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HOOPIN' IT UP



Ken 'Webb' Davis of Runnels County gets into the spirit of "Hoops, Dreams and Goals," the annual one-day basketball tournament put on by West Texas Centers for MHMR Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. See more photos on Page

Papers filed to remove constable

State officials decline to extend deadline for Winn

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A petition to have County Howard Constable Mark Winn removed from office was filed by County Attorney Mike Thomas Friday afternoon after state officials declined to further extend Winn's deadline to become a certified peace officer.

Winn's qualification for the office of constable, which requires state peace officer certification within 270 days of being elected, came under fire by county commissioners last month.

During a recent meeting, Winn told commissioners he was only three courses short of being

"If TCLOSE is going to ask the AG to file the petition, they're basically asking him to do my job for



County Attorney

me. I didn't feel like that was appropriate."

able to take the state mandated test, requesting funding for those courses. "I'm asking for \$800 to

finish the courses," Winn

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Amendment to be placed on statewide ballots in May

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will have more to decide than just the outcome of local elections May 12, as a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution will also be on the ballot, according to local election officials.

The amendment is meant to address Texas taxpayers over the age of 65 or who are disabled and were unable to benefit from last year's statemandated reduction in school district taxes.

Taxpayers falling within those two categories have their tax rates frozen, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, making them ineligible to benefit from the reductions. The amendment corrects that oversight.

It will read: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

While state business will be featured on the ballot, area voters will have several other matters to resolve — mainly, filling some seats for city rep-

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Who's running?

City Government

Big Spring

Mayor: James "Jim" Hicks, Russ McEwen (I), Shannon Thomason District 5: Woody Jumper, David Scott, Troy Tompkins

Coahoma

Mayor: Bill Read (I), Billy Sullivan Two at-large council seats: David Elmore (I), Odis Franklin, Ricky Stone (I)

School Boards

Big Spring ISD District 5: Mike Dawson (I), Terri Myrick District 6: Jeff Brorman, Tom Ralston, Ricky

Robertson (I) District 7: Phil Furqueron (I)

Coahoma ISD Two at-large seats: Sissy Franklin (I), Danny Martin, James White (I)

Forsan ISD

Two at-large seats: Chris Evans, Glenn Graves, Tom Bill Kuykendall (I), Nancy Raney

Stanton ISD

District 1: Daniel Ramos District 5: Darren Patrick, Dr. Pablo Teveni

Bond issue, ISD trustees to be determined by voters

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

A bond issue and more than a handful of contested elections will be going on in the Crossroads area, come May

Howard College won't have a trustee election in 2007, but will be presenting a \$21.6 million bond proposal to voters. College trustees agreed earlier this year to present the bond, which would pay for building renovations and utility upgrades. Targeted for renovation are the Practical Arts, Music, Administration, Student Union and Science buildings, while officials plan to upgrade sewer, electric and HVAC systems throughout the campus.

All eligible residents of Howard County will be able to vote on the college bond issue. That's in contrast to the public school board elections, which require that voters reside within a particular school district — and in some cases, a trustee district within the school district.

Locally, two of the three trustee seats up for election the Big Spring Independent School district will be contested. Terri Myrick is challenging incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while Jeff Brorman and Tom Ralston are taking on incumbent Ricky Robertson — and each other — for the

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I-20 Wreck

Emergency personnel responded to this accident near the 187 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20 Friday morning. According to officials at the scene, the driver of this truck lost control of the tractor trailer and plowed into a field across the North Service Road. The driver and passenger sustained only minor injuries and were treated at the scene.

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Sports

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

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IN BRIEF

Relay for Life Volleyball Tourney

Saturday, April 7 there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life.

Registration start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The tournament is open to all age groups.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Baseball Teens League is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Howard Hawks athletic schedule

The Hawks have moved their softball game with conference Clarendon rival College to Sunday.

Due to the recent weather, the game has been rescheduled and the teams are expected to play a tripleheader Sunday. The first game is set for 10 a.m.

To confirm game times or for additional information, call the Hawk Hotline at 264-5169.

Longhorns whip **OU Sooners**

Kyle Russell's fifth inning home run broke a 2-2 tie and helped lead Texas to a win over Oklahoma on Friday night.

The Longhorns (24-8, 6-1 Big 12) took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the seventh, but the Sooners narrowed the gap in the eighth with Shepherd's run-scoring single to right field. Randy Boone earned his eighth save of the season, striking out Joseph Hughes to end the game.

Hughes hit a solo home run in the top of the third for Oklahoma (20-8, 2-2).

James Russell (6-2) got the win, allowing two runs on six hits over 5 2-3 innings. He struck out seven. Stephen Porlier (4-2) took the loss. H

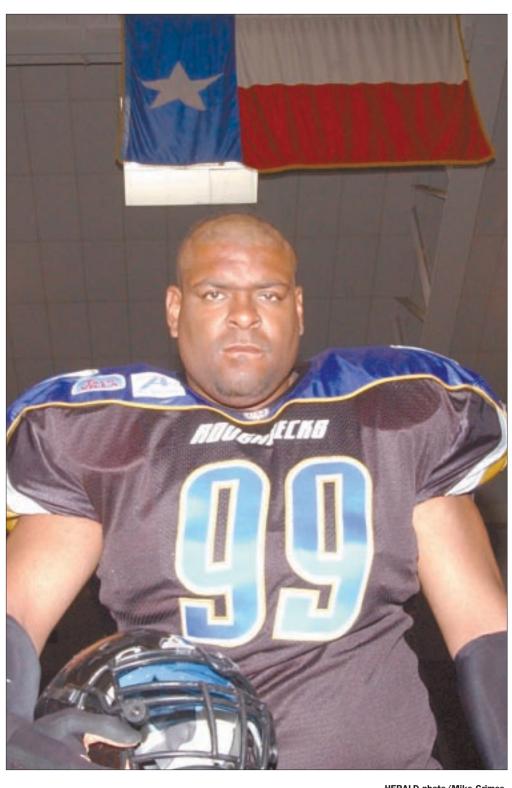
Aggies errors lead to Nebraska win

Jeff Tezak hit a double and a triple, driving in four runs, to lead Nebraska to an 11-4 win Friday over Texas A&M.

Nebraska broke open the game with a four-run ninth inning. The Aggies committed errors.

Football arrives in Big Spring

Roughnecks play pre-season game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum



Ahmad Childress will take the football field Saturday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when the Roughnecks host the San Angelo Stampede. Childress is a defensive end who started for two years for the University of Alabama and spent 2004 playing for the Detroit Lions and 2005 with the New York Giants in the NFL.

Rockets use OT to get past Lakers

By KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Yao Ming scored 39 points and the Houston Rockets overcame Kobe Bryant's 53 points to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 107-104 in overtime Friday night.

Bryant, who went 19-of-44 from the floor, hit a dramatic 3-pointer late in regulation to help the Lakers catch the Rockets, but he missed another 3pointer as time was running out in overtime.

Yao, who had 11 rebounds, went 17-of-21 from the free throw line and 11-of-18 from the floor. Tracy McGrady had 30 points and 10 assists for the Rockets, with 15 points coming at the line.

Rafer Alston added 19 points and made a pair of free throws with 15 seconds left for the final margin as the Rockets outscored the Lakers 7-0 to end the extra period.

Bryant scored 25 of the last 28 points for the Lakers, who trailed 88-76 with 4:31 left in regulation before he led them

Bryant scored 50 or more points for the fifth time in the last seven games, for the eighth time this season and 19th time in his career. But he bounced a 3-point try off the rim and the Rockets rebounded as overtime ended.

Yao intentionally fouled Kwame Brown with 16 seconds remaining in regulation, and Brown missed both free throws. But Bryant got the long

rebound off to the left and made a fallaway 3-pointer to tie it at 95.

McGrady then missed a jumper, with Bryant guarding him, as time ran out in regulation.

Bryant was coming off a 23-point game in an 88-86 loss to Memphis. He had scored at least 40 in the previous five games, including at least 50 in the first four. He scored 65 in one of those and 60 in another.

Lamar Odom had 16 points and 17 rebounds for the Lakers before fouling out with 15 seconds left in overtime.

Chuck Hayes had 14 rebounds and six points for Houston.

Bryant had 25 points by halftime, but was the only Lakers' scorer in double figures and the Rockets were up 53-48.

Yao had 20 first-half points, going 12-of-13 from the free throw line, and McGrady added 16 points.

Yao scored 12 points in the first quarter to help Houston take a 31-22 lead. Bryant had 10 points on 4of-9 shooting for Los Angeles.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said playing 82 regular-season games causes injuries, and suggested that the NBA consider cutting back. "Our league has to discuss the number of games we play. Eighty-two games is too many," he said before the game. "They train yearround. During the season they play 3 1/2 games a

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Mavericks nip Knicks; close in on No. 1 seed

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — As much as Stephon Marbury tried, he couldn't keep Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks from a record night.

There's a big difference between a team closing in on a No. 1 seed and another just hoping to remain in contention for a playoff spot.

Marbury felt he had to do it alone for the injury-depleted New York Knicks. Nowitzki had help, though he didn't need much.

"In the fourth, I wanted to go into attack mode and make stuff happen," Nowitzki said.

Nowitzki scored 17 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, including nine straight in the final 1:56, and the Mavericks beat New York 105-103 Friday night for their franchise-record 61st victory.

Marbury had a season-high 43 points, but his undoing at the end kept the Knicks from forcing overtime. After twice putting the Knicks ahead in the closing stretch, his bad pass with 21 seconds left was stolen by Jason Terry. Marbury's final shot was blocked to end the game.

"It's a learning experience when we got that turnover. They were trying to double and get the ball out of my hands," Marbury said of his attempted pass to Renaldo Balkman. "But he got caught up and couldn't get there. He's a rookie."

A three-point play by Marbury



MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram New York Knicks' Channing Frye guards Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard at the American Airlines Center in Dallas,

Friday night. put the Knicks up 101-100 with ever seen him play in this tonight. It's a bitter and tough 1:18 left. Nowitzki then made two free throws, but Marbury

league. Mentally, physically, he's been a rock," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said. "He did everything answered with another basket. "This is the best basketball I've he could possibly do for us

loss but it's one we have to learn from."

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Tips for Sharing Easter Joy from BrightIdeas.com

arm spring breezes carry the promise of rebirth and new life. Spread the spirit of loving kindness this Easter season by making an extra Easter basket. Give it to someone who's not expecting it, or drop it off at a local shelter, home or school where someone is in need. This simple act of kindness will inspire others to pass along their generosity too.

Spread the spirit of kindness

- Get the kids into the Easter spirit. Encourage them to make baskets for the lunchroom monitors, the janitor or the crossing guard.
- Throw an "Add A Basket" party. Your guests will make treat baskets to give away to local
- Send an Easter e-Basket. Create a beautiful, virtual e-Basket with a message of kindness to friends and family. They just might "spread it forward." Go to www.BrightIdeas.com/addabasket.
- For e-Basket links, special basket tags, themed invitations for "Add A Basket" party and more creative ideas for an eggs-traordinary Easter, visit www.BrightIdeas.com.

Funny Bunny Cookies

Why not create these hilarious Easter bunnies with your little ones and make up a story about them, too!

Makes 18 bunnies

Prep time: 20 minutes Baking time: 12 to 15 minutes Decoration time: 30 minutes Difficulty: Moderate

- 1 bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
 1 bag Starburst Fun Size Fruit Chews for Easter, unwrapped
 1 tube or bag M&M'S Minis (optional for the bunny's basket)
- Yellow and orange food coloring 18-ounce package refrigerated cookie dough
- 1 16-ounce container white frosting
- 1. Thinly roll cookie dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Press out two sizes of cookies: 3-inch cookies for bunnies' bodies, and 1-inch cookies for
- bunnies' heads. 2. Arrange cookies on baking sheet, placing smaller cookies next to larger cookies. Press edges of two sets of cookies together. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 12 to 15 minutes, then cool.
- 3. Divide icing into 3 small bowls. Tint one bowl with a few drops of orange food coloring and one with yellow. Frost 1/3 of cookies orange, 1/3 yellow and 1/3 white.
- 4. Soften the Fruit Chews for Easter in microwave for 10 seconds. Mold candy into bunny ears and feet, then press into iced cookies to attach. Dot bunnies' faces with Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter for eyes, noses and mouths.

