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## **Volunteers** needed for **Trash Off**

Call goes out to help clean up Big Spring this weekend

### By BILL MCCLELLAN News Editor

The "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash Off is usually the first weekend in April but has been moved due to the Easter holidays, and at least one person is glad for that – local Trash Off coordinator Pat Simmons.

"We've done it in the cold before and I'm pretty glad they moved it to the second weekend this year," she said Friday after-

Simmons noon, as the temperature was in the mid-40s and

falling. With the forecast for

Saturday, April 14 expected to be much warmer, Simmons is hoping the volunteer count will be high for this year's event.

"We're hoping as many as can will come out and help — church groups, organizations, civic school organizations and classes, businesses, families and individuals,"she said. This year's Trash Off will be headquartered at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. A noon lunch will be served there for those who participate. Last year, around 500 volunteers picked up trash throughout Big Spring and Simmons is hoping for even more this time around. "It's about community pride," said Simmons. "Our neighborhoods, our businesses, schools and parks reflect our sense of pride where we live. Let's work together to accomplish a cleaner, more beautiful Big Spring during our clean up April 14.'

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Local resident Douglas Hattenbach shows off the bluebonnets he raises behind his home in the 1800 block of E. 15th Street. Flowers have begun to bloom all over the Crossroads area as spring gets into full swing.

## **BSHS student projects** enhance quality of life

## **Council to act** on proposed **Moore oversight**

## By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer The Big Spring City Council is expected to hear first reading of a resolution setting new restrictions and requirements on the board of directors for Moore Development Tuesday, moving forward with an effort to increase council oversight of the economic development corporation.

The council unanimously approved three restrictions for the economic development board during its March 27 meeting. The first restriction

requires the Big Spring City Council to take the minutes of Moore Development meetings off its consent agenda, where it has been approved routinely for years, and examined and voted on independently.

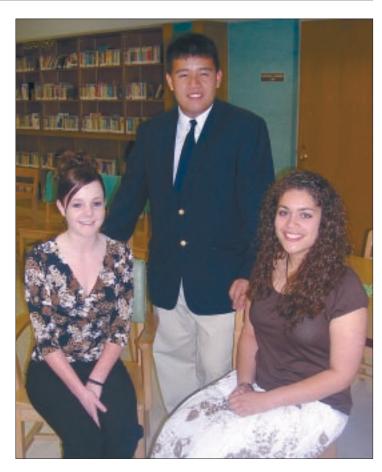




Staulcup challenge anyone to tell me and prove to me there has been any oversight of Moore Board by approving minutes."

requires the board to receive approval from the council before a check is made out for any nonbudget item. The third restriction

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#### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A music therapy program for cancer patients.

An activity book for children about to undergo surgery.

A video that teaches heart-healthy eating habits to children.

Nope ... these aren't your stereotypical high school projects.

The three projects were developed by Big Spring High School juniors Malle Carraso, Lauren Bryant and Aihan Nghiem, respectively, as part of the school's Independent Study Mentorship program. ISM students "shadow" a professional in a field of their choice and develop a project that will provide some benefit to that profession.

In Carrasco's case, her project combines one of her loves — music — with the profession she hopes to enter treating cancer patients.

"I want to be an oncologist, and I wanted something that would incorpo-

"If someone wanted to take this and reproduce it, that's fine. If it ends up benefiting as many kids as it possibly can, that would make me ecstatic."

> -Lauren Bryant, Big Spring High School student

rate music with my future profession." said Carrasco, who's a two-time member of the all-state band.

The result was her project, titled "Mind Over Cancer," is a music therapy program that aims to help cancer patients deal more effectively with their illness.

"Hopefully, it will take their minds off the cancer and open their minds up to the music, instead," she said.

Carrasco worked on her project for

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School juniors (from left) Lauren Bryant, Aihan Nghiem and Malle Carrasco recently developed professional-level projects as part of the school's Independent Study Mentorship Program.

## LADY BULLFIGHTER

A reception for former lady bullfighter and former Big Spring resident Patricia McCormick will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Heritage Museum. Refreshments will be served.

The event will be a come-and-go activity though persons planning on attending should be aware that a documentary on McCormick designed by Tumbleweed Smith will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

McCormick was the first American female bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted to the Matador's Union of Mexico.

## **FLAG PRESENTATION SET**

Congressman Randy

Neugebauer and a representative from Senator Kel Seliger's office will present U.S. and



Texas flags that have been flown over the state capitol to the Big Spring Fire Department Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1, located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The flags will adorn the fire station on a flag pole being fabricated and donated by Big Spring's own Southwest Tool. The presentation is open to the public.



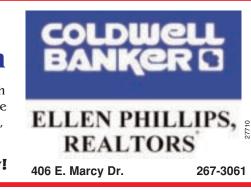


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## SELLING IT ALL

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Lisa Perry wants a fresh start. So she's decided to sell nearly all of her belongings in one massive auction on eBay.

Perry, 45, said the top bidder in the auction, ending Thursday, will get more than 300 items — including snowshoes, a futon, a bed, a Village People album, seashells and more.

Perry is keeping just a few things: her dog, her cat, photo albums and some clothing.

"This might be mid-life, but it's not a crisis. It's mid-life excitement," she said. "I don't need it all. I don't use it all. I just have it all. Actually, it has me."



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

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## IN BRIEF

### Ortiz, Schilling lead Red Sox past Rangers By STEPHEN HAWKINS for a 3-2 victory over the Texas Mark Teixeira on an inning-endthis season.

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### Cancer scramble slated for April 28-29

The 2007Cancer Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Players can form their own temas for the 4-person scramble or be assigned to a team. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place teams in each flight. In addition, prizes will be awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

For more information concerning the tournament, call the country club at 267-5354.

### Coahoma slates softball recognition

Coahoma will recognize the seniors on the Bulldogettes softball team Saturday at 11:30 a.m. during their game Lubbock against Estacado.

The seniors to be recognized are Heather Whitt, Amber Sides, Cortney Heinis, Brenna Phernetton, Monica Rocha, Briana Valles Bridgette and Rodriguez.

## **Big Spring needs** umps for season

The Big Spring Umpires Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League season.

If interested, call

#### **AP Sports Writer**

ARLINGTON - David Ortiz snapped out of his slump with his first two home runs and Curt Schilling bounced back from his horrendous debut.

Still, Jonathan Papelbon had to save the day for Boston.

And the hard-throwing righthander did it with perhaps the most impressive save of his young career, getting five outs to make sure the Red Sox held on

Rangers on Sunday night to avoid a three-game sweep.

"The way it finished was awesome. That's just an unbelievable job," Schilling said. "That's the definition of a tough save. ... Very few guys can get that result. He's one of them.'

With two runners on, Papelbon came on to get Michael Young the 2005 AL batting champion and a .300 career hitter — on a called third strike. He then retired switch-hitting slugger

ing infield popout.

"He was devastating, and we needed every bit of that," manager Terry Francona said. "What he did against the middle of their order, you're not going to see that very often."

Sammy Sosa, a night after hitting his 589th career homer, had an infield popout leading off the ninth before Papelbon struck out Hank Blalock and Brad Wilkerson.

It was Papelbon's second save

"Everything that has built up from last year has just kind of carried into this year," said Papelbon, who almost became a starter this spring after saving 35 games as a rookie. "Every year, every pitch, every inning, I get more and more confidence."

Ortiz was in a 2-for-18 slump before he hit a solo homer in the first inning and added a two-run shot in the third off Vicente Padilla (0-2) that put the Red Sox ahead to stay.

## **Tiger proves human at Masters**

A different Woods. and a different winner at Augusta

### **By EDDIE PELLS**

**AP National Writer** 

AUGUSTA, Ga. - The golf world caught a glimpse of a different Tiger Woods, one who coughs up majors on weekdays, gets the lead on Sunday and then lets it go, and staggers to the finish stewing over what might have been.

A different Masters winner, too. By the name of Zach Johnson.

The aw-shucks kid from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was more than a beneficiary of the mistakes Woods made Sunday. And Saturday. And Thursday.

Johnson earned it. He shot a closing 3-under 69 that included three birdies on the back nine while Tiger was lurking, grinding, trying to make a move.

Johnson wound up at 1-over 289 for a two-stroke win over Woods, Retief Goosen and Rory Sabbatini, matching the highest winning score in Masters history.

"This is very surreal," Johnson said. "Very, very surreal."

Surely Tiger would agree. When his career is over and he's done tallying all his major victories, he'll likely look at the 2007 Masters as one of the few that got away. "I had a chance," said Woods, who shot 72 and stayed stuck on 12 majors, four of them at Augusta. "But looking back over the week, I basically blew this tournament on two rounds where I had bogey-bogey finishes. That's 4 over on two holes. You can't afford to do that and win major championships." Those four bogeys - two each on Thursday and Saturday — put Woods in comeback mode for the final round, when there were finally good scores to be had on an Augusta National course that grew more forgiving after three brutal rounds of wind, sun and sky-high scores. Woods put up one of those good scores. It was an eagle 3 on the par-5 13th that pulled him within two of Johnson and sent one of those massive roars echoing through the Georgia pines. Guys like Johnson were supposed to start choking once they hear those roars, which came all too seldomly during this rugged week. Turns out Johnson wasn't



MCT photo/Gerry Melendez/The State

Zach Johnson tees off on the 15th hole during the final round of The Masters at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Sunday. Johnson won the tournament with a 1-over 289.

Finally, the Masters really begins

Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

## Teenage baseball league to begin

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

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

### Braves move into first in NL East

ATLANTA (AP) - It'sbeen a year since the Atlanta Braves were alone atop the National League East.

Now, after taking a weekend series from the New York Mets, Atlanta is on top of the division. The Mets ended the Braves' run of 14 straight division titles last season

"Obviously it's huge for us, just from a momentum standpoint," said Jeff Francoeur, who had the go-ahead RBI double in Atlanta's 3-2 win on Sunday. "I think we can compete with the Mets now throughout the year."

The Mets won their first four games before dropping the last two to Atlanta.

New York's bullpen, which hadn't allowed a run in 13 innings, couldn't hold a 2-1 lead Sunday.

The win left the Braves (5-1) alone atop the NL East for the first time since April 5, 2006. The Mets moved back into first the next day and led the rest of the season.

## during Sunday's play on back nine

#### By TIM DAHLBERG

#### AP Sports Columnist

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The faithful came early every day, as they always do, walking quickly with their green folding chairs to stake out the prime spots in Amen Corner. It wasn't always an easy march to make because, for the better part of four days, this Masters was almost as agonizing to watch as it was to play. Augusta National had morphed

into a chamber of horrors, with disaster lurking at every turn. There were whispers the green jackets had gone too far this time, and that the spirit of Bobby Jones had been lost in the neverending battle to protect the course against modern technology.

Everyone braced for a stumble to the finish. The winner wasn't going to be the best player in the world, merely the only one left standing on the 18th green sometime early Sunday evening.

Then, just when all seemed tion in just the second Masters in lost, a real Masters broke out on the back nine.

The familiar roars that had been missing all week echoed once again through the tall pines as an entire leaderboard full of players traded shots through Amen Corner and down the final holes. Eagles and birdies returned to their proper places, and all was right again in the world of golf.

Well, almost. Zach Johnson is your new Masters champion, and, while he seems like a nice enough guy, he's not going to be compared to Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or even Retief Goosen for that matter.

The Masters is supposed to be won by guys who pull out the heavy metal, take dead aim at the pin and pull off shots like the one Woods hit on the 13th hole that curled back within 3 feet of the cup for his only eagle of the week.

Gene Sarazen began that tradi-

1935, when he spanked a 4-wood 235 yards and watched it bounce into the hole for a double eagle that allowed him to tie Craig Wood and eventually beat him in a playoff.

Johnson wasn't going to win his green jacket with such dramatics. You can't make double eagle laving up, and Johnson did that all week on the par-5s, relying on his wedges and putter to make up the difference against the power hitters who were supposed to be the only ones with a chance to win on a bulked-up Augusta National.

It worked on the 13th hole, when Johnson had just 213 yards to the green and still somehow managed to resist the temptation to go over Rae's Creek with a long iron. This is a player who knows his game, and he wedged it in close for a birdie.

Hardly a "shot heard 'round

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## dent has been created in Tiger's legend Α

4-iron wasn't the only thing that Tiger Woods broke Sunday at the Masters. Fractured, too, was the myth that the man couldn't be beat once he grabbed the outright lead in the final round of a major.

Twice before, Woods had been caught and passed. But both times in the 2000 PGA Championship at Valhalla and here a year later

Jim Woods came out on Litke top. In this wackiest of Masters, he

held the lead for all of a few minutes after making a birdie at the second hole, then spent the rest of the day

trying in vain to catch a rotating cast of characters going by him in Augusta National's passing lane.

"I had a chance, but looking back over the week, I basically blew this tournament on two rounds where I had bogey-bogey finishes," Woods said, referring to Nos. 17 and 18.

"That's 4-over on two holes," he added. "You can't afford to do that and win major championships."

Zach Johnson was parked on the 18th green with the winning score of 1-over 289 when Woods walked onto the 17th tee knowing he would need a birdiebirdie finish over those same two holes just to force a playoff.

The greatest front-runner in golf made par at 17 after driving the ball into the right rough and

trying to float a wedge on the wind at his back and land it close enough to have a shot at a 3. No sooner had the ball landed in a bunker short of the green than Woods said loudly, "What the hell happened there?"

Though he wasn't officially done until his approach shot from the fairway to the final green stopped rolling some 20 feet to the right of the pin, he knew a miracle finish wasn't in the cards the moment the ball left the clubface.

"I was sitting in the locker room waiting for Tiger to hit his second shot on 18," Johnson recalled. "Before he hit it, I'm like, 'He's done stranger things."

Not this time.

Asked whether it was different being forced to play catch-up,

something Woods' rivals know only too well, Tiger simply said, "I'm playing the same holes he (Johnson) is, so if I make the same birdies as he does on the same holes, it's a moot point."

That's true, of course. But there's nobody in the game, no matter what club he has in his hands, that you would rather lay money down on. Woods has been golf's version of Michael Jordan with the basketball in his hands and the clock ticking down, Lance Armstrong with a crushing mountain climb coming into view, Joe Montana with first-and-10 and a minute to go the length of the field. In other words, clutch.

This time he was anything but.

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## LOCAL **Police blotter**

## **Obituaries**

## Aleene Lee

Aleene Lee, 85, of Big Spring died on Saturday, April 7, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Cherise Felty of Home Hospice officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 tonight, Monday, April 9, 2007, at the funeral home.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1921, in Limestone County and married Dane B. Lee on July 23, 1948, in Kermit. He preceded her in death on July 9, 2005.

Mrs. Lee was a longtime resident of Andrews and moved to Big Spring in 2005. She was a homemaker and loved to play golf and oil paint. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Gail Berringer of Big Spring; a grandson, Paul Berringer and wife, Shelley, of Big Spring; a granddaughter, Amy Fields of Coahoma; four great-grandchildren, Courtney Berringer and Brett Berringer, both of Big Spring, and Kolby Fields and Tailor Fields, both of Coahoma; two sisters, Johnnie Bennett of Sand Springs and Frances Beeson of Atlanta, Ga.; and one brother, W.H. Padgett of Lubbock.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, c/o Diane Wood, 3200 Greenbrier, Big Spring 79720 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

## **Teofilo Montanez**

Teofilo Montanez, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 8, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Weather

Today — Patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Not as cool. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday — Sunny — Warmer. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Thursday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

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

• JUANITA MARES, 19, of San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50 and a citation warrant.

• RICHARD LOPEZ, 19, of San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50 and a citation warrant.

• DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 26, of 1604 Lark, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• BEN GARZA JR., 27, of 1312 Virginia, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and Class C assault, family violence.

• MANUEL LOZANO, 35, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon and 14 local warrants.

• JASON MERWORTH, 28, of 2308 Gatesville Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• RUBEN CISNEROS, 31, of 1011 Loyd, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended and two citation warrants.

• TOBY JOHN MEEK, 25, of 601 W. 17th, was arrested on a citation warrant.

• JOANN AFRICH, 41, 3213 Auburn, was arrested on six local warrants.

• ASHLEY LUNA, 21, of 2521 Ent, was arrested on two local warrants.

• CLASS C ASSAULT, FAMILY VOILENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry and the 1300 block of Virginia.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

**DRIVING** WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• EMERGENCY COMMITMENT was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

• BODILY INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 2900 block of W. Eighth.

• POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 1200 block of 11th.

• **THEFT LESS THAN \$50** was reported in the 2300 block of wasson.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity from Thursday through Sunday:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 172 on I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Aylsford. One person was transported to the VA • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at 14th and Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. Fifth. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to the VA. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th. Service was refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th. Service was refused.

## **Bulletin Board**

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

#### TODAY

• 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Dorothy Lamb meeting room, 500 S. Main Street. Special guest Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College, will field questions about the college's upcoming bond election. The public is welcome.

•The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

· Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

## Sheriff's report

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

• JOSHUA GIBSON, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

• RICHARD DALE SPIVEY JR., 26, was arrested by HCSO on charges of delivery of marijuana, evading arrest, speeding and disregarding a stop sign.

• EFRAIN ZAZUETA AGUIRRE, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a bench warrant, probtion voilation for possession of dangerous drugs.

• ANDREW JACOB FERRO, 26, was transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held for criminal trespass

• CONRAD LEVELL MEZICK, 42, was transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held for driving wile license suspended/invalid.

• OSCAR MANUEL MADRID, 25, was transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held for failure to appear.

• TERESA LYNNE CHRISTON, 44, was taken into custody by HCSO for driving while intoxicated, open container and possession of drug paraphanalia.

• RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, 35, was arrested by DPS on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• ROBBIE LOYA, 21, was arrested by HSCO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• KARAN ELAINE GILBERT, 49, arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ROBERT BRANDON KING, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.

.Saturday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

## Take Note

• CROSS STITCHERS ARE NEEDED to stitch a square for the annual Howard County Fair quilt. The quilt theme this year is "Animals of Texas." Stitchers may pick up a pattern kit, containing everything they will need to finish the square, from the Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry. Squares need to be completed within the next several weeks to allow time to piece the quilt together and get it quilted. Funds raised through tickets sold on the quilt go to pay the expenses associated with the Howard County Fair. The fair will be Sept. 26-29.

• 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.



2-3 Bedroom



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• TRAUMA was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson Road. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-11-30-33-53. Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$75 million.

Winning ticket sold in: League City.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-16-20-25-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 8-5-7

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 4-7-1



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• **RAY CALDERON**, 24, was transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• GERALD F. ANDERSON, 67, ws transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held on a charge of driving while license invalid.

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BRYSON ONEIL VANDERBILT, 22, was transported to the county jail by BSPD to be held on a charge of driving while license invalid and theft of services

• ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 26, was transported to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• RANDY RAY MIER, 19, was transported by BSPD to the county jail on a charge of criminal mischief.

• RONALD DWAYNE STACY, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of no valid identification and open container.

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• DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 27, was transported to the county jail by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• DORA CERVANTES, 27, was arrested by DPS on a charge of no liability insurance and public intoxicxation.

ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ, 31, was transported to the county jail by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense and driving while license invalid.



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## **2B**

## SPORTS

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snapped a three-game los-

missed the Rockets' loss

to Portland on Friday

with back problems, but

both returned impressive-

ly as Houston pulled with-

in a half-game of the Utah

Jazz for the Western

Conference's fourth-best

Kevin Martin scored 24

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Garcia had 16 for the

Kings, who lost for the

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## Plenty of rust, but no pain from Wade in Heat's loss "It's exciting to get ing a home-court edge for 2 seed in the Western four of five to maintain lost for the second time in

#### By The Associated Press

He shot free throws like Shaquille O'Neal and had nearly as many turnovers as assists.

Yes, Dwyane Wade was rusty. The Miami Heat concerned, weren't though, because he was also pain-free.

"I had a lot of turnovers tonight. I missed a lot of free throws," Wade said. "But one thing about me, you don't have to worry about that. I won't do that too often."

Wade's struggles in his first game in 6 1/2 weeks helped the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Heat 111-103 in overtime Sunday. The NBA finals MVP played 27 minutes, scoring 12 points on 3-for-9 shooting from the field and 6-for-12 from the foul line. He had eight assists but committed six of Miami's season-high 26 turnovers.

back, but at the end of the day, you always want to win. You always want to come back and help your team win," Wade said. "I came back and at times, I looked OK and at times, I didn't."

But although Wade's play wasn't always good, his news after the game was.

"No pain tonight," Wade said.

In other games, it was: Detroit 87, Cleveland 82; Phoenix 115, the Los Lakers Angeles 107; Toronto 103, Chicago 89; Philadelphia 109, Atlanta 104 in overtime; and Houston 112, Sacramento 106.

Gerald Wallace scored 30 points and Walter Herrmann hit two big 3pointers in the final minute for the Bobcats, who not only ruined Wade's return but also hurt Miami's hope of havthe first playoff round.

Wearing a black sleeve to help protect his dislocated left shoulder, Wade played for the first time since a Feb. 21 injury that forced him to miss 23 games. He entered with 3:58 left in the first quarter, as fans roared when he rose from the bench to check into the game.

Wade helped Miami rally to tie the game early in the fourth quarter, but couldn't come through down the stretch. He made only one of two free throws with a chance to give the Heat the lead with 2.4 seconds left in regulation.

#### Suns 115. Lakers 107

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Steve Nash had 25 points and 11 assists for his career-best 50th double-double, and Phoenix moved 2 1/2 games ahead of San Antonio for the No.

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afraid perhaps that their

playing privileges might

be revoked mid-tourna-

ment. But they finally

seemed to get the message

that this was not the kind

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Conference.

Leandro Barbosa scored 23 points, Raja Bell added 22. and Amare Stoudemire had 19 points and nine rebounds for Pacific Division champion Phoenix (58-19), which won for the fifth time in its last six games.

Kobe Bryant had 34 points and seven assists and Smush Parker added 25 points and six assists before fouling out for the Lakers (40-37), who lost for the fifth time in seven games and fell into seventh place in the West a half-game behind the Denver Nuggets.

#### Pistons 87, Cavaliers 82

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and Chauncey Billups had 14 points and 12 assists to direct Detroit's balanced attack. The Pistons have won

kick-in distance. "They gave us a break, which was nice," Woods said. "And gave us a chance to go out there and score."

didn't Woods take enough advantage of that chance, but the patrons in their folding chairs got the kind of Sunday they're used to, topped off by a near hole-in-one by Justin Rose on No. 16 that made things interesting for a bit just when every-

The ending was anticliholes to force a tie. Even

parking lot, started up the car and drove down Magnolia Lane. There would be no more golf this day. This Masters was over, and with it went a piece of Tiger's aura of invincibility.

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cushion their over eight games. Chicago and Cleveland – which has lost seven of 12 Rockets 112, - for the best record in Kings 106 the conference. Starting Tracy McGrady had 40 for just the third time this points, 10 assists and eight rebounds in his season, Antonio McDyess had 18 points, a seasonreturn from a back high 13 rebounds and injury, Yao Ming scored

#### Raptors 103, Bulls 89

three blocks.

Anthony Parker scored a career-high 27 points and Chris Bosh had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Raptors, who clinched their first Atlantic Division title last Friday and their first playoff spot in five years last month.

Toronto has won eight of 10 to move within  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ games of Chicago and Cleveland for the secondbest record in the Eastern Conference.

Ben Gordon had 27 points for the Bulls, who

#### before Woods hit it into a greenside bunker on the 17th hole, Johnson was kissing his infant son and accepting the congratulations of everyone around him.

It was hardly Mickelson leaping for joy after getting his first major or Woods tearfully winning one for his father.

There might, in fact, never be a quieter or more unassuming winner than the self-described "normal guy" from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Excitement, he's not. But at least there was some excitement Sunday on the back nine, where this year the Masters really did begin.

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## DAHLBERG

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the world," but good enough to take a lead Johnson would never give up.

All around him, though, players were attacking a back nine that played so hard the day before that the entire field barely broke 40. Anyone within 10 shots of the lead seemed suddenly emboldened to shoot at greens and pins that they trembled in fear of the previous three rounds.

Jerry Kelly got things going by hitting a utility

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#### Continued from Page 1B

"He guts-ed it," Stuart Appleby, the third-round leader and Woods' playing partner Sunday, said with admiration. "He tried."

But this once, Woods

club close on the par-5 13th and making an eagle that briefly got him in contention. A few groups later, Padraig Harrington followed a birdie on the par-3 12th with an eagle he could have only imagined a few days earlier.

It helped that the people who run the tight ship at Augusta National ordered enough water to fill the ponds on the 15th hole poured on the greens to soften them up. They also made sure the Sunday pins were in such a spot that balls could funnel to the holes.

The players had been careful all week not to

n't bear to do even that much.

"I really wasn't looking at the leaderboard," he said afterward. "I left that up to Damon (Green), my caddie. I never really knew where I stood.

"I said, 'Damon, should I look? Should I look?' I didn't know until the 17th, and then I realized I just had to play solid and go from there." Turns out Johnson could have peeked much earlier. After the 13th, Woods uncharacteristically ran out of magic. He dunked a second shot at the par-5 15th and had to scramble to make par. He hit a 7-iron to 12 feet below the hole at the par-3 16th and missed that. "It was difficult, very difficult," Woods said. "It was the hardest Masters I've ever seen, with the wind, the dryness, the speed of these things. I told a couple guys out here this week, 'I was glad I had metal spikes on, or I would have slipped on the greens, they were so slick.""

of course Jones would have wanted his name attached to. A back nine that bordered on unplayable the day before was there for the taking. Balls that bounced over greens on

Saturday now settled softly next to the hole, and Woods was able to pull off the shot of the day when an iron to the 13th backed up some 40 feet down the hill and finished within

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didn't deliver.

He looked ready when his tee shot at 11 came to rest on pine straw under a tree on the right side of the fairway. There, Woods took a stance that ensured his followthrough would drive the shaft of the club squarely against the tree's trunk. He swung hard, anyway, bending the shaft so severely that he snapped it a moment later as easily as if it were a twig.

After a sensational par there, though, Woods had a brief twinge of regret when he bombed a drive around the corner at the par-5 13th and decided to go for the green in two.

"Ironically, on 13, it was the perfect club, that 4-iron. I had to hit a 5iron as hard as I could over the creek and hook it back," he said. "It's not the shot you want to hit."

