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Oasis residents oppose Kemper plans

"The only source of water we have is well water, and we're very much concerned this could cause a problem ... "



By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Just say no. That's what several county residents are asking the Howard County Commissioners Court to do, as an

oil company has filed paperwork necessary to use an abandoned oil well north of Big Spring to store salt water used in well injections. Roy

Beauchamp, a resident of nearby Oasis Road, told commissioners this week that Kemper Operating Company's plans could endanger the drinking water for Don residents in the area.

"It's been about two weeks since we've received this certified letter," said Beauchamp. "There's a list of everyone they sent the letters to and the county is on that See **OASIS**, Page 3A

list twice. There are quite a few of us here that live out in that area.

"It's an old, abandoned oil well. They

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Best at the Bee

Goliad student school district's top speller

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Brianna Kight said she wasn't very nervous during this year's Big Spring Independent School **District Spelling Bee.**

She probably didn't have time.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Independent School District Spelling Bee champion Brianna Kight, left, and runner-up Julie Jimenez, center, talk with bee coordinator Robin Ritchey after the conclusion of the contest Wednesday afternoon.

One more round passed Kight had competed in advance to the national before matters quickly the bee two years earlier bee later this year in and said that experience Washington D.C. helped better prepare her Asked what she would for what to expect. do to prepare for the "I think I learned from regional bee, Kight hoist-"I was kind of excited some of my mistakes last ed the dictionary she time and it motivated me won Wednesday and said: "I'm probably going this year," she said. "I really can't believe I to read this thing.'

Busted!

Five jailed on drug charges at local motel



By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A Big Spring man and four Arlington residents were arrested at the Delux Inn Tuesday night as the narcotics division of the Big Spring Police Department executed a pair of search warrants. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, law enforcement officers recovered illegal drugs and a sizable amount of cash from a pair of rooms at the local hotel, located at 400 N. Gregg Street. "This bust is the result of a month-long investigation involving the sale of crack cocaine at the Delux Inn," said Everett. "A search warrant was executed at Room 21 at approximately 10:24 p.m. That lead to a second search warrant being issued for Room 36.

"Officers recovered an ounce of marijuana, 69 dosage units of ecstasy,

In one of the quickest bees in recent memory, Kight was the last speller standing at the annual bee, held Wednesday afternoon at Big Spring Junior High School.

Spellers fell fast and furious at this year's bee — after two rounds, only representing Kight, Goliad Intermediate School, and the eventual runner-up Julie Jimenez of the junior high remained.

became settled. Jimenez misspelled "misfortune," opening the way for Kight.

then," Kight said. "But I didn't want to get cocky, because if I misspelled the word then, I'd have been really disappointed."

then correctly She spelled "gentle" and "scalp" to claim the championship.

won.'

Kight will represent BSISD in the regional spelling bee scheduled for March 1 at Lubbock Christian University to compete for a chance to

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just under one pound of cocaine and crack \$12,991.60 in U.S. currency.'

Arrested as a result of the investigation were:

 Leonard Shane Slaton, 42, of Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

• Katavius Booker, 26, of Arlington, possession of a

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United Way results disappointing; officials anticipating brighter future

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Local United Way officials do not mask the fact that results from their 2007 campaign were disappointing. However, they see hope for a rebound in the future.

A disappointing campaign led to sharply reduced allocations to agencies served by the United Way, officials disclosed at a luncheon Wednesday.

Total 2007 allocations are \$121,771, little more than half of 2006 figures. That means that the 15 agencies who depend on funds from the United Way will have to make do with less this year.

"It seems like every year is a challenge, and this year was no different," departing UW President Franklin Weber said. "We completed the 2007 campaign far short of our goal of

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\$238,000. It wasn't what we wanted, but everybody connected with the campaign did the best they could.'

Jesse Mendoza, who will take the president's reins from Weber, said that

Mendoza despite the disappointing numbers, there were a few

Mendoza singled out businesses such as the Alon Refinery, Cornell Corrections, Pollard Chevrolet, Power **Resources and First Bank of West Texas** that met or exceeded stated goals in 2007.

"A lot of hard work and effort was put into this campaign," Mendoza said. "We may have fallen short, but as far as sheer effort goes, we didn't fall short."

Needing That Late Gift Idea?

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Agency	2006	2007
American Red Cross	\$10,662	\$5,865
Boy's Club	\$17,842	\$9,446
Boy Scouts	\$13,128	\$7,942
Humane Society	\$4,307	\$3,009
CASA of West Texas	\$13,790	\$7,955
Dora Roberts Rehab. Ctr.	\$22,172	\$11,027
Girl Scouts	\$3,118	\$2,075
HC Council on Aging	\$7,569	\$3,588
Isaiah 58	\$15,082	\$10,850
Northside Comm. Center	\$17,579	\$11,955
Salvation Army	\$19,578	\$12,366
Victim Services	\$18,715	\$11,955
Westside Comm. Center	\$7,161	\$5,271
Westside Daycare Center	\$20,301	\$11,427
YMCA	\$11,253	\$7,830
Outside agencies	\$11,253	n/a
Total	\$216,365	\$121,771

United Way allocations

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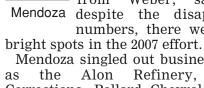


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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Lubbock Cooper, 4 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Alpine in Crane, 8 p.m.

Grady girls basketball vs. Paducah at Lubbock Christian University, 6 p.m.

Garden City girls basketball vs. Rankin at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.

Sands girls basketball vs. Petersburg in Smyer, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Big Spring baseball at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball vs. Kermit, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring softball vs. Midland Lee, 5:30 p.m.

Forsan softball vs. Grape Creek, 4 p.m. Coahoma softball vs. Midland High, 7 p.m.

FEB. 21

Big Spring softball, Forsan softball and Coahoma softball at West Texas Classic in Midland in tournament play through Feb. 23.

Coahoma baseball at Sonora Tournament through Feb. 23.

Big Spring Girls Softball registration held every Saturday

Mavs' trade for Kidd held up by George and he doesn't have to because of all the time — about cutting Kidd, Malik Allen and Antoine

BIG HERALD

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Devean George won three rings playing alongside Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. He joined the Dallas Mavericks before last season thinking he might add to his collection playing alongside Dirk Nowitzki.

Now the Mavs have a chance to get Jason Kidd, too. George might be pretty excited - if he wasn't among the players being offered for the superstar point guard.

But George doesn't want to go,

a virtual no-trade clause known as "early Bird rights."

So, for now at least, the deal is off.

"I've got to do what's best for me," George said late Wednesday, after going 0-for-11 with zero points in 33 minutes of Dallas' 96-76 victory over Portland. "My agent wants me to wait until he can talk to me and explain what the risks are ... instead of just jumping the gun." His agent, Mark Bartelstein, said: "We're not trying to hold things up or be difficult, but just like teams make tough decisions players or making trades — they do what's best for their team, and it's my obligation to do what's best for Devean. You don't want to stop teams from doing their business, but we don't feel like it makes sense at this time."

Whether this is a setback or a deal-breaker will be determined in the coming days. The trade deadline is next Thursday.

