daily.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

East Side Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and family worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6, and Wednesday evening service starts at 7. A nurery os provided during all these services. East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. Call 267-1915 for more information.

Baptist Temple

Sunday begins four days of "A Celebration of Hope." Sunday is Old Fashioned Day. This event has church member seeking an old-fashioned kind of revival. Many church members plan to wear old-fashioned clothes. Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship folows at 10:45 a.m. A meal will follow the worship service.

Sunday evening service begins at 6 and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday revival services begin at 7 p.m. A meal from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., will precede the evening worship.

Gibbie McMillan is the evangelist for the "Celebration of Hope" revival. He is a Missions Service associate for the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention, where he coordinates disaster relief, Texas Baptist Builders, volunteer chaplaincy, church renewal, men's ministry and other fellowship groups.

The Murlyn Keller Family offer a ministry called "Peaceful Ministries." They are from Plainview and been in full-time evangelism for 10 years. They will provide the music for Celebration of Hope, as well as provide chalk drawings at the events.

The Ladies Ministry has started an eight-session study called "A Woman After God's Own Heart." A Spanish worship service is being organized, called Iglesia Bautista Roca Eterna. The Spanish pastor is Luis A Pena.

For more information, visit www.baptisttemplechurch.org or call 267-8287 or visit the church at the corner of 11th and Goliad streets, where guests find a warm and friendly welcome.

Forsan Baptist Church

You are invited to come and celebrate Jesus with the Forsan Church family Sunday. Come and be refreshed by the Lord as we worship and praise Him.

Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by our morning worship service at 10:50 a.m. We have children and youth choir practice Sunday afternoons at 5 p.m., followed by our Sunday evening worship service which begins at 6 p.m. Currently the Rev. Jeff Janca is preaching a series of sermons from the book of Acts.

Our mid-week Wednesday evening service begins at 6 p.m. with Bible studies for children, youth and adults. Janca is teaching the Wednesday adult Bible study on "The Purpose of Prayer," by E. M. Bounds.

We currently have a youth meeting for junior and senior high ages that meets at the church every Friday evening at 6. There are many ministry opportunities available. For more information or a free New Testament, call 457-2342.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring and Hispanic Missioner Augustin Ypina will present a unique dialogue message titled "Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch." The scripture comes from Acts 8:26-39. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 2 p.m. and Children's Choir rehearses at 4 p.m. Teresa Warrington will lead the Junior High Youth at 5 p.m. and the Senior High Youth at 6:30 p.m. Parents Night Out begins at 5 p.m.

The Open Door Class will host a Fun Night Monday at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited for games and fellowship.

Duke Underwood will lead the Wednesday Bible Study for the Youth. Handbells practice at 7 p.m. and Centered in Praise rehearses at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday, the Senior Adult Ministry is taking a group to Granbury for shopping and a play. The group leaves at 8:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 10:1-10 at worship service Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 begins at 10:35 a.m.

Presbyterian Women are selling their Mother's Day cards to support Networkers, a malaria prevention program for women and children in Africa. To purchase one, contact the church office. The cost is $10 and goes to purchase special mosquito nets for expectant mothers.

Opportunities for the week include: Encouragers meeting and Session meeting at 6 p.m. Monday. The monthly Men's Breakfast is Wednesday at 7 a.m., and choir practice Wednesday is at 6 p.m.

Join us for any of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

St. Mary's annual Eastertide concert series continues Thursday at 12:05 p.m. in the church.

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provided after the concert. Everyone is invited.

For those interested in learning more of the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church, St. Mary's will begin a series of Inquirers' Classes.

The classes, open to any adults interested in learning about the Episcopal church, begin Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Mary's Church.

Episcopalians who would like a 'refresher' course as a way of deepening their own understanding of their church are also invited and encouraged to attend.

The classes will last between an hour and an hour and a half and there are about a dozen classes in the series.

Attending does not involve a commitment the church.

If you are interested, but this time does not work for you or if you need transportation, please check with the Parish office.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, invites children in kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday activities.

Sunday, the children's ministry continues a study of the Sermon on the Mount.

The New Youth, for grades 5 and 6, continue a study of the Ten Commandments at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

Cornerstone is at the corner of 12th and Owens streets. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available.

Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship. Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Life Church

Life Church, at 600 E. FM 700, offers two morning worship services Sunday, the first at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. Children's ministries are available during both services for ages 0-12.

YoungLife seeks volunteers

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, seeks Christian, adult volunteers to work with teen-agers to enjoy skits, comedy routines and fellowship during YoungLife club.

Club meets at 7:59 p.m. Monday at the corner of Owens and 13th streets.

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A Pastor's Message

Be a light

Back in the summer of 1977, I was a recent high school graduate living in Houston.

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I attended church every time the doors were open and sang in the choir but there was something missing in my life. Back then, I had shoulder length hair and smoked nearly 2 packs of cigarettes a day.



THE REV. JEFF JANCA

Outwardly I tried to look cool, but inwardly I was hurting and falling apart.

To be honest, I felt very comfortable doing those bad things because many of the professing Christians in my church youth group were doing those same things.

I did not see any difference between them and me and that made me comfortable in my sin.

One day something happened that gave me hope.

On that day, I met a young man who had just come to work at the church in the Activity Center.

There was something different about him.

I could tell that he had something that I did not have and he knew something that I did not know.

You see, knowing and following Jesus was not just a Sunday thing to him, it was an everyday relationship.

He loved talking about Jesus on any day and at any time.

I had not seen much of that before.

On a Tuesday night in August, he invited me to come to a Bible Study. I went and I am so glad that I did.

That night, Aug. 2, 1977, another young man told me about a Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved me and offered to me forgiveness of all my sins.

That night, I invited Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

I asked Him to forgive me and cleanse me.

That night, Jesus did just that and I have never been the same.

I am grateful to know this Jesus.

Please realize that what brought me to Jesus was a young man living a life that honored Jesus. He wanted to be more like Jesus.

He did not try to be more like the world and live more like the world, instead he wanted to be more like Jesus.

I was in the world and was tired of the world.

I didn't need to experience more of the world; instead I needed to see a demonstration of someone really living the Christian life and having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

My Christian friend, if you truly want to reach others for Christ, don't use the sinful gimmicks and ways of this world to try to reach them because it will not work.

It will only make those who are lost more comfortable in their sin and send a confusing message.

Instead, live a life that honors Jesus Christ. Don't compromise with this world as it will only drag you down and ruin your witness for Jesus.

Proclaim God's Word and the good news of Jesus Christ and trust the Lord for the results.

Lift up Jesus and He will draw all men unto Himself.

Jeff Janca is Pastor of Forsan Baptist Church in Forsan.



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Dove Brothers in concert at Trinity Baptist Church

The Dove Brothers will appear in concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church.

Voted favorite male quartet of the year by the Southern Gospel Music Association and The Singing News Fan awards, the Dove Brothers high energy presentation and progressive arrangements reflect a tangible link to the good old days of gospel music.

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IN BRIEF

Cornell Corrections announces softball tournament at Mize

Cornell Corrections is sponsoring a co-ed softball tournament benefiting Relay For Life.

The tournament will take place April 22 and 23 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The cost is $10 per player and the deadline to register is Friday, April 15.

For more information, call 267-1911 ext. 214 during the day and 267-2004 at night.

Couples scramble set up at Comanche

A summer long couples scramble tournament has been set at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will take place every Thursday throughout the summer, ending sometime in October.

For more information, contact Sue Russell at 398-5452.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

There will be a Lady Steer Booster Club meeting in the ATC at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading and/or training are encouraged to attend. All parents of incoming freshman are encouraged to attend, as well.

The Lady Steers Sports Banquet will take place Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Lady Steers Softball Booster Club sets monthly meeting

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the ATC Thursday, April 21.

