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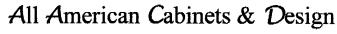
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Soldier's body brought home

Residents line streets in show of appreciation

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Hundreds of local residents lined the streets in tribute as the body of U.S. Sgt. Conrad Army Alvarez returned home to Big Spring Tuesday.

An honor guard of soldiers with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division was joined by Big Spring Police Department officers and members of the Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle group as they escorted the hearse carrying Sgt. Alvarez's casket from the Big Spring Airport to Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

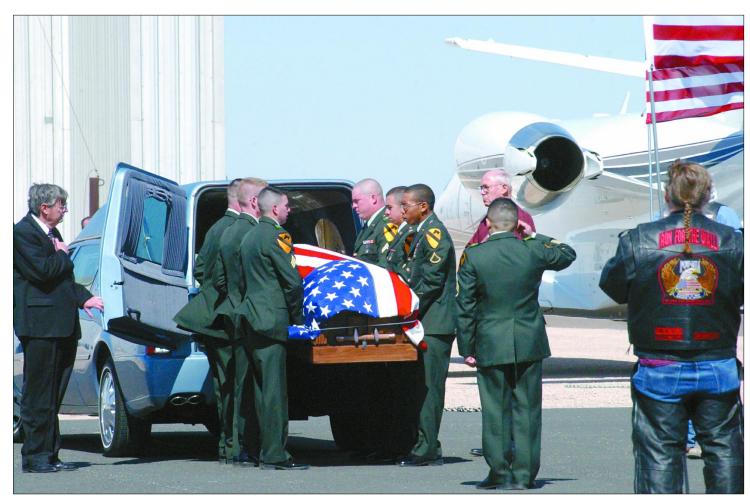
Along the route, hundreds of Big Spring residents, many carrying U.S. flags or messages of support, lined the streets in silent tribute to Alvarez, who was killed in action in Iraq last week.

Alvarez, 22, assigned to 101st Airborne Division, was killed along with two other soldiers Feb. 19 in Baghdad after their vehicle was struck by a bomb, a Department of Defense news release stated.

He is the fifth Howard County resident and the second member of his family to die in that warcountry since President George W. Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

brother-in-law, His Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, was kidnapped and later executed by extremists in 2006.

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U.S. Army Sgt. Conrad casket Alvarez's unloaded at the Big Spring Airport with the help of an honor guard from the Army's 1st Cavalry Division while the Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle group stands at attention. Big Spring police and the motorcyclists escorted the family and the hearse carrying the soldier's body to Myers & Smith Funeral Home. **Hundreds of people lined** the route to pay tribute to the fallen soldier and his

Bids sought for city animal shelter

\$350,000 facility should open in early to mid-2009, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council got the ball rolling Tuesday evening on the second big project authorized by voters in the 2007 bond election.

The council voted unanimously to advertise for bids to construct a new animal shelter adjacent to the current facility

on the 11th Place extension.

The city has already issued more than \$400,000 in certificates of obligation to cover construction of the 2,000-squarefoot facility, funds that should prove to be more than enough to cover expenses, City Finance Director Peggy Walker said.

Architect Phil Fuqueron of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper

the facility to be around \$350,000. The additional money will cover related expenses such as engineering fees and equipment for the new facility, Walker said.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the council will review bids in March, with the 12-month construction project

estimated construction costs for starting within weeks after the winning bid is accepted.

> If all goes well, Darden said, the new animal shelter should be up and running by early or mid-2009.

Also Tuesday, the council tentatively approved two zoning changes that will allow additional businesses to open shop in Big Spring.

The first, which passed unanimously, will change the zoning designation of property located at 100 E. 18th from single family to neighborhood services.

Darden said the action will give the go-ahead for construction of an interior decorating business at that location.

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Rotary celebrates 80 years

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer For 80 years, they've been

singing "Vive Le Rotary" in Big Spring. Local Rotarians celebrated the 80th anniversary of

the club's founding here during ceremony Tuesday at Howard College. Chartered with Rotary International Feb. 23, 1928, the Rotary Club of Big

Spring was the first civic

organization of its kind in

Big Spring. There are now two Rotary clubs that meet

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Michael Graves, left, district governor of Rotary International, presents a plaque to local Rotary Club President Pete Thiry commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Big Spring organization during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon.





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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar THURS.-SAT.

Big Spring baseball at Monahans Tournament.

Big Spring softball at Killeen Tournament.

Forsan baseball at Wall Tournament. Forsan softball at

Snyder Tournament. Coahoma baseball at Sweetwater Tournament.

Coahoma softball at Lubbock tournament.

Lady Steers falter, Midland High runs away with 11-0 win

Big Spring's Lady Steers kept up with Midland High's Lady Bulldogs for five innings, but unraveled in the sixth for an 11-0 defeat in Midland.