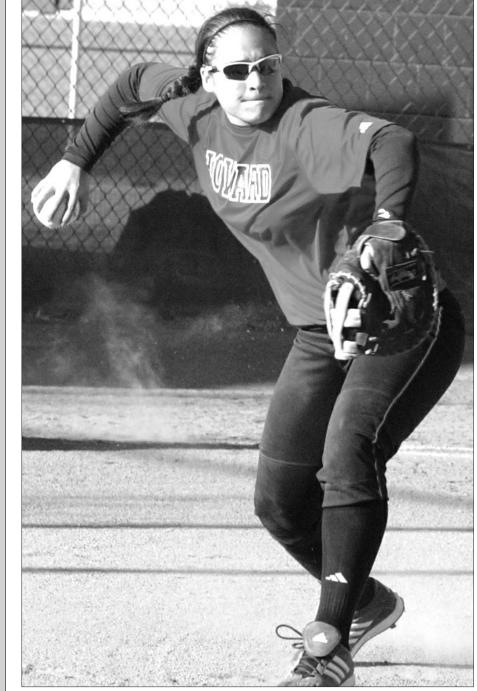
The deal was supposed to be George, emerging point guard Devin Harris, veteran Jerry and reserves Stackhouse DeSagana Diop and Maurice Ager going to New Jersey and Wright going to Dallas, according to a league source who spoke on condition of anonymity because it wasn't finalized.

Stackhouse said he's only part of the trade "to make the num-bers work." He indicated the Nets would buy out his contract, enabling him to re-sign with Dallas in a month.

"Getting bought out, if that happens, my first choice would be to come back to Dallas. I'm settled in, just bought a house," he said.

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Hawks split doubleheader with Midland



By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

MIDLAND — There was only one thing consistent between the two games of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball doubleheader played by Howard College and Midland College Wednesday — the wind.

While the gusts consistently reached upwards of 20 miles per hour throughout the two contests, Howard and Midland found it difficult to find any groove at all in the field.

The Hawks knocked off the 14th-ranked Lady Chaparrals 8-6 in Game 1, holding on after jumping out to a 6-0 lead in the second inning. The role was reversed in Game 2 as Midland took a commanding 7-0 lead in the first inning only to see Howard equal that run production in the second inning. However, Midland never slowed down and added seven more runs for a 14-8 win.

Howard's offensive prowess was powered by sophomore shortstop Jessica Moreno in the first and second innings. Moreno knocked a solo shot over the center field fence in the first inning and then cracked a 2-run homer to right field in the second. Her second home run delivered the last two scores of a 5-run inning for the Hawks, putting them ahead 6-0. However, a Midland pitching change slowed Howard's production down. Alex Reideman relieved Mindy Scott with two outs in the second. Reideman struck out eight Howard batters in 5 1/3 innings. While a fresh pitcher patrolled the mound, the Lady Chaps chiseled away at Howard's lead at the plate. Hawks' pitcher Kendra

Corbin lasted all seven innings for the win, but surrendered six runs, five earned, in the process.

However, it was Corbin's abilities on the basepaths that allowed her to play the role of hero.

After a two-run homer by Midland's Nina Cabales in the bottom of the sixth inning tied the game at 6, Corbin led off the top of the seventh with a single. The Hawks' pitcher was moved to second courtesy of a sacrifice bunt by Misti Lindamood and advanced to third after a Moreno single.

With runners on first and third, Ashley Calles laid down a bunt along the third base line, allowing Corbin to score from third on the suicide squeeze play. Calles' clutch hit gave Howard a 7-6 advantage. Celia Padilla pulled off a pinch-hit RBI single to bring in Moreno for an extra insurance run.

Corbin shut down Midland in the bottom of the seventh, forcing the Lady Chaps lineup to go three up, three down. The win brought Howard's record to 5-5, but the Hawks weren't able to eclipse the .500 mark.

Howard committed four errors in the first inning of Game 2, helping Midland score seven runs. The Lady Chaps had scored six times before Howard recorded the first out of the frame. "We had a tough time fielding the ball," Howard Head Coach Kelly Raines said. "We couldn't make a play. Our pitcher struggled in the first and had to be relieved. You can't make that many mistakes and expect to come close to winning a game."

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins registration for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman.

Girls ages 4 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible to play.

Subsequent signup dates will be Feb. 23 and March 1.

Fee is \$45 with a \$5 discount for a second child.

Anyone with questions can call Luci Ramirez at 466-3670 or Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

Big Spring Country Club schedules

4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Feb. 23-24.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days, Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday, The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College Hawks first baseman Kristy Leal throws a runner out in Game 2 of the Hawks' doubleheader with Midland College Wednesday in Midland. Howard took Game 1, 8-6, with Midland winning Game 2, 14-8.

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Congress split over truths in Clemens case

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writers

WASHINGTON - Roger Clemens was told he didn't sound believable. Brian McNamee was branded a "drug dealer" and reminded of past lies.

With Congress apparently split over which man's version of events is true, it could be up to the Justice Department to decide.

Clemens and McNamee, the accused and his accuser, traded contradictory stories under oath Wednesday before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform Government about whether the star pitcher was injected with steroids and human growth hormone by his former personal trainer.

And while many baseball fans are turning their attention to Florida and Arizona for the first official workouts of spring training Thursday ready for cries of "Play ball!" instead of talk about foul play — there is sure to be more discussion of Clemens and McNamee in the nation's capital.

"It's just sad," Clemens'

former manager with the New York Yankees, Joe Torre, said in Vero Beach, Fla., on the eve of his first camp with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "I'd just like to see baseball move on right now."

After the 400-page Mitchell Report, which contained the first public airing of McNamee's allegations about Clemens, and a 4?-hour House hearing about their he-said, he-said, little is settled.

"They don't disagree on a phone call or one meeting," committee chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said during the hearing. "If Mr. McNamee is lying, he has acted inexcusably, and he has made Mr. Clemens an innocent victim. If Mr. Clemens isn't telling the truth, then he is acting shamefully and has smeared Mr. McNamee. I don't think there is anything in between."

Yet, afterward, Waxman told reporters: "I haven't reached any conclusions at this point" as to whether a criminal investigation is warranted.

Several congressmen said a referral from the committee isn't needed to trigger а Justice



AP photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

Former New York Yankees baseball pitcher Roger Clemens, center, listens as his attorney's Rusty Hardin, left, and Lanny Breuer, right, try to address members questions during testimony on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday before the House Oversight and Government Reform committee hearing on drug use in baseball.

prosecutors believe either man made false statements.

Sitting in the second row Wednesday was IRS Special Agent Jeff Novitzky, a key member of the team prosecuting Barry Bonds. Bonds, baseball's home run king, was indicted in November on

obstruction of justice stemming from his 2003 testimony to a grand jury in which he denied knowingly using performanceenhancing drugs.

It was Novitzky who last month collected used needles and bloody gauze pads that McNamee's camp turned over for test-

Department inquiry if charges of perjury and ing. The trainer's lawyers call the items evidence that contains performance-enhancing drugs and Clemens' DNA. Clemens' side call the items "manufactured." Either way, the Justice

Department has them.

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LOCAL

Obituaries

Geniece Marie Smith



Geniece Marie Smith, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Davidson and the Rev. Bill Fee officiating. Private burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. A memorial service will also be held at 1:45 p.m. Sunday at East Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pas-

tor, officiating.

Geniece was born Oct. 29, 1931, in Big Rock, Ark., to Vera and Ocie Stovall. She kept the nursery at East Side Baptist Church for a number of years. She had been a resident of Howard County for over 60 years and was a member of East Side Baptist Church. Geniece loved laughing and was always smiling. Her hobbies were reading, cross stitching and collecting salt and pepper shakers.