All parents of girls involved in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Big Spring Country Club sets scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has set up its 2005 Cancer Scramble golf tournament.

The tourney will take place Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24.

The proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life.

Teams will be made up of four players and the field will be flighted by first round score. The tourney will have prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

Prizes — gift certificates to the BSCC gift shop — will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each flight.

The entry fee is $75 per player plus a $20 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information or to enter, call the country club at 267-5354.

Then there were three for Big Spring netters

• Villarreal, Shroff move on to finals at 4-4A tennis tourney

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — The top seeds all lived to play another day for the Big Spring tennis team at the opening day of the District 4-4A tennis tournament in Plainview Thursday.

Senior Veronica Villarreal did her part in the girl's singles competition as the tournament's top seed won her first two matches easily. After getting a first round bye, she routed her second round opponent 6-0 and 6-0 and then cruised in the semifinals, winning 6-0 and 6-3.

Sophomore Roshan Shroff and senior Nick Rivera are seeded No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in boy's singles and both are still in the running for a regional berth.



SHROFF

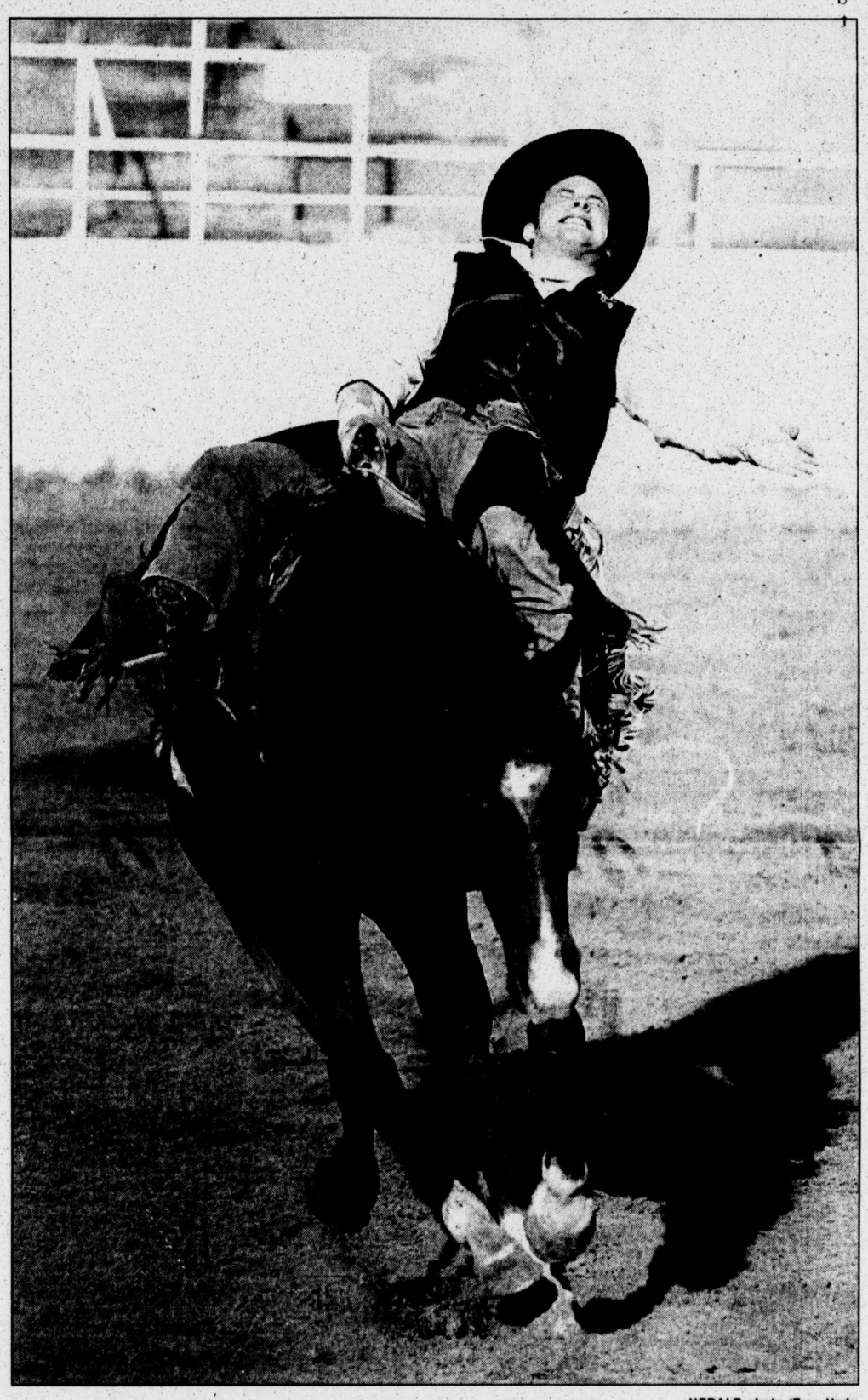
Shroff advanced to the finals today after winning his first two matches in straight sets. He won his first match 7-5 and 6-0 and then advanced to the finals after winning in the semifinals 6-2 and 6-2. He took on Brad Armour of Frenship in the finals today, but final results were unavailable at press time.

Armour got to the finals after defeating Rivera in the semifinals. However, Rivera still has a chance to advance due to a possible playback opportunity. If Armour defeats Shroff in the finals and Rivera wins his third place match, the Big Spring senior would then take on his teammate in a playback match for the final regional spot.

Several other Big Spring netters took to the courts Thursday. However, the rest of the competitors lost at some point and failed to advance to regionals.

Senior Alex Gariepy lost her first round girl's sin-

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard College sophomore Danny McDowell attempts to score points during the bareback riding competition Thursday at the HC rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. Several Hawks struggled on opening night, but the team will get several more chances to qualify for the finals today and Saturday morning.

Howard rodeo team struggles in opening night of host rodeo

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick would like to forget about his team's opening night at the Hawks' host rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. And frankly, so would several members of the team.

The Hawks struggled to score points Thursday, but thankfully has today and Saturday morning to try to get someone into Saturday night's finals.

Ramona Hendley began Howard's night with a :17.94 in the barrel racing competition. The only other Hawk to score some kind of points was Danny McDowell as the sophomore grabbed a 58 in his first and most likely only ride in the bareback competition. McDowell also competed in the bull riding competition but was not able to score points.

Wayne Schaffeld and Jed Headley each competed in the steer wrestling event Thursday. However, both wrestlers did not score points. Also receiving no points or no times Thursday was Jeremy Russell (saddle bronc), Trent Broussard (bull riding) and Anna Carr (breakaway roping).

The Hawks tried their luck Friday morning with the slack competition.

They will compete tonight starting at 7 p.m. before closing out the rodeo with Saturday morning slack and Saturday night's finals at 7 p.m.

Lady Steers send three to next level

• Several others qualify for today's varsity finals

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Three members of the Big Spring girl's track team advanced to regionals Thursday after they found success in three different field events, while several other runners advanced to the finals of their events. They will advance to regionals today if they can finish in the top three of the finals.

Amisha Vanderbilt moved on to the next level after taking top honors in the shot put competition. She won

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Rodriguez grabs gold in two mile, advances to regionals

• Porter's leap in long jump just enough to advance to next level

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Sophomore Michael Rodriguez dominated the two mile Thursday during the first day of the District 4-4A boy's track meet in San Angelo and Raymond Porter joined him in advancing to regionals as he grabbed a top three finish in the triple jump.



RODRIGUEZ

Rodriguez raced to the gold medal in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 9:54.58, while Porter grabbed third in the triple jump with a leap of 42-4.75.