But he hit that one, too, and just like the recovery at No. 11, pulled it off. The approach landed a half-foot from the top edge of the 13th green, then trickled down to 3 feet. The ensuing eagle putt dropped Woods to 3over and two strokes behind Johnson. Game on.

Anybody who had seen Woods hole an almostimpossible chip from behind the 16th green the ball's logo even posed for a deep breath before falling into the cup — en route to another green jacket two years ago couldn't wait to see what was next. This time, though, most of them watched Woods coming down the stretch by sneaking peeks through the gaps in the fingers covering their eyes. Johnson, though, couldhouse soon after, sur-

METAL



**Henry Backes** 

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## Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **♠** J 6 5 ♥AK ♦ J 9 8 7 6 **♣**10 3 2 WEST EAST **♦** 10 9 8 2 **♥** 10 9 ♠ K, 7 4 ♥ 8 7 6 5 3 2 ♦Q 10 ♦ A 3 ♣A 9 6 5 4 **♣**J 7 SOUTH 🕈 A Q 3 ♥OJ4 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣K O 8 The bidding West South North East Pass Pass 3 NT Opening lead — five of clubs.

This deal occurred in the Japan-Switzerland match during the 1982 World Team Championship in Biarritz, France

When Japan held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. The Swiss West led the five of clubs, and declarer, faced with a difficult decision, elected to play the ten from dummy. East covered with the jack,

ducked by South, and returned the seven of clubs, declarer's king losing to the ace. West then led the club

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four, on which East, Jean Besse, world-famous Swiss expert, discarded the ace of diamonds!

It was a sensational discard, no doubt, but, more importantly, it was the only card Besse could have played to defeat the contract. Had he retained the ace of diamonds, the Japanese declarer would almost cer-tainly have scored four diamond tricks - and the contract - by leading a diamond toward the king.

Besse had rightly concluded that if declarer held the K-Q of diamonds, three notrump could not be defeated. He therefore arbitrarily credited his partner with the queen of diamonds, and treated the diamond ace as an albatross around his neck. Declarer eventually went down one, losing four club tricks and a diamond.

At the second table, where the North-South cards were held by a Swiss pair, the final contract was again three notrump. At this table, however, West led the ten of spades, certainly a reasonable alternative to a club lead.

Declarer won the ten with the queen, played a heart to the king and a low diamond from returned dummy. After this start, there was no way he could be stopped from winning four diamond tricks, and he ultimately made four notrump to give the Swiss a gain of 730 points on the

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). Someone's due for a raise or, at the very least, some pomp and circumstance. Trumpet your success. March in your own parade. And if you're too shy, don't worry – a business partner toots your horn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel an overwhelming sense of well-being come over you — it's all going to be OK, really it is. Entrepreneurial ventures come together. You give someone your word and mean it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel squeamish about receiving. Maybe this is old baggage, but it won't go away by itself. Someone would like to cherish you, if you'll only let it happen. Nothing will be expected of you in return.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having a partner to share with makes you feel powerful. Be the royalty you are. A relationship selfhelp book opens doorways. The object of your affection is impressed by what you've learned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep following your creative muse — it's working. You're living the "Field of Dreams" adage: "If you build it, they will come." When cash lands in your hot hands, share it with your genies, muses and angels. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get away with whatever you want to do, scot-free. Consider it a belated birthday gift. Turn your late videos in penalty-free, or use your pull to get a friend into an exclusive club.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Blessings come from out of the blue. This defies all logic, but what's the diff? It puts you in touch with the numinous mysteries of life — like other people's motives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your dreams are furthered with a partner -atrip could happen, or a long-term goal is touched. This triggers your fearmonkey to start rattling off a list of impossibilities. Money isn't the obstacle, so what is?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People recognize that what you do is infinitely valuable, but for some reason that doesn't stop them from arguing with you about it. Operate from an attitude of personal worth, and they'll bow down to your brilliance.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC: In the spirit of the fiery Aries energy zinging around the cosmos these days, consider these wild women who have changed "her-story." Artist Judy Chicago spent years on a work of art involving a dinner table at which historical wild women had place settings on a grand table. Indian goddess poetess Kali, Greek Sappho, Sojourner Truth, Emily Dickinson, Georgia O'Keefe - 39 wild women in all. It's one of the most famous pieces of feminist art. Judy is a Cancer sun sign, so she's intimately linked with the women of history (most Cancers spend a good amount of time milling around in their personal past, and cultural and family legacy

to claim their true power). Part of Chicago's inspiration was Da Vinci's The Last Supper. Where were the women, she asked? She found their absence exceptionally odd, since women are social creatures who love to gab, host parties and eat! Were powerful historic women made invisible? Every wild woman's job description contains a myth-busting clause. Unquestioned myths absolutely hinder her ability to pump wildness back into the mainstream. What's the myth you were meant to bust? Look to your sun sign to discover how you're going to change the world.

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**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Cynthia Nixon played outspoken success-driven single mom Miranda in "Sex and the City." Does art mirror life? Uranus, planet of doing it differently, is strong in this fiery redhead's makeup. Nixon openly disclosed falling in love with a woman. And she was once arrested for protesting budget cuts at her daughter's elementary school. Expect to see Nixon in more controversial movie roles.

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## Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for three years, but haven't been living together for a few months. We don't want a divorce. We just reached a point where we fought too much and needed some space. We have two kids. The problem is my wife is too close to her mother. When we lived together, her mother called the house at least 20 times a day, sometimes to ask if we were feeding the kids and taking care of them. No joke. She also would stop by the house unannounced almost every day. My mother-in-law has a husband, so it's not like she's all alone. I know she loves her daughter and grandkids, but she never lets them breathe. She is also very nosy and never gave us any privacy. This frustrated me to no end. Μv wife currently spends so much time with her mother that it interferes with us working on our problems. On my days off, my wife chooses to spend the time with her mother instead of doing something together as a family. I've told my wife I should take priority, but she thinks I want her to give up her mother altogether, which is not true. How can a marriage work if one spouse has to share the other one? **Extremely Frustrated** Dear Frustrated: Your wife needs to understand that her husband and children outrank Mom, and she isn't hearing that message when it comes from you. This is why marriage counselors are so valuable. They are impartial and can deal with issues that spouses can only argue over. Make an appointment today and ask your wife to come with you. If she won't, go by yourself and see what you can do on your own.

## smile. Promise.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "More Considerate," who questioned why sick people don't stay home. Several years ago, the company I work for took away our 12 paid sick days and replaced them with four paid-time-off days. This means we have eight fewer paid days to stay home if we (or our chilsick. dren) are Working in South Dakota Dear S.D.: We know many bosses expect sick workers to come in, or they refuse to pay them. We also heard from readers who said teachers put the same pressure on children by expecting perfect attendance. We agree this can be unreasonable and actually damages productivity — sick people can't work as hard, and they infect others. But in social situations, please, people, stay home if you aren't feeling well. Dear Annie: "Steve" and I have been happily married for 15 years. We both love children and dreamed of someday having a large family. However, after several years of trying to conceive, we sought medical help and were told Steve has a sperm motility problem. We were told our chances of becoming pregnant were very low. Fertility treatments are expensive, and there is no guarantee they will work, so we decided to accept the prognosis and build a happy life together, just the two of us. Miraculously, five years ago, we got pregnant and now have a wonderful little boy. We haven't given up on the possibility of another miracle, but we know our chances are slim, and we are so grateful for our son. The problem is Steve's sister. "Gina" has tormented us about children since we married, and even though we have a child now, she's gotten worse. Recently, she has started encouraging our son to "ask Mommy when

she's going to give you a baby sister or brother." I've told Gina on several occasions that we have trouble conceiving, yet she persists. I think she's doing this just to hurt me. If she knew the problem was with Steve, I know she'd stop, but Steve doesn't want anyone to know. What Gina doesn't realize is that Steve's resentment toward her grows with every rude and hurtful comment. He avoids being around her and encourages me to do the same. Avoiding her helps, but it doesn't make me feel very good to treat her that way. Any advice? — Steve's Wife Dear Wife: Steve should be the one to tell Gina to knock it off because her comments are hurtful. If she won't stop, he has the right idea. You should not have to spend time with someone who is determined to make you miserable. She has chosen this path, and it's her loss. Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Gorilla Warfare" and had to write. He needs to buy a clipper like his barber has. It costs around \$40. These clippers come with attachments that are all numbered for size and are foolproof. I take the No. 2 clip and buzz my husband's back hair, chest hair and so on. It takes out all the bulk, but still looks natural. When he goes to the gym or pool, we buzz it down as needed. It makes a big difference, and it is so simple. Barber for 20 Years Dear Barber: Thanks for the recommendation. If our readers opt to shave their hairy backs and chests, or even their scalps, this is the way to g0.



