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Council to move on transfer of center

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will likely take center stage during Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the municipality considers taking the facility over from Howard County.

Council members are slated to entertain first reading of the transfer, which has been in negotiation between the two governmental agencies for several months.

Howard County commissioners voted 4-1 — with Commissioner Gary Simer the lone dissenter — in favor of transferring responsibility for the facility to the city, which according to County Judge Mark Barr, is better equipped to run the center.

"As far as contributing money (to the center), the county is fine. But as far as running it is concerned, I'm not sure we have the resources to really put it in there and do it like the city would," said Barr during a

recent meeting. "I've talked to officials with the city, and they believe they will expand the services out there, which would be great. I think, in the long run, the seniors will be pleased with this decision."

The deal approved by commissioners — and expected to be heard by the council — would transfer ownership of the Senior Center from the county to the city, with the county agreeing to contribute \$75,000 each year to its operation.

Mayor Russ McEwen said the

council only has one steadfast plan for the Senior Center at this time, and it's something he believes the seniors that utilize the facility will be happy with.

"The only plans the city has for the center at this point is to make it better for our seniors," said McEwen. "We want the Senior Center to be something the city, and area residents, can be proud of, and we feel like we can accomplish that."

Barr said one of his main concerns in the transfer of the center is the future of its current

director and staff, an issue McEwen said has yet to be breached.

"We haven't made a determination on this yet. How could we?" said McEwen. "We have no idea at this point in the process. However, I can tell you we have no plans at this point to remove any of the employees that are currently working there. But there's just no way to make a determination on employees at this point."

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COMING DOWN



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Construction workers with Cline Construction tear down the remains of the old Greyhound bus station, located just behind the Settles Hotel in downtown Big Spring. The property was purchased last year by the Settles Hotel Development Company and is expected to be a part of the organization's effort to renovate the historic structure.

Rebates

Sales tax income up for some cities, but down for others

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

January's sales tax revenues for the city of Big Spring were up — if only marginally — compared to a year ago, according to the State Comptroller's office.

Big Spring received \$381,860.80, this month, a 3.09 percent increase when compared to the \$370,393.20 taken in for January 2007. Year-to-date numbers are the same, obviously, because it is the first month of 2008.

While Big Spring's figures were slightly better than break even, the story was far different for Howard County's other two communities. Coahoma pulled in \$8,000.36 this month compared to \$6,546.85 a year ago. That's a jump of 22.2 percent. In contrast, Forsan witnessed revenues tumble 18.02 percent, comparing \$5,415.51 this month to \$6,605.97 for January 2007.

Abilene witnessed almost no change — just 0.13 percent to the positive side — when comparing the \$2,490,179.02 the

Key City received this month to the \$2,486,938.80 taken in last January.

It wasn't a good start to the year for Andrews, which was hammered with a 15.13 percent downturn, comparing January 2008 revenues of \$228,006.26 to January 2007 revenues of \$268,674.03.

Brownfield witnessed a 13.15 percent increase in rebates. That city received \$74,960.58 this January compared to \$66,244.17 a year ago.

Colorado City took in \$39,775.91 this month, a 2.93 percent increase when compared to the \$38,643.01 received in January 2007.

Fort Stockton enjoyed a 22.89 percent increase in revenues, comparing this January's receipts of \$184,604.30 to the \$150,210.69 collected last year.

Kermit received \$43,149.28 this month. Compared to the \$35,930.75 taken in a year ago, that's an increase of 20.09 percent.

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AARP Tax-Aide effort set to start

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While area residents get ready to file their 2007 tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service, they won't have to go at the task alone, as AARP prepares to get its annual Tax-Aide program under way.

Local AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said she and her team of volunteers will begin seeing area tax-filers Monday, Feb. 4, at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

"The AARP program provides free fed-

eral tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said area residents planning to use the service should be sure to gather up their financial information

before heading to the Senior Center.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," said Hopkins. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2006 earnings and their 2005 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Tax-Aide will continue throughout the

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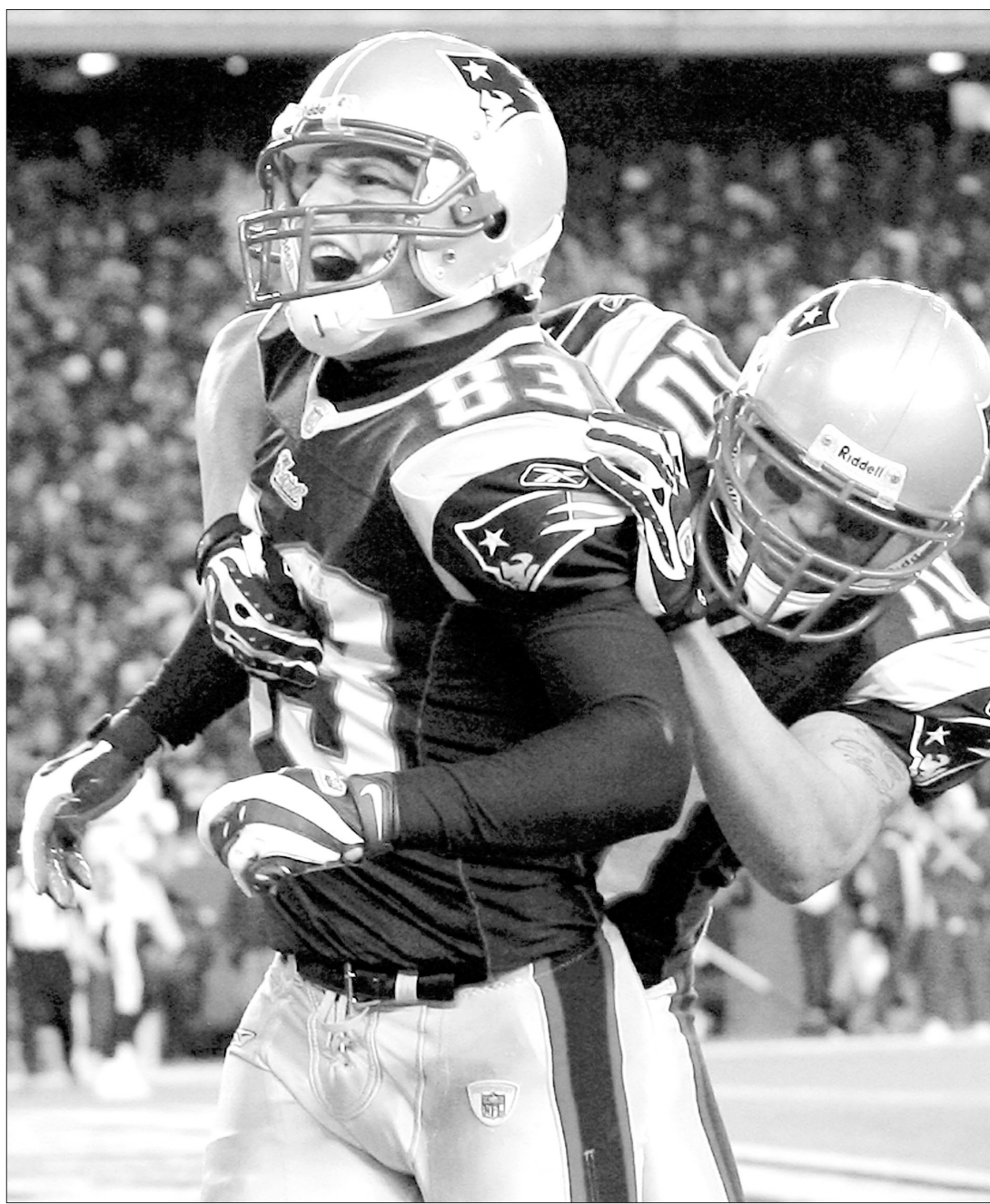
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Pats, Giants Super Bowl bound



AP photo/David J. Phillip

New York Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes (9) celebrates with teammates after kicking a field goal in overtime during the NFC Championship against the Green Bay Packers Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Giants won 23-20 and advance to the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots.



