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Lecture series

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Event to feature Emily Friedman, no admission fee

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

Emily Friedman, an independent writer, lecturer, and health policy and ethics analyst, will be the guest lecturer at the first Howard College Foundation

Lecture Series to be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.



"Ethical Responsibilities of Health

Care Professionals," is sponsored by the Margo Glickman Fund and will be free to the public. It is an opportunity for professionals in the medical field to earn continuing education units and receive top rate information and guidance.

The lecture is also for the general public who interacts with the health

Friedman is noted for her work in health policy, health trends and social ethics of health care. She has written more than 750 articles and editorials in the past 30 years and is editor of several publications.

"Ms. Friedman is a well respected professional in her field and will bring a wealth of knowledge to our community of health care professionals," said Linda Conway, executive dean of instruction at

Howard College. Friedman is known as a prolific public speaker and has received numerous honors and awards, including being named an honorary life member of the American Hospital

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Howard County Constable Mark Winn passes out copies of a proposal to Commissioner Emma Brown and the rest of the commissioner's court Monday morning. Shortly after the presentation, which was

Constable offer falls on deaf ears

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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Howard County Constable Mark Winn left a stinging resignation in the hands of county commissioners Monday morning

after the court "This isn't decided not to support further the first efforts to bring his office into state-mandated compliance. Winn's quali-

had this kind of fication for the trouble office of constawhich requires state

time we've Kilgore with a constable."

officer certification within 270 days of being elected, came under fire by county comm-

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Commissioners hear positive report on jail

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Right on target.

That's how County Judge Mark Barr described ongoing repairs at the Howard County Jail Monday morning, as the May 15 and May 20. We're very

to move toward having the facility re-opened by mid May.

"Things are running very smoothly right now," Barr told the court. "We're still on target for a completion date between

commissioner's court continues pleased with the progress."

Commissioners said work on constructing a stand pipe in the jail to deliver water to firefighters has been completed, leaving the facility's inoperable smoke evacuation system as the only stumbling block in the way of See JAIL, Page 3A

having the state reopen the jail.

"They have 75 days to complete the project, and we're 100 percent sure it's going to work at this point. Just as soon as they have it completed we'll

Few show up for HC bond election forum

met with no action from commissioners, Winn resigned from the office.

□ Cost would be under \$25 a year on an average home. officials say.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Bad weather plus a sparse turnout equaled an abbreviated voter forum Howard College Monday night.

College trustees had scheduled the forum to share information and answer questions concerning the \$21.6 million bond election set for May 12, but heavy rain kept attendance down to a minimum.

Despite the low numbers, college officials still highlighted how much the bond will cost taxpayers and what will be accomplished if the measure is approved.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the bond, the fourth in colhistory, would finance a multitude of construction, renovation and equipment projects across the Big Spring campus.

A majority of the build-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard College Board of Trustees President John Freeman, left, addresses a sparse crowd at the start of a voter forum at the Garrett Coliseum East Room Monday evening. Also shown are fellow board members Marie Ethridge and Murray Murphy.

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Settles, director on Moore Board agenda By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Wednesday's meeting of the Moore Development board of directors will once again be dominated by an executive session, as board members continue moving forward on at least two projects.

The board is expected to convene in executive session during the meeting, as it continues the arduous process of sorting through the language

Settles Hotel the Development Company efforts to restore the building.

the letter of intent during the session," said McLellan. "It's a pretty complicated process, and we want to make sure we thoroughly research every aspect of this before we move

for a letter of intent aimed at on to the next phase."

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. directors voted amounting to \$3 million in unanimously Dec. 8 to profunds — and its ongoing vide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager of the "We're going to continue Dallas company and the working on the language for founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

According to Moore Board officials, funding from the

economic development corporation will be strictly limited to costs eligible for 4A tax dollars — mainly infrastructure expenditures — to be overseen by the board's attor-

Ryan's company has placed \$75,000 in escrow to pay for the building, according to city officials. Ryan said it was necessary for the compa-

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Sports

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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

Lady Steers facing Lake View today

Thunderstorms that threatened the area Monday forced Big Spring's Lady Steers to postpone their District 4-4A runner-up playoff game with San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

The Lady Steers will play host to the Maidens at 4:30 p.m. today, the winner advancing to the Class 4A softball playoffs as the 4-4A runnerup, while the loser will enter the playoffs as the league's third-place team.

Forsan schedules date for banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at the high school.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are availabe at the high school office and must be purchased by Thursday, May 3.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player. Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament

Howard to host Region V tourney

set to start at 11 a.m.

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament, May 5-6.

The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-

Cancer scramble set for weekend

The 2007 Cancer Scramble has beenscheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

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

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

For more information, call 267-5354.

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 sea-

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

Baseball umpires needed for season

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

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

OSU leads after 36 holes in Big 12 tourney

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — to finish the day with a 19-over Oklahoma State overcame a fivestroke first-round lead by Texas A&M to take a five-stroke lead of its own after the second round Monday in the Big 12 Conference men's golf championship.

The Aggies shot a 5-over-par 285 in the opening round at Prairie Dunes Country Club, but Oklahoma State came back with a 9-over 289 in the second round

579. Texas A&M ended the day at 584, while Texas is third at 591.

"Prairie Dunes won todav." said Oklahoma State coach Mike McGraw, following the difficult round. "It's an unbelievable course that exposes your weaknesses and it did that to everyone in the field. If you don't come away from Prairie Dunes a better player, I'd be surprised.

Oscar Floren of Texas Tech topped the leaderboard after 36 holes with a 1-over 141, followed by Texas A&M's Robert Gates with a 2-over 142.

Gates shot a 1-under 69 in the first round, and Floren shot a 69 in the second, for the only subpar rounds of the day.

Brady Schnell of Nebraska and Pablo Martin of Oklahoma State were tied for third at 143.

"I think today was more of a mental battle," Gates said. "The course was playing tough, especially in the morning wtih the wind. The pins were very difficult. You really had to think your way around today and thankfully I hit some good shots."

The final round of the tournament was scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. today.

DELAYED GRATIFICATION



Coahoma's Heather Newton takes a swing during the Bulldogettes' District 5-2A playoff game with Hawley's Lady Bearcats in Snyder Monday afternoon. Although the Bulldogettes were forced to endure a weather delay when thunderstorms raked the area Monday night, they came back to the field and took a decisive 7-0 win over Hawley. The win earned the Bulldogettes a bye in the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs, while Hawley will be forced to take on the third-place team from District 6-2A in bi-district play.

Bush lauds Colts

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON — Even when football season ends, superstar quarterback Peyton Manning is hard to miss on TV. He has become such a marketable pitchman that his commercials — a sports drink here, a credit card company there — seem endless.

Apparently, President Bush has taken notice while flipping the channels.

"So a lot of people here in the White House compound have been really looking forward to seeing Peyton Manning," Bush said Monday on the South Lawn. "They wanted to see a guy who gets more air time than I do."

The good-natured poke came as Bush welcomed another championship team to the White House: The Indianapolis Colts.

The Colts beat the Chicago Bears, 29-17, in a pounding rainstorm last February to become Super Bowl champs. On Monday, players basked in the sunshine below the South Portico, as Bush hailed them for ignoring naysayers and playing as a well-balanced team.

As he usually does at these events, Bush played up the theme of perseverance. He liked that the Colts fought through ups and downs.

"Isn't that what life is about, isn't it really?" Bush said. "Through the ups — it's easy to fight hard in the ups. It's when the downs come that you've got to be a fight-

The team's coach, Tony Dungy, became the first

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Rockets win, take 2-0 lead over Jazz in series

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets have gotten away with two bad offensive performances to take a commanding lead in their playoff series with Utah.