Big Spring trailed 4-0 at the end of the fifth inning, surrendering just four hits and committing just two errors at that point.

Momentum heavily into Midland's favor in the sixth with the Lady Steers' fielding deficiencies providing the Lady Bulldogs with ample opportunities.

In the end, the Lady committed Steers errors seven allowed seven runs in the sixth inning alone. The game was then called due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Big Spring travels to Killeen for a tournament beginning Thursday.

Lady Buffs torch Colorado City's Lady Wolves, 17-10

Forsan's Lady improved Buffaloes their record to 4-4 Tuesday in Colorado City, outslugging the Colorado Lady Wolves, 17-10.

Forsan scored eight runs in the first inning with three batters — Shelby Jones, Kaela Strickland and Kelsey Jones — hitting twice in the inning.

The Lady Wolves cut Forsan's lead in half in the third, scoring four runs on six hits.

The Lady Buffs added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth on two fielder's choice hits by Alyx Pappajohn and Kevy O'Brien.

Leading 10-5 heading into the fifth, the Lady Buffs proceeded to outscore Colorado City 7-5 over the last three innings.

Forsan plays in the Snyder Tournament, starting Thursday.

Last chance for **Big Spring Girls** Softball registration

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association has its last day for registering 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.

Buffaloes open season with win over McCamey

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

FORSAN — Some high school baseball teams struggle to make the transition from the hardwood of a basketball court to the diamond.

Forsan's Buffaloes made the change of scenary appear simple Tuesday in their season opener. The Buffs played a solid alldefeating around game, McCamey, 7-3.

The Buffs played it smart on the mound as Head Coach Jason Phillips used the guys who didn't have to make a change in what sport they were focused on. Ray Martinez earned the win, striking out eight batters and giving up three runs — one earned —

on four hits in six innings of work. Dylan Lowery retired the final three batters of the game in the seventh, striking out two.

"The two guys we used on the mound today have been out here everyday, so their arms are in the best shape right now," Phillips said. "Both guys were great for a season opener."

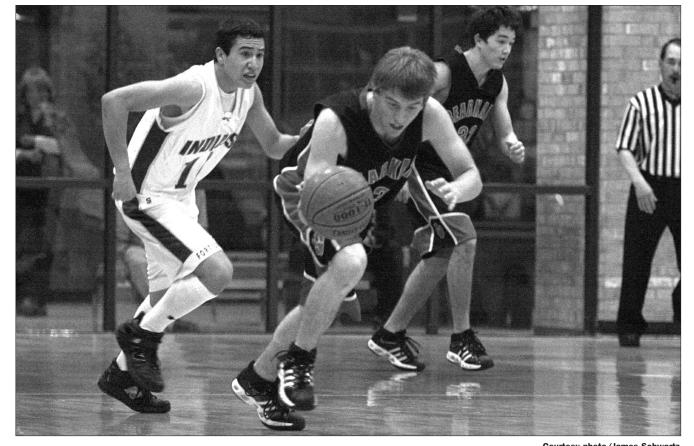
McCamey scored one unearned run in the top of the first inning, but didn't register another hit until the sixth as Martinez allowed just one base runner from the second inning to the

The Buffs, meanwhile, showed both patience and power at the

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Forsan Buffaloes pitcher Ray Martinez winds up in the Buffs' season opening 7-3 win over McCamey Tuesday in Forsan. Martinez struck out eight batters in six innings of work.



Garden City Bearkats guard Cole Schwartz dribbles up the court after stealing the ball from a Fort Davis defender in the Bearkats' win Tuesday night in a Class A, Division II regional quarterfinal playoff game in Monahans.

Bearkats advance to regional tourney

By EVAN JANSA

Special to the Herald

Interstate 20 will again be lined with a convoy of vehicles headed east from Glasscock County Thursday and Friday.

The No. 17 Garden City Bearkats basketball team compete for a shot at the state tournament in the Class A, Division II, Region II Tournament in Fort Worth Friday. This comes after the Lady Bearkats played in the same tournament this past weekend.

A third gold basketball was added to the 2008 trophy collection by the Kats Tuesday night. Garden City (22-8) defeated a familiar foe — the Fort Davis Indians — 49-34 at the Jerry

Larned Sports Complex in Monahans.

Fort Davis surprised the ranked Bearkats during the first period, outscoring them 10-4. A tenacious trapping defense coupled with tremendous hustle caused the 'Kats to commit four turnovers in the opening stanza.

"We just came out flat," Garden City Head Coach Koby Abney said. "All we could do was tell the kids to not get too up or down emotionally."

The second period was an exhibition of the mantra Garden City has lived and died by the entire season — defense.

Down 19-11, Cole Schwartz scored on two consecutive possessions. His second basket was a layup created by a sneaky steal by the junior guard.