AP photo/Winslow Townson

New England Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker (83) celebrates with teammate Jabar Gaffney after scoring a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the AFC Championship against the San Diego Chargers in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday. The Patriots won 21-12, advancing them to their fourth Super Bowl in seven years.

Unlikely Giants win in OT Perfect Pats grind out win

 By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Eli Manning kept making plays. So did the Giants' defense.

Finally, Lawrence Tynes got in the act, kicking New York into the Super Bowl.

For anyone who has doubted Peyton's little brother or thought the Giants had no business in the NFC championship game at frostbitten Lambeau Field, chew on this: A Manning is going back to the Super Bowl riding a wave of road wizardry.

Manning repeatedly put the Giants in position to win Sunday, and when Tynes came through at last with a 47-yard field goal in overtime, New York had itself an improbable 23-20 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Now comes Mission Impossible: beating the undefeated New England

Patriots in two weeks in a Super Bowl matchup hardly anyone saw coming.

"You never know when you're going to get your opportunity, when something is going to click, when you're going to get hot," Manning said. "You're just playing your best football at a certain time and that's what's happened with us.

"Every sort of thing has been thrown at us and we've handled it very well, I think."

What will be thrown at the Giants (13-6) in Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 3 is perfection. The 18-0 Patriots, who finished their unblemished regular season with a 38-35 victory over New York, are partly responsible for Manning and his team making a remarkable turnaround.

With nothing to gain in that game, New York played its regulars and went all out. Manning was sensational with

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 By **BEN WALKER**

AP National Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady bounced a couple of passes, sailed a few more and threw three to the wrong team.

Hardly perfect. Hardly mattered, either.

The New England Patriots still were too good for the banged-up San Diego Chargers. A far-from-vintage 21-12 victory Sunday in the AFC championship game sent the Brady Bunch back to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven seasons.

Next up is another date with the New York Giants, and a chance for the Patriots to give their 18-0 record a whole new meaning.

"I think you enter the season and you're hoping to put together a bunch of great wins and you realize there's challenges every step of the way," Brady

said. "And to not have a letdown like most teams have — we had a few letdowns or times where we didn't play our best, but we overcame them."

Yet for everything the Patriots have accomplished — they're the only team in NFL history to start out with 18 straight victories — they're well aware they must win that final matchup to avoid being relegated to a footnote.

"We'll try to elevate our game for one last performance," said Brady, MVP in two of the three Super Bowls he's won.

All season long, coach Bill Belichick focused solely on the upcoming opponent. Showered by confetti on a postgame platform, the man of few words gave his team the OK to talk about the biggest game of all.

"Now we can look ahead," he said.

And prepare to see a familiar face in Eli Manning and the Giants on Feb. 3 in

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Eli stepping out of Peyton's shadow

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The resemblance was unmistakable everywhere except on the field. Once Eli

Manning stepped between the white lines, he somehow made football seem more like his burden than his birthright.

He is the son of one great quarterback and the little brother of an even better one. But he lacks the devil-may-care charm that made his dad, Archie, such a heroic figure on all those lousy teams in New Orleans. And he has yet to display the rocket arm or tactical mastery that made Peyton such a


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success in Indianapolis.

In fact, until Eli capped the best four-game run of his own maddening career with a flawless performance on a frozen field far from New York, it seemed fair to wonder whether the family gene pool was empty by the time he waded in.

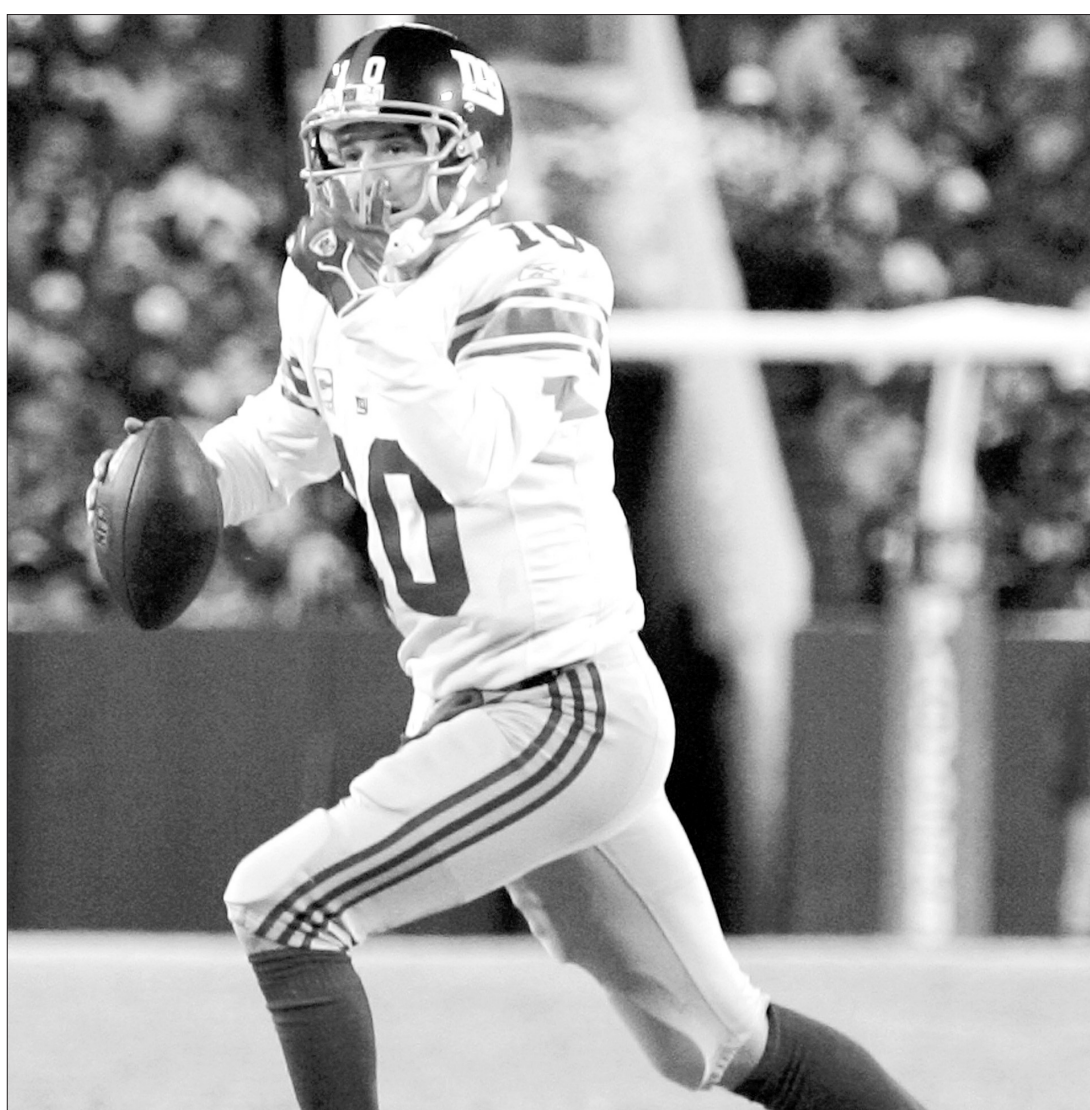
"I might be a hard guy to read," Manning said, in one of the understatement of the season, moments after the Giants advanced to the Super Bowl with a 23-20 overtime win against the Packers. "But right now, I'm as excited as I can be."

We'll have to take his word on that. Eli's expression gives away so little that for much of the fourth quarter and into overtime, the TV broadcast kept cutting to shots of Archie in a skybox at

Lambeau Field burying his head in his hands. That way, at least, we knew somebody in the Manning family was anguishing over the outcome.

Once Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes made up for two fourth-quarter misses by drilling the 47-yard game-winner in overtime, a smile flashed briefly across Eli's lips. He ran onto the field looking for someone to hug and settled on Jeff Feagles, the Giants' holder on the final play. Then Eli's eyes got wide as he looked up to see his opposite number headed in his direction.