Good thing they haven't forgotten how to make their free

Tracy McGrady scored 31 points and the Houston Rockets beat the Jazz 98-90 on Monday night, offsetting Carlos Boozer's 41 points with 34-of-38 accuracy from the foul line.

The Rockets shot 36 percent from the field in Game 2 after shooting 33 percent in Game 1. Houston went 4-for-24 from 3point range on Monday, but will still head to Utah with a 2-0 lead, a deficit the Jazz have never overcome.

"We find some way to keep ourselves in a game, despite shooting the ball extremely bad," said McGrady, who went 9-for-29 from the field in Game 2. "But we hit

We're doing a great job of getting to the free throw line.'

Boozer matched a career-high point total, tossing in jumpers from all angles over 7-foot-6 Yao Ming. He finished 17-of-30 from the field and had 12 rebounds and six assists.

Now he has to figure out a way to get the rest of his team to follow his lead. Outside of Boozer, the Jazz shot 21-of-54 (39 percent) on Monday.

Game 3 is Thursday night in

Salt Lake City. "We're going to have to be better to beat this team, we know that," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We need everybody on our team to perform well in order to try to beat them."

In Monday's other NBA playoff game, Detroit beat Orlando 98-90. Yao had 27 points and hit all nine of his free throws. McGrady

went 12-for-14 from the line. The Jazz were charged with 29 personal fouls, most of them failed efforts to contain said Utah has no choice but to defend Yao and McGrady that

"If that's how the series is going to be called, we have to adjust a little bit," Boozer said. "But that's how we have to play them. They're two superstars."

Chuck Hayes, whose wife gave birth on Saturday, had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who have won seven of eight playoff series when they led 2-0.

Hayes grabbed seven offensive rebounds, a catalyst for the Rockets' 15 second-chance points.

"The first half we were really struggling to score and Chuck gave us some great secondchance opportunities," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Tremendous hustle."

Since 2001, only six teams have rallied from an 0-2 deficit to win a series. The Rockets were one of the teams that blew a 2-0 lead, losing four of five to Dallas in 2005.

The Jazz have never come back See NBA, Page 2B

big shots when we needed them. Houston's All-Star duo. Boozer from an 0-2 deficit to win a playoff series. They have lost 16 of

their last 17 road playoff games. Boozer scored 15 of Utah's first 17 points as the Jazz built an early lead. But he missed four straight shots, part of Utah's 4for-16 second quarter as the Rockets got within 41-39 at halftime.

Houston regained the lead in the third quarter and opened the fourth with a 9-2 spurt to stretch the lead to 76-64.

The Jazz made it 84-80 on baskets by Mehmet Okur and Boozer, but McGrady made two free throws with 3:13 left as chants of "MVP! MVP!" echoed through the Toyota Center.

"Mac did a great job cutting to the basket and getting to the free throw line," Battier said. "That's the only way we can survive 36 percent shooting."

The Rockets hit 10 of their last 12 free throws to secure the vic-

Obituaries

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Gloria Ochotorena

Gloria Ochotorena, 65, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, April 23, 2007, in a Dallas hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Windy...Cooler. Lows in the lower 50s. West winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after Midnight.

Wednesday...Sunny...Cooler. Highs in the mid 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Light and variable winds.

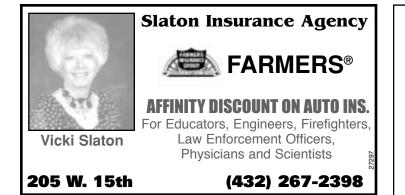
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Take Note

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

- AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY Saturday. Plates are \$8 each. Delivery will be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be held from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3208 W. Highway 80. Everyone is invited.
- A RABIES CLINIC will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Fire Station, sponsored by Debra Hill, DVM, of the Western Hill Animal Clinic. Shots are: Rabies, \$6; Booster, \$12; Bordetella, \$13; Parvo, \$8; Distemper, \$6; Feline CVR-C, \$15; and Feline CVR-C and Feline FELV, \$20.
- MARCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING FLING LUAU CARNIVAL will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be all types of carnival booths, a 24-foot slide, jumping castle, food and more. Everyone is invited. Tickets will be sold at the door. four for \$1.
- THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH will meet Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Big Spring. Lunch will be served. RSVP to 267-1449 or 213-4452
- A BENEFIT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES for Clayton Coffman, injured in an accident, will be held at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. May 12. Serving of barbecue plates and fish plates at \$7 each will begin at 11 a.m. There will be door prizes, an auction, live music and more.
- CROSS STITCHERS ARE NEEDED to stitch a uare 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.
- ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriquez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m.

- FRANK EDWARD JAMISON, 35, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- ALISHA FAY MCGEE, 28, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- STEPHANIE MCDOWELL, 21, transient, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and a Midland County warrant.
- LONNIE RAY GRAY JR., 27, of 2400 Monticello, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxica-
- ANTHONY MUNOZ, 48, of 1803.5 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 800 block of 15th Street.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY GIVING FALSE **INFORMATION** was reported in the 600 block of
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1100 block of Nolan.
- in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon.
- in the 2300 block of Allendale.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANTONIO JOE FLORES, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of evading arrest or detention with
- DAVID HELLUMS, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, bondsman off bond for theft by check, forgery/counterfeiting and theft by check.
- JEREMY JOHN MILLER, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- JORGE GUZMAN SANCHEZ, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear. • BILLY NELSON, 35, was transferred to the coun-
- ty jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts).
- MICHAEL ANTHONY CARDONA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a Texas Youth Commission parole violation.
- SUZIE ELIZABETH MATTIX, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- ALISHA GAY MCGEE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- JAMIE RAE SMITH, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, bondsman off bond for burglary of a habitation, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid and failure to appear - motion for enforcement.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for escape while arrested.
- ANGELA MARIE ALSBAUGH, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- FRED LAWTON PETTY, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Boykin. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-11-12-22-35.

Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-27-30-32. Bonus Ball: 5. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-4.

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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.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Mariners knock off Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Morrow Brandon impressed Mike Hargrove with his velocity in spring training so much, the rookie right-hander made the Seattle Mariners' pitching staff with no previous major league experience.

"I did it because he can throw a ball through a brick wall," Hargrove said. "He has an aboveaverage slider and aboveaverage split. It was a nobrainer."

Morrow earned his first major league victory and a shaving cream pie in the face from his teammates to celebrate — after combining with J.J. Putz on 42-3 innings of one-hit, shutout relief as Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Morrow (1-0) pitched 3 1-3 innings of one-hit relief in helping the Mariners to their first win since beating Texas at home on April 15. He featured a fastball clocked as high as 97 mph, so he didn't need to throw many off-speed pitches.

"I've gotten a few innings in so I wasn't nervous," said Morrow, drafted out of California last June with the No. 5 overall pick. "It was more of an adrenaline thing."

The Rangers tied it at 4 in the fifth against starter Cha Seung Baek, but Morrow struck out Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz with the bases loaded to keep the Mariners even.

Morrow struck out the side in the ninth inning against Texas on April 14, and Kinsler was one of them. Morrow remembered how he pitched to



MCT photo/Brian Lawdermilk/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers pitcher Kevin Millwood (right) walks back to the mound as Seattle's' Yuniesky Betanncourt (left) congratulates teammate Jose Lopez after they scored in the fourth inning Monday night. The Mariners defeated the Rangers, 5-4, at the Rangers **Ballpark in Arlington.**

Kinsler in that game.

"I got him in Seattle with a fastball," said Morrow, who made his fifth big league appearance. "I don't know if he doesn't see the ball well out of my hand or what. I wasn't really thinking too much at that point. I was just rearing back and throwing."