For the bunny's basket: Soften one unwrapped Fruit Chews for Easter piece in your hand (or for 5 seconds in the microwave) and divide into two equal parts. Shape half into 1-1/2 inch handle. Shape other half into semi-circle for basket body. Make diagonal marks across semi-circle with tip of knife. Press rope into two outside edges of semi-circle, making a basket. Place basket on frosted cookie and fill with several M&M'S Minis.

For the bunny's carrot: Soften one unwrapped, orange Fruit Chews for Easter piece in your hand (or for 5 seconds in the microwave) and shape into 1-inch-long cone to resemble a carrot. For carrot top, soften one green Fruit Chews piece for Easter in same way, then flatten and cut into spiky fronds. Press to attach them to carrot and put carrot on cookie.

Spring Bud Cupcakes

Welcome spring with a blossoming batch of cupcakes.

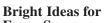
Prep time: 20 minutes

Makes 24 cupcakes

Bake time: 17 to 21 minutes Decoration time: 20 minutes Difficulty: Easy

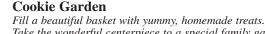
- bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
- cups chopped 3 Musketeers Minis for Easter 18.25-ounce box yellow cake mix
- 12-ounce cans whipped vanilla frosting Red, blue, yellow and purple food coloring
- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cupcake pan with paper cupcake liners. 2. Prepare cake mix according to package directions, folding in
- chopped candy.
- 3. Divide batter evenly between cups; bake until golden (about 17 to 21 minutes). Transfer to wire rack; cool completely.
- 4. Divide 1 can vanilla frosting into quarters, tinting one red, one blue, one yellow and one purple.

5. With remaining vanilla frosting, cover tops of cupcakes. Fit resealable plastic bags or piping bags with star tips. Spoon one color of tinted frosting into each bag. Pipe yellow frosting centers, and then pipe colored frosting rosettes around edges. Decorate cupcakes with coordinating colors of M&M'S on tops of rosettes.



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ideas complete with invitations and party favors. Visit www.BrightIdeas.com for tastefully sweet ideas for year-round celebrations.



Take the wonderful centerpiece to a special family gathering. Makes 12 cookies

Prep time: 15 minutes Bake time: 10 to 12 minutes Decoration time: 30 minutes Difficulty: Moderate

Assorted Starburst Jellybeans, M&M'S Milk Chocolate Speckled Eggs and Dove Chocolate Eggs
1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough

- 1 16-ounce container white frosting
- Assorted food coloring 12 lollipop sticks

Small basket, Styrofoam or green floral oasis and $Easter\ grass\ (optional)$

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll cookie dough to 1/4-inch thickness.
- 2. Using your favorite holiday cookie cutters, press out cookies from each shape. Press lollipop sticks into bottom half of cookies.
- 3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes; cool completely on wire rack. 4. Color frosting with a variety of food coloring.
- Frost cookies and press on assorted jellybeans and speckled eggs.
- 5. For display, press Styrofoam into a basket and cover with Easter grass. Arrange cookie pops by pressing sticks into Styrofoam. Decorate grass with sprinkling of jellybeans and chocolate eggs.



Here's a special delivery filled with first-class Easter treats.

Makes 1 bunny

Prep time: 20 minutes Difficulty: Easy

Assorted candies like Fun Size Starburst Jellybeans, Dove Milk and Dark Chocolate Eggs, and Fun Size M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter

- 10- by 13-inch envelope
- piece each pink and blue felt, construction paper or foam
- cotton ball large chenille pipe cleaners
- Non-toxic glue 2 google eyes
- 1. Using printable template (http://www.brightideas.com /easter/pop_1396.shtml) as a guide, cut envelope into shape of bunny face with ears. Cut pink felt into two ear shapes, and glue them onto bunny ears.
- 2. Twist two pipe cleaners together in middle, forming an "X" for nose and whiskers. Glue pipe cleaners at twist onto center of bunny face. Glue cotton ball on top of
- 3. Cut two small hearts from blue felt for eyes. Glue them just above whiskers. Glue a google eye in center of each felt heart.
- 4. Shape remaining pipe cleaner into a smile, and place it just underneath whiskers.
- 5. Fill opening at top with Easter grass and an assortment of candy.



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Obituaries

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Della Lynn

Della Lynn, 54, died Friday, March 30, 2007, in Memphis, Texas. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2007, at Travis Baptist Church in Memphis with the Rev. Johnnie Snider officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home in Memphis.

She was born April 21, 1952, in Roswell, N.M. to Dow Aplin and Ruby (Breechen) Aplin. She grew up in Funston and graduated from LaPryor High School. She married Shorty Lynn Nov. 1, 1968, in Del Rio. He preceded her in death Oct. 27, 2001. She was active for several years with the VFW Ladies Auxilliary and was a member of Travis Baptist Church in Memphis. She was a housewife.

She is survived by three children, Ginny Martin and husband Steve of Memphis, Jackie Lynn and wife Ami of Silverton and Samantha Cimino and husband Steve of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one brother, L.D. Aplin and wife Doris of Greensville; and one sister, Kathy Chowning and husband Steve of San Angelo.

Stella Mae Barnard

Stella Mae Barnard, 93, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 30, 2007, in a Rockwall nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of Springcreek Fellowship Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Stella was born to Willis G. and Lola Mae Page July 15, 1913, in Rotan. She sold Avon and worked in the lunch room at Big Spring Independent School District for more than 20 years. Stella was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, H.G. and Barbara Barnard of Greenville; four grandsons, 10 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Barnard; and her daughter, Lillie Mae Fryar.

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

Support Groups

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or nonalcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

- BENJAMIN GARZA, 27, of 1312 Virginia, was arrested Friday on six local warrants.
- SHAMAR THOMAS MYLES, 21, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while license invalid and displaying an expired registration certificate.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500
- block of Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Vines

Take Note

- A MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND has been set up at State National Bank for Phyllis Jones, who will undergo a bone marrow transplant in Dallas on April 8. Phyllis has worked at Elrod's for the past three years. Her husband, Jerry, works at Higginbotham-Bartlett. Your prayers and financial support are appreciated by the family.
- ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriquez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Weather

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

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families have called Midland Memorial Hospital home.

Monday, April 2 at 7:00pm

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County
- Library conference room, 500 S. Main. Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center
- at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet today.

Lottery

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Meghann Nicole Turney and Jesse Lee Metcalf III

Turney-Metcalf

Meghann Nicole Turney of Lamesa and Jesse Lee Metcalf III of Coahoma announce their intention to marry at 4 p.m. June 23, 2007, at Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kathy Turney of Lamesa. She is the granddaughter of the late Alvin O'Neil and Patsy O'Neil of Lamesa.

The future groom is the son of Jesse and Lori Metcalf Jr. He is the grandson of the late Jesse Metcalf Sr., "Tuff" and Helen Metcalf of Coahoma and William Brown of Big Spring and Mary Whitsitt of Vernon.

Meghann is attending Howard College and plans to enroll in the nursing program in the fall.

graduated from Jesse Howard College and is a deputy for the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Who's Who

Terrell S. Bibb of Big Spring has recently become recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at Texas Tech University.

Lubbock Christian University had 228 graduates who participated in commencement exercises in December and among those that graduated were Lorri Lyn DelaGarza and Shelli Harrington, both of Big Spring, and Lauren Nichole Green Coahoma.

DelaGarza otained aa Bachelor of Science and Organizational Management degree. She is married to Tony DelaGarza. While at LCU, Lorri was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was listed on both, the president's and dean's lists.

Obtaining an under-

graduate Harrington is married to Brandon Harrington. She graduated with Bachelor of Science and Organizational Management degree.

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Green received Bachelor of Business Administration Marketing degree. She is the daughter of James and Cheryl Green of Coahoma. While at LCU, Lauren was a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society, Who's Who Among College Students as well as an orientation leader. She also was listed on the president's list for the fall 2006 semester.

Suraj Patel, a student at Big Spring High School, has been accepted to the Academy Mathematics and Science. He is the son of Nandlar

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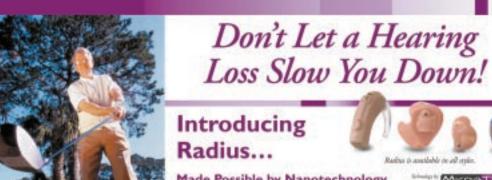
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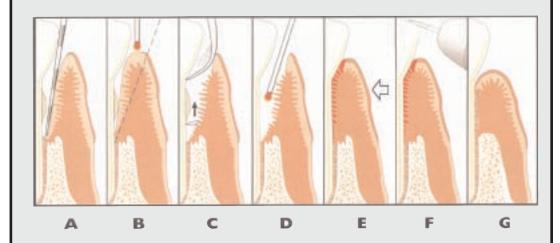
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Big Spring ISD Monday: Breakfast, cereal, string cheese, apple juice, milk; Lunch, chili dogs, ranch-style beans, fresh veggie medley, spiced apples, milk (high school second choice, chicken-fried steak).

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakeon-a-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, grilled chicken, California vegetables, seasoned rice, apricots, rolls, milk (high school second choice, chicken nuggets).

Wednesday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage patties, orange slices, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad,

peach cobbler, milk, (high school second choice, chicken nuggets).

Thursday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, grape juice, milk; Lunch, sack lunch day, chicken salad sandwiches, chips, apples, pickle spears, Easter treats, milk, (high school second choice, manager's choice).

Friday: Holiday.

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Sands CISD Monday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, pudding cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast sausage, rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue rib sandwiches, potato salad, baked chips, pickle spear, pineapple/orange salad, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins w/fruit cup, juice, milk; Lunch, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, greenbeans, bread sticks, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, Hot Pockets, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza choice, tossed salad, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal & graham cracker, juice & milk; Lunch, turkey roast w/gravy, rice pilaf, green beans, hot rolls. sweet potato pie, milk.

Coahoma ISD Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, bean and cheese tostadas, peaches, salad, milk, corn dog.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancake sausage on a stick, applesauce, milk; Lunch, chicken patty, gravy, cream potatoes, pineapple, rolls,

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, taco beef pie, pinto beans, pears, mik, burritos.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits. sausage, gravy, jelly, apple juice; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges,

Friday: Holiday.

Stanton ISD Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue

wieners, grilled-cheese sandwich, corn-on-the cob, vegetable sticks, applesauce, bread sticks,

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pot roast, manager's choice, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue/bun, peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, potato chips, vegetarian beans, peaches, pickle spears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry muffins, yogurt, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, green beans, garden salad. grapes, milk, ranch dressing.

Friday: Holiday.

Forsan ISD Monday: Breakfast, cereal, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken quesadillas, tossed salad,

pinto beans, fruit, milk. Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, tater tots, corn, pickle spears, fruited gelatin,

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, corn dog, baked beans, chips, assorted fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, eggs, toast, juice, milk: Lunch, turkey w/gravy. sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, Easter cake, milk. Friday: Holiday.

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told the court. "I still have three courses I need for my peace officer certification. Two of those I should be able to pass with a departmental exam since I taught them several years ago in Odessa. I'm still waiting to find out if the instructor for the third course will allow me to take a departmental exam for the course. If he doesn't, then I'm still at least one semester away from completion of the course."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore and County Judge Mark Barr said they had a problem with the funding because they believe it sets a bad precedence for the county.

"We don't pay for certification classes for any of the deputies we hire," said Kilgore. "They have it already. And if we pay

for the remainder of your classes so you can get your certification, then I think we're setting a bad precedence future."

Thomas told commis-

sioners previously that the matter, which has been followed closely by state agencies, would come down to how much time TCLOSE (Texas Commission Law on Enforcement Officer Standards) would give Winn to finish his certifi-

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lenged by retired city

employee Billy Sullivan.

while Odis Franklin filed

his candidacy for one of

the pair of at-large seats

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tions is April 12. Early

voting will begin April 30,

with all city elections to

be held on the third floor

of the Howard County

on the council.

Courthouse.