Yet it hardly looked like a meeting of equals. Brett Favre already had his helmet off and the poncho draped over his

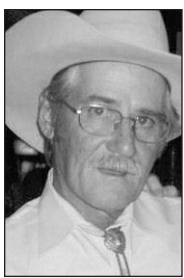
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AP photo

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning rolls out of the pocket in the Giants' 23-20 overtime victory over the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship Sunday at Lambeau Field.

Obituaries

Donald Wayne Wilcher



Donald Wayne Wilcher, 49, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1958, at Denver City. He grew up at Seagraves. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1980 and worked for West Texas Gas. His hobbies were horses and carpentry.

He is survived by his wife, Karan Wilcher of Big Spring; four daughters, Christi Higgins of Monroe, Tenn., Mindy Beaty of Pall Mall, Tenn., Jamie Huber of Odessa and Becky Bolton of Kingfisher, Okla.; four sons, Robert Schafe of Midland and Tommy Bolton, Garland Gilbert and Tim Major, all of Big Spring; his parents, Pat and Hoss Walser of Pacola, Okla.; three brothers, Ronnie Wilcher of Lubbock, Cliff Walser of Granbury and Chris Walser of Pacola, Okla.; two sisters, Cindy Watson of Lubbock and Brenda Sharp and her husband, Tony, of Arkoma, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Liver Foundation, South Texas Chapter, 2425 West Loop South, Suite 660, Houston 77027-4207.

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

Take Note

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue 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. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting 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).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.



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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOE CORREA**, 49, of 500 N.W. 10th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- **JESSICA RANGEL**, 25, of 403 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Saturday on seven local warrants.
- **ROSALYN D. YOUNG**, 37, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on four local capias warrants.
- **GUADALUPE PAREDEZ JR.**, 57, of 213 Circle, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICENT RAZOR MENDEZ**, 29, of 108 E. 15th Street, was arrested Saturday on two local capias warrants.
- **JOSEPH P. TWO-BEAR**, 39, of 1409 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN JOSE OLIVAREZ**, 25, of 104 Lockhart, was arrested Saturday on seven capias warrants and a local warrant.
- **REBECCA L. COMSTOCK**, 24, of 1700 Runnels, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants.
- **ALFREDO L. CASTILLO**, 22, 1609 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **IRAN CASTRO**, 30, of 904 Fourth Street, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration.
- **BENJAMIN I. MUNOZ**, 27, of 1500 Main Street, was arrested Sunday on nine local capias warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 2500 block of Ent.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 400 block of Galveston.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Wood.
 - in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Circle.

Support Groups

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call 263-6819 or 263-1758. Leave a message.

TUESDAY
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 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.

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.

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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.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.

Weather

Today — Decreasing clouds. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Light and variable winds becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Lows in the upper 20s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Colder. Highs in the mid 30s.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Not as cold. Highs in the upper 40s.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 60.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-34-36-39-42-53
Number matching six of six: None
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-11-19-32
Number matching five of five: None
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-9-7-7. Sum It Up: 28.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-8-1. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 6-1-4-1. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 3-3-3. Sum It Up: 9.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Plainview, 6 p.m. Big Spring boys basketball at Plainview, 7:30 p.m. Coahoma girls basketball vs. Merkel, 6:30 p.m. Coahoma boys basketball vs. Merkel, 8 p.m. Forsan girls basketball vs. Hamlin, 6:30 p.m. Forsan boys basketball vs. Hamlin, 8 p.m.

Hawk Buddies honored at today's HC basketball game

The Howard College women's basketball team will honor its Hawk Buddies at half-time of its game against Clarendon College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the game, the women's team will be available to sign autographs and take pictures courtside. For more information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Free junior tennis league playing every Wednesday

A free junior tennis league will take place every Wednesday for several weeks from 4:45 to 5:45 beginning tomorrow. Boys and girls of any skill level between ages 8-12 are welcome to attend. The league is being conducted by Big Spring tennis instructor Ted Oleson. No sign up is required. Bring a racket or one will be provided while available. For more information, call Oleson at (806)236-8901 or visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

KBYG 1400 AM's scheduled airings of NBA basketball

KBYG 1400 AM is airing both San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks basketball throughout the NBA season. TODAY Dallas vs. Washington, Noon WEDNESDAY San Antonio vs. Los Angeles Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

PATS

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Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots finished off their exhibition schedule by beating the Giants, then wrapped up the regular season by defeating them in a 38-35 thriller.

The Chargers seemed to stand little chance, especially with star LaDainian Tomlinson injured.

Nursing a bad left knee, Tomlinson did not get off on the right foot and watched most of the game in a parka. San Diego kept it close by intercepting Brady a season-high three times, and trailed 14-12 going into the fourth quarter.

Brady made several stunningly poor throws that fluttered in the wind, Randy Moss was a non-factor for the second straight game and the highest-scoring team in NFL history sputtered all afternoon. Instead, the Patriots relied on Laurence Maroney's spins, cuts and helmet-rattling runs.

"It felt like everything was a struggle today," Brady said. "We didn't perform the way I thought we were capable of."

Brady, coming off a record-setting 50 TD passes, threw for two scores. His 6-yard strike to Wes Welker early in the fourth quarter let the Patriots pull away.

"There was history on the line," New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "We recognize it, we acknowledge it."

New England took care of the nuts and Bolts on a most chilly day. The sellout crowd at Gillette Stadium chanted "Super Bowl! Super Bowl!" in the closing minutes, anticipating the Pats' first appearance in the big game since the 2004 season.

Belichick's team eclipsed the 17-0 mark of the champion 1972 Miami Dolphins, and he'll soon try for his fourth NFL title.

"I think there will be a time to sit back and reflect," Belichick said. "We'll certainly enjoy this for a few days."

Brady earned his 100th career victory and advanced without a

hint of girlfriend drama — taking notes, Tony Romo? The dimpled Patriots quarterback will bring true glam to Super Bowl: Imagine the paparazzi buzz if Brady is sighted with Gisele Bundchen.

A model of success in the late season, the Chargers (13-6) fell short minus Tomlinson. He was hurt last week in the playoff upset of the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts, and was mostly a spectator as San Diego's eight-game winning streak ended.

Tomlinson carried on the first two San Diego plays, but did not run it again.

Quarterback Philip Rivers hung in despite a torn ligament in his knee and star tight end Antonio Gates did his best with a dislocated toe.

"From getting it reinjured the first play, I just knew I didn't have it," Tomlinson said. "I'm kind of at a loss for words."

The Chargers never could get into the end zone and had to settle for four field goals by Nate

Kaeding.

"LT tried to go and he just couldn't go," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

Routed 38-14 at New England in September, the Chargers hung tough. Maroney dashed their hopes for a comeback, running for 122 yards and letting the Patriots control the ball in the fourth quarter.

It was 23 degrees at gametime and the brisk wind caused more problems. The goal posts shook with every gust while passes and punts sailed in crazy directions.

Brady badly missed his first two passes — he threw a total of two incompletions in 28 attempts last week in the win over Jacksonville.

Maroney plunged in from the 1 barely over a minute into the second quarter and, with light flurries falling, the Patriots were ahead for good.

"We're not going to get all carried away with the undefeated season," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "We did that in the regular season."

GIANTS

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four touchdown passes, the beginning of a renaissance that has seen him go from unpredictable to, well, Peytonesque.

It's also seen him lead the Giants to three consecutive road playoff wins without committing a turnover; the Giants have won 10 straight away from home overall.

And this one, in minus-3 degrees (wind chill of minus-24) earned New York its first Super Bowl trip in seven years. A win in two weeks and Eli will match Peyton for NFL titles — and the Manning family will have consecutive championships.

Tynes had two misses — a 36-yarder at the end of regulation following a bad snap, and a 43-yarder with 6:49 to go — before nailing his long winner 2:35 into OT.

