

Four Chaplains service set Monday

□ A history of the Four Chaplains can be found on Page 9A.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces who died during the pre-

vious year will be honored Monday morning during the Chaplains Memorial Four Service at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The memorial service – which is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was

sunk by a German U-boat in 1943 — will get under way at 11 a.m. in Room 219 at the VAMC, according to VA Chaplain Dan Shadix.

"During World War II, four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington – went with the U.S.A.T. down

Dorchester," "These four men, all of different faiths, gave up their life preservers and stayed behind on the sinking ship to help comfort the men and women onboard. Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment. They worked together See CHAPLAINS, Page 3A

said Shadix. to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use

SWCID has new provost

Mark J. Myers to take over Aug. 14

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has finally got its man.

Mark J. Myers, director of deaf instruction at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, named SWCID was Provost Friday afternoon.

Myers succeeds Ron Brasel, who resigned in August after 21 years as provost at SWCID, the largest community college for deaf students in the United States. "We are thrilled to have Mark join us as part of SWCID/Howard the College team," HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said in a statement. "He brings with him the skills and experience that will be a perfect fit for this campus and this community." Myers has more than 18 years of management and supervisory experience in the community-technical colleges system, in private non-profit and governmental agencies in the field of higher educa-



'Evening of Dvorak'

Tribute to outstanding musical immigrant

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor One of America's greatest musical immigrants will be celebrated in the third subscription concert of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's 2007-2008 concert season scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, located at the corner of East Third and Nolan streets. Titled "An Evening of Dvorak," the concert will feature the music of Antonin Dvorak. This year's concert season has been dubbed Big "The Spring Symphony in Balance," and Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's music director and conductor, says this third concert of the season will be in keeping with that theme by celebrating the music of the great immigrant composer. Included in the performance will be Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 8, and the Cello Concerto in B minor with guest artist



Graumann Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dharma Jo Campos arranges boxes of Girl Scout cookies at a stand in front of Medicine Center Pharmacy on Gregg Street Saturday morning. Girl Scouts throughout Big Spring and the Permian Basin have begun their annual cookie sale, which benefits both district and local chapters.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, \$5 for students. Available at various locations, including the chamber and the Herald.

Jeffrey Lastrapes.

Graumann said the orchestra will begin the evening with the final dance of the first series of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances.

"The Slavonic Dances are inspired by folk song and written as a type of

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Voter registration deadline nears

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer Last chance.

That's the warning from Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, as her office prepares to close the books on voter registration for the March primaries Monday at 5 p.m.

"Monday is the last day to register to vote, or to make any changes to your registra-



orange and white voter registration certificate. "If you didn't receive your renewal certificate in the

tion if you've mail, you need to check with Bloom. "They will be open the elections office to verify your voting status."

Bloom said early voting in Republican the and Democratic primaries is set to begin Feb. 19 and continue through Feb. 29 at the Howard County Courthouse. "The early voting polls will

be located in the elections office, which is on the third floor of the courthouse," said from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We'll have extended-hour voting Feb. 26 and 28, when the polls will be open until 7 p.m. We've had a lot of success with these hours in the past because a lot of people have to work until after 5 p.m., and don't have the

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

District play for most girls basketball squads ends Feb. 5.

TUESDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball at Hamlin. 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Hamlin, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Anson, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Anson, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 12 Coahoma boys basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting Monday at ATC The Big Spring High School Tennis Booster

Steers fall to No. 13 Lubbock Estacado

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Herald Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — No more chances. Big Spring's Steers just missed out on their last chance to have an outside shot at making the playoffs Friday night, falling to the ninth-ranked Lubbock Estacado Matadors, 66-56, in Lubbock.

The Matadors used a 23-11 second period advantage to put just enough distance between themselves and the Steers, making a Big Spring comeback bid an steep uphill climb.

Most importantly for the Matadors, they kept Big Spring's leading scorer Jason Walker in check, allowing him to put in just eight points — Walker's lowest point total of the season.

"They were focused on stopping Jason," Morris said. "They put their best defender on him and shifted guys toward him. They didn't want Jason getting loose on them."

Big Spring opened the game with a 9-0 run, but Estacado quickly erased that deficit and trailed by just two after the first period, 18-16. Then the Matadors caught fire and scored on a barrage of 3-point field goals. They ended the night with 10 made shots from behind the arch.

"We tried to play zone and man-to-man defenses against them and they were finding a way to get open looks at threes against both sets," said Morris. "They did a good job of swinging around our zone and got some penetration and kick outs against the man."

Estacado was led by all-state senior Al Duvall, who scored 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Jamar Johnson complimented Duvall with 17 points.

Terrance Clemson led the Steers with 18 points and Lance Gross added 12, including two 3pointers.

Had Big Spring won Friday and then finished out the regular season with victories at home against San Angelo Lake View and Plainview, then an outside shot at the third playoff spot from District 4-4A would have still existed. Unfortunately, with this loss, those chances are now extinct.

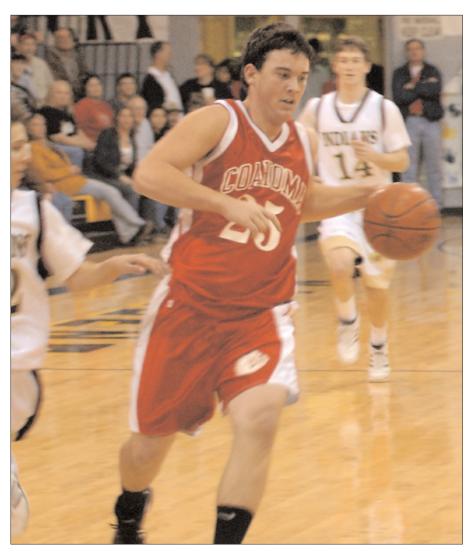
"We want to go out winning," Morris said. "The players have a lot of heart and aren't going to quit playing. We know that everybody can't go to the playoffs. It's unfortunately that we can't make it, but we want to pick up a couple of wins before the season ends."

Big Spring hosts Lake View Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

Big Spring 18 11 18 9-56 Estacado 16 23 14 13-66

Big Spring (10-17, 0-6): Terrance Clemons 18, Lance Gross 12, Jerrell Williams 6, Hayden Phillips 4, Jason Walker 8, Tyrone Clemons 2, Matt Ritchey 4, Sydney Parker 2. Estacado (24-3, 6-0): Waggner 8, Perry 9, Jamar Johnson 17, Willard 7, Al Duvall 21, Williams 2, Rosemond 2.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers post Hayden Phillips shoots for two points in the Steers' 66-56 loss to Lubbock Estacado in Lubbock Friday night.

Haskell takes District 5-2A advantage from Bulldogs

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor HASKELL — There wasn't a bigger marquee high school basketball matchup within West Texas — and perhaps the entire \mathbf{T} state — than Class 2A's eighth ranked Coahoma Bulldogs paying a visit to the ninth-ranked Haskell Indians. The Haskell locals packed the gymnasium on the high school campus, anticipating a great showdown that could ultimately decided the winner of District 5-2A with both squads entering the game with an 8-1 league record. Advantage Haskell. The Indians played a physical brand of basketball and pestered Coahoma for a full-court pressure defense, earning a 60-46 victory. The win avenges Haskell's only blemish — a 48-46 loss in Coahoma — on their season. "Going in, I thought being physical would have been to our advantage. It was a very leniently called game, but it went both ways," Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols said. "They caused a lot of turnovers with their press and had an answer every time we started to make a run. That's what a good basketball team does.'

Haskell led by double digits for a majority of the game, but had to withstand some key Coahoma runs in order to hold the Bulldogs off.

Club is meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Training Athletic Center.

All parents of Big Spring tennis players from the junior high to the high school are encouraged to attend.

Big Spring QB Club electing officers Feb. 11 at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is holding a meeting to elect new officers for the 2008 football season at 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

Any parent of a child planning to play football in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

BSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting Feb. 11

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

HERALD photo / lonathan Hull Coahoma's Matthew Tatum dribbles away from a Haskell defender Friday night in Haskell. The Bulldogs lost to the Indians, 60-46.

Buffs on verge of title, Lady Buffs fighting for playoffs

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes varsity boys team moved one step closer to a district title Friday night, defeating the Rotan Yellowhammers, 63-24.

The outcome was never in doubt as the Buffs stepped onto the court on fire, outscoring Rotan 22-3 in the opening period.

Adam Bailey scored 12 of his game-high 18 points in the first half as the Buffs closed out the second quarter with a 24-0 run opening up a 39-point lead at halftime, 44-5.

"I was real pleased with how the guys handled the game tonight," said Buffs Head Coach Terry McDonald. "It was a completely different game than the other night at Roscoe where it was close to the end. I thought it was good how they were able to maintain focus and just take care of business."

Forsan went deep in their bench in the second half as the teams played to an even 19 points apiece as the Buffs' reserves were able to preserve the big win.

The Buffs sit in a tie for first place within the district with Roscoe and, if both teams win out, will have to play a one-game playoff to decide the league champion.

Cameron Parker and Jeremy Robbins each added eight points in the win and Robbins collected eight rebounds. Blake Grantham finished with seven points while grabbing seven boards.

Brandtly Kelly led Rotan with 17 points, connecting on five 3pointers.

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3 2 7 12-24 Rotan Forsan: Blake Grantham 7, Cameron Parker 8, Adam Bailey 18, Jeremy Robbins 8, Alex Huckabee 5, Nathan Atkerson 4, Clint Hobbs 5, Evan Burton 3, Jace Sandridge 5. Rotan: Kelly 17, Wells 4, Lucas 3

Lady Buffs 54, Rotan 46

Amanda Longorio scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, leading the Lady Buffs over

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Coahoma's trailed by 11, 31-20, at halftime and fell behind by as many as 17 points early in the third period. However, a 9--0 Coahoma run trimmed the deficit to 8 with 4:30 left in the third.

Unfortunately, a theme for the night started to develop as Haskell's John English nailed a three to keep Coahoma from picking up any momentum. English essentially proved the ball was going to bounce in the Indians' favor the rest of the night by draining a half-court prayer as the buzzer sounded to end the third period.

"You can't lose English. He's a great shooter and you have to

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Forsan's Jeremy Robbins looks to pass as he runs up the court in the Buffaloes' 63-24 victory over Rotan's Yellowhammers Friday night in Forsan.



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Life BIG HER SPRING HER BATTER, BATTER, GRILL! SWING INTO GRILLING SEASON

Baseball great Ozzie Smith and champion pitmaster Chris Lilly offer home run tips and recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

aseball players aren't the only ones who benefit from spring training — grilling enthusiasts can, too. Many people neglect their grills during the winter. But, as the days begin to get longer again and daylight saving time allows for more fun in the sun, it's time to swing into grilling season. In fact, the extra hour of daylight means more practice time for baseball players and grilling gurus alike. It's never too early to light up some charcoal and share gamewinning moments with friends and family while enjoying great food.

World champion shortstop Ozzie Smith believes that even seasoned players need a little pre-season warm-up. Nearly as passionate about charcoal grilling as he is about baseball, Smith said, "I tend to grill year round, but when the teams head to camp, I know it's time to step up my game. Many people wait until summer to grill, which is a shame because, as in all sports, practice makes perfect."

While nationally renowned pitmaster Chris Lilly hardly needs more practice behind a grill, he holds a special fondness for springtime grilling.

"Nothing signals the coming of warm weather and says 'slow down and grill' quite like the unmistakable aroma of the ballpark or the first charcoal cookout of the season," said Lilly. "If you can combine the two experiences — whether tailgating at the stadium or firing up the grill and inviting friends over to watch the game - that's even better

These tips and recipes from Smith and Lilly will help grilling enthusiasts hit their next gathering out of the park.

LEAD OFF THE GRILLING SEASON WITH THESE SMART PLAYS

- Practice Makes Perfect: Your grill may be a little rusty from the off-season, so before you begin grilling, make sure it's in good shape. Scrub the grate with a longhandled, stiff wire grill brush to remove any residual food. Always discard any residual ashes from the grill before cooking. A thick layer of ashes will act as insulation, affecting the distribution of heat and air circulation
- Score a Double Play: Amp up the flavor of your grilling experience by using new Kingsford charcoal with Hickory. The flavors add just the right touch of sweet and hearty flavor to all types of food, adding a new element to the delicious smells that are part of the stadium experience.
- **Don't Interfere:** Turning food too often during grilling forces moisture out of it. Instead, let food brown before turning it to develop a flavorful crust, the signature of great grilling. When it's time to flip, use tongs or a spatula in place of forks that pierce food and release juices
- Strike 'em Out: Marinate your meat before grilling to fight sudden flare-ups and apply sauces, such as KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce, to meats once they have a while on the grill rather than before



You'll still taste the delicious flavor without risking a burst of flames.

True fans can take baseball tailgating to the next level by creating a game-day menu featuring recipes that incorporate the flavors and ingredients of your team's hometown. For more grilling tips and recipes, visit www.MealsTogether.com.



Grilled Pork Chops With Apple-Cranberry Glaze

Created by champion pitmaster Chris Lilly. Makes: 6 servings Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 12 to 24 hours for brine Cook time: 16 minutes

6 bone-in pork chops or boneless loin chops (1 inch thick)

Brine

2 cups water 2 cups apple cider

- 2 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon thyme leaves (dry spice)
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (dry spice)
- 6 allspice berries (dry spice)
- 1/2 bay leaf

Sauce

- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup apple sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/16 teaspoon red pepper

Mix brine ingredients and stir well. Place chops and brine in Glad Food Storage Bag and refrigerate 12 to 24 hours.

In small pan, add sauce ingredients and mix well. Heat until warm. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for plating.

Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Grill chops directly over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 450°F) for 8 minutes on each side. During the last 3 minutes of cooking, baste both sides of chops well with sauce. Internal temperature of chops should reach 150° to 155°F prior to removing from grill.

Drizzle reserve sauce over chops when serving or serve warm on the side.



Created by world champion shortstop Ozzie Smith.

Makes: 4 servings

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 3 to 6 minutes per skewer

1 pound extra large shrimp (21 to 25), peeled and deveined

Marinade

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro (about half of a bunch)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- flakes
- teaspoon minced garlic
- 8 bamboo or metal skewers

Assemble marinade ingredients in large Glad Food Storage Bag, seal and toss to mix. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Marinate shrimp 30 minutes.

If using bamboo skewers, soak them in water while shrimp is marinating to prevent them from burning on the grill. When shrimp are finished marinating, spear three shrimp per skewer. Discard remaining marinade.

Grill shrimp on outer edges of the grill over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 400°F) for 2 to 3 minutes on one side and 1 to 2 minutes on other side. Serve on the skewer or remove shrimp from skewer and serve a on platter.



Obituaries

Judge Joe Bruce Cunningham



Judge Joe Bruce Cunningham, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in Fort Worth surrounded by his loving family. The funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, located at 800 W. 5th St. Interment will follow at Greenwood Memorial Park, located at 3100 White Settlement Rd.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joseph W. Brodeur, Fred C. Chandler, Earldean

M. Collins, J. Alan Davis, Lawton G. Gambill, Kenneth Garrett Jr., Robert K. German, Stanley Graner, Leland A. Hodges Jr., Byron L. Keil, Edgar H. Keltner, James B. Kilpatrick, Robert T. Martin, Vernon C. Mayfield, Kleber C. Miller, Silas B. Ragsdale, John M. Richardson, Thomas B. Romine, V. George Runnion, James H. Russell, Frank H. Sherwood, Marc B. Smith, Sterling W. Steves, and Edwin H. Winton.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home. Memorials should be made to First Methodist Church of Fort Worth Foundation Inc., 750 West Fifth St., Fort Worth 76102, or a charity of your choice.

Joe Bruce was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Big Spring. He was the middle son of Iris Pearl Phillips and Grover B. Cunningham Sr. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1945 and entered The University of Texas at Austin.

While at The University, Joe Bruce was active in Delta Tau Delta fraternity, holding several offices in the fraternity, was treasurer and foreman of the Texas Cowboys and was a member of the Friars, the highest honorary society at The University. He was honored as a Goodfellow and as an Outstanding Student in the Cactus yearbook.

Delta Phi Honorary law fraternity and was a member of the Law Grievances Committee. The University awarded him the Mike Flynn Award for Citizenship, the highest individual award given at The University to the outstanding male student who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity and leadership ability.

He graduated in 1949 with a B.B.A. and in 1951 with a J.D. law degree. It was at The University that he met Beverly Smyth Cunningham from Houston and they married in June 1952.

Joe Bruce joined the Air Force, and, as a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's division (JAG), was sent to Korea for a year and discharged as a captain. In 1953, he returned home to accept a position as a briefing attorney for three judges on the Texas Supreme Court in Austin. In 1954, he and Beverly moved to Fort Worth to join the law firm that later became Hudson, Keltner, Smith and Cunningham, where he devoted 30 years to the practice of civil trial law.

In 1983, Joe Bruce was appointed to the newly created 342nd District Court and served there until 1992. He helped streamline the jury system at the courthouse. From 1993 until his retirement, Judge Cunningham devoted his talents to dispute resolution.

Judge Cunningham was president of the Tarrant County Young Lawyers' Association, the Tarrant County Bar Association and chairman of the board of the Texas Young Lawyers' Association. He was a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and an advocate with the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served on the Supreme Court of Texas Advisory Committee on Rules.