"This is the second time we've gotten heat from **TCLOSE** this," on Thomas told the court at the time. "Constables are required to have their peace officer certification completed within 270 days of being elected. Even if we agree to fund the classes, there's no guarantee TCLOSE won't go ahead and ask the state attorney general to petition to have him (Winn) removed from office."

For more information, Howard contact the Elections County Administration Office at 264-2273.

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

question That answered Friday afternoon, according to Barr.

"I contacted TCLOSE to see what we could do on this, and they told me they had already given him (Winn) a 30-day grace period," said Barr. "At the end of that period, which is very soon, they were going to ask the State Attorney General to file the petition to have him removed from office.

"I talked to Mike (Thomas) about it, and he said it would be best for us to go ahead and file the petition," said Barr.

"If TCLOSE is going to ask the AG to file the petition, they're basically asking him to do my job for me," said Thomas. "I didn't feel like that was appropriate."

Attempts to reach Winn for comment were unsuccessful.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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resentation. In Big Spring, a threeway race for the mayoral seat has taken shape, as incumbent Russ McEwen prepares to defend his post against challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

The District 5 seat on

the Big Spring City Council has also drawn a trio of candidates, as Troy Woody Tompkins, Jumper and David Scott vie for the position. Longtime District 5 representa-

tive Joann Knox is not running for re-election. In Coahoma, all three incumbents have filed to run for re-election —

councilmembers David Elmore and Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read.

> Stanton ISD school board. Daniel Ramos is the only candidate for Stanton's District 1 seat, also up for

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6 District position. District 7 incumbent Phil Furgueron is unopposed.

Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall will be in a duel for votes with Chris Evans, Nancy Raney and Glenn Graves. Coahoma ISD has three

candidates vying for two

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at-large positions on its school board. Danny Martin is challenging incumbents Sissy James

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Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter DAR

On March 15-17, members Mary Schuelke, Sue Ann Damron and Anne Witherspoon attended the 108th Texas State DAR Conference in Houston.

The three attended a special banquet hosted by the Lady Washington Chapter in Houston to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

The speaker was Connie Lapallo, author of the novel Dark Enough to See the Stars in Jamestown Sky, based on her ancestor Joan Phippen Peirce. Joan came to Jamestown in 1609 with her husband William and daughter Jane, who became the wife of John Rolfe after the death of Pocahantas.

There was a book signing by the author before the banquet and chances for an all-expense-paid trip to Jamestown's official 400th celebration were sold. All proceeds and donations from the evening were given to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities' efforts to save Jamestown.

A memorial service was held March 15 for all DAR members who had passed away since the last conference. Fern Alexander, charter member of the Elisha Mack Chapter, was so honored.

At the first business session on Friday, delegates voted to accept the TSDAR Board's recommendation that a monument be erected in the Texas State Cemetery commemorating Revolutionary War Patriots who are buried



Mary Schuelke of Ackerly, left, who serves as treasurer of the local Capt. Elisha Mack chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, takes time for a photo with fellow chapter members Anne Witherspoon, vice regent of the chapter, and Sue Ann Damron, registrar for the group. The trio attended the Texas State DAR Conference in Houston March 15-17.

in Texas. The 8-foot tall coast to coast. obelisk will be placed on Cenotaph Hill, an area in the cemetery which honors those Texas who would be eligible for burial in the State Cemetery but who are buried elsewhere. Ninety-five percent of the needed funds for the monument was raised by donations from the 741 members present during the conference.

State Regent Lynn Young unveiled her project, which is to produce a professional video that showcases DAR's work to promote patriotism, education and historical preservation. The video will focus on the grassroots, community-oriented work that is accomplished by chapters from

John Howard Dalton, Secretary of the Navy during Clinton the Administration, Claude Douglas Clower, Vietnam POW whose flying prowess is often cited as the inspiration for the Top Gun Flight School program, addressed the attendees to the National Defense Banquet and received the DAR Medal of Honor.

Schuelke and Damron sang in the DAR State Chorus on Saturday night prior to the presentation of all chapter regents present.

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter received 37 certificates for its work during the past year. Mary Schuelke was personally

recognized for her outstanding work indexing books for the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. and assisting the cochair of the conference.

Witherspoon announced the 2007 Outstanding Junior Member opening night, was a personal page to the State Regent, and won first place in the Women's Issue Committee easy contest.

Damron was commended for her work on the Genealogy Preservation project.

Witherspoon, Damron and Schuelke's daughters, Luci Gabehart Heather Schafer, all become members of the new TSDAR Juniors' Club, open to anyone who became a member of the DAR as a junior.

Big Spring **Art Association**

Spring Big Art Association members have had and will have a busy time. Artist Laura Lewis of Lubbock taught a two-day workshop at the Howard County Library on "Portrait Painting." Seven artists took the workshop and ended up with some nice portraits. Lewis also does landscapes of the West Texas area. She will return soon for a landscape workshop.

Local members of the Spring Art Association are getting their work ready to show and sell in Odessa at the Ellen Noel Art Museum in the special spring presentation specializing in garden and florals. The local Big Spring Art group has reserved a booth and will show, and hopefully sell, some of

records from seventh through 10th grades, an mathematics academy diagnostic test, a student demonstrated essay, interest in science and ommendations, a personal interview and parental

their works at this celebration of spring. Local art lovers are invited to next Friday attend evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge. The address is Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 University, Odessa.

Texas Tops No. 21

The meeting opened March 26, with Hughetta Roberts presiding. Ms. Roberts led the group in prayer.

TOPS pledge was led by Ms. Roberts. KOPS pledge was led by Sechelski. Tops welcome song was sung by all. Cherry Sechelski gave a humorous reading titled title "You Ain't Nothin but a Pound Dog." Carol Smith gave a reading titled "Turning Toward the Light." Olnee Menges read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Genay Bertram read the roll call. There were six TOPS present and three KOPS member. Net loss for TOPS, 0. Net loss for KOPS, 6 1/2 pounds. Best loser for TOPS was Olnee Menges. Best loser for KOPS was Gladys Russell.

There was installation of new officers for 2007-2008. The officers charms were laid out on a table covered with a velvet maroon lace edged cloth. A lovely spring bouquet was atop the table.

Alex Sechelski installed as leader. Olnee Menges, co-leader, Hughetta Roberts, treasurer, Cherry Sechelski, secretary, weight recorder, Genay Bertram, Duffy Yancy, assistant weight recorder. Committee chairman for calling and sending out cards was Lynne Criswell. Gladys Russell will be in charge of games and contest. The meeting adjourned with a closing song.

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OUR VIEWS

TADD message is one we must all take to heart

urn Around, Don't Drown." On the face of things it seems so simple it doesn't even need to be said. On the contrary, it's a catch phrase each and every one of us needs to take to heart.

Concerns about not driving into running water might seem somewhat misplaced in West Texas, given our climate, but nothing could be further from the truth.

If anything, West Texas' climate makes such warnings exceedingly appropriate.

While we receive much less rain here in West Texas than our brethren in other parts of the state, the nature of our rainstorms probably create driving hazards more often than storms in other areas.

That's right, here in dry, desert-like West Texas, most of our rainfall comes on rare occasions, but in large doses. And that means flash floods are a danger virtually any time it rains.

And that's why the National Weather Service is stressing the "Turn Around, Don't Drown" campaign in this area, reminding drivers they should NEVER attempt to drive through water running across roadways. When drivers see water across roads or highways, they need to back up and choose alternate routes.

It really is that simple.

Not doing so can, and often does, end in tragedy. Those of us in Howard County can still remember a few years ago when a young mother drove her vehicle into a fast rising Mustang Draw. She barely made it to safety, but by the time she could summon help, her children had been swept away from the disabled automobile and drowned.

It was a tragedy none of us want to see repeated. That's why it's important to remember some simple facts:

- Six inches of water can cause tires to lose traction and begin to slide, and in a flood, waters may be rising rapidly.
 Twelve inches of water will float many cars.
- Two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-up trucks. SUVs and most other vehicles.
- trucks, SUVs and most other vehicles.

 Water on a roadway can be much deeper than
- it appears and water levels can rise very quickly.
- Floodwaters erode roadways. A missing section of road even a missing bridge will not be visible with water running across the area.
- Always remember to be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Even with the best vigilance, however, we can sometimes find ourselves in dangerously high water. That's why it's important to remember if your car stalls in floodwater, get out quickly and move to higher ground. Floodwaters may still be rising and the car could be swept away at any moment.

Cars can become death traps because electric windows and door locks can short out when water reaches them, trapping the occupants inside.

Nobody wants that kind of tragedy and those simply aren't the kinds of stories we like putting in this paper.

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by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

Dear Lord, may we zoom into Your magnetic energy.

OPINION

It's politics as usual on all fronts

he Democrats are at it again, trying to see if they can find a way to lose the next presidential election.

The current ploy is the one to set a timetable to pull out of Iraq. I will give them credit for at least having an idea — something they

couldn't come up with in two of the previous presidential elections — but this idea is a bad one.

Ideas, thoughts — a plan of action — it's the only reason the Republicans have elected George W. Bush the last two times at the polls. Republicans have had something to



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toss to the public, even it was only a bone. Democrats lost because they weren't able to come up with a single creative or progressive idea, be it the war in Iraq or anything else.

Instead, they chose to complain about how badly the Republicans were running the show. But alas, the American public would rather have leaders, even bad ones, than finger-pointers in charge.

Democrats have finally come up with an idea — cut tail and run. Somehow, they think any idea is better than none.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid wrote, "This Congress is taking the responsible course..." but of course there is nothing responsible about handing the enemy your plans for war — especially plans that include a date to pull out of the country. That's absolutely insane.

Bush will veto this plan-for-failure that has the Democrats so worked up, and rightly so. It is irresponsible, gives strength to the "insurgents" and cripples our troops, especially psychologically.

Democrats think it says "We're getting you out of there, guys!" When it really says, "All you've done if for naught, and hang on because it is going to get a lot tougher as the pull-out date draws closer." The "insurgents" — I'm not keen on that term but I don't assign these labels — aren't going to lie back quietly until the day the last American is on home soil. No, they'll want the pleasure of believing they kicked us out, running and squealing. And you can bet they'll do their best to make it look that way to the rest of the world.

I'd never have thought we should have gotten involved in a war with Iraq. But then, I am one of those conservatives who believes we should limit immigration to a minimum and spend our money on this country as much as possible. We need to ask "are you with us?" and those countries who say "yes" protect if they are attacked, but let the rest of the world beat themselves to death if they choose.

I'm not too interested in being all things to all people. Someone else is in charge of that and He's bigger than we are. But we are over there and in a war, and short of dragging it on forever, we need to find ways not to quit and run, but to win. And if the powers that be — the president, the generals whose job it is to know war — decide it is a lost cause, then we need to find a way to exit with the fewest amount of American lives at risk. Certainly we don't need to announce a date.

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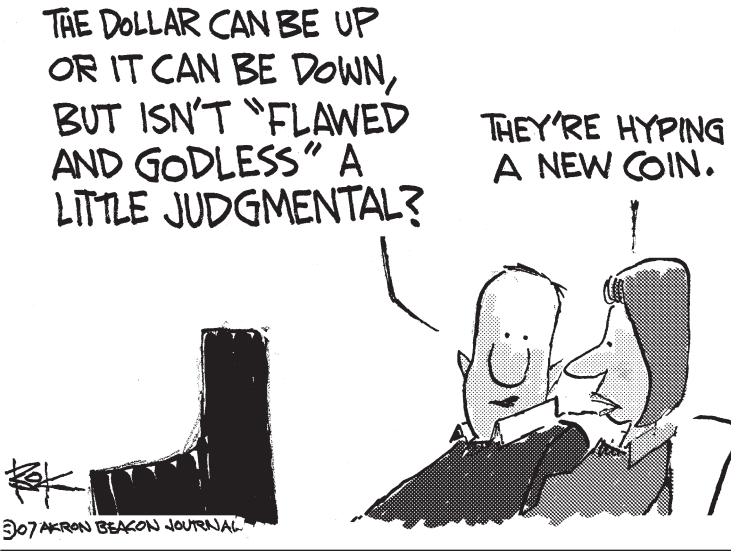
Sunday, April 1, 2006

Speaking of things that don't need to be done, or, rather... didn't need to be done, what is with our city council taking away Moore Development for Big Spring's checkbook?