"Cole is the kind of player that doesn't get a whole lot of attention," Abney said. "He makes all the plays that don't show up on a stat sheet."

Schwartz put the clamps on Fort Davis' top scorer Joe Ramos, holding him to only 10 points.

"Coming in I knew he was a good shooter," Schwartz said of Ramos, "but I also got great defensive help from my teammates."

Garden City outscored the Indians 15-11 in the second frame, but still trailed 21-19 at

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Panthers pound Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — After starting the season with two dominant wins over Angelo Central Sweetwater, the Big Spring Steers baseball team was brought back down to earth Tuesday.

The Steers gave up nine runs in the first two innings and suffered a 12-2 loss at the hands of their ungracious host, the Odessa Permian Panthers.

"It's a wake up call," said Steers Head Coach Burt Otto. "We struggled to find the strike zone and walked a few batters. Everytime we'd walk one or two, Permian would get a hit and knock them

Big Spring led after its part of the first inning with leadoff hitter Martin Yanez, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, was knocked in courtesy of a single from starting pitcher Cade Hollandsworth to center field.

However, Hollandsworth's hit was only one of three obtained by the Steers.

Meanwhile, the junior hurler continued to struggle on the mound and the Steers' missed on opportunities to stop the bleeding in the second inning.

After giving up four runs in the first, Big Spring had already surrendered two in the second with only one out. The Steers had a chance to end the inning with a double-play ball, but instead committed an error and eventually allowed three more runs to score.

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Wylie rallies late, beats Bulldogettes

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA —The Coahoma Bulldogettes (3-4) came into their home opener with the Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs having only logged three full practices since switching over from basketball season.

The Bulldogettes looked as if they had made the transition to the diamond for three innings, fashioning a 1-0 lead when a Berkley Iden bunt single followed by an Abilene Wylie errant throw allowed Joanna Gonzales to scoot around from second base in the second inning.

However, Wylie caught up to Newton and took advantage of Coahoma errors to win, 7-3.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled even in the top of the fourth after second baseman Karesten Davis singled to right. Davis scored two batters later when Breanna Fowlkes lofted a fly ball to center

for the sacrifice.

The Bulldogettes, however, were able to get out of the inning without further damage when catcher Janice Gonzales quickly fired a throw to third nailing a Lady Bulldog runner who was trying to advance on the throw home.

Things remained the same until the top of the fifth, when the wheels fell off for the Bulldogettes.

After a Davis single put runners on first and second with two out, the Lady Bulldogs' number three hitter Kelly Wheeler drove the third pitch she saw off of the left field wall for a double.

The Lady Bulldogs were far from done, however, as Fowlkes followed up the Wheeler shot with one of her own to gather up the RBI.

Fowlkes made the score 5-1, motoring around from second when a throwing error by the

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Coahoma's Joanna Gonzales hits an infield single in the Bulldogettes' 7-3 loss to Abilene Wylie Tuesday in Coahoma's home opener.

LOCAL

Obituaries

Sgt. Conrad Alvarez



Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, 22, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in Iraq. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bernard Gully and Chaplain Joel Miller officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Conrad was born Jan. 20, 1986, in Sweetwater. He grew up in Sweetwater and Roscoe. Conrad attended school in both towns and played football for the Roscoe Plowboys. He graduated from high school in 2004 at Hobbs, Texas. Conrad moved to Big Spring in 2004 and enlisted in the Army in 2005. He was on his second tour in Iraq. Conrad married Maira Chavez, Oct. 10, 2007, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a Catholic.

Conrad is survived by his wife, Maira Alvarez of Oakgrove, Ky., also serving in the Army at Fort Campbell; two daughters, Alyssa Alvarez and Celeste Alvarez, both of Sweetwater; unborn son, Kristian Thomas Alvarez; mother, Belinda Garcia and her husband Pedro of Big Spring; one sister, Christina Menchaca of Big Spring; one brother, Timothy Alcala of Pryor, Okla.; one aunt, Brenda Alcala of Pryor, Okla.; one nephew, Isaac Murillo of Big Spring; and his extended military family.

Conrad was preceded in death by his grandfather, Felix Alvarez; and one aunt, Rosemary Duran.

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

Emma Spivey Wells



Emma Spivey Wells, 84, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Bruce Wells officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born April 1, 1923, in Knott and married Roy M. Spivey Sept. 22,

1945, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1977. She then married Samuel Wells on June 29, 1990.

A lifetime resident of Howard County, Emma was a homemaker and worked for many years as a Mary Kay consultant. She loved to travel, especially in the RV, and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was very active in her church.