He got another chance in overtime after Corey Webster intercepted a struggling Brett Favre, the kind of mistake Manning often made before his recent turnaround.

"I screwed it up twice," said Tynes, who sprinted straight to the locker room after his decisive kick, leaving his frozen teammates to celebrate outside. "Thank God we got another opportunity."

That extra opportunity came after Green Bay (14-4) won the OT coin toss, then turned over

the ball immediately. It was the final mistake by a team outplayed much of the frigid night; aside from a second-quarter, 90-yard touchdown pass to Donald Driver, the Packers were held to 146 yards passing by a secondary criticized for being leaky, and to 28 yards rushing. They were 1-for-10 on third downs a week after blitzing Seattle in the snow.

Favre wound up 19-for-35 for 236 yards and two interceptions. It's now a decade since the career leader in most NFL passing categories has been to the big game.

Manning went 21-for-40 for 254 yards and was the best quarterback on the tundra Sunday. Next, he'll go up against league MVP Tom Brady in the ultimate

test. Considering what the Giants have achieved in the past month, who is to doubt the baby brother quarterback?

Just a month ago, Eli's moxie was being questioned as the Giants struggled to clinch a wildcard berth. He responded with the best work of his four-year career. He must sustain it against an opponent seeking its fourth Super Bowl title in seven years, as well as the league's first perfect season since Miami went 17-0 in 1972.

"Ten straight, looking at 11," linebacker Antonio Pierce said of the road success — and the challenge ahead. "All them experts, please continue the jobs that you've been doing. It's excellent for us."

ELI

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shoulders, set off by silver stubble and a tired grin, made him look more regal than usual. Manning, still wearing his helmet and an awed expression, thrust his hand forward like a kid about to shake his idol's hand. The only thing missing was a slip of paper in his palm for Favre's autograph.

"We knew we could compete with anybody," Manning said afterward.

Until Sunday night, though, that might have been the royal "we." The kid never inspired confidence, and the nagging feeling the Giants had mortgaged their future in the draft-day deal that brought Eli to New York was never stronger than it was on the eve of the regular-season finale against the perfect New England Patriots.

In the three previous games, Eli had thrown four interceptions against the Vikings and had three returned for touchdowns; threw 35 incompletions against Washington; and fumbled five times against Buffalo.

But Manning produced a career effort against New England — "I am not doing anything different or anything extra

special," he said last week, taking a brief stab at self-analysis. More important, he followed that up with smart, caretaker performances against Tampa Bay and Dallas. All three opponents tried to shut down New York's ground game and counted on him to make telling mistakes.

As Manning proved against the Packers, you make that a building block of the game plan at your own risk.

"It's exciting," Manning said one more time, "but it's not about me. It's about this whole team."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin might disagree, but he has no better

explanation for the sudden turnaround than Manning does. He can't say why his quarterback's rating jumped 50 points the last few weeks, nor why he hasn't turned the ball over even once during that stretch.

"Certainly not ideal conditions yet the focus of Eli was outstanding," Coughlin said. "He just willed himself to play well."

Archie Manning wasn't going to try to explain the numbers, either. Outside the Giants locker room, he could hardly believe his good fortune. Peyton went to the Super Bowl and got his ring last season. Now much-

maligned Eli, the runt of the Manning litter, was going to get his shot.

"My cup runneth over," Archie said. "We're not crowning him yet. But I never thought that he was as bad as they were saying."

It's not a glowing review — yet. But it's a lot better than a story Archie told not long after Hurricane Katrina passed by the family's New Orleans home, only to have burglars strike a few days later.

Seems Peyton and Eli each had signed a dozen jerseys for a charity auction and left them on a table. When Archie returned home, the stack signed by Peyton had been stolen and Eli's were left untouched.

Hang onto 'em, Archie, for a few more weeks. They might fetch something still.

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Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined, by the 9th day of February, 2008, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell Lane (Big Spring Live Stock). Witness my hand this 11 day of January, 2008. Royce Pruitt #2702270 Sheriff of Glasscock County Texas #5654 January 14 & 21, 2008

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

January 17, 2008 THE BIG SPRING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4th, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: Zone Change described as all of 1515 E. FM 700 (1.79 acres within Blk 1, HLH Subdivision and .802 acres within Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Creek Subdivision), 1509 E. FM 700 (1.75 acres within Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Creek Subdivision), and 1513 E. FM 700 (.505 acres within SW part of Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Creek Subdivision) Howard County, Big Spring, Texas from Office (O) and Sup-8 to Heavy Commercial (HC). #5660 January 21 & 27, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Today's Aquarius sun and Cancer moon combination is emotionally liberating. Think jumping from a warm bath into a cold plunge — shocking! Or taking your afternoon tea in an electronica discotheque — unexpected! If encounters with the new or different stir your sentiments and rouse your soul, your mood is in sync with this lively day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you once saw as impossible is now just another thing you do. You're a superstar in that certain area of your life. Now translate your success in one area into the area of your life that could use help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Getting into a new partnership isn't favored, but improving the partnership you're already in is an excellent use of your energy.

Agree to work things out, no matter what comes up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's always a method to your madness. Communicate it well, or keep your whole plan a secret. Either way, you save yourself from having to deal with silly questions and roadblocks.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a social wiz as you make casual connections into valuable ones. What was hidden is made obvious now. You have two fine choices: accept it or change it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Tonight, the plot to your personal life thickens with the addition of a new character. This person is like a riddle wrapped in a mystery wrapped in an enigma — which is what keeps you coming back for more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're taking action to boost your support system. Start by noticing

the nice things a loved one does. It's the best thing you can do to attract more sweet attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Strangers smile. Parking places open up at the correct time. A lost object comes back to you in an unusual way. Life is working out favorably for you in both the small and big pictures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most opportunities you find in life do not come through cold calls. Today brings an exception. Reach out to someone you don't know from Adam — and do it again and again until you make a valuable connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much to learn before you can move forward with your goals. You find all you need to know by asking good questions and knowing when to remain silent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others may demand that you're ultra-accountable, explaining your every move, big or small. You're still in the "building trust" phase with someone, but you'll be moving past this shortly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're an expert at sales, even if what you are selling is just a sense of optimism or a belief in human goodness. You're not ignoring the facts but reflecting them in a way that creates the desired perception.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A change of scenery would be good, but a different cast of characters would be even better. New blood transforms an old scene, especially if the blood in question belongs to a Sagittarius.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is there really such a thing as a soul mate? If so, where's mine? I was born July 12, 1972, in Italy."

On a mystical level, finding your soul mate may mean reuniting with a person from your past, someone you've known in

your recent past (say, your high school sweetheart) or a person from your very distant past (a past life). But astrology can be concrete.

Our wheel is a pattern of energy, so we can look at the "types" of partners that will hook our hearts — and hook into the heart memories and relationship patterns we carry forward from the past. From this perspective, we don't have just one soul mate, and not all soul mates are romantic. How do you know when you've met your soul mate? They're familiar. There's synchronicity and excitement when you meet. You just feel right together. You feel like you've clicked into a person connected with your destiny. As a Cancer sun, your intuition links powerfully to your heart memories. You'll recognize your soul mate by how he or she makes you feel. As Pluto enters your partnership sector this month, you and all Cancers meet key players that move mountains. December 2008 brings soul-mate appearances for you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Politically incorrect Bill Maher is definitively Aquarian, with overtones of Capricorn. Of Aquarius's two planetary rulers, Uranus and Saturn, Bill's Uranus is stronger, in Leo. Bill runs the risk of alienating others, falling into the Aquarian habit of valuing stubborn principle over kindness — both traits shared by the water bearer. There's artfulness to being upfront.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 15 years old and recently ended a seven-month relationship with "David." I broke up with him partly because I was very unhappy (I never cried so much in my life) and also because I was falling for "Howard."

About three weeks after the breakup, Howard asked me out and, of course, I said yes. Well, let me tell you, it's only been a month, but I have never been happier. Howard is a perfect gentleman, funny, sweet, a straight-A student, on the track team and an all-around wonderful guy.