Putz got the final four outs in order for his first save, leaving the tying run at second base in the eighth.

"Brandon Morrow picked us up just huge," Putz said. "His fastball was 96, 97 (mph). He was

throwing strikes, he was pitching inside, he had everything going.'

Ichiro Suzuki went 3for-5 with a three-run triple for the Mariners, and Jose Lopez had three hits for Seattle, which improved to 3-1 against Texas this season. The Mariners are 3-8 against the rest of the League.

Hank Blalock had a tworun homer for Texas, which has lost four of six.

Seattle took a 5-4 lead in the seventh on Raul Ibanez's RBI groundout. Adrian Beltre and Jose Vidro hit consecutive singles off Kevin Millwood

had 21 for Orlando, but Dwight Howard, who coach Brian Hill said was bothered by a stomach ailment, was held to eight points and didn't score in the second half until the three final minute.

The Pistons were in control for much of the game, comeback hopes with a

(2-3) to put runners on first and third. Ibanez then drove in Beltre with a sharply-hit grounder off reliever Ron Mahay.

Millwood allowed five runs and 10 hits in sixplus innings with five strikeouts and two walks.

"I felt great all night," Millwood said. "It was probably the best I've pitched all year. But a few balls fell in."

Lopez's fourth-inning based-loaded single just past a diving Kinsler at second base gave the Mariners a 1-0 lead. Millwood struck out the next hitter.

Orlando rallied late to make the final score look respectable. Detroit led by 15 points early in the fourth quarter, but was ahead by just six with 1 1/2 minutes left. On the ensuing possession, Billups ended the Magic's

COLTS

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black coach to win a Super Bowl. Long one of the most respected figures in the National Football League, Dungy coped with the suicide of his son, James, in late 2005. Bush alluded to that.

"He is a man who has used his — a position of notoriety to behave in a quiet and strong way in the face of personal tragedy that has influenced a lot of our fellow citizens," Bush said of Dungy, who stood next to him on stage. "And I want to thank you for your courage."

The Colts are used to getting showered with attention. More than 93 million people watched the Super Bowl. Yet the team's players and executives seemed awed to be at the White House, and they didn't hide it.

Players pulled out personal cameras to get photos with Bush. They did the same with another political star and football fan who showed up for ceremony the

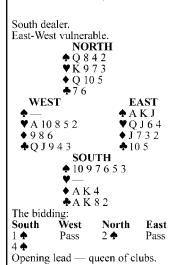
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Earlier, players visited injured troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Manning, Dungy and a handful of others also got a 20-minute tour of the Oval Office from Bush.

"Winning the Super Bowl a few months ago was probably about as special as you could get," Manning told reporters after the White House ceremony. "But I'm not sure you could actually beat what's happened here today.'



A Question of Priorities



Whenever declarer is playing a suit contract, he is faced with the question of whether or not to start drawing trumps. Unfortunately, there is no hard and fast rule to guide him; each case must be decided strictly on its own merits.

Consider this deal where South

was in four spades and West led the queen of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and, without giving the mat-

ter much thought, played a trump.

The moment West discarded a South wished he could take back his play. But it was

now too late. East cashed his A-K-J of spades, leaving only one trump in dummy to ruff South's two club los-ers, and declarer eventually finished

While it was undeniably unlucky to find East with all three missing trumps, the fact remains that South went down in an ice-cold contract. When play began, his only possible losers were three trumps, and even if he lost all three of them, he would still make 10 tricks. The one trick he could not afford to lose was a club.

Since both of his low clubs could be ruffed in dummy, it was declarer's responsibility to make sure that he did so while there were an adequate number of trumps available for this purpose. No method of play that jeopardized this goal was acceptable.

Accordingly, at trick two, South should cash the club king and then ruff a club in dummy. In the actual deal, East can overruff with the jack and cash his A-K of trumps, but this does not alter the outcome. There is still a trump in dummy to take care of South's last club, so making game is

What declarer should recognize at the outset is that regardless of how the opposing cards are divided, no ruff or overruff by either opponent can stop him from scoring 10 tricks if he plays correctly. Only if trumps are prematurely

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NBA

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Pistons 98, Magic 90

Hamilton Richard points to lead scored 22 four Pistons with at least 17 and Detroit took a 2-0 series lead.

Chauncey Billups had 21 points, eight assists and only one turnover for Pistons, Tayshaun Prince scored 18 points and Rasheed Wallace had 17 points, 11 rebounds and

22 points and Grant Hill but just like the opener, three-point play.

Hedo Turkoglu scored

what could I do? Then, a

very nice thing happened!

seemed to come out of

nowhere and easily

reached the very

thing that neither my

mom nor I could

reach. With a very

big smile on her face,

she handed me the

package that I want-

ed so much to get for

my mom. "She is so

pretty," I thought.

And, her smile made

her whole face seem

to glow. I handed the

package to my mom,

feeling very good that

this pretty little girl

had helped me, and

now, I could help my

what her name was.

"Audrey," she said. "Her

mom. I asked her

All of a sudden, a hand

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It was not the kind of place where you would normally look for a good fishing buddy. I wasn't even looking for a fishing buddy that day. I was with my mom in a grocery store. My mom always wanted me to go with her to the store so I could help. I am a big boy. I am almost five years old. I love helping my mom, do you? I love helping my dad, too. And I know they love helping me!

My mom and I were walking up and down the aisles, finding just the right foods that would make us big and strong. I want my mom to be big and strong, just like me. It was then and there that my soon-to-be fishing

buddy appeared. mom had seen something on a very high shelf that we needed, and asked me if I could reach it. She couldn't! I tried very hard to reach it, but I couldn't either. I didn't want to let

my mom down or disappoint her, ever! But,

name is as pretty as her smile," I thought.

While Audrey's mom and my mom were shopping, and filling their carts with wonderful food, Audrey and I talked about other important things, such as fishing. I love fishing. So does Audrey! I asked her said, "Why yes, we would where she lived.

love to go fishing with She lived very close to you!" Our fishing trip was my home. I asked her if all set. We would go



she would like to go fishing with me one day, soon. "Yes," she said. "The river that runs near my home and yours is a very nice place to go fishing. Let's ask our moms if they will go fishing with us tomorrow." We both asked our moms and they

tomorrow!

I fell asleep right away that night, so happy that I had made a new friend, and she loved fishing, Morning finally too! came. I jumped out of bed and peeked to see if my mom was awake, too. I was ready to go fishing.

Mom was, too! She had been awake long enough to pack a nice picnic lunch for all of us. She is such a wonderful mom. And, I was sure that I would be mighty hungry after a hard morning of fishing and pulling in all those big fish. Audrey would be, too!

We met near the big river. Audrey, her mom, my mom, and me! I saw Audrey

first. She still had that great big smile on her face. "What a nice friend," I thought. She turned out to be an even better friend than I could ever hope for. It was time to put bait on the hooks, cast the line into the water, and then pull the biggest fish you have ever seen out of this river. There was only one problem. Even though I am a big boy, I didn't know how to put bait on a hook.

Audrey saw me struggling with the bait. "Here, let me help," she said. She then showed me how

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to bait a hook in such a way that the bait would stay there until I could catch that big fish. Audrey is such a good friend. I cast my line into the river and waited for that big fish to bite the bait.

I didn't catch the big fish that day. I did catch a small one. Audrey caught two. Somehow, it didn't matter now if I caught a big fish or not. I had my good fishing buddy with me and she is the reason I always enjoy going fishing now. She is so nice and sweet. We are going fishing again tomorrow. But, right now it is time to go to sleep. I'll bet if Audrey was here, she would be telling me, with a great big smile on her face, "Good Night!"