Joe Bruce was also very active in the community of Fort Worth. He was active in First United Methodist Church, serving on the board and many committees.

While in law school, Joe Bruce was elected to the Phi He was elected to the Fort Worth City Council in 1973, serving two terms until 1977. Joe Bruce served as president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and president of Family Services. He also served as chairman of the Tarrant County Civil Service Commission.

In retirement, Judge Cunningham was very active on the Board of Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth. He was involved in Bible Study Fellowship and in a volunteer reading program for boys at Nash Elementary School.

In 2004, Judge Cunningham married Shirley Pulley Kellerman. Joe Bruce and Shirley enjoyed playing duplicate bridge with his brother Wilbur and his wife, Donnita, of Big Spring via the internet, and playing duplicate bridge with friends in Fort Worth. They also enjoyed spending summers in Ruidoso, N.M.

In addition to his parents, Judge Cunningham was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly Smyth Cunningham, and by his older brother, Grover B. Cunningham Jr.

Survivors include his children, Linda Cunningham Vigness and her husband, Richard, Robert Bruce Cunningham and his wife, Patti, and Susan Cunningham Morris and her husband, John; grandchildren, Jennifer Anne Vigness, Mary Katherine Vigness, Timothy Mark Cunningham, Theresa Nell Cunningham, Christopher John Morris, and Courtney Elizabeth Morris: wife. Shirlev Rose Cunningham: her children, Shellie Kellerman and her children, Luke and Gabriel, Scott Kellerman, his wife, Marian, and their children, Austin and his wife, Laura, and Chris; step-great-grandsons, Jake and Brayden; brother, Wilbur Paul Cunningham and his wife, Donnita; and niece, Cheri Cunningham Collins.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Worth. Paid obituary

Bill A. Milliken



Bill A. Milliken, 76, of Coahoma, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, and the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 14, 1931, in Lamesa and married Lee York March 30, 1951, in Big Spring.

Bill was employed by Fina Oil and Chemical Company and retired in 1986 after 27 years of service. He also built many homes in the Coahoma area, owned a farm in Midland County for many years and was an avid Coahoma Bulldog fan.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma where he served as a deacon, Sunday school director and Sunday school teacher for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lee; a daughter, Arlene White and husband, Guy of Coahoma; two sons, Mark Milliken and wife, Bridget of Bastrop and Brad Milliken and wife, Chantal of Midland; six grandchildren, Jason Milliken and wife. Lisa of Elgin, Matthew White and wife, Laura of Lubbock, Craig Milliken of New York, N.Y., David White and wife, Lindy of Abilene, Latisha Perry and husand, Chris of Midland and Eric Milliken of New York, N.Y.; a sister, Vera Lee Hunter and husband, Kenneth of Marble Falls; three sisters-in-law, Clara York of Coahoma, Freda Greenfield of McAllen and Patricia Cengiz of Georgetown; a brother-in-law, Louis Rees of Westbrook; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Edna Laura Milliken; two brothers, Russell Milliken and Robert Milliken; and three sisters, Vaurine Smith, Valiere Rees and Verlynn King. Pallbearers will be grandsons Jason Milliken, Matthew White, Craig Milliken, David White, Eric Milliken and his granddaughter's husband, Chris Perry. The family suggests memorials be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma 79511, or to a favorite charity.

Henry Mexia Jr. w/photo

Longtime Big Spring resident Henry Mexia Jr. died in Arlington Jan. 30, 2008. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Waco with the Rev. Don Loftin officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation with family will be Sunday, Feb. 3, at Connally/Compton Funeral Directors from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Rosary recited at 5 p.m.

Henry was born Feb. 23, 1921, the son of Genaro and Augustina Mejia in Sherman. He graduated from Sherman High School, and later served in the U.S. Army, stationed in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. While in the service, he met and married Louise Perez on Nov. 1, 1945. Their marriage of 62 years served as an example of their love and devotion, not only to each other, but to their family.

An electrician by trade, he later was employed by the U.S. Civil Service, assigned to Perrin AFB near Sherman, and later transferred to Big Spring in 1971, where he retired and then pursued his passion for golf. A regular player at Comanche Trail, he met and enjoyed the friendship of many men and many rounds of golf. His time spent on the course, and conversa-

tions with his friends, revealed that he was an honest, and true friend. He always found time to lend a helping hand when needed, and somehow managed to work in those "help others chores" at times that would still allow him to keep his "tee time." His acts of generosity were only known to those he helped and to the Lord above. He was also a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife Louise; son, Louis and wife Laura of Hewit; daughter, Lucille Rogers of Arlington; daughter, Christine Scott and husband Bill of Astoria, Ore.; daughter, Capt. Laura Lewis and husband John of Colorado Springs, Colo; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He held a special place in his heart for his pet, Spanky.

Henry, on the celebration of his 80th birthday, said that he was a wealthy man. His wealth did not lie in money or material things, but the joy and love that he derived from his family. The love for his family will remain forever etched in the hearts and souls of those who knew and loved him. May God grant him eternal peace.

Pallbearers will be Louis Mexia Jr., James Roland, Kyle Rogers, John Lewis, Bill Scott and Marcus Mexia.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101.

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

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Susana Moreno

Susana Moreno, 62, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Juanita Mabry

Services for Juanita Mabry, 89, of Lamesa will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Wayne Smith and Roy Byrd officiating. Burial will be in Lamea Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

She was born July 19, 1918, in McKinney to Bert and Pearl Noblitt. She married J.D. "Cotton" Mabry on Dec. 6, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Marion Mabry, and a brother, Bill Noblitt.

She was a registered nurse in several states while her husband was in the service during World War II. She was director of nurses at the Abilene State Hospital and school nurse for Dawson County schools and then became the first full-time school nurse for the Lamesa school system. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lamesa for more than 45 years.

She is survived by a son, Jerry and his wife Cathy; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



Cody Blair Bishop Green, 28, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in Mississippi. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Omega Smith Omega Smith, 97, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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SPORTS

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Rotan, 54-46, keeping their playoff hopes alive.

The Lady Buffs need a little help to keep those hopes in the form of the Roscoe Lady Plowgirls, who played Hamlin on Friday. A Roscoe win against the Lady Pipers combined with a Forsan win at Hamlin next Tuesday would cause a log jam at the No. 2 spot in district.

A three-way tie is possible between Forsan, Hamlin and Rotan and will have to be played out in a sort of tournament to be decided on after the regular season ends.

But, first things first says Forsan head coach Robert Hillger. tonight, but we still have work to do," said Hillger. "If we don't take care of things on Tuesday, we have no hope of getting in."

"We helped ourselves

The Lady Buffs hung with the Lady Hammers all night, going with a man-to-man defense that frustrated Rotan.

"We went with a zone last time we played Rotan and got caught standing around too much," Hillger said. "The difference tonight is that we just played. Amanda played huge tonight and really needed a game like that to get her going in district. We pressured hard and had some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch."

Forsan took control after falling behind, 34-28, midway through the third period. The Lady Buffs went on a 17-4 run that lasted until 3:31 of the final frame. Rotan was able to pull to within one, but another Forsan run of 7-0 put the game out of reach.

Faith Belew hit four free throws in a row to close it out and give the Lady Buffs the victory.

The Lady Buffs had six players score in the game, including 11 points from Sandi Golleher, who also hauled in five rebounds. Tori Gauer netted eight points and collected seven boards.

Forsan1591218—54Rotan1412119—46Forsan: Shelby McDonald 3, ToriGauer 8, Miranda Park 2, FaithBelew 4, Sandi Golleher 11,Amanda Longorio 27.Rotan: C. Thornton 9, K. Price 14,

S. Martinez 2, S. Speck 13, R. Etheredge 6, K. Smith 2.

Howard opens season with [⊕] two-game sweep of Barton

By ERIC RODEWALD Special to the Herald

The Howard College baseball team began the 2008 season with a clean sweep of visiting Barton County Community College from Great Bend, Kan., outscoring their opponents 26-2 in a pair of

five-inning contests. In game one, Howard's Colt Simon, a University of Nebraska commitment, hurled a two-hit shutout in a complete game victory. The left hander recorded five strikeouts in the 10-0 win that was called after the top of the fifth inning because of the 10-run mercy rule. "Colt really got us off to

a great start in the first inning," Howard Head Coach Britt Smith said. "To retire them 1-2-3 in the top of the first when the wind was blowing out at about 25 miles per hour, Colt did an excellent job of coming in and establishing himself with three straight ground balls."

At the plate, Howard made good use of the West Texas winds blowing out of Jack Barber Field with some big hits to start the game.

"Our offense was clicking as Tommy (Vukovich) started the game with a big hit and Tyler (Ladendorf) followed with a home run and then we had back-to-back doubles," Smith said.

Ladendorf, regarded as the top junior college player in the state of Texas, had a homerun and a pair of singles to lead the Hawks at the plate.

Game two was another offensive display as Howard won 16-2 in another five-inning game shortened by the 10-run mercy rule.

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know where he is," Nichols said.

Coahoma pulled within single digits two more times in the fourth period, but Haskell answered each Bulldog run with a 5-0 spurt of its own.

This marks the second straight road and district loss for the Bulldogs after starting district play 8-0. It's also the 24th consecutive loss for Coahoma on Haskell's home court.

The best Coahoma can do in district now is a tie for first place, but have to hope Haskell loses one of its last two games for it to happen. Most likely, the Bulldogs will enter the playoffs as District 5-2A's No. 2 seed. They travel to Anson

Tuesday, looking to stop this 2game skid.

"We're going to have practice hard Monday and get our heads up," Nichols said. "We're going to have to make ourselves practice. We're going to want to feel sorry for ourselves. I'm going to want to feel sorry for myself, but we've got to get going again Monday and get after Anson Tuesday."

Coahoma 10 10 12 14—46 Haskell 17 14 14 15—60

Coahoma (18-6, 9-2): Josh Paniagua 4, Colter Morgan 5, Matthew Tatum 10, Jovi Paniagua 10, Cody Sheppard 17.

Haskell (24-1, 10-1): Agraz 4, John English 10, Rutkowski 18, Adams 9, Guzman 5, Rodriguez 2, McCulloch 10.

Bulldogettes 38, Haskell 21

Perfection is now literally within the reach of Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes cruised past place."

the Haskell Maidens Friday night, remaining perfect in District 5-2A play.

The Maidens opened the game with a 4-1 lead, but Coahoma shut them out for the remainder of the first period and launched into 12-0 run. The Bulldogettes took a double digit lead early in the second period and never allowed Haskell to trim it below 10 points for the rest of the contest.

"I feel pretty good about the performance," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We had some sickness this week so you never know how that'll effect you. This is a tough place to play. We did a really good job. Haskell's coach has won over 800 games, so you know the guy can coach. We expected a much bigger challenge than what we got at our place." Coahoma's half court defense and dominant presence inside the lane proved to be more than Haskell was capable of overcoming. However, Haskell at times bothered the Bulldogettes with a full-court pressure defense, especially in the fourth period, when the Maidens converted several Coahoma turnovers into 10 points.

"They did some stuff to us that we needed to see tonight with their pressure defense," Sumrall said. "I was pleased with how we handled it. It gave us a little bit of a problem. It just gives us something work on before the playoffs."

Laci Sterling led the Bulldogettes with a game-high 15 points and Heather Sheppard added 12.

Coahoma has wrapped up the district title and first-round bye in the Class 2A playoffs, howev-

er, Sumrall notes the Bulldogettes are now shamelessly in pursuit of the perfect district record.

"We want to be 14-0," Sumrall said. "We don't want to leave any doubt about deserving the district championship."

The Bulldogettes get their shot at perfection Tuesday, when they travel to take on Anson.

Coahoma 13 9 8 8-38

Haskell 4 4 3 10-21

Coahoma (27-4, 13-0): Laci Sterling 15, Janice Gonzales 5, Christie Rich 6, Heather Sheppard 12

Haskell: Ashton Rutkowski 1, Hanna Wallace 8, Hope Reid 10, Miranda Johnson 2.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.



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Estacado 81,

Lady Steers 9 Down to one. Big Spring's Lady Steers have just one last chance

register a point in the second and third periods against Estacado Friday in Lubbock.

Estacado, however, had no problem getting the ball in the basket, taking advantage of several early Lady Steers' turnovers and converting them into easy points. The Lady Matadors held a 29-4 lead after the first period, 50-4 at intermission and a 70-4 advantage after the end of the third stanza. Estacado was led by Brittany Johnson's gamehigh 19 points. Karen Grant added 14 points and Twila Ards chipped in 13. Abbi Lloyd led Big Spring with four points. The Lady Steers close the regular season Tuesday in Steer Gym, hosting San Angelo Lake View. The Maidens defeated Big Spring earlier in the season, but it was the most competitive game the Lady Steers had played in the district season.

Big Spring 4 0 5—9 Estacado29 21 20 11—81

Big Spring (0-24, 0-7): Ybarra 2, Abbi Lloyd 4, Jordan Chesworth 1, Katie Tompkins 1.

Estacado (16-12, 5-2): Twila Ards 13, Rios 2, McNeill 5, Brittany Johnson 19, Ta. Ards 9, Thompson 2, Ray 4, Karen Grant 14, Nibblet 3, Sylvester 3.

to ensure they don't end the 2007-2008 basketball season winless after suffering an 81-9 loss to Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors Friday night.

For the second consecutive game, the Lady Steers went two full periods without scoring a point. They failed to score in the entire second half against Wolfforth Frenship Tuesday in Steer Gym and couldn't Kelly Newton Insurance COTTON & GRAIN SALES NOW THROUGH MARCH 15 Phone: (432) 263-5517 1701 Lancaster Big Spring, TX 79720

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LIFE

Good manners, Music to soothe

he big question most often asked today is, "Why do our children have such poor manners?" I believe most parents really want their children to be considerate and well-mannered. However, many feel they

are fighting a losing battle with the commercials, films and programs that are shown on television today — programs

that exalt

bad behav-

ior and a



Jerrie Stocks

"me first" attitude. Where are the positive role models whose public behavior supports a parent's efforts to teach good manners? How can parents, whether in a twoincome or single-parent household, find the time to teach good manners?

I believe the one best answer to all of the above is, you must start as early as your child can sit in a high chair. You teach your children by modeling a lifestyle of good manners before them. Children will live and do what they learn at home and the lifetime benefits are nearly limitless. If the education of good manners is taught within the confines of the home from an early age, it's unlikely that the child will stray too far away from its teachings when they become teens. The reason being, the education of good behavior has become a way of life, and is rooted into every fiber of their being.

Parents have an excep-

you and your husband should be the teachers and role models for your girls. They will be ahead if they learn the basics from their parents.

Dear Jerrie,

Please explain the rules for tipping. Everywhere I go there seems to be a tip to be paid. I picked up a jacket at the dry cleaners and there was a jar on the counter for tips. I am 19, on my first job, and live on a strict budget. I don't want to appear as a cheap person, but I cannot afford all this tipping. What's the right thing for tipping? Danni

Hello Danni,

The right thing to do regarding tipping is do what you can afford to do. And you do not need to apologize or explain. I agree that some tipping has gotten a little out of hand. It's not necessary that you tip when you pick up your dry cleaning or tip the boy who throws your newspaper. Do the best you can and don't worry about it.

Jerrie Stocks has for a number of years conducted classes on etiquette in public and private schools, colleges, churches and ladies' groups, as well as providing private tutoring and conducting workshops. E-mail your questions concerning etiquette to yourmannerscount@suddenlink.net.

Computerized pianos help patients heal

By GUY KEELER

McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. — If you can appreciate the carefree humming of a child at play or the upbeat whistling of a cheerful adult, you'll understand why Myrna Bolger-Taul is making music part of the healing process at Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.

Most people sense intuitively that music is good for the soul, she says. But scientific research also shows that making joyful sounds is good for the body as well.

Bolger-Taul, coordinator of humor and music at Saint Agnes, has put these therapeutic benefits to work by starting a music lab that gives patients and hospital staff members a chance to relax by playing recreational music on computerized pianos.

Even if you can't carry a tune or play an instrument, she says, creating melodies can boost health by reducing the stress that causes extra wear and tear on your body.

"Patients need stimulation," Bolger-Taul says. "We encourage them to do things for themselves that make them feel good."

Music is one of those things. The lab contains five Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos that enable anyone — even people with no musical experience or limited physical skills — to play along with the interactive program.

The pianos can be programmed to reproduce 600 different instrument sounds and have keyboard lights that flash to show what notes to play. Even plunking out a simple melody with one finger,

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Jose Haro, 67, a cardiac rehab patient, takes part in a therapeutic music lab conducted by Myrna Bolger-Taul (right) at St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.



tional influence as role models and teachers of good manners before their children. There are positive consequences of raising well-mannered children. It builds character through the teaching of values including consideration of others, respect, honesty, self-control, trustworthiness and fairness. These qualities will enable your children to face whatever the future may bring with strength, courage, and integrity.

Children who are raised in a Christian home and attend church with their parents, understand the power of a good spiritual foundation. They learn from an early age that prayer is always the key in difficult situations.