The problem is my mother does not approve of my being with Howard. She constantly spoke poorly of David and was always telling me to dump him for someone better. When I told my mother about Howard, I thought she'd be delighted to know I found someone so amazing. Instead, she became upset. She won't let me go anywhere with him, says she has no desire to meet him and won't acknowledge him as my boyfriend, saying we should not be together. Every time I ask her why, she either responds with "because" or "you'll understand later."

Howard has made every effort to get to know my parents. Dad thinks he's a nice guy, but Mom ignores him. This makes me sad because her approval means the world to me. I know if Mom gave him a chance, she would absolutely adore him. How can I make that happen? — Confused

Dear Confused: Your mother doesn't want you to be too involved with any



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presumptuous, not to mention it makes my skin crawl. What should I do? — A Wave is Fine for Me

Dear Wave: The age of these men should not be a factor. Simply put your hands on the guy's shoulders to hold him at a brief distance, smile broadly and say, "It's great to see you!" Then move your attention (and your body) elsewhere. If necessary, tell them you are not comfortable with all the hugging. And anyone who grabs you more closely than you like should be given a clear signal to back off.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Crazy Not Stupid," who feels she is too mentally unstable to hold a job.

Mental illness can be grounds for disability under Social Security. It's not easy to qualify, but if this woman believes she is too ill to work and her therapist agrees, she should contact the Social Security Administration about applying for benefits. If she qualifies, this would help her financial situation as well as demonstrate to her husband that she truly is unable to work.

People forget that Social Security isn't just retirement income. It provides disability benefits as well. — Mary S. Sheridan, Ph.D., ACSW, Licensed Social Worker and Professor of Social Work, Hawaii Pacific University

Dear Dr. Sheridan: Thanks for your expertise. We hope "Crazy Not Stupid" will check into it and see if she qualifies.

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Ban on commercial fishing of baitfish eyed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is scheduled this week to consider restricting the commercial fishing of menhaden, a baitfish that sport fishermen want to protect because of its role in the marine ecosystem.

Any change would mostly affect Omega Protein, a Houston-based company that dominates the industry nationwide and uses a fishing practice that vacuums menhaden out of the water.

Most of the 1.2 billion pounds of menhaden harvested annually from the Gulf of Mexico comes from Louisiana waters. Texas accounts for about 50 million pounds a year, the department said.

The fish are ground into fishmeal for the livestock and aquaculture industries. They're also used to make omega-3 fish oil dietary supplements.

Chicken pox cases up despite vaccine

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas recorded a 41 percent increase in cases of chicken pox from 2005 to 2007, despite an eight-year-old requirement that children be vaccinated before they can enter kindergarten.

Texas enacted the vaccine requirement for the 2000-2001 school year, but has not mandated a booster for children between the ages of 4 and 6.

A federal advisory committee recommended last year that children get the second dose, after an initial dose at age 1. Texas Department of State Health Services officials said they will study the booster this spring to decide if it too should be required in schools and day care centers.

San Antonio pediatrician Dr. Dianna Burns said she has started seeing a few cases of the virus this season, which normally lasts from late winter through spring. She said most parents agree when she offers the booster.

Group takes statements about UFO sightings

DUBLIN (AP) — Interviewers with the Mutual UFO Network met with about 200 people who said they saw something mysterious in the night skies over Stephenville in late December and early January.

"We believe there is some sort of phenomenon in action here," said Kenneth Cherry, director of the network's Texas chapter. "We see a pattern. But it will take months to investigate."

The network is dedicated to "scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity," according to its Web site.

While members of the organization met Saturday with the witnesses, at least a couple hundred onlook-

ers gathered as well, some wearing aluminum-foil hats.

Several dozen people — including a pilot, county constable and business owners — insist they have seen a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

Corpus Christi police officer killed in wreck

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 25-year-old police officer died in a car wreck early Sunday while he was responding to an assault report, police said.

Matthew Thebeau was apparently trying to avoid a motorcycle that was going out of control when his patrol car struck the middle barrier of Crosstown Expressway, witnesses told police.

Police Chief Bryan Smith said Thebeau's car slid along the barrier for about 50 yards and then struck a light pole and a beam supporting a sign. The officer was ejected from the car and was struck by at least one car.

Thebeau was rushed to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Smith said.

Volkswagen-sized skull sold at auction

DALLAS (AP) — A four-tusk mastodon skull thought to be the largest of its kind was sold at auction Sunday for \$191,200.

Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries featured the piece at its Natural History Auction. Another item, a 26-pound gold nugget from Mexico known as the Boot of Cortez, sold for nearly \$1.6 million.

The Volkswagen-sized mastodon skull, discovered in a gravel pit in La Grange in 2004, received the most attention.

Joe Taylor, director and curator of the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton, preserved and restored the piece with a team of volunteers.

San Marcos fire kills 1, displaces 15

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A woman was killed and 15 people were displaced by a fire that damaged part of an apartment complex, city officials said.

Fire Chief Mike Baker said Sunday that the victim's name was being withheld pending notification of her relatives.

The fire broke out about 6:15 p.m. Saturday at the Palm Square Apartments. The fire caused heavy damage to one apartment, while others sustained smoke and water damage.

The American Red Cross was assisting those displaced by the fire.

Justice of the Peace Margie Hernandez ordered an autopsy of the body of the victim, who was found in the burned apartment.

COUNCIL

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McEwen — who recently addressed and discredited rumors surrounding the transfer — said accusations that any council members don't have the center and its seniors' best interests at heart are baseless.

"There isn't a single person on the city council that isn't looking to make the Senior Center the best it can possibly be," said McEwen. "Why else would we agree to take it over? To go in and start cutting services or charging for them? That doesn't make any sense at all."

The council is also

expected to consider applying for grants from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin.

Among the other items listed on Tuesday's meeting agenda are:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease agreement with Fibercom Inc., otherwise known as Fiberod.
- Acceptance of meeting minutes from several municipal boards and committees.
- Award bid for lease purchase financing for various equipment and capital improvements.
- An update from Parkhill, Smith and

Cooper regarding ongoing bond projects.

- First reading of an ordinance approving the petition of Onco Electric Delivery Company LLC to modify its lighting service tariff pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Consideration of approving an incentive agreement between Moore Development for Big Spring and Amerimex Rig Movers and Amerimex Drilling 1 to provide financial assistance for relocation of operations and construction of facilities in Big Spring.
- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of equipment Schedule No. 05 under an

existing master lease agreement, an escrow agreement and related instruments.

- Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Patriot Industrial Services Inc. for the sale of tin and other sheet metal at the city landfill.
- First reading of an ordinance amending ordinance No. 28-2007 providing for increasing the Motel Tax Fund budget for the purpose of funding the construction and resurfacing of the Rose Magers Walking Trail at Comanche Trail Park.
- First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Code of Ordinances enti-

HSU player remembered day after fatal crash

ABILENE (AP) — Hardin-Simmons cornerback Brentdrick Walker, killed a day earlier in a motorcycle accident, was tearfully remembered Sunday by his teammates.

Witnesses reported seeing Walker traveling east on North 10th Street in Abilene at a high rate of speed on Saturday afternoon and veer to avoid hitting a car that had entered the intersection, police said.

"The driver of the other car saw the motorcyclist after he began to enter the intersection and stopped," police Sgt. Doug Wrenn said. "The motorcyclist, in an attempt to avoid a collision, veered right and laid the bike down on the side. In doing so, he slid into the driver's side of the car."

The driver of the Nissan 350 Z, Abilene resident Arthur Traylor, 60, was unharmed.

Walker, who was wearing a helmet, was taken to Hendrick Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

"Obviously, it is a horrible tragedy," Hardin-Simmons football coach Jimmie Keeling said.

"He was a super young person that had tried to do everything right with us," Keeling said. "He was a fun-loving kid that did whatever we asked him to do. It is always tragic when you lose someone at such a young age."