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As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following Criteria may be used to determine the award of the contract: 1. Price

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- proposa 4. The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school
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- and services in the proposal. 7. The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
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Coahoma ISD will be accepting sealed bids on an 8N Ford Tracto and 1991 International Bus. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Bids will be opened and awarded May 1. 2007 at the Administration Office 600 N. Main, PO Box 110, Coahoma, Texas 79511. Sale items may be seen at the District's Bus Barn. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. #5324 April 6, 8 & 9, 2007



Dear Annie: I'm 29 years old and getting married soon. All my friends are into tattoos and multiple KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

have piercings. Ι remained ink free, with only two earrings.

I dearly love my friends, but their artwork and piercings are getting a bit scary, and they just keep adding more. I'd like my wedding day to be normal and have the pictures reflect that. I don't want my friends showing up with their tongue studs and belly rings hanging out, or their arms showing every snake, dragon and fairy.

I'm sure they don't consider what their skin will look like in 50 years. My grandpa has a mermaid dueling a flaming dragon on his shoulder, but his skin sags, and it looks like a floppy fish dodging a fire.

I don't want to act all prissy. I just want a nice affair where the guests are wearing normal clothes without every earring they own in their lips, eyebrows, cheeks, ears and nose. - No Ink for This Bride

Dear Bride: If any of these friends are attendants, you can tell them what to wear. Otherwise, clothing is dictated by the formality of the event for example, "black tie optional" requires the men to wear suits at the very least. Beyond that, you don't get to tell your guests how to dress, even if that means six rings in their lips and snakes curling down their bare arms. Try to remember these are your friends. Someday, you'll look back on those pictures and

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## LOCAL/NATION

## Angry Latino groups ask: Where are our veterans in 'The War'?

#### **By DAVID BAUDER**

#### **AP** Television Writer

NEW YORK — Activists who believe Latinos deserve more recognition for their contributions during World War II have created an agonizing political problem for PBS and filmmaking star Ken Burns.

Several Latino leaders and military veterans, angry that Burns' high-profile documentary series "The War" includes no conversations with Latinos who fought, are demanding changes. PBS and Burns want to satisfy an important constituency, without the precedent of a filmmaker forced to change his vision due to a protest. PBS chief executive Paula

Kerger, after meetings with University of Texas. leaders including Congress Hispanic caucus, has promised suggested solutions as early as this week.

Burns' 14-hour documentary is scheduled to premiere in September. PBS hopes it becomes as definitive a record of the World War II experience as Burns' "The Civil War" was for that conflict, and as popular. Kerger has already described it as Burns' greatest work.

Even though the film hasn't been seen publicly, its lack of Latino representation was sniffed out by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, a former newspaper reporter who runs an oral history project about Latino World War II veterans at the

anesthesiologist, because I have

a passion for children," she

said. "So I wanted to do some-

That "something" is "Mark's

Experience With Surgery," a

coloring/activity book in which

Bryant serves as both author

Bryant sad that after about

two months of work, the book

was ready to be field tested, in

this case with the help of a 6-

"She was completely honest," Bryant said. "She was one blunt little girl."

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thing that would benefit kids."

Story: A Child's

and illustrator.

year-old volunteer.

Rivas-Rodriguez and her staff police projects about World War II all over the country books, films, conferences and the like — to make sure Latinos represented. are Last November, when Burns previewed his film at a museum, her project manager asked whether Latino veterans were interviewed in the documentary. She was told no, and immediately set about trying to raise awareness.

Anger over "The War" has deep roots.

Rivas-Rodriguez has stories from Latino Medal of Honor winners who came home to Texas only to be denied service at restaurants. She thinks few Americans are aware of the

Bryant would love to see her

"If someone wanted to take

project, or one similar to it,

this and reproduce it, that's

fine," she said. "If it ends up

benefiting as many kids as it

possibly can, that would make

For Nghiem, whose father suf-

fered from clogged arteries and

whose mother was a cardiolo-

gist in her native Vietnam, his

watching TV," he said. "I was

eating chocolate and suddenly

stopped and said, 'What am I

"I was sitting on the couch

project made perfect sense.

used in hospitals.

me ecstatic.'

experiences, and the lack of the country - Waterbury, attention it received in Tom Brokaw's best-selling book "The Greatest Generation" didn't help.

"It's a real sore spot to say to someone that your experience wasn't unique in this country," she said. "Our people weren't valued. Not only were they not valued then, they are not being valued today."

The large Latino presence among the armed forces fighting the Iraq War deepens the sensitivity toward this issue, said Marta Garcia, head of the New York chapter of the Hispanic National Media Coalition.

Burns' film focuses on the wartime experiences of people from four communities across

doing?' ... I decided that I need-

ed to stop this and teach other

kids about the right way to

The result of his revelation is

"Heart Happy," a 15-minute

video that teaches children

heart-healthy alternatives to

traditional snacks, that comes

complete with a teacher's

resource packet and student

about five months to develop.

eat."

worksheets.

Mobile, Conn.; Ala.; Sacramento, Calif.; and Luverne, Minn. He weaves their individual stories about combat together to tell how the war changed lives, and changed the world.

Since he's spent his career trying to tell overlooked stories in American history, Burns said he can appreciate the Latino community's concerns.

"We did not set out to exclude Latinos, or any other group for that matter," he told The Associated Press. "In fact, thousands of stories have not been included. We set out to explore the human experience of war and combat based on a handful of stories told by individuals in only four American towns."

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seven months before field testing it at the Allison Cancer Center in Midland.

"I had about five patients critique (the project)," Carrasco said. "They were very positive ... they felt it was new and innovative."

Bryant also combined her passion and professional goals to create her project, a coloring book for children who are about to undergo surgery.

"I want to become a pediatric

## CITY

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requires a quorum of Moore Development board members to meet with the council in an executive session quarterly to discuss what actions the board is taking.

"I can't speak for every city, but I feel the public hands their funds to the Moore Board, and the Moore Board is appointed and they're not responsible to the public for that money,' said Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup during the March meeting. "We (the city council) are elected, and we are responsible to the public. "I'm not suggesting we tie Moore Board's hands... However, I'd challenge anyone to tell me and prove to me there has been any oversight of Moore Board by approving minutes... We're responsible to the public, and we can't discharge our duties adequately by looking at line items that don't tell us what hap-

pened during the meeting. It has to be that way for a reason, and I understand that. But it doesn't have to stop there.'

Mayor Russ McEwen said he felt the council had been lax in its duty to examine the minutes of the board's meetings.

"It's our responsibility to ask those questions,' said McEwen. "If it's on that consent agenda and we approve that consent agenda, that's on us. I think approving minutes is a legitimate way to do this. And if we have questions and it's on our agenda tonight, we need to ask questions and they (Moore Board) need to be here.

will know what we're doing. And that may have been an issue in the past, be it a small project or maybe it takes a large project to get us to this point and get the attention."

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to consider:

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a letter of engagement with Texas Trails Education Motorized and Management for consultant services and the creation of the Moss Creek Lake motorized recreational trail.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Rick Boiles as Moss Lake caretaker.

Assessor and Collector. an order temporarily rescinding the gate fees for the Municipal Landfill for the Texas Trash Off April 14.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Cornell Corrections concerning the transition of certain aspects of operations of the Big Spring Correctional Center.

• Appointments to the Charter Amendment Committee. The council is also

the Howard County Tax expected to enter into an for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in executive session with • Emergency reading of the members of the Moore Development board of directors for the first of its quarterly meetings with the economic development board.

The meeting is slated

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said. "I love it ... I don't mean to

sound smug, but I'm 16 years old and I was able to film a DVD ... I'm proud of this."

And Wright was proud of her students' efforts.

"I feel each of them has done an excellent job," Wright said. "They've created products that can be used in the professional world. I'm proud to call them my students."

Nghiem said he likes the fin-Contact Staff Writer Steve ished product, which took Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or e-mail "I showed it to several people by

and they critiqued it, so I was reporter@bigspringherald.com. able to fix some things," he

Moore Board President Larry McLellan said all three conditions are not only acceptable by the government group, but

welcome. "I think the dialogue with the council is a very good idea," said McLellan. "I believe it will only improve their job to respond to the community and make our job a lot easier because they

Texans took part in 2006.

• First reading of an Ordinance Amending chapter 1, Article 9 of the City Code entitled "Prison G u a r d s , " "Qualifications," "Powers" and several others.

• Approval of the 2007-2008 proposed budget for

## **TRASH OFF**

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Big spring will be joining thousands of volunteers across Texas to pickup trash, as Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation partner for the largest clean up effort in the state. It's estimated that 70,000

Those wishing to participate can pick up trash bags at the Big Spring Chamber Area of Commerce from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 13. New volunteers might want to contact Simmons at 263-4607 for idea about where to focus their attention. That's because some groups participate annually and cover pre-designated areas.

"If you don't have an area, call me and I can assign one that no other group has," explained Simmons.

Groups pick up trash as long as they like — for an hour or so or all day, depending on their physical limits.

"We appreciate your help. This is your city, so participate and let's see Big Spring spring forward!" added Simmons.



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## Editorial

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

-First Amendment

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## **OUR VIEWS**

## Legislature should fund Texas Grants

s rising tuition threatens to put a college education out of the reach of the average Texan, lawmakers in Austin are debating whether to shortchange Texas Grants, one of the state's most successful education assistance programs. Such an action in a year of budget surpluses would betray the aspirations of Lone Star students and leave the state less competitive.