Dear Jerrie,

I am a 30-year-old mother of 3-year-old twin girls. What is the best age to enroll my children in etiquette classes? People tell me they are well-behaved for three years old, but I want them to learn all the nicer things of good manners while growing up. Janna

Hello Janna,

Since you live in a large city, there may be an etiquette school in your town. If so, call them and ask at what age their enrollment begins. In the classes I have taught, I do not enroll a child under age six. In the meantime,







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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• ANDRES CASTRO-ROSAS, 42, was arrested on a hold for U.S. Marshals.

• RAMIRO MARQUEZ, 18, 501 S. Abrams, was arrested on a local warrant.

• TERRENCE YOUNG, 19, 109 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a local warrant.

• CHAUNCEY FORD, 27, 1406 Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• TONY SANCHEZ, 19, 1402 Nolan, was arrested on two local warrants.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Lancaster.

• ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa Highway.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 700 block of 15th.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Weather

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Monday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds around 15 mph.

Monday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

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

VA

LOCAL Lottery Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-25-31-33

Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$14,611.

Winning tickets sold in: Cypress and San Antonio.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-6-6. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-3. Sum It Up: 17.

Bulletin Board

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

back on fond memories.

"We are grateful to all these veterans," said Thomas, chief of the local VA's chaplain service. "We are glad they were there when we needed them, and we're thankful for their service ... We can look back on the days and nights we shared with our loved ones, and have very fond memo-

in the State of Texas for

providing higher educa-

tion and full communica-

tion access to learners

who are deaf and hard of

hearing."

Shadix said awards will also be presented to several employees of the Big Spring VAMC.

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

He is currently taking a

doctoral adult learning

program at the University

Sparks said the new

provost will assume his

duties full-time on Aug.

of Connecticut.

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new adventure in our lives and learning about Big Spring and its neighboring communities," he said in the statement. "I am sure we will enjoy the warm climate and the culture of the 'west' in Texas.

Dvorak showed great \oplus interest in Native American music as well as African-American spirituals. While there are no actual quotations from this music in the Ninth Symphony, Graumann says Dvorak himself emphasized that the themes themselves reflect the spirit of this American music.

"The themes and melodies are memorable, exciting and beautiful," Graumann noted. "I can't think of one moment in the work that is not either mournful or full of intensity. This makes the work compelling and easy to listen to. No wonder it is also one of the most popular symphonies of all time."

Tickets for the concert - priced at \$15 for adults. \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — are available at Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers, all of First Bank of West Texas' locations, the Big Chamber Spring of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information concerning the Big Spring Symphony or its concerts, call 264-7223 or visit the symphony's Web site at www.bigspringsymphony.com.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Rosalinda Rodriquez, 68, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Gypsy Ted McCollum Gulley, 82, died Thursday. Memorial Service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church. Omega Smith, 94, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

an extensive review ... and Mark was the only one we brought to campus for an interview. His experience mirrored the qualities we were looking

recognition of other men

and women who gave of

themselves in the name of

"We'll have the pledge

and the service songs,'

said Shadix. "We'll also

recognize each of the area

veterans that have passed

away during the past

Thomas said the cere-

mony is a chance to look

this country.

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Myers, who became deaf In a statement released after a bout of spinal

ries."

Continued from Page 1A salute to his native Bohemia (now part of the

Czech Republic)," he explained. "I've selected No. 8 of the first series of dances to serve as an overture for the evening. The dance is very upbeat and lively, and reminiscent of Dvorak's interest in the folk music of his

SYMPHONY

native country." Graumann also admitted being excited that Lastrapes will be on hand to perform with the orchestra.

"We are pleased to welcome cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes back to the Permian Basin in a performance of the Cello Concerto," Graumann said.

Lastrapes is a professor of music at Oklahoma University State in Stillwater.

"I heard Mr. Lastrapes perform the Cello Concerto with the Midland-Odessa Symphony some years ago and I must say that not only the audience, but the musicians were extremely moved by his performance," Graumann noted. "I have often wondered if the opportunity of performing the concerto with him would present itself, so I am very pleased to bring him to Big Spring to perform it with the Big Spring Symphony.'

Dvorak's Ninth Symphony is one of the most heard and beloved orchestral work in the repertoire. Dvorak composed the symphony as a tribute to his many years in the United States, and sub-titled it "From the New World."

deaf and hard of hearing. Sparks said.

tion, in rehabilitation and

in community-based ser-

CHAPLAINS

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passed veterans.

PROVOST

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Shadix

the anniversary of their

sacrifice to recall recently

Chaplain Dean Thomas

will read the story of the

four chaplains during the

memorial, followed by

said

His hiring concludes a nine-month search for a new provost. While others applied for the position, Sparks said Myers was always the leading candidate for the job.

"We received 18 applications for the position,' she said. "We conducted

by Howard College, Myers said he was looking forward to the challenge of heading SWCID.

"I am eager to work with the SWCID and Howard College team," he said. "I have known about SWCID for quite a number of years and I appreciate the values evident

meningitis at the age of 11 months, graduated from St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo, N.Y., then received a psychologv degree from Gallaudet University in Washington before earning a master's degree in deafness rehabilitation from New York University.

to vote in the primaries to

Bloom said anyone with

questions regarding their

voter readiness can con-

tact her office at 264-2273

be eligible to vote in the

November election.'

'Starting Monday, however, he'll be serving in a limited capacity, doing consulting work and helping us in a variety of projects," Sparks said. Mark and his wife

Alyssa will be moving to the Big Spring community during the summer.

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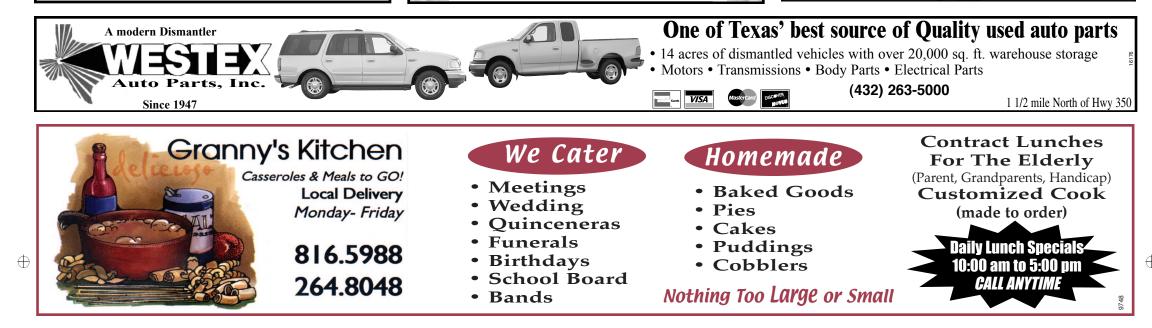
'We look forward to this

Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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VOTE

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opportunity to cast their ballots early."

And while the primaries are all about a multitude of choices, Bloom said there's one case where voters will have to choose before they cast their bal-

remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary, but you can not vote in both," said Bloom firmly. "The primaries act as a nominating process to decide who will be on the ballot in the November election. However, you don't have

"It's very important to

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SPORTS

Lady Mustangs rally past Grady in final minute

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

ACKERLEY — The Grady Wildcats and Sands Mustangs renewed their rivalry Friday night in Mustang Gym with the two longtime foes each taking a win apiece.

In the girls' game, Ashli Stockton, with the aide of a huge three-pointer from Mary Rogers, refused to let the Lady Stangs lose as the sophomore scored eight of her team-high 12 points in the final quarter of play, leading Sands back from a six-point deficit in the final minute and a half to steal the 47-45 win.

The Lady Cats looked as if they were going to waste little time putting away the outsized Lady Mustangs, ripping off a quick five-point run to begin the game before Sands scored on consecutive trips down the court.

With Grady holding the 18-14 advantage, the duo of Rogers and Stockton gave a preview of upcoming attractions with Rogers nailing the trey bringing Sands within one. Stockton followed a minute later working her way to the basket, handing the Lady Mustangs their first lead of the night 19-18 with 3:45 remaining in the first half.

For the next two and a half quarters, the two teams battled it out tooth and nail with neither team able to claim more than a 6-point lead over the

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Stockton's heroics.

Stockton nailed a 2-point shot in the lane with 15 seconds remaining, giving Sands the 46-45 lead. She was fouled after collecting the rebound off a Grady miss on the Lady Wildcats ensuing possession and made one free throw, adding the last score of the game.

Blagrave joined Brittni Stockton in double figures with 11 while Rogers had nine on the night.

Eva Dyck led the way for the Lady Wildcats scoring a gamehigh 14 while Linsey Chavez scored 11.

The loss is only Grady's second of the year in district play and knocks them out of a tie for first place. Sands, on the other hand, now appear playoff bound thanks to the victory.

13 16 9 7-45 Grady Sands 11 12 10 14-47 Grady (21-8, 7-2): Eva Dyck 14, Linsey

Chavez 11, Meagan Blocker 5, Kenzie Madison 9, Kandace Schuelke 4, Lauren Robinson 2 Sands (21-7, 5-4): Ashli Stockton 12,

Brittni Blagrave 11, Mary Rogers 9, Ruiz 7, Ybarra 6, Nichols 2.

Wildcats 58, **Mustangs 34**

The Grady Wildcats had a smoother ride with the Mustangs than their female counterparts did, cruising to a 24-point victory and setting up what is essentially a one-game playoff for the district crown.

Grady jumped out to a 19-2 span, setting the stage for lead in the first period, shutting See AREA, Page 4B

Sands down with its defense and shooting the ball extremely well.

Tubb paced the Wildcats scoring a game high 16 points, scoring eight in the opening stanza, while his teammates Dylan Cox and Leighton Fields each hit double figures with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Xavier Elizondo scored 11 in the loss for the Mustangs.

Grady hosts Wellman-Union at 8 p.m. Tuesday, needing a win to clinch the district title. However, a loss means the Wildcats will be tied with Wellman-Union for the league crown.

19 17 15 7-58 Grady 2 13 10 9-34

Sands Grady (18-1, 9-0): Tommylee Rivas 9, Dylan Cox 14, Justin Tubb 16, Jacob Rodriguez 5, Leighton Fields 10, Lane Shands 4.

Sands (18-6, 5-4): Johnny Rogers 5, Xavier Elizondo 10, Seth Fry 2, Parker 4, Ethan Zant 10, Gaskins 2.

Stanton 52, Stamford 40

STANTON — With a playoff spot still on the line, Stanton's Buffaloes slowly, but surely pulled away from Stamford for a 12-point victory making them the second set of Bulldogs the Buffs have beatenn in three days. The Buffs scored a big upset against their rival Coahoma Bulldogs Tuesday.

The win improves Stanton's district record to 7-4 as they compete with Merkel for the

Courtesv photo/James Schwartz

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Garden City's Macy Schwartz is fouled as she brings the ball into the front court in the Lady Bearkats' 66-38 win over Water Valley Friday night in Water Valley. See AREA, Page 4B



BIG SPRING HERALD

Sunday, February 3, 2008

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Births

Jenae Elexus Blanco is the name given to a baby girl born at 9:31 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, in Lake City, Fla., to Jessica R. Villa and Alex Blanco. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Jennifer Velasquez and Rene and Laura Villa, all of Big Spring. Greatgrandparents are Louis H. Velasquez and Janie Fierro, both of Big Spring. She is also welcomed by her aunts and uncles, Briana and



Villa Jr.



Cloud Ryden Meliton Lee Arriola

brother Phoenix.

Peyton Austin Phernetton, a boy, was born at 9:36 a.m. Nov. 12, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Jeff and Courtney Phernetton of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Don and Paula Ferguson and Bubba and Sandra Beard, all of Houston. His paternal grandparents are Gus and Nancy Phernetton and the late Eddie Lou Phernetton of Big Spring.

Peyton was welcomed home by sibling, Berkley.

Kayleigh Rene Leos, a girl, was born at 4:45 p.m. Jan. 17, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Emily Key and Fabian Leos of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Anestacia Key of Big Spring and Dwayne Key of Tennessee. Her paternal grandparents are Isabel and Joey Martinez and Albert and Stephanie Leos.

Her great-grandparents are Ofelia Galan and Eva and Carlos Leos, all of Big Spring.

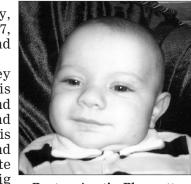


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Adrienne Mendoza and Chris, Anthony, Matthew and Rene

Cloud Ryden Meliton Lee Arriola, a boy, was born at 2:31 p.m. Dec. 30, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 11.9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Josh and Misty Arriola of Big Spring. His grandparents are Diana Babcock, Wallace Babcock Jr. and Rebecca Arriola. great-grandparents His are Connie Pineda, Eloisa Arriola, Wally Babcock Sr. and the late Meliton Arriola.

Cloud was welcomed home by big



Peyton Austin Phernetton

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while orchestral accompaniment plays in the background, provides a soothing escape.

"Anyone can do it," Bolger-Taul says. "You just follow the lights, and it takes your stress away."

Jose Haro, 67, of Fresno, noticed immediate results when he visited the lab.

"I had a quadruple bypass, and I hurt all the time," he says, tapping the brace he wears around his chest. "I've been in rehab for one and a half months."

Haro, who plays the trombone, thought it would be fun to plunk piano keys with one finger. He never dreamed that such a simple act could help his body.

"Twenty minutes into the first session, I loosened my brace," he says. "I was searching for my pain, but it was gone. Now, when I come in to play music, I feel like I'm 39."

Tony Wendels, 63, of Fresno also is recovering from heart surgery and says sitting at the piano liberates him from worry.

"It takes your mind to places where you haven't been before," he says. "Your breathing starts to relax and you start to forget the pain."

The music lab was established through donations, which enabled Saint Agnes to purchase three of the \$10,000 pianos. The Yamaha Music and Wellness Institute in Meadville, Pa., donated a fourth piano and loaned a fifth to help get the program started. The pianos were delivered last summer; after facilitators were trained, the lab began seeing patients in October.

Bolger-Taul, who has been playing the piano since she was 4 years old, worked in the Saint Agnes Hospice program for seven years before becoming the hospital's humor and music

coordinator 11 years ago. Although she has long known that patients enjoy listening to music, she didn't realize the therapeutic possibilities of having patients make their own music until she watched a Yamaha computerized piano demonstration a couple years ago.

"I've always played the piano to soothe myself," she says. "With the computerized pianos, I realized anyone under stress could find relief the same way."

To raise additional funds for the music lab, Saint Agnes and the Yamaha Wellness Institute are sponsoring a concert on Feb. 5 featuring pianist David Lanz, whose 1988 album "Cristofori's Dream" topped adult Billboard's alternative/new age chart for 27 weeks.

Barry Bittman, president and CEO of the Yamaha Music and Wellness Institute, was the principal researcher in a study, published in the February 2005 issue of Medical Science Monitor, that probed the benefits of recreational music in stress reduction.

The study was done with the help of researchers from the Loma Linda School of Medicine and Applied Biosystems, which developed the technology to map all the genes in a set of human chromosomes.

The team subjected 32 adult volunteers to the stressful activity of working jigsaw puzzles with a reward for speed. After an hour, the volunteers were divided into three groups. One group continued to work puzzles, the second group was allowed to read newspapers and magazines, and the third received an hour of recreational music.

Blood samples were taken before and after each phase of the study to evaluate how each activity affected 45 genes that act like "switches" in the control of the body's biological responses to stress.

"What we found was that in 🕀 the recreational music group, more than three times the number of gene switches were turned off compared to the other control group," Bittman says. Being able to reverse the biological switches associated with the body's response to stress could have a phenomenal impact on treating high blood pressure and other stress-related illnesses, he says.

Although there are some benefits from just listening to music, Bittman says active participation in making music is a catalyst for stress reduction.

In recreational music, there is no pressure to master an instrument or perform, he says. Instead, nurturing support, camaraderie and opportunities for creative expression draw people together to reduce stress.

Lori Waddell, a cardiac rehab nurse at Saint Agnes, says the music lab has had a positive impact on patients.

"A lot of them feel that their stress level is better," she says. "There are so many things they are working on. Exercise, diet and lifestyle changes — they're all interconnected. Sometimes it's really tough but the music program helps encourage them."

In addition to the music, Bolger-Taul incorporates breathing exercises and other relaxation techniques into each session.

"We talk about stress and how to release it," she says, adding that she tailors the discussion to meet the needs of participants, whether they have cancer, are recovering from surgery or are trying to cope with debilitating illness or injuries.

Bolger-Taul smiles when asked about the results she has seen in the music lab.

"Sometimes people will be so engrossed in making music that they'll keep playing even after the background music stops," she says.

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OUR VIEWS

Growing pains can be difficult for everyone

rowing pains ... we're experiencing a few these days. Quite a few changes are taking place here at the Herald, some you can already see in the newspaper you get each day, and several more are coming.

You might have noticed that the Herald now appears much "cleaner" and that color pictures are much sharper, thanks to the installation of a computerized image setting system which eliminates several steps in the process of making press plates.

As a result, we've had more advertisers requesting color ads in the paper, sometimes requiring additional press runs to produce the paper.

There have been other days when breaking news stories have forced us to hold the newspaper past its normal deadlines in order to make sure readers are given the latest, most up-to-date news we can give them.

Unfortunately, trying to live up to those type of demands sometimes makes it difficult for carriers to get the paper onto your doorstep or into your yard as early as many of you have become accustomed.