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ARIES (March 21-April 19.). The warm fuzzies are dancing all around you like fairy elves. The cool thing is, anytime you hug or touch someone, the elves hop from your shoulders to theirs. Comfort feelings rule the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's nothing you like better than peace and harmony among your brood. It overflows your cup of love and makes it easier to forgive their everyday trespasses.

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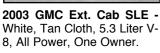
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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your self-worth isn't determined by the money you make or what you give to others. It's really about the joy you feel. Recognize this and suddenly everyone sees the real you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love to be loved, admired or, at the very least, well-liked. Praise is an option here, too. Tonight, seek out your fan club — aka, the ones who'd never ignore you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to take credit for what you do so well, but it'd be great if you did. Even you can't stop others from showering you with generous compliments and other feel-good bonuses. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You can search high and low and find absolutely no reason not to accept a strange invitation, other than its strangeness. And that's not enough. Your curiosity is piqued.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Who you are in the world isn't all that different from the "you" in relationships. Consider everyone you meet as a partner in your mission. You are also partnering with your own aspiration for excellence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may not be able to articulate it yet, but there's an urge for self-improvement growing inside you. You're in no mood for diets or exercise, so the improvement will have to be in your skills or intellect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your creativity needs an outlet. The temptation is to impose outlets on someone else — to encourage a child or a spouse's talents instead of your own. Dare to express through you and only you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a freewheeling wanderer who's having dreams of returning home. But where is that really? You're redefining what it means to be home. A partner influences where you end

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Animals have evolved and adapted over centuries. You're going to do it in one lifetime. Your willingness to bend and twist and serve is fabulous as long as you continue to enjoy yourself.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is Sept. 18, 1983, and my boyfriend's birthday is Feb. 23, 1983. We've been seeing each other for more than a year now, and the relationship has become serious. We're thinking about living together, but I'm worried about the living situation. I'm a lot more organized than he is. Is there a future for us?"

Your relationship is a

case of opposites attract! When lovers' signs are opposite each other on the zodiac wheel, as Virgo and Pisces are, the relationship hinges on how well you two lovingly respect each other's differences, while still getting your own needs met. Virgo loves neatness and order; Pisces thrives on chaos and disorder. How much tolerance do you have for a messy house? Since your moon is in Aquarius, a little disruption is manageable, but too much sends you into fits. Your boyfriend's moon is in Cancer — he's going to be very sensitive to your unhappiness, possibly even avoiding the subject altogether because he senses conflict

coming. Before you move in, sit down together and talk about how important a clean house is to your sanity and happiness. It's a big decision, so it's great you're thinking about it before making a move.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Michael Moore isn't a conservative in the political sense of the word. But astrologically speaking, Taurus is a conservative sign. The Bull wants stability and peace and will stubbornly pursue it until peace becomes status quo. Moore can see the illusion of multifaceted, subjective perspectives. His fact-finding Mercury is razzed by change-maker Uranus and shady-dealings Neptune.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife, "Penny," thinks it is great fun to spank the behind of whomever happens to be bending over in front of her (usually guys). She spanks them as hard as she can. If she happens to hurt her hand on a wallet, she doesn't miss a beat and spanks the other cheek just as hard.

This has always made me uncomfortable. When she did it at a party the other night, I held my tongue, but later that evening, the tables were turned, and the guy she he blames me. He says I smacked earlier (a very good friend) spanked her back when she was bending over.

I decided to say something the next morning, and boy do I wish I hadn't. Penny accused me of never letting her have any fun, that she's just playing, and she even does it to her boss at work. She said that's just the way she is and if I couldn't accept it, maybe we shouldn't be together.

Annie, I know this really is just innocent humor to her. Am I wrong to think some guy might get the wrong impression? — Bozo's Husband

Dear Husband: Most people don't like to have their behinds smacked hard, and we're surprised Penny's friends don't walk backward when they see her coming. Not only might some guy get the wrong impression and think she's making a pass, but one of these days, someone might get angry and slug her. She doesn't seem to be listening to your objections to this juvenile behavior, so we hope her friends will tell her to knock it off, because it's not as hilarious as she thinks.

Dear Annie: I am a 30year-old female with two beautiful children. I own my home, two cars, and have a good job that allows my children to live comfortably. From what I am told, I am nice-looking.

After numerous bad relationships, I recently decided to stop allowing people to walk all over me. I am now seeing "Pete." Even though he is wonderful to my children, I am not sure how much longer I can hang on. We have been together nearly seven months. Pete can be extremely selfish, vain and thoughtless. We don't agree on many issues, and when something is wrong,



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need to be in control and that my expectations are irrational.

I expect love, kindness, humor, thoughtfulness. fidelity, friendship and his undivided attention during important conversations. Last, but certainly not least, I want effort and passion. Am I asking too much? — Hopeless in New York

Dear N.Y.: Well, you're obviously asking too much of Pete. You should be able to find a guy who will have most of the qualities you want, and also be someone who isn't vain and selfish. It speaks well of Pete that he's good to your children, but it's not enough. Stop hanging on. It's not working.

Dear Annie: I may have the answer for "Gambler's Wife." Ten years ago, I started gambling. I was 51, successful and bored. I started gambling just to pass the time. Then I began to believe I was lucky and was going to win the big one. I was addicted.

I went to a counselor, but she wanted me to tell my husband how much debt I'd gotten myself into. Well, I didn't keep the next appointment. I just knew I could quit on my own. That's the biggest lie an addict tells himself. A year later, when I was in even deeper debt, my husband told me it was him or the casino. I chose him.

Many states have a Gaming Board where you can ask to exclude yourself and, thereafter, you are not allowed on any casino property in the state. I now have money in my pocket and am truly happy. — Free at Last

Dear Free: Thanks for reminding our readers that many states and individual casinos have voluntary exclusion laws that will bar you from

gambling. We hope those who are having trouble staying away will consider this option. Dear Annie: Several

weeks ago, my husband and I found out we are pregnant with our third baby (kind of an "oops" baby). His first comment was, "I guess it's time for you to get your tubes tied." I was so stunned that I agreed, but after more thought and research, I asked him to get a vasectomy. He will not do it, that's it, end of story. He says I will be in the hospital anyway and that birth control is the woman's responsibility.

This isn't about convenience. It's about fairness and equality in our marriage. I was the one who assumed some risk in using the pill before our children were born, and I've carried and delivered two children. My body has been permanently changed. I think it's his turn to take one for the team.

He flatly refuses and won't discuss it. I've explained that a vasectomy is safe, effective and requires less recovery time than a tubal ligation, but he insists my facts are "skewed." I'm so disappointed to find out I'm married to someone who acted like he believed in equality in marriage, but obviously doesn't. He reads your column daily. Can you help? Disappointed

Louisville, Ky. Dear Louisville: Vasectomy is much less invasive than tubal ligation, and the recovery time is quicker. Most men who have had vasectomies say the discomfort is minor and the resulting freedom improves their sex lives. We agree that your husband should do his part, but he seems irrational on the subject, and if he feels forced to have a vasectomy, it can create other problems. You should not be forced into surgery, either. There are other methods of birth control, and we suggest you consider all options.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married seven years and have two children. For years, I have been trying to get him to go through his old clothes, old toys, paperwork, etc., and toss out or donate what no longer fits or is broken. He insists on keeping everything. This "stuff" includes empty boxes, cellophane wrapping and clothing he can't fit into. Our closets and dressers are overflowing, and our two kids and I are being pushed out.