She is survived by her extended family, BeeBe and Vernon Permenter, Donna Dugger, Ann Young, Angela and Larry Hein, Duncan and Beatrice Sanchez, and Ken and Mary Lou Baker, all of Big Spring; 11 children that she considered her grandchildren; and 16 children that she considered to be her great grandchildren. All of these children thought of her as a loving grandmother.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Gilbert Lee Myers and Bob Smith; and a son, Gilbert Lee Myers Jr. in 1984.

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

Katie Jo Cook

Katie Jo Cook, infant daughter of Keith and Jana Cook of Stanton, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Plates are \$8 each. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon to 3 p.m. at the post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Carryouts will be available.

• Canterbury, Canterbury North will host a Senior Sweetheart Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The dance will be held at 1700 Lancaster and is open to all seniors. Admission is free. Music will be provided by RC Entertainment. Refreshments will be available.

• Big Spring Symphony Chorus rehearsals begin Tuesday for "The Best of Broadway" concert featuring Renay Peters Jobert and David Corman. Songs will be from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Oklahoma," "Wizard of Oz," "West Side Story," My Fair lady" and many others. Rehearsals will run from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the choral rehearsal room at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Enter from the alley way. Everyone is welcome.

• Area voters are invited to meet the local

Police blotter

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

• **REGINALD PRIMER**, 25, of Arlington, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• **LEONARD SLATON,** 42, of 1 Glenwick Cove, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **ANTWONETTE WHITE**, 21, of Arlington, was arrested Tuesday on a Dallas warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **KATAVIOUS BOOKER**, 26, of Arlington, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• LASHONDA LANE, 30, of Fort Worth, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **LORI LONG**, 33, of 400 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CHRISTINE CRAMER**, 32, of 1408 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JESSICA BLANCO**, 25, of 2403 S. Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants, 14 local capias warrants and a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.

• THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Monticello.

 ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE wa reported in the 1900 block of Monticello.

Auditorium. Some 30 students and community mem-

Auditorium. Some 30 students and community members will be performing through song, dance, pantomime and more. Admission is free.

• A fund has been established to help pay expenses for Sean Bailey, 25, who was injured in an oilfield accident Jan. 28. He and his wife are Tressa are currently in Lubbock, where Sean is hospitalized. Donations can be made at Citizens Federal Credit Union to account 930442 to help with expenses. Please keep them in your prayers.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-16-19-26-31-35

Number matching six of six: none.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.

• **LEONARD SHANE SLATON**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

• LASHANDA EVETTE LANE, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **KATAVIOUS BOOKER**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

• **REGINALD DONTE PRIMER**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported near the 183 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Donnelly. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of

Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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



Republican candidates Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Places & Pleasures Travel Agency, located at 222 S. Main Street in downtown Big Spring. For more information, contact Melanie at 267-7387.

• The History of Black History, a program to celebrate Black History Month, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Big Spring High School

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast 15 to 25 mph after midnight.

Friday...Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or light freezing rain or snow. Much colder. Highs in the upper 30s. NorthWinds 15 to 20 mph. Friday night...Cloudy

with rain or freezing rain likely. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday...Cloudy. Rain or freezing rain likely in the morning...Then showers or snow showers likely in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. North winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Presidents day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night...Partly \oplus cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-11-20-23-25 Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-6-8. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-7. Sum It Up: 11.

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McNamee told baseball investigator George Mitchell he injected Clemens 16 to 21 times with performance-enhancing drugs from 1998 to 2001. On Wednesday, McNamee said those numbers are low.

Clemens' vigorous denials about using steroids or HGH drew Congress' attention, and he repeated them Wednesday.

His reputation and Hall of Fame candidacy potentially at stake — not to mention the possibility of criminal charges, should he lie — Clemens said: "I have never taken steroids or HGH. No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored."

Sticking out his famous right arm — the one that earned 354major league wins, seven Cy Young Awards, \$160 million — Clemens pointed in the direction of McNamee, sitting only a

few feet away.

Without looking at a man he once considered a friend, Clemens told the panel, "I have strong disagreements with what this man says about me." Just like their stories, Clemens' Texas drawl was in strong contrast to the clipped cadences of McNamee, a former New York police officer.

"I told the investigators I injected three people — two of whom I know confirmed my account," McNamee said. "The third is sitting at this table."

Former Clemens teammates Andy Pettitte and Chuck Knoblauch both acknowledged that McNamee was correct when he said they used performance enhancers. Both were excused from testifying, but Pettitte gave the committee a sworn affidavit in which he told the committee Clemens said nearly 10 years ago that he used HGH.

Waxman read from affidavits by Pettitte and his wife, Laura, supporting the accusations. Clemens said Pettitte "misremembers" things.

There were other revelations. Clemens' wife, Debbie, sat in the front row behind him and listened as Waxman implicated her in HGH use, citing statements by Pettitte. Clemens testified his wife took HGH once, although according to the transcript of last week's sworn deposition, Clemens told committee lawyers he didn't know of family members taking HGH.

SPORTS

Waxman also said Clemens might have tried to influence statements to the committee by the pitcher's former nanny.

Clemens and McNamee, by all accounts once good friends, rarely glanced at one another. When Clemens did turn to his right, it was with the Rocket's mound glare. Seated between them was the day's third witness, Charles Scheeler, a lawyer who helped compile the report on drug use in baseball headed by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell.

"Someone is lying in spectacular fashion," said Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the committee's ranking Republican.

Eventually, the committee split largely along party lines, with the Democrats reserving their most pointed queries for Clemens, and the Republicans giving McNamee a rougher time.

"It's hard to believe you, sir," Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., told Clemens. "I hate to say that. You're one of my heroes. But it's hard to believe.'

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., told McNamee: "You're here under oath, and yet we have lie after lie after lie after lie."

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., repeatedly called McNamee a "drug dealer."

One of McNamee's lawyers, Earl Ward, called it a "public flogging.'

The Mitchell Report itself was prompted by another hearing on steroids held by the same committee in the same woodpaneled room, on March 17, 2005. That is best remembered for having tarnished the reputations of Mark McGwire who infamously repeated, "I'm not here to talk about the past" \oplus — and Rafael Palmeiro — who wagged his finger and declared he never had used steroids, then failed a drug test months later.

In a reference to that day, Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., cautioned Clemens and McNamee: "It's better not to talk about the past than to lie about the past."

At times, Clemens struggled to find the right words as he was pressed by lawmakers. Toward the end, he raised his voice to interrupt Waxman's closing remarks. The chairman pounded his gavel and said, "Excuse me, but this is not your time to argue with me."

When it was over, Clemens shook hands with Davis, then left through a back door.

Clemens later told reporters: "I'm very thankful and very grateful for this day to come. I'm glad for the opportunity finally. And, you know, I hope I get — and I know I will have the opportunity to come here to Washington again under different terms."

HAWKS

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However, the Hawks did answer following a livid speech from Raines inbetween the first and second innings.

Howard batted around in the second, scoring seven runs of its own to tie the game. The Hawks' first five batters reached with Ashleigh base Thompson and Amanda Benavides each hitting **RBI** singles.

With one out in the inning and bases loaded, Corbin decided to help

Howard produce multiple runs with a 3-RBI triple, cutting Midland's lead to 7-5. She scored after a Midland fielding error on Lindamood hit. Lindamood eventually scored Howard's seventh run of the inning on another Lady Chaps' error.

"It's big to come back and tie the game up,' Raines said. "They played like we did in the first inning. They kept going, though, while we faded out."

Impatience the on basepaths might have out on adding two or three more runs to its total. The second inning ended with Moreno and Leal being caught stealing.

Howard had runners on second and third in the third and fourth innings, but weren't able to cross the plate. In the fourth, Lindamood was thrown out at home while trying to score on a Moreno double. Moreno was then caught in a run down between second and third, ending the promising frame with no runs.