Police are trying to determine the speed of the motorcycle before it crashed and await toxicology reports.

Federal study backs land claim by Tigua tribe

AUSTIN (AP) — A new federal study supports long-held claims by an American Indian tribe that the state of Texas stole 36 square miles of tribal territory in El Paso.

Now, members of the Ysleta Pueblo del Sur, known as the Tiguas, are trying to determine what to do with the information in the study.

The territory, which the tribe lost in 1871 when the Texas Legislature used it to incorporate the town of Ysleta, is now home to tens of thousands of homes and businesses.

"The real huge problem here is what do you do about it?" Tom Diamond, the attorney for the tribe, told the newspaper.

The tribe says it does not plan to evict anyone, or to use the report as leverage to resolve their conflict with the state over the reopening of the tribe's Speaking Rock Casino.

The Tiguas maintain that Texas Legislature's seizure of the tribe's land violates the Indian Nonintercourse Act passed by Congress many years earlier. The Act invalidated any sale of Indian land by individuals or states not sanctioned "at some public treaty, held under the authority of the United States."

REBATES

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cent mark — at 20.62 — was Lamesa, which received \$93,207.80 this month compared to \$77,270.90 a year ago.

Lubbock fell a little short to start the new year. That city took in \$3,571,085.40, this year compared to \$3,636,425.56 in January 2007, a deficit

of 1.79 percent. Midland collected \$2,634,284.96 for January 2008. That's 6.77 percent more than the \$2,467,056.60.

Monahans brought in \$112,380.62 this month, an 8.98 percent increase when compared to the \$103,112.02 received in January 2007.

Odessa enjoyed a 7.41 percent upswing in revenues, comparing the \$1,749,843.98 received this

month to the \$1,629,099.67 collected a year ago.

Pecos, which ended 2007 at plus 54.5 percent, continued major gains in January. The city brought in \$131,589.59 this month, 67.23 percent high than the \$78,687.75 taken in during January 2007.

A 9.96 percent increase greeted San Angelo, which brought in \$1,445,959.74, compared to \$1,314,918.98 a year ago. Snyder brought in

\$238,408.12, a whopping 42.63 percent increase over the \$167,144.78 collected in January 2007.

Even higher was a 97.38 percent increase embraced at Stanton, where officials compared this month's receipts of \$24,085.08 to \$12,202.36 a year earlier.

Sweetwater brought in \$207,683.88 this month, up 6.47 percent compared to the \$195,057.46 received in January 2007.

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Margaret Rigdon, 73, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Donald Wayne Wilcher, 49, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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tax season.

"We'll begin doing taxes at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, Feb. 4, and continuing each Monday at those same times through the April tax deadline," said Hopkins. "For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us,

we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

For area residents interested in volunteering with the annual program, Hopkins said it can be a very rewarding experience.

"We prefer the volunteers have some computer knowledge," said Hopkins, "but we're certainly not going to turn anyone away. There are a lot of different ways to help with the program, from actually preparing

the forms to helping in a receptionist-type position. It's a great way to help others, and when you see the look on someone's face when they find out they are actually getting a refund makes it all worth while."

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive on the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information on the program and volunteering, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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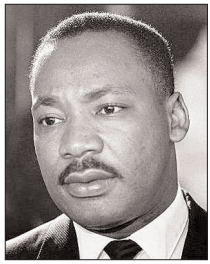
OUR VIEWS

'Dream' speech still resonates 45 years later

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. organized a massive march on Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he evoked the name of Lincoln in his "I Have a Dream" speech, which is credited with mobilizing supporters of desegregation and prompted the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The next year, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Today, on the national holiday set aside in his honor, we feel it only fitting to print the text from his most famous speech.

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.



But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check — a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we claim Your power, Lord, for ourselves.

Amen

GOP saying, 'Old warrior, go home?'

Rush Limbaugh launches daily rants against John McCain. Fellow conservative radio talk-show host Laura Ingraham dismissed the Arizona senator on Wednesday as "the Democrats' favorite Republican." Hugh Hewitt blogged on Townhall.com that a vote for McCain "is a vote for an old warrior way past his prime and the prospect of three debates against Barack Obama in which the age and energy gap goes unremarked upon while devastatingly obvious."



DEBRA SAUNDERS

A washed-up old warrior? McCain deserves more respect for risking his life in Vietnam and enduring five years in a Vietnamese POW camp, as he refused his captors' offer to free him. Of course, engaged Republicans have a right to criticize McCain on the issues — but they go too far, and they are sabotaging their party's chances in November.

According to the RealClearPolitics.com polling average, McCain is the nationwide front-runner in the Republican primary. Why bloody a man who could be your party's nominee, unless you see ideological purity as more important than winning in 2008?

Sure, Mac-bashers admit, he's

good on Iraq and the war on terrorism, but look at his apostasies. McCain co-authored a campaign-finance reform bill that enraged far-right (and far-left) advocacy groups. He co-authored global-warming legislation with then-Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman. McCain infuriated the GOP base last year when he championed an immigration bill that would have set up a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. The bill tanked, and deservedly so, but not before McCain gratuitously insulted bill critics. I have to think that what really sticks in the

Limbaugh/Ingraham/Hewitt collective craw is the fact that McCain has been a darling of the media. And some Democrats and independents say they could vote for him. Like those are bad things in an election year.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., returned my call from South Carolina after he had endorsed McCain on Wednesday. When I noted that some Republicans say that McCain is not really a conservative, Coburn answered, "What I've seen in the three years that I've been in the Senate would dispute that." Before the big 2006 GOP election losses, Coburn and McCain were fierce opponents of Republican pork-barrel spending. Because they are good small-government conservatives, both were willing to buck spend-happy party leaders. Coburn strongly disagreed with McCain on the immigration bill, but he remains impressed with

McCain's "willingness to lose for himself so America gains." "Is McCain the most conservative conservative? No, that's me," Coburn remarked. "But can I endorse John McCain and feel comfortable for the future of my grandkids? You bet." Note: It's also important for Coburn that he thinks McCain can win in November.

As for the McCain-baiters, if they feel the need to bash McCain with no restraints, it must be because they fear mightily that voters may grant him the nomination.