Yesterday, he sent me an e-mail, yes, an e-mail, saying, "This is how it's going to be," no discussion or compromise. There is also a trust issue. Every time he visits his family, he promises not to bring anything back, but returns with a van loaded with junk. He has every broken toy from his childhood and has even gone so far as to protect the toys in his will. I feel his "stuff" is more important to him than his family. I can't live like a packrat. What can I do? — Misled and Untrusting

Dear Misled: Try to understand that this obsessive attachment is beyond your husband's control. He must recognize that it's a problem and admit that he may need psychiatric help and/or medication. For information, contact the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org) 676 State St., New Haven, CT 06511.

Dear Annie: I read the "Loving letter from Daughter," whose father's girlfriend, "Sherry," is trying to alienate him from his family.

Your advice to "try to chummy up to Sherry" is off the mark. Sherry doesn't want to be friends. "Loving" needs to check further. There are women who prey on older men, only to rob them blind.

Older men don't always make the best decisions when it comes to younger, flattering women. She may need to contact the local elder affairs officials to get some help in this matter. — Know Better

Dear Know: We agree Sherry is taking advantage, but sometimes, nothing can be done. There is no evidence that Sherry is abusive, and no indication that Dad is incompetent to make his own choices. In the meantime, we still say it would be in Dad's best interests for his daughter to get closer to Sherry in order to keep tabs on the situation.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Entry deadline nears for poetry contest at Hangar 25

Herald staff report

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring a local poetry contest for adults and youth.

The winning poems will be published in an upcoming book on the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base.

The theme is "Freedom ... Why it is important or what it means to

Age divisions are 5-9, 10-14, 15-18 and adult. First, second and third place in all age divisions will be published in the upcoming book. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Contest rules:

- Name, age and contact information must be on the back of the

 All poems must be turned in by 3 p.m. April 28 to Hangar 25 in person or by mail at P.). box 2925.

- Poems should be on a 8-1/2 x 11 piece of white paper and should be 20 lines or less.

For questions, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

JAIL

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have the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in here and we'll run the tests, that way we can move toward having the jail reopened," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "It's been a long process, but that's just what it's taken to get the job done."

The court recently contracted with Anthony Mechanical to repair the jail's smoke evacuation system for approximately \$223,000.

The jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

Since the jail's closure, inmates have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb.

A re-opening of the jail can't come fast enough, according to Sheriff Dale

Walker, who recently presented commissioners with a report on the toll the extra expense of housing inmates out of county has had on the department's budget and the county's coffers overall.

"We haven't received inmate housing bills from Glasscock, Bailey and Lamb counties, so next month's bill is going to be extremely high," Walker told the court. "With those bills excluded from February, we've gone \$62,527 above our budget for the jail.

"That translates into more than 12,000 miles we've driven to transport inmates, \$1,200 in fuel, and more than \$54,000 in housing costs. There are also medical costs to consider, as well as the overtime for the jail staff, which was more than \$5,000."

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

Mother's Day luncheon slated at Senior Center

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will hold its Mother's Day Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the center, located at 1901 Simler.

The meal will include roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole wheat rolls, strawberry shortcake and a choice of tea, coffee, juice or low fat milk.

Prizes and gift certificates will be given away for the oldest mother, youngest mother, as well as those with the most children, most grandchildren, most great-grandchildren and the best hat.

The public is invited to attend.

Blood drives going on now in city

United Blood Services is asking Howard County residents to consider donating blood. Upcoming drives in this area include the following:

— Friday, April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Container. — Tuesday, May 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Big Spring High School.

Monday, May 21, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State

— Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Howard College.

Immunization Week prompts free shots

The Department of State Health Services will celebrate National Immuni-zation Week from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday.

The Health Department is located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B in the College Park Shopping Center. National Immuni-zation Week promotes the benefits of immunizations and the importance of vaccinating children by age 2. Through Wednesday, children will receive a bag of goodies and ice cream provided by Blue Bell. Immunizations will be free. Parents, bring your immunization record or a note from school. For more information, call 263-9775.

LECTURE

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Association as well as one of the "Top 25 Women in Healthcare." She has also been named as one of the 100 most powerful people in the health care field on more than one occasion.

"Her credentials are

impeccable and we are and share with the memvery excited to have her coming to our campus,' added Conway.

With the addition of Hall Center for the Arts to the Big Spring Campus, **Howard College President** Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks recognized an opportunity to bring distinguished and noted lecturers to campus

bers of the community.

"We have wanted to begin a lecture series for some time and having a facility like Hall Center for the Arts has opened the door for us to get that started," said Sparks.

"In addition to the many other activities we host here at Howard College,

er level of education and culture to the community and we think the lecture series will be the perfect venue for that."

Howard College Foundation serves as the host for the series and will seek different sponsors for each lecture.

College "Howard

we wanted to bring anoth- Foundation has been great to step in and help us financially and we are very pleased to have the Margo Glickman Fund as our first sponsor," added Conway. "As we bring new lectures in, we hope to develop 'Friends of the Series' to allow more businesses and individu-

als the opportunity to

sponsor an event."

Friedman has provided lectures across the country to vast health care professional audiences. A reception will follow the following tonight's lecture.

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CONSTABLE

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issioners last month. Winn has been in office more than four years without the certification.

A petition to have Winn removed from office was filed by County Attorney Mike Thomas in late March after state officials declined to further extend Winn's deadline become certified.

certainly "This is regrettable," said Winn shortly after the decision was rendered by commissioners. "I felt like my presentation was right on target, and the case law I

presented them with shows it's acceptable by the attorney general for the court to follow my requests."

For the second time in less than a month, Winn requested that commissioners remove him from office and then reappoint him in an effort to start the 270-day deadline over. In addition, he asked commissioners to provide \$800 for the classes necessary to complete state requirements.

Commissioners were less than receptive to the notion.

"I'm not in favor of reappointing you to this office," said County Judge Mark Barr following

presentation. Winn's "That's my opinion.

"I talked to TCLOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards), and this is just another way around this deal. You've had five years, and I just see this kind of reappointment as the commissioners laughing in the face of TCLOSE and the attorney general's office."

"Seems to me like we're just rehashing the same old stuff here," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "This isn't the first time we've had this kind of trouble with a constable. They know what kind of funding is available before they ever

run for office, but once they get in office, they start getting restless and pushing for more and more."

According to Winn, his inability to obtain his peace officer certification is due to a lack of funding for the office, a shortfall he says violates the Texas Constitution. "The focus of attention

recently has been on me being out of compliance with TCLOSE," Winn. "The point I have been trying to get across and the reason for me being out of compliance is that Howard County is out of compliance with the Texas Constitution by not funding the offices of

constable."

Winn said he hasn't filed suit against the county or commissioners at this time, but it's an option he will consider.

"As far as I'm concerned, that was the last meeting I plan to have with the commissioners," said Winn. "I haven't

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filed any sort of legal suit against them or the county at this time, but that is an option."

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ings on the campus are between 30 and 50 years of age and in at least some need of renovation, Sparks said.

Among those needs are: • Infrastructure concerns such as water, sewer and gas lines, underground electrical service and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

• "Building envelope" needs such as replacement of aging brick and mortar, windows, doors and gas and electrical services in laboratory facili-

• Interior repairs and upgrades such as asbestos removal, and replacement of some floors, walls, furfixtures niture, and equipment.

The cost of a 20-year bond to the owner of an average-priced home in Howard County would less than \$25 a year, officials said.

Sparks said the tax on a home valued at \$34,857, which was the 2006 average assessed value in the county, would be \$24.01 a year, based on a bond service tax rate of 8.6 cents per \$100 valuation

The owner of property

valued at \$100,000 would pay just under \$70 a year, Sparks added.