The top three finishers in every event qualify for the regional track meet in San Angelo April 29-30.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring seniors Curtis Osburn, left, and Bobby Newton, third from left, race down the straightaway in Big Spring last week during the 100 meter dash at the AMBUCS Relays. Osburn qualified for the finals in the 100 and 200 meter dashes Friday at the District 4-4A track and field meet in San Angelo. Newton also qualified in the 200.

Jacob Cortez and Jordan Kinnear participated in two separate field events Thursday, but neither had enough to get to regionals. Cortez competed in the pole vault competition and completed 12-0 for fifth place, but missed out because of too many jumps. Kinnear finished seventh in the discus after a throw of 125-2.

Jessie Sanchez and Zack Dawson both competed in the 3,200 meter run Thursday. Dawson grabbed fifth and Sanchez finished sixth, but neither runner was able to move on to the next level.

Four other members of the track team advanced to today's finals.

Senior Curtis Osburn advanced in both the 100

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-gles match 6-4 and 6-2, while Ainhan Nghiem and Jeremy Landin, both freshman, lost in their opening boy's doubles match.



VELA

Also losing in the first round were sophomore Reinhilde Robinson and freshman Allison Ward in girl's doubles. The junior tandem of Natasha Neighbors and Jamie Jordan got a first round bye after being awarded the No. 4 seed, but lost their first match of the tournament 6-4 and 6-1.

Senior Jason Vela and sophomore Bryan Juan won their first round boy's doubles match in straight sets 6-0 and 6-0, but were eliminated from the district tournament after losing in a tough three set match in round two. Vela and Juan lost 6-2, 3-6 and 6-4.

The finals of the district tournament were all played at 9 a.m. today in Plainview, but results were unavailable at press time.

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the event with a throw of 37-2.25 and beat out second place Tamesha Martin of Lubbock Estacado by about two feet.

Also advancing to regionals Thursday was senior Cycelye Tuitt and sophomore Katy Abner. Tuitt grabbed third in the long jump with a leap of 17-2.5. Abner grabbed the bronze in the pole vault after completing the event at 9-0. Lake View's Michelle Ruiz (10-0) and Kristi Rodriguez (9-6) finished first and second, respectively.



TUITT

Abner also advanced to today's finals in the 100 meter dash, taking third in the preliminaries with a time of :12.82. Ja'Leza Terrell will also run in the 100 meter dash finals after she qualified seventh with a :13.50.

Senior Airianne Brown sprinted to a second place finish in the 200 meter dash after crossing the line in :26.24. Plainview's Janet Abigide took first, but Brown will get another chance at the gold in the finals today.

Junior Raegan Ritchey qualified for the today's finals in both hurdle events. She grabbed fourth in the 100 hurdles with a time of :17.09 and qualified eighth in the 300 hurdles with a time of :51.77. Senior Elida Rodriguez will also be in the 300 hurdles finals after she qualified fifth with a :50.97.

Whitney Lewis just got into today's finals, as well. She competed in the 400 meter dash and finished seventh in the prelims with a 1:02.23.

Junior Britni Rodriguez also competed Thursday for the Lady Steers. She took part in the long jump and finished sixth, but did not qualify for the regional meet.

The finals begin today at 3 p.m., but results were unavailable at press time. The Region 1-4A meet will take place in San Angelo April 29-30.

Big Spring JH track Frenship Relays

Seventh grade girls - third place, 91 points
Long Jump: Iesha Simpson, first
Triple Jump: Simpson, second
High Jump: Macy Graves, second
400 relay: Callie Shafer, Emily Key, Selena Gonzales and Simpson, second
800 run: Angelica Doporto, fifth
100 hurdles: Linzee Yarbar, fifth
100 dash: Simpson, second
800 relay: Marisa Zavala, Yarbar, Shafer and Key, third
400 dash: Graves, sixth
200 dash: Simpson, first
1,600 relay: Shafer, Yarbar, Zavala and Key, fourth

Eighth grade girls - third place, 120 points
Triple Jump: Andrea Claxton, fifth
High Jump: Claxton, second; Bri Downes, fourth
Shot Put: Leslie Leal, third; Sarah Armentrout, sixth
Discus: Leal, second; Armentrout, third; Julia Villa, fifth
2,400 run: Megan Hilario, fourth
400 relay: Turquoise White, Tra Walker, Downes and Claxton, third
800 run: Catherine Leubner, first; Chelsea Franco, second
100 hurdles: Cheyenne Lesser, fifth
100 dash: Walker, fifth
400 run: Franco, third; Claxton, fifth
300 hurdles: Hilario, fifth; Lesser, sixth
200 dash: White, third
1,600 run: Hilario, fourth
1,600 relay: Franco, M'Lyn Swinney, Worthan and Claxton, third

Seventh grade boys
2,400 run: Daniel Segundo, first
400 relay: Tyler Tannehill, Nick Rodriguez, Martin Yanez and Monte Anderson, first
800 run: Daniel New, third; Steven Islas, fifth
110 hurdles: Tannehill, third
100 dash: Anderson, first; Yanez, second
800 relay: Tannehill, Mike Ritchey, Yanez and Rodriguez, second
400 dash: Yanez, first
200 dash: Anderson, second

Eighth grade boys
2,400 run: Jordan Valle, first; Nick Mendez, third; Sidney Parker, fourth
400 relay: Parker, Nick Doporto, Darius Mcallister and Giorgio Taylor, first
800 run: Josh Harris, sixth
110 hurdles: Jonathan Luna, fourth
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400 dash: Leon Torres, third
200 dash: White, fourth
300 hurdles: Luna, third

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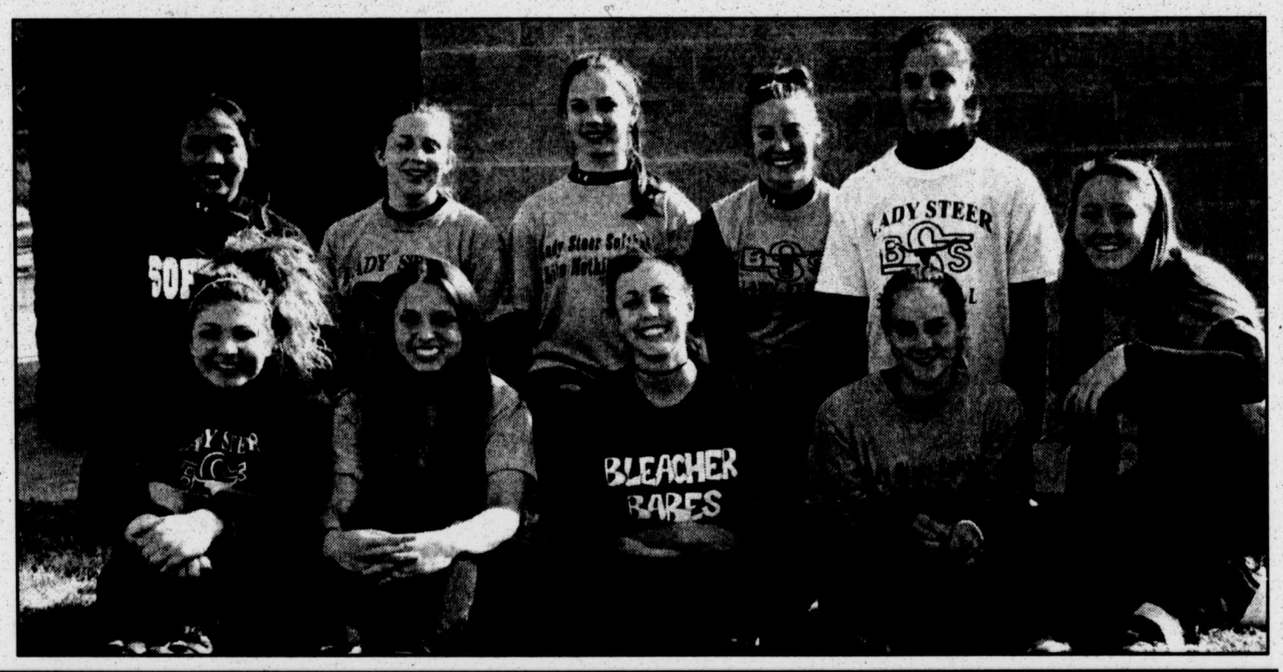