You are aware of this, aren't you? The Big Spring City Council, which appoints members to the Moore Development board of directors, effectively said last Tuesday night those folks aren't to be trusted. Which means, I suppose, we can't trust city council members since city council members can't trust themselves to appoint board members who won't abuse the system. Not that anyone has succeeded in documenting any wrongdoing by the Moore Development board. Which makes all of this even more befuddling.

Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup seems to believe that because council members are elected and Moore board members are appointed, the council is the more responsible body. I'm not sure that makes sense, but my question is, if you have to have strict council oversight, why not just dismantle

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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I was sorry to read that the city council wants more oversight of the Moore Board. They already have the ultimate oversight — the appointment of the board's members.

If it's micromanagement they (council members) want, then each member of the council should be required to attend every meeting of the Moore Board so they will be fully informed as to what is going on.

RALPH McLaughlin Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in reference to an article that was published March 21 in regard to Daniel Ray Jones, who was charged with first and second degree felony charges (indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child).

I am outraged that he is serving up to three years for his actions. Two counts of sexual assault were dismissed as the condition of a plea bargain.

How can the courts allow someone who is capable of such perversion to have the opportunity to have time served shortened? Why is he the object of concern? The children he victimized are of utmost importance, as well as any other child who may cross his path. They will live with what has happened each and every day of their lives. It is as if their welfare is not even being considered.

Life without the possibility of parole would be appropriate, but then again, I am being just as nice as our justice system.

REA WALTON BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

How will the Texas Legislature define Success?

The bills have been filed and now the legislators must go through the arduous process of deciding what will become law and what will not. Will the children of Texas be healthier? Will Texas public schools have the funding they need to provide a solid foundation of education to ensure the success of their students? Will abused children be deemed worthy of having highly-qualified help?

These are just a few of the questions before the Texas legislators during this 80th legislative session. We're already seen what can happen when a good idea — immunizing against human papillomavirus

— loses to political power struggles. We see a proliferation of bills aimed at the issue of sex-based crimes, defibrillators at high school athletic events and other popular head-line grabbing issues.

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What remains to be seen is how the Texas Legislature will define success. Will the legislators rate themselves on the number of bills passed, the number of constituents they pleased, or on the greater issues of community health and safety? Will they step up and work

for the greater good or hunker down and protect their political base?

It has been heartening to see a move to restore the unconscionable cuts made by the legislature in 2003 and this suggests a move in the right direction. There are a variety of really good prevention programs out there — programs that could prevent sexual abuse, prevent child abuse and increase the likelihood that children will get a good education. It is hard to build support for these programs and thus hard to get them funded. They don't grab headlines and they don't look as impressive in a senator's or a representative's district newsletter.

Defining success is a leadership role and one that has eluded Texas legislators. One only has to look at the various reports on where we stand in comparison to other states in funding of those services that will most benefit our citizens as a whole to see that success has been defined differently here. I've recently heard policy makers say, "We don't care what other states do; we have to do what's right for Texas."

It's hard for me to understand how a healthy, well-educated population is not what's right for Texas.

Funding our future is not an option, it's an imperative. The definition of success needs to be defined on the floor of the Texas Legislature.

VICKI HANSEN AUSTIN

4B sports

Creamer finds new obstacle at Mission Hills

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Brash and candid since her rookie season, Paula Creamer singled out Annika Sorenstam as the player standing in her way of becoming No. 1 in the world.

Creamer is in her third year on the LPGA Tour, with three victories and a starring role in the Solheim Cup. She is still searching for that first major, and the 20-year-old American gave herself a good chance this week at the Kraft Nabisco Championship with a 5-under 67 on Friday that left her tied for the lead with Lorena Ochoa.

Creamer shot the best score of this tourna-

ment while playing Mexican who might be came remotely close to with Sorenstam, who is her country's biggest making a bogey was on

struggling.

But as she tees off in the final group — her first experience of that in a major — she will be paired with the next person who might be blocking her path to the top of women's golf.

Sorenstam is still No. 1 in the ranking. All eyes in women's golf, however, are on Ochoa.

"Annika right now is the world's No. 1 player," Creamer said. "Lorena is playing unbelievable. When you play with Lorena and she gets on a hot streak, you just want to keep going with her."

And so the stage is set for the weekend of the LPGA Tour's first major of the year.

Ochoa, the 25-year-old

Mexican who might be her country's biggest sports star, overcame a nasty patch early in her round when she took bogey on the 13th, then took five shots to reach the green on the par-4 15th and was happy to escape with

double bogey.

She answered with a tee shot into 18 inches for birdie on the par-3 17th, a difficult hole because of the firm greens and front hole location, then boldly went for the green with a 5-wood on the 485-yard 18th. The shot barely cleared the water, Ochoa chipped to 8 feet for birdie and was on her way to a hard-earned 71.

The longest of her five birdie putts was 12 feet. The only time she

came remotely close to making a bogey was on the first hole, when her birdie putt went some 4 feet past the cup and she made it for par. And she had four birdie putts inside 12 feet that she missed, including two inside 6 feet on the final two holes.

She still remains brash as ever.

After opening with a 73 on Thursday, someone mentioned to Creamer that Mission Hills wouldn't allow a round like Ochoa had last year, when the Mexican opened with a 62 to tie an LPGA record for majors.

"It's out there," Creamer said. "You just have to be patient." She seems to have the confidence, now she just needs to win.



MCT photo/Gary W. Green/Orlando Sentinel Paula Creamer reacts to missing her birdie putt at Mission Hills.

ROCKETS

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week or seven games in 14 days. They play when they are fatigued and that's when they get hurt. I've cut practices to 45 minutes. I've never had a team with this many injuries. Guys need time to recharge and rehab."

DALLAS

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Dallas went ahead for good after Nowitzki gave the ball up with a pass to a wide-open Jerry Stackhouse. After Stackhouse missed the 3-pointer, Nowitzki grabbed the rebound and made both free throws after being fouled.

Terry hit the second free throw after the steal and a foul with 17 seconds left. Marbury couldn't make up for his mistake, his last shot blocked by Josh Howard.

"We hate the thought of losing. When it's a tight game we're going to do the necessary things to win," Terry said. "But it's not about winning streaks or wins in the regular season. It's about momentum. So when we get to the playoffs we'll be hitting on all cylinders."

hitting on all cylinders."
The Mavericks, who have won nine straight games, next play Sunday at Phoenix with a chance

to move closer to clinching the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference for the playoffs. They can also become the first NBA team ever to have four winning streaks of at least 10 games in the same season.

And they still could join the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls (72-10) as the only teams to reach the 70-win plateau. They would have to win nine of the last 10 games.

The Knicks are two games behind New Jersey for the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference, even though they scored more than 100 points for the first time in 11 games.

"We played with a different mentality tonight. If we play like that the rest of the way, we'll give ourselves a chance to win," Marbury said. "Tonight we played with a lot of intensity. ... We showed we want to make

the playoffs."
On his first basket of the game, Nowitzki surpassed 15,000 points.



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Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon, third from right, presented Commendation Awards to, from left, Nita Taylor, job resource center; Charlene Rushin, health information management; Glenna Hiltbrunner, reimbursement; Janet Kight, social work; Kathy Yarbrough, activity therapies; and Bobby Newton, food service.

Commendation Awards

Big Spring State Hospital recognizes seven top employees

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD

Nearly 200 Big Spring State Hospital employees gave spontaneous standing ovations to seven hospital employees after each was announced as a Commendation Award winner March 21.

Commendation Awards are the hospital's highest honor given to a handful of the facility's 650 workers who hold jobs ranging from nursing to direct care to clerical staff.

past commendation award winners after meeting stringent performance requirements.

"There is a common thread among all the employees who have been chosen," Superintendent Ed Moughon said before announcing the winners.

Moughon named Bobby Newton, food service; Nita Taylor, job resource center; Kathy Yarbrough, activity therapies department; Sharon Filson, nursing; Charlene

The top employees were chosen by Rushin, health information management; Glenna Hiltbrunner, reimbursement; and Janet Kight, social work, as Commendation Award winners. Awards were presented by Moughon and Jok Simons, assistant superintendent for administration.

"They are benchmarks for all of us. It does inspire me and helps me stay focused," Moughon said.

Five employees who have been

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Scurry County will host ag seminar April 11

exas Cooperative Extension in Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties will sponsor the Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 11 at

Texas College in Snyder. The conference will be in

Western

Science Building No. 4 at 6202 College Ave.

The program is the result of area producers' requests for a host of information, said Dr. Ed Bynum, Extension integrated pest management agent at Sweetwater.

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"The program covers quite a mixed bag of issues," Bynum said. "We'll have sessions on everything from cotton weed control to feral hog management, with about everything that's important to our area's producers addressed in between."

Morning topics will include "Farm Bill Update," "Impact of Biofuels On Grain Production and Feed Prices," and "Laws and Regulations."

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent

Ask the Agent

Session A presentations will be "Cotton Weed Management," "Minimum Tillage," "Fleahopper Control — Does it Pay?," "Fertilizer Management," and "Grain Sorghum Production and Weed Control."

Session B presentations will be: "Herd Vaccination and External Pest Management," "Range Herbicide Update," "Annual Forage Sorghum Management and Weed Control," and "Feral Hog Management and Control."

Texas Department of Agriculture will offer 4.5 continuing education units û 2.5, general units; one in laws and regulations, and one in integrated pest management.

Individual registration is \$10 by April 10 and \$15 thereafter.

For more information and to register, call Bynum at (325) 236-9011 or Zachary Wilcox at (325) 236-6912.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

commonly asked questions about credit card scores

one of the millions of Americans who don't know their credit scores, you could be missing out credit scores measure on an opportunity to save money on your mortgage. cars, jewelry, electronics, vacations and anything else you may charge.

Your credit score is an estimate of your credit risk, which is based on conceptions circulating your credit report. Lenders use this number to determine how likely you will be to repay a loan or line of credit in a timely manner. The higher the score, the more likely you'll receive a See CREDIT, Page 5C

PHOENIX — If you're lower interest rate, and ultimately save money.

Only 27 percent of consumers understand that credit risk — not credit knowledge, amount of credit or attitude toward credit, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

"There are many misabout the function and purpose of credit scores,' said Mike Sullivan, director of education for Take Charge America, a national non-profit credit

Retirement



Louise Whitaker, LVN, right, has retired after a 19-year nursing career. She started out as an Intensive Care Unit nurse and concluded her career as a critical member of the emergency department at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She is pictured with Judy Roever, CNO.

Business After Hours

Mark your calendar for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event slated for mid-April.

"A ShowCase of Airpark businesses" will be hosted by the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park. The reception is set from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 12 at the air terminal, 3200 Rickabaugh Drive West.

There will be door prizes and refreshments. Merchants and others are invited to bring their business cards for exchange.

Business After Hours is a program specifically designed to encourage networking and showcase spon-

Flea market planned April 21

The Third Annual "Spring Clean Community-Wide Flea Market" is set for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Big Spring Mall parking lot.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful invites everyone to be involved — all clubs, organizations, churches, businesses and individuals.

Pick up an application for booth space at the Mall office or the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third. Prices for the 10x10 booth spaces are \$25, 12x12 spaces are \$45 and 24x12 spaces are \$65

Call 263-8235 or 263-7641 for more information. Mail applications and checks to: Keep Big Spring Beautiful, P.O. Box 1350, Big Spring 79721

Scenic Mountain noted for quality of respiratory care

Scenic Mountain Medi- ry therapists to provide cal Center has earned Quality Respiratory Care Recognition (QRCR) under a national program aimed at helping patients families make informed decisions about the quality of the respiratory care services available in hospitals.

About 500 hospitals, or approximately 10 percent of hospitals in the United States, have applied for and received the award.

The QRCR program was started by the American Association Respiratory Care (AARC) in 2003 to help consumers identify those facilities

using qualified respirato-

respiratory Hospitals earning the QRCR designation ensure patient safety by agreeing to adhere to a strict set of criteria governing their respiratory care services.