> Trustees Board of President John Freeman said that utilities have degraded to a point that officials could not wait another year or two before calling the election, an opinion shared trustee by Murray

> > Murphy. "It's very apparent that these systems' deterioration ... will do nothing but increase with time," Murphy said. "We've had a great 60 years at this college, and I think the board decided to see what it could do to ensure another 60 years ... and

it's time for us to invest in that future."

Early voting for the election begins April 30. Early ballots can be cast at the Howard County Courthouse, except for voters in precincts 205, 207, 404, 407, 408 and 409, who will vote at the Coahoma Community Center.

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ny to wait to take control of the title to the building due to "timing issues" in efforts to renovate the structure and have it added to the national registry of historic places.

According to Ryan, SHDC is preparing for a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Board members are also expected to meet in executive session to discuss personnel matters specifically the hiring of an executive director for the economic development firm — during the meeting.

"During our last meeting we interviewed a candidate, so things are movforward," ing said McLellan.

Moore Development has been without an executive director since longtime director Kent Sharp announced he would be resigning in August 2006.

The meeting is set to begin at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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OUR VIEWS

Replacement for TAKS now clearly needed

ncreasing unhappiness with the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, a standardized exit exam for high-school students, appears to be on its way out.

On Thursday, the Texas Senate voted to replace the controversial TAKS with exams that would cover four core subjects and would be administered to students in grades 9-11.

However, TAKS wouldn't completely disappear because the exams would still be given to younger

Almost everyone has heard the phrase "teaching to the test." That's probably the main gripe with TAKS, with students, parents and teachers alike saying that too much time is being spent in the classroom preparing students specifically to pass

Few people would dispute that some kind of effective exit testing is needed for high-school students. We agree.

But TAKS has taken on a life of its own and has become an academic goal rather than an academic assessment. It imposes undue stress on students, teachers and parents. Its relevance has come under

As currently envisioned, according to an Associated Press article, the new exit tests would cover English, math, science and social studies. Each test would be worth 100 points and students would be required to accumulate a minimum of 840 points to graduate.

That translates to 70 percent of a possible 1,200 points, which isn't unreasonable, although some might see it as too low.

Additionally, test grades would comprise 15 percent of the students' course grades, and good scores on tests such as the SAT could be counted toward the exit exam requirement.

The whole process seems a bit complicated, yet it appears to be more workable than the TAKS.

The bill now goes to the House, where a committee has already approved a similar bill.

We urge favorable consideration of the Senate initiative or at least a measure that combines the best of both bills.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank You, Lord, for making our life work when we come

Amen

Green Giant's big carbon footprint

hen President Jimmy Carter wanted Americans to conserve energy in 1979, he set an example by wearing a sweater and turning down the White House thermostat. Today, California Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger boasts that he is a world leader in the fight against global warming — but his advocacy shouldn't keep him from flying in private jets or driving a Hummer.

The gas-guzzling governator is on the cover of Newsweek. The Austrian Oak is now global warming's jolly green giant. Last week at Georgetown



University. Schwarzenegger explained how he was making environmentalism more attractive. The problem with enviros, he said, was that people thought they "were no fun" -"like prohibitionists at a fraternity party."

Plan Arnold is to turn environmentalism from a phenomenon based on guilt to a successful movement "built on passion." Call it You-Can-Have-It-All Environmentalism.

Sure, the Republican governor told Georgetown students, enviros used to criticize (real) men like him for "powering my private airplanes. So it is too bad, of course, that we can't all live simple lives like the Buddhist monks in Tibet. But you know something. That's not going to happen."

Translation: Schwarzenegger can boast about signing a bill that calls for California to reduce its

greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by the year 2020 — but don't expect him to curb his own super-size emissions.

It was not that long ago that your average politician did not want to be seen owning a few big SUVs while pushing for more stringent federal fuel-efficiency standards for American cars. They did not want to be branded as hyp-

Now Al Gore, who hyper-consumes energy in his Tennessee home, and Schwarzenegger, who is always jumping on a private jet after eco-friendly media events, can burn energy like the most flagrant energy hogs.

As long as they say they believe in global warming, they personally don't have to do much about global warming.

Spokesman Aaron McLear told me that the governor is looking into solar panels for his home and buys credits to offset his carbon footprint. Schwarzenegger also converted one of his four Hummers to hydrogen power actually GM converted the car and lets Schwarzenegger drive it when he wants — and another to biodiesel.

"It's not the car," McLear explained, "it's the engine."

Also, Schwarzenegger does not drive much these days — the California Highway Patrol drives

That's not enough. I do not expect Schwarzenegger to ride the bus. But he should not hype his GM-converted Hummer as "environmentally muscular." He should show some respect for fuel-efficient cars — those we mere mortals can afford — and try flying commercial. Get out some, and

meet a few real folk — in first class.

Because, while Schwarzenegger boasted at Georgetown that California is "sending the world a message" on global warming, his behavior and his rhetoric send a different signal: Conserving energy is for girlie men.

I will receive many e-mails defending Schwarzenegger — all along the lines that at least he believes in global warming. And he has signed bills to force other people to conserve in the future.

After all, no one really expects stars or rich people to sacrifice. All the glitterati have to do is really believe in global warming, maybe ride in a hybrid to the Oscars — and then their carbon trails (which are much larger than those of people who take the bus every day) won't stink.

It's laughable. Those who believe that global warming is caused by man — I am agnostic on that score — claim that they are on the side of Science. That's Science with a capital S.

Yet they applaud when a socalled leader on global warming speaks as if "environmentally muscular" technologies and carbon offsets can manufacture a 25percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020.

They have this odd belief that the key to fighting global warming is not by cutting energy use, but by believing in global warming.

They embrace wishful thinking and call it science.

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The blame game's going again

ere we go again. Assume your positions.

Guns kill.

No, guns don't kill. People kill. No, people don't kill. Asians/aliens/others kill.

No, it's not who people are; it's what they watch and "play.'

People don't kill. It's people who play video games and watch television who kill.

Video games kill. They teach kids to kill. They do it without forcing them to really learn how to use a gun or face the consequences of killing. Kids need to

be trained to use real guns, not conditioned by the use of phony ones. Kids need more guns. Or fewer video games.

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In 2002, an armed gunman was killed by armed students at Appalachia Law School. Or maybe he was unarmed or his gun was empty or he had put it down by the time he was shot dead. The congressman from the district that includes Virginia Tech has been sponsoring legislation every year to expand the right to carry concealed weapons, allowing for reciprocity between states.

No, we need more regulation.

We license drivers, insisting on training, the ability to pass a test, clear proof that the individual is capable of handling a car. My 16year-old got her permit, did not pass the road test on the first try (more than that I cannot say), took more lessons and now has a license, but is subject for the first year to a curfew and can't take passengers. We take it one step at a time. Why not also with guns?

No, we need better policing on campus, better security for students. How long will it take before the first lawsuit is filed against the University, claiming that it acted in a grossly negligent fashion in failing to take action after the first shooting to warn students and secure the campus? The first two students to be shot would have been the only ones had the University not erred so completely in assessing the situation.

No, it didn't err so completely, except in hindsight. The University was reasonable in its judgments and should enjoy at least qualified immunity from suit when a reasonable judgment turns out to be wrong. Otherwise, taxpayers get stuck with the bill.

No, we need more community. Here was this clearly troubled kid living in the middle of this dormitory, a student who was sufficiently "troubled" that the English department at one point intervened, a kid who simply didn't

speak to anyone, and no one did anything/enough to get him the help/attention/expulsion he so clearly needed.

No, if he was so troubled, it was his parents who should have known — they raised him; they sent him into the world. Why didn't they know or do something? Control him? Warn the rest of us?