Texas is in the bottom third in per capita rates of college graduates, while facing increased demand for skilled workers. The last thing our leaders need to be doing is making higher education less accessible.

Since the program was launched in 2000, Texas Grants has provided tuition and fees for 161,000 students, more than half of them minorities. Anglos make up roughly a third of recipients; more than 13 percent are black.

The program has been especially effective in assisting Hispanic students, who received nearly half of the tuition grants over the past seven years. Their need for assistance will expand by the year 2040, when nearly 60 percent of the state's college age population is projected to be Hispanic.

Texas Grants provides a gateway for urban students to a variety of academic settings around the state. For instance, Texas Tech at Lubbock received \$1.14 million in initial grant allocations and more than \$8.6 million in renewals this fiscal year. That aid enabled more than 2,000 students to enroll. State Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, who crafted the enabling legislation, says Texas Grants reaches only a fraction of the students who need the program. If fully funded at nearly \$900 million, the program would nearly triple the number of students receiving assistance to more than 180,000. The House Appropriations Committee has approved \$454 million for the program, while the Senate Finance Committee has not yet voted on a bill that would earmark \$399 million. Ellis, who has introduced a bill to fully fund Texas Grants, is asking educators, parents and students to let lawmakers know about their support for increased college aid. Funding is not the only issue that could diminish the program's effectiveness. To qualify for the grants, a student must prove residency, show financial need, be a Texas high school graduate and complete an advanced or recommended high school curriculum. A plan offered by Texas Gov. Rick Perry would attach strings to the grants, requiring that they be converted to interest-free loans to be repaid if students fail to graduate within the specified span of their studies. Ellis and other program supporters claim such strictures would have the effect of discouraging even more students from applying for the grants. As anyone who has worked his way through college knows, sometimes more than four years are needed to earn a degree, particularly if the student is working full time. There is no higher priority for our legislators than making sure public higher education remains affordable to the public, particularly the children of low- and middle-income families. The continuing rise in costs to attend state universities, typified by Texas A&M University's recently announced intention to hike tuition and fees up to 13 percent, make this an issue on a par with property tax reduction. With the money available, there's no excuse for failing to fund Texas Grants at a level that guarantees that every qualified student with the desire for education and the financial need gets the opportunity to attend college.

I Gore, once held in disregard by friend and foe alike for his performance in the 2000 election, blew into Washington a week ago, trailing clouds of glory. His global warming film, "An Unpleasant Truth," had just won an Academy Award, his name was being mentioned for the Nobel Peace Prize and there was an incipient "Draft

Gore" movement on the rise. Clothed in that suit of lights, he appeared before both House and Senate committees to tell them about — what else? — global warming.

"This is not a normal time," he said. "We are facing a planetary crisis."

planetary crisis." He said that the global temperature increases, now foreseen by a consensus of scien-

tists, would cause polar ice to melt, sea levels to rise dramatically, hurricanes to increase in devastation and wildfires and droughts to become more prevalent. Then he played the Thermopylae card, recalling the battle of 480 B.C. when a few hundred gallant Spartans stood against thousands of invading Persians in defense of Western civilization. If global warming could be stalled, he said, we could tell future generations: "This was our Thermopylae. We defended civilization's gate." (Forgetting perhaps that the Spartans lost the battle. Athens was burned.) Never mind. The Democrats broke into virtual applause. The Republicans didn't.

Sen. James Inhofe, chairman of

the Flat Earth caucus in the Senate, who has called global warming "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people," said:

**Global warming in land of denial** 

"It is my perspective that your global warming alarmist pronouncements are now and have always been filled with inaccuracies and misleading statements."

Gore, backed by a U.N.-sponsored study by climate experts around the world that has called the fact of global warming "unequivocal," simply brushed aside Inhofe's remarks.

"The planet has a fever," he said, citing statistics for the steady increase in average temperatures in recent years.

"If your baby has a fever, you go to the doctor. If the doctor says you need to intervene, you don't say, 'Well, I read a science fiction novel that tells me it's not a problem."

You could tell Inhofe was on the ropes because he played the icicle card, the last refuge of globalwarming scoundrels. Holding up a picture of an icicle, he said:

"How come you guys never seem to notice it when it gets cold? Where's global warming when you really need it?"

He is either the three dumbest people in the Senate or a complete charlatan. Even his Republican colleagues were somewhat embarrassed by the anti-Gore arguments in the House and Senate.

"It's possible to be a conservative without appearing to be an idiot," said Rep. Bob Inglis of South Carolina, thus libeling idiots.

It was a very entertaining show. As Gore ended his Senate gig, he turned to committee chairperson Barbara Boxer of California and said:

"You don't give out any kind of statue or anything?"

And when former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert called him a "movie star" he responded with: "Rin Tin Tin was a movie star. I just have a slide show."

My heart, once hardened against him, is beginning to melt like the polar ice cap. Gore has the facts on his side. While that is seldom crucial in guiding congressional debates, these are so one-sided as to be inexorable.

The U.N. survey was conducted by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change, made up of hundreds of climate scientists from 113 countries and based on six years of research.

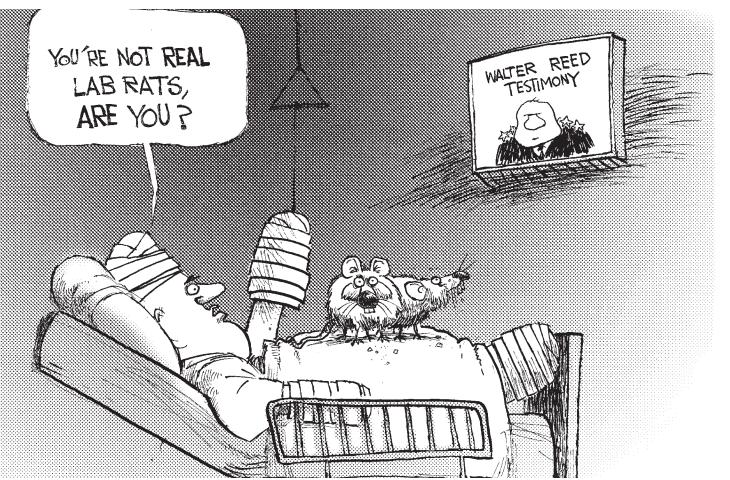
They all agreed on the finding. There is no escaping its conclusions. And its general conclusion is that even if we and the other major carbon-producing countries take immediate, drastic steps to reduce that production, we still face future climate change that will produce severe alterations where we live.

If we don't do anything, those changes will be catastrophic. Those are the real choices: a fourcar crash on the highway or a 24car train wreck.

Gore's problem is not that he's an alarmist; it's that he's a cockeyed optimist.

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THE CHRONICLE HOUSTON

## A SMALL PRAYER

#### by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves and everyone that we prayed for today and we ask that You will renew our strength, the ones that wait upon You: that we shall mount up with wings like eagles, they we will run and not be weary we will walk and not faint.

## Support the war — forget the troops

ounded soldiers, Fall behind; Out of sight, And out of mind.

We got the true drift of this war when word slipped out that those patriotic yellow car magnets —

Support Our Troops — were actually subsidized by the Pentagon. Shrewd leaders there concluded that supporting magnets was a whole lot cheaper than supporting soldiers.

The fallout from that strategy grows WILLI clearer each day as C planeloads of vets return home to try to collect the benefits that were promised them.

Worse luck, those promises are often empty. Connecticut, which finds itself stuck for much of veterans' care, can't even find out who's been discharged or who has been injured and will be coming home soon. Gov. Jodi Rell has asked both the Defense Department and the Veterans Administration (VA) for numbers but they don't come forth. This makes it tricky to develop a care plan.

Fortunately, the state is even now building a \$33 million, 125bed unit in Rocky Hill to look after our current and former heroes. But what kind of staffing will be needed statewide, particularly for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sufferers, remains a mystery.

In fact, Washington doesn't like to discuss PTSD at all. It may be an obvious affliction to family and friends, but it's not as physically visible as, say, an artificial leg. This makes it easier for the Pentagon to tamp down the casualty statistics, always a useful ploy when you're promoting a war. Such denial is cheaper for the budget as well, since you can often fob off the treatment and cost of mental disorders onto somebody else.

Unfortunately, the worst mental disorder relating to this war is found in the White House. It's megalomania. Oil and empire are its most prominent symptoms, both on vivid display in Iraq. The problem is that oil and empire often require large inputs of cannon fodder (ask England). Or in today's parlance, IED fodder.

But such fodder is expensive. It's costly enough to pay for troops while they're fighting, but afterwards? Forget it. Give them a medal and send them off. We have to husband that money to pay bonuses to get uncertain new recruits to join.