Survivors include her husband, Sam Wells of Big Spring; one daughter, Judy Garner and husband Richard of Abilene; two sons, Roy Lee Spivey and Tim Spivey, both of Big Spring; two step-children, Bruce Wells and wife Patsy of Kilgore and Joetta Beck and husband Bill of Big Spring; one sister, Edna Merle Grozier of Round Rock; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Kent and husband Jody of Abilene, Chris Spivey and wife Jana of Big Spring, Mike Spivey and wife Lyndi of Big Spring, Amy Smith and husband Hubble of Abilene, Kristy Bridges and husband Phillip of Merkel, Dana Spivey and Sammy Spivey, both of Big Spring; nine great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren, Dana Jo Allen and husband John, Chad Newsom, R.J. Sloan and Kristi Sloan; six step-greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Billy Gaskins; and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Spivey.

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

Paid obituary

Patricia Key Johnson



Patricia Key Johnson, 69 years of age, born in Big Spring on Dec. 31, 1938, went to be with the Lord Feb. 24, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her husband, the Rev. Roy W. Johnson, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Brookehill Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, with interment to follow at San Jose Burial Park.

She is survived by her children, Roy Allan Johnson and wife Margie of Big Spring, RheaNell Rogers and her husband Clifton of Floresville, Avery Johnson of San Antonio, Vicky Cervantes and her husband Victor of San Antonio and Wendy Moran of San Antonio; one brother, Charles Key and his wife Carolyn of California; one sister, Juanice Godwin and husband Wayne of Colorado; brothers-in-law, Billy Johnson and his wife Opal of Big Spring and Larry Vigar of Midland; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

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Linda Vaughn

Linda Vaughn, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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Otis L. Young



Otis L. Young, 82, of Stanton, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, in Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at the First Baptist Church Stanton with the Reverend Timothy Carter, grandson, pastor of Church On Fire in Dallas, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born Feb. 9, 1926, in Eastland and married Dorothy Jean Adams in 1965 in Midland. She preceded him in death in 1997.

Mr. Young lived in Stanton most of his life. He served his country as a corporal in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of Carter Chapel CME.

Survivors include daughters, Jonita Young Oliver and Patricia Ann McCalister, both of Lubbock, Linda Ann Carter of Irving, Alice Fay Austin and Evola Lowery, both of Midland, Shamequia Bernal of Stanton, Helen Williams of Palestine and Willie Mae Young of Dallas; three sisters, Winnet Brown of Stanton, Mary Tippins of Midland and Emma Sue Green of Denver, Colo.; one brother, David "Bubba" Young of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Otis Joe Young and Marvin P. Clewis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

L.C. Gibbs Jr.



L.C. Gibbs Jr., 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Brother Monroe Teeters officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He was born May 14, 1927, in Knott and married Zelda Mae Riddle on Nov. 12, 1948, in Big Spring.

L.C. had lived in Howard County all his life, except for serving in the United States Air Force during World War II. He owned and operated the Chevron service station at Fourth and Birdwell for 32 years. He also farmed in the Salem Community, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Zelda Riddle Gibbs; two sons, L.C. "Trip" Gibbs III and wife Cheryl of Lake Colorado City and Paul Gibbs and wife Rhonda of Midland; eight grandchildren, Kristi Hobbs and husband Justin of Big Spring, Stacey Gibbs and wife Shannon of Greenwood, Mo., Weldon Gibbs and wife Francesca of Big Spring, Heather Vaughan and husband Jeromy of Andrews, Ransom Gibbs and Cadry Gibbs of Midland, and Zach George and Cyndra George of Colorado City; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Ray Gibbs of Royce City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.C. Sr. and Della Gibbs; and sisters, Gladys Sanderson, Inez McLemore, Jewel Fields, Juanita Heflin, Faye Finley and Clara Ponder.

Pallbearers will be Clyde Montgomery, Sammie Buchanan, Ronnie Wood, Ray Walker, Freddy Moran, Wayne Johnke, Tim Cornett, and W.C. 'Red' Ross.

In lieu of flowers, L.C. requests a memorial made to your favorite charity or Gideon's International, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133.

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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Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds15 to 20 mph shifting to the north 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Northeast winds10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Sally J. Reibe



Sally J. Reibe, 71, of San Angelo passed away Feb. 24, 2008. Born Dec. 23, 1936, she was raised in San Angelo by her loving parents, Bill and Ann Ownes. Mrs. Reibe was a graduate of Angelo State University and worked at

Shannon Hospital, retiring after 20 years of service. She loved spending time with her husband and three sons and devoted her time to being a loving mother and wife. All three of her sons

were very active in sports and extracurricular activities and she never missed one game or event. She valued her time spent visiting family at Fort McKavitt and other family functions.