2005 Steer Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
April 1	*Andrews	(T)	7:00
April 5	*Frenship	(T)	7:30
April 8	*Estacado	(H)	5:00
April 12	*Plainview	(H)	5:00
April 15	*Lakeview	(T)	5:00
April 19	*Andrews	(H)	5:00
April 22	*Estacado	(T)	7:00
April 26	*Frenship	(H)	5:00
April 29	*Plainview	(T)	6:00

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Head Coach: Jason Phillips **Asst. Coaches: Kenny Lowery & Paul Hidalgo**



2005 Lady Steer Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	SITE	TIME
April 1	Midland Lee Soph	JV	(H)	5:30
April 1	*Estacado	V	(H)	4:00
April 5	*Plainview	V-JV	(H)	4/5:30
April 8	*Lakeview	V-JV	(T)	4:30/6
April 12	*Andrews	V-JV	(H)	4/5:30
April 14	Midland Lee Soph.	JV	(T)	4:30
April 15	*Estacado	V	(T)	4:30
April 19	*Frenship	V-JV	(H)	4/5:30
April 22	*Plainview	JV-V	(T)	4/6:00

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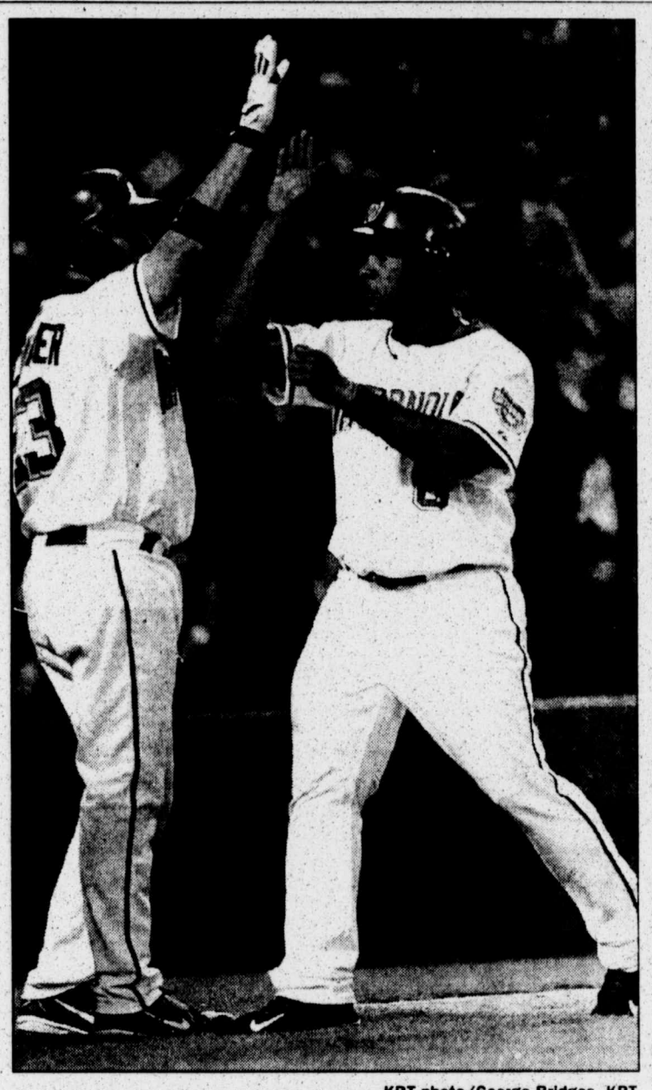
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meter dash and 200 meter dash. He grabbed third in the 100 preliminaries (:11.34) and finished fourth in the 200 (:23.38). Senior Bobby Newton also advanced in the 200 meter dash after finishing third in the prelims with a time of :23.27.

Jacob Nichols and Dylan Yarbrough are not on top of the 400 meter dash qualifiers, but advanced to finals after placing sixth and eighth, respectively.

Friday's finals began at 3 p.m. at the ASU Multipurpose Sports Complex, but results were unavailable at press time.



KRT photo/George Bridges, KRT

Washington's Brian Schneider (23) congratulates Jose Guillen (6) as he crosses the plate in the fourth inning of the Nationals' 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks in the Nationals' home opener at RFK stadium in Washington, D.C. Thursday.

Yankees, Red Sox rivalry extends to stands at Fenway

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Gary Sheffield turned to the Boston fan who hit him, his fist cocked and his temper hot.

Then, the New York Yankees outfielder stopped himself from doing something foolish.

"We have to give Sheffield a lot of credit," Boston's Johnny Damon said, "for him to restrain himself the way he did."

Sheffield was fielding Jason Varitek's two-run triple along the low right-field fence in the eighth inning of the Red Sox's 8-5 victory Thursday night when a fan swung a short uppercut in his direction, appearing to graze the side of the slugger's face with his right arm.

"Something hit me in the mouth. It felt like a hand," Sheffield said. "I thought my lip was busted."

After Sheffield picked up the ball, he shoved the fan before throwing the ball back to the infield as two runs scored.

"I tried to get his hand out of my face so I could continue on with the play," he said. "To get punched in the mouth, you don't expect that in a baseball game."

Sheffield then whirled around with a cocked fist, shouting in the face of the first man — but restrained himself and did not throw a punch. A security official quickly jumped over the three-foot wall to separate the two. Players and more security officials gathered in the area, but order was soon restored.

"I guess there's always one idiot in the stands," New York captain Derek Jeter said.

As Sheffield walked away, he rubbed the side of his face and then looked at his hand.

"It could have been worse if I didn't hold my composure," Sheffield said. "I almost snapped, but I thought about the consequences."

There had been plenty of action before that — three homers off Randy Johnson, the ejection of Boston manager Terry Francona and hitting coach Ron Jackson after questionable calls by plate umpire Greg Gibson and three hits and three RBIs by Hideki Matsui.

The teams already have seen plenty of each other, meeting six times in their first nine games with many memorable twists — a walk-off homer by Jeter, two blown saves by Mariano Rivera, a pregame ceremony where the Red Sox got their championship rings and two homers off Curt Schilling in a poor season debut.