Walter Reed hospital offers a marvelous metaphor for this neglectful attitude. Its inattention to maintenance and quality go hand in hand with the policy of prohibiting photos of returning casualties, living and dead. It's the same mindset that tells troopers to get their own body armor and to beef up their own humvees. The big war money is reserved for contractors and mercenaries, not troops. Less yet is it spent for former troops. The processing time for VA benefits in Connecticut, for example, is already 600 days, with another 950 vets presumably coming home soon. Soldiers who complain about "hurry up and wait" don't yet know the half of it.

And if you're a reservist or guardsman, you may never get any benefits at all, no matter how much combat time you put in. The Defense Department interprets the law to require that you remain in the reserve in order to be eligible. To the generals that amounts to keeping you safely on the shelf in the cannon fodder arsenal while you go to college. One New Haven area vet is presently facing this treatment after regular army, a tour in Afghanistan, and 15 total years of active and reserve service.

At a time when the White House speaks so glowingly of heroism, heroes don't much make it into the budget. Services and care that should be quick and automatic for returnees have to be begged for, often unsuccessfully.

Other empires have treated their veterans poorly too, but few have been so hypocritical about it.

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WILLIAM A. Collins Shoulde

Pelvis

Hip

Should be treated right away

to avoid septic shock, which

Hot compresses, splinting

Exercise, once healing begins

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Intravenous antibiotics

Sometimes surgical

drainage of fluid

Knee

Treatment

can be fatal

#### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, April 9, 2007

## Kids Health Matters Septic arthritis

Also known as infectious or pyogenic arthritis, septic arthritis is a serious joint infection that can affect children as well as adults.

Elbow

Wrist

#### Most common infection sites

Usually caused by bacteria that spreads from another infected site (such as the ear) or enters the bloodstream from a wound or open fracture

Infects joint fluid and joint

tissues

## Symptoms

Fever

- Severe joint pain, swelling
- · Redness, warmth around
- affected area · Limited use of affected joint
- · Sometimes vomiting, sore throat, headache, other
- indications of illness

Source: Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Schneider Children's Hospital Graphic: Pat Carr, Garrick Gibson

## Nutrition wise

Q: What does energy density mean?

A: Food's energy content is measured in calories. Energy density refers to how many calories a food contains for a

certain weight. For an equal number of calories, foods low in energy density will provide а larger portion and thus, satisfy hunger



COLLINS MS, RD, CDN more than foods high

in energy density. Studies show that creating a diet low in energy density such as with fruits and vegetables can help choose foods only on the basis of low calorie content, your hunger may not be fully satisfied. If you ate primarily refined grains, sweets or drinks, you may get hungry soon after eating. By filling up on foods low in energy density and including protein some lean sources, you can feel comfortably full on relatively few calories.

phrases on the box fronts can be misleading so check the list of ingredients; the first item should be a whole grain such as whole wheat or oats. Check the Nutrition Facts

panel and choose a cereal with at least three grams of fiber per serving. If you have high blood cholesterol, you might specifically look for choices that supply more soluble fiber with such ingredients as oats or psyllium (a grain). If you're devoted to a low-fiber favorite, try combining the cereal with a higher-fiber bran or whole-grain choice. Some high-fiber cereals are low in sugar while others contain quite a bit Consider how more. much you indulge your sweet tooth during the weight control. When you rest of the day before deciding how much sugar to allow in your cereal. Remember that part of the sugar content listed for cereals containing raisins and other fruit comes from natural sugar in the fruit. If you need more calcium, B-12, folate or other nutrients, you may want a cereal fortified with those nutrients. However, since you eat other foods throughout the day, there's no reason to choose a cereal only because it has more of every vitamin and mineral. Also, check the fat and calorie content. If you're watching your weight, be careful of cereals that pack a high calorie content in a small portion. One ounce of cereal is approximately 100 calories. For many cereals this serving measures from three-quarter to one cup, an amount no bigger than your fist. If you choose a granola or other calorie-dense cereal, then one ounce will measure only about a quarter of a cup.

## HEALTH It's only a tooth, right?

t's only a tooth, right? I hear that question in my office occasionally. You may have asked me or another dentist the same question if a tooth has big problems. First, let

me say that losing a tooth is not the end of the world. It is not fatal to lose a tooth. In fact, if the tooth is badly infect-

DAVID ed, cracked, WARD or broken down by

decay, extraction may be the best alternative.

DR.

That being said, infected teeth can often be saved with root canal or periodontal (gum and bone) therapy and badly broken or decayed teeth can often saved with crowns (caps). It also usually costs less to save a tooth than replace it, so always consider saving. If we can't save a tooth,

chewing ability, or cosmetics, or both will suffer. As I have noted in previous articles, when a tooth is removed the other teeth start shifting, the jaw bone starts shrinking, and the diet starts favoring softer, less healthy foods. Also, having an empty spot when one smiles, even toward the back, makes other people think that the person can't afford to fix the problem. Studies show that smile is one of the main components of the all important first impression.

The best tooth replacement is almost always a dental implant. An implant is a titanium cylinder place surgically into the jawbone, and it functions like a tooth root.

The implant actually preserves the jawbone from shrinkage, and allows us to restore the tooth with an abutment and crown attached to the implant. Another fantastic thing about implants is that they are

resistant to gum disease and immune to decay! Before we had implants, the best tooth replacement was a bridge, technically called "fixed partial denture." A bridge can replace one or several teeth in an area. It is usually attached to teeth on each side of the open area by means of crowns (called bridge retainers in this case). A bridge looks and chews just like natural teeth, however it does not maintain the bone the way implants do.

Reasonably healthy teeth on each side of the missing area are needed for these beautiful restorations.

If many teeth are missing, if the health of the other teeth is questionable, or if the patient has limited finances, then a partial or "removable partial denture" may need to be considered.

A partial comes in and out and costs much less than the other options. While a partial can be reasonably cosmetic, the

function and cosmetics of a partial are not nearly as good as with the implants or bridges. That being said, the function with a partial is usually much better than with a full denture, especially a lower denture.

Finally, if you are to the point of needing dentures, invest in quality. Consider that your ability to smile, talk, and chew are all directly related to your denture. This is no time to be a penny pincher. Reline them every three to five years to keep them fitting well and consider implants or miniimplants to make them much more stable.

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## Life o'Riley means entertaining guests of Ronald McDonald House

#### **By FELICIA COUSART** MATLOSZ

McClatchy Newspapers FRESNO, Calif. - Sixvear-old Sarah Madden knows when she stays at the Ronald McDonald House in Madera, Calif., that her friend Riley will be there to play with her and keep her company.

And Riley is not hard to spot — just look for the friendly black, white and brown rat terrier.

He comes to work every day with his owner, Lacy Craig. She's a processing coordinator at the house for out-of-area families children whose are receiving medical care at local hospitals. The house sits next door to Children's Hospital Central California. On a recent sunny day, Sarah is excited to see Riley in a courtyard area just outside Craig's office. The delighted pair chase each other. Riley plays his version of hide-andseek. Sarah squeals as she calls his name and teases him with his toys.



Fresno Bee, MCT photo/John Walker

Sarah Hadden, 6, plays with Riley, a brown and white rat terrier, in a garden of the Ronald McDonald House in Madera, Calif. Sarah, who has an immune deficiency, enjoys his company after hours of therapy.

"It takes some of the stress off of why she's here," Madden says. "She knows she's going to get poked with needles and stuff when she's here. ... It makes the trip fun."

And what about mom?

"To me, he gives me a break," Madden says. 'She goes and plays with him, and I can sit and just watch."

Nikki Frago, family services coordinator at the Ronald McDonald House, says Riley's presence is a "great help." The house – one of more than 245 in 28 countries — offers a temporary home where family members can sleep, eat and find support from other families. Frago sees how much Riley means to the children, especially those who are receiving intensive medical treatment. "It just makes me want to cry when I watch them," Frago says. "It just helps them so much to try to forget how sick they feel and how upset and scared they are."

#### Q: Is light beer a more healthful choice than regular beer?

A: Beer's impact on health relates to both its calorie and alcohol content. When it comes to weight control and calorie content, a 12-ounce regular beer runs about 140 to 150 calories, whereas light beers contain approximately 95 to 115 calories. Non-alcoholic beers run about 45 to 75 calories for the same portion. Excess alcohol, on the other hand, may raise cancer risk. In most cases, the alcohol content of light beer is only slightly lower than that of regular beer. (The decreased calories are due to lower carbohydrate content.) Overall, the impact of alcohol-containing beer on health and weight probably comes more from the amount of beer you drink than the type. When serving sizes grow larger or increase in number, both calories and alcohol increase. To lower risk of cancer and safeguard overall health, women should drink no more than 12 ounces of beer a day regular or light and men should drink no more than 24 ounces.

Q: How do you suggest choosing a healthful cereal from among so many choices?

A: First, look for a whole-grain cereal. The

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) offers a Nutrition Hotline online at www.aicr.org or via phone 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday, at 1-800-843-8114.

"He likes me a lot because he jumps at me when I have his toy," she explains gleefully.