Mrs. Reibe is survived by her husband of 44 years, Horace; and her three sons, Mike and Kay Jennings of Larkspur, Colo., Scott Jennings of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Tim and Cheri Reibe of Big Spring; her brother, Don Owens of Mission; her grandchildren, Carson Reibe, Mikel Jennings and Brad Jennings; half-sisters, Vickie Anderson of Lake Jackson and Carole Murray of Montgomer; her half-brother, James Luster Hodges of Lake Jackson; and cousins, Deedie McIntyre of Sonora and Louise Jones of San Angelo.

Special thanks to friends Jim and Kay Beardsley and Bonnie Justice of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and broth-

er Sonny Owen. The Reibe family would like to thank the First

Christian Church Disciples of Christ in San Angelo, Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo, the Sandusky Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, Okla., First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring, the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club, and a special thanks to the staff at Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo and Hospice of San Angelo for their wonderful care and support.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with the interment following at Fairmount Cemetery.

Police blotter

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

- MAY B. KLINGENBERG, 22, of 910 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - family violence.
- MARTHA A. CRENSHAW, 42, of 4200 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JAMES E. MCKENZIE, 56, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 200 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 42 inmates at the time of this report. • DAVID DELBOSQUE ARGUELLO, 55, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke

probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction. • TOMMY DEL BOLTON, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while

intoxicated - open container, second offense. • CHARLIE EVERETT RYERSON, 62, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a

charge of failure to identify - giving false information. • GREGORIO ARENIVAZ JR., 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license suspended.

 DAVID GARCIA VITELA SR., 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

• DEL RAY SCHEIBER, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

Fire/EMS

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

MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 5000 block of Nichols. One person was transported to SMMC.

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plate. Forsan drew seven walks and had five hits. However, three of those five hits went for extra bases, including two triples.

"We were really belting the ball," Phillips said. "I thought we hit the ball extremely well and weren't swinging at many bad pitches.'

Trailing 1-0, Forsan got on the scoreboard in the second inning with a twoout rally. Spencer Briggs drew a walk, advanced to second on a wild pitch and was knocked in by a Jeremy Robbins single.

The Buffs added two more runs in the third. Lowery, running for Zach Herrin, stole second base and scored a pitch later when Evan Burton hit a triple to right field. Adam Bailey knocked Burton in with a fielder's choice to first base, giving Forsan a 3-1 lead.

Forsan's patience at the plate paid off in the fifth inning. Herrin Burton each drew walks, putting runners on first and second with one out. Bailey then picked up his second and third RBIs, making McCamey pay for the free passes with a triple to the right field fence. He eventually scored on a wild pitch, giving the Buffs a 6-1 advantage.

tightened McCamey things up in the top of the sixth inning, taking advantage of two throwing errors from the Buffs. McCamey's first three batters reached base with hits, including a leadoff double. One run scored on an errant throw from the outfield and two more runners moved into scoring position on another bad throw.

However, with runners on second and third and no outs, Martinez shut down McCamey's lineup when it mattered most. He retired the next three batters and surrendered just one more run on a sacrifice fly to right field.

"Our fielding was solid for most of the game,' Phillips said. "We kicked the ball around a little in the sixth, but that should be expected some with it being the first game of the season. We made the plays when we had to."

Forsan scored its final run in the bottom of the sixth when Jeremy Freitag took off for third after being picked off at second. McCamey's shortstop made a bad throw and Freitag took advantage of the error, sliding safely into home.

The Buffs (1-0) play in the Wall Tournament, starting Thursday. Phillips is placing the most importance on getting the players adjusted to the baseball season.

"Most of the guys out here were playing basketball last week. We've got to get them ready for the rest of the season," Phillips said. "I want to get our other pitchers' arms ready. They'll see some action, but I'll keep them on a tight pitch count. As the season goes on, our top four guys from last season will move more into the rotation."

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W - Ray Martinez (1-0). L -Marquez.

2B: McCamey - Patrick; Forsan -Ryan Flores. 3B: Forsan - Adam Bailey and Evan Burton. RBI: McCamey - Rodriguez; Forsan Baiey 3, Jeremy Robbins, Burton.

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Bulldogettes infield extended the inning.

Newton took matters into her own hands to end the inning as the Coahoma hurler struck out Taryn Yarbough for the second time, but the damage had already been done.

After the Bulldogettes went quietly in the bottom half of the sixth, Wylie showed the killer instinct striking for two more runs on a Clay single pushing the lead to 7-1, entering the home half of the seventh.

rally as Alex Moore and Krista Kerby both worked walks off of Lady Bulldogs' reliever Lesile Henderson. Three batters later, Gonzales drove in both runners, but there were already two outs in the inning.

"We just have to be more consistent," Bulldogettes Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "We either play good defense or we have good offense. We have vet to have a game where we have both all the way through. We need to have more focus.

"We have only had three practices because of late basketball

Coahoma attempted to went." he continued. "I think that once we get into it that we are going to be alright. I'm not worried, though, I know that we will get it. It's not like we are going to sneak up on anyone."