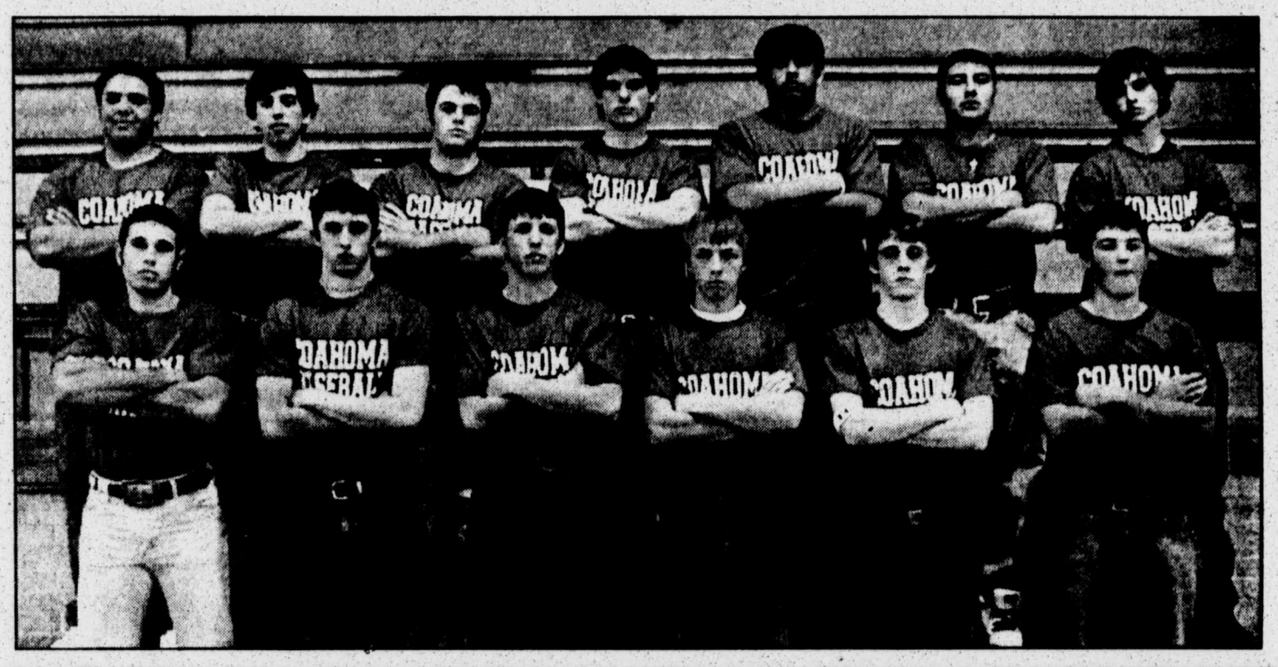
Damon led off Boston's eighth with a single and scored the go-ahead run on Renteria's double. David Ortiz was walked intentionally before Varitek lined his triple, putting right fielder Sheffield on a collision course with the unruly fan.

"These people shouldn't be allowed to walk the streets much less come to a ballgame," Torre said. "It was an ugly incident."

It could have been worse.

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2005 Bulldog Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
April 1	*Anson	Here	7:00
April 5	*Hawley	Here	7:00
April 8	Midland Trinity	There	6:00
April 9	Midland Christian	Here	12:00
April 12	*Stamford	Here	7:00
April 16	*Colorado City	Here	2:00
April 19	Midland Trinity	Here	7:00
April 22	*Anson	There	4:30
April 26	*Hawley	There	4:30
April 29	Sweetwater	There	7:00

*District Games

Head Coach: Brad Harman Asst. Coach: Coley Dobbs



2005 Lady Bulldog Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	SITE	TIME
April 1	*Anson	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
April 5	*Hawley	JV-V	(T)	5/7:00
April 8	Midland Christian	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
April 12	*Stamford	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
April 16	*Colorado City	JV-V	(H)	12/2:00
April 22	*Hawley	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
April 23	*Anson	JV-V	(T)	1/3:00
April 26	Lubb. Coronado	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00

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Head Coach: Robby Dickenson Asst. Coaches: Dicky Stone & Shanna Roberts

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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The fanciful flirt of the zodiac, Venus, dances into sensual Taurus, realm of bubble baths, gourmet chocolate and long stemmed roses. All things decadent suddenly seem worth the price, regardless of what that price may be. Over-indulgence is the danger, but if you're taking the time to enjoy every sensation, you'll be less likely to take in too much.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's happened before and it will happen again — one of life's twists picks you up and turns you in the opposite direction. Consider: Have you become the person you were going to be when you grew up?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New ideas and people compel you forward. Mistakes are par for the course, but you'll live with or improve upon whatever happens. You can't afford to (and can't bear to) stand still!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll spend time in an environment that seems bent on homogenizing your spirit. But you're not like anybody else! Fight for the right to be yourself. Leo and Aquarius understand your needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Fantasies fill your head. The more impossible they are, the more they'll help you create in the real world. Your imagination is the one place you can be completely free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your body is as strong and flexible as your mind. Keep challenging yourself through education. Slim down your schedule or too many obligations prevent you from doing your best work and earning as much as you could.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a study in opposites, especially this morning when your inner dialogue is a stark contrast to your actions — good thing, Whereas you may think you'd like to "freak out," you remain relaxed, amiable and entertaining.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It becomes obvious that a certain destination will not be reached any time soon. But don't lose heart or change your destination. Instead, get a different map, or change your driving directions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your zany wit goes right over the heads of some of people you're trying to communicate with. But humor and amusement is still the best way to approach your problems. Those who matter don't mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Approach love with your customary playfulness and you'll like what you get back. Singles are attracted to the eccentric one. Health tip: Drink tons of water, and you'll avoid what's going around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Real friends are like firemen at the scene of a burning building. They run in when everyone else is running out. Think about who your real friends are, and nurture those relationships above the rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends are talking crazy, but it's just the kind of crazy talk you need to be listening to. Hope is your success elixir. Drink up, and you'll grow as high as you can reach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Go beyond the call of duty. Giving up is the easiest thing in the world to do. That's why you're appreciated and admired for holding it together when nobody would expect you to.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Venus in Taurus reinforces that love is patient, kind ... and has expensive tastes. ARIES: Laugh! Nothing is sexier than someone who doesn't take it all too seriously. TAURUS: You approve of yourself and therefore don't seek approval from partners. Your strength is appealing. GEMINI: Perfection in love may be impossible, but settle for less than you deserve. CANCER: Give sweeties the benefit of the doubt and they'll extend you the same courtesy. LEO: Super high expectations of love can actually be met if you plan well. VIRGO: Romantic ties get tight with honest talk. LIBRA: Think of ways to keep love strong now instead of waiting until it's weak and then trying to fix things. SCORPIO: If you really believe that you caused your current romantic circumstances, you can create anything you want for the future. SAGITTARIUS: Someone young and sweet would love your attention. CAPRICORN: Increased magnetism has to do with being more curious about the world around you and a few key people in particular. AQUARIUS: You are still deciding your path to love. Take your time. PISCES: You overcome a romantic fear because you do the very thing that scares you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Aquarius feel the heat now. The strong social persona each exhibits is part of the mutual attraction. And both have a tendency not to want to get emotionally attached too quickly. That's why their dance of love is more delicious if it's a long, drawn-out process that's not at all easy. Activities that involve meeting the friends and showing off ignite the passion fires this weekend.

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Dear Annie: I am 60 years old, and my fiancee, "Judy," is 64. We met on the Internet and discovered a friendship, romance and love that we never knew existed. We both had been married twice before and knew this was special. Judy and I have been living together for eight months, and our wedding date is scheduled for May.

I have three sons from my previous marriages who are thrilled about Judy. In contrast, Judy's oldest daughter, "Kari," is completely hostile. She has turned on her mother for wanting a romantic relationship at this point in her life.

Kari and her husband are accustomed to visiting Judy every two or three weeks, freeloading and never offering anything in return. Now they see me as a gatekeeper. Kari continues to stir the pot, trying to get all of her siblings to turn on their mom, or, at least marginalizing her mother any way she can, and trying her very best to overturn our marriage plans.

This is so demoralizing and upsetting to Judy that she developed a bad case of shingles. Judy loves her children and continually asks me what she has done wrong to deserve this treatment. I would like to become close to her kids also, and I can't understand why they don't want their mother to be happy. Any ideas? — In Love

Dear In Love: Judy has done nothing wrong. There are some children who cannot abide the idea of their parents moving on with their lives. Judy needs to sit Kari down and tell her firmly that regardless of her machinations, the two of you are still going to marry and Kari had best adjust. Then Judy should speak separately to her other children, telling them how much their support means to her.

Dear Annie: Our small community recently got a new minister who is a fine young man with strong family values. Everyone likes him. The problem is that he has a pet monkey. The monkey lives on the front porch, and whenever anyone comes to call, he does very bad things. Of course, as soon as the minister or his wife appears, the monkey behaves, and they say, "Isn't he cute?"