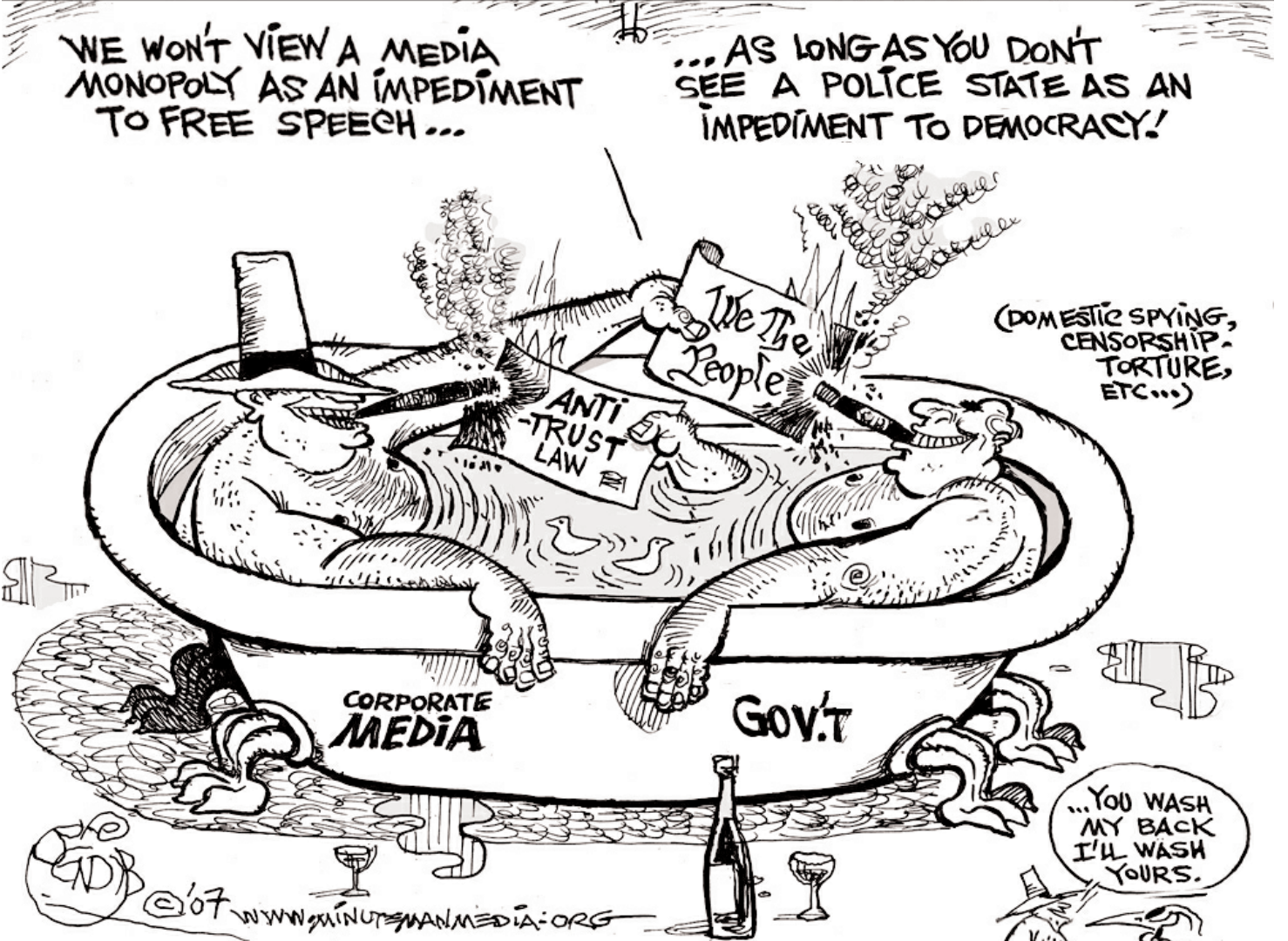
Their McCain pile-on would not be so egregious if only the White House — and the perks of politics — were at stake. With 165,000 troops serving in Iraq and 26,000 serving in Afghanistan, Republican voters must guard more than their party purity. They have to vote — and at times hold their tongues — with an eye on what is most important: Iraq.

As public support for the war has eroded, it has been disheartening to watch Democrats, who once supported the war, drop the ball on Iraq. Now, to watch Republicans bloody McCain, when they should be concentrating on keeping an anti-war Democrat from becoming commander in chief — well, it makes me wonder how much they want to win.

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Looking at race's role in 'the race'

It was probably inevitable. A woman running against a black: How could gender and race not be an issue? Even if she was running as the most experienced candidate and he was running a campaign to transcend race, dynamite ultimately explodes.

The gender issue exploded in New Hampshire through her tears. If she didn't cry, she came close; her eyes welled up. That, on its own, might not have been enough if the guys — from her opponent John Edwards to the scores of reporters and pundits with nothing else to talk about — hadn't jumped all over her for it. And then the backlash hit, with women moving to her side in numbers large enough to make all the pre-election polls turn out to have been wrong. I can criticize my mother, but you can't. Women can say they don't like Hillary, but it's quite another thing when a bunch of guys suggest she's not tough enough to be president. If Hillary isn't tough, who is?



SUSAN ESTRICH

Now the race issue has exploded, triggered by Hillary's comment that "it took a president" to enact the civil rights laws, which was clearly not intended as a slight on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but as another effort to stay on the mes-

sage of rhetoric versus experience, talk versus action. That was her theme in the closing days of the New Hampshire campaign. It was, in fact, Obama's credentials she was calling into account, not King's. But the Obama people, among others, seized on the comment to fan a few flames.

Who could blame them? It's one thing to transcend race when you're running in states that have long been criticized for being too white to represent accurately the diversity of the Democratic Party, and quite another to do so when you're heading to South Carolina, where half of the Democratic voters are African-American, or Nevada, which was allowed to move its caucuses earlier in the process, ahead of Super Duper Tuesday, precisely because of its significant Hispanic population.

The problem is that playing with fire, as Clinton and Obama have been doing in the latest edition of the race war, risks everyone getting burned. As Jesse Jackson's candidacy amply demonstrated in both 1984 and 1988, there are certain states where being the "black candidate," as he was, is a decided advantage in a Democratic primary. It's worth remembering that in the first Super Tuesday go-round, back in 1984, when the Southern states moved up together in the hopes of influencing the nomination process in a conservative direction, the unintended consequence was to give a boost to the

Jackson effort: He won more states on that Super Tuesday than either of his white opponents.

But, as Michael Dukakis' 1988 success over Jackson demonstrated, there are even more states where being the white candidate running against the black candidate — even if no one ever says it quite that way, and we were careful not to — is all you need to do to coast to the nomination. Americans may or may not be ready to elect a president who happens to be black, but if race is the issue, rather than something the candidate transcends, the odds get much longer.

That's why Obama was smart to extend the olive branch on the race issue, as he did this week, and try to end this particular squabble. It's not just because it's ridiculous to accuse the Clintons, of all people, of racial insensitivity. It's because, in the end, it's not a fight Obama can win, even if it is one Hillary can lose. The genius of the Obama campaign has been the candidate's ability to reach out to white voters in a way that makes it possible to imagine that the country might actually be ready for a candidate who happens to be black.

Fighting about race is a reminder of just how far we have come, and of how easy it would be to slip back.

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Duluth Clinic neurology department manager Gwen Cressman sorts through some of the 18,718 pens, notepads and other drug company trinkets purged from the St. Mary's Duluth Clinic health system as part of its "Clean Sweep" initiative in Duluth, Minn.

Minnesota health system purges hospitals, clinics of drug company trinkets

By **STEVE KARNOWSKI**

Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — When a Duluth-based operator of hospitals and clinics purged the pens, notepads, coffee mugs and other promotional trinkets drug companies had given its doctors over the years, it took 20 shopping carts to haul the loot away.

The operator, SMDC Health System, intends to ship the 18,718 items to the west African nation of Cameroon.

The purge underscored SMDC's decision to join the growing movement to ban gifts to doctors from drug companies.

SMDC scoured its four hospitals and 17 clinics across northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin for clipboards, clocks, mouse pads, stuffed animals and other items decorated with logos for such drugs as Nexium, Vitorin and Lipitor.

Trinkets, free samples, free food and drinks, free trips and other gifts have pervaded the medical profession, but observers say that's starting to change.

"We just decided for a lot of reasons we didn't want to do that any longer," Dr. Kenneth Irons, chief of community clinics for SMDC, said Friday.

So SMDC put together a comprehensive conflict-of-interest policy that, among other things, limits access to its clinics by drug company representatives. Employees suggested the "Clean Sweep" trinket roundup, Irons said.

Ken Johnson, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, had heard of hospitals and clinics banning promotional items before, but said SDMC's purge was unprecedented.

"I've never seen nor heard of a systematic roundup of pens and coffee mugs before," Johnson said. "It's a bit draconian. But the onus is on us now to do a better job of explaining the job and the importance of marketing representatives. Unfortunately there are a lot of cynics in America who want to think the worst."

SDMC's effort was motivated by a desire to show patients that its 450 doctors were serious about keeping prescription drug costs down and making unbiased medical decisions, Irons said.

The backlash against the cozy relationships between doctors and drug makers gained steam from article in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2006. It said research had shown that even cheap gifts, such as pens, can affect doctors' prescribing decisions.

The Prescription Project, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, was founded to promote the JAMA article's recommendations for countering aggressive marketing to physicians by the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

Marcia Hams, assistant director of the project, said she too hadn't heard of a roundup like SDMC's, but hopes other health organizations follow its lead.