No, it's the culture that did it, that created his anger. It was the way he felt about "rich kids" and the way they behaved, and there was some/no reason/excuse for that.

Everyone will find someone to blame. Most people will find more than one person or thing. The person who is obviously most to blame is dead, leaving us to search for other scapegoats. The lawyers will find a way to sue. The screamers will have much to

So we'll take to our usual corners and try to impose rationality, and even if no one changes anyone else's mind, at least it is an exercise that feels like doing something. So long as we're arguing, we can almost convince ourselves that we have control, the capacity to protect our children, to offer them the safety we all crave in a world that, on some days, feels like a very scary place to send your children into.

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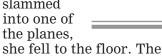
Young barn owls transplanted from CAF hangar

through the opening that to accommodate the tail of a B-29, the bird of prey used the entrance nightly to access the Commemorative Air Force hangar. Ghosts of the past dotted the vast floor of this tribute to

World War II flight abilities. As she had done previously, the night flier circled before landing. Located on a preferred spot on the horizontal steel beams that lined the sides of the building were six eggs she

was incubating. Distracted by a sudden noise, she misjudged

approach. After the upper part of her wing slammed into one of the planes,



barn owl was grounded.

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Called to pick up the owl, Harry Hopkins, a Midland volunteer, was upset when he later described the bird's condition. "The wing's a mess." When he delivered the bird, we could readily see the damage and the hopelessness of the situation. "Do you think there's a nest in that building," we asked. Our question was answered the next day. Phoning from the hangar, Mark Baxter, a CAF mechanic, inquired about the owl. After being told that the injury was so severe euthanasia was required, he said he would check to see if the female had chosen the hangar as a nest site. After some time, the phone rang. "Six white eggs on the beam above the north door. One is starting to hatch. Do you think the mate can raise them by himself?" asked Mark.

Of equal importance was whether the male would abandon the nest. Since both sexes assist in incubation, and pairs were often found sitting side by side, with a portion of eggs under each parent, this was a situation that would require constant monitoring. Laid at different intervals, the eggs would hatch in sequence and the young would vary in

For the next month, Mark checked the nest. The father bird continued his assigned task. Except for his nightly sojourn for food, he remained on the nest. Constant communication between Mark, Gail Barnes of the wildlife center in Lubbock and us was vital to the outcome.

When Mark reported, "Two hatched," then later, "Two more," we worried if the male could feed all six if the remaining eggs were successful.

When we accepted an invitation to come and see the foursome, Mark introduced us to Gary Austin, chief mechanic for the B-29 "Fifi." Both men were excited about the CAF "family," and recalled that they had first noticed the parent owls in December. Provided with a portable steel ladder, we climbed about 20 feet, then stepped carefully on to the door assemblage and approached the nest.

Only the curved edge of the horizontal steel beam kept eggs or nestlings from plummeting to the



Although the B-29 in the background is grounded for repairs, the baby barn owl and its siblings were given a chance to prosper and fly someday by caring mechanics at the CAF

floor below. Unbelievable was the lack of a nest. Mostly debris from pulverized pellets, rabbit hair, and the remains of mice and rats littered the beam. Essentially, the eggs had been laid on cold steel, and the youngsters had nothing to push against in their efforts to stand. Their legs would be splayed and underdeveloped if this continued.

Not long after our visit, Mark reported,"We have six!" With the age of the nestlings ranging from 2-1/2 weeks to a few days old, the decision to intervene was made. A single parent would eventually be unable to obtain enough food for an increasingly hungry fam-

Arriving at the hangar, we saw Mark and Gary with a cardboard box. Earlier, they had climbed to the nest and gathered the nestlings. When we opened the box, the familiar whimpering sound of baby owls greeted us. The four oldest had graduated from their fuzzy, white down to a woolly, buff-colored down. The remaining two were rather bedraggled and hardly larger than a

baby chick. Once the nestlings were placed in our incubator, we headed to Lubbock. Stopping in Lamesa, I checked on the babies. The four oldest were enjoying their soft, warm environment. Startled at the appearance of the youngest, I knew their fate even before handling them. Cold, with distended abdomens, their lives had been too brief.

As we continued the drive, I tried to figure out what had gone wrong, what should I have done. With no answers, we arrived at the center. From the look on my face, Gail knew something had happened. Handling each of the newly born, she reassured me that there was nothing anyone could have done to save them. Infection in the umbilical cords and malnutrition had claimed the tiny

After returning home, I called Mark to relate the outcome of our efforts. He was not surprised by the news of the two youngest owls. As he and Gary had carefully gathered the nestlings, they had wondered if those babies could make it. They were so different from the older ones at that same age. Both men were relieved to learn that the surviving four could be raised by surrogate parent owls. To know they would eventually "earn their wings" made Mark feel that he had done something good. Soon the owls were just memories, until August.

As he walked toward the 40-gallon trash barrels near the north doors of the hangar, Mark jumped when he first

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heard a high pitched scream. Daring to look in each container for this eerie sound, he was greeted by a heart shaped head and small black swaying from side to side, the young barn owl lowered its head and extended it wings.

At this moment, Mark realized that the father owl must have been successful in attracting another mate and having this youngster had attempted to leave the area above, it had only enough strength to break its fall. Instead of gliding to the floor below, it had muddled its solo flight into a trash bin. Unable to fly out of this narrow, round prison, the feathered but not flight-worthy creature had to wait for someone to find it. Thinking he could reach in and grab the bird, Mark learned in a hurry that the fledgling would throw itself on its back, and strike at him with both feet.

We were happy to help a second time. After pulling the screaming owl from the barrel, I noticed its feathers were coated with a gritty, oily substance. At the wildlife center, they christened

eyes. Hissing harshly and

a second family. When



Growing, the four CAF barn owls are watched closely by one of their surrogate parents.

the newest CAFer, "Pigpen." Since he ate like a pig, and was as dirty as the cartoon character, he was aptly named. Put with surrogate parents named "Mean" and "Nasty," the youngster would have nothing to do with them. When five more youngsters were placed in the mew to be nurtured, Pig-pen positioned himself between the new arrivals and the

surrogates. Once Nasty pummeled him with her one good wing, he decided to help the adult feed the younger ones, but intentionally kept Mean away.

How anything so vulnerable, could become so formidable, was nature's secret.

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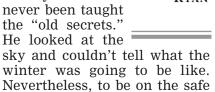
Parents Corner:

A couple of stories that provide several different morals

presents many things for us to learn. It isn't always what it seems and sometime appearances can really be deceiving. Please consider the following stories and note the interesting morals.

First story:

It was October and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new chief if the winter coming was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a chief in a modern society he had never been taught the "old secrets."





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cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. However, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the national weather service and asked what the coming winter would be like. The weather service meteorologist responded, "It looks like this winter is going to be quite The new chief returned to his

people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A few weeks later he called the National Weather Service to inquire again upon the coming winter. "Yes," the meteorologist replied, "this is going to be a very cold winter!"

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood side, he told his tribe that the they could find. Two weeks

er service again and inquired, "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be extremely cold?"

"Absolutely," the meteorologist replied, "it's looking more and more like it will be one of the coldest winters we have ever had!" To this the new chief inquired, "How can you be so sure?" The weatherman quickly replied, "I have been watching the local Indians and they are collecting firewood like crazy!"

Second story:

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son

ife is interesting and winter was indeed going to be later the chief called the weath- in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

> The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all correct, but they had each seen only one season in the tree's

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

These stories have several

Don't judge life by what is happening around vou: don't judge life by one difficult season; don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest; persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time; and "Aspire to Inspire Before You Expire! "

May we make our motto to: live simply; love generously; care deeply and speak kindly.

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National news in brief

Suicide car bombing in Baghdad kills 9 American soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — In one of the deadliest attacks on American ground forces since the Iraq war started more than four years ago, a suicide car bomber struck a patrol base northeast of Baghdad and killed nine U.S. soldiers and wounded 20, officials said.

An Iraqi civilian also was wounded in the attack on Task Force Lightning soldiers in Diyala province, a volatile area that has been the site of fierce fighting involving U.S. and Iraqi troops, Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias.

At least 48 Iraqis were killed in seven other bombings, violence that has persisted despite a nearly 10week-old U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown aimed at pacifying Baghdad.

Of the 20 wounded in the attack on the patrol base, 15 soldiers were treated and returned to duty while five others and the Iraqi were evacuated to a medical facility for further care, the military said.

Republican lawmaker warns Democrats not to turn a deaf ear to military commanders

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Democrats head toward a showdown with President Bush on Iraq, a leading Republican warned that they are making an all-toofamiliar mistake: not listening to seasoned comman-

Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., said catastrophe always follows when civilians turn a deaf ear to their military

In the 2003 run-up to the war, Young said in an interview, administration officials dismissed a top Army officer's estimate that securing Iraq would probably require several hundred thousand troops.

"I just don't think that it's a good idea for us here in the Congress to try to manage the conduct of the war," Young, a military appropriations expert, told his colleagues during a meeting Monday.

Gen. David Petraeus, the new Iraq commander, will try to persuade lawmakers in a private briefing this week not to set a timetable on the war.

Russia's farewell to Yeltsin a reflection of the country's transformation

MOSCOW (AP) — Perhaps unavoidably, Russia's farewell to Boris Yeltsin will be filled with symbols and ceremonies that reflect the epochal changes that transformed the nation during his eight years as pres-

The body of the first president of post-Soviet Russia will be placed for public viewing on Tuesday afternoon, a day after his death at age 76, in Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral — a vast, gleaming church that is the most potent emblem of the Russian Orthodox revival after decades of Communist official

The cathedral is a replica of the original, which sat on the banks of the Moscow River not far from the Kremlin. It was blown up by the Soviet authorities in 1931, just a few months after Yeltsin's birth.

The plan was to use the site for a skyscraper called the Palace of Soviets topped by a statue of Vladimir Lenin — essentially a secular temple — but the ground proved too shaky for its foundations.

Tillman-Lynch hearing set to open as drone footage question lingers

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Army probed Pat Tillman's death, investigators implored the CIA and Pentagon last year to scour their databanks for aerial video of the friendly fire incident, footage they believed might have been captured as a Predator drone flew over the scene.

The trail ran cold in October, but lawmakers plan to press the Pentagon on Tuesday with questions still hovering over the one-time National Football League star's shooting: Was a drone flying overhead when Tillman was killed? Did it videotape the incident, and if so, where is the footage?

Some members of Congress hope to elicit the new information Tuesday when the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform holds a hearing as part of an investigation into misleading information from the U.S. military.

The most recent investigation by the Army, released last month, documented a monthslong search for the video. The undertaking "suggests the distinct possibility that a Predator drone overflew the battle scene, and, if it did, may have captured yet-unrevealed material information," said Daniel Kohns, a spokesman for Rep. Mike Honda, a Democrat who represents the San Jose, Calif., area where Tillman grew up.

A week after shootings, Virginia Tech students return to classes, but not to normal

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — On Virginia Tech's first day of classes since last week's shootings, Joe Merola

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tion explaining the voltage in batteries.

But he couldn't get through it. Looking out at 100 students and a Virginia Tech sweatshirt he had placed on a seat to honor a student who was wounded, he broke down.

just wanted to give his students a lecture on an equa-

"I lost it halfway through class," Merola said. "I burst into tears and had to turn it over to the coun-

It was a common sentiment around campus as grieving students returned Monday, one week after Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people before turning the gun on

Students and staff paused for moments of silence at the times when Cho opened fire in two campus buildings more than two hours apart. The tributes included an emotional ceremony in which a man in a Virginia Tech hat rang a bell 33 times and students and faculty released white balloons for each victim.

GOP presidential candidates try to find solid ground on immigration policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ask the leading Republican presidential candidates about dealing with illegal immigration, and inevitably the answer focuses on tightening border security and building fences.

What voters aren't hearing a lot about is giving legal status, under certain conditions, to illegal immigrants in the United States, even though each of the top three GOP candidates has supported such a policy.

The reason has a lot to do with a deep fissure in the GOP base: Business and industry are demanding more low-wage workers, while grass-roots conservatives are demanding that those workers be shipped home.

From coffee shops in Iowa to barbecue joints in South Carolina, GOP voters troubled by what they see as an unchecked influx of immigrants into their communities are peppering the candidates with oftenangry questions at campaign stops.

"The country's being invaded by people that really shouldn't be here, that are coming here illegally," said Ron Dupuis, who confronted Sen. John McCain at a New Hampshire forum last year.

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Officials arrest caviar smugglers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An illegal caviar ring has been broken up with the arrest of a dozen people accused of dealing in the ill-gotten fish eggs, conservation officials said.

Indiana conservation officers spent more than a year infiltrating the fishing ring, Sgt. Dean Shadley said.

"It's just like a drug dealer, you've got to hang out where they hang out and talk the talk and walk the walk," he said. Members of the ring

caught paddlefish _ distant cousins of caviarproducing sturgeon _ in Ohio River tributaries and sold their eggs as caviar, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. One paddlefish can yield as much as \$800 worth of eggs, and annual income for those who catch them can range from \$100,000 to \$400,000.

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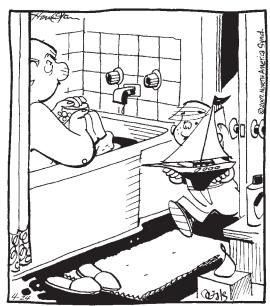
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"OKAY IF I USE YOUR TUB? MY MOM'S TAKIN" A BATH AN' TOLD ME TO FLOAT MY BOAT SOMEWHERE ELSE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

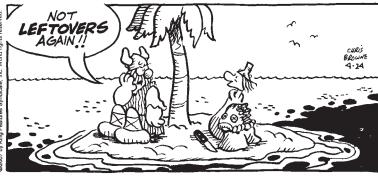


"We're out of jelly, so I'm making you a sandwich out of a few grapes.

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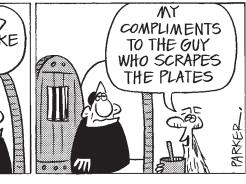




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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2007. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

On this date: In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise" was composed

by Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle. In 1800, Congress approved

bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire began the brutal deportation mass Armenians during World War I.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1968, leftist students at

Columbia University in New York began a weeklong occupation of several campus buildings. In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched

its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red." In 1980, the United States launched an abortive

attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen. In 1986, Wallis, the

Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris at age

Today's Birthdays: Film and drama critic Stanley Kauffmann is 91. Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 77. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 73. Author Sue Grafton is 67. Actor-singer Michael Parks is 67. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 65. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 65. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 64. Rock musician Doug Clifford Clearwater (Creedence Revival) is 62. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 54. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 52. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 50. Rock musician Billy Gould is 44. Actor-Cedric comedian Entertainer is 43.

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1 Beverage

2 Enthusiastic

3 Where India is

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review

4 Scream

5 "Get lost!"

6 Television

awards

8 Wide belt

entry

11 Small bay

12 Amount bet

7 CPR experts

9 Exam-sheet

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- 15 Jane Austen
- novel 16 Last baseball
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