Newton, who carried a perfect game into the third, finished the evening striking out 11 Lady Bulldogs while giving up seven hits in the complete game effort while Paige went 2-for-4 at the plate as the Bulldogettes collected five \oplus hits while striking out six

times. Coahoma will take part in the Prairie Dog Classic this weekend in Lubbock with their first game being Thursday with a

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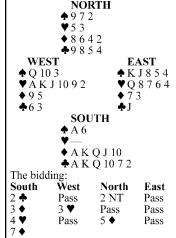
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2B: Wylie - Wheeler, Fowlkes; Coahoma - Janice Gonzales, Joanna Gonzales. RBI: Wylie -Wheeler 2, Fowlkes 2, McIntyre 1; Coahoma - Janice Gonzales 2, Berkley Iden.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable

Opening lead — king of hearts. This deal was played in a tournament more than 70 years ago. It illustrates the principle that in choosing a trump suit it is not always best to select the suit with the greatest com-

bined length.

North-South were playing the Culbertson System (1934 version), as were most of the other players in the tournament. South's two-club bid was forcing to game, and North's

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response of two notrump indicated a very poor hand.

The cuebid of four hearts by South guaranteed first-round control of the suit. It asked North to choose between clubs and diamonds as the trump suit, bearing in mind that South had to have more clubs than diamonds, since he had bid them

North diagnosed the situation perfectly when he decided to indicate a preference for diamonds, even though he realized that the partnership held more clubs than diamonds. He thought South might have a 2-0-5-6 distribution, in which case there would be a distinct advantage to selecting diamonds as the trump suit. With diamonds as trump, two of dummy's spades could be discarded on declarer's clubs and in that way a potential spade loser might be

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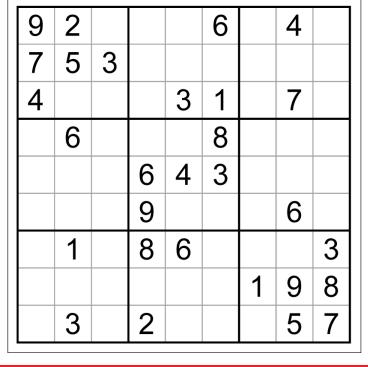
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tracted for a grand slam in diamonds. Declarer ruffed the heart lead, drew trumps in two rounds and cashed his six club tricks, discarding two spades from dummy. He was then able, after cashing the spade ace, to ruff a spade in dummy and so produce 13 tricks - one trick more than he could have made with clubs as trump!

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Courtesy photo These Coahoma High School students recently won first division medals for their vocal solos at Region 6 Solo and Ensemble contest held at Odessa College. They are Kyla Clark, junior; Megan Parrish, sophomore; Teryn Bibb, senior; and Havli McCullough, sophomore. All received their medals for Class II solos except for Teryn, who sang a Class I solo and will advance to Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos in May.

SOLDIER

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Alvarez was born in Sweetwater and raised in Roscoe before moving to Big Spring in 2004. He enlisted in the Army in

2005 and was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Maira, of Oakgrove, Ky., two daughters, Alyssa and Celeste, his mother and step-father, Belinda and Pete Garcia

Chapel. Funeral services will be

of Big Spring, sister

brother Timothy Alcala,

plus an aunt and nephew.

Alvarez will be held at 7

p.m. today in Myers &

Smith Funeral Home

A vigil service for

Menchaca,

held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, followed by burial with full military honors at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Public viewing of the casket will be held until Thursday's services, said Bill Myers, director of

Myers & Smith. about being in Rotary,"

he said. "Leaders of the

community are Rotarians

... and they go out and

perform the Rotary motto,

which is 'Service Above Self." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at

reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Take Note

 Members of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge 598 will present Paul Smith with the Golden Trowel

— the group's most distinguished award Thursday following a meal slated for 6:30 p.m. at 519 Main Street. All of Paul's friends are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jerry Barker at 263-1054.

• The Howard County Youth Horseman Club is sponsoring an equine shot clinic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the HCYHC arena on Garden City the Highway. Brock Veterinarian Clinic of Lamesa is providing the services. You do not have to be a member to participate. Call (432) 599-2934 if you have questions.

Big Spring High School will be offering the Exit Level TAKS Retest, March 3-7, 2008. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Bring a picture I.D.

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 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.

· 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.

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Marge Kolden, 79, died Thursday. Memorial Services were at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Linda Vaughn, 62, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ROTARY

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weekly and members from both groups were on hand for Tuesday's ceremony.

Michael Graves, district governor for Rotary International, presented local club president Pete Thiry with a plaque commemorating the anniver-Both clubs collaborate

on community service projects that include the Rotary Park located downtown and efforts to encourage literacy by distributing dictionaries to all third grade students in Big Spring the Independent School District

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Spring Rotarians have a long tradition of service to their communities," Graves said.