We know that's frustrating for some of our readers. It's frustrating for many of us, too.

And, believe it or not, is probably hardest on your carrier.

We certainly recognize that and do our best to make it possible for them to meet their deadlines. Please remember that carriers are expected to deliver each Monday through Friday evening paper no later than 6 p.m. And Sunday morning's paper should be delivered sometime Saturday night and no later than midnight Sunday. If your paper has not arrived by those times, please call the Herald's circulation department at 263-7335 and let us know. Someone will be on their way to deliver your paper. The bottom line, is that we're committed to doing our best to make the Big Spring Herald the newspaper you want it to be. And, if at all possible, deliver it when you'd like to have it. In the very near future, the *Herald* will be replacing its editorial department computer system in an effort to help our reporters and editors process their stories and design pages as quickly as possible. Of course, problems always arise when trying to train people to operate new systems and computer software packages. So, please bear with us. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. We'll do our best to implement as many of vour ideas as we can.

Again, what are they thinking?

his one is a little bit of a scattershoot prompted by the Associated Press wire. I know, I know, we normally let Steve Reagan ponder oddities from the AP in this space, but this week I'm pulling rank on him.

Why?

Well, basically because I could not let a couple of stories that reveal the inane state of affairs in Austin and Washington go unnoticed without adding

my two cents worth on a couple of subiects.

Both stories fit into the "What were they thinking?" category.

The first appeared a little more than a week ago when the AP reported San Antonio police would seek drug paraphernalia charges punishable by up to a year in jail for three Christian activists who were caught handing out clean syringes in exchange for dirty ones.

The members of the nonprofit group Bexar Area Harm Reduction Coalition were cited Jan. 5 when a police officer saw them parked at a corner "with several known prostitutes and drug addicts next to the vehicle."

The police confiscated containers of clean syringe kits, while leaving them with the used syringes they'd collected.

An officer cited the three — Bill Day, 73, a co-founder of the nonprofit group, and two board members, Mary Casey, 67, and Melissa Lujan, 39 — with possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500. But police officials decided to refile the case with District Attorney Susan Reed as a

Class A misdemeanor, distribution of paraphernalia, which carries a punishment of up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. She says she will prosecute them on the enhanced

So much for clear thinking when it comes to containing infectious disease among intravenous drug users and their families, huh?

Talk about ridiculous, Texas is the only state in the country in which it is illegal to run a needle exchange program of any kind, even though such programs have been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and hepatitis infection.

Congress has for the past 20 years prohibited the use of federal funds to support sterile needle distribution programs of any kind, despite spending billions every year on global AIDS prevention efforts.

So, it's up to the states. And Texas, far from being progressive on such an issue, finally began taking action last year when the Legislature approved a pilot needle exchange program for Bexar County.

But Reed seems to be doing her best to thwart that effort. She told police and public health officials she doesn't believe the legislation shields participants from drug paraphernalia laws.

That pretty much stopped the pilot program before it got started. Now Bexar County officials are waiting for an opinion from Attorney General Greg Abbott before moving forward.

Kind of makes you wonder what they're thinking in the Bexar County DA's Office, too. Doesn't it?

The other goodie from the wire concerned the snafu involving an effort to make the Christmas Mountains, a 9,000-acre tract of land, part of Big Bend National Park.

Once controlled by the Conservation Fund, the land was donated to the state in 1991. Now the state would like to get rid of it and the National Park Service is willing to be the recipient of the unwanted mountain land.

Unfortunately things got complicated when General Land Office Commissioner Jerry Patterson, one of the three men who comprise the School Land Board, which has been charged with deciding the property's fate, decided to put his stamp on the process.

Patterson is adamant that the next owners of the Christmas Mountains permit guns and hunting.

Must be a big NRA fan, huh? Such a requirement makes it impossible for the National Park Service to accept the land because federal law prohibits firearms in national parks.

Now the Conservation Fund reportedly is interested in buying back the land, so it can make the Big Bend transfer happen.

Supposedly the Conservation Fund doesn't care one way or the other about hunting, but is eager to find an owner that will honor numerous other restrictions like the land not be developed, mined or broken into parcels and sold.

Perhaps State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, described this best when he said, "It's nuts that someone who donated the land has to purchase it just so they can donate it again."

The Land Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday. Hopefully Patterson and his colleagues will show a little common sense.

Of course, that's a lot to ask in Austin these days.

Contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringher-

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

There are many reasons why I chose to remain in Big Spring after retirement from the VA Medical Center as a chaplain. One of them has to do with the friendliness of our citizens here.

A few weeks ago I was reminded of this when my wife and I were ready to leave the Wal-Mart parksenior citizen to do).

With much gratitude I thanked them and headed home.

On the way home my wife told me that another young man had offered to help, as well as our grandson, Jeremy Myers, and his girlfriend, Morgan McKinney.

This was only one of several similar experiences we've had. We are

say things are too good right now so people don't need to get involved. If that is true, then we are in sad shape. People should be up in arms at what some of the candidates are proposing.

I urge everyone to find out what vour candidate actually wants to do if elected, not just the talk we hear on TV and radio.



JOHN A.

MOSELEY

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are walking off the beaten path, Lord, may we quickly walk back to You.

Amen

ing lot after shopping. Our car would not start because of a dead battery. No sooner had I raised the hood, when a passing vehicle stopped and the owners, Raymond and Mary Churchwell, asked whether or not we needed help.

Of course I said "yes" and cables to their battery and our engine started without further problem. They had moved both vehicles closer to each other because my cables were too short.

All I could do was stand back and watch (which was easy for this

going to stay in Big Spring and keep being proud of our citizens who have caring hearts.

> RUSSELL AND LAVERNE PATRICK BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have never been very politically minded but have tried to always vote. But this coming election has me worried.

I am afraid that most people who read the Herald everyday will never vote. I heard some experts

We should all be saying, enough is enough. How many taxes do we have to pay, how much personal freedom do we have to give up? Why should our politicians treat us like we have no ability to think for ourselves?

Who do people think will pay for a national health care program if it were enacted?

We will (i.e. more taxes).

One Web site people might find interesting is FairTax.org.

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The King's heart toward a Wookie

when the phone rings at my house it can be anything. We have friends all over the world, orphanages we support on three different continents, a thriving congregation in Johnson

County and four kids, three of whom are still teenagers.

So when I say every phone call is a grab bag of feast, famine and the extraordinary, I know it's going to be anything other than boring. A few years ago, I

got a call from the wife of Chewbacca The Wookiee.

No really, I did.

The performer that brought the famous Star Wars character to life is named Peter Mayhew. He's the 7-foot, 3-inch actor behind the mask, and he happens to be married to my cousin, Angelique. Both of them are wonderful people.

Now the phone call was for a specific prayer. I mean, doesn't every pastor get phone calls from the planet Kashyyyk?

Actually, Peter and Angelique live in Granbury when he's not on the road, and even gentle-hearted Wookiees need Jesus.

The situation was that George Lucas was filming the prequels to the original Star Wars trilogy. The problem being that up until then,

Lucas had not written any parts for Chewbacca to reappear. It was important to Peter's career, and to the devoted fans of Chewy, that he would have some part in the new generation trilogy.

Now, filming of "Attack of the Clones" had just been scheduled and huge disappointment set in. Peter had been left out once again. We only had one more chance, and nobody had any idea what Episode Three would bring. So we started praying.

Another cousin of mine and sister-in-law to Peter Mayhew, Melanie Guinn, suggested we unify in prayer proclaiming Proverbs 21:1. It's one of those amazing vertical verses in the very horizontal book of Proverbs.

The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord. As the rivers of water He turns it withersoever He will. Some translations say, The Lord controls the mind of a king as easily as He controls the course of a stream.

The idea being that just as the farmer might direct an irrigation ditch to bring water where he wants it, so God directs kings and other rulers to do what He wants done.

The Brewer likes that. So that's what we did. We prayed that God would change the heart of George Lucas and direct him toward a favorable script on

Peter's behalf.

It wasn't long after, that the

phone rang with an invitation and a ticket to New Zealand.

The Lord is faithful!

Not only was the script rewritten with Chewbacca in it, but Peter also shared the same frames with none other than Yoda himself! In a climactic memorable scene, Chewbacca was shown as second in command in a terrible war in defense of his home planet. Chewy was back on the silver screen and a bigger hero than ever!

Since that time, Peter has been extra busy touring the world and making a living.

I tell you, God cares about stuff like that and is willing to get involved for people that are willing to ask Him.

God loves Peter Mayhew and his well-being was important to Him. Same as you.

If somebody is holding you back from going into better things, I encourage you to not be intimidated by the decision of a king. Go above their head and seek the Lord.

What you just might find, in a very tangible way, is that Jesus is the Savior of peasants and the King of kings.

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases." Proverbs 21:1 NIV

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be e-mailed at troy@OpenDoorMinistries.org.



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4B

SPORTS

Goodell defends destroying Spygate evidence

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer PHOENIX — Spygate

sure has touched a nerve. If Roger Goodell wasn't

acutely aware of that before Friday, he certainly has no doubt now. Not after repeatedly having to defend his decision to destroy notes and videotapes linked to the New England Patriots' cheating scandal.

One day after Sen. Arlen Specter asked why the NFL commissioner trashed the evidence, Goodell fielded a halfdozen questions on the subject during his Super Bowl news conference.

"I think there are very good explanations for the reason why I destroyed

HOWARD

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Both Nathan Bryan and

Matt Curry connected on

homeruns in the contest.

Bryan added a double and

Curry a pair of singles.

Shane Hopkins had a

triple and single while

Travis Sample had a sin-

gle and double. Ladendorf

added a pair of singles

and Hamblin added a base

Right hander James

Alvarado earned the win

throwing the first four

the tapes or had them destroyed by our staff," Goodell said. "They were totally consistent with what the team told me. There was no purpose for them. I believe it was helpful in making sure our instructions were followed closely, by not only the Patriots, but also by every other team. I think it was the appropriate thing to do. Our discipline sent a loud message

"The action that we took was decisive and it was unprecedented.'

But totally not embraced. Specter, R-Pa., said Goodell's explana-"didn't make any tion, sense at all."

"If they are under lock and key at the NFL headquarters, they aren't

innings. Barton County

going to be available at on the field. all," said in he Philadelphia.

But Goodell said a copy of one of six tapes made either in 2006 or during the 2007 preseason had, indeed, made its way to the media before all the tapes were destroyed.

"They may have collected it within the rules, but we couldn't determine that. So we felt that it should be destroyed," he said.

NFL security confiscated a video camera and tape from a Patriots employee during New England's 38-14 victory over the New York Jets in the season opener. The employee was accused of aiming his camera at the Jets' defensive coaches as they signaled to players

of guys," Smith said.

"You are stuck with keep-

ing your starters in the

game or allowing the kids

on the bench to play not

even three outs worth of

According to Smith,

"We knew the potential

for us to play this well

was there because we wit-

nessed it in the fall and

we had no real doubts in

our lineup, but we didn't

know how we would play

Friday was a great way to

baseball."

start the season.

Goodell fined coach Bill Belichick \$500,000 and docked the team \$250,000 and a first-round draft pick. It was the biggest fine ever for a coach and the first time in NFL history a first-round draft pick has figured in a penalty.

Specter also wondered just how much information the Patriots were collecting on those tapes.

"They talked about defensive signals and don't say if there was any taping or stealing of offensive signals," he said. "The fine was for the totality of the circumstances, not just the taping. Well, wait a minute, what else is involved here?"

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County in another doubleheader Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

Left-handed pitcher Anthony Collazo was scheduled to start game one with right hander Danny Gidora starting game two.

Howard hosts Vernon College for a four-game series Friday and Saturday with two games taking place each day. First pitch is scheduled for noon both days.

play.

Wade Jansa scored a game-high 14 points to lead the Bearkats. Jake Schwartz notched 13 points and Eric Hirt chipped in 10.

Garden City improves to 7-1 in district play and Sterling City hosts Tuesday.

Garden City 21 18 11 19-69 Water Valley 8 12 9 8-37 Garden City (16-8, 7-1): Wade Jansa 14, Jake Schwartz 13, Eric Hirt 10, Brett Chudej 9, Bo Eggemeyer 8, Nick Sanchez 6, Jessie Montez 5, Cole Schwartz 4. Water Valley: Gochenaguer 13,



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hit.

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league's final playoff spot. Garrett Fulton scored 18 points and Adam Evans had 13 to lead the Buffs. Chase Pinkerton also hit double figures with 10 points, including two 3point field goals.

Stamford 13 7 10 10-40 Stanton 17 9 11 15-52 Stamford: Garcia 2, Bailey 2, Nauert 19, Martin 10, Richards 7.

Stanton (16-7, 7-4): Garrett Fulton 18, Tyler Fulton 8, Justin Hinojosa 3, Chase Pinkerton 10,

managed two runs off of two hits, a hit batter and a pair of walks, while Alvarado struck out four batters. Pedro Villarreal pitched a hitless fifth inning recording one strikeout.

Smith said he was pleased with how well the Hawks played, but said there is one downside to winning a pair of fiveinning games.

"It's good to be able to play five-inning games when you are winning, but the downfall is that you don't get to play a lot

Bearkats finally discovered they could score at will, they dropped 23 points in the third period and another 24 in the fourth.

Whitney Kellermeier led all scorers with 19 points. Morgan Schwartz was good for 13 points and Amy Multer chipped in 11 as every player on the Lady Bearkats roster found their way into the scorebook.

Garden City 7 12 23 24-66 Water Valley 3 7 12 16-38 Garden City (22-5, 8-1): Whitney ellermeier 19. Morgan

after having two days off due to the weather," Smith said. "I thought we

6, Macy Schwartz 4, Paige Niehues 4, Melissa Hirt 3, Britton Avery 2, Liza Lopez 2, Haley Schaefer 2.

Water Valley: Hutchens 14, Ham 10, Rogers 8, Brown 4, Bolding 2.

Bearkats 69, Water Valley 37

The Bearkats of Garden City had little trouble with district-rival Water Valley Friday night, blasting the Wildcats for a 32point victory.

The blowout was on early with Garden City outscoring Water Valley 21-8 in the first period, leaving little doubt about

play today." Howard played Barton

Lady Buffaloes 42, Stamford 37

It didn't come easy, but the Lady Buffs of Stanton picked up a huge home victory Friday night over Stamford. For a team that has struggled to find any consistency this season, the 5-point come-frombehind win late in the season could provide great momentum to end the year with.

Stanton trailed by 3 at halftime and couldn't cut into that deficit at all in the third period. However, the Lady Buffs unleashed a scoring barrage in the final stanza, outscoring Stamford 15-6 and grabbing just their third win of the district season.

Laci Luna scored a game-high 13 points and Fleckenstein Rachel added 10 to lead the Lady Buffs, who return to action Tuesday with Hawley paying them a visit to end the season.

Stamford 12 11 8 6-37 Stanton 11 8 8 15-42

Stamford: M. Alvarado 3, Slorrell 2, Thane 3, C. Alvarado 2, Naucet 10, Stizer 6, Locke 7, McDonald 4. Stanton (9-21, 3-10): Laci Luna 13, Kelsey Coggin 4, Naomi DeLao Amber Beasley 2, Rachel 5. Fleckenstein 10, Krista Sanchez 2, Angelica Moreno.

Garden City 66, Water Valley 38

WATER VALLEY After a slow start offensively in the first half, Garden City's Lady Bearkats turned the light switch on in the third and fourth periods, scoring 47 second-half points and routing Water Valley by 28.

Garden City had just 19 \oplus points at intermission, but held a 9-point lead over Water Valley. However, when the Lady





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chicken Monday fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, seasoned green, beans, buttermilk biscuits and mixed fruit.

Tuesday grilled chicken breast, tater tots, green peas with mushrooms, biscuits and cherry crisp.

Wednesday — roast beef with brown gravy, roasted potatoes, spinach, vegetable salad and apple raisin crisp.

Thursday — chicken and dumplings, Harvard beets, crackers, cottage cheese and pears and banana pudding.

Friday meatloaf, ____ augratin potatoes, buttermilk biscuits, tossed salad and chocolate pudding with wafers.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Lunch, corndogs, potato wedges, fresh veggie medley, oranges and milk.

Lunch. Tuesday chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, wheat rolls and milk.

Wednesday — Lunch, fish strips, mac & cheese, black-eye peas, pear halves, cornbread and milk.

Thursday — Lunch, Mexican jambayla, corn, kiwi and milk.

Friday — Lunch, barbecue on bun, chips, pickle spears, ranch-style beans, apricots and milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast, waffles, syrup, ham, orange juice and milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans, pears, cookies and milk.

donuts, sausage, milk, applesauce: Lunch, smothered steak, creamed potatoes, peaches, bread. milk and McRibs.

Wednesday pancakes, Breakfast, sausage, apple juice, syrup and milk; Lunch, tacos, pinto beans, salad, milk and burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, jelly and milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, apple turnovers and milk. Friday – Breakfast, French toast, ham, syrup, juice and milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk and corndogs.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast, cereal, Nutrigrain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fresh fruit choice and milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, sausage-on-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, saltine crackers, strawberries & bananas and milk.