Midland retook the lead in the second after Cabales crossed the plate after hitting a fly ball to right field that was mishandled by Thompson,

KIDD

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George's "early Bird rights," which come from being on his second oneyear deal, mainly give him a chance to sign his next contract for more than the salary cap allows. However. he's unlikely to command that much anyway. Another benefit is the veto power that's also part of those rights, as per the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. Thus, while Kidd is the centerpiece of the deal, George is the linchpin. Word that George blocked the trade apparently spread throughout the arena Wednesday night because George said he heard fans hollering things like, "C'mon, what are you doing?" and, "Stop it, you're holding things up." Other lines included, "Quit being selfwho had hurt her throwing hand in the first inning. Thompson struggled to get the ball in play, turning the mistake into a four-base error. The Lady Chaps added a

run in the third and fourth innings and scored four in the bottom of the sixth. Howard managed just one more score in the game with Corbin crossing the plate in the sixth, courtesy of a Moreno double.

Corbin finished the day a combined 4-for-8, scoring four runs and knocking in four RBIs. Moreno finished 5-for-8 with two home runs, three RBIs and three runs. Leal was 4-for-7, hitting a home run and two doubles, but man-

ish," and "We want Kidd."

"All the finger-pointing is at me," he said. "I'm the bad guy. I'll take that."

Judging by homemade signs at Wednesday night's game in Dallas, fans were against the deal. One wrote "No Trade, No Kidding," and a section over, there were signs saying "Keep Harris," with a heart dotting the i; another read, "Stop KIDD'n around Cuban!" with faces of three players Dallas would deal below it. Under basket, one though, a poster read, "Welcome Back Kidd." Kidd, Allen and Wright were inactive for New Jersey. George and Diop played, while Harris, Stackhouse and Ager were inactive; Harris and Ager is in the NBDL. Nets coach Lawrence Frank talked about life without his All-Star point

aging just one RBI.

Ami Martinez took over for Diana Espinosa with two outs in the first inning of Game 2. surrendered Espinosa seven runs, four earned, on five hits. Martinez took the loss, giving up seven runs, only two earned, on eight hits. Neither pitcher recorded a strikeout.

Howard (5-6, 1-1) won't be playing in the Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth as scheduled because it has been canceled due to expected inclement weather. The Hawks return to action Wednesday. hosting Ranger College for a doubleheader set to start at 1 p.m.

guard prior to his team's 109-91 loss in Toronto.

"I love him. He's a very special person, but it's time for both him and the organization to part ways," Frank said. "We're giving up a Hall of Fame point guard and some good role players. If this deal goes through, we'll be receiving some very

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lead. He's played in the Finals. He's a guy we could learn from. If it happens, it would be great for the organization."

Mavs officials have been reluctant to shake up their roster, but a recent slump and the moves by conference rivals may have helped change their

caused Howard to miss



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good players as well and a new era of Nets basketball will start because Jason is that significant a player."

A move for Kidd is an indication the Mavs are in a win-now mode. He is 10 years older than the 24year-old Harris. Dallas has been close in recent years, losing in the NBA finals in 2006, then winning 67 games last season before flaming out in the first round.

"He would bring great Stackhouse are hurt and leadership," Mavericks guard Jason Terry said. "He's a Hall of Fame point guard who knows how to win and how to

minds. The Lakers got things going by plucking Pau Gasol from Memphis, then last week Phoenix traded for Shaquille O'Neal. San Antonio also has added point guard Damon Stoudamire to its rotation.

"It's been kind of stagnant all season,' Stackhouse said. "I think you just try to find the right piece. Maybe this is the right piece that really helps our team, that gets our scorers easy opportunities. Getting Pau or wouldn't have Shaq helped that case.'

Kidd broke into the league in 1994-95 when Dallas made him the third overall pick. He was voted co-Rookie of the Year, but the club was such a mess it was better known as the Mav-wrecks.

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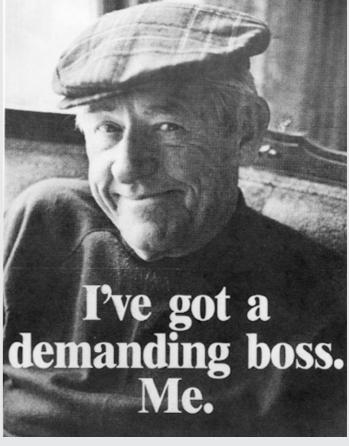
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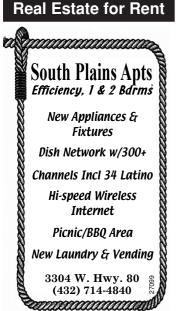
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Happy Valentine's Day!

Tomorrow's Horoscope

those happy thoughts and hold on tight! When you go after the love you want, your whole team is rooting for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Disciplined on the outside, you may be worried on the inside. Keep acting as if everything is going well — exactly as planned, in fact. Soon, the inner turmoil subsides and you are perfectly congruent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally, it would be rude to invite yourself to join someone's plans, but today you are a welcome intrusion almost anywhere! Invite yourself, and then don't change your mind - all follow-through is lucky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). been Lately, you've thinking that communication between you and your loved ones could be better. Now there's a chance to do something about it — like have a sit-down dinner tonight and encourage lively conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a master plan of where you want to go, but it's not always supported by what actually happens. And right now it's the unexpected twists of plot that carry you closer to love, sweet love. So roll with it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-21). Romantic Dec. exchanges are affected by your mood. Money is less of an issue for you now, and you may even be moved to spend yours on something you didn't used to consider valuable. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're buzzing around, making sure to cover your social bases. Someone near you is the one contact who can lead you to whomever you wish to know. The gift of your attention is all this person needs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You really can't lose today. When you are happy, you think it, say it and sing it. And when you are not happy, finding one thing to celebrate leads to finding a lot of other things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The classics go over so well - chocolate and roses and candlelight, hurrah! And marriage? Proposals are happening tonight, so don't swallow dessert too quickly. There could be a ring in it!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Leo dating an Aries. He is the first guy who has seemed totally devoted to me and our relationship in a long while. We share a lot in common and have great times together. But he is still legally married to his second wife. He tells me the marriage is over and it will be resolved (ended). But how long should I wait for him to "end it" (divorce) her? Is this all for naught, or worth the wait?"

You're a loyal Leo, and you require your Aries' devotion. in all ways. The fact that you're asking question indicates the you feel strung along. You've been patient, but for how long? Aries men do need to play everyone's hero, and this may have more to do with his sensitivity

toward his wife's needs contributing to this drawn-out promise of divorce. Unlike Aries, Leo would rather be openly unavailable than compete for someone else's affections, but a drama good (like temporarily putting your relationship on hold until he finishes up) could really put gas in his tank and motivate а finalization. Chances are he'll be cutting cords in March, yet he's hardly in the mood to settle down — he's embracing his new freedom. So if you're looking for more than romance, you may be in for a long wait.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Readers: Happy Valentine's Day to one and all, especially our veterans in VA hospitals around the country. And a special thanks to those readers who have taken the time to visit the vets and send valentines. Bless you. Dear Annie: My mom has now reached an age where it is difficult for her to continue living alone. My brothers and I are all close, although I am the only one living in the area. I spend more time with Mom in a few weeks than they do in an entire year.



brothers vour want things kept secret. It's possible they feel the conversation would depress her or that she might resent suggestions of incompetence. In order to avoid a rift, consider having an impartial third explain party the necessity of Mom's participation. Her doctor or clergyperson can talk to your brothers, and you also can get help through the Family Caregiver Alliance (caregiver.org) at 1-800-445-8106.

truly cares for you, he will make an effort to work on his inability to affection. show Otherwise, you must decide if he's worth it as is because, unfortunately things are not going to get any easier. Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Worried in the South," the 62-yearold bipolar woman who is concerned about her family's reaction to her illness. manage Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) during the long, dark winter months, for which I take medication. There are days when I have to force myself to get up. After the birth of my son, I had а severe case of postpartum depression. It took over a year to recover. The best example she can be to her loved ones is to tell them about the disorder, educate them and let them know how they can support her. This illness is not her fault. Ignoring it will not make it go away. Friends and family need to rally around and not judge her. Sunny in Vermont Dear Sunny: It is best if her family can be a source of support and not add to her already stressful life. We hope she will find the courage to discuss her illness openly and educate them. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. e-mail Please your questions to anniesmail box@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, Creators visit the Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. 2008 CREATORS © SYNDICATE, INC.

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Sandra Bloom Signature of Officer **AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR**

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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

We recently decided it's for Mom to time transition to assisted living and planned a family conference call. The call was originally just going to be us siblings, but I thought it might be nice for Mom to join us at the beginning so they could speak to her and see how she's doing.

When Mom hung up, one of my brothers blew up at me for letting her know we were having such a call. He repeatedly shouted at me that this was to be a secret. I cannot fathom why Mom shouldn't know. She trusts us with her care and it never occurred to me to keep her out of the process. If Mom were mentally incapacitated, I could understand, but she is not. Am I wrong? - Worried Sibling

Dear Sibling: No. It's always best if the parent can be part of the decision-making, and we don't understand why

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Dear Annie: I'm 60 years old and my boyfriend, "Mervin," is We have such 68. wonderful chemistry and can talk on the phone for hours and never run out of interesting topics. Sex is perfect.

The problem is, Mervin raised without was affection and has trouble being demonstrative. I have multiple sclerosis and need his support, not emotionally, but only physically – especially walking. when sometimes trip and he refuses to hold my hand. Even if I didn't have MS, I would expect to walk along hand in hand with my boyfriend. He says it is "sissy."

I feel neglected and could never go through life this way. Can he change? — With Him but Alone

Dear With Him: Someone who would rather let you trip on the sidewalk than hold your hand is putting his needs above yours. If Mervin



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TODAY

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Thursday, February 14, 2008

Bulletin Board

· League of United Latin American

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John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30

p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invit-

ed to these meetings. For more informa-

Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired

Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus

Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell

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21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts

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at noon at the Howard College Cactus

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FRIDAY

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LOCAL

Soup cook-off set to benefit historic convent

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Good soup for a good cause will be highlighted Saturday when the 19th Annual Great Texas Soup Cook-off will be held to benefit restoration efforts at the 1885 Convent.

It all takes place from 5 pm. until 7 p.m. at the Stanton Community Center.

About 20 soup cooks are expected to vie for one of three prizes.

Admission is free, but to cast a vote for the soup of your choice, a \$5 donation is required. Doing so will get you a judge's badge, a chance to taste all the various soups and cast five votes. Extra votes are available for \$1 each.

The cooks annually put their best feet forward to come up with tasty and unusual concoctions, said A.L. "Bud" Lindsey, one of the event's organizers. One past entry of note, dill pickle soup, did not win, but was certainly of interest, Lindsey said.

Most of the cooks will go to no ends to win a vote from a taster. Bribes are offered and promises given anything for a vote, he said.

A plaque is also given for the best decorated table.

After the close of the soup contest a dessert auction will be held.

For more information, contact Lindsey at 746-2306.

County to lease ankle bracelet monitors for female offenders

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer How far can you run in 60 seconds?

That's a question certain inmates in the county's Pre-Trial Bonding program may have to consider in the future, as Howard County commissioners voted Monday to lease 10 ankle bracelet monitors that will allow law enforcement to place offenders on housearrest. Commissioners gave

the go-ahead for Mike Welling, director of the county's pre-trial bonding program, to lease 10 of the units in hopes of staving off ongoing problems centered around female offenders.

"Other counties simply won't take these females because they are pregnant or have medical problems, and it's allowing them to just snub their nose at us," said County Judge Mark Barr. "They look at me and just laugh because they know we can't send them to jail and this has got to stop.

"We've talked to other

counties that use the ankle monitors and they are having a great deal of success with them. I think it would be irresponsible for us not to consider something like this.'

According to Welling, the ankle monitors are extremely accurate.

"These monitors ping off every 60 seconds, so we know where these people are every minute," said Welling. "I'm told they are so accurate they can tell you if the person even steps outside their door or travels down a road that's not authorized. This way, we can keep them in the community working, instead of in the jail costing the county \$45 a day.

"Is this an absolute answer to our problems? No. But it's a tool. It's a very efficient tool."

The cost of each ankle bracelet is \$1,500, according to Welling, but leasing the units can help ease the cost to the county

"If a unit is destroyed, it costs \$1,500 to replace,"

"However, that's a cost that would be charged back to the person who destroyed it. With this lease program, it would cost us \$5 to \$10 a day, per unit. There are some other costs we may see down the road, such as a new laptop to monitor them, but that's something we can look at later.

Welling told the court.

"There's a 10-day set up period, and after that, the county will be charged per day for each unit, whether it's on a prisoner or sitting on the shelf. I think 10 units is a good way to start and if we need more later, we can always get more."

The pre-trial bonding program offers low interest bonding to county jail inmates awaiting trial for non-violent offenses and are unable to bond out using a commercial agency.

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

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• Reginald Primer, 25, of Arlington, possession of a controlled substance more than four grams,

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possession of a controlled less than 200 grams; and possession of a controlled substance — more than 200 grams.

• Lashanda Lane, 30, of Arlington, possession of a controlled substance -

more than four grams, less than 200 grams.

• Antwonette White, 21, of Arlington, possession of a controlled substance — more than four grams, less than 200 grams.

Everett said the suspects were arraigned by Municipal Judge Tim Green and remain in custody. Bond was set at \$2,500 for Slaton, \$17,000 for Booker and Primer,

and \$7,000 for Lane and White.

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are wanting to put some tanks up close to the intersection of Highway 350, FM 700 and Oasis Road. ... The only source of water we have is well water, and we're very much concerned this could cause a problem with our water. They are wanting to pump this salt water — from what I can understand from the letter — probably a half-mile into this abandoned well." Beauchamp said residents of the area are also concerned about the increased traffic in the area.

school buses," said Beauchamp. "We're not really sure how much of Oasis Road they are going to be on, but with the number of trucks they say they are going to haul in there it could damage the roads. However, our main concern is what kind of damage this could do to

have still not received permission from the state and highway department. We just wanted to make the commissioners court aware that we're against it ... and we're asking that you join forces with us and see if we can put a stop to this."

County Judge Mark Barr said he sympathizes with the residents, but the matter is well outside of the county's control. "I talked to Drew Mouton a little bit about this," said Barr. "And it's outside of our jurisdiction, as I imagine you all know. It's totally with the Railroad Commission. I'm certainly sympathetic with you and I've been in the same situation, so I understand. But as far as doing anything other than what can be done with the

roads and traffic, I just don't see where we have any jurisdiction in this matter."

Beauchamp said he and other concerned residents are asking for the commissioners court to stand behind them on the matter.

"They did send you guys (the county) some said Beauchamp. letters,

commissioners court, if it gets down to it, to say no to this also. We're just trying to let you guys know what's going on and ask for your support, even if that just means you signing a letter. We're just asking for support

from you guys.' The court took no action on the matter. A representative for Kemper "We're just asking the Operating was not pre-

sent at the meeting and attempts to contact the firm by phone were unsuccessful.

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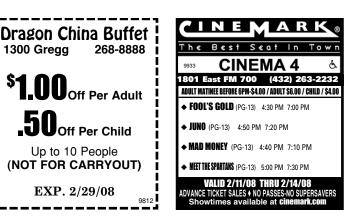


"Right there at that corner, people from Big Spring and Coahoma pick

our water. According to Beauchamp, he and other

residents of the area have contacted state officials and are asking for a hearing on the matter. "We have written a let-

ter and sent it back to these people by certified mail, as well as the Texas Railroad Commission, requesting a hearing to see if we can put a halt to this," said Beauchamp. "To my knowledge, they



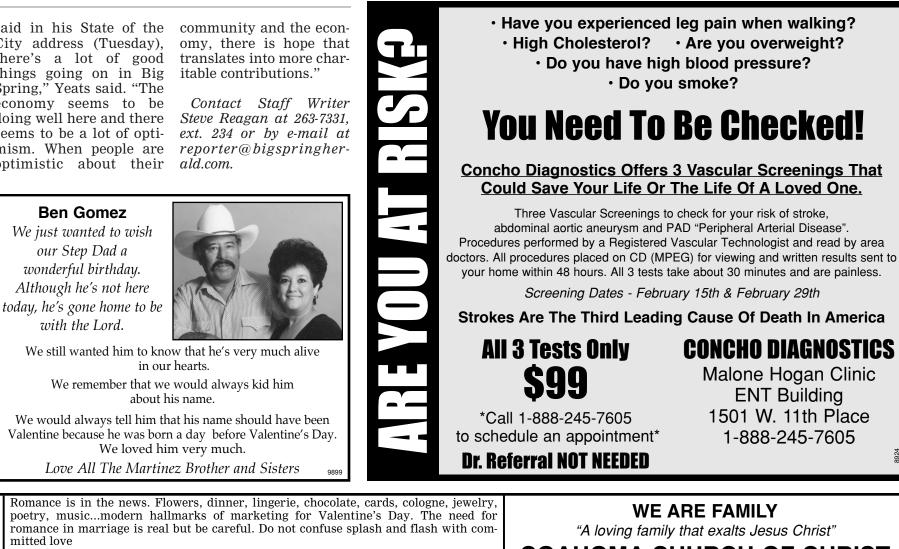
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Geniece Marie Smith, 76, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 7:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. A memorial service will be at 1:45 PM Sunday at East Side Baptist Church.

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"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..." (I Corinthians 13: 4-8).

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Tim Yeats, who will serve as UW campaign chairman in 2008, said there were reasons for future optimism.

"It was like the mayor

said in his State of the City address (Tuesday), there's a lot of good things going on in Big Spring," Yeats said. "The economy seems to be doing well here and there seems to be a lot of optimism. When people are optimistic about their

Ben Gomez

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OPINION

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

News Editor

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OUR VIEWS

Make this a very special holiday for loved ones

t's Valentine's Day. Just the mention of this holiday devoted to romance conjures up certain images - roses, chocolate, intimate dinners by candlelight, a quiet evening alone letting the one person we love the most know just how special they are to us.

Valentine's Day mean's different things to different people. It becomes as individual as each of us.

For some, it's a time to go full bore. To spend freely and literally shower the one we love with one lavish gift after another.

Others adopt a more reserved tone. A whispered sentiment. A simple card.

All those varied methods mean the same thing, however.

The message is simple: I love you.

No three words are more warming to the human soul.

Perhaps nothing is more desperately sought by each of us. And certainly, nothing is more difficult to find.

That's because love isn't something you can purchase, regardless of how much you spend.

Love can't be summoned on demand. That's because it's something given freely from the heart.

Love is shared and should be nurtured — not just today, but every day.

Better yet, it should be cherished and cultured

alentine's Day is an opportunity to show our loved ones just how much we care for them. Sometimes we express our love

with a card, flowers or kind words. This year I hope Texas parents will expand their Valentine's Day activ-

ities to include talking with their teens about what real love should look like in a dating relationship.

We need to spread the word across our state that abuse in teen dating relationships must stop. That

effort must start with education and awareness.

A week before today's holiday, I spoke at a news conference held to raise awareness about teen dating violence. Among the speakers were two teenagers, Nabil Gomez and Manuel Veloz from Reagan County High School, who bravely stood at the podium to spread the word of the dangers of dating violence to parents, the media and most impressively their peers. "Control is not love" was the strong message printed on the poster standing behind them.

Nabil and Manuel are part of a Students Taking Action for Respect (or STAR) Team. STAR is a growing community of more than 400 youth leaders across the state carrying the message of teen dating violence prevention to their

classmates and community groups. The first program of its kind in the nation, STAR has reached more than 13,000 students in 150 Texas communities since its inception.

Time to stop dating violence

I'm so proud of Nabil and Manuel and the hundreds of other vouth around the state who lend their strong voices to the growing chorus combating the dangers of dating violence. I am proud of them because sometimes it's hardest to confront a friend, more than anyone else, with the message that how they are being treated by a girlfriend or boyfriend is just not right. As much as we adults hope that our message is heard, teens often listen best to their peers.

Unfortunately, relationship abuse among teenagers is all too common, partly because many don't understand what constitutes inappropriate behavior.

While physical and sexual abuse are the obvious offenses, verbal and emotional attacks can also frighten and control a person in a dating relationship.

We must also recognize that this abuse victimizes young men as well as young women.

According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, 75 percent of young people ages 16 to 24 report personally experiencing some form of abuse in their dating relationships or knowing someone who has.

Think about it, if you have four children, teen dating violence will personally touch three of them. As

a mother of a son and a daughter, I find that statistic heartbreaking. We must do all we can to protect Texas children from this kind of abusive behavior.

That's why I am pleased that our state continues to lead on the issue of teen dating prevention efforts. Just last year, Texas passed legislation that requires every school district in the state to create a dating violence policy. We are only the second state to require such a policy in the place children spend most of their time — in school. There is now a National Helpline for teen dating violence, managed in Texas by the Texas Council on Family Violence.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts by educators, lawmakers and the entire Texas Dating Violence and Prevention Team, Texas continues to make the necessary strides to end teen dating violence.

During this season, I urge you to go beyond the usual cards and flowers and show your love for vour sister, son or friend by speaking honestly with them. If they are in a hurtful relationship, show your concern and support by listening, encouraging them to get out of the abusive situation and seek help.

Together we can move one step closer to the end of dating violence and make a safer Texas for our youth.

Anita Perry is the First Lady of Texas.





ANITA PERRY

every moment.

So, on this Valentine's Day, we hope each of you takes the time to do just that.

Regardless of the manner you choose, let those you love the most know they fill a special place in your heart and your life.

Their lives will be enriched, as will yours.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am the aunt of Monica Jones, one of the leading players on the Howard College women's basketball team.

nected on the happenings

through the Big Spring Herald. here in Pittsburgh, I say

Since we (Monica's family) are unable to attend her games, we stay con-

On behalf of my family thank you Jonathan Hull. Keep up the great reporting. Go Lady Hawks!

Kim Moten Pittsburgh, Pa.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Ultimately we will be better off with You, Lord. Amen

Bondage in the name of tolerance

owan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury, endorsed adopting some aspects of Sharia law for Muslims, lest, he told the BBC, British Muslims be forced to

choose between "the stark alternatives of culture loyalty and state loyalty.

Williams' remarks followed a report in the London Telegraph that the British government has made official the practice of paying welfare benefits for multiple wives in polygamous marriages.

The paper reports there are an estimated 1,000 polygamous marriages in the United Kingdom, although no one is sure how accurate that number is.

Polygamy is illegal in the United Kingdom. Yet the British government rewards polygamous families who had married outside the United Kingdom — not with deportation to countries that recognize polygamy, which would make sense — but with extra welfare payments for extra wives.

Great Britain prides itself in its multiculturalism and inclusion. But when the British government subsidizes polygamy and the Anglican leader promotes Sharia, they risk conferring upon extremist Muslim men special status, while relegating Muslim women to second-class status.

Western democracies function because all citizens are deemed to be equal.

Polygamy is inherently unequal for women. Period. Yet in the name of tolerance, in a bid to make sure they will not be seen as Islamophobic, they enable discrimination.

The timing of the archbishop's comments couldn't be worse. While Williams is enraptured with the rich theological disputes of Muslim scholars, he fails to note that British women are suffering as radical Islamists have been beating up on mainstream Islam.

A new report, "Crimes of the Community, Honor-Based Violence in the U.K." by the Centre for Social Cohesion, catalogs the horror of forced marriages — often after unwitting girls are sent abroad for a "vacation" — female genital mutilation, domestic abuse and an estimated 10 to 12 honor killings in the United Kingdom each year.

The archbishop tried to soften his position by explaining that he does not want to see "extreme" Sharia punishments (especially against women) endorsed by the British legal system. The Islamic Sharia Council already augments divorce settlements — although the honor-violence report suggests that these panels often shortchange women and try to pressure them into returning to life-threatening marriages.

It's not only Our Betters in

Europe who, in the name of political correctness, become apologists for polygamists. In 2005, then-Canada Prime Minister Paul Martin commissioned a \$150,000 study to debunk the notion that same-sex marriages could lead to legalized polygamy — only to watch the three law professors on the panel recommend that Canada repeal its anti-polygamy law. Because: "The parties most likely to suffer from this rule are the left-behind wives."

If secular Western nations had bedrock values, maybe there would be no need to worry about Values Creep. But when, as the honor-violence report noted, even womenís activists defend female genital mutilation, it's clear that the only absolute in liberal societies is doubt.

Up against fanatics with barbaric ideologies, we are outgunned. We don't even care if they want to hurt us.

"If you had a map of the U.K. showing the location of Islamist groups - or terrorist cells - and you had another map showing the incidence of honor-based violence and you overlaid them, you would find that they were a mirror," noted Nazir Afzal, the Crown prosecutor on honor-based violence.

It makes you wonder if Western nations have a death wish.

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Honda **CR-V**

Peppy crossover loaded with premium style

utomotive consumers today have more choices than ever before.

Not only do they a variety of products to select from, the quality of vehicles

being produced today are absolutely outstanding. These vehicles are safer, cleaner, better equipped and in many

cases, more powerful than at any time since Henry Ford cranked up the first automotive

assembly line. One of the hottest segments right now is the crossover market with manufacturers designing and producing vehicles that combine attributes from a number of segments into one vehicle.

This week I had the opportunity to test drive the 2008 Honda CR-V crossover utility, which provides sedan-like handling and fuel economy, yet with the functionality of a five-passenger SUV.

Achieving a five-star crash safety rating by th Insurance Institute for Highway Safety for both frontal and side impacts, the CR-V is engineered to be a safety leader in the segment.

While I was well versed in the CR-V's numerous safety features - which includes vehicle stability assist, anti-lock brakes with brake assist and electronic brake distribution, tire pressure monitoring system and six airbags

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Powered by a 2.4-liter I-



BY NEAL WHITE

The 2008 CR-V is an extremely sharp, sporty-looking vehicle. This is a far, far cry from the "box on wheels" styling that seemed to be a popular theme among SUV models as that segment started building steam in the 1990s.

wheel was

the styling.

I was even more impressed as I opened the door to find elegant styling throughout the cabin.

While vehicles are meant to carry people and/or cargo from 'Point A' to 'Point B,' how you feel about the vehicle and more importantly how the vehicle makes you feel — is an important factor when it comes to vehicle ownership. Next to the purchase of a home, for most of us, our second largest purFEATURES



The 2008 Honda CR-V crossover.

EX-L (which is also available with the Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System pack-

age). For the '08 model year, the EX-L trim line has been upgraded with additional features, such as a new dual-zone climate control system and a driver's seat with eight-way power adjustment and a new premium audio system. For consumers in the market for a compact crossover, the 2008 CR-V should be on the test drive list.

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MODEL: 2008 Honda CR-V 5-seat compact crossover Front-; four-wheel drive **Trim packages:** LX, EX, EX-L **PRICE RANGE:** \$21,000-\$30,000 **ENGINE:** 2.4-L I-4 (166 hp/161 torque) **TRANSMISSION:** 5-speed automatic

THE NUTS AND BOLTS

and rear stabilizer bars.

BRAKES: ABS with electronic brake distribution and brake assist; vehicle stability assist

LENGTH: 177.9 in. WHEELBASE: 103.1 inches WIDTH: 71.6 inches HEIGHT: 66.1 in. WEIGHT: 3,389-3,549 lbs. TRACK: 61.6/61.6 (front/rear) FUEL TANK: 15.3 gallons TIRES: 17-inch TOW CAPACITY: 1,500

lbs CARGO: 35.7/72.9 cubic feet (rear seat up/down)

SAFETY: Advanced Compatibility Engineering body structure, pedestrian safety design, vehicle stability assist, side-curtain airbags with rollover sensor, front side airbags with passenger-side occupant position detection system, active front head restraints, dual front airbags, ABS, tire pressure monitoring system



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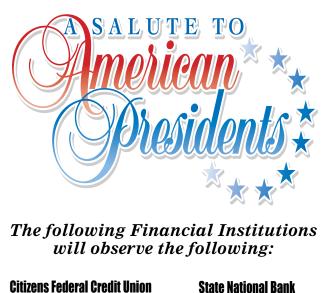
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Justice Department says for first time that waterboarding is not now legal

WASHINGTON (AP) - A senior Justice Department official says laws and other limits enacted since three terrorism suspects were waterboarded has eliminated the technique from what is now legally allowed, going a step beyond what CIA Director Michael Hayden has said.

"The set of interrogation methods authorized for current use is narrower than before, and it does not today include waterboarding," Steven G. Bradbury, acting head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, says in remarks prepared for his appearance Thursday before the House Judiciary Constitution subcommittee.

"There has been no determination by the Justice Department that the use of waterboarding, under any circumstances, would be lawful under current law," he said. It is the first time the department has expressed such an opinion publicly.

Bradbury in 2005 signed two secret legal memos that authorized the CIA to use head slaps, freezing temperatures and waterboarding when questioning terror detainees. Because of that, Senate Democrats have opposed his nomination by President Bush to formally head the legal counsel's office.

Bradbury's testimony comes as majority Democrats in Congress try to clamp down on interrogation methods that can be used on terrorism suspects.

Clinton defeats show margins with whites, women, older voters slipping

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton's crushing losses in Maryland and Virginia highlight an erosion in what had been solid advantages among women, whites and older and working-class voters. While this week's results can be explained by those states' relatively large numbers of blacks and well-educated residents — who tend to be Barack Obama supporters — her presidential campaign could be doomed if the trends continue.

Clinton is holding onto some of her supporters who are largely defined by race and often by level of education, such as low-income white workers and older white women, exit polls of voters show. She's been losing other blocs, again stamped by personal characteristics, such as blacks, men and young people both black and white, and better-educated whites.

The latest defeats have slowed the one-time favorite's political momentum at a bad time. With Obama winning eight straight contests and easily outdistancing her in money raising, she must now endure three weeks until primaries in Texas and Ohio that she hopes will resurrect her campaign.

Officials cite plot by al-Qaida-linked militants to assassinate Philippine President Arroyo

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Authorities have uncovered alleged plots by al-Qaida-linked militants to assassinate the Philippine president and bomb foreign embassies, officials said Thursday.

Military chief of staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon said the assassination plot allegedly was hatched by the extremist Abu Sayyaf group and its Indonesia-based ally, Jemaah Islamiyah.

Brig. Gen. Romeo Prestoza, head of the Presidential Security Group said police uncovered the plot last week.

"It's not only the president who is the target, but also other people ... and embassies," he said without offering specifics.

The reports followed an announcement by security forces that they were going on high alert over an alleged communist rebel plan to infiltrate protests to demand Arroyo's resignation over corruption charges.

Astronauts work on setting up new Columbus lab after NASA extends Atlantis' mission

HOUSTON (AP) — With two of their three spacewalks completed, the astronauts aboard the linked shuttle-station complex focused Thursday on getting the new Columbus lab up and running.

NASA extended Atlantis' mission by a day on Wednesday to give the crew more time to work on the lab, Europe's main contribution to the international space station.

The activation process has been running a little behind because of computer problems, but flight directors believe they've fixed the glitch.

The crew woke up Thursday to "Consider Yourself"

from the musical "Oliver!" Astronaut Stanley Love thanked his wife, children and extended family, who he joked "may be feeling there's one fewer Love on Earth this Valentine's Day."

"I'd like to assure them that it's great to be up here, and I'll be home soon," he said.

Police say tests indicate Georgian opposition figure died of natural causes

LONDON (AP) - British police said Thursday that interim tests indicate Georgian billionaire Badri Patarkatsishvili, a presidential candidate in the ex-Soviet republic who claimed he was targeted for assassination, had died of natural causes.

Patarkatsishvili, 52, died Tuesday night in his mansion near London less than two months after making the claim that he was being targeted for killing for his role in a protest movement against Georgia's government.

Though the initial autopsy results did not point to foul play, police said they were still waiting for the results of toxicological tests.

"Following initial inquiries and the post mortem carried out last night, Surrey Police can confirm that at this stage there is no indication that the sudden death of Badri Patarkatsishvili was from anything other than natural causes," the department said in a statement.

Ben Bernanke, Henry Paulson will give lawmakers update on flagging economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fighting to keep the U.S. economy afloat, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson will give Congress fresh insights into economic and financial conditions greatly strained by the one-two punch of the housing and credit crises.

The troubles in the housing and credit markets threaten to push the economy into its first recession since 2001 — if it hasn't fallen into one already.

Bernanke, Paulson and Christopher Cox, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, were scheduled to discuss the state of the economy and the nation's financial markets at a Senate Banking Committee Hearing on Thursday.

Six grand jurors filing suit to disclose evidence in case

members of the grand the case to bring witnessjury that indicted a Texas es and evidence to them Supreme Court justice and his wife over a house fire have filed a lawsuit so they can speak about evidence in the case.

By law, grand jury proceedings are secret.

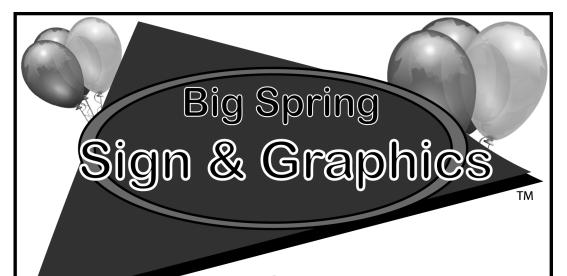
members say they want to would do it now," Dorrell

HOUSTON (AP) — Six asked the prosecutor in can have enough evibut that never happened. Dorrell said.

"If he wouldn't do the investigation that we told him to do while we were authorized and empowered to issue those orders, But the grand jury I don't know why he dence to win a case.

"Thinking somebody did something is one thing. Proving somebody did something is another thing," Wisner said.

Wisner said he didn't think a judge would allow the grand jurors suing to disclose details of the evidence they heard behind



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disclose details they heard to a new grand jury. They also want defend themselves from accusations alleging they were a "runaway grand jury," said Jeffrey Dorrell, an attorney who served as the group's assistant foreman.

"The other members of the grand jury felt that our grand jury had been abused and insulted by both the district attornev's office and the defense attorneys in the case," said Dorrell, who filed the suit.

The group is not seeking money or attorney fees.

They were part of a grand jury that last month indicted Texas Supreme Court Justice David Medina on a charge of tampering with a document and his wife Francisca Medina on an arson charge. The charges are related to a June 28 fire that destroyed the Medina's house in the Houston suburb of Spring.

Hours after the indictment, Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal dismissed the charges, citing "insufficient evidence."

Dorrell said he didn't believe the district attorney's office planned to properly investigate the case. Grand jurors had said. "To be blunt, we don't believe him."

Assistant District Attorney Vic Wisner has said he continues to investigate the circumstances of the fire so he

closed doors. David Medina's attorney, Terry Yates, said the

lawsuit was frivolous. "There's no basis for it in fact or law." Yates





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"AFTER A WHILE DENNIS KINDA GROWS ON YOU ... LIKE MOLD ... OR MILDEW."





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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

BLONDIE KISS D WHAT A DAY! YOU'RE REALLY A SIGHT FOR SORE EVES "Cupid better use rubber-tipped arrows

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2008. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France. In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd

state. In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

THAT GOES FOR YOU, (TOO, GORGEOUS! {

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union. In 1920, the League of

Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park. In 1962, First lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 87. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 74. Country singer Razzy Bailey is 69. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 65. Movie director Alan Parker is 64. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 64. Sen. Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire) is 61. TV personality Pat Actress Meg Tilly is 48. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 47. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 45. Actor Zach Galligan is 44. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 44. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 42. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 41. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 36. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 36. Actor Freddie Highmore is 16.

Thought for Today: "We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love.", -R.D.Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).

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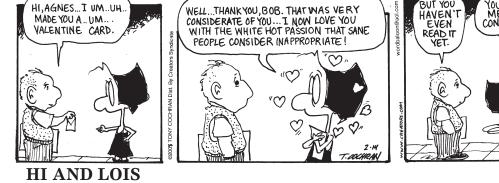


HOW CAN YOU COME HOME EVERY NIGHT, MAKE A DRINK AND GIT IN THAT CHAIR WHILE I'M OUT IN THE HOT KITCHEN MAKING DINNER ?!!

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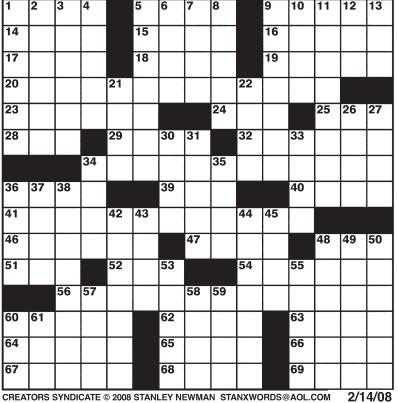
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