To qualify for the recognition, SMMC provided documentation showing it meets the following conditions:

All respiratory therapists employed by the hospital to deliver bedside respiratory care services are either legally recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory care services or

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Shown left to right are Richard Von Hassell, respiratory aide; George Parsley, Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO; Heath White, cardiopulmonary director; Shayd Martin, registered respiratory tech, Judy Roever, CNO; and in front, DeLisa Wade, certified respiratory tech.

Words of wisdom from a beloved grandfather

y grandpa was a philosopher of sorts. Many times

by telling me things of which I had no idea. It seemed as though he was just talking to be able to hear his own voice.

But now I realize that everything he said was so very true. Here is an example of one of the

more memorable things he told

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"You know," he said, "time

has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, and yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. There are times I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

"But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go? Where did my youth go?

"I well remember seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would

be like. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory. Because if I don't take it on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit!

"And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things. But, at least I know that the winter has come, but I'm not sure how long it will last. However, this I know, that when life on earth is over, it's over.

"Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done. There are things I should have done. But indeed,

Parent's Corner

there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

"You're not in your winter vet, but let me remind you, that it will be here faster than vou think. So, whatever vou would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Life goes by in a hurry. Do what you can today. This may be your winter and you don't even know it.

"You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life, so, live for good

today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember. Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who came after. Make it a fantastic

Well grandpa, you made your point and the way you lived your life has now become an example for me to live my life. Thanks for the advice.

An interesting little post script I just heard. Did you know the shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room?

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School

'Dog Years': Musings should have been put on a leash

Consider getting the audio version instead of laboring through this highbrow memoir

By JIM HIGGINS

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

"Dog Years: A Memoir" by Mark Doty; HarperCollins (\$23.95)

Mark Doty's friends think he's lost his mind:

You're taking care of a man who can't get out of bed and you're adopting a golden retriever?

They have a point, Doty admits, but that doesn't stop him from adding Beau, a malnourished golden retriever, to his

family, which already consists of Wally, his dying partner, and Arden, a black retriever.

Arden and Beau help Doty live through the pain of losing Wally, and later Doty and new partner Paul care for the dogs in their final days. That's the gist of "Dog Years," Doty's memoir of a loving, non-traditional household, which also includes two mere cats.

Doty, a poet and memoirist, loved his dogs passionately while noting their foibles, but his contribution to the giant cor-

pus of human-canine love stories is no "Marley and Me." In fact, it's a very highbrow memoir, with italicized Entre'actes between chapters and discussion of how human masters serve as the ontological ground for dogs.

The book's opening is especially slow going, with Doty, mourning the loss of a friend in the 9-11 attacks, seeming to have to persuade himself it's OK to grieve his dogs in print. "One of the unspoken truths of American life is how

deeply people grieve over the animals who live and die with them ...," he writes. Maybe that's true in his circles in New York (where he lives) and Houston (where he teaches), but not where I live and work. The family dogs I know are showered with love; when one aging Lab up the street, who was practically the mayor of the block, died unexpectedly, his human

masters received fistfuls

of sympathy cards. Call me lowbrow, call me sentimental, but as a golden retriever owner I wanted more stories of Doty's dog-human family and less metaphor, less meditation. After his initial spell of throat-clearing and ontological ground-setting, Doty does dish up more meat, describing how he and his partner had to sneak

four animals into motel rooms on the road and, of course, detailing many veterinarian visits.

As an alternative to reading "Dog Years," consider listening to the unabridged 5-CD audio book version (listed at \$39.95, but available for less online), read by the author. Doty's voice is calm, his tone intimate; his telling of the tale is dignified.

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the economic development board and run it yourself? Or is that legal?

What's most interesting though, is that council members were saying they can't do their duty adequately by simply looking at the minutes of the Moore Development board. It seems to me the task is pretty simple. What would you do if you wanted to know what was happening at city council? Aside from picking up the newspaper or listening to a radio report, the answer is obvious — you'd go to council meetings. I suggest, and belatedly, since the council has already taken its action, that if

council members want to know what goes on in Moore Development board meetings, they attend the doggone meetings. Apparently, that's too much to ask.

What the council decided was this: 1. They'd actually look at the Moore Development minutes instead of rubber stamping them; 2. City council approval would be required before a check is made out by Moore Development for any non-budget item; and; 3. A a quorum of Moore Development board members would be required to meet with the council quarterly to discuss what actions the board is taking.

I think No. 2 is more than a minor slap in the face. I believe it would

make someone think twice before accepting an appointment to the board or putting their name in the hat for the job of executive director. I only need one momma, thank

Anyway, it's said and done. I am crying over spilt milk, but it seems more than a little frustrating to me. I fear, though we are absent of elephants and donkeys in this topic, it is still "politics as usual." And bad politics, at that. Until later.

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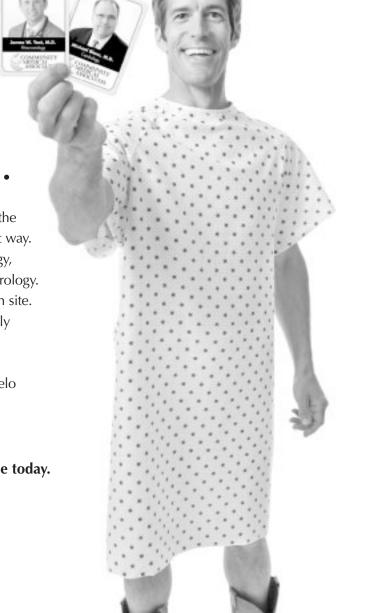
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AWARDS

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recognized by their specific departments during the past year also were formally recognized during the awards assem-

Olivia Flournoy, assistant superintendent for programs, presented each of the award recipients with personally engraved pens. Awardees were Roselia Ramirez, activity theradepartment; Donna Chavez, LVN of the Year;

Shelley Vela, RN of the Year; Kenneth Kerr, Mental Health Worker of the Year; and Beverly Miller, Social Worker of the Year.

The program was dedicated to hospital dietitian Janice Byrd, who is affectionately known as Big Bird and was presented with a stuffed Big Bird and a plaque.

"She always has a pleasant side to things, many years of experience, and down-to-earth common sense," Moughon said. "She is an inspiration and sets the tone for our programs."

Hospital Chaplain Rick Foster

took a moment to remember three former members of the staff — Lola Hayes, Henry Don Rogers and Emil Zilai died within the past year. Hayes worked in food services from 1974-1999; Rogers in food services from 1990-1995; and Zilai who worked in various positions, including the Career Village from 1973-1991.

A colorful paper quilt made up of individual designed squares decorated with a tracing of patients' hands served as the backdrop to the hospital's Commendation Awards program. Workshop Manager Josh

the conclusion of the program drawing on its meaning.

"In the country of Morocco, the sign of the hand is a symbol of strength and power, and the Moroccans often wear the symbol on their clothing as a sign of hope. This quilt over here is a beautiful piece of art and a symbol of that hope that we have for our patients. I hope that each of us can find simple ways to find hope in our heart.'

Preston introduced "The Hopefuls" who concluded the program by singing "Put A Little Hope In Your Heart." The

Preston referred to the quilt at collaboration was between activity therapies department employees Julie Anderson, Claudette Forward, Delbert Green, Danny Sherman and Aimee Walton.

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CREDIT

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counseling agency. "Yet, this three-digit number can impact you financially nearly every day of your life.'

American consumers have an average of 13 credit obligations on record at a credit bureau. according to Fair Isaac Corporation, which pioneered the most common credit score, called the FICO score. These obligations include commonlyused credit cards, store cards, gas cards and installment loans, each of which has an impact on your credit score.

To help sort out the confusion, Sullivan answers

six common questions about credit scores:

Do I have only one credit score?

No, lenders are not required to report to each of the three major credit Equifax, bureaus: Experian and Trans Union. Each agency may have different information on your report, and

score. If I continually check my credit report, will that lower my credit score?

therefore, a different

You can check your report directly from the three credit bureaus as many times are you want, and it will not affect your credit score. To obtain a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com

card, can that lower my credit score?

Yes, canceling credit cards can actually decrease your score. For instance, if you have \$50,000 in available credit and owe \$10,000, then you owe 20 percent of your available credit. If you close an account with a \$30,000 credit limit, you will then owe the same \$10,000 but it will be 50 percent of your available credit. That lowers your credit score. It also affects the history part of your score, lowering it even

Does my salary affect my credit score?

further.

Your credit score is based on the amount of credit and debt you have, not how much money you

If I cancel a credit make. If you receive a raise, and your credit and debt remain the same, your credit score will not raise and use that extra money to pay down your debt, then your credit score will improve.

Does shopping for a loan lower my credit

score? While multiple inquiries do show up on your credit report, they do not necessarily damage your score. If the same types of inquiries are made within 14 days of each other, they only count as one inquiry on vour credit report. Keep in mind that this applies to loans, not credit cards.

If I only use cash to make purchases, will I improve my credit

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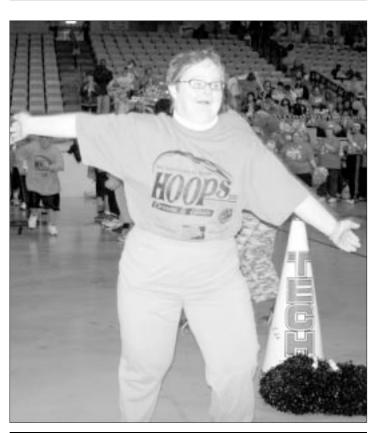
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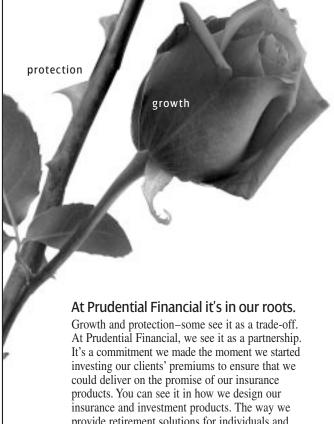
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Wife indicted after husband shoots and kills her lover

She cried 'rape' and husband shot him

ARLINGTON (AP) — Darrell Roberson came home from a card game late one night to find his wife rolling around with another man in a pickup truck in the driveway.

Caught in the act with her lover, Tracy Denise Roberson — thinking quickly, if not clearly — cried rape, authorities say. Her husband pulled a gun and killed the other man with a shot to the head.

On Thursday, a grand jury handed up a manslaughter indictment — against the wife, not the husband.

In a case likely to reinforce the state's reputation for don't-mess-with-Texas justice, the grand jury declined to charge the husband with murder, the charge on which he was arrested by police.

"If I found somebody with my wife or with my kids in my house, there's no telling what I might do," said Juan Muniz, 33, who was having lunch Friday with one of his two small children at a restaurant in the middle-class suburban Dallas neighborhood where the Robersons lived. "I probably would have done the same thing."

Tracy Roberson, 35, could get two to 20 years in prison in the slaying of Devin LaSalle, a 32-year-old UPS employee.

Assistant District Attorney Sean Colston declined to comment on specifics of the case or the grand jury proceedings but said Texas law allows a defendant to claim justification if he has "a reasonable belief that his actions are necessary, even though what they believe at the time turns out not to be true."

Mark Osler, a Baylor University law school professor and a former federal prosecutor, said the grand jurors evidently put themselves in the husband's place: "I can see one of them saying, 'I would have shot the guy, too. I was just protecting my wife."

The December night before the shooting, Tracy Roberson sent LaSalle a text message that read in part, "Hi friend, come see me please! I need to feel your warm embrace!" according to court papers. LaSalle apparently agreed.

Darrell Roberson, a 38-year-old employee of a real estate firm, discovered the two, his wife clad in a robe and underwear.

When Tracy Roberson cried that she was being raped, LaSalle tried to drive away and her husband drew the gun he happened to be carrying and fired several shots at the truck, authorities said.

Darrell Roberson's attorney did not immediately return a call for comment.

His wife also was charged with making a false report to a police officer — for allegedly saying she was raped — and could get up to six months behind bars on that offense. It was not immediately clear whether she had a lawyer.

Lottery to stop selling scratch offs once grand prizes claimed

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission announced Friday it will begin pulling scratch-off games after all the top prizes have been claimed.