A look at the local membership is like reading a Who's Who list of Big Spring leaders, Thiry

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Richard Wright, owner of Water, Water, wants to construct a car wash at 1515 E. FM 700, which would be adjacent to his store, but cannot without the zoning change.

McEwen expressed concern about the action because it would result in commercial-use property bumping up against residential areas and could result in "spot-zoning" —

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the block would be entirely zoned for light commercial use, with the exception of the lot occupied by Slaton Insurance, which is designated as office use only. The council will consid-

er giving final approval to both zoning changes when it next meets on March 11.

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FREE CASE EVALUATION

Red hot Rockets lose Yao for season

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — All-Star center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot, a stunning blow to the surging Houston Rockets.

General manager Daryl Morey made the announcement Tuesday, hours before the Rockets put their 12-game winning streak on the line against the Washington Wizards.

Yao was having a terrific season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

"It is not an injury we feel he can play with," Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton said. "I've made the recommendation that it be treated surgically and we are working with him to get other opinions just to be certain that that is indeed what should be done."

If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with am out for the season, every-

options involve a healing time of about four months.

Clanton would not say when Yao could play again, but said he doesn't expect the center to miss the Beijing Olympics in August.

That possibility is weighing heavily on him though.

"If I cannot play in the Olympics for my country this time, it will be the biggest loss in my career to right now," he

He doesn't even want to think about how his absence in the game would affect his fans in China.

"I don't want to try, actually and I don't want to know either," he said.

Coach Rick Adelman and Morey told the team before Tuesday's shootaround. Yao said it was a difficult day for him from the moment he walked into the building.

"When coach tells everybody I

"That kind of quietness makes me feel kind of scared, it was quiet like nobody was there and you just feel alone."

Morey said he doesn't believe injury compromises Houston's playoff hopes. The Rockets were 36-20 entering Tuesday's game.

"We've been playing exceptional ball and Yao's been a huge part of that," Morey said. "We feel very confident about our playoff push. We've managed to step up and play well without Yao in the past and coaches and players feel confident that we're going to continue to play well and make the playoffs this year."

Morey acknowledged that it was difficult news to receive when the team has been playing so well.

"It's a pretty big swing from a high to a low, with how we were playing," Morey said. "We feel like our supporting cast is superior to when we played remain ready for the challenge ahead."

Clanton said there was no specific event that led to the injury, but rather an "accumulation of stresses on the bone. Yao first experienced soreness and pain in his ankle before the All-Star game and tests were done Monday when the situation didn't improve.

This is Yao's fourth major injury in the last two years. He missed 32 games last season with a fracture in his right leg and 21 games in late 2006 with a toe infection that required surgery. He missed four games in April 2006 after breaking his

Houston went 20-12 when Yao was injured last season.

The Rockets, who remain in seventh place in the tough Western Conference despite their winning streak, will now have to rely heavily on 41-yearold Dikembe Mutombo. The 17year veteran has been averag-

a cast and crutches. Both body is like quiet," he said. without Yao in the past. We ing just eight minutes per game.

> "I really feel bad for Yao," Adelman said. "It's just such a shocker. Yesterday morning he was OK and then four hours later, he wasn't. It's tough on everybody, but we've got to move on.'

> Yao said he took Tracy McGrady aside after speaking to the team and told him the success of the team is up to him now.

> "We're in a good situation right now," he said he told McGrady. "Right now is your time."

> On Tuesday, the Rockets signed Bobby Jones to a 10-day contract and released Adam Haluska.

> While it took more than two weeks to discover Yao's injury, Clanton said it sometimes takes months to diagnose.

> "This is something that can be treated," he said. "We are catching this at a very early



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OUR VIEWS

Let's all support our Boy Scouts' local food drive

erhaps no group is better known worldwide for doing good deeds than the Boy Scouts. That's exactly what local Scouts will be doing Saturday as they take part in their annual canned food drive.

Between 40 and 50 area Boy Scouts will hit the streets Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to collect canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the drive that will help replenish the seemingly always depleted programs operated by the Salvation Army and Isiah 58.

"What we're doing this year is very similar to what we've done in the past," said local Scouting director Warren Wallace. "Normally, we would hold the food drive the first part of February, but last year we decided to wait until the first part of March. That worked out well, so we decided to do it at the same time this year. It's all part of the Good Turn for America program the Boy Scouts of America have been sponsoring for a number of

"The food will be picked up by teams of Scouts and brought to our collection point, which will be set up at the Wal-Mart Supercenter's east entrance," said Wallace. "We're having the drop off point at Wal-Mart in hopes people who see us there will also make a donation, or maybe even purchase something specially for the drive while they are doing their grocery shopping."

Wallace said the scouts will be scouring the streets of Big Spring, Coahoma and Sand Springs. Anyone needing additional information on the food drive can contact Wallace at 263-3407.

Each year, the Scouts collect thousands of pounds of food to help out the needy in our community. It's an important endeavor, and one we can all be proud of. It helps teach these young men responsibility to others and reminds us there are many others out there much worse off financially than we

So we are asking that you take the time to gather together cans, bags or boxes of food — anything that won't spoil will be acceptable. Then on Saturday morning, place your bag or box full of food on your doorstep or in a visible place outside your home.

And if for some reason you forget, you can drop donations off at the Herald's offices next week. We'll make sure they're added to the Scouts' drive.

You'll be helping our local Scouts, but more importantly, you'll be helping them help others. That's what you call a "win-win situation" for our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our charisma come from you, Lord.

mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

Amen

Obama is naive about Havana

ow, just as the ruthless regime of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro declared that it was gasping for its last breath of air last week, Sen. Barack Obama shamefully was sending oxygen to Havana.

In his most recent debate with Sen. Hillary Clinton, only two days after Castro announced his resignation, Obama said that as president of the United States, he would be willing to meet with Castro's successor "without preconditions.

MIGUEL PEREZ Everyone already knew that Castro would be replaced by his equally authoritarian brother, Raul, and Obama should have known that this was not the time to legitimize the continuation of a 49-year dicta-

torship. Yet that's exactly what he did! By acknowledging that he would not expect to see concessions before meeting the new Cuban dictator, Obama demonstrated he is "dangerously naive," according to Sen. John McCain, who took advantage of Obama's outrageous position to score some points among anti-communist Republicans, especially Cuban-Americans in southern Florida.

Even Sen. Clinton, who is clearly a leftist on many issues, explained that before she met with a Cuban dictator, she would expect to see some movement toward democracy. "I would not meet with him until there was evidence that change was happening," Clinton said.

But Obama said he needs no such evidence as a precondition for a meeting — no free elections, no release of political prisoners, no free press, no freedom to travel even within Cuba, no movement toward democracy. All he needs is "preparation" to set an agenda for his discussion with our enemies in Havana — as if the Castro tyrants, after a half-century of crimes against humanity, could be swayed easily to release their suffocating grip on the Cuban people or to open their closed society in ways that would lead to their demise from power.

"Dangerously naive" is an understatement.

Immediately after the one-party Cuban parliament "elected" Raul to replace the ailing Fidel on Sunday, the new dictator assured all his henchmen that he will consult with his brother on all major

So what has changed? Nada! Most U.S. scholars on Cuba agree that nothing will change in Cuba as long as Fidel is alive. The scholars think that once Fidel is dead, Raul only will be willing to release his grip on the Cuban economy, not on the Cuban people. A Cuba in the image of China, where the government has freed the economy but not the people that's all Obama would be able to get out of Raul Castro.

And that's unacceptable for Cuba, just as it should be for China. We should not be trading partners with our devout ideological enemies, especially those who would use our dollars to oppress their own people.

But instead of letting the Castros and their henchmen choke, so that the Cuban people finally can breathe free, instead of at least waiting for a sign that Cuba will stop hosting terrorists and sponsoring terrorism, at the debate, Obama already was sending oxygen to the Castro brothers by offering to lift some U.S. travel restrictions to Cuba as "a show of good faith." He doesn't get it! The "show of good faith" should come from Cuba!

In sharp contrast to Obama's position. McCain said that although he hopes Fidel Castro will have "the opportunity to meet Karl Marx very soon," he believes that "Raul is worse in many respects than Fidel was."

Referring to Obama, McCain said that to "meet, talk and hope may be a sound approach in a state legislature, but it is dangerously naive in international diplomacy, where the oppressed look to America for hope, and adversaries wish us ill.'

Clinton continued citing Cuba this week, as she went on a new offensive to showcase Obama's inexperience in foreign policy: "We simply cannot legitimize rogue regimes or weaken American prestige by impulsively agreeing to presidential-level talks that have no preconditions,' Clinton said Monday. "It may sound good, but it doesn't meet the real-world test of foreign poli-

Yet Obama apparently thinks fancy rhetoric will solve all his problems — even with communist dictators who hate the United States. Quoting John F. Kennedy in the debate, Obama noted: "We should never negotiate out of fear, but never fear to negotiate."

Perhaps what we should fear is that the person we elect to be president is too naive to negotiate.

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Remember February is Heart Month

rotect vourself and vour loved ones through education and prevention. Did you know that heart disease is the leading killer of both men and women in the United States? If so, you are already on a path to understanding

this serious disease. If not, now is the time to learn about, understand and take precautionary steps to reduce your risk.

Heart disease claims more than 650,000 American lives each year and approximately half of them are women. It is disconcerting that

NEUