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AARP Tax Aide program moving

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer
Area residents looking to take advantage of the annual AARP Tax Aide program will have to adjust their travel plans slightly, as the organization has moved the program to the Howard County Library for 2008.
Local AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the move from the Spring City Senior Citizens Center to the library



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was a last-minute effort to avoid possible scheduling conflicts.
"When the dance floor at the Senior Center was out of commission, they were holding their dances in the same room where we generally set up," said Hopkins. "So we were in a position where we would have to set up and break down each time we

were there, and that's just a huge hassle for everyone."
"I was told there was a chance the main dance floor would be fixed before the program started, but I just didn't want to chance it. So we'll be in the community room in the basement of the library this year, with plans to move back to the Senior Center next tax season."
Hopkins said her staff of volunteers began their training this week, and will be ready to get the program under way

Monday, Feb. 4.
"Everything is moving along very smoothly right now," said Hopkins. "We have plenty of volunteers right now, and we managed to get enough computers, which we were really worried about at the beginning of the year. I can't say enough about the group of volunteers we have working with us this year."
According to Hopkins, the program is aimed to serve area residents without the

means to file a tax return.
"The AARP program provides free federal 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," she said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax

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THEY'VE GOT SPIRIT



Coahoma's cheerleaders show their spirit, cheering the Bulldogs to a 63-41 victory over Merkel Saturday night in Bulldog Gym at Coahoma. The Bulldogettes were also victorious, meaning both Coahoma squads remain undefeated in District 5-2A play. See Page 1B for full coverage.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hill

Valentines

BSSH Volunteer Services Council again offers gifts

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Special to the Herald
Scarlet red is the main color palette decorating the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office these days — a switch from holly green just a few weeks ago.

Volunteers who would like to sing, deliver or assemble items are being solicited now, said Valentine fund-raiser chairman Kathy Sheppard.

The hospital's army of volunteers had not even packed away all their supplies for Christmas when they began pulling out heart-themed ribbon and plush teddy bears, said the hospital's community relations director, Billie Christie-Morgan.

Items are available at the hospital Community Relations office now, and will be available at Howard College and the Citizens Federal Credit Union starting Feb. 1.

"It's just one thing after another here," Christie-Morgan said laughingly.
The corps of volunteers are prepping for their second largest fund-raiser of the year — the first being the Annual Cars and Stars event — the Valentine's Day gift and delivery service.

A special sale will be held at the TA Travel Center Feb. 9-10 for people who would like to place orders or those who want to pick up an item to deliver themselves, she said.

Items range from singing telegrams to stuffed bears hugging candy hearts to a small bud vase.

The most sought-after volunteer job Feb. 14 is that of delivery person, volunteer Shirley Bodin said.

"We have it arranged to fit any circumstance or price range," Christie-Morgan said.

"Being a delivery person is just the most fun. Everyone is glad to see you, and you feel as if you've done something nice."

- Items for sale include:
- Life-sized bear, \$75.
- Stackable boxes of love, \$40.
- Tiered boxes of love, heart-shaped wicker

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Bush will seek support in address

By **BEN FELLER**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — It's about the economy, and the war in Iraq, and other unresolved matters that have kept the nation on edge. But President Bush's State of the Union address on Monday is something else, too: probably his last chance to seize the public's attention and put it to use.

is taking to reduce and reform the use of earmarks — a common Capitol Hill practice of slipping pet projects into spending bills, saying that if the items are worthy, lawmakers should debate them in the open and hold a public vote.

The final State of the Union of the Bush presidency will be roughly split between domestic and foreign matters.

The president will talk of improved security in Iraq and reassert that he decides when U.S. troops will come. He will offer some modest new ideas and recycle others as unfinished business. To the degree the speech favors the pragmatic over the bold, the White House offers a two-word explanation: Blame Congress.

"He will state his commitment to veto any spending bill that does not succeed in cutting earmarks in half from 2008 levels," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Monday about one domestic proposal. Bush also will announce that he will issue an executive order directing agencies to ignore any future earmarks that lawmakers attempt to include, but are not actually

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Frenship, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Frenship, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball at Roscoe, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Roscoe, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Stanton, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Howard College presenting the Harlem Starz

The Howard College athletic department will present the Harlem Starz at 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is a fundraiser which will benefit the Howard College athletic program.

With names like Zig Zag, Hollywood, K-Money, Air Bama and Werm, fans will know they are not attending an ordinary basketball game. Almost every play will involve fancy dribbling, no look passes, amazing dunks and comedy.

In addition to the game, highlights will include a halftime show, prizes and autographs. For ticket information, contact Howard College at 264-5040.

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

San Antonio vs. Utah, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

San Antonio vs. Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Dallas vs. Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Steers place second at BSHS Invitational

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Competitors from across the Crossroads region and beyond flocked to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym Saturday to take part in the second annual Big Spring Powerlifting Invitational.

Regarded overall as a successful event, 13 teams and 132 individuals participated in the invitational, including several from Coahoma, Forsan and Garden

City.

"It went well. We had a lot of kids show up and lift," Big Spring Powerlifting Coach Reggie McConnell said. "We got out of here in decent time, so everything ran pretty smoothly."

For Big Spring, the competition delivered a narrow second place finish in the team standings. At the end of the day, the Steers stood tied with Tahoka at 41 points, but since Tahoka held the edge in the tiebreaker — a lower combined weight for the entire

team — the Bulldogs took home the first place trophy.

"Our kids worked very hard," McConnell noted, "but Tahoka weighed just a few pounds less than us."

In the girls' division, it was Plainview's Lady Bulldogs running away with the championship with 61 points, blasting its closest competition — Snyder (20 points). The Lady Bulldogs delivered five first-place finishes, four second-place and two third-place. Third was the lowest a

competitor from Plainview's A team finished in the meet.

Plainview also boasted the two performers on the girls' side with Lori Loafman winning the best lifter award in the light platform (97 to 132 pounds) and Tzara Halley giving the top performance in the heavy platform (148 to 220-plus pounds).

While the Steers didn't have any female lifters, Coahoma and Garden City both had competi-

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Coahoma blasts Badgers, 63-41

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Being state ranked means living up to high expectations. So far, so good for Coahoma's Bulldogs.

The 13th-ranked Bulldogs should be moving up in the new release of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' polls when they come out later today, following their ninth-straight victory Friday night over the visiting Merkel Badgers, 63-41.

The win makes Coahoma a perfect 9-0 in District 5-2A play and allows them to remain a game ahead of the second-place Haskell Indians (8-1 in district), who are ranked 15th in the state.

Coming into Saturday's matchup with Merkel after having beaten Hawley 59-40 the night before, Coahoma Head Coach Kim Nichols felt his team had to stay out of foul trouble since the bench had been depleted because of grades. That was easier said than done, however, as the Bulldogs were called for seven fouls in the first period alone.

The excessive fouls forced 6-7 senior post Colter Morgan to be benched. However, the Bulldogs didn't miss a beat.

"Michael Mendoza, Josh Jones and Ray Gutierrez did a great job coming off the bench," raved Nichols. "We didn't just hang on when they were in the game. We took a lead and built on it."

The Bulldogs used defense to thwart the Badgers in the first half, holding Merkel to just five points in the second period. Coahoma entered the locker rooms at intermission with a 28-18 lead.

"Merkel has some really good 3-point shooters and the plan was to take that away from them and let Colter patrol the middle," Nichols said. "Colter had the flu,

though, so we weren't sure how much he could play. All eight of our guys played great defense. We're very proud of them."

Merkel continuously struggled to find an open look at the basket in the early moments of the third period, allowing Coahoma to open the second half with a 9-2 run. Trailing by 19, the Badgers put up one last effort with a 7-0 run, trimming the margin to 51-39 with 3:10 left to play.

However, Coahoma outscored the Badgers 12-2 over the final three minutes, remaining perfect in District 5-2A play.

The Bulldogs were led by Josh Paniagua's game-high 20 points. Logan Stone and Matthew Tatum joined Paniagua in double figures, scoring 10 apiece.

"This was a big game for both teams," Nichols commented. "Merkel is still in the playoff hunt and we're fighting for a district title. So this is a big win at home."

"I don't like to use that clinch word," he continued. "We're getting close to a playoff spot for sure. We did a great job tonight. We could've folded easily, but we played tough."

Coahoma hosts district rival Stanton Tuesday night in Bulldog Gym. The two squads have faced twice this season with the visiting team claiming the victory each time.

Stanton defeated Coahoma by two in the finals of the Coahoma Invitational Dec. 1, 2008. The Bulldogs returned the favor, drilling the Buffaloes 56-38 Jan. 8.

Merkel	13	5	11	12-41
Coahoma	18	10	19	16-63

Merkel: Grand 5, Thomas 2, Duncan 4, Wells 6, Cope 11, Newberry 9, Barnhill 2, Thomas 2.

Coahoma (18-4, 9-0): Mikey Mendoza 6, Josh Paniagua 20, Josh Jones 6, Rey Gutierrez 1, Colter Morgan 7, Logan Stone 10, Matthew Tatum 10, Jovi Paniagua 3.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogs guard Josh Paniagua goes up for two points in the Bulldogs' 63-41 victory over Merkel Saturday night in Bulldog Gym at Coahoma. Paniagua led the Bulldogs with 20 points.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma's Laci Sterling gets to the basket for two of her game-high 25 points in the Bulldogettes' 44-34 win over the Merkel Lady Badgers Saturday night in Coahoma.

Bulldogettes improve to 11-0 in district play

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Still perfect. Coahoma's Bulldogettes remained perfect in District 5-2A play Saturday night, defeating the Merkel Lady Badgers, 44-34, at Bulldog Gym in Coahoma. The perfect record isn't nearly as important as being in first place in district and also the feat the Bulldogettes accomplished with the victory, according to Coahoma Head Coach Chris Sumrall.

"Being in first place is what is most important. This was on a back-to-back, too," said Sumrall after the Bulldogettes claimed their second victory in as many nights. "You hear it talked about all time in the NBA about how hard it is to play in a back-to-back and these girls played hard. I'm pretty proud of them."

The Lady Badgers came into Coahoma second in district with an earlier loss to the Bulldogettes being the only blemish on their 9-1 record.

If Merkel was Coahoma's main competition, then the competition looked thin after three periods. However, the Lady Badgers showed some fight in the fourth

period, ripping off a 9-0 run with 1:40 left in the game and pulling within 12 points after having trailed by as many as 21 points in the game.

Merkel wouldn't get much closer, though, as Coahoma's defense stayed fresh enough to hold onto a 10-point margin once the final horn sounded.

The Bulldogettes improved to 11-0 with the win after picking up their 10th district win the night before. Due to inclement weather, the Bulldogettes and Lady Badgers were forced to reschedule their matchup twice. The shakeup forced Coahoma into a tournament situation, playing back-to-back games — something that rarely happens in district play.

"One of the things about 16 or 17 year old kids is they don't really notice how hard things can be," Sumrall said. "They were kind of oblivious to the back-to-back so I didn't mention anything about it. I figured the less they think about it the better."

Regardless, the Bulldogettes remained sharp, wasting little time to build a lead that proved

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Obituaries

Guy Zant



Guy Zant, 56, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Gaylon Lamb, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at the Vealmoor Cemetery.

He was born on July 24, 1951, in Howard County and married Patricia Underwood on Aug. 19, 1971, in Vealmoor.

A lifetime resident of Howard County, Guy loved farming, hunting, fishing, skeet shooting, attending stock shows and working cattle. He enjoyed baseball, football, cooking, music, welding and especially the time he spent with his family. He always had a big smile and a firm handshake for everyone.

Guy had been a member of Vealmoor Church of Christ until it closed and was currently attending Ackerly Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Zant of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Guy Will and Amy Zant of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Zandie Kate Zant of Big Spring; his parents, Joe Don and Dena Zant of Vealmoor; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Diane Zant of Big Spring and Sheila and David Armstrong of Vealmoor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe Don Jr. and Kelly Zant and Ty and Mindy Zant, all of Vealmoor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Borden County EMTs or the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-9989.

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

Paid obituary

Tammy D. Ream



Tammy D. Ream of Midland went to be with her Heavenly Father a short three weeks after her 39th birthday. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Midland with the Rev. John Rech, associate pastor, officiating.

She was born Jan. 6, 1969, in Sayre, Okla., to Patricia McCain and Billy Goines. In 1987, Tammy graduated from Alvin High School. She attended Howard College, Baylor University and UT Southwestern Medical School of Allied Health where she graduated in 1992 as a certified physician assistant. In 2001, she earned a masters degree in PA Studies from the University of Nebraska.

Tammy fulfilled a lifelong career dream of helping others when she graduated in 1992 from UT Southwest Medical School of Allied Health as a certified physician's assistant. Tammy worked in Monahans, Plainview and Beaumont. In 2002, Tammy and her family moved to Midland. She began her teaching career at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center Physician Assistant Program on the Midland College campus. She was currently serving as associate director of the PA program. During her tenure at the program, approximately 240 students graduated and are currently working across the state of Texas. She was very involved in professional organizations as well. She was a member of the American Academy of Physician's Assistants and the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants. She was president-elect of TAPA and was scheduled to take office in February.

She is survived by her husband, Stacey Ream; children, Forrest, 11, and Reagan, 8, both of Midland; mother, Tricia McCain; aunt, Shirleen Brown of Big Spring; great-aunts, Jean of Big Spring and Loretta of Oklahoma City; cousins, David Brown of Ohio and Larry Lowry of Lewisville; step brother, J.W. Heath of Vernon; adoptive father, Chet Dowdell of Houston; parents-in-law, Roddy and Jann Caffey of Big Spring and Jim and Marily Ream of Fort Worth; sisters-in-law, Kori Caffey of Baton Rouge, La., and Jaime Bennett; grandparents, Dean and JoAnne Forrest of Big Spring and Robert and Patti Caffey of San Angelo; and a host of students and medical professionals from all of the state.

She was preceded in death by her father, Billy Goines; aunt, Gayla Lowry Boswell; grandparents, A.L. and Colleen Lowry; uncle, Rodney Lowry; and stepfather, Herb McCain.

A scholarship fund for PA students has been established in her honor. The family requests memorials to this fund be directed to Texas Tech University Health Science Center PA Program, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Martha M. Halvena

Martha M. Halvena, 85, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Velma Blagrove

Velma Blagrove, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Marvin Williams

Marvin Williams, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **BONNIE GRETT STINSON**, 36, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on two local *capias* warrants.
- **CHRISTOVAL MORENO**, 48, of 1700 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **GEORGE STOKES**, 54, of Abilene, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **LISA RAMOS CHAVARRIA**, 41, of 1408 S. Donley, was arrested Saturday on Howard County warrants.
- **STACY PENDLETON**, 32, of 1715 Highway 350, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JARRON VANDERBILT**, 24, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants and a New Mexico warrant.
- **DENISE DEANDA**, 35, of 604 S. Abrams, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 3300 block of FM 700.
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 2500 block of Wasson.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1100 block of Third Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Virginia.
 - in the 2500 block of Ann Drive.
 - in the 2500 block of Langley.
 - in the 300 block of Sixth Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 18000 block of N. FM 1584. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of N. FM 669. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Brown. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Vickey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Nicoles. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of Salem Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. 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 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Rodgers Road. Service refused.

Bulletin Board

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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.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.

- **PRISCILLA TORRES**, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and a charge of theft by check.
- **AMY MONTES**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **LEON DETRICK EDDINGTON**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of sexual assault of a child and a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.
- **REBECCA JESSICA WILLIAMS**, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MARK ANTHONY PATTIN**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of motion for enforcement.
- **MARK ANDREW HANSON**, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - fighting.
- **CLAY COWART**, 51, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- **JULIA ROBERSON**, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AMANDA DENISE GRAY**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **JASON WEAVER GENTRY**, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license invalid/revoked.
- **NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS**, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault.
- **MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES**, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a Midland County warrant for aggravated assault.
- **GEORGE GARCIA STOKES SR.**, 54, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **TERRY EDWARDS SHIRLEY**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **LISA ANN CHAVARRIA**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check, bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bail jumping - failure to appear.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny — Cooler. Highs around 60. West winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

Wednesday — Sunny — Windy. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 20 to 30 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the upper 40s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 20s.

Friday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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Brady acknowledges injury, says he'll be ready

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Tom Brady says he'll be fit to play in the Super Bowl, and that includes his world-famous right ankle.

"It's feeling good. I'll be ready to go," the New England Patriots quarterback said Sunday night when the AFC champions met the media for the first time shortly after arriving in Phoenix.

Brady, making his first comments since beating San Diego in the AFC championship game a week ago, walked up the three short steps to the podium with ease, showing no signs of the injury that has become THE hot topic since he was spotted wearing a protective boot last Monday.

Though he was in great spirits — laughing, smiling and taking "Gisele" questions in stride, Brady also acknowledged he got hurt in the Patriots' 21-12 victory in the AFC title game.

"It was in the San Diego game, I think in the third quarter," Brady said, adding that it came on a sack. The injury is reportedly a minor high ankle sprain.

New England will try to

become the first team in NFL history to finish 19-0 when it plays the New York Giants in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

"I'm not concerned about how it's going to affect my play," he said. "This won't keep me out."

Last Monday, he was caught on videotape sporting a protective boot on his right foot while visiting supermodel girlfriend Gisele Bundchen in New York. The sight of the boot caused a major stir and concern among Patriots fans and bolstered Giants fans hopes for an upset.

But even after he returned to Foxborough two days later, there were no quick answers about the "boot" because Brady was nowhere to be found when reporters went looking for him in the locker room and at practice.

Whatever. The dapper, dimpled-quarterback certainly looked fine Sunday.

"I mean how good does it feel for me to see him walking around? I really don't care how he's walking around," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "He'll be walking around fine Sunday."

Coach Bill Belichick, who spoke before Brady, was typically tight-lipped about the injury and Brady's status.

"We'll update our injury

report on Wednesday," Belichick said with a smirk. "And, I look forward to it, too."

When Brady was asked, he grinned and said, "How's the ankle? What did coach say?"

The reporter responded with: "He said ask you."

Brady laughed and shook his head.

"Did he?" he said. "Wow, that's different."

Brady, wearing a navy, pin-striped suit and sweater vest, his white shirt open at the collar, smiled throughout the news conference and was in a playful mood. Asked about the ankle once again, he interrupted the reporter and said, "Last question of the week."

THE ankle has been the subject of endless rumors and gossip since THE quarterback was caught on camera last week heading up the steps of a town house to see his girlfriend, flowers in hand.

"I was just trying to get into the house as fast as I could," Brady said. "I was trying to hobble along. It kind of caught me off guard."

Later that day and on Tuesday, he wasn't wearing the boot when photographed.

"It's just part of the world we're living in," he said. "Those places I went for refuge,

I guess I can't go anymore. If we were 0-16, nobody would (care)."

Probably not, but the MVP quarterback is one of the most closely watched athletes in all of sports.

"Yeah, it's been an interesting week," he said. "I'm much lighter on my toes than I thought."

Brady also issued a playful warning: "Don't any of you chase me around. I won't be nearly as nice as I was last week."

While Brady appeared comfortable and at ease at the podium, Belichick was his usual gruff, monotone self — except when he talked glowingly about Brady, Bruschi, the Giants and the scheduled halftime performer, Tom Petty.

"I think it's great," he said of Petty, with a half-smile. "I wish I could stand out there and listen to it, but I'll have some of his CDs playing in my office this week. That'll put me in the mood: 'Free Fallin'."

Belichick made no revelations — surprise! — during the more than 20 minutes, but insisted he doesn't despise dealing with the media each day during the week leading up to the big game.

"Not at all," he said. "I think

you have a job to do and you are our connection between our football team, our fans, and the people who have an interest in the game. I respect the job that you do and hope that you respect the job I do."

It's hard not to, especially considering his winning resume. Belichick has a chance to join Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll as the only coaches to win four Super Bowl titles. The outside distractions that come with playing in the big game are a welcomed nuisance for Belichick.

"It's the trip you want to be on, I can tell you that," he said. "You spend all season trying to get to this point. We're proud to be here, just excited to be here."

Standing in the Patriots' path to perfection is a familiar opponent in the Giants, who nearly upset them before falling 38-35 in Week 17. The Patriots also beat them in the preseason — a game in which Brady didn't play.

"We are taking it one game at a time," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "We understand what the Giants present and we are trying to win this one game and we'll let you guys decide our place in history."

Nowitzki's 32 points takes Mavs past Nuggets

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki knows all too well that he's having his worst 3-point shooting season since his rookie year. Worse yet, he's not sure why.

But the reigning MVP is still willing to put them up.

Nowitzki made consecutive 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter and wound up scoring 14 of the final 16 points for the Dallas Mavericks, helping them hold off the Denver Nuggets 90-85 Sunday evening.

"If I'm open, I'm still going to shoot," said Nowitzki, the only 7-footer to win the 3-point contest at the All-Star game. "I'm staying confident. I keep get-

ting good looks, too. I'm not worried. The team wants me to shoot them when I'm open."

Nowitzki finished with 32 points, his most in 21 games. He was 12-of-17 with 11 rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

"He's a tough cover," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "He got some open looks, but some of his shots were undefendable."

Actually, Nowitzki missed his first two 3-pointers, continuing a season-long trend. He came into this game making only 31.5 percent from behind the arc, well below his career average of 37.8, and he'd made only one in the last seven games.

The Mavericks were ahead anyway, mainly because the

Nuggets were finally showing signs of missing Carmelo Anthony and his 25.5 points per game.

While this was the third straight he's missed with a sprained ankle, Denver won the previous two.

Anthony Carter helped the Nuggets make a run at the lead by scoring 11 straight points in the fourth quarter, but Nowitzki kept the Mavericks in front. His first 3 came after Carter made it 74-70, then the next one answered after Carter made it 77-73.

Carter also got Denver within 86-83 with 18 seconds left, but Nowitzki went 4-for-4 from the line the rest of the way.

The Mavericks won for the

11th time in 13 games, but they weren't very crisp. They missed their first 10 3-pointers and scored only 15 points in the third quarter. Josh Howard had 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists for Dallas, but 12 of his points came in the first quarter.

Jason Terry scored 19 and ran the offense most of the second half as starting point guard Devin Harris was in foul trouble, then hurt his left ankle. No others Mavericks player scored more than six points.

Harris landed awkwardly on a hard drive to the basket early in the fourth quarter. He didn't put any weight on it while being helped to the locker room and he left the arena on crutch-

es, the foot in a protective boot and still not bearing any weight.

The team initially called it a sprain, but changed it to a generic "injury."

Harris did not travel with the team to Memphis. Instead, he's scheduled to have an MRI on Monday and consult with team doctors.

"He's a big part of our team," Howard said. "We're going to need him."

Denver, meanwhile, might get Anthony back Monday night in New Orleans. Anthony took some shots on the floor before this game.

"Knowing Melo, I think he'll be ready, but I can't guarantee it," Karl said.

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insurmountable for Merkel. Coahoma led 15-8 after one period and 26-12 at halftime. Both of Coahoma's wins over the Lady Badgers this season came by 10 points.

Laci Sterling led the

Bulldogettes with a game-high 25 points.

Coahoma continues its march for a perfect district season Tuesday, playing host to a familiar nemesis — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes. A Bulldogettes' victory clinches the District 5-2A title for Coahoma.

Merkel 8 4 2 20—34
Coahoma 15 11 2 16—44

Coahoma (25-4, 11-0): Shelbi Paige 6, Laci Sterling 25, Janice Gonzalez 6, Christie Rich 3, Heather Sheppard 4.

Merkel: Hood 6, Bellah 3, Szabo 4, New 12, Keith 8, Smallridge 1.

Notes: The junior varsity Coahoma Bulldogettes competed in the district tournament this weekend, beating Hawley, Merkel and Stanton by a combined 70 points to win the District 5-2A JV Championship.

The Bulldogettes opened with a 30-point win over Hawley, 61-31. K'Leigh Fowler led with 20 points with Kylie Gee scoring 15 and Kalea Neff adding 11.

Gee would lead Coahoma past a pesky Merkel squad next, scoring a game-high 13 points in the Bulldogettes' 35-20 win.

Gee then equaled Stanton's offensive output in the finals, matching Stanton's 17 points as

Coahoma claimed the title with an impressive 42-17 victory.

Gee averaged 15 points and Fowler scored 12 a game to lead the Bulldogettes.

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tors pick up gold medals in the girls' division. Coahoma's Chelsea Gonzales was first in the 114-pound platform, lifting a total weight — combined from three different lifts (squat, bench press and dead lift) — of 540 pounds.

Garden City's Amanda Trevino took home gold from the 97-pound platform, lifting a total of 440 pounds.

As a team, Coahoma finished fourth with 14 points and Garden City was sixth with 10 points.

In the boys' division, the Steers claimed two gold medals, three silver and three bronze. Antwone White and John Smith lifted their way to first place finishes in their respective weight classes.

White lifted 1,120 total pounds, giving him the

top performance in the 198-pound platform. Smith had a grand total of 1,365 pounds for first place in the 220-pound class.

Smith lifted the second most weight amongst all lifters at the event, placing behind only Tahoka's Ty Cloe. Cloe won the 275-pound class, lifting a massive total of 1,815 pounds. He was named the meets top lifter in the heavy platform (181 to 275-plus pounds).

Cloe created a buzz throughout the rest of the event after he squated 685 pounds and benched 505.

Coahoma's top finishes came from Dusty Salmon (114) and Aaron Gonzales (123), who each grabbed third-place in their respective weight classes. Garden City had a fifth-place performance from Levi Schaefer as its top finish in the boys' division.

Tahoka grabbed an edge on Big Spring in the

lighter platform. The Bulldogs placed seven lifters in the top four of their respective weight classes, ranging from 114 to 165 pounds. Big Spring only had three competitors finish third or better in the platform.

However, neither school

produced the top lifter in the light platform. Lamesa's Kendrick Cole was named the smaller division's top lifter, hoisting 1,040 total pounds.

The Steers' next meet is Feb. 9 with the Coahoma Bulldogs playing host.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
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♠ 6 4 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ Q 8
♣ A K 5 4 2
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♠ A Q 9
♥ A 9 7 6 5 4
♦ 7 5 4
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♠ K J 7
♥ —
♦ A K J 10 9 6
♣ Q 9 8 6
The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass 2♥ 3♦
4♥ 5♦

Opening lead — seven of clubs.
This deal was played many years ago by Guglielmo Siniscalco, a member of the Italian Blue Team that dominated world bridge in the 1950s and '60s.
Siniscalco was South and got to five diamonds as shown. There would have been no problem had he been able to run five clubs after drawing trumps. But he realized that if West actually had a singleton club, which seemed likely from his lead, the suit was internally blocked. Regardless of the order in which he played the clubs, he would inevitably

end up in his hand on the fourth round of the suit.
This in turn raised the prospect of losing three spade tricks, and, as can be seen from the diagram, that is exactly what would have happened. Nevertheless, Siniscalco found an elegant solution to the problem.
He won the club lead with dummy's ace and led the jack of hearts, covered by East with the queen. Siniscalco ruffed with the nine, led the six of trumps to the eight and then played dummy's ten of hearts.
When East covered with the king, declarer ruffed, crossed to the queen of diamonds and led the heart eight. This time East was unable to cover, whereupon Siniscalco discarded the eight of clubs!
West took the trick with his nine but could not stop declarer from making the contract. With the clubs now untagged, Siniscalco could win any return by West, cash the Q-K of clubs, then discard two spades on dummy's 5-4 of clubs to finish with 11 tricks.
Note that if East had elected to play low on either the jack or ten of hearts when they were led from dummy, declarer would have discarded a club then and there. With West on lead, no harm could come to South at any stage, and 11 tricks thus became a virtual certainty.

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Today's airy moon in Libra brings focus to those people and things that keep our lives in delicate balance.



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Pondering a well-placed art object is restful for the mind. So is as being in relaxed and intelligent company.

Observe the unity of beautiful things and people around you. It's uplifting and a boost for relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If it's a weird scene — step inside. Try to figure out your role in it all. Today, the weirder the better. You could find your next love, a true friend or an employee among a peculiar mix of people. Aquarius is a lucky contact.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Solutions to relationship problems could occur while driving, showering or during a phone call while you're waiting on hold. Poetic justice happens tonight. Wrongs are set right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you think everyone knows is actually your own private phenomenon. You'll have to fill in the blanks for the clueless people (meaning everyone but

you). **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Just because something isn't working right doesn't mean it's exactly broken. You're tempted to upgrade to the latest and greatest, but the timing isn't right. Don't do anything rash.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do what's right. Don't hesitate, don't fumble. You may think you don't know what's right, but on a deeper level, you do. Trust your own innate goodness — others are counting on you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Have as much fun as possible. Refuse to feel pressured in any way. This is your day to relax totally. Sagittarius and Leo people help you with guilt-free, exuberant play.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't stop now! You're so close to that little slice of heaven on earth you've been striving for. Take a breath and sprint to the finish line. Your adrenaline will kick in to see you through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Ask for the resources you need. But if the answer is "no," don't worry. It's ingenuity that will take you the rest of the distance toward getting your project finished.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The unspoken rules of being in a relationship involve spending time with the other person's "people." There's no way to get out

of this one gracefully. It's your turn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sensitivity is underrated in a dog-eat-dog kind of world. But the advantage that sensitivity can bring is immeasurable. Messages are subtle, so listen to nuances, especially when listening to your own heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Initiate action and introduce new ideas. Unfortunately, you may be met by the ultimate passive-aggressive mantra, "Whatever." Do not engage the "whatever" people! Walk away!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's human nature to look for the flaws in others as a way of feeling OK with one's own shortcomings. Do the opposite now. Look for the beauty and see your own in the process.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Have you ever been stopped at a stoplight and had the sensation you were moving forward when it was really the car next to you rolling back? The planets of speed and movement create that bizarre optical illusion this week. Technically, retrograde is an illusion from the Earth's perspective — just a change of pace. So how do we flow with it? Mercury in Aquarius stimulates bright ideas with change of direction,

and Mars in Gemini moves a few outstanding goals forward. We may need to take a few steps back to move ahead, but it's no U-turn. Just turn up the radio and listen to the song "Baby." Mercury sings, "Let's cruise O away from here. Don't be confused, the message is clear." Mercury retrograde is a fine time to reevaluate, rethink and reconsider those bright ideas you've meant to put into motion but kept parked — they're likely really good ones. Mercury will retrograde through only air signs during 2008, focusing our collective attention on the way we communicate with each other, our vision for progress and our learning and thinking processes — all helpful. This week, if you get stuck on the information superhighway, remember, it's a momentary blip. Just cruise.

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Annie's Mailbox ® : Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I'm a 15-year-old boy and have been best friends with "Alex" since we were 5. Last year, Alex told me he thought he might be gay. He said he really liked this other boy we know and made me swear never to tell anyone. But a month ago, Alex got caught after school kissing that guy he liked, and the school called his parents. They grounded him.

My dad told me I'm not allowed to be friends with Alex anymore, but I don't think that's fair. Alex hasn't changed. He's still the same guy I've always been friends with, the one I played soccer and video games with. I tried talking to my dad, but he won't listen. Now I've been grounded because, a week ago, I snuck over to Alex's to play video games. I heard my dad yelling at my stepmom that I'd "better not be gay." I'm not allowed to call him and my cell phone has been taken away.

Annie, I know I'm not gay, but does that mean I can't be friends with Alex? I called my mom and she said she'd try to talk to Dad for me, but it hasn't helped yet. I feel bad for Alex. I call him when my parents aren't home, but every time, he cries and says he wishes he could take it back. I hate that. I know if it were me, he'd try to help. My dad said if I keep sneaking out to see Alex, he's going to send me to live with my uncle. He may not even have to, because I heard Alex's parents are sending him to live with some relatives in Ohio.

I don't know how to get my dad to change his mind. He says I'm young and will make more "normal" friends. But Alex is my best friend and I know you don't get a lot of those. Is Dad right? — Confused in California

Dear Confused: It's too bad your father isn't more tolerant and accepting. Being gay is not contagious, nor is it a reason to turn your back

him, he became angry, took her car and managed to wreck it to the tune of \$3,000. He then called on his way out of state and said he would not be back.

Felicia worked very hard getting herself together. But now she has a new boyfriend whom she met about a month ago and the nightmare is beginning all over again. "Sam" has no education, has lost his job and will not communicate with my husband or me. He is uncouth and low class, and Felicia is beginning to behave just like him. Her best girlfriend has noticed it, too.

My husband and I always reassure Felicia that she's beautiful and smart and deserves a wonderful mate. I am at a loss as to why she prefers these kinds of friends and have no idea how to get through to her. Any suggestions? — Worried to Death

Dear Worried: Either Felicia doesn't believe your reassurances, or she is rebelling by deliberately choosing men who will displease her parents. It's time to step back and let her make her own decisions, no matter how misguided. Some people only learn the hard way. Plaster a smile on your face and be friendly to the boyfriend. If she's rebelling, your acceptance will squash the need, and if she's lacking in self-esteem, your support will bolster her. Don't push her away by rejecting the man who could become her husband. She's going to need you.

Dear Annie: My husband and I enjoy having friends and family visit, since we've been blessed with a nicer home than we've ever had. We are not rolling in dough, but we've worked hard to achieve our goals and I'm very frugal in my shopping habits.

The problem is, many of our houseguests, who obviously enjoy staying at what may seem like a vacation home, think we have a money tree

growing out back. They often invite themselves for a weekend stay, show up empty-handed and expect three full meals a day. Once I offered some relatives cereal and fruit for breakfast and they ignored me. But when I broke out the last of my eggs, they went gaga and asked, "Where's the sausage?"

We enjoy having our loved ones over and don't want to say anything that would stop them from feeling welcome. How can I politely tell them it would be nice if they could contribute to meals when they visit? — Feeling Taken for Granted

Dear Taken for Granted: You are being so hospitable, they are using you as a welcome mat. Frequent overnight guests should always bring something, buy groceries or take their hosts out for a meal. You are not obligated to offer everything in the cupboard. Meals should be whatever you want to provide, even if that means leftovers for lunch and "you're on your own" for dinner. You don't owe them an apology or an explanation.

Dear Annie: You've printed several letters about rude remarks to balding men. An old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen in over 20 years, remarked, "My goodness! Your hair has really turned gray!" My mother, pointedly staring at his receding hairline, answered, "Yes, but at least it hasn't turned loose." End of conversation. — Proud of My Quick-Thinking Mom

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Clinton trying to bounce back in Florida

By MIKE GLOVER

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SARASOTA, Fla. — Stung by her lopsided loss to Barack Obama in South Carolina, Hillary Rodham Clinton is trying to shift her momentum in Florida — even though its Democratic primary won't count for much.

Like her rivals, Clinton has agreed to a pledge imposed by national party leaders not to publicly campaign in the state. But after South Carolina, Clinton was skating up against the edge of that agreement and trying to lend some credibility to the outcome Tuesday.

She arrived in Florida on Sunday for two events — both closed fundraisers, in keeping with the pledge not to campaign. She clearly winked at that pledge with her arrival, joking about the warm weather and positioning herself so photographers had a palm tree for a backdrop.

"It is absolutely glorious," said Clinton. "It is a perfect day here in Florida."

Earlier, Clinton said there's intense interest in the campaign in Florida, where early voting is heavy.

"Hundreds of thousands of people have already voted in Florida and I want them to

know I will be there to be part of what they have tried to do to make sure their voices are heard," Clinton said. She will campaign in the state on Tuesday, but only after the polls have closed.

No Democratic delegates will be allocated as a result of the Florida voting, and none of the candidates has made an effort in the state. While there has been heavy activity in early voting, it's largely driven by state issues.

After Florida moved its primary up to Tuesday in an attempt to play a bigger role in choosing the presidential nominees, the Democratic National

Committee said it would refuse to seat the state's delegation at the national convention in late August. But it is expected that the eventual nominee will try to reverse that decision because of Florida's crucial role in the general election.

Clinton already is on record favoring that step.

"I will try to persuade my delegates to seat the delegates from Michigan and Florida," said Clinton. "Democrats have to win Michigan and have to try to win Florida and I intend to do that. The people of Florida deserve to be represented in the process of picking a candidate for president of the United

States."

Michigan also violated party rules by moving its primary to Jan. 15, and party leaders voted to strip the state of its 156 delegates as punishment.

Campaign aides defended Clinton's new focus on Florida.

"I think it's a mistake for any party, for any candidate to tell the voters in Florida they don't matter," said spokesman Jay Carson. "It's wrong for any Democrat to send a message that the voters of any state don't matter."

Carson argued that all the candidates will be on the Florida ballot Tuesday, and the number of voters will be large.

Romney focuses on economy as candidates work Florida

By GLEN JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

SWEETWATER, Fla. — Republican Mitt Romney sought to lock up the Florida primary by refusing to talk Sunday about little else but the economic jitters confronting the nation. His rivals took different tacks toward the same goal as they fanned out across the Sunshine State.

Romney lashed top rival John McCain for admitting less familiarity with the economy than foreign affairs, telling an earsplitting rally outside Miami: "No one needs to give me a briefing on the economy. I won't need to choose a vice president that understands the economy — because I know the economy."

A day after McCain accused him of supporting a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, Romney also told a reporter McCain was "lying" before catching himself and saying, "I'm saying he made a dishonest comment. I mis-

spoke."

McCain defended himself at a town hall meeting in Polk City when a questioner challenged the Arizona senator's votes in 2001 and 2003 against Bush administration tax cuts. McCain now says those tax cuts should be made permanent.

"I opposed the tax cuts because I saw no restraint in the growth of spending. We let spending get out of control," said the self-styled maverick.

Rudy Giuliani contrasted himself with the two in both style and substance.

"Sen. McCain and Gov. Romney are doing such a

good job of attacking each other, how about voting for somebody who's not attacking? Vote for me, Rudy Giuliani," he said while visiting the Ron Jon Surf Shop in Cocoa Beach. "Presidential election is not about name-calling. Presidential election is not about gotcha and almost, like, high school politics."

In Vero Beach, he said: "I've traveled up and down the state of Florida,

talked to a lot of people and listened to you. That's why I support a national catastrophe fund. I'm the only Republican candidate in this race supporting it — and I need your vote in order to accomplish it."

Polls show McCain and Romney atop the field, with Giuliani and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee lagging. At stake Tuesday are 57 delegates to the national convention, and momentum heading into the Super Tuesday contests, when more than 20 states hold nominating events on Feb. 5.

Romney held only one public event, a rally in a Cuban-American community. Introduced by his son Craig, who spoke Spanish, the former governor wore Cuban-style guayabera shirt given to him by officials at a Bay of Pigs Museum.

He recalled starting his venture capital firm with support from Latin Americans, including a family from El Salvador whose son was kidnapped

and killed by rebels thought to be supported by Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

"I learned that when Castro has money, bad things happen, and I vowed that I would never give in to Fidel Castro, nor must we ever," he said to cheers.

As he shook hands after the rally, Romney asked, "Why are there so many beautiful women here? I haven't figured this out. Cuban-American woman are gorgeous."

A C-SPAN camera crew also caught him saying of McCain "he's lying," before changing his wording and then returning to the reporter who had asked him about McCain's criticism on Saturday. "Make sure you correct that, OK?" Romney said.

McCain made one stop with Gov. Charlie Crist, a fellow Republican who endorsed him Saturday night. They greeted diners at a Tampa cafe.

"I think it's going to give us momentum in order for us to win next

Tuesday," McCain said of Crist's backing.

He later campaigned with Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida, who endorsed him Friday, and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman.

The Vietnam veteran also told reporters Iraq is the most important issue facing the nation.

"Even if the economy is the, quote, number one issue, the real issue will remain America's security," McCain said. "And if they choose to say, 'Look, I do not need this guy, because he's not as good on home loan mortgages,' or whatever it is, I understand about that, I will accept that verdict. I am running because of the transcendental challenge of the 21st century, which is radical Islamic extremism."

Before hitting Florida's streets, Romney, McCain, Giuliani and Huckabee took advantage of the free media available to them on the Sunday talk shows.

Huckabee said he was not surprised by former President Clinton's

aggressive tone toward Barack Obama in recent weeks. Obama routed Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, in South Carolina's Democratic primary.

"There are not two people who are better at street-fighting politics than Bill and Hillary Clinton. I've been telling people a long time, don't underestimate the scrappiness with which they'll approach this race," said Huckabee, who grew up in Bill Clinton's hometown of Hope, Ark.

He added: "The one thing you have to keep your eyes on is that tactics will change but the goal will never, ever fade. That is: win, whatever it takes to do it. They didn't get to where they are ... by just sort of mapping out a plan and saying, 'That's what we're going to do, regardless of the results.' If the results start changing, as they did in South Carolina, look for different tactics. They'll do what they think it will require in order to win."

BUSH

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in the legislation, Fratto said.

Bush's efforts to overhaul Social Security and immigration died on Capitol Hill, but not just because of Democratic opposition. He also ran into walls put up by members of his own party. Heading into the speech, White House press secretary Dana Perino said it is unrealistic to expect Congress to take on big problems.

"They haven't been willing to do it in the past several years; there's no reason to think that they would do it this year," she said.

The White House strategy now is to go after what's left of that elusive common ground.

Bush has 12 months remaining, and an even

shorter window for legislation this election year.

So he will push Congress to pass some short-term economic aid and make permanent his first-term tax cuts, which are due to expire in 2010. He will call for housing reform, better health care and veterans' care, alternative energy development and renewal of the No Child Left Behind education law.

The domestic section of Bush's speech will also remind the nation of his ideas on climate change, faith-based programs and stem cell research. When he pivots to foreign matters, Bush will emphasize progress in Iraq, and repeat that troop withdrawals will happen when they won't undermine Iraq's success.

He will also comment on Iran, Middle East peace, the spread of democracy and the U.S.-led fight

against disease and hunger in poorer nations.

A pervasive current of the address will be trusting and empowering Americans. It is a theme Bush has wanted to emphasize in a speech for months.

Of course, the buzz about town concerns the next presidency, not this one.

As long as he commands the military and retains veto power, Bush remains relevant. Yet his clout is slipping. That is the political reality given his approval ratings, which are near the worst of his presidency, and his outsider role in the campaign for the 2008 presidential nominations.

The top Democratic contenders, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, will be on hand. Those two alone will draw most of the reaction shots shown on

television. A leading Republican candidate, Sen. John McCain, is staying in Florida, where Tuesday's Republican primary will shorten Bush's news cycle.

Ahead of the speech, top Democrats sought to frame expectations for it.

"As we await President Bush's final State of the Union address Monday night we know one thing for sure: that cherished faith in America has been greatly diminished, and with it, our ability to respond to the critical challenges that threaten our security," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Bush's tone will vary by topic. On the economy, Bush is expected to praise the bipartisan deal that his administration brokered with House leaders. It would provide rebate checks to 117 million families and \$50 billion in

incentives for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment.

Senators, however, want to add elements, like boosting food stamp or unemployment benefits, that they say will produce more meaningful change.

The speech gives Bush a way to urge the Senate not to delay — an idea that might resonate with millions of anxious families.

Bush's language is expected to be tougher when it comes to something else he wants from Congress: the extension of a law that allows surveillance of suspected terrorists. The current eavesdropping law, which allows government surveillance of phone calls and e-mails involving people in the United States, expires Friday. Bush is clashing with the Senate leadership over safeguards as well as legal

immunity for companies that helped the government spy on American citizens.

The Senate is expected to take a key vote on the bill just hours before Bush speaks, so the White House may adjust the speech on the fly. Otherwise, the address is essentially locked down at roughly 45 minutes long.

Bush went through another practice run in the White House theater on Sunday, among the last steps of a process that lasts for months.

The making of the speech is highly collaborative, with a hands-on role by the president.

Near the end, as outlines turn into final drafts, Bush adjusts the wording in the Oval Office with speechwriters and other advisers.

"He's a heavy editor," said his chief speechwriter, Bill McGurn.

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snack basket, or musical animal with heart candy, \$25.

— M&M race car with assorted loose candy, Sweetheart wire basket, or singing telegram, \$20.

— Paint buckets or carnation bud vase, \$12.

— Musical rose in vase or snack bucket, \$10.

A limited selection is

available, Sheppard said. "We advise you to get your orders in early."

Singing telegram slots go quickly as well, said Jobeth Corwin, who is chairing the singing telegram volunteers.

She has recruited six teams of four or five singers.

These volunteers will serenade people in their homes, restaurants and places of employment for a \$20 donation. Each per-

son who receives a singing telegram is given a heart-shaped box of candies. Song selections range from serious to romantic to humorous.

"It's really rewarding to sing at the nursing homes and to shut-ins," singer Jim Wright said.

Deliveries are free, or items may be viewed and picked up at the Community Relations Office.

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returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said Tax-Aide will continue throughout the tax season.

"We'll begin doing taxes at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon on Monday, Feb. 4, 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 more information on the program and volunteering, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Time's wasting; be sure you've been registered

Time's running out. That's right, there's less than a couple of weeks left for registering to vote for the March 8 primaries. The last day to register is Friday, Feb. 8, so it's definitely time to register if you haven't already done so.

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in the local, state and federal levels of government.

The March primaries are the first step in what will be an important November election. In addition to the local races that will determine our county sheriff, two county commissioners, a county attorney, district attorney and constable, among others, voters will be choosing their particular party's candidates for president, U.S. senator, state senator, congressman, state representative and more.

Obviously, those choices will have an impact on all our lives for some time to come, and that's why it's important that we as citizens take part.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes.

To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have been a resident in Howard County for any specific length of time before registering here.

Anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

Please, take the time to register to vote. Today, you might have no interest in the election; you may have no desire to vote. But something may happen that causes you to decide to exercise your right. If you haven't registered, it will be too late. You can even register through the mail. For more information, call Sandra Bloom, Howard County election administrator, at 264-2273.

We've said it before and we'll keep saying it; from our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate. It's their voice. The *Herald* encourages you to register if you haven't, study the candidates and their platforms and vote.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Everyday may we investigate Your word, Lord, for life.
Amen

Fed, Greenspan asleep at swith

In the baseball-and-sex classic, "Bull Durham" Susan Sarandon accidentally calls out the wrong name in the heat of passion and makes a remarkably quick recovery. She asks her partner which he would rather have, her having sex with him and saying the other guy's name, or vice versa? In the movie, it seems to work; for the moment, at least. He doesn't seem to realize that these aren't the only two possibilities.



MARK WEISBROT

Former Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan appears to have gotten away with a similar trick, as the housing bubble that bloated up on his watch continues to deflate, dragging the economy toward recession.

Since the bubble was easily recognizable as early as 2002, he could very likely have prevented it from growing to dangerous proportions. But he has made it look as though his only choice would have been to raise interest rates, and thereby risk taking down the entire economy much earlier. In the numerous interviews, he gave promoting his latest book of memoirs, the journalists neglected to ask him about a more logical option: simply explaining the bubble to the public, and thereby curbing the expectations of ever-rising prices that fed the speculative frenzy.

It is also now widely recognized that the Fed abdicated its responsibility to regulate against predatory, deceptive and abusive lending in the sub-prime mortgage market — although the bubble itself was still the main problem.

Greenspan himself recently put the odds of a recession at 50 percent. And that was before the latest data on house price declines (October, year-over-year) of 6.1 percent — the biggest in more than six years. Greenspan's prognosis was also made before this Christmas holiday shopping season came in at what looks like the worst in five years. But he was overly optimistic even with the data at hand.

It is difficult to imagine that a collapse of asset prices of the magnitude expected — probably on the order of \$8 trillion — would not cause a recession. Most of the six-year recovery from the last recession, which ended in November 2001, was fueled by trillions of dollars of borrowing that consumers were able to take against their rising home values. That source of credit is now drying up as home prices fall, and the decline has only begun. It would take another 28 percent in real house price reduction just to bring house prices back to long-term trend levels.

Consumer spending is about 70 percent of the economy and it is mainly debt-fueled consumption that has kept our economy afloat since the housing bubble began to burst last year. Over the last six

months, exports have also expanded considerably — due to the fall in the dollar, which makes U.S. products more competitive in world markets. But exports are only about 12 percent of our economy — so even fast-growing exports cannot compensate for a serious decline in consumer spending.

The international credit crunch, brought on by the collapse of sub-prime-mortgage-backed securities has added another source of drag and uncertainty to the economy. It could worsen as house prices decline, and losses in assets tied to the rest of the mortgage market — including prime mortgages — will add to the mess. A glut of homes on the market, the prospect of millions of foreclosures, declines in residential construction, a weak labor market, and rising food and energy prices also weigh upon the economy.

Since this will be the second recession since 2001 that was caused by the bursting of an obvious speculative asset bubble — the previous recession was induced by a stock bubble collapse — the question of what the Fed should do about such bubbles should be the subject of congressional hearings.

And we need something better than Bull Durham answers.

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Great journalism needed now

We're heading into the thick of the election season, and we're relying on journalists to inform us about the candidates and issues involved.

Here's what we ask of them:

Polls: First, please, don't waste your money on excessive polling, especially in the early going before the candidates' positions have become known. Spend your money researching and explaining what the candidates stand for. Dig deep and find information that will help us compare the candidates, rather than telling us who's ahead of whom this week.

Fundraising: Next, refrain from dedicating too much space to the candidates' fundraising programs. There's a temptation in journalism to present gobs of information about how much the candidates are raising, and stories often run every single time a fundraising report is due. Sure, fundraising is a measure of how likely a candidate is to succeed.

But it's more important to tell us where a candidate stands on the issues rather than how rich he or she is.

If journalists do get into the fundraising details, as they should on occasion, be sure to tell us where the candidates' money is coming from (e.g., defense industry, big tobacco, etc.), not just how much has been raised. As many a

good journalist likes to say, follow the money.

TV ads: It's also really important, given the power of television and its prominent place in political campaigns, to fact-check advertisements. Tell us which assertions are true and which are false. And which ones are squishy. Explain why candidates might be choosing the topics and types of ads that they are airing.

Targeting: Most candidates spend the bulk of their money targeting specific geographic areas and demographic groups. Make sure that we're informed about where and whom the candidates are targeting, and their "messages" for each target. And be sure to tell us how these messages square with their past positions and voting records.

Political imagery: Political candidates understand that imagery can easily trump words. That's why they bounce from photo op to photo op in their campaign travels. They hope to land on TV news, get a photo in the newspaper, and move on.

To get the maximum benefit from these hops, they stage theatrical events designed to create imagery that will meet the approval of their target audience. That's why so many candidates are seen with everyday people in diners or schools.

Reporters should explain why candidates choose the locations of their photo ops. If candidates do not take questions at a particular media event, journalists should let us know.

Political celebrities: Local news outlets, particularly local TV news, sometimes get so star-struck by the big races, especially the presidential contest, that they ignore local politics. This means that you might see lots of coverage when the presidential candidates drop into town, but relatively little about the local ballot initiatives and state races. Local journalists should make a point to cover local political campaigns with a vengeance.

Political debates: In this era where political spectacles reign supreme, journalists need to resist the temptation to ignore or downplay big speeches, such as those we'll see at the party conventions, or candidate debates. These events nurture our political culture and they should be given priority coverage.

These are all modest expectations of the news media. Even so, it will be tough for journalists to meet them, given the pressure they are under from media owners to entertain rather than inform.

But in the long term, as we all know, we'll all be better off, media companies and our country alike, if the press puts its highest standards of professional journalism to work during the election season.

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A hearty winter dinner: Serve lentils and turkey

On a cold winter night, when you crave something rich and hearty, lentil stew hits the spot. With the pungent scents of clove, garlic and roast turkey filling the air, you can almost feel the warmth before your first bite. Better still, this dish freezes well. It's particularly nice to return from work to a home-cooked meal that simply needs reheating.

Lentils are native to Southwest Asia and are said to be among the oldest legumes ever cultivated. Popular in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine, they vary by size, shape and color; the small, round, brown beans are the variety most popular in the West. Lentils are sold dried, but unlike other dried beans, they soften relatively quickly in water.

Rich sources of fiber, lentils are noted for their soluble fiber in particular. As soluble fiber passes through the digestive tract, it transforms into a gel-like consistency that can bind with cholesterol to eliminate it from your body. Because fiber slows the digestion of food, it can also keep you feeling fuller for a longer period of time, helping with weight control.



Experts point to diets rich in fiber containing foods as keys in combating heart disease and lowering risk for certain types of cancer.

This week's recipe is perfect for using up any leftovers you might have on hand. Pre-cooked spinach, cauliflower and broccoli are a few examples of vegetables that can be added at the last minute and reheated just long enough to warm through.

Lentils with Carrots, Onions and Turkey

1 cup brown lentils, rinsed
2 celery stalks, washed and thinly sliced

1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
1 bay leaf
1 whole clove
1 clove garlic, peeled
2 cups water
1 1/2 cups sliced carrots (1/2-inch slices)
12 ounces boneless, skinless roasted turkey breast, cut into bite-size pieces
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

In a medium-size pan, cover the lentils, celery, onion, bay leaf, clove and garlic with 2 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered for 15 minutes.

Add carrots and cover again. Cook until the lentils are tender, a total of 30 to 45 minutes. Stir occasionally and add more water if necessary.

Once lentils are tender, drain, remove the bay leaf, garlic and clove. Stir in the roasted turkey pieces. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings, 1 cup per serving.

Take heart: Researchers refine what aspirin can and can't do

By AMY WILSON

McClatchy Newspapers

LEXINGTON, Ky. — In 1982, 22,071 male doctors said they'd be happy to be part of a study to see whether a single tablet of aspirin would reduce their risk of heart attack. They were the right age — between 40 and 84. They were healthy, with no history of heart disease. Not much else was noted — not how much they smoked or what they weighed or whether they liked a good thick steak every night.

One group took 325 mg of aspirin and another took 325 mg of sugar. The study was called the Physicians' Health Study, and it was supposed to last through 1990.

By March 1988, an independent board looking at the data had seen enough. The aspirin regimen produced a 47 percent reduction in the total incidence of heart attacks.

And that medical finding became a cultural given in no time. There was a new reason to take aspirin, and companies that made it were happy to market it to a new and massive audience. An estimated 50 million Americans now take the over-the-counter pain reliever to protect their hearts from clots, the leading cause of attacks and strokes.

Take an aspirin, save your life. Better than apples.

It's been 20 years since the first news. And science continues to refine the initial finding. Every year but one since 1900, the leading cause of death in the United States is cardiovascular disease. (The exception was 1918.) Even with all the advancements since, more than 2,500 Americans die every day from heart disease. That's one every 34-1/2 seconds.

Last spring, researchers at the University of Kentucky published findings that might have changed some thinking in

the medical profession. In short, they said that not everyone needs an aspirin a day. And if you do, they said, you sure don't need 325 mg.

Two of those researchers — cardiologists Charles Campbell and Susan Smyth at UK's Gill Heart Institute — recently explained their work and the most current findings about aspirin and heart health.

Q: What was the crux of your findings?

A: In a review of numerous trials employing aspirin as a preventative and as subsequent regimen after an initial heart attack, we could not find a benefit from taking the higher (1 adult tablet, 325 mg.) dose over taking a quarter of that (one baby aspirin, 81 mg.) dose.

Q: So taking a baby aspirin a day is now what should be recommended?

A: If it's warranted. No one should begin an aspirin regimen without first speaking to a doctor or healthcare provider. Things like your blood pressure and cholesterol count and family history are what's important in determining your risk of heart attack, and those should be analyzed before any regimen is begun.

In general, if it's been determined that you have a 10 percent chance of having a heart attack in the next 10 years, the aspirin regimen is advisable. Obviously, the higher the risk, the more benefit you accrue.

Q: If it's warranted and I am diligent in taking it daily, am I absolutely reducing my risk of heart attack?

A: It's hard to prove the negative. And it may matter if you are male or female. In studies with men, there is reasonable data to suggest that taking an aspirin will reduce heart attack risk but not stroke. (It should be noted that men suffer heart

attacks about 10 years earlier in life — i.e., in their 50s — than women do.) And in studies with women, the effect of the regimen seems to be reducing stroke but not heart attack.

Q: But what about if I'm having a heart attack?

A: Get an aspirin into you as quickly as you can. In an emergency room setting, that's 162 mg. — or two baby aspirins — but 325 mg. is fine. Chew it so that it dissolves and gets into your bloodstream with haste. Some 250,000 people die of heart attacks each year before they reach a hospital. That number could be reduced if more would recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and act accordingly.

Q: Do Tylenol, Motrin or Aleve work the same way?

A: No. Those are acetaminophen products and do not have the same mechanism. However, do not take these drugs and aspirin together, as they compete for the same binding sites and may blind each other's positive effects.

Q: Does coated aspirin work?

A: That's not really clear, but absolutely do not use it in the acute setting — where you're in the midst of a heart attack. It would take too long to get into your system.

Q: Who should not take a daily dose of aspirin to prevent heart

attack?

A: Anyone at low risk of having a heart attack. If there is not much benefit of using the drug or any drug, all that you're left with is the side effects and, in the case of aspirin, that can be bleeding into the stomach or intestines or an allergic reaction.

Q: Is there any evidence that an aspirin regimen is valuable in treatment of other diseases?

A: Yes. In a study following 90,000 American nurses for 20 years, those who reported taking a regular dose of aspirin experienced half the colon cancer as those who did not take aspirin. This is called observational evidence, and it (also) suggests that those women who regularly take aspirin have a slightly lower risk of having breast cancer. The question is if taking the aspirin is what causes the slight variation in incidence. Much more work is needed. The results of a randomized controlled study by researchers at Harvard Medical School are expected this year.

Q: If I am not advised to take an aspirin regimen, what should I be doing to protect my heart against attack?

A: Exercise regularly. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables. Don't smoke. Drink only in moderation. Know what your blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol readings are. Have regular checkups to monitor your overall heart health.

NUTRITION WISE

Buckwheat pancakes, sugary drinks and fruit, and 'going green'

Q: I've seen buckwheat pancakes on several breakfast menus lately. Are they lower in calories than regular pancakes?

A: Although buckwheat flour contains about 10 percent fewer calories than an equal amount of white flour, this difference is totally insignificant in regard to a serving of pancakes. Calories aside, buckwheat flour is a great choice (as is whole-wheat flour) as it yields pancakes that are higher in fiber and more nutritious than pancakes made with refined white flour.



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If you're making pancakes at home and are unsure of how your diners will react to the heavier texture of a whole-grain product, try making your pancakes with a combination of whole-grain and refined flours. Although this reduces the nutritional gains, it is progress toward the end goal of eating more whole grains.

When it comes to the calorie load of your pancakes, take a closer look at how you're topping them. Loading them with butter or margarine and lots of syrup adds hundreds of calories. For fewer calories and added nutrition, top your pancakes with berries, peaches, bananas or perhaps even a dollop of vanilla yogurt.

Q: When nutrition experts recommend avoiding sugary drinks, do they mean fruit juice too?

A: While a glass of 100 percent fruit juice does contain sugar — the fruit's natural sugar — thanks to the additional nutrients and phytochemicals it provides, fruit juice is categorized differently than regular high-sugar soft drinks. As a concentrated source of calories, however, even natural juice poses a problem if consumed in large quantities. And, unfortunately, as conventional juice lacks the filling fiber found in whole fruit, it's easy to take in more calories than you need.

For example, one eight-ounce glass of orange juice provides about 112 calories; many people can easily swallow double that amount in one sitting. Yet it would take about two medium oranges just to equal the calories of the first glass of juice. It's doubtful most of us would even consider doubling those calories by eating four oranges at once. The bottom line: if you enjoy fruit juice, have a glass daily, but remember to watch your portion size (pay particular attention to bottled juices sold at convenience stores as they can contain from double to four times the recommended serving size in one bottle).

Get most of your daily fruit servings from solid fruit in order to benefit from the fiber and phytochemicals. Whole fruit will also leave you full and satisfied on fewer calories. And, while tomato and vegetable juices aren't as concentrated in sugar calories, they too lack the filling fiber of solid vegetables and fruits. As for those juice drinks and cocktails that contain only a small percent of actual fruit juice — those definitely belong in the sugary drink category. Save these for occasional use only.

Q: I've heard that one way to "go green" and reduce energy consumption is to leave leftovers on the counter after a meal and put them in the refrigerator once they've come to room temperature. Is that true?

A: "Going green" is a great idea, but only in ways that don't put your health at risk. Once food is cooked, it should not be kept at room temperature for more than two hours, which includes serving, eating and cooling times. Small amounts of bacteria that can be found in (or on) meat and other perishable foods reproduce rapidly at room temperature. It is much safer to allow food to cool only briefly before refrigerating it. If you want to speed cooling time, cut food into smaller portions or divide it among several shallow containers.

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Texas fugitive, murder suspect arrested in central Mexico

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A murder suspect who bluffed his way out of a Texas jail in October has been returned to San Antonio after being arrested in central Mexico, the U.S. Marshals Service said Sunday.

Mexican law enforcement officials captured David Saucedo, 28, on Saturday outside a house in the town of Tangancicuaro, about 200 miles northwest of Mexico City. Saucedo had been living there with his girlfriend and two children, officials said.

Mexico deported Saucedo on immigration violations without going through standard extradition procedures, authorities said.

“There wasn’t an extradition issue at all,” U.S. Marshal LaFayette Collins said in a story posted on the San Antonio Express-News Web site Sunday. “The Mexicans wanted to get rid of him.”

Saucedo, alleged to be a member of the Mexican Mafia prison gang, faces charges of murder, armed robbery and home invasion.

Saucedo broke out of the Bexar County Jail on Oct. 28 by pretending to be his cellmate, reciting the cellmate’s personal information.

Former Houston mayor Louie Welch dead at 89

HOUSTON (AP) — Former five-term Houston mayor Louie Welch, remembered for his service to the city and a remark caught on a television microphone that ended his lengthy political career, died Sunday. He was 89.

Welch suffered from lung cancer, his son Gary told the Houston Chronicle.

“He was one of Houston’s finest mayors,” said former Mayor Bob Lanier. “He was a good and decent man who loved public service and fought to make people’s lives better.”

Welch’s political career began in 1949 when he was elected to Houston City Council. He was a council member for eight years, from 1950 until 1952 and from 1956 to 1962.

After unsuccessful mayoral bids in 1952 and 1954, Welch was elected mayor for the first time in 1963.

Man loses ear as he flees police

LA JOYA (AP) — A man driving a car full of suspected illegal immigrants lost his ear as he tried to flee from police.

The 22-year-old Mexican national had turned into a brushy field from a farm-to-market road Sunday when he tried to open the door and jump from the car, said Joe Cantu, a La Joya police spokesman.

The car door bounced against a tree and slammed shut on the man’s head, cleanly severing his ear, police said.

Police and Border Patrol agents found four of the six passengers who fled the car after it came to a stop. Authorities also discovered four people in the car’s trunk who were thought to be illegal immigrants from El Salvador and Honduras, Cantu said.

Police had stopped the 22-year-old driver, whose name was not released, for speeding. But he hit the gas after stopping beside of the road. After the accident, he was taken to a McAllen hospital.

More than \$41 million raised in Texas politics during 2007

AUSTIN (AP) — More than \$41 million flowed through the Texas political system in 2007, according to fundraising reports, as politicians and special interest groups geared up for elections in 2008 and beyond.

A Houston Chronicle analysis of reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission found that Houston home builder Bob Perry topped the list of individual donors in Texas, giving more than \$1 million to Texas candidates and political action committees last year.

Perry, who is not related to Gov. Rick Perry, was the top political donor in the nation in 2006, when he gave more than \$16 million to state and federal candidates. In 2007, Perry mostly gave to Republicans, though some of his funds went to Democrats, the Chronicle reported.

Fred Baron, a Dallas lawyer, was second on the list of the state’s individual donors in 2007. He donated more than \$969,000, with most going to the Texas Democratic Trust. Baron founded the trust, which is dedicated to rebuilding the infrastructure of the Texas Democratic Party.

Three killed, two hurt in collision between Fort Worth and Denton

DALLAS (AP) — Three people, including a child, were killed overnight when a vehicle attempting to pass on a two-lane highway slammed head-on into an oncoming vehicle.

Two other people were injured in the crash near on U.S. 377, just north of Texas 114. Their conditions aren’t available.

The crash happened about 9 p.m. Sunday when a southbound vehicle attempted to pass in the oncoming lane and slammed into the northbound vehicle.

Officers’ alleged sex assaults prompt transfer of supervisors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police Chief William McManus has transferred four supervisors to new units in response to accusations that three patrol officers on the same shift were accused of engaging in sexual acts with women while on duty.

McManus said the transfer of the lieutenant and three sergeants took effect over the weekend.

Last month, officers Michael Anthony Munoz and Victor Hugo Gonzalez were arrested and accused of paying an 18-year-old woman to perform oral sex on them in June. Munoz, 33, was charged with official oppression, while Gonzalez, 36, was charged with official oppression, promoting prostitution and sexual assault.

In a separate incident in November, Officer Raymond Ramos, 28, was accused of sexually assaulting a 28-year-old woman. He was also charged with official oppression and violating the woman’s civil rights.

All three officers worked out of a southside substation on the night shift. They are now on paid administration leave.

In the aftermath of the arrests, the department moved Lt. Richard Ramirez and Sgt. James Montanio to separate shifts in the department’s youth services unit. Sgts. Roy Miller and Marc Randle were moved to separate shifts in the department’s communications section, a police spokesman said.

“This is not to say the lieutenant or sergeants did anything wrong, per se, but I simply can’t overlook the leadership issue,” McManus said. “I don’t believe they were complicit in (illegal activity) at all, but I would be negligent if I did not look more deeply into the pathology of this.”

Teddy Stewart, outgoing president of the San Antonio Police Officers’ Association, said the transfers were severe.

“I have not seen this before, and I’ve been here 20 years,” Stewart said. “Transferring the whole shift is a dramatic move. If you narrowly define who’s responsible, it’s more acceptable.”

Fort Bliss officials say soldiers temporarily can’t visit Juarez

EL PASO (AP) — Fort Bliss officials say that they’ve temporarily discontinued issuing passes to soldiers who want to travel across the border to Juarez because of increasing violence there.

“This is only for a short term until things settle down and there’s no perceived danger to any soldier or anyone going to Juarez,” Fort Bliss spokeswoman Jean Offutt said Saturday. “I think it’s just based on the events that are going on in Juarez at this time.”

Offutt said the disruption for military personnel who are now restricted from entering Juarez to visit family or travel may only be temporary. The decision will be reviewed in two weeks.

She said that Fort Bliss has on occasion temporarily prohibited soldiers from crossing into Juarez.

“For a short time, it would be to the advantage to the soldier to protect him and put this into effect,” Offutt said.

Juarez already has recorded more than 30 homicides since the beginning of the year.

Earlier this week, a Mexican police commander who was shot several times in an ambush was put under heavy police protection in an El Paso hospital.

Cmdr. Fernando Lozano Sandoval, of the Chihuahua State Investigations Agency, was shot Monday night in the Mexican city just across the Rio Grande from El Paso. He was one of three police officials shot in Juarez over two days, and the only one to survive.

Trial set for man accused of trying to have wife killed

MCKINNEY (AP) — Jury selection is set to begin Monday in the trial of a North Texas man accused of offering a would-be hit man \$2,500 to kill his pregnant wife.

Albert Jackson Sterling II is charged with solicitation of capital murder. Sterling, 39, faces two life sentences — one for his wife and one for his unborn son — if he is found guilty.

Authorities say that in November 2006, Sterling had both a girlfriend and a pregnant wife. So, police say, he decided to hire someone to kill his wife.

Sterling dropped the would-be hit man off at the Sterlings’ Allen home, leaving the back door unlocked and telling the man when his wife would return from taking him to the airport to visit his parents in New Mexico, according to court records.

But the man told police he had a change of heart and decided to warn Roxane Johnson-Sterling. Jeffrey Thompson said he told her that he

wouldn’t hurt her and to call police.

Thompson, who was not charged in the case, is expected to testify as a witness for the prosecution. Thompson has a criminal record, which includes robbery, burglary of a vehicle, drug possession and assault convictions.

Sterling hasn’t talked publicly about the accusations. But, through his parents and attorney, he’s denied any attempts to have his wife or unborn child killed.

“My son’s never been into trouble or nothing before,” Sterling’s mother, Audrey Sterling, said last week. “Whatever this is, I know he wouldn’t do nothing to hurt nobody. He’d never kill a bug. I just pray that (the trial) goes in his favor and his family can get their life back together.”

Johnson-Sterling, who already had a 3-year-old son and was eight months pregnant when she discovered Thompson in her bedroom, has refused to discuss this case.

But according to Audrey Sterling and case records, Johnson-Sterling has been supportive of her husband since his arrest.

Johnson-Sterling, 38, wrote to a judge to day that she did not believe Sterling would harm her or her children. In the letter, she asked that her husband’s bail be reduced from \$1 million.

Her request was granted and Sterling was released on \$600,000 bail, but was ordered to have no contact with his wife or his former girlfriend.

Greg Davis, Collin County district attorney’s first assistant, has not commented on the case because of the upcoming trial.

San Antonio police bent hiring rules, newspaper discovers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former San Antonio police officer set to be sentenced this week for allowing his live-in girlfriend to deal methamphetamine was hired by the department in 1994 despite being rejected two years earlier for reasons including a drunken driving conviction, a newspaper reports.

Background investigators also concluded that Joseph Anthony Evans tried to hide a criminal trespass arrest, a hit-and-run conviction and an internal investigation of sexual misconduct at a corrections officer job. He’d also been rejected by Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth, the San Antonio Express-News reports.

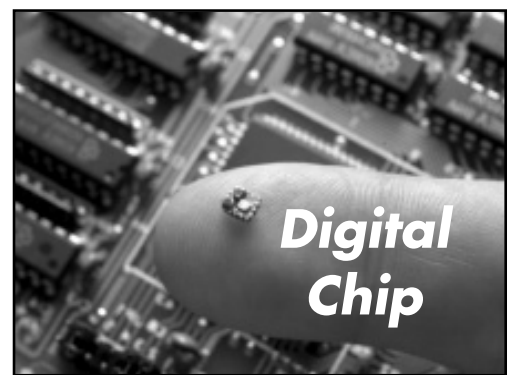
San Antonio police had also originally denied Evans a badge because polygraphs showed deceptive or inconclusive answers to questions ranging from illegal drug use to stealing from employers.



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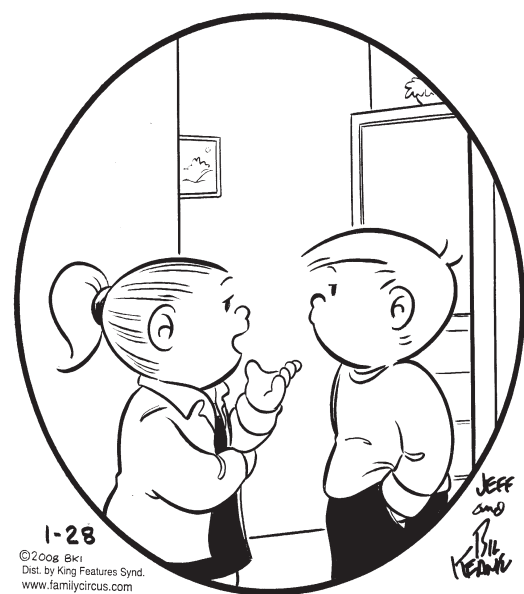
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"I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE RESTING, MR. WILSON, 'CAUSE MY MOM SAID NOT TO BOTHER YOU IF YOU WERE BUSY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

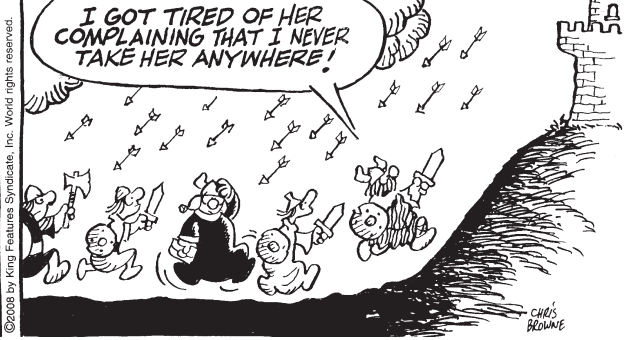


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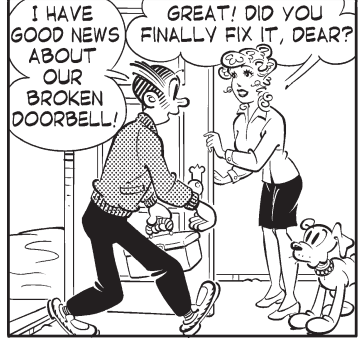


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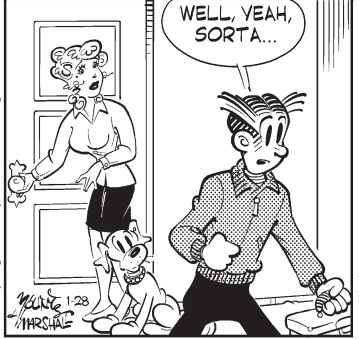


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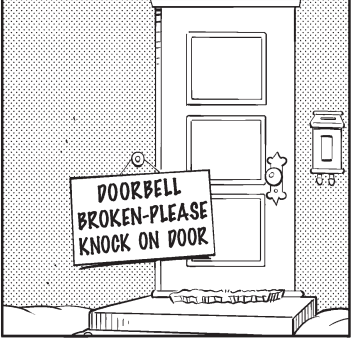
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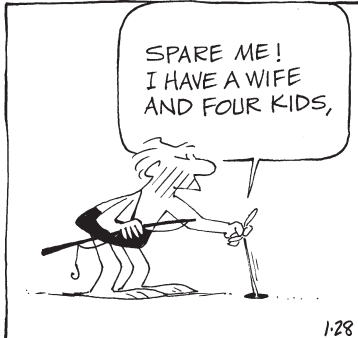


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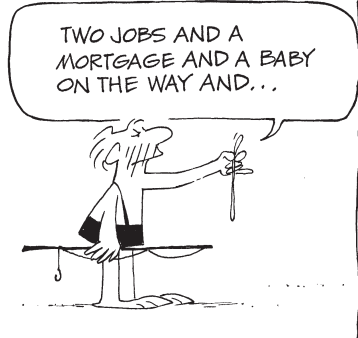


"WELL, YEAH, SORTA..."

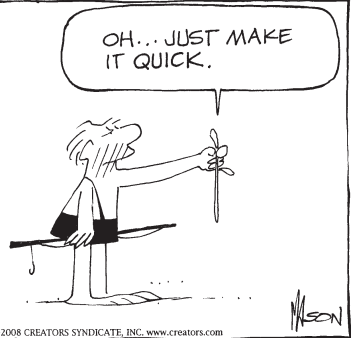
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"SPARE ME! I HAVE A WIFE AND FOUR KIDS,"

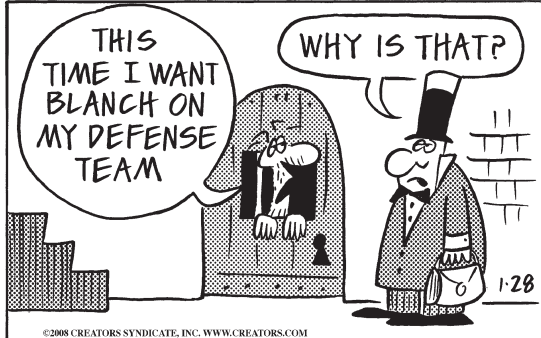


"TWO JOBS AND A MORTGAGE AND A BABY ON THE WAY AND..."

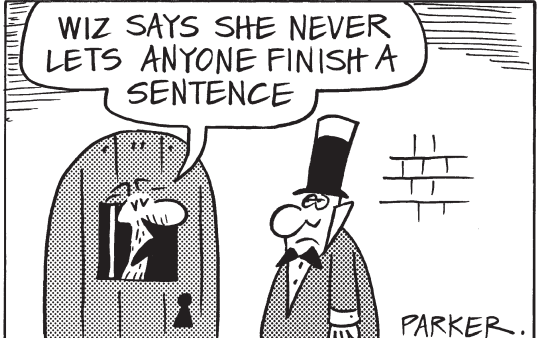


"OH... JUST MAKE IT QUICK."

WIZARD OF ID



"THIS TIME I WANT BLANCH ON MY DEFENSE TEAM"

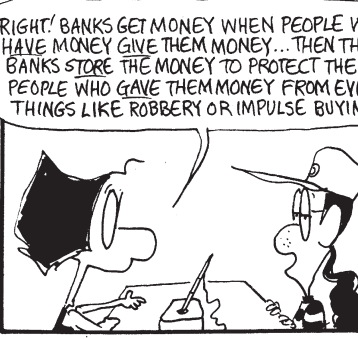


"WIZ SAYS SHE NEVER LETS ANYONE FINISH A SENTENCE"

AGNES



"I AM GOING TO START A BANK."



"YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY."

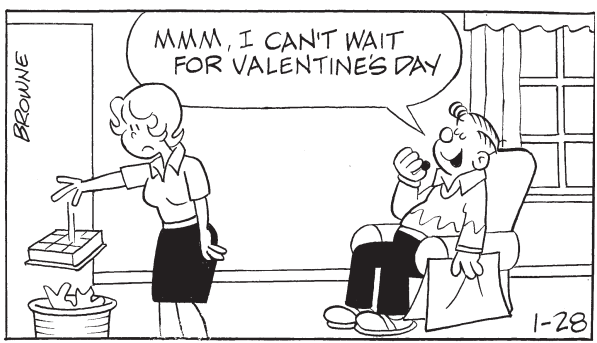


"RIGHT! BANKS GET MONEY WHEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONEY GIVE THEM MONEY... THEN THE BANKS STORE THE MONEY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE THEM MONEY FROM EVIL THINGS LIKE ROBBERY OR IMPULSE BUYING."

HI AND LOIS



"THAT'S IT, THE END OF THE HOLIDAY SWEETS."



"MMM, I CAN'T WAIT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY"

THE OTHER COAST



"WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING, TOULOUSE?"

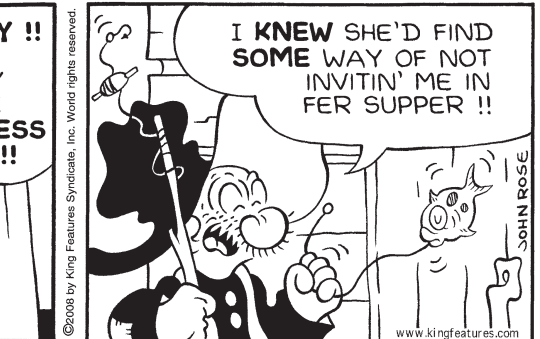


"A MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANY IS INFILTRATED BY TERRORISTS, WHO BRAINWASH DRUG-ADDLED POP DIVAS INTO DEBUNKING CLIMATE CHANGE."

SNUFFY SMITH

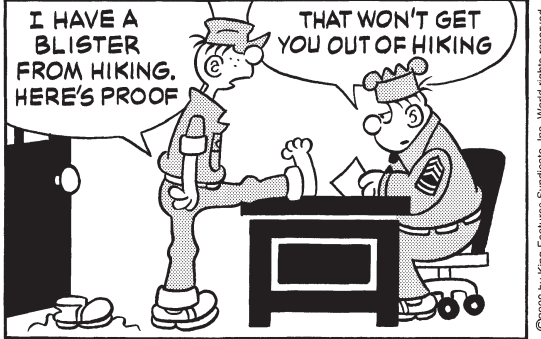


"MAY AN' TH' YOUNG-UNS ARE AT HER SISTER'S AN' I CAN'T EAT ALL THESE MYSELF, ELVINEY!!"



"WHY, SNUFFY!! YORE GEN'ROSITY LEAVES ME SPEECHLESS!!"

BETLE BAILEY



"I HAVE A BLISTER FROM HIKING. HERE'S PROOF"



"THAT WON'T GET YOU OUT OF HIKING. WANT PROOF?"

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2008. There are 338 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 28, 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba. In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed into law a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service. In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member. In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road. In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War. In 1978, fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people. In 1988, a 13-day standoff in Marion, Utah, between police and a polygamist clan ended in gunfire that killed a state corrections officer and seriously wounded the group's leader, Addam Swapp. Birthdays: Today's Birthdays:

Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 79. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 73. Actor Alan Alda is 72. Actress Susan Howard is 66. Actress Marthe Keller is 63. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 58. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 51. Movie director Frank Darabont is 49. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 49. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 46. Rock musician Dan Spitz (Anthrax) is 45. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 43. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 40. Rapper Rakim is 40. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 40. Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Hamilton is 37.

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