The lottery has been criticized for continuing to sell instant tickets advertising big jackpots when only smaller prizes remain.

Lottery officials have historically decided when to pull games using a complex and subjective formula that didn't take into account the number of top prizes remaining, spokesman Bobby Heith said.

Under the new procedure announced Friday, as soon as the final grand prize is claimed, the lottery will tell retailers to stop selling that game. A lottery contractor will then have 45 days to pick up all the unsold tickets.

The new protocol mirrors legislation filed by state Sen. Dan Patrick, a Republican from Houston who called the lottery's old procedures a "betrayal of the public's trust."

The Texas Lottery currently offers about 80 scratchoff games. The 12 games with no top prizes remaining are set to close between early April and mid-May.

More than 2 tons of marijuana found in container

EL PASO (AP) — What appeared to be a truck hauling an empty container from Mexico turned into the seizure of more than 2 tons of marijuana, Customs and Border Protection reported Friday.

Officers confiscated 4,723 pounds of pot from the commercial truck. The rig arrived late Thursday at the Bridge of the Americas cargo facility. Officers doing an inspection noted a discrepancy in the interior and exterior length of the trailer, a CBP news release said.

A scan indicated a false compartment in the front of the trailer. A drug-sniffing dog also drew attention to the area, leading to a false front wall.

Behind the wall were 262 bundles of marijuana in a 3-foot deep compartment, authorities said.

The driver of the truck, 40-year-old man from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was detained.

The last time CBP officers in El Paso made a larger drug bust was in 2005, when a 6,182-pound load of marijuana was seized, the news release said.

A&M regents approve 13 percent tuition raise

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University's board of regents voted Friday to increase tuition by up to 13 percent next fall.

A Texas resident with a full-time course load would pay \$3,922 a semester, up from \$3,483, under the measure passed Friday. That would be the maximum tuition charged, based on the Legislature's preliminary spending plan, but officials said that figure could be lower if more money is allocated to the university.

The tuition increase would generate \$32.4 million, said Bruce Edwards, associate vice president for finance. Most of that, about \$20.5 million, would pay for hiring more faculty and increasing faculty and staff salaries. Nearly \$8 million would go toward recruitment and retention, particularly of minority students.

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Progress of major proposals in the Texas Legislature

By KELLEY SHANNON

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AUSTIN — Only two months remain in the legislative session, and Texas lawmakers are racing to get their bills approved.

Some major proposals are steadily making their way through the Capitol, while others seem to be sinking fast. Here's a look at high-profile proposals still in play — or not.

TEXAS BUDGET: The House approved a \$150.1 billion two-year proposed state budget early Friday, making some bold statements about education that pleased teachers' lobbyists.

The spending plan takes millions of dollars from a new teacher incentive pay program and instead provides an across-the-board pay raise estimated at about \$800 for teachers, librarians, counselors and nurses.

The House also voted to ban using state money on private school vouchers. even as voucher advocates continued to press separate legislation calling for them.

Conservatives cheered the fact that the budget plan leaves billions of dollars unspent, putting away \$8.5 billion that could be tapped for future property tax relief.

"I'm thrilled that we were able to accomplish so many goals at once tion. The Senate conwith this budget," said Speaker Tom House Craddick.

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The budget — the only bill the Legislature must approve before adjourning May 28 — is far from finished. Senators will craft their version, then legislators from both chambers will work out differences.

TEXAS YOUTH COM-**MISSION**: After disputes between Gov. Rick Perry and members of the Legislature, the sides have reached a compromise over how to start repairing the broken

Texas Youth Commission. Allegations of sexual abuse in youth detention centers led to the resignation of the commission's board and several top staff members.

Perry at first resisted the idea of naming a conservator to take over the state agency and chose former aide Jay Kimbrough as special master to oversee an investigation. But many legislators weren't satisfied, and through public hearings and newly filed legislation insisted on a conservator, who would have specific legal powers to make changes.

On Wednesday, Perry relented and put the agency into a conservatorship, naming Kimbrough to that posifirmed Kimbrough for the job Thursday. Legislation to carry out a restructuring of TYC remains pend-

CERVICAL CANCER: The hoopla earlier this session about Perry requiring Texas girls to get vaccinated against the human papilloma virus has calmed a bit, but legislation that would undo his executive order is still making its way through the Capitol.

The House passed legislation by Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, in mid-March, to override Perry's February order.

Some lawmakers think Perry's order infringes on parents' right to decide whether their daughters should get the vaccine against the virus that can cause cervical cancer. Others say they agree with Perry's goal but contend it's a matter for the Legislature to decide.

The bill now awaits action in the Senate.

STEROIDS TESTING: High School steroids testing — a major part of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's children's agenda — won approval in the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday. If the measure wins passage in the full Senate, it will go to the House.

The nation's largest

high school steroids test- children born in the ing program would be created under the proposal by Sen. Kyle Janek, a Houston Republican.

IMMIGRATION: More than 20 bills dealing with illegal immigration don't look like they're going anywhere.

The Legislature does appear poised to appropriate money — probably the \$100 million Perry has suggested — to help with border security. Lawmakers also will consider a border security bill soon in committee.

But instead of voting on several bills affecting immigrants' rights, which could ultimately be ruled unconstitutional in court, the House instead is likely to consider a non-binding resolution asking Congress to do more about immigration.

"We will be sending the federal government a list of things about their failure to control the border,' said Republican Rep. David Swinford, who chairs the House State Affairs Committee.

One of the state bills that's been sidelined is by Rep. Leo Berman, a Tyler Republican.

It would have attempted to deny citizenship to

United States who have illegal immigrant parents.

SEX OFFENDERS: The House has approved using the death penalty against sex offenders who repeatedly prey on children. Its version of "Jessica's Law" creates a new category of crime — continual sexual abuse of a young child or children — that carries a minimum of 25 years to life in prison on a first conviction and possibly the death penalty for a second offense.

That was a compromise after some lawmakers worried that a broader death penalty provision might lead some molesters to kill their victims or that it could be unconstitutional.

The Senate has yet to act on the measure.

TEXAS LOTTERY **SALE:** Perry proposed in his State of the State address this year that Texas sell its lottery to a private firm for at least \$14 billion and use the proceeds for cancer research, education and health insurance.

That idea landed with a thud in the Legislature.

House and Senate leaders worried that Perry's

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plan would leave education shortchanged and that selling the lottery could lead to an expansion of gambling in the state.

Some lawmakers did Perry's like cancer research idea, though, and to help fund the \$3 billion initiative leading Republican lawmakers are suggesting a bond plan to come up with about \$300 million per year for the research money.

CASINO GAMBLING: Big-money interests are lining up behind legislation that would allow casino resorts in major cities, along the Gulf Coast and at Indian reservations. But the proposal is mostly the subject of back-room talks at the Capitol so far.

Casino supporters are trying to create a united front with reluctant race track owners who want video slot machines at their tracks but aren't so sure about allowing full casinos.

Waiting in the wings are social conservatives in the Legislature who have dashed efforts in the past to expand gambling and are vowing to do it

Tornadoes touch down across **Central Texas**

DALLAS (AP) Storms battered the state Friday, with reports of at least three tornadoes touching down and causing minor damage in Central Texas.

Several businesses and an indoor rodeo arena in McGregor sustained damage when a tornado hit an industrial area, said Frank Patterson, the emergency management coordinator for McLennan County. The twister also flipped some tractortrailers, caused some flooding and damaged some homes in the town.

There were no reports of injuries, Patterson said.

In the town of Riesel, about 17 miles southeast of Waco, another tornado damaged some power

There was a report from the National Weather Service of a third tornado touching down near Dripping Springs, about 23 miles west of Austin. But a spokesman for the Hays County Sheriff's Department said officials there could find no evidence of damage from a tornado, although some residents reported hail shattering their windows.

Gov. Rick Perry authorized the use of four National Guard helicopters, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Heavy rain and flooding forced the evacuation of an assisted living complex in Corsicana, a swift water rescue in Hays County and two vehicle rescues in Ellis County, according to DPS reports. The storms also washed out three bridges in Hill County and two more in Coryell County.

A dispatcher with the Ellis County Sheriff's Department said that there were several reports of homes flooding from Waxahachie into the southern part of the county.

Snow fell in Friona in the western portion of the southern Panhandle early Friday.

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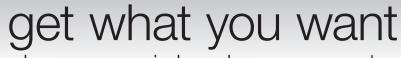
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BIG SPRING HERALD NATION Sunday, April 1, 2007

Pet food recall grows to include first dry products

By ANDREW BRIDGES

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON — The recall of wet and dry pet foods contaminated with a chemical found in plastics and pesticides expanded Saturday to include a new brand even as investigators were puzzled why the substance would kill dogs and cats.

Nestle Purina PetCare Co. said it was recalling all sizes and varieties of its Alpo Prime Cuts in Gravy wet dog food with specific date codes. Purina said a limited amount of the food contained a contaminated wheat gluten from China.

The same U.S. supplier also provided wheat gluten, a protein source, to a Canadian company, Menu Foods, which this month recalled 60 million containers of wet dog and cat food it produces for sale under nearly 100 brand labels.

Menu Foods and the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates the pet food industry, have refused to identify the company that supplied the contaminated wheat gluten.

Hill's Pet Nutrition said late Friday that its Prescription Diet m/d Feline dry cat food included the tainted wheat gluten. The FDA said the source was the same unidentified company. Hill's, a division of Colgate-Palmolive Co., is so far the only company to recall any dry pet food.

Federal testing of some recalled pet foods and the wheat gluten used in their production turned chemical

melamine. Melamine is used to make kitchenware and other plastics. It is both a contaminant and byproduct of several pesticides, including cyromazine, according to the **Environmental Protection** Agency. Melamine is toxic only in very high doses and has been shown in rats to produce bladder tumors, according to the

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The federal pet food testing failed to confirm the presence of aminopterin, a cancer drug also used as rat poison, the FDA said. Cornell University scientists also found melamine in the urine of sick cats, as well as in the kidney of one cat that died after eating some of the recalled

Earlier, the New York State Food Laboratory identified aminopterin as the likely culprit in the pet food. But the FDA said it could not confirm that finding, nor have researchers at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey when they looked at tissue samples taken from dead cats.

Experts University of Guelph in Canada detected aminopterin in some samples of the recalled pet food, but only in very small percentages.

"Biologically, means nothing. It wouldn't do anything," said Grant Maxie, a veterinary pathologist at the university. "This is a puzzle."

The FDA was working to rule out the possibility that the contaminated wheat gluten could have made it into any human

Menu Foods announced the recall this month after animals died of kidney failure after eating the company's products.

An FDA official allowed that it was not immediately clear whether the melamine was the culprit. The agency's investigation continues, said Stephen F. Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

Menu Foods said the only certainty was that imported wheat gluten was the likely source of even if the actual contaminant remained in doubt.

"The important point today is that the source of the adulteration has been identified and removed from our system," said Paul Henderson, Menu Foods chief executive offipresident. cer and Henderson suggested his company would pursue legal action against the supplier.

About 70 percent of the wheat gluten used in the United States for human and pet food is imported and Asia, according to the Pet Food Institute, an industry group.

One veterinarian suggested the international sourcing of ingredients would force the U.S. "to come to grips with a reality we had not appreciat-

"When you change from

the deadly contamination, from the European Union getting an ingredient from the supplier down the road to a supplier from around the globe, maybe the methods and practices that were effective in one situation need to be changed," said Tony Buffington, a professor of veterinary clinical sciences at Ohio State University.

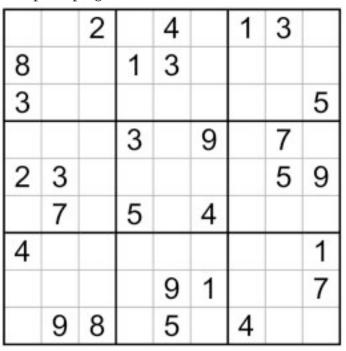


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The Science of Card-Reading

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. ◆ J 10.5 SOUTH The bidding:
Fast South West North Pass

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

The battle for partscore hands is much more pronounced in duplicate bridge than in rubber bridge. For example, North's one-spade bid with such a weak suit is typical of the lengths to which a duplicate player might go to contest a partscore.