Wednesday Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Texas toast, peaches and milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, sliced carrots, hot rolls, apples and milk.

Friday — Breakfast, muffins, fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwiches, baked chips, baked beans, chocolate chip cookies, Tuesday — Breakfast, orange smiles and milk.

Chocolate cake just like grandma made

By LINDA CICERO

McClatchy Newspapers Q: I am trying to find a recipe for chocolate cake like my grandmother used to make. I remember she used cocoa and milk soured with vinegar, and I think she used boiling water in the recipe. It was dark, nice and moist and delicious. I have never been able to find a recipe that comes close to hers. Also, the fudge frosting was really good, too - and I've not been able to really duplicate that either. I believe that was made with cocoa, too. I'm wondering if vou could find a recipe for this!

—Sally L'Huillier, Brownville, N.Y.

A: Your letter reminded me of one I received in 1992 from a woman who wanted to find the recipe her mother used when she made devil's food cake for Sunday dinner on a farm near Raleigh, N.C., in the late 1920s. What made the cake special were two steps in the mixing process — baking soda was blended with buttermilk, and the cocoa was dissolved in hot water. The request not only brought in lots of recipes — as any request involving chocolate seems to do but charming reminiscences, too, of a time when families gathered for Sunday dinner and lingered over homemade cake.

I'm guessing that recipe is the one your grandmother made, or close. She probably soured milk for the cake rather than using buttermilk a common practice. (To substitute sour milk for buttermilk, combine fresh milk, at room temperature, with vinegar or lemon juice, at a ratio of 1 teaspoon to 1/3-cup milk. This gives you the acidity you need for the cake to work, chemistry-wise, but to my mind it does not give the full, rich tanginess of real buttermilk).

I don't have a chocolate frosting recipe made with brown sugar, but you should try this one, contributed by Mary Blackwelder of Hollywood, Fla., 15 years ago. It is the standard by which I now judge any chocolate frosting. It is decadently rich and creamy, and, for special occasions, worth ignoring the calories and cholesterol!

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE 1/2 cup cocoa powder

1/2 cup boiling water 2/3 cup vegetable shortening 1-3/4 cups sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla 2 eggs 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 1-1/3 cups buttermilk 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Mix the cocoa powder with the boiling water to make a smooth paste. Set aside to cool. Beat shortening, sugar and vanilla well. Add the eggs and beat until creamy. In a separate bowl, stir the flour and salt together. Add the baking soda to the buttermilk. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the buttermilk, then stir in the cocoa mixture.

Pour batter into greased and floured pans and bake at 325 degrees until cake tests done (9-by-13-inch, about 40 minutes; 2 9-inch pans, 35 to 40 minutes; 3 8-inch pans, 25 to 30 minutes). Makes 12 servings.

Per serving: 334 calories (35 percent from fat), 13.3 g fat (3.8 g saturated, 5.6 g monounsaturated), 37.4 mg cholesterol, 5.3 g protein, 50.5 g carbohydrates, 1.8 g fiber, 290.5 mg sodium.

RICH FUDGE FROSTING

1-1/2 cups sugar

1 cup heavy cream

6 squares unsweetened chocolate,

coarsely chopped

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, sliced 2 teaspoons vanilla

In a heavy medium-sized saucepan, combine the sugar and cream. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat and stir in the chocolate, butter and vanilla, and continue to stir until the butter and chocolate have melted. Pour into a bowl and cool to room temperature, stirring now and then. Refrigerate, stirring frequently, until thickened and of a spreading consistency. Frost cake before the frosting sets completely.

Per serving: 308 calories (61 percent from fat), 22.6 g fat (14.1 g saturated, 6.4 g monounsaturated), 47.5 mg cholesterol, 2.3 g protein, 30 g carbohydrates, 2.4 g fiber, 12.1 mg sodium.



Leslie D. Phinny of Coahoma was among 135 graduate students to receive masters' degrees when West Texas A&M University held fall commencement exercises Dec. 15, 2007.

Phinny received a master of education degree in instructional design and technology.

Military

Air Force Senior Airman Arthur L. Belvin has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

The five-week course is designed to train senior airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communications skills and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers. Airmen are prepared and better equipped to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers.

The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Belvin, a loading standardization crew member with four years of military service, is assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing.

He is the son of Calvin Belvin and stepson of Patty Rothenbucher Big Spring. His wife, Kassie, is the daughter of David and Janie Lownes of Big Spring.

Belvin is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Odds and Ends

Police arrest bank robbery suspect whose 'Hobo Bandit' looks inspired painting by teller

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A bank robbery suspect whose "Hobo Bandit" appearance inspired a bank teller to paint his portrait has been arrested, police said.

Kirby Dean Guyette, 52, suspected of robbing two banks in recent weeks, was taken into custody Thursday by officers looking for a green van that witnesses described as the getaway vehicle, police Cpl. Jose Gonzalez said Friday.

The alleged getaway driver, 52-year-old Jack Paine, was also arrested, Gonzalez said.

Both men were being held on \$50,000 bail. It wasn't clear whether either had been assigned a defense attornev.

Authorities allege Guyette walked into a Washington Mutual branch on Monday and slipped a teller a note demanding money and warning that he was carrying a gun.

That night, teller Nick Wildermuth painted a portrait of the robber from memory. Authorities said the painting depicting a middle-aged man with bushy evebrows and a salt-and-pepper goatee shared similarities with surveillance video of the robber.

The suspect's unkempt appearance earned him the moniker the "Hobo Bandit.'

Guyette, a transient, also matched the description of a man who robbed a Bank of America branch in Santa Ana on Jan. 21, then attempted to rob the same branch several days later, police said.

"The teller recognized him and said, 'You're not getting anything from us," Gonzalez said. "The suspect appeared confused, turned around, walked out and got in the same green van."

Police in Laramie, Wyo., cite teenage girls who threw french fries for 'hurling missiles'

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Three 13-year-old girls accused of throwing french fries during lunchtime at their school were cited for "hurling missiles," an adult infraction covered by city ordinances.

The principal of Laramie Junior High and a police officer had warned students during an assembly the day before the french fries' launch that if they threw food, they had to suffer the consequences, Police Chief Bob Deutsch said. The warning came after school officials had heard rumors of an impending food fight.

"They saw it as really the planning of a riot, when you think about it," Deutsch said. The girls decided to test the warning, he said.

"It wasn't a spontaneous thing - a couple of kids giggling, throwing a french fry at each other," Deutsch said. "They intended on getting everybody involved in this and starting something that no doubt would have the potential of getting out of control.'

Now, some observers are saying police and school officials went overboard, and even the American Civil Liberties Union weighed in.

"It certainly seems that this was an overreaction to a situation that could have been handled differently," said Linda Burt, Wyoming director of the ACLU.

The girls were also suspended for three days.

City prosecutor Ashley Castor didn't return phone messages left Thursday and Friday. Principal Steve Hoff declined to comment, and schools Superintendent Brian Recht did not return messages.

LETTERS

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I urge all citizens of Howard County and everywhere to get out and vote. No vote is a vote for someone you don't want in office.

> CAROLYN BURKHART BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My daughter, Monica Ortega, is 31 years old and sufferes from kidney disease. She has a husband and two beautiful children, a girl and a boy. God blessed her with a beautiful family and many other things in life.

She goes to dialysis on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays for four hours each day. She has her bad days and her good days.

About four years ago I donated a kidney to my daughter. It helped her for three years, then her body rejected my kidney. So she has been back on dialysis for a little more than a year now. This is the second time for her on dialysis.

The first time was about the age of 15 or 16 when we found about her kidney disease. That's when her doctors did everything they could for her until her kidneys started to deteriorate, then they put her on dialysis for four months.

Monica has two brothers. They were tested but not a match. So I was tested and I was a match, but not a perfect match. So I gave her my kidney, but three years later we found out that the disease came back. That's the day my

world fell apart. They had to remove my kidnev from her.

So what I ask now is that she needs a donor for a kidney for a second chance at life. One of my daughters-in-law was tested but she was not a match. I love my boys and my daughter-in-law for trying.

The doctor says that they would prefer a non-family member now.

My daughter will not ask for help, so I am asking for help so she will have a second chance at life. Please call me at 264-0614 if you would like to help and be tested. Please leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer. I will call back. Everything will be paid for the donor.

SHERRY CORREA

TO THE EDITOR:

Last night (Friday, Jan. 25), my husband and I went to the Senior Center to dance on our beautiful new floor.

What a pleasure and so pleasing to the eye. Many thanks to those who spent a weekend installing it, Russ and Laura McEwen, Gary Fuqua, Todd and Teresa Darden, Peggy Walker, Kenny and Tami Davis, Lesa Gamble, Terri Telchik, Vince and Linda Sjogren, JoAnn Staulcup, Perry Hall and Rick Boiles.

There was a good turnout, good music, plenty of party fare and, best of all, high spirits and good humor. Everybody had a wonderful time.

Many thanks to the good little elves who worked so hard.

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- Does your partner try to control you?
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Know thyself - Have alone time explore your own interests, desires and beliefs

Consider Expectations and boundaries - Decide what to expect and what behaviors you will not tolerate.

Communicate expectations - Talk things out regarding sexual issues. Miscommunication, guessing or making assumptions can be dangerous and extremely hurtful. Avoid these situations by talking things out.

Pay attention to your feelings - If a situation feels wrong or scary, you may be in **Danger**, trust your feelings and get out of that situation.

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BIG HERALD

Knox to try 'something different'

Resigns as director of food services for Big Spring ISD

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After 14 years of addressing the nutritional needs of local school children, Joann Knox, director of food services for Big Spring Independent School District, is stepping down.

Knox Knox, who has direct-

ed food service programs for both BSISD and Mineral Well ISD, said she is ready for a change.

"I'm doing this because I'm ready to take on something different,' Knox said. "This doesn't have anything to do with anything other than Joann needs a change." Knox intends to relocate to the

Austin area. She said there are opportunities there she wished to explore, but declined to elaborate further.

"I'm going to do my part to keep Austin weird," Knox joked.

Since taking the reins of BSISD Food Services in 1994, Knox said she is proudest in bringing a hightech approach to the department.

"When I arrived in Big Spring, Food Services was not computerized in any form or fashion," she said. "With the administration's support, we have been able to facilitate that."

Other innovations that occurred under Knox's watch include Smart Start, which brought breakfast into the classroom, and Lunch Money Now, a program that allows parents to pay for their children's meals online.

classroom and talk to the kids about nutrition, which is my passion," she added.

"But I wasn't able to do this alone," Knox said. "The staff here in Food Services is just an amazing group of people."

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said Knox's contributions were invaluable.

"Joann has done a remarkable job with Food Service operations,' Downes said. "She is recognized as both a good leader and a good boss."

Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the school district, said she hopes to begin interviewing potential replacements for Knox sometime this month, with an eye toward naming a replacement by mid-April.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at "And I've been able to go into the *reporter@bigspringherald.com*.



Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin **Petroleum Association.**



Over the Martin Luther King holiday, global equities tumbled. Recession fears both at home and abroad heightened, and with that, crude oil prices and the industrial metals led the commodity complex lower.

A recessionary environment is bearish for oil prices since future consumption and demand are called into question. In response to the heightened recession fears, the Fed made an "emergency" cut of the fed funds rate by 75 basis points. This supported and lifted the commodities, but prices remain under pressure.

Generally speaking and as we have reported, we do not feel the recent rally in crude oil to \$100 per barrel is solely reflective of traditional market fundamentals. Though it is true that inventories have declined and prices have increased, we tend to think the rally in prices was only partially driven by simple supply and demand. But rather, we attribute the majority of the recent crude oil rally beyond \$80 to monetary flows associated with current economic conditions.

The Feds ongoing rate cuts attempting to protect the economy from a recession has had inflationary ramifications. This largely resulted in new money coming into the crude oil pit. In an inflationary environment, it makes sense to hold real assets. Because of this, oil and gold both did really well in late 2007 while the Fed looked set to defend the financial markets and the economy.

Now, however, it appears the possibility of a recession has sharpened. A recessionary environment is bearish for oil prices and weakens the argument for strong inflation. Therefore, in today's environment, we think decreasing inflationary pressures and weakening economic conditions will weigh on crude oil prices, particularly in Q1 of 2008.

Additionally, we expect crude oil inventories to follow their seasonal build pattern which typically lasts from January through the early-summer months. With the reestablishment of a negative correlation between inventories and prices, we see this as also bearish for near-term price prospects. We remain uncertain about fresh OPEC output decisions since they are grappling with a multitude of issues, including: comparatively high prices, the potential for broad economic weakness and the potential shift in consumer behavior, particularly in the United States. However we do feel more comfortable in suggesting that in the near-term OPEC won't reverse their decision to add 500 thousand barrels per day of production to the market from Nov. 1, 2007. Their higher output should help stabilize what have been rapidly declining crude stocks in more developed nations. We anticipate that with the financial markets continuing to operate in a volatile state of flux, OPEC will be cautious about adding more crude to the market. However, there are also caveats to our outlook but these are to the upside for prices. Globally, geopolitical tensions remain high. Shortterm geopolitical turmoil, especially in producing regions, can quickly extend prices upward. Terrorist acts or wars creating supply disruptions will spike prices. Depending on the extent to which supply is lost will dictate how quickly prices will return to more expected levels. In the end, we feel our expectations for a recessionary environment are upon us. Slowing economic growth hurts demand and has a dampening effect on prices. In our opinion, the Fed actions have yielded the desired effect, however, only time will tell.



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Greg Cotton, left, and Kyle Lacey, right, were presented Certificates of Service by Russel Lenz during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Cotton, a 10-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, is a sign technician in the Howard County maintenance section. Lacey, a construction inspector in the Big Spring Area office, has also worked for the department 10 years. They were presented framed certificates and service pins to represent their years with TxDOT. Cotton also received a black leather portfolio with matching coaster while Lacey got a tote folio bag, their gifts of choice. Lenz, center, is an Abilene District engineer.

Take time to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture

exas AgriLife **Extension Service** officials are encouraging the state's agricultural producers to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

"The agricultural census provides very important data that helps tell the agriculture story in Texas and the nation,' said Dr. Roland Smith, associate director. "We strongly encourage producers in every county across Texas to complete



Томму are based off the cen-YEATER sus numbers, such

as farm policy, program funding, and other key issues.² Census data is collected

every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National **Agricultural Statistics** Service. The census provides detailed data covering nearly every facet of U.S. agriculture and is the only source of uniform and comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Government organizations, lawmakers, city planners and individual farm operations use the information in a variety

of ways from farm bill impacts to community development, according to Smith.

Dr. Mark Waller, AgriLife Extension program leader for agricultural economics, said census data serves as a vital decision aid in making many on-farm management decisions each year.

"Farmers and ranchers can use this data to see how their costs and

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Employment falls for the first time in more than four years

By JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON - In a shower of pink slips, U.S. employers cut jobs last month for the first time in more than four years, the starkest signal yet that the economy is grinding to a halt if it hasn't already toppled into recession

Conditions are deteriorating, according to the most up-to-date employment snapshot by the Labor Department, which

ing payrolls by 17,000. The country hasn't seen such a nationwide job loss since 2003, when employers were still struggling to recover from the last previous recession.

"We are certainly on thin ice," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wachovia. And even President Bush, normally a cheerleader for the economy, said there were "serious signs' it was weakening.

Wall Street, however, took the

showed nervous employers slic- news in stride. Stock prices were up near the close of the trading day.

> Job losses were widespread in January. Factories, construction companies, mortgage brokers and real-estate firms were among those eliminating jobs — casualties of the housing bust and credit crunch. The government cut jobs for the first time since last July.

> All those cuts swamped job gains in education, health care, retailing and elsewhere.

ally dipped slightly to 4.9 percent, from 5 percent in December, as people left the labor force.

"Discouraged by a sluggish job market, many more adults are sitting on the sidelines," said Peter Morici, an economist and business professor at the University of Maryland.

Wage growth also slowed, another indication of belt-tightening. Smaller wage gains could make people who still

The unemployment rate actu- have jobs — already squeezed by high energy prices — reluctant to spend, further hurting the economy.

> President Bush prodded Congress anew to quickly pass an economic rescue package.

> "There's serious signs that ... the economy is weakening and that we've got to do something about it," Bush said. On Capitol Hill, Democratic and Republican supporters of a

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FEATURES

Making a smarter crash test dummy

By MARIE MCCULLOUGH

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — While seat belts save lives, the straps can unintentionally maim and even kill young children in crashes.

In researching the problem, bioengineer Kristy Arbogast talked to automakers about devising restraints that would be safer for small, immature bodies.

"The response I'd get back was, 'We don't have the tools we need to design better child seat belts," said Arbogast, a traffic-injury researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

What they needed was a smarter dummy for crash tests.

Now they have one.

Ford Motor Co. engineers spent three years working with experts from Children's Hospital, the University of Virginia, Wayne State University in Detroit, and the Japanese seat-belt manufacturer Takata Corp. to develop a simulated child abdomen that fits into the standard 6-year-oldsize crash-test dummy.

For more than a decade, it has been clear that the abdomen is the second most commonly injured body area in seat-belted youngsters, after the head. With the abdominal insert, safety engineers can at last measure precisely what happens to this vital region in the average 4-to-8-year-old.