An older gentleman from our congregation spoke to the minister in private about this. The minister told him, "He is one of God's beautiful creatures, and he's only playing." What can we do? — Embarrassed in Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: If the minister knows about the situation and refuses to do anything, the parishioners should inform him that they will not visit at his home unless God's beautiful creature is not monkeying around in the vicinity. (Of course, it's entirely possible the minister prefers it that way.)

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Justin," who went off to college last year. Upon leaving, he changed his e-mail address to one at the university, and also changed his cell phone number to reflect his new area code. However, Justin only mentioned this to a couple of friends, and as a result, numerous people have called me, complaining about his disconnected number and their returned e-mails.

I don't mind giving out the new numbers, but I'm wondering if perhaps it's a little rude to change such contact information without letting close friends know and just expect others to get the word out. Should I confront Justin? — Vexed in Virginia

Dear Vexed: We think Justin is preoccupied and a little lazy. He figures people will find him if they make the effort, and he's right. Suggest to Justin that he send a group e-mail noting the return address and his new phone number. Meanwhile, since you don't mind passing along his info, and Justin doesn't object to your giving it out, please retain your "good friend" status and continue.

Dear Annie: I think you missed a key point in your response to "Need a Solution," who is going through menopause and has no sexual desire.

As a man in my late 60s, I know the male has a big part to play here. Her husband refuses therapy, but this is my advice to him:

Do loving things. Help clear the table. Fix the faucet. Bring home two rosebuds. Give three hugs a day. Stroke her arm, hand or face. Say "I love you" more than once a week. Take her out to her favorite restaurant or a movie, and DON'T ask for sex afterward. These things show a loving attitude and "prime her pump." Her engine takes a lot longer to start up than yours.

In bed, make the prime focus meeting her needs. Her needs are more fragile, and her mood more easily squelched. Let her guide you. Because you are, like me, a clueless male, you need specifics. So try different techniques. Find out what pleases her and do it. You will love the results.

After sex, or even instead of, women love to cuddle. So hold her close for another 15 or 30 minutes. You might enjoy this part, too. My wife of 47 years tells me these things really work. Try them. — Man with a Happy Wife

Dear Man: You have given wise advice. That said, however, when a woman's sex drive is down to zero, sometimes kindness and thoughtfulness are not enough. Many menopausal women want to have a healthier sexual appetite, and the affectionate, considerate gestures you describe can produce a loving feeling, but they do not always create genuine desire. Here's more:

From New York: I, too, have no more interest in sex, but I figure it is a natural result of menopause. My husband and I still enjoy each other, and when he needs sex, I accommodate him, but I see no need to drug myself up to recreate a sex drive that has no biological basis.

Los Angeles: "Need a Solution" is perfectly normal. When the estrogen goes away, so do lots of other things. Why should she get medicated, counseled and blamed for a normal and healthy body change? I say it's her husband's problem. Why doesn't he go to the doctor and ask for medication to reduce his sex drive?

Let me tell you, all that energy I once put into sex, I use now for my own creative ventures. The results are very satisfying. I used to love sex, and now I can take it or leave it, and I'm a more developed person as a result. Men who are still in their teenage "let-me-have-sex-all-the-time" stage are boring.

Dear Annie: While the causes of women's problems with sex drive are multifactorial, the pharmaceutical industry seeks to promote hormonal "fixes" and has succeeded in creating awareness of the drug even before approval. The testosterone patch you mentioned was unanimously rejected for safety reasons at the FDA panel in early December.

Estrogen "replacement" hormones actually proved to increase risk for heart disease and breast cancer. Testosterone is known to produce acne, hirsutism and weight gain, and to accelerate heart disease.

The pharmaceutical companies are eager to tap this market, but hormones of all types have the potential for dangerous side effects. It would be far more prudent to consider the entire context of women's sexual functioning and recommend non-hormonal, non-drug solutions. I hope you will offer this alternative viewpoint to your readership. — Sincerely, Lucy M. Candib, M.D., Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School and Family Health Center of Worcester, Mass.

Annie's Snippet for April 15: "To err is human, but this you should learn: Don't be human on your tax return."

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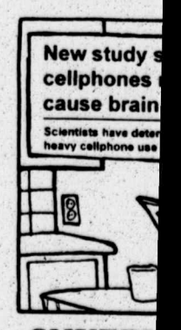
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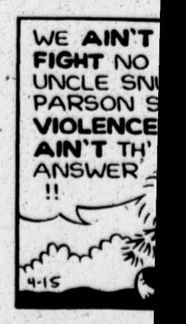
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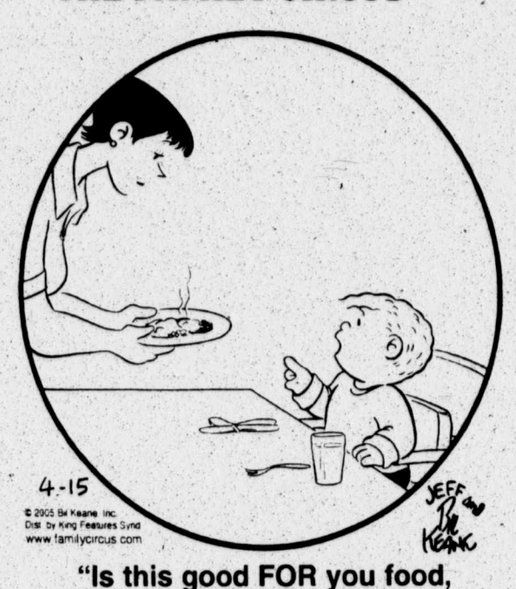
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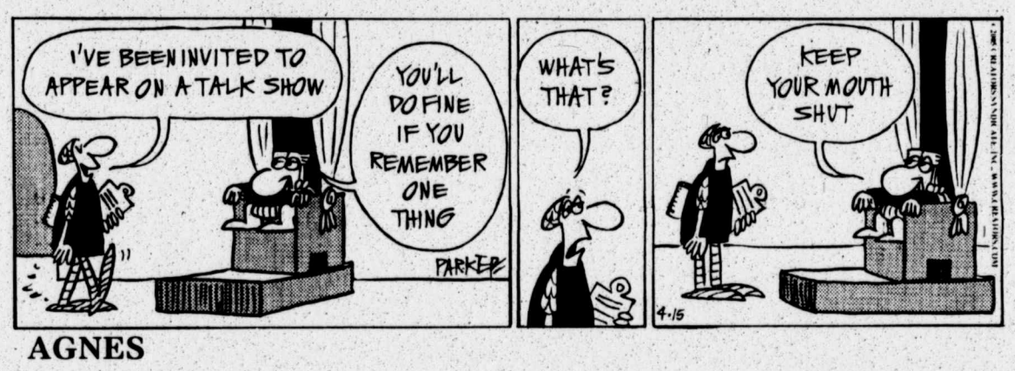
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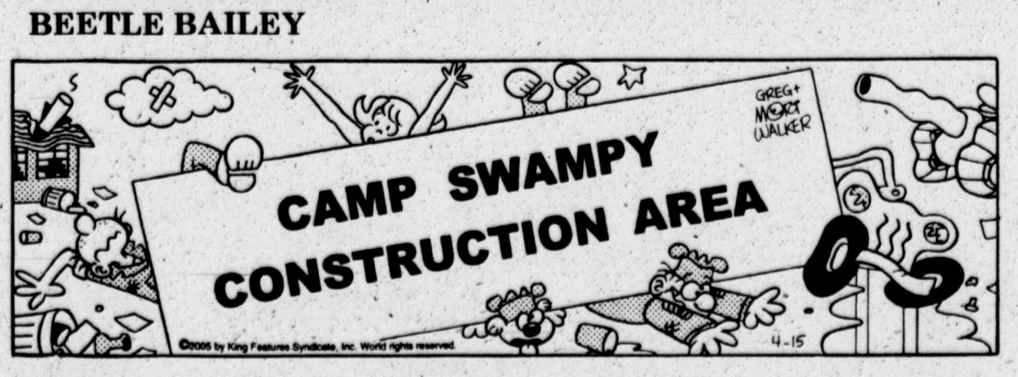
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 15, the 105th day of 2005. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

On this date:

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, who had died April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at the age of 74.

In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of two million Cambodians.

In 2002, retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White died at age 84.

Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton asked Congress to protect a short list of key legislation, saying he was giving the highest priority to welfare reform, targeted tax cuts and a crime bill preserving the assault weapons ban.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 83. Country singer Roy Clark is 72. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 61. Actress Lois Chiles is 58. Actress Amy Wright is 55. Columnist Heloise is 54. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 46. Singer Samantha Fox is 39. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 37. Actor Flex Alexander is 35.

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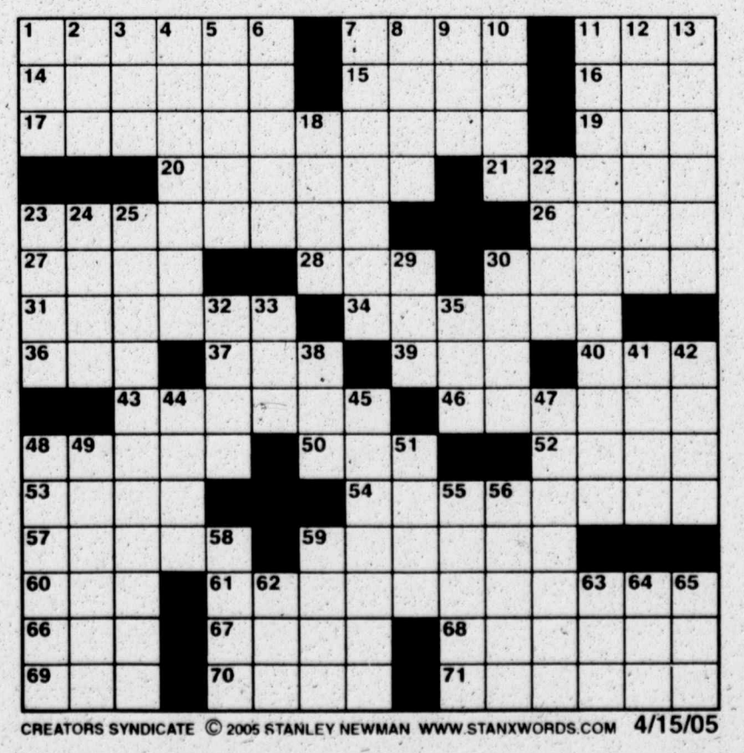
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HIDDEN ESCAPES by Fred Piscop
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53 *The Women* playwright
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60 "To a . . ." poem
61 ABAB, e.g.
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68 *Monster* Oscar winner
69 Nine-digit ID
70 Train in the ring
71 Mariachi's wrap

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Early set for short irons

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Many golfers stiffen their wrists and make an overly wide "all-arms" swing when using a short iron. This results in hitting behind the ball, which robs the ball of the loft it needs to get high enough into the air.

To correct this problem, you should use an early set of the hands, as I am demonstrating in the photos below. But first make sure your setup is correct. Take a look at the top photo and notice the following:

• The club head (I'm using a 9-iron) is positioned in the center of my stance. I'll hit down on the ball from here.

• The majority of my weight is on my forward foot (about 60 percent). There isn't as much weight transfer when you hit a short iron.

• I have established a straight-line relationship from the tip of my forward (left) shoulder to the club head.

• The butt end of the club handle is pointing to the inside of my left thigh, the proper position for all clubs.

Now look at my position at the very beginning of my swing in the bottom photo and notice the features of an early set:

• The club head has moved only a foot.

• My lower body has not moved; I still have the same weight distribution I had in photo 1.

• There is no longer a straight-line relationship from the tip of my left shoulder to the club head. There is a "break" at the hands.

• The butt end of the club handle is now pointing to the middle of my thigh, indicating the beginning of the early set.

To accomplish this early set — and this is the key — I have soft, tension-free wrists. You cannot have frozen wrists and set the club correctly.

From here I will continue to cock my wrists and complete my shoulder turn, establishing the upright swing plane that is the prerequisite for hitting down sharply on the ball with a short iron.

A sound short-iron backswing contains two key elements — a wrist cock and a full shoulder turn — and although their sequence is a matter of preference, most good golfers set their hands earlier vs. later for the short irons. As the ball is moved forward and the weight adjusted more toward the back foot (for the longer irons and woods), the wrist set most often occurs later in the backswing.

Some good players set their hands early for all their full shots, and that is OK, too, as long as you complete your shoulder turn. What is not OK is to have little or no set on the short irons.





To accomplish an early set (bottom), I have soft, tension-free wrists. You can't have frozen wrists and set correctly.

COMMENTARY



BRANT SANDERLIN / Cox News Service

Tiger Woods casts a large shadow during completion of Round 3 Sunday at the Masters.

Picture perfect

Woods emerges as the face of the Masters future

By GREG STODA
Cox News Service

Augusta, Ga.

The mind's portrait appears in see-your-breath shades of light and shadow on a Sunday morning at the Masters.

There strides Tiger Woods at work through Amen Corner in a performance so galvanizing it echoes not just across the rolling landscape of Augusta National Golf Club, but across history.

This is his tournament now.

These are his grounds now.

Neither of those things was quite true before this spring. Not really. Not even with the three championships Woods had earned before adding this fourth one. The ghosts of Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus were too much alive — Palmer's in the feel of yesterday and Nicklaus' in the reality of today — to afford Woods room for anything other than tomorrow.

But everything changes starting here.

There's a new timeline sifting and shifting into place.

Palmer has taken himself away from the Masters proper, and Nicklaus has said he intends to.

Woods, meanwhile, has accelerated his own emergence. He is without argument a face of the Masters from past to present . . . and *the* face of the tournament's future.

The question therein, however, is this: How many Augusta National tomorrows will he choose to give?

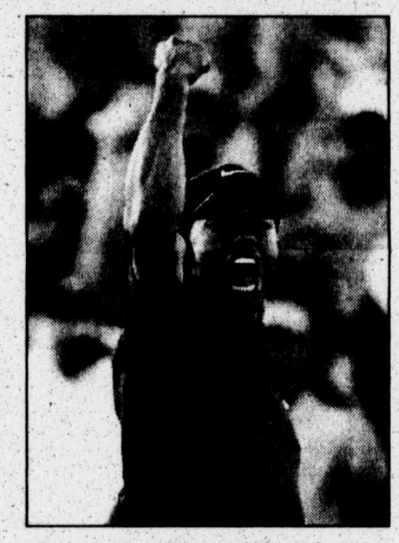
It's difficult, of course, to imagine the 29-year-old Woods as an elder. He and his wife, Elin, after all, still are all but newlyweds.

So, too, it's difficult to imagine hearing Woods give voice to that which the 65-year-old Nicklaus did in his apparent Masters farewell announcement Saturday.

"Having been a young kid and playing here at 19 years old and growing with the tournament . . . growing into the ability to win . . . having a great number of memorable experiences," Nicklaus said. "It's a treasure for me."

Woods was a 19-year-old kid, too, when he first played the Masters in 1995.

Will he treasure Augusta National as long and as deeply as Nicklaus does?



Someday Tiger Woods could emerge not just as the Masters champion most honored, but also as the most important Masters champion.

"No golf course," Woods offered in glow of victory, "is comparable to this."

But will he hold an enduring affection for the event and for Augusta National itself beyond the land on which he performs?

Woods, in good mood, is a terrific conversationalist. He is insightful when he wants to be, and often inclined to playful verbal sparring in the mode of Nicklaus.

His growth as a player is obvious.

That 19-year-old kid? Please.

"I bombed it down every fairway," Woods said. "I had a wedge. I flew it over most galleries. That's not good.

"I had the length to play this place, but I had no understanding of my golf swing or distance control or shot-making. I had no clue."

He does now, obviously.

Woods was unrelenting in blitzing Augusta National's 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th holes with Sunday morning birdies to suddenly seize the Masters lead. If he hadn't performed so well during that half-hour span, what Woods did later — hole out a brilliant chip shot at the 16th hole of the fourth round — might not have mattered.

He might not have gotten to a playoff with Chris DiMarco to beat him there.

It was the morning birdie at the 11th to begin the trek around Amen Corner that moved Woods to throw an overhand right punch into the smoky air of his own exhale.

That's the portrait worthy of framing.

Woods, in winning his fourth green jacket emblematic of Masters mastery, tied Palmer in that regard. Nicklaus' six Augusta National triumphs stand as Woods' long-term (or, perhaps, short-term the way things are going) goal.

There also is the matter of Woods' pursuit of Nicklaus' record 18 professional major championships. He's halfway there.

But the foundation of whatever Woods' eventual greatness turns out to be seems firmly set in Augusta National and the Masters.

"It would be kind of cool," Woods said when questioned about the intersection of his most recent victory and Nicklaus' assumed last stand in the tournament.

Too flippant a reply, perhaps, or too cute or too smart-aleky.

But he is too sharp of mind not to discover a voice for more artistic discussions of what he has come — and yet will come — to mean to the Masters.

And it's worth noting how Augusta National itself embraces its most prolific winners.

Palmer is and forever will be beloved.

Nicklaus is and forever will be hailed.

The aging and maturation of Woods — and the development of his relationship with Augusta National — might be especially interesting to watch. He is a man of mixed-race parentage who has become a most remarkable representative of an institution with a well-documented history of bigotry and a continuing practice of exclusionary membership policy.

That's not to suggest Woods will, or needs to be, a spokesman on such matters. The point is that he someday could emerge not just as the Masters champion most honored, but also as the Masters champion most important.

More portraits await.

— Greg Stoda is a columnist for The Palm Beach Post

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT

PGA TOUR
MCI Heritage
• **Site:** Hilton Head Island, S.C.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
• **Course:** Harbour Town Golf Links (6,973 yards, par 71).
• **Purse:** $5.1 million. Winner's share: $918,000.
• **Television:** USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Takefuji Classic
• **Site:** Las Vegas.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Saturday.
• **Course:** The Las Vegas Country Club (6,550 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** $1.1 million. Winner's share: $165,000.
• **Television:** ESPN2 (Thursday-Friday, 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 5-7 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Spanish Open
• **Site:** Cadiz, Spain.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
• **Course:** San Roque Club (7,003 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** $2.14 million. Winner's share: $356,870.
• **Television:** The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
• **Next event:** Legends of Golf, April 22-24, The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, Savannah, Ga.

NATIONWIDE TOUR
• **Next event:** Virginia Beach Open, April 21-24, TPC of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach, Va.

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS

1. Tiger Woods, USA	**13.86**
2. Vijay Singh, Fij	12.31
3. Ernie Els, SAf	**10.70**
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.46
5. Retief Goosen, SAf	**7.90**
6. Padraig Harrington, Ire	5.51
7. Chris DiMarco, USA	**5.32**
8. Sergio Garcia, Spn	5.11
9. David Toms, USA	**5.06**
10. Adam Scott, Aus	4.94
11. Stewart Cink, USA	**4.84**
12. Mike Weir, Can	4.74
13. Luke Donald, Eng	**4.58**
14. Davis Love III, USA	4.40
15. Kenny Perry, USA	**4.36**
16. Stuart Appleby, Aus	4.07
17. Darren Clarke, NIr	**3.96**
18. M.A. Jimenez, Spn	3.91
19. Chad Campbell, USA	**3.63**
20. Tom Lehman, USA	3.52

PGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. Phil Mickelson	**$3,842,456**
2. Tiger Woods	$3,687,090
3. Vijay Singh	**$2,936,413**
4. David Toms	$2,256,643
5. Fred Funk	**$1,771,000**
6. Luke Donald	$1,766,427
7. Retief Goosen	**$1,698,408**
8. Adam Scott	$1,657,748
9. Chris DiMarco	**$1,541,278**
10. Tom Lehman	$1,346,893

LPGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. A. Sorenstam	**$660,000**
2. Cristie Kerr	$286,959
3. Rosie Jones	**$241,925**
4. Lorena Ochoa	$205,750
5. Jennifer Rosales	**$186,347**
6. Laura Diaz	$153,306
7. Hee-Won Han	**$152,530**
8. Juli Inkster	$142,910
9. Karrie Webb	**$130,353**
10. Soo-Yun Kang	$101,485

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Player	Money
1. Hale Irwin	**$746,606**
2. Dana Quigley	$459,247
3. Mark McNulty	**$408,689**
4. Wayne Levi	$405,501
5. Des Smyth	**$302,506**

THE GOLF DOCTOR

This lesson costs a nickel

In the full swing, it's necessary to rotate your forearms as part of a proper release because your goal is to return the club face at impact so that it's looking at the target.

However this is exactly the action you don't want on a splash shot from a greenside bunker. In this case, forearm rotation will cause the club face of your sand wedge to dig into the sand instead of bounce, sending the ball into the wall of the bunker.

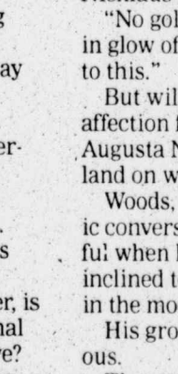
To get the feel of the proper arm action, use this drill: Put some sand on the face of your sand wedge and stick a nickel to it. Then take your stance, but bypass your backswing and go directly to a halfway follow-through position, keeping the club face level so the nickel stays in place.

You will quickly learn that to do this, you must release your back foot and knee in order to keep your hands and arms from turning the face over and dumping the nickel in the sand.

Complete the drill by taking a three-quarter backswing, skimming the sand and stopping in the same halfway-through position that you took with the nickel on the face (of course, you have to take the nickel off the club face before you complete the drill or you will lose it on the backswing).

Once you get the feel of moving the club head without rotating your forearms, put a ball in the way of your drill swing and watch how high the ball comes out.

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Q: I just began playing, and every shot I take ends up to the right of the fairway or green. If I'm using my driver, I have a nasty slice. If I'm using my irons, I don't slice as much, but the ball still ends up to the right. I've tried moving my hands and everything else I can imagine. Does this sound like something a beginner deals with? Is there any way I can fix this? — **Nick L, Peoria, Ill.**

A: Yes, it does sound like something many beginners deal with. Golf is often counterintuitive, and therefore the "everything else I can imagine" phrase in your question leads me believe that you are imagining the wrong things.

The slice you describe is the result of having the wrong concept of how your arms should work. So before anything else, you need to feel the proper forearm rotation by doing the following drill.

Using a 7-iron, take your normal stance. But before you place your hands on the club, twist the club head so the toe is ahead of the heel in a closed position. Now take your grip.

Tee up a ball and take a slow, half-swing — halfway back to halfway through — and watch the ball hook. It will be a low shot and not very accurate, but you're not trying to hit a target. You're trying to hit a hook — something you've never done. Repeat 10 times.

Now that you've produced right-to-left spin, recognize that it came from a club face that was closed at impact. Your club face is always wide open, and that's why you slice.

To close the club face in a real swing, you must grip the club correctly and rotate your forearms as you approach impact. This has the same effect as the toe-closed drill, but is more reliable. How much you rotate them and when will be revealed to you by the greatest of all teachers — practice.