This deal occurred in a tournament, and North felt he could not possibly sell out to one heart. After the one-spade overcall, East rebid his hearts, and South was faced with a

to bid two notrump, which East doubled. South's aggressive bid might have ended in disaster had he slipped during the play, but he was up to the task and made the contract. East won the ten-of-hearts lead

difficult decision. He finally decided

with the ace and returned the jack to South's king. Declarer now avoided the error of attacking diamonds by leading from his hand. Instead, he led a low club to the ace, rejecting a finesse that would have been fatal, and led a low diamond from dummy.

East won with the ace, and although he returned a heart to establish his suit, South collected eight tricks comprised of five diamonds, two hearts and a club.

The two pitfalls declarer avoided are both noteworthy. He realized that East, for his bidding, had to have every significant missing high card, including the diamond ace and club

Had South mechanically led a diamond to the queen at trick three, he would have suffered an enormous loss. But by leading a club and refus-ing the finesse, and then returning a low diamond from dummy, declarer catered to the possibility that East's ace of diamonds might be singleton. This thoughtful play gave South five diamond tricks and the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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#5308 April 1 & 4, 2007.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on April 7, 2007, at 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Auctioneer Scott Emerson with Spring City Auction, (432)213-1284. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily reauired. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with breif description of contents in each space. Anthony Salazar Unit #55

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INVITATION TO BID The City of Big Spring, is seeking your bid on the installation of a recirculation pump system in Comanche Trail Lake for the Big Spring Park. Bids are due in the office of Mr. Todd Darden, Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 no later than April 3, 2007 at 1:30 pm.

Plans and specifications are available at the office of the Director of Public Works or the office of the Engineer: Carthel Engineering Solutions, 2201 University, Lubbock, Texas 79410, 806-687-8322, #5303 March 25 & April 1, 2007

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Melisa Limon if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause,

A tract of land in Sec. 25, Blk 33, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survery, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B"; to include mobile home- 14x60. Label #TXS0570068: Assessed Value-\$12,346.00 Amt. owed- \$933.27

The W/2 of the E/2 of a 2 acre tract in the West part of Sec. 25, Blk 33, TIS, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit 'C": Assessed Value- \$2,300.00 Amt. owed-\$173.91

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,107.18, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein. You are hereby notified that suit

has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MELISA LIMON and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th day of March, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOW-ARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MELISA LIMON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5178 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property. You are hereby commanded to

appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of May, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of March, A.D. 2007. Gwen Harding

Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5315 April 1 & 8, 2007

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REQUEST FOR BID The Howard County Judge will receive sealed bids for the County Depository until 10:00 AM, May 11,

Mail bids to: Mark J. Barr **Howard County Courthouse** 300 Main, Room 207

The County Treasurer will supply bid application forms. Bids will be presented to Commissioners Court on May 14, 2007 at 10:00 AM for their consideration.

Big Spring, Texas 79720

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

Mark J. Barr, County Judge #5302 March 25, April 1 & 8, 2007

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: Juanita Flores if living, and if any or all of the

above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause. to-wit:

A tract of land out of the NE/4 of Sec. 35, Blk 33, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit: Appraised Value-\$25,325.00 Amt. Due- \$3,124.56 Personal Property Appraised Value-Home:

\$14,817.00 Amt. Due- \$3,663.45 Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,788.01, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JUANITA FLORES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the none, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JUANITA FLORES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5148 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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You are hereby commanded to

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of March, A.D. 2007. Gwen Harding

Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5313 April 1 & 8, 2007

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10A BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, April 1, 2007

Celebrate The Easter Miracl

Easter Sunday Service Hours



Spring Creek Fellowship

Where You Make Connections For Life **Dennis Teeters - Pastor** Stan Hanes - Music Minister **Chris Tucker - Youth Minister**

Sunday Services:

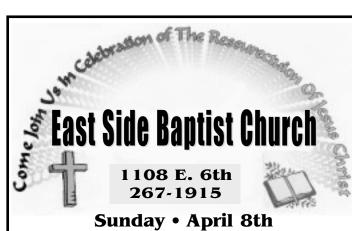
Sunday School......9:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Church.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship......6:00 p.m. (The Lord's Supper - Communion)

DIRECTIONS - Take I20 East and take the Salem Exit. Go under the Interstate and turn back west. Spring Creek is about 300 yards down the road.

www.springcreekfellowship.org

Phone 714-4584





The Resurrection Story at 9:45 am Special Music and Easter Message at 10:45 am





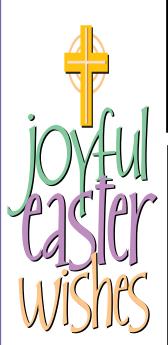
Life Church Big Spring

NEW SERVICE TIME

Morning Worship......9:00 am & 10:30 am (New Series - Come Alive) Pre Teens......10:30 am Nursery - 0-3 years Zoe Time - 4-9 years

600 E. FM 700

263-7714



House of Hope **Community Church**



Pastor Floyd Green, Jr.

Church Services:

Sunday: Sunday School......9:45 AM Worship.......11:00 AM Wednesday:

Prayer Service & Bible Study......7:00 AM

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Celebrate Holy Week with us @

First United Methodist Church Big Spring, Texas

Palm Sunday, April 1 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Early Worship...8:30 a.m.

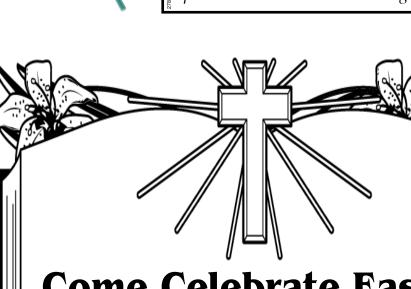
Late Worship.....10:50 a.m. Holy Week, Monday-Friday, April 2-6

(Garrett Hall, meal provided) Holy Thursday, April 5

Evening Worship......7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 8

Sunrise Service......7:00 a.m. (Amphitheater, Comanche Trail Park) Breakfast and Early Worship.....8:15 a.m.

We would love to have you at any or all of these services. Child care will be provided for your convenience.



Come Celebrate Easter

Trinity Baptist Church

Hear the Choir Sing The Cantata

"No More Night"

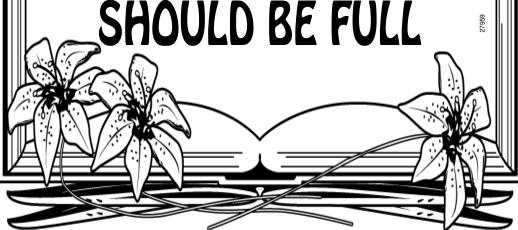
Hear the special Easter sermon by **Pastor Randy Cotton**

Morning Worship

10:30 AM To 12:00 Noon

810 E. 11th Big Spring, TX.

HIS TOMB IS EMPTY -HIS HOUSE





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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2007, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2006, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply fo the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an appli-

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now received all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2007. Over -65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over -65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continues to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller

DISABLE VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS Farmers and ranchers may be enti-

tled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS Exemption applications for all prop-

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erty tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's 1/800-252-9121

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ATTENCION CONTRIBUYENTE DE IMPUESTOS SOBRE LA **PROPIEDAD**

Duenos de propiedades tienen ciertos derechos que pueden reducir sus impuestos

DUENO DE HOGAR

Usted califica para una excencion general, si es dueno de su hogar el dia primero de enero, 2007. La solicitud para la excencion es nescesario si el dueno de la residencia cambio de hogar effectivo Enero 1, 2006, o califica para excenciones addicionales desde el ano pasado. Un dueno de hogar mayor de 65 anos puede aplazar el pago de una porcion de sus impuestos si el valoracion de su hogar de residencia aumento mas de 5% que el valor del ano anterior. Un aplazamiento de impuestos sin embargo, solo pospone su deuda impositiva. Se aplica un interes de 8 por ciento al ano y se mantiene una garantia sobre la propiedad. Para applicar por el aplazo, contacte al districto de valoracion de su condado y complete la applica-

Personas incapacitados bajo la Administracion del Seguro Social cali-

PERSONAS INCAPACITADOS

fican para las exenciones de dueno de hogar. Personas incapacitados deben applicar con su districto de valoracion con su preuba de disha bilitacion del Administracion del Seguro Social. Personas incapacitados receiben todos los benificios en su hogar igual que personas mayor de 65 anos.

PERSONAS MAYORES DE 65 ANOS

Personas mayors de 65 anos o dishabilitados pueden aplicar para mas exencions. Usted tambien obtiene un tope de impuestos para el total de sus impuestos escolares si usted cumple 65 anos de edad durante 2007. Personas de 65 anos o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su districto de valoracion en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus impuestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continuan a pesar del aplazo con interes de 8% annual, pero no se hace sefuerzo de abrir un juicio hiptercario durante el aplazo. La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas le podra dar mas imforma-

VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS Usted puede calificar para una exencion del los impetos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administracion de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servico militario. El districto de solamente nesisita documentacion el primer ano de calificacion o se su tasa de incapa-

cidad cambia

TERRENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoracion/tasasion come terreno agricola diminuye el valor imponeble del terreno. Se valora el terreno basandose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y raices. Obtenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoracion. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva applicacion

SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitaciones se pueden consegir en el districto de valoracion mas cerca de usted o del La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas. en el 1/800-252-9121 Tambien se incluye solicitaciones para excenciones tatales para organizaciones religiosas.

#5270 March 4 & April 1, 2006

My Sister-In-Law, Little Mary Sunshine

Dear Margo: What do you do when one of your family members is a real downer

and you don't want her around?

My sister-inlaw and brother live out of state, and I only see them once a year or so. I love my

brother dearly, his wife is a real beast. My brother and

my mom do not see eye to eye, and my brother tells stories (that fabricated) to his wife. Therefore, she hates my mother and constantly refers to her as "evil." While my mom is far from perfect, she is hardly the she-devil my S.I.L. claims.

The problem with all of this is that I am getting married next fall, and the thought of having my S.I.L. at the wedding makes me physically ill. She never has anything positive to say, never offers a compliment and would rather sit, sulk and scowl than relax and have fun. She is just a miserable person and brings everyone down, and I don't want her to spoil the mood at my reception.

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Margo

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However, it will kill me if my brother isn't there, as he is my only sibling. Is there anything I can say to tactfully let her know my concerns? Really Concerned Bride-To-Be

Dear Real: In a word, no. There simply is no way, tactful or otherwise, to say to your brother's wife, the beast, that you find her a whose downer sulking and scowling give you a stomachache.

But here's the good news: Unless your wedding will involve fewer than people, Miss Congeniality not have opportunity to ruin your day. The focus will be on you and your groom, and I'm pretty sure the S.I.L. will even go easy on the shedevil, I mean, your mother. Just block her out of your

thoughts. confidently

Can You Top This?

Dear Margo: I have been friends with a woman since

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we were in high school. We are in our 50s now and both have sons the same age.

When we were growing her family comfortable, and my dad died when I was 14, so I had very little. She never failed to mention that she had things that I didn't, but of course "she didn't think any less of me."

Now I am better off financially, and she is a twice-divorced, mother who works two jobs. I have never gloated about the obvious role reversals, but every time I mention my son's accomplishments, such as graduation from college (hers did not) or buying his girlfriend an engagement ring, always comes back with some embellished story that tops everything. Her son bought his wife diamonds and platinum, or he sells more on his cola route in rural Texas than any other salesman in the country.

In one story she tells of his virtuousness in that he doesn't drink and doesn't want to be friends with anyone who does. Then she tells me his lifelong dream is to open a sports bar.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE NAME AND BY THE

AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF

TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY

TO: Randall Rose

if living, and if any or all of the

above named Defendants be dead,

the unknown heirs of the unknown

heirs of said above named per-

sons, and the unknown owner or

owners of the hereinafter described

land, and the executors, adminis-

trators, guardians, legal represen-

tatives, legatees and devisees of

the above named persons, and any

legal or equitable interest in or lien

upon the land described in Plain-

tiffs' petition on file in this cause,

Lot 12-18, Blk 8, Original Town

Which said property is delinquent

to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-

ing amount: \$3.242.02, exclusive of

interest, penalties, and costs, and

there is included in this suit in addi-

tion to the taxes all said interest,

penalties, and costs thereon, al-

the day of judgment herein.

lowed by law up to and including

You are hereby notified that suit

has been brought by HOWARD

COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs,

against Randall Rose and Shavae

filed on the 27th day of Decem-

ber, 2007, in a certain suit styled

HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS.