In February, Ford will present the prototype to the Society of Automotive Engineers, the first step toward making it available to the entire auto industry, said Stephen W. Rouhana, Ford's senior technical leader on the project.

"We're going to take the prototype to the society's `dummy committee,'" Rouhana said. He chuckled. "That sounds funny."

Technically, a crash dummy is an "anthropomorphic test device." Equipping one with an imitation kiddie abdomen may sound simple, especially con-



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Kristy Arbogast, a traffic-injury researcher at Children's Hospital, holds a Graco Back Belt Positioning Booster Seat, at her Center City office, January 16, 2008, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Arbogast helped engineer a revolutionary crash test dummy that simulates a 6-year-old child's abdomen.

sidering that the industry already has come up with a pregnant version.

But simple it was not. The researchers had to parse the biomechanics of child seat-belt injuries. Then they re-created the injuries in an animal model. Finally, they built a gizmo that behaved like abdominal tissue — taking into account variables such as muscle tension.

Children's Hospital's 11-yearold Center for Injury Research and Prevention provided its internationally recognized expertise on crash injuries in children ages 4 to 8.

At those ages, Arbogast explained, youngsters are usually too big for toddler safety seats but too small for lap and shoulder harnesses. The lap belt, which rests on the bony pelvis of an adult, often rides up a child's cartilage-soft pelvis to the stomach. Children may add to this belly-binding effect by sitting on the edge of the seat because their legs are short.

"They scoot forward on the seat so their knees can bend comfortably," Arbogast said.

The shoulder belt tends to cut across children's necks, so they often put the annoying strap under an arm or behind the back.

To study the biomechanics of improper belt placement, poor posture, or misuse of the shoulder belt, Arbogast and colleagues crunched an accident database and conducted indepth crash investigations. They found specific patterns of abdominal injuries.

The seat-belted children were either propelled forward headfirst over the lap belt, or their pelvises slipped under it. The crushing force of the lap belt or the lap and shoulder belts variously injured the liver, spleen, pancreas, bowel, colon, bladder, ribs, even lungs. "The belt would almost go right through the abdomen to the lower spine," said Arbogast, lead author of the study, published in June. "We saw several cases of partial paralysis. We also saw children with serious injuries in relatively minor crashes. The driver sustained only minor bruises."

Booster seats, previous Children's Hospital studies have shown, can reduce the risk of crash injury in 4-to-8year-olds almost 60 percent. Thirty-eight states, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, now have laws requiring the transitional safety seats.

But it's not an ideal fix. Only about half of children who need boosters actually use them. And while boosters can improve seat-belt fit, the child's body remains inherently more fragile than an adult's.

With researchers armed with an understanding of the mechanics of injury, their next step was to figure out how much force would cause it. Many variables were involved, but the key question was: How deep and how fast does the belt have to crush the abdomen to do harm?

So they developed an animal model using a species that they determined was anatomically and developmentally similar to a 6-year-old human: a 2 1/2-month-old pig.

Tests approved by an ethics review board — the 47 pigs were anesthetized and then euthanized so they would not feel pain — revealed that lifethreatening injury was unavoidable when the lap belt penetrated 70 percent of the abdominal depth at a rate of about 8 meters per second, said Richard W. Kent, the University of Virginia biomedical engineer who led that study.

The threshold for serious injury, they found, was 40 percent penetration of the abdomen at a speed of about three meters per second. This translated to a 50-50 chance of serious harm, such as perforating the (dead) pig's bowel.

When the researchers published the pig model of pediatric abdominal injury 14 months ago, auto-safety engineers were wowed.

"Our team was invited to give lectures in Japan, Korea and Europe," Kent said. "Everyone wants to have a way to do this testing, because restraint systems are getting so sophisticated."

Still, Ford's experts had to build the gizmo that would "feel" these forces as a human abdomen would. They invented a flexible silicone shell filled with liquid silicone and equipped with light sensors.

During a crash test, the seat belt compresses the shell, causing light-emitting sensors in three spots on the front to move toward light-receiving sensors at the back. These record the change in light intensity, which is then converted into the key indicators — the speed and depth of abdominal penetration.

"The sensors tell not only how severe the crash is, but how the seat belt deformed the abdomen and the risk of injury," Kent said. "A child could walk out of a fender bender with significant injury, or walk away from a serious accident with scratches.

"Until now, there was no way to predict."

Ford's Rouhana said he hoped that sharing the imitation abdomen with the industry in the coming months would give safety engineers "the ability to do out-of-the-box thinking" to create better restraint systems.

Arbogast, meanwhile, looks forward to sparing mothers from arguments like the one she has with her daughter, who at age 10 is still shorter than 57 inches — small enough to need a booster seat.

"She gives me a hard time every now and then," Arbogast said.

"I tell her: 'This is what Mom does. She studies how to make kids safer. So you're stuck with it.""





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Mince, criminal trespass, \$276 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Heather Atkinson, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 30 days in

Probated Judgment: Joshua Noble possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Marcus Emory Sturgill, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judgment: Tabor Roshier Griffin, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Brenda June Smith, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend ed, 6 months probation).

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Probated Judgment: Jose Alfredo Melendez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail

time suspended, 24 months probation) Probated Judgment: Susan Etta Overton, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend

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District Court Filings: First American Investment LLC vs. Mauro Aguinaga, accounts, notes and contracts.

Melinda Leigh Cervantez vs. Iginio Cervantez, divorce.

CACV of Colorado LLC vs. Bruce E Hicks, accounts, notes and contracts. Elizabeth Stowers Stovall vs. Adam

Stovall, divorce. The State of Texas vs. Alfonso

Barreras, seizure. The Estate of Cynthia Doria Stoll

(deceased), civil suit. Colleen T. Craver vs. Juan Carlos Vargas and Western Dedicated Logistics Date: Jan. 29, 2008

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Government Heights Date: Jan. 30, 2008 Grantor: Opal May Reed Grantee: Austin Alexander Reed Property: One-half interest in a tract out of Section 48, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P

RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 18, 2008

Grantor: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Robert E. Haney Jr. and Jimmy Taylor

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Property: The NW/4 of Section 8, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; and the W/2 of the SW/4 of Section 5, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 18, 2008

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Property: Sections 31 and 32, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Section 33, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Borden County; Section 42, and the N/2 of Section 43, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Section 36, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Borden and Howard Counties; Section 37, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey. Date: Jan. 18, 2008

Grantor: CitiMortgage Inc. Grantee: Southwest Alliance of Asset Managers Property: A tract out of Section 45.

Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 22, 2008

Grantor: Yolanda J. Lee Grantee: Shirley Braden Property: The S/60 feet of Lot 1 and the W/2 of Lot 2, Block 14, Cole & Strayhorn Addition Date: Jan. 22, 2008

Grantor: James C. Turney Grantee: Patricia D. Galvan Property: A tract out of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 22, 2008

Grantor: Big Spring Realty Inc. Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc. Property: Lot 11, Block 7, Stanford

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Grantor: BJR Resources Grantee: Cajun Development Corp. Property: A 200-acre tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

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Grantor: Robert L. Beall Grantee: Bernell Bayes Property: A tract out of Section 4, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; A tract out of Section 5. Block 32. T-1-N. T&P RR Co. Survey; and a tract out of Section 5, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

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Grantor: H.E. Tubb Grantee: William Randall and Lana Thomas

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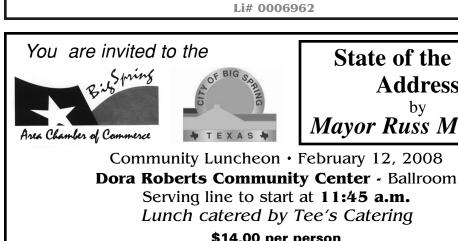
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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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BSCC is currently seeking correctional officer applicants with the determination, commitment and desire to succeed in the field of corrections.

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BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, February 3, 2008

Help Wanted

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BIG SPRING HERALD

Sunday, February 3, 2008

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Contact the Job Center 432-268-7341 **Big Spring State Hospital** 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720



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General

Help Wanted

Electrician/ Meter Technician Positions

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has openings for an Industrial Electrician. Electrical experience and training required. A Meter Technician position is also available. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. Will work out of Big Spring, TX. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. EOE Applications are required to be considered for employment and are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling 432-267-6341.

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RECEPTIONIST NEEDED. Qualifications: Mature individual, basic computer skills & personality. phone Monday-Saturday. Preferred resume: Non-Smoker. Send c/o Big Spring Herald, PO Box 1431/221, Big Spring, TX 79721.

Help Wanted

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ROUSTABOUT

Newpark Environmental Services LLC., an established Oilfield Service Company, has an immediate opening for a Roustabout at its' Big Spring, TX Location. Some oilfield service experience is a plus! Rotating schedule. Hourly pay D.O.E. Impressive benefits package (eligible after 90 days of employment) that includes: Health, Dental, Life, Long and Short Term Disability, Paid Vacation and Sick Time, 401K Retirement Plan. We are an equal opportunity employer. EĖO/AA.

Applicants can be completed Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at:

Newpark Environmental Services LLC 500 N. Salem Road Big Spring, TX 79720 For more information regarding position please this call (432)393-5965.

SALES REPS NEEDED Local Company Seeking experienced, motivated, energetic Sales associates. Must have great people skills, sales experience & calling experience.

Call (432)599-8018 or Apply at Big Spring Pack and Ship. SITE MANAGER for Big Spring

Mall. Must have office knowledge, marketing and property management skills a plus. 325-698-5661.

WANTED **EXPERIENCED** Plumbers and Plumber Helpers. Call 806-866-0052.

Help Wanted

SOCIAL WORKER

Must be State licensed with excellent interpersonal, organizational & computer skills. Duties include maintaining care plan notes, documentation, social intervention, etc. Will also coordinate new client Admissions. EOE. For details, call our Administrator at (806)872-2141, mail resume, or apply in person at SAGE HEALTH CARE CEN-TER, 1201 North 15th St., Lamesa, TX 79331.

WANTED: FARM-LIVESTOCK worker from 3-10-08 to 12-31-08 to operate tractor with 9-row folding equipment using manual, GPS, and computerized tracking system. Contour farming with numerous point rows and terraces, sub-surface drip irrigation, planting, cultivating and harvesting crops. Must prepare land for the next season. Livestock duties: herd, tend, vaccinate, artificially inseminate, maintain water and feeder troughs for cattle, sheep and swine. Also, operate welder, cutting torch and tools for repair of equipment, machinery, and farm vehicles. \$8.66 per hr. plus room, provided. tools/equipment Transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite provided at completion of 50% of work plus return transportation at completion of contract 3/4 work period guaranteed. Applicants State Workforce contact Agency, 501 Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Phone 432-263-8373. Job order: 8897911.





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Salary dependent on experience. No smoking at any time during work performance. Call Debbie Lindsey at 1-800-852-2193 for more information. Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, by visiting the website at www.wtcmhmr.org. or by calling JOBLINE at 800-687-2769. EOE 9720

FIELD MECHANICS

Tejas Maintenance a division of Exline, Inc. a national leader in the repair of large stationary engines (1,500hp to 15,000hp) and reciprocating compressors is expanding its Field Service Division.

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Does this interest you?

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CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

Exline, Inc., a national leader in the repair of large stationary engines (1,500 hp to 15,000 hp) and reciprocating compressors is expanding its Field Service Division.

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Working at different locations across the United States. Responsibility for construction crews in various locations. Compensation based on construction and mechanical leadership experience.

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or e-mail to l.pankratz@exline-inc.com FAX 785-826-4425. 8852

Sales Representative.

Good knowledge of electrical products and systems required along with customer service skills. Prior warehouse, city desk, or sales experience preferred. Strong PC skills helpful. Competitive salary and benefit package. To apply, fax resume to: 432-263-1442,

Email; TMajors@border-states.com or apply in person at; 3202 IS-20 E. EOE/Drug Free Workplace

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HIRING MIXER DRIVERS

Class A or B CDL license and a good driving record required. Starting wage is \$12.00 and \$12.50 with Mixer experience.

HIRING MECHANIC

Assist lead mechanic in performing repairs and maintenance on diesel equipment. Potential employees need a good driving record. Starting wage is \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hour depending on experience. We offer an excellent benefits package including, medical, dental, and 401k profit sharing. Employment will include a 40 hour wage guarantee and quarterly bonus plan.

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AUCTION Tuesday, Feb. 5...10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Sparenberg, TX (Dawson Co.) From Lamesa, 10 miles South of US 87, then 5

miles South on FM 26, then 1 mile East on FM 828. Sale site is 1 mile East of Sparenburg Gin.

MELVEN AND JOANN LOBSTEIN -- OWNERS

TRACTORS/HARVEST: '92 JD 4760 MFWD, '91 JD 4555 MFWD, '88 JD 4650 MFWD, '77 JD 4430, '76 JD 4430, '67 Oliver #1850, JD 7450 Stripper (Nice), JD 7445 Stripper (Nice), '98 Boll Buggy (Nice), '81 BH Module Builder (Nice), 24" Hyd. Fertilizer Belt (Nice), 2000 GMC SC PU (Clean). EQUIPMENT: Approx. 50 Piece Farm Equipment. TANKS, TRAILERS, and much more. NOTE: Most of the tractors were purchased new. They have been shedded, well maintained and clean.

CONTACT: Quality Auctioneers, Inc. (806) 866-4646. James Fullwood (806) 787-8101, Charles Macha, Auctioneers #6911 (806) 893-7151. See complete list/pics: www.qualityauctioneers.com

AUCTION

Thursday, Feb. 7 ... 10:30 A.M.

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Today's moon in Capricorn delights in a steady predictable, routine. There's sweet satisfaction in knowing

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

where we're going, with whom and when. If a conflict develops

between MATHIS staying on schedule

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accommodating and interruptions, holding the reins of control loosely helps us happily carry on with our plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Take your down time seriously. Guard it as you would other appointments. Music feeds your creativity. Listening to your favorite tunes will relax you enough to let yourself be uplifted. TAURUS (April 20-May

20). You're the wayfarer of the zodiac today, so wear a comfortable pair of shoes. You're not looking for anything particular on your travels, but you'll find something spectacular anyway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Temperance is the of your cornerstone

delightful personality. When you practice moderation in all things, you're a breath of fresh air to all you meet. It's more challenging to do so as extremists want to befriend you. CANCER (June 22-July

22). Some of the most satisfying art is produced by "happy accidents," unintended smudges or mistakes that take the work in new directions. Let mayhem be your guide to creative bliss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Timing can be everything. There are times and to extra sensitive to how others are feeling before you bring up a loaded topic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). For now, at least. reason is overrated. You can communicate the exact emotion you want to convey when you abandon logic and express your heart. "Poetry should be made by all." — Lautreamont. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You'll be presented with a strong proposal. Consider carefully whose interest will be best served if you go forward. Buy some time — three days is best — to think one this over. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Normally you are knows when zip it. You're psychically in tune with loved ones, but today your basic observational skills take you the distance. Ask questions, and then pay close attention to the way answers are delivered. The eyes tell you everything.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). So, it's not rocket science — still, communication between the sexes is a subtle art. When women say, "We need to talk," men hear, "You're doing something Adapt your

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22that you can never be too rich or too thin. But if there's one thing you can be it's too nice. Hold back some. Let people ask for what they need before

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To your people, vou're a self-esteem booster, a spiritual uplift, a personal advocate. Should you expect those around you to be as supportive as you are? No. But they should at least be somewhere in the ballpark.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The old saying goes: Don't sell it when it's already sold. In other words, a good salesman

as you influence your world today. A few wellchosen words are enough. FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week brings two special events — the Chinese celebration of the Year of the Earth Rat and a new moon solar eclipse in Aquarius. The Chinese New Year is dictated by the lunar calendar, so it falls on a different day every year, and this year, we celebrate the earth rat, perhaps the most cunning and intelligent of animals for the wheel, the quick-thinking rat, an unlikely choice for his smallness, somehow wound up at the head of the pack!). The combined influences of Year of the Rat and the solar eclipse Aquarius in mix ingenuity and intelligence with the winds of progress and change. The purposeful earth rat, adaptable to changing circumstances, is totally unafraid of intense and challenging conditions, which fortifies visionary Aquarian energies with quick-on-your-feet

a superstar salesperson

opportunity for benefit, he pursues it. Consider that resourcefulness and crafty planning will move you to the head of the pack, but the true winner of the rat race is the one who works with and on behalf of his animal friends, toward a global cause that benefits everyone (Aquarius).

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Is it true that Aquarians like Sara Evans have a harder time in love? Unequivocally, no. The truth is their love lives are never mundane as this sign only thrives in atmospheres of honesty and growth. Yet it was Sara's heart (Venus) that required healing over the past couple of years as Pluto's passage unearthed relationship heartache. 2008 shapes up nicely, but love gets better in 2009.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Legals Public Notice

The Office of County Auditor will receive sealed bids until 9:00 am on February 11, 2008 for asbestos abatement of county owned buildings. Bids will be presented to the Howard County Commissioners Court at 10:30 am on February 11, 2008 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

There will be a mandatory prebid walk-through with Terracon Consultants and the architect on February 5, 2008 at the project site of 3700 West Highway 80. All interested bidders are required to attend this meeting.

Abatement specifications will be available from the architect, Southwest Architects, 3117 Handley Drive, Fort Worth, Tx 76112 (telephone number 817.654.4445) Attention: Jeff Heffelfinger, or the as bestos consultant, Terracon Consultants, 24 Smith Road, Suite 261 Midland, Tx 79705 (telephone number 432.684.9600) Attention: Sean Carter, or Jackie Olson, Howard County Auditor, 300 Main Street, County Courthouse, Big Spring, TX 79720 (telephone number 432.264.2210) All questions should be directed to the architect. Southwest Archi tects. Attention: Jeff Heffelfinger. Jackie Olson-Howard County Auditor #5663 January 27 and February 3, 2008

Dear Annie: Our only child, a son, is married with two children. Their last visit with us was difficult. very Our daughter-in-law,

right to stay in our home and not eat any meals with us or join in any family activity. She also refused to help prepare or clean up, saying this is "not her home" and she's only a guest. She barely spoke a word to my husband or me, just a

Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

"Ursula," felt it was her



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

recommended inheritor share a portion with the siblings to keep peace in the family. Then you printed a letter about a mother-in-law who was worried she'd promised one daughter-in-law a china set that is worth more than the one she'll give the other daughterin-law.

Have we all gone nuts? The giver has the right to give to whomever she What about wants. reaping what you sow? Whatever happened to being happy with what comes? No one is entitled to a gift of equal cost only to keep them happy. If you have to worry about everyone else's feelings, giving isn't worth the bother. — You Don't Owe Me Anything in Nebraska Dear Nebraska: You aren't the only reader who disagreed with us. But those who arrange bequests don't have to live with the fallout. Such inequality — deserved or not — can create hard feelings and a rift that never mends. Most people value their relationships with siblings, daughtersin-law, children, etc., and a wise, caring person keeps that in mind when being generous. Dear Annie: My husband's college roommate is an internist lives in who our community. "Dr. Fred" is not our family physician, but I admit we have, on occasion, asked for his assistance in emergency situations. Maybe we've taken some medical of advantage his friendship, but he's never seemed to mind. The night before Thanksgiving, I got the flu and had extreme nausea. I gave Fred a call at his home and he offered to stop by with an injection for the nausea and some pills for later, if necessary. I thanked him profusely. When Fred arrived, my husband wasn't home. Fred gave me the antinausea injection in my hip and then left. When my husband returned, I told him Fred had stopped by. But when he heard Fred had given me the shot in my backside, he was clearly bothered, asking me if I "had to show much." I was surprised by his apparent

the jealousy. For what it's a about dropping one side of my pants about two inches — nothing that can't be seen in the grocery store.

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It was just a shot, given by a good friend and wonderful physician who was doing me a big favor, no less. Did I do something wrong? _ Jeannie in Detroit

Dear Jeannie: Other than taking advantage of Fred's friendship, no.

court-appointed worth, we are talking guardian or custodian to manage her money for her benefit. You or another family member could serve in that capacity, but we don't recommend any of you put yourself in the middle of what may turn into a family feud. A banker or lawyer might be a better choice as guardian. If the guardian determines that Mom's money has been "borrowed" by family members who used the

message to the receiver. all animals in Chinese excellent inopportune times astrology (when the Jade broach any subject. Be Jan. 19). It's been said Emperor chose the 12

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wrong."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 P.M., February 27, 2008, on the following:

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Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office located at 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on March 13, 2008 at 5:15 P.M. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

#5668 February 3 & 8, 2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MATTIE PAULINE FULLER. Deceased, were issued on January 24, 2008, in Cause No. P-13605 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: DON-ALD FULLER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: DONALD FULLER 609 Twilight Drive Garland, TX 75040 DATED the 30th day of January, 2008. Joshua Hamby State Bar No.: 24034471 306 Scurry Street P.O. Box 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199 Telephone: (432)263-8395 Facsimile: (432)263-4798 #5670 February 3, 2008

quick "bye" as she dashed out the door each day to join her friends.

My husband and I have reached the limit of our patience. We are not running a hotel. In our opinion, Ursula is a bully and a control freak. We want to see our son and grandchildren, but the strain of having this rude girl in our home is too stressful. However, if we tell them they can't stay here, we're fairly certain Ursula will ban us from seeing the grandchildren altogether, as this has happened in the past. What can we do? — Frustrated Grandparents

Dear Frustrated: Where is your son in all this drama? Yes, Ursula is being an inconsiderate pain in the behind, but it's your son who has to demand she behave more appropriately. A loving wife makes an effort to be polite and considerate to her husband's parents. We trust the treatment of your son and daughter-inlaw is equal. After all, if he doesn't clean up, why should she? Inform your son that you are not the maid, and that you expect both him and Ursula to help out when they stay with you. You also can make a reservation for them at a nearby motel, saying you know how much they value their

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privacy and you want them to enjoy their time together. If you can afford it, offer to pay for their room. It may be worth the peace of mind.

Dear Annie: What's the rule about asking people to give money rather than a gift for one's retirement? I'm leaving my job soon and have several things I want, but can't afford to buy. Rather than have people give me gifts I have no use for, I'd much rather have cash so I can purchase whatever T need.

Is this in poor taste? What is the correct way to write this on an invitation? — Rockford, Ill.

Dear Rockford: Sorry, there is no polite, correct or acceptable way to tell people on an invitation that you expect a gift and it ought to be cash. A gift is whatever guests choose to give because of their fond feelings for you. (We know a lot of greedy people think otherwise, but they are wrong.) Here's the best you can your do: Mention preference to one or two close friends and have them pass it along.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter about a person who received an inheritance from her overseas grandparent. She stayed in touch with Grandma and her siblings did not. You

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Your husband's reaction was no doubt due to the fact that Fred is a friend and not just а disinterested doctor. Still, it's flattering to know that even while you are throwing up, he still thinks other men find you sexy. Give him a reassuring kiss and say nothing more about it.

Annie: Dear Dad married my stepmother when I was 6 years old. I consider her to be my mother. Dad and Mom proceeded to have two biological children. We are all one-third equal heirs to our parents' estate.

Four years ago, Dad passed away. Immediately after, Mom began to show signs of dementia and has gotten increasingly worse. She is now no longer capable of living alone and will be going into an assisted living facility.

Here is the problem: Since Dad's passing, my siblings and nephew have "borrowed" over onethird of Mom's life savings. They repay very little. When I ask them about the money, they brush it off, saying, "If she needs the money, we'll give it back."

I would like to see some formal terms of repayment set up. However, I am afraid if I bring up the subject again, it will cause dissension. They are my only close relatives and I don't want to lose them. How can I resolve this dilemma without alienating my siblings? — Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Rock: Mom's Dear dementia prevents her legitimately from designating someone to handle her financial affairs, so you should talk to a lawyer about getting funds for their own benefit, the guardian should be able to force them to repay it.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Sad Mom" was a very informative piece on steroid abuse. Although you said steroids cause can extreme mood swings, you did not specifically mention suicide. A very nice young man in our area committed suicide and it was attributed to steroid abuse. It was such a tragedy. — Toledo, Ohio Dear Toledo: Extreme mood swings can cause depression severe enough to include suicide, and some steroid abusers can become suicidal when they first go off the steroids. Thanks for the additional warning.

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FEATURES

Are cholesterol drugs overprescribed?

By Josh Goldstein

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA Jennifer Loftus did everything she could think of to bring down her high cholesterol. But nothing not diet, not exercise, not even natural supplements - helped her control the problem.

After six years of trying, the otherwise healthy 36year-old nurse from Marlton, N.J., was ready to take her doctor's advice: start a life-long, daily regimen of cholesterol-lowering statins.

It's what millions of Americans do — turning statins into huge moneymakers for drug companies.

The cholesterol-lowering drugs have been shown in clinical studies to reduce the risk of death, heart attack, and problems other in patients with cardiovascular disease, but it is less clear that they help patients like Loftus who don't yet have heart disease.

"It is a very common response — not just of primary care doctors, but also cardiologists — that everybody with high cholesterol is put on a statin," said David Becker, a cardiologist.

But Becker thinks that quick-fix approach has led to the drugs' overprescription.

Now a recent study that compared two cholesterol drugs has many patients and doctors asking the same thing.

The study compared the combination drug Vytorin — a mix of two



Dan Rader, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist, counsels patient Jennifer Loftus on taking statins for her high cholesterol, at his office in Philadelphia Jan. 22.

cholesterol busters, Zetia that compare otherwise and Zocor — to Zocor alone.

It found that Vytorin did not perform better than Zocor in preventing the buildup of arterial plaque.

Vytorin is made by a Merck-Schering Plough partnership aimed at adding a new cholesterol drug to the market as Merck's Zocor went generic. Zetia blocks cholesterol absorption in the stomach while Zocor limits cholesterol production in the liver.

The buildup of plaque from too much cholesterol can lead to heart attack and stroke. It has long been assumed that by lowering cholesterol patients would lessen their risk of death — even in people without heart disease.

healthy patients on statins to those not taking the drugs reveal that dozens of people must be treated with the medications over many years to avoid a single heart attack or other "major

coronary event." Between 200 and 250 people with high cholesterol but no known cardiovascular disease must take the drugs daily for three to five years to prevent one death, two analyses of the available scientific literature reveal.

On the other hand, if 68 such patients followed a more careful diet one death could be avoided, according to a similar analysis that tracked patients for an average of more than six-and-a-half years.

Becker's office was But analyses of studies among those deluged by

worried calls from patients in the two weeks since the Vytorin study was released.

In almost every case, he persuaded his patients to stick with their meds.

Becker isn't concerned about the safety or even the efficacy of Vytorin, which did lower so-called "bad" LDL cholesterol more than Zocor alone.

But he wonders whether the long delay in the release of the Vytorin study was because the companies weren't eager to publicize the less-thanstellar results.

The study reported no significant difference in the buildup of arterial plaque after two years. For some, that raised the question of just how important it is to lower cholesterol.

Given the financial stakes — cholesterol-low\$21.6 billion from U.S. sales in 2006 - some wonder whether studies that question the benefits of medications ever the reach the public.

Last month, a New England Journal of Medicine article found that nearly one-third of the studies of antidepressant drugs were never published.

The results of unpublished studies tend to be more negative.

Loftus is getting married in March and hopes to get pregnant. So before taking statins, she went to get a second opinion from Daniel Rader, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist and cholesterol expert.

She was surprised by his recommendation.

Rader told her to hold off on the drugs and give diet and exercise another shot. He sent her to a nutritionist.

"I rarely put new patients on a drug on their first visit and almost always counsel

ering drugs generated lifestyle changes," Rader said.

> "It really comes down to an individual patient and assessing their personal risk of developing cardiovascular disease not just for the next 10 years, but for 20 to 30 years."

> While Loftus has a total cholesterol of 254 and a "bad" LDL cholesterol of 185 — both well above the recommended levels she has few other risk factors for heart disease.

> But every patient is different.

> That same morning, Rader and a colleague had persuaded — after months of trying — a retired computer programmer that it was time for him to go on a statin.

Kai Schroeder is 61; his total cholesterol was 206 and his LDL was 132. But in addition to his age and gender, Schroeder had vascular disease.

Rader said given his risk factors for developing a life-threatening problem, Schroeder's need to be on the medication was a "no brainer."



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Howard County Junior College District STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended August 31, 2007



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REVENUES Operating revenues Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$1,713,917 and \$1,830,125) Federal grants and contracts State grants and contracts Local grants and contracts Nongovernmental grants and contracts Sales and services of educational activities Auxiliary enterprises Other operating revenues Total operating revenues (Schedule A)	\$2,658,965 4,471,710 486,786 484 502,502 297,415 366,284 186,542 8,970,688
EXPENSES Operating expenses Instruction Public service Academic support Student services Institutional support Operation and maintenance of plant Scholarships and fellowships Auxiliary enterprises Depreciation Total operating expenses	\$9,888,795 841,829 1,457,282 2,775,150 4,158,811 2,689,274 1,653,381 1,652,879 <u>794,539</u> 25,911,940
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Income before other revenue	376,249
Other revenue Capital contributions	
Increase in net assets	376,249
Net assets - beginning of year	26,448,113
Net assets - end of year	\$26,824,362
The accompany notes are an integral part of these statements.	9828



FEATURES Take Note

BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, February 3, 2008

• The Senior Adult Valentine Banquet, a city wide event, will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at College Baptist Church. All seniors are invited to a great evening of fun. Featured guest will be David Garrett, who led the music during the city wide crusade. Meat will be provided for the banquet. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert ... and a friend!

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

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

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

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

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

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account

set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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By Steve Becker

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Decades-old photograph helps solve mystery of New York man's drowning

By STEPHANIE REITZ

Associated Press Writer SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -

A treasured old photograph, a police investigator's long-shot appeal to the public and a retiree's sharp memory have combined to solve a 15-yearold drowning mystery.

State police in Somers, N.Y., tried for years to identify a body found in the Titicus Reservoir on June 13, 1993, carrying 38 pounds of rocks in a backpack. The man left no clues to his name and matched no local missingpersons reports.

The only lead was a black-and-white snapshot found on the body that showed a grandfatherly man holding a small boy in the crook of his arm, both wearing attire from the 1950s or early 1960s.

Police assumed the toddler was the drowning victim, but years of investigation produced only dead ends. Then, with a few remarkable coincidences last month, Bookless Andrew got back his name. Bookless was eventually identified through dental records — though only after police seeking to identify the little boy wrongly guessed a vintage light fixture in the picture may have been in western Massachusetts. When they circulated photo the in the Berkshires, retired teacher Terry Yacubich, who had moved to Pittsfield from Bellport, N.Y., recognized a building behind the man and little boy as one she had known from her days on Long Island.



AP Photo/New York State Police via Berkshire Eagle

This photo circa 1960 released by the New York State Police, was found on the body of a drowning victim recovered from the Titicus Reservoir in Somers, N.Y., on June 13, 1993. A Pittsfield, Mass., reader who saw the photo published Jan. 19, 2008, in The Berkshire Eagle recognized the building in the photo, which helped investigators identify the child in the photo as Andrew Bookles from Bellport, N.Y. — a village on Long Island.

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fixture that grabbed Yacubich's when she saw the newspaper last weekend. She spotted the church auditorium in the village where she'd lived for 47 years. "The moment I saw that picture, I knew exactly where it was," said Yacubich, 59, who had attended decades' worth of first Communion parties, church socials and funerals there. Yacubich contacted friend Donald Mullins, a retired Suffolk County, N.Y., police detective and code enforcement officer in Bellport, a village in the town of Brookhaven. He trekked to the church's neighborhood and quickly found the spot: the front corner of a now-empty residential lot. "I stood on that very spot and said, 'This is it. This is exactly it,'

attention County, N.Y., medical Mysteries." examiner's office confirmed Bookless' identity Jan. 25, and it was released this week after his four older siblings were notified. They told police the man in the picture was Bookless' grandfather and that his parents, John and Marianna Bookless, had died in 1994 and 2004. Police said Bookless' family had him declared dead after his mother's death. Police were trying to determine whether Bookless' death was a suicide, an accident or whether he met with foul play. Investigators believe Bookless fell through the ice in the winter of 1992-93, months before his body was found with the rock-laden pack strapped on his back. New York State Police Senior Investigator Patrick Bosley, one of several troopers who reviewed the case over the years, tried unsuccessfully in the mid-1990s to have it featured on tele-

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family, it Bookless' turned out, once lived in the very spot the picture was taken.

"I'm not psychic or anything like that, but I think maybe Andrew worked through me to finally get some closure," Yacubich said.

Bookless disappeared from his family's lives years before that June day when police found him dead at 31. The snapshot was intact in a glass frame and close to his heart under layers of winter clothing.

Troopers searched for years to find someone who recognized the older man or features in the photo's background.

Investigator Joe Fiebich sent the picture to The Berkshire Eagle newspaper in January after learning the vintage street light in the background was similar to those installed throughwestern out Massachusetts decades ago.

It turned out they were common on Long Island's south shore, too.

But it wasn't the light

Mullins said. He tracked the land's ownership history in town deeds until he found that the Bookless family had a house there before it was destroyed in a fire.

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along that the picture was the best piece of information we had," Bosley said. "It was clear that evidently the older gentleman was someone very close to him — his father or grandfather, a favorite uncle, someone he cared a lot about.'

Bookless' family said he often would disappear for months, part of the reason his mother did not report him missing until 1999 even though she had not heard from him in several years, police said.

They said Bookless' body was buried in New York as an unidentified person, but that his siblings would be able to move it if they wish.

"For me, the best end of the story would be to see that Andrew rests in peace," Yacubich said.

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South next led the jack of trumps and it was this play that knocked West out of the box. If he discarded a spade, declarer would throw a club from dummy, then cash the A-K of spades and ruff a spade, establishing the ten as a trick. A club lead toward dummy's queen would then allow South to score the ten of spades and queen of clubs as the game-going tricks

If West instead discarded the nine of clubs on the jack of trumps, declarer would discard a spade from dummy and then lead a club to limit himself to one club loser.

Either way, South would get home with 10 tricks

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Chaplains' sacrifice key to annual remembrance

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Carrying more than 900 service men to an American military base in in Greenland more than 60 years ago, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester and its crew – along with four chaplains of different faiths — left its mark on American history.