Riley started spending days at the Ronald McDonald House in the fall of 2005, shortly after Craig got him as an 8week-old puppy. He was too young to leave at home by himself, so Craig received permission to bring him to work. She set up a bed and a food tray and brought in some pet toys. She thought at the time, "We'll just keep him here until he gets a little bit older."

But her view changed about a month into Riley's stays at the Ronald McDonald House. One day, he began playing with a 7-year-old girl who had just had a tumor

removed from her brain. The girl was having difficulty moving the right side of her body. Craig, thinking Riley might get rowdy, offered to lead her

dog away. The girl's mother, however, told Craig it was all right. It would help her daughter physically to throw Riley his toys and chew stick. That's when Craig says she realized that Riley wasn't just passing time at the house.

"I just thought: `He does have a purpose here," Craig says. "I'm just so happy that he's part of my life, but out here, it just seems everybody enjoys his company."

That includes staff at the house, children such as Sarah and adults such as her mother, Heather Madden.

While her daughter plays with Riley, Madden watches with a smile on her face. "Every time we come here, it's `Where's Riley? Can I play with Riley?" says Madden. "She loves him."

Mom makes regular 170trips from mile Tehachapi in Kern County so that Sarah and her baby sister, 9-monthold Lillian, can see specialists near the Ronald McDonald House.

Sarah, for example, has an immune deficiency and receives regular intravenous immune globulin therapy. And that, Madden explains, is a slow-drip process that can take several hours. Having Riley around at the house helps.





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## STATE

## <u>TEXAS</u> <u>NEWS</u> <u>BRIEFS</u>: Judges sentencing fewer children to Texas Youth Commission

DALLAS (AP) — Judges are sentencing fewer children to terms at the Texas Youth Commission in the aftermath of reports of inmate abuse and mismanagement within the agency, a spokesman said.

Harris, Dallas, Bexar, Tarrant and Travis counties — the five counties that send the most young offenders to TYC have all decreased their number of referrals, agency records show.

TYC spokesman Jim Hurley said the commission normally receives more children in late winter and early spring. Texas courts sent 33 children last week.

"I think historically, that at this point in the year, we would be getting 60 or 70 referrals a week," Hurley said. "Now, it's more like 40."

Travis County has sent only one child to TYC since mid-February, when media reports first chronicled allegations that agency officials had ignored reports of sexual abuse of inmates by administrators at the West Texas State School in Pyote. The ensuing controversy provoked a raft of firings, resignations and investigations statewide.

## House panel recommends transfer of 18 historic sites

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee has recommended transferring 18 historic sites from control of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission.

The full House is expected to take up soon the recommendation by the House Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee. Twelve state historic sites would remain with the parks department under the bill.

Proponents argued that the Historical Commission is better equipped to maximize state funding to develop and market the sites.

Some groups critical of the proposal said transferring the sites is purely political and would provide no benefit to the state. They've also questioned whether the move is a step toward privatizing the land.

John Nau III, chairman of the Historical Commission, said the commission has the skills to "focus on a very unique consumer base — that's the heritage and cultural tourist."

## Houston school district will consider asking for end to TAKS

HOUSTON (AP) — The board for the state's largest school district is set to consider a resolution this week asking the Legislature to replace the state's standardized tests with end-of-course exams.

Two bills are currently before the Legislature that would replace the exitlevel Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS test, with end-ofcourse exams in the core subject areas.

The high-stakes nature of the TAKS has been lambasted by teachers and parents, who argue that too much classroom time is spent on preparing students for the test.

The Houston Independent School District board was set to vote at its meeting Thursday on a resolution asking the state to replace the TAKS test with end-of-course exams.

Houston schools Superintendent Abelardo Saavedra said students need a full, well-rounded education, and end-ofcourse exams could be used to better determine whether children are learning everything they need to learn.

## Woman arrested for fire that killed three to appear in court Tuesday

HOUSTON (AP) — A licensed vocational nurse arrested for starting a fire in her office that killed three people and injured six others last month was scheduled to make her first court appearance on Tuesday.

Misty Ann Weaver, 34, was charged with three counts of felony murder and one count of first-degree arson. The fire March 28 spread throughout the fifth floor of a six-story building near a busy 10-lane highway during the evening rush hour.

Weaver was in jail on Sunday, said Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Lt. John Martin. She did not appear to have an attorney yet, he said. Her bonds for all four charges totaled \$330,000.

Attempts to contact Weaver's home were not successful Sunday as her phone number was not listed in local directories.

According to authorities, Weaver started the fire because she neglected to finish an accreditation audit that was due to her boss, a plastic surgeon, and feared losing her job because of it.

Weaver thought starting a small fire would postpone the audit, investigators said.

Investigators did not say how Weaver allegedly started the blaze.

Three firefighters were among the injured in the blaze near Highway 610.

Among those killed were Jeanette Hargrove, 52, a budding victims' rights activist planning to testify that week against a man charged with sexually assaulting a family member several years ago.

Marvin Wells Sr., 46, a local pastor, and Shana Ellis, 38, were also killed.

## Flaws found in health care for juveniles at TCY prisons

DALLAS (AP) — Juveniles at the troubled Texas Youth Commission have faced long delays in getting medical treatment and even received incorrect drug prescriptions, according to a newspaper's review of nearly 2,000 medical mistreatment allegations since 2005.

The review by The Dallas Morning News found that youths at the 22 statewide TYC facilities often waited weeks or months for X-rays, prescriptions and referrals to specialists at either the University of Texas Medical Branch or the Texas Tech Health Science Center.

The two facilities manage all aspects of health care except for psychiatric care, which is outsourced to local doctors.

In some cases, health records and prescriptions were misplaced when youths went to other prisons.

"I'm not prepared to say whose fault it is, but I know a lot of things ain't right, and it causes me great concern," said Jay Kimbrough, the man appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to clean up the embattled agency. "It's not functioning on the level it should. And if even one person is not getting the care they need, that's one too many."

Kimbrough is overseeing a top-to-bottom investigation of agency policies amid burgeoning allegations that inmates were sexually and physically abused and employees who knew about the problems did nothing to stop them.

The system incarcerates about 4,700 offenders ages 10 to 21 who are considered the most dangerous, incorrigible or chronic.

The review by the Morning News examined 43 medical mistreatment investigations and 1,730 youth medical complaints in the last two years.

In one case, an unnamed youth at the Sheffield Boot Camp complained about headaches, dizziness and vomiting for nearly five months before he was finally sent to a medical specialist. After an exam showed he had a brain tumor, it still took another two weeks before he was discharged.

Of more than 20,000 youths who have gone through the agency since 2002, six have died while in TYC custody, records show.

TYC spokesman Jim Hurley said the agency feels trapped by a system where UTMB and Texas Tech medical directors must approve all medical procedures, even mundane checkups.

## Dying toddler again facing removal of life support

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for a terminally ill toddler on life support will again ask a court this week to keep alive the 17-month-old who cannot find another hospital to take him.

The family of Emilio Gonzales has until Tuesday to transfer the boy, who faced a similar deadline last month before his hospital provided more time to locate a new facility.

But no takers have emerged since Children's Hospital in Austin granted a two-week extension March 20. The hospital plans to remove the respirator Wednesday, and doctors expect Emilio to die within minutes or hours.

A lawyer for the family said she will ask a Travis County probate judge Tuesday for a temporary restraining order forcing the hospital to treat Emilio while the search continues.

"We're hopeful that we will receive more time to find a transfer for Emilio, because we have not exhausted all possibilities and leads," attorney Jerri Ward said.

Emilio has Leigh's disease, a degenerative neurological disorder causing his brain tissue to die. He has been at the hospital since December, and doctors fear the life support machines are hurting him.

Among his supporters are state lawmakers backing a bill that would prohibit hospitals from stopping life-sustaining treatment while a family pursues a transfer or other care.





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and celebrating their lives and the continued support of their children

Kent and Lea Newsom Gary Don, M.D., and Beverly Newsom

Please join us in thanking one of Big Spring's first and finest families for continuing their parents' commitment to improving the lives of people with mental illness in their hometown of Big Spring, Texas

Tuesday, April 17, 2007 Lunch served at Noon Big Spring State Hospital Allred Auditorium

Reception and Rededication Ceremony 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge Big Spring State Hospital Campus

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#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



"OH, I FORGOT. MY TEACHER SENT YOU THIS NOTE LAST NOVEMBER, MOM.'



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"These pants I got for Easter are my favorite 'cause nobody's ever worn them before."



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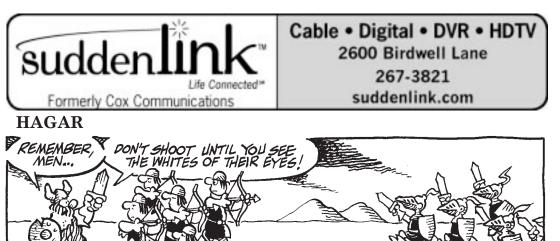


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## **BLONDIE**





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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 9, the 99th day of 2007. There are 266 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March" which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

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