"This seems like a pretty aggressive way to kick off a policy like that," she said. "It sends an important message, I think, for how a strict policy can be implemented in an effective way."

A return to simplicity

Nothing beats the fresh flavor of an elegant and simply prepared salmon, especially following weeks of gluttonous holiday eating. With a rich flavor all its own, there's no need to "dress up" a salmon fillet with creamy sauces or decadent condiments. This week's recipe highlights the unique flavor of fennel, accented by the tangy notes of fresh lemon.

Salmon, often categorized as a "fatty fish," is a rich source of omega-3 fat. Research suggests that omega-3 fat, frequently lacking in the diets of non-seafood eaters, may lower heart disease risk and reduce the symptoms of arthritis and other inflammatory conditions.

The beautiful pink-orange hue of the fish (in nature, a result of the wild salmon feeding on small crustaceans) is a nice contrast to the green and ivory fennel. The presentation of this dish calls for serving the fillets atop a bed of raw fennel fronds, creating a simple, clean and delicious plate.

Fennel, actually a member of the carrot family, resembles a bunch of celery with feathery green leaves.

With a slight anise or licorice flavor, fennel is frequently served following the meal in Indian restaurants, as it is known to have a soothing effect on digestion and sweetens the breath.

Fennel can be eaten raw or cooked. Here, the fennel bulbs are sliced thin and lightly braised in broth. The fronds serve as garnish.



Roasted Salmon on a Bed of Braised Fennel

Nonstick cooking spray
4 skinned salmon fillets (about 4 oz. each)
2 tsp. olive oil
2 tsp. honey mustard, divided
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 small fennel bulbs with fronds
1 cup fat free, reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
1 lemon cut into quarters

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees. Spray a rimmed baking sheet or shallow roasting pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Rinse the salmon fillets and pat them dry. Place the fillets in the prepared baking dish and brush with olive oil. Spread 1/2 tsp.

honey mustard on top of each fillet. Season with salt and pepper. Roast until firm and opaque throughout, around 9 to 10 minutes per inch of thickness.

Wash and dry the fennel bulbs with their fronds. While the fish is cooking, chop the fronds off of the fennel bulbs and set aside. Slice fennel bulb into 1/4-inch slices, then julienne into 1/4-inch sticks.

In a wide pan, spread julienned fennel pieces in a single or double layer, and then pour on chicken or vegetable broth until just covered. Simmer over low heat until crisp-tender, around 5 to 10 minutes.

Serve salmon fillets on top of fennel fronds with julienned cooked fennel. Place 1/4 lemon on each plate and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

NUTRITION WISE: Antioxidant levels in coffee

Q: Is there any difference in the antioxidant levels of regular and decaf coffees and teas? Also, despite the antioxidant benefits, isn't the caffeine still bad for you?

A: Compared to decaf, regular green tea contains about three times as much EGCG, the antioxidant phytochemical that has shown cancer-prevention effects in some laboratory studies. Similarly, decaf black tea, which contains another, less-studied antioxidant called theurubigin, also has lower amounts (about 50 percent less) than its regular counterpart.

Limited research suggests that chlorogenic acid, one of the main antioxidants in coffee, may be lower in decaf coffee as well. However, even with decaf versions, the true antioxidant benefits you receive depends on how much you drink.

As for concerns about caffeine, when consumed in moderation, it may not be as bad as you think. Some studies now suggest that caffeine's purported role in increasing blood pressure may not be linked as strongly to coffee and tea. Note that people with sleep difficulties, however, do need to be careful about the amount and timing of caffeine consumption.

Also, most health experts sug-

gest that pregnant women limit total daily caffeine from coffee, soft drinks and other sources to about 300 milligrams, the equivalent of three 6-ounce cups of regular coffee.

Q: If fat at the waist is associated with increased health risks, how big is too big?

A: Health professionals frequently point to waist measurements above 35 inches for women and 40 inches for men as indicators of increased health risk. Waistlines above these marks are associated with obesity. Yet setting risk indicators this high ignores over half the people with unhealthy levels of body fat. An expert panel of international scientists convened by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) recently took a closer look at the data linking fat at the midsection to cancer risk. According to the panel, a tighter set of guidelines is recommended as cancer risk begins to increase even with modest weight gains. Based on the panel's conclusions, AICR suggests aiming for waist measurements below 31.5 inches for women and 37 inches for men.

Do note, however, that while most people with waist measurements above this cut-off are overweight, some also fall with normal weight ranges. In other words, when assessing risk, it is essential to look at overall weight, but also, where that body fat is being stored.

As research continues, some scientists speculate that the range of waist measurements that signal health risk may vary with

age and ethnicity. In the meantime, perhaps the best advice is to limit weight gain during adulthood as much as possible.

Q: Is it true that cinnamon can help control blood sugar?

A: Although some research is promising, we need larger trials before we have a more definitive answer. Some studies show a modest reduction in blood sugar with consumption ranging from a quarter-teaspoon of cinnamon daily to one tablespoon. Other studies show no effect. Consequently, do not use cinnamon in place of a prescribed blood sugar medicine.

It is also premature to turn to cinnamon supplements. Do not use cinnamon medicinally without first consulting your doctor either. Cinnamon naturally contains a compound called coumarin, which at high levels can damage the liver and function as a blood-thinner. This compound can pose serious trouble for anyone taking anti-clotting medicines (such as Coumadin). Yet irrespective of its effects on blood sugar, cinnamon adds delicious flavor to many foods and may provide some additional health benefits through its antioxidant phytochemicals.

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there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. They have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied, as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "For Whites Only". We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering.

Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of

Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama,

little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together,

to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from

the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

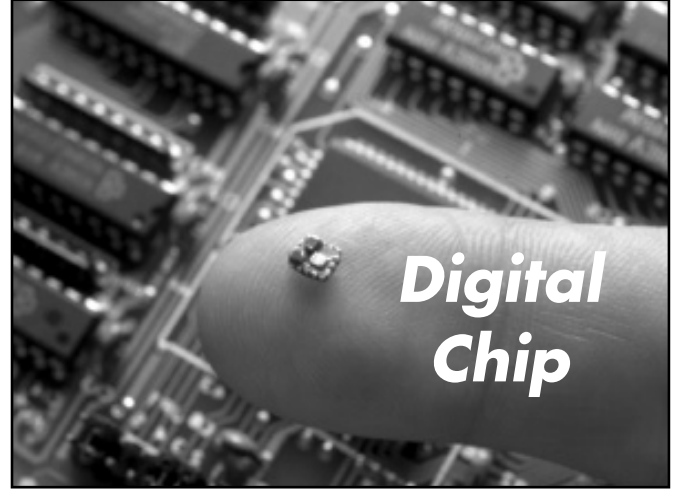


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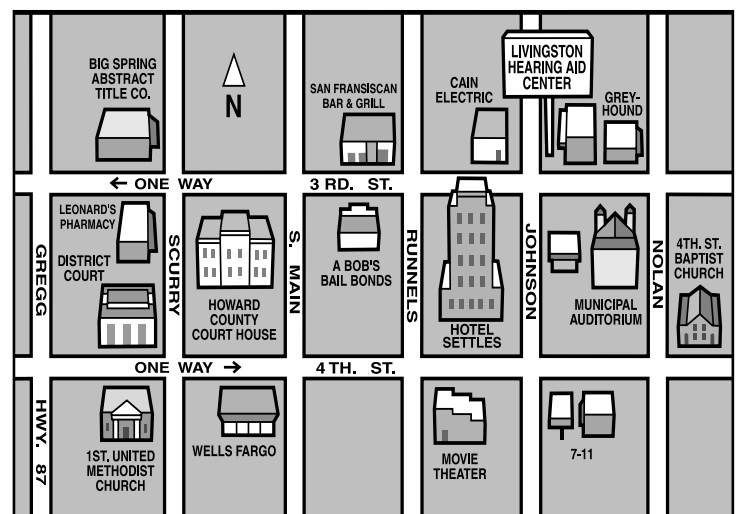
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