Below is a recount of the events of the fateful night, as provided by The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation:

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy from waters Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable. On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester. The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive - and deadly — striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line. Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters. Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97 sur-The CGC vivors. Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships. Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death \oplus awaited.

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crowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oilsmeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

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"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four fright-"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see

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From left, Forsan High School debate team members Michael Leal, Rachael Wheeler, Clint Lockhart and Alex Newsom competed in the District Debate Contest this week at Forsan **Baptist Church.**

Forsan sweeps district in debate

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan High School debate teams of Clint Lockhart and Alex Newsom and Rachael Wheeler and Michael Leal tied for first, capturing the first and second place spots at debaters.

District Debate the Contest held Wednesday at Forsan Baptist Church. The teams will advance to state, March 10-12. Also competing were

the Forsan team of Rey and Martinez Clint Lockhart, novice

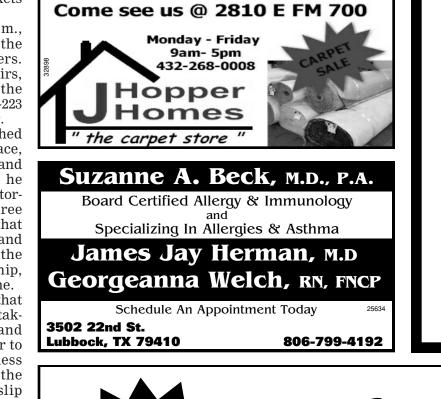
The teams, coached by Jan Sims, are the fourth consecutive teams to win both first and second place at the district contest.

Forsan has advanced to the state meet for the last nine years under two coaches.

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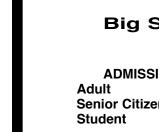


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News in brief

Officials remove hundreds of cats from Bonham property

BONHAM (AP) — Complaints from neighbors prompted Bonham police to remove 209 cats and three dogs on Friday from a home apparently overrun by the animals.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas said the animals were found inside a twostory house living in feces- and urine-infested conditions. Waste was stacked several feet in portions of the house. The yard and house are packed with refuse and filthy household items.

The SPCA helped take custody of the animals from a property in Bonham, 70 miles northeast of Dallas.

Officials found 40 cats in one bedroom. Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston said the situation apparently got well out of hand for the couple living in the house.

Property owner David Wheeler told Dallas television station WFAA that they started with just 13 cats, but the animals quickly bred.

If the animals are awarded to the SPCA at the hearing set for Tuesday, they will be spayed and neutered and made available for adoption.

For now, the cats and dogs will be vaccinated, wormed, fed, groomed and evaluated by a veterinarian.

Man wanted for questioning in baby's death surrenders in Penn.

GALVESTON (AP) — A man wanted for questioning in the death of a baby boy found tossed onto the side of a road in his child safety seat turned himself in Friday to authorities in Philadelphia, police said.

Travis Mullis, 21, was arrested on a charge of capital murder. He is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail, officials said.

"He calmly walked in and said he wanted to talk about some things that happened in Texas," Galveston police Sgt. Annie Almendarez said in a story on the Houston Chronicle Web site.

Galveston police Lt. Jorge Trevino told The Galveston County Daily News that Mullis confessed to killing the boy, whom police think was Mullis' son.

"Travis Mullis stated that he intentionally killed Alijah Mullins on Jan. 29," Trevino said.

Mullis is also wanted on a felony charge of enticing a child. Alvin police are investigating an allegation that Mullis took an 8-year-old girl from her bed in January, took her to a school or park and asked her to remove her pants.

Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Kurt Sistrunk said the extradition process to return Mullis to Texas will begin Monday.

Before turning up in Philadelphia, Mullis had not been seen since leaving his mobile home on Tuesday with the 3-month-old infant. Police say the two had been gone for more than two hours when a couple discovered the baby's body dumped alongside a road. An autopsy found the baby died of blunt-force head trauma. Records indicate Mullis lived in Maryland before moving to Texas.

Whitmore to step down next vear as Tech Tech president

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University President Jon Whitmore said Friday he will resign in one year or step aside if a permanent replacement is found sooner.

Whitmore, who has been president since September 2003, had said from the beginning he intended to stay five years. He said he has met every goal set when he took office, adding that the next president must grow the university to 40,000 students.

"My inaugural address reflected the Regents' goal of achieving academic excellence," Whitmore wrote in his resignation letter. "Every excellence initiative set out in that speech has now been accomplished, or is underway with substantial progress made."

Whitmore said he plans to stay on at Texas Tech as a professor.

A search for a new president will begin immediately, Chancellor Kent Hance said.

"Texas Tech is grateful for Jon's many contributions to the university and we wish him the best in the years to come," Hance said.

Jail escapee's wife sentenced for providing gun

FORT WORTH (AP) — The wife of a jail escapee who shot at two law enforcement officials was sentenced Friday to eight years in prison for giving him a gun after picking him up.

Tiffany Michelle Johnston had admitted to aiding and abetting a felon in possessing a firearm, U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper said. Jason Lee Johnston was convicted in October of attempted murder of a federal officer, assault of a federal officer using a deadly weapon, use of a firearm to commit a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced later this month.

Jason Johnston was awaiting transfer to the state prison system to serve a 30-year term for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon when he and Cleties Matthew Conley escaped in July from the Hood County Jail in Granbury, 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Johnston then contacted his wife, told her to pick him up and bring his handgun.

Later that day after Fort Worth police spotted and pulled over their car, Johnston shot at an officer and ordered his wife to drive away. They fled but then stopped, and Conley and Tiffany Johnston got out of the car with her 18-month-old child and surrendered.

Johnston then led authorities on a high-speed chase. When he stopped, he shot at a federal agent but hit his car instead. The agent fired back but did not strike Johnston before he fled again. The escapee was arrested three days later at a house in Granbury.

Former Hidalgo County district clerk pleads guilty to DWI

McALLEN (AP) — Assault and drug possession charges were dropped against a former Hidalgo County district clerk in exchange for his guilty plea on a lesser driving while intoxicated charge.

Omar Guerrero was sentenced to three days in jail, time he has already served, according to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office. Hidalgo County Judge Rudy Gonzalez accepted the plea Thursday.

The charges stemmed from 2005 and 2006 when Guerrero served as district clerk, The McAllen Monitor reported.

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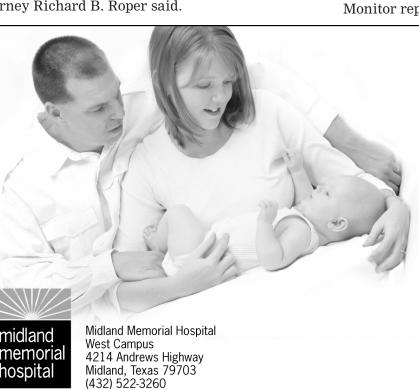
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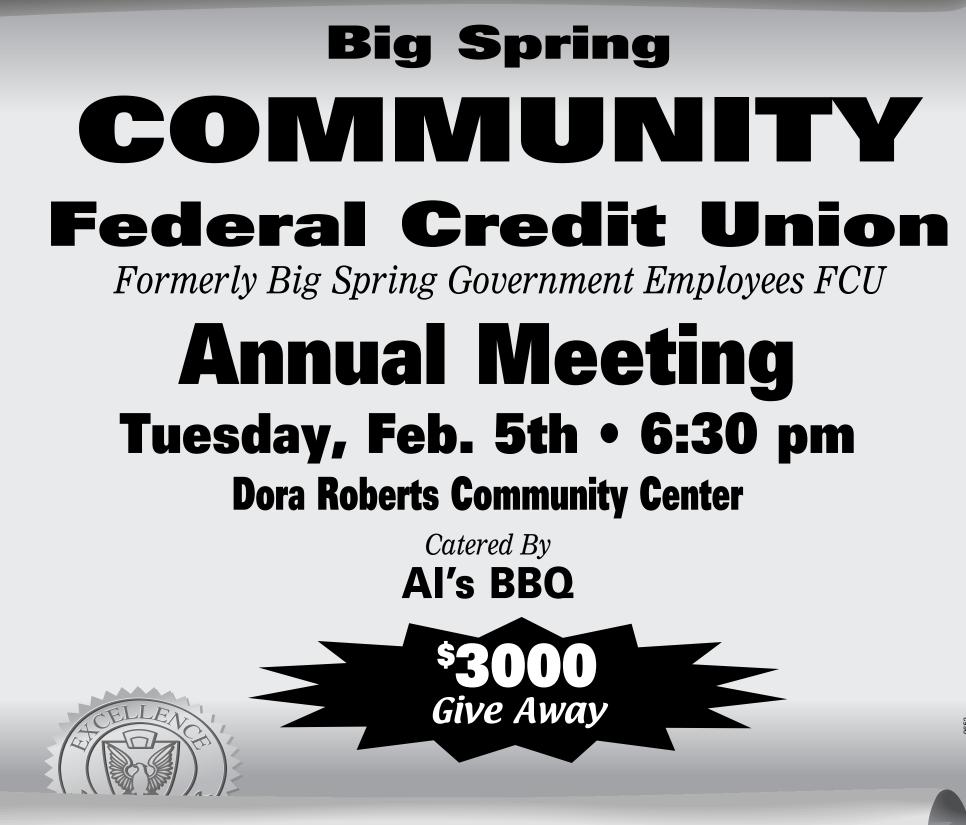
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News in brief

Obama uses McCain's lead in GOP primary as argument for his own candidacy

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LOS ANGELES (AP) -Democratic Sen. Barack Obama sees one of the best arguments for his presidential candidacy in the rise of Republican Sen. John McCain.

McCain has become Obama's favorite punching bag, an easier mark in front of partisan audiences than the rival Obama will have to beat first to get to the general election — Hillary Rodham Clinton. But he also likes to lump the two of them together as cosupporters of the war in Iraq.

"It is time for new leadership that understands the way to win a debate with John McCain or any Republican who is nominated is not by nominating someone who agreed with him on voting for the war in Iraq," Obama said during a speech in Denver Wednesday.

The pitch is a timely pivot back to the issue that helped fuel Obama's candidacy — his early opposition to Iraq. Recently the war has become a secondary issue to the declining economy — an issue on which Clinton outdistances Obama in the polls as the more experienced hand to guide the nation though financial turmoil.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said Clinton has the strength and experience to take on McCain on national security. And he said it's the New York senator who provides the starker contrast with McCain because her health care plan would require coverage for everyone while Obama's would not.

U.S. strike in Pakistan exposes entrenched Islamic militants in

gun control and gay rights, while Romney has shifted his positions. Romney, a former

Massachusetts governor, was once "very pro-choice" and supported "strong positions for same-sex-relations,' Huckabee said.

"He said on television that he would do more for the gay-lesbian agenda than Ted Kennedy. That's pretty bold. He said on television that he was not part of the Reagan Revolution, said that he was not part of that Reagan-Bush thing. That's on camera."

The former Arkansas governor, who acknowledged making the "political puberty" remark in a cable television interview, said Romney claims to be a gun rights supporter, but cannot be a "true Second Amendment" supporter because he supports an assault weapons ban.

Huge storm blankets Midwest with snow, more expected before system moves east

CHICAGO (AP) Heavy, wet snow made for treacherous roads and delayed commutes Friday as a winter storm lumbered eastward after blanketing the nation's midsection.

"If you don't have to be out here, don't," Ty Wilson, a very wet Chicago bicycle messenger, said as he stopped along a slushy street between deliveries.

Another storm system made roads impassible in parts of the Pacific Northwest.

Just more than 5 inches of snow was reported at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport by Friday morning. About 500 flights were canceled there.

In central Illinois, at least a foot of snow was reported in Springfield. But as the storm moved to the northeast, central Indiana was spared a similar fate, with Indianapolis getting little more than an inch of slush.

said investigators had confirmed there were no survivors.

No one on the ground was hurt, said Warren Woodberry, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The King Air C90A split in half after falling into a grassy area between two homes near the Mount Airy airport around 11:30 a.m., the Surry County Sheriff's Office said.

The plane took off in Cedartown, Ga., Woodberry said, and the passengers were on their way to Primland, a hunt- there into 2009, seen as ing and golf resort in the tipping point for on whether U.S. forces

Meadows of Dan, Va., about 25 miles north of long-term security, and the Mount Airy airport, according to Kelvin Boyette, the airport manager.

AP Interview: Ambassador says U.S. plans to keep combat troops in Iraq into 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush's top diplomat in Iraq said Friday that the U.S. plans to keep combat troops

establishing the nation's he offered no deadline for a full withdrawal.

Ambassador Ryan told The Crocker Associated Press that he can't make any promises if, as the Democratic candidates have signaled, the next president pulls forces out faster or in greater numbers.

Crocker said America remains "a center of gravity" in Iraq almost five years after invasion, and that violence and political development both hinge to a considerable degree remain there.

Crocker said he and Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, would make the best of any change in plans ordered from the top.

"Obviously, we're not the ones who make the policy decisions — not in this administration and not in the next one," Crocker said.

"If someone wants to reset the conditions, then obviously we'll do the best we can within the context but those aren't assumptions that we start with."



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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The U.S. missile strike that killed a top al-Qaida commander just over a mile from a Pakistani military base shows how entrenched Islamic militants are in the lawless tribal regions, where extremists have launched increasingly bold attacks.

The targeting of Abu Laith al-Libi also suggests American intelligence is improving and that President Pervez Musharraf is willing to turn a blind eye to attacks along the Afghan border if they avoid civilian casualties.

Pakistan has yet to confirm the death of al-Libi, reported Thursday on Islamic extremist Web sites and confirmed by an American official who said the veteran al-Qaida leader was hit by a missile from a U.S. Predator drone in a village in North Waziristan late Monday.

Huckabee criticizes Romney's change of heart on issues dear to conservatives

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) Republican Mike
 Huckabee on Friday defended his previous remark that Mitt Romney didn't reach "political puberty" until recently, saying he was referring to his presidential rival's change of heart on key issues.

Speaking to 600 supporters jammed into a restaurant-bar in Oklahoma City, Huckabee said he \oplus has been consistent on issues dear to conservatives such as abortion,

6 killed in crash of plane trying to land amid N.C. fog

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed Friday as it tried to land amid low fog at a small airport in northwest North Carolina, killing all six people on board, officials said.

Stephanie Conner, a Surry County emergency services shift supervisor, Medical Guide

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Justin Timberlake will be there. So will Madonna, Shakira, Marilyn Monroe, Derek Jeter and a dancing "naked" lizard.

Despite the high-profile lineup, the annual advertising showcase that the Super Bowl has become appears to be pretty tame this time around, industry experts say, returning to a more traditional style.

"I'm not seeing much proactive work being done," said Steven Schreibman, vice president of advertising and brand management for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. "Most advertisers are still operating under a veil of secrecy. I think there's this belief that people will wait for your ad with bated breath, but I think that's exaggerating."

Nationwide generated much buzz in previous Super Bowls using humor and a format in which celebrities made fun of themselves. Last year's Nationwide ads, featuring Kevin Federline Britney Spears' ex - andseveral different endings, were posted on the Internet, drawing thousands of viewers before the Super Bowl game.

The company decided to sit out this Super Bowl because its ad team didn't find a concept that grabbed them, Schreibman said. Instead, Nationwide decided it would be more effective to spend its advertising dollars on sponsoring syndicated radio programs and signing a seven-year agreement with NASCAR. Still, plenty of companies were lured by the more than 94 million

viewers expected to tune



into the game on Sunday. The proportion of advertisers who decide not to return to the Super Bowl is greater than it is for other sports events, noted Jon Swallen, senior vice president of research for TNS Media Intelligence.

"Part of it's the price tag," he said, "but I think there is also the sensitivity on the part of advertisers that it's hard to get your money's worth, given all the stuff that goes on around it.

"You do wonder, with all the hype and mania surrounding it, at what point does it implode on itself?"

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This year's game will feature the usual suspects, including Anheuser-Busch, which has a record nine spots, PepsiCo and FedEx, which has advertised in the Super Bowl 18 times since 1989. Swallen said the brands which might have a chance to rise above the chatter to distinguish themselves are brands like Sunsilk, the hair products brand, and Victoria's Secret.

Sunsilk, for example, decided to launch its "Life Can't Wait" campaign as a Super Bowl ad, releasing the 30-second spot to the media on Jan.

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17. The TV spot features with humor and celebri- Internet, a commercial Marilyn Monroe, Madonna and Shakira, as icons of the past and present. Ami Striker, Sunsilk's marketing director, noted that 40 percent of the viewers double the number of women watching the Academy Awards — will be female.

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Timberlake,

birthday suit.

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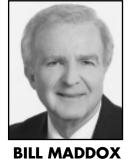
such as

Campbell, Missy Elliott

"It seemed a natural fit to debut our ad in the midst of what's become a true marketing frenzy a time when people are actually almost as invested in the ads as they are in the game," Striker said.

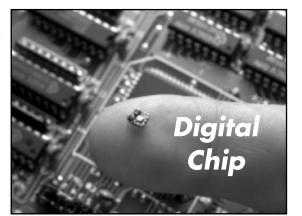
In addition to releasing the commercial early, Sunsilk is soliciting inspiring stories from women about their own "Life Can't Wait" moment that will be featured in a Sunsilk ad to debut in the summer.

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