RANDALL ROSE AND SHAVAE

ROSE, for collection of the taxes

on said property and that said suit

is now pending in the District Court

of Howard County, Texas 118th Ju-

dicial District, and the file number

of said suit is 4856 that the names

of all taxing units which assess and

collect taxes on the property here-

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Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-

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were delinquent on said property at

the time this suit was filed but all

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at any time thereafter up to the day

of judgment, including all interest,

penalties, and cost allowed by law

thereon, may, upon request there-

fore, be recovered herein without

further citation or notice to any par-

ties herein, and all said parties

shall take notice of and plead and

answer to all claims and pleadings

now on file in said causes by all

other parties herein, and all of

those taxing units above named

who may intervene herein and set

up their respective tax claims

You are hereby commanded to

appear and defend such suit at or

before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the

first Monday after the expiration of

forty-two (42) days from and after

the date of issuance hereof, the

same being the 14th day of May,

2007 before the Honorable District

Court of Howard County, Texas, to

be held at the courthouse thereof,

then and there to show cause why

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constitutional and statutory tax

liens thereon for taxes due the

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est, penalties, and costs allowed by

law up to and including the day of

judgment herein, and all costs of

Issued and given under my hand

and seal of said court in the City of

Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

this 27th day of March, A.D. 2007.

Clerk of the District Court

Howard County, Texas,

118th Judicial District.

#5314 April 1 & 8, 2007

this suit.

Gwen Harding

against said property.

ties to this suit, are NONE.

provided by law.

of Coahoma, Howard County,

Texas

GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

mouth shut. Should I just tell her I know she is lying, or just play along, since we don't live in the same town

Do you get my message

here? I am just so sick of

her chronic lying it is

difficult for me to keep my

and it seems to give her some kind of power boost? Fingers in the Ears, Yelling Lalalalala Dear Fing: Play along,

hon. This is one of those cases where understanding everything. "reversal," as you call it, is driving her nuts and she is trying to keep up pretenses. This does not make her a wonderful, quality person, but there you are. There is nothing to be gained by her calling on fabrications.

Either keep contact to a minimum, or let relationship wane. I believe if you think about her situation, the exaggerations won't bother you as much. She is trying to keep up with the Joneses, and you are the Joneses. — Margo, knowledgeably

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Dale Drewery if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 14-15, Blk 20, Original Coahoma, Howard Town, County, Texas: Assessed Value \$5,717.00 Amt. Due \$4,360.45 Lot 13, Block 20, Original Town,

Coahoma, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Valued \$125.00 Amt. Due \$46.75 Which said property is delinquent

to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,407.20, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD** COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DALE DREWERY and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **none**, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DALE DREWERY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4919 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of March, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5312 April 1 & 8, 2007

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY **GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

TO: Johnny Rangel if living, and if any or all of the

above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause,

Lot 4, Blk 4, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; save and except the East 60 feet.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,293.98, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest. penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOHNNY RANGEL AND LINDA RANGEL and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th day of March, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHNNY RANGEL AND LINDA RANGEL, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4868 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of March, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District #5311 April 1 & 8, 2007

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Prior to the Gregorian calendar, the celebration at vernal equinox's end

(April 1) started a year. new While the tradition of April Fools may be pre-16th century, there's nothing more timely than a comic moment



HOLIDAY

MATHIS

delivered with deadpan humor. pranksters Planetary Mercury and Uranus eye each other wryly, making fun delightfully shocking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You run your relationships the same way you run your life, full-on commando. When someone has another take, like the Lenny Kravitz song "Are You Gonna Go My Way?" the same question boomerangs right back at

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's all about casting. The right pranksters around you will keep the doldrums at bay. Create social opportunities so you can revel in the sweet exclamations of lighthearted friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you can't afford something, don't rational-

ize that you didn't need it in the first place. Instead, put your air-sign ingenuity to practical use, and figure out another way to get what you want.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your ideas are the most interesting things to float by since the BBC aired a 1957 April Fools hoax on trees that grew spaghetti. People are as curious about your ideas as they were about where to buy that tree.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). volcanoes are Some formed by the earth's tectonic plates pulling apart, like an organic growing pain. Others are caused by swollen hot rock in the earth's core. Your own eruption has a similarly natural cause, and you have a right to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some believe true love means enduring the crazy shenanigans of your lover for better or worse. Crazy can be stimulating for a while, but it gets old. Getting heavily involved in a hobby shifts the energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loved ones require your understanding more than ever. So what if you feel under-rehearsed or out of your league? Don't let fear stop you. You can deliver the goods exactly as need-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The thing or person you're waiting for is waiting for you, too. Break the pattern. Stop waiting, and make a move now, while you're lucky! A Pisces person figures into an inspired plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Although we're not the most adaptable creatures on the planet, we do have devices that alert us to coming changes. Today's listening device is the ear: Put head to ground, and listen for the rumbles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are so many methods of communication on the market it's a wonder we ever have face-to-face conversations anymore. Connect with your people in person -- body language and facial expressions give the heart ears.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Shock-jock Howard Stern was fictitiously pulled off the radio one April 1. He did go back on the air; however, now his show is available only at a premium. Consider making your words exclusive to only those who want to listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do you believe in fairies? If you do, they're pulling pranks on you

how important it is for

parents to discuss sex,

and all the repercussions,

with their children.

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talking to the adults in

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someone else must be moving your keys, hiding your wallet or loosening the lids of items in the refrigerator.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The full moon in Libra tomorrow starts the week on a sensitive note: We're each prone to fits of dissatisfaction over expectations unmet by our other half. Libra is the deliberating scale. In relationships, we move the scales back and forth in equal measure to the other. Constantly weighing in on your partner can create inconstancy of heart, the eternal dilemma of Libra. At some point, we all have to make the choice to listen either to our head or our heart. To the ancient Egyptians, the heart was the seat of intelligence and emotion. At the time

now. If you don't, then of death, Ma'at, goddess of truth, wisdom and righteousness, weighed the deceased's heart against a feather. If lighter than a feather, the soul was rewarded with an afterlife. Might we try every technique to lighten our hearts toward our friends and sweeties this week? If you find yourself in uncertainty or loneliness this week, drop your reasons and drop into the heart. Mystical Sufi poet Hafiz observed, "I have estimated the influence of reason upon love and found that it is like that of a raindrop upon the ocean, which makes one little mark upon the water's face and disappears."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Amanda Bynes knows "What a Girl Wants." This spunky Aries grew up in the spotlight, and in

typical Aries go-getting style, it didn't take her long to land her own show -- at the young age of 13! Rams are notorious starters, but not all of them have the followthrough to make it happen. Since Bynes has Mars in Capricorn, she has the tenacity and work ethic to shape her own future.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Did you know that young people want to serve their communities? In fact, millions of young people volunteer every year, and the number continues to grow. Please let your readers know about the 19th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day, on April 20-22.

During this three-day event, held in the United States and around the world, young people along with their parents, teachers, friends and mentors will address unmet community needs through service and service-learning projects. This event spotlights what youth are doing to make a difference in their communities. When given the opportunity, young people are great assets and resources to their comproviding munities, unique perspectives and skills.

For more information, readers can visit www.YSA.org, or write to Youth Service America, 1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005. They can also find volunteer opportunities in their communities today

www.SERVEnet.org. Steven A. Culbertson, President & CEO, Youth Service America

Dear Steven Culbertson: Thanks so much for reminding our readers about this worthwhile project. We hope all of them, young or old, will check out the websites you mention and become involved in local volunteer projects.

Dear Annie: Our daughter has been married for 10 years. Six months ago, she found out her husband had cheated on her.

Prior to this, we were very close to our son-inlaw, but we have not seen or spoken to him since our daughter found out about the affair. This is not our choice. He says he feels too ashamed to face us.

They have since been to counseling, and we have been patient. We would love to have things back the way they were, but my daughter says he needs more time. We believe the longer it goes on, the worse it will get.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Our daughter has forgiven him, and we have, too. Now what? -- Patient in

North Carolina Dear N.C.: Your son-inlaw is afraid of what you might say or think when you see him again, but you are right that it won't help to wait. Once he forces himself to get past the awkwardness, things can become normalized. If the two of them are still seeing a counselor, ask your daughter to bring up the subject at the next session. Otherwise, send your son-in-law a note, saying, "We forgive you and we miss you. Please come for dinner next Sunday."

Dear Annie: I have a 2year-old son whom I love very much and wouldn't give up for anything in the world, but I had him when I was 17 years old. I wonder what my life would have been like if I hadn't become pregnant.

To all the parents of teens out there, it is better to be open about sex than to expect your child to be abstinent. When I was 16 and in love for the first time, I thought my relationship with my child's father would last forever. I was afraid to talk to my mom about birth control, because she expected me to wait until marriage. But rampant hormones and a desire to be accepted often outweigh parents' expectations. Please, talk to your kids. Teach them about STDs and pregnancy. Let them know it's OK to be frank. I don't regret having my son, but I do regret losing what should have been the most fun years of my life. -- Too Late Smart

Dear Too Late: Thank you for making it clear

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District Court Filings:

District court filings were not available at press time.

Marriage Licenses: Albert Valle, 23, and Valerie Rios, 30, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds: Grantor: Floretta Parr

Grantor: Floretta Parrish Grantee: Jamey Moorhead

Property: A tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: March 21, 2006

Grantor: Hayes Stripling Jr. and Dorothy Stripling Grantee: Pete Athas and Eleanor Athas

Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: March 21, 2007

Grantor: Ralph R. Matteson and Elaine Matteson

Grantee: Richard Adams Property: Lot 1-A, Block 12, Suburban Heights Date: March 22, 2007

Grantor: Hubert C. Rowden and Sharon Franklin

Grantee: Janice Pitts Property: The N/50 feet and the W/2 of Block 21, College Heights Date: March 22, 2007

Grantor: Hillcrest Baptist Church

Grantee: Terry Camden and Marie Camden Property: A tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: March 26, 2007

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Grantor: Jeronimo Diaz and Susana Diaz Grantee: Roman Maldanado

Property: A tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: March 27, 2007

Grantor: Roxann Rich Grantee: Decorator Center

Property: Lot 1, Block 16, McDowell Heights Date: March 27, 2006

Grantor: Phillip Burcham Grantee: Donna Denise Burcham

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Grantor: Audrey Pence Grantee: Western Land Trust

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Grantee: Western Land

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Grantor: Debra K. Vernon

Grantee: J.C. Wall Property: Lots 21 and 22, Block 14, Washington Place

Date: March 20, 2007

Grantor: Troy Koening Grantee: Ricauter C. Deleon and Monica Morelion Property: Lot 4, Block

35, College Heights
Date: March 21, 2007

Grantor: Roy W. Burnes Grantee: Kenny Q. Pham and Dapong Pham Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: March 21, 2007

Grantor: Shirleen Brown Grantee: Danny Isbell

and Kristi Isbell Property: Lot 37, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2 Date: March 22, 2007

Grantor: Troy Koening Grantee: Arthur Islas and Amy Islas Property: Lot 7, Block 33, Cole & Strayhorn Date: March 23, 2007

Grantor: Violet Amelia Mancill

Grantee: Maria Diaz Property: Lot 2, Block 9, College Park Estates Date: March 26, 2007

Grantor: Loy D. Hahn and Katy Hahn Grantee: Carl W. Barnes and Billie Sue Barnes Property: Lots 53 and 54, Tract 4, Foster Subdivision Date: March 27, 2007

Grantor: Derek K. Wash and Taryn Wash Grantee: Greg L. Clarke and Betty Clarke Property: Lot 4, Block 34, College Park Date: March 27, 2007

Grantor: Francisco Cruz and Lucy Cruz Grantee: Carlos Padron and Lorrie Padron Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 23, Fairview Heights Date: March 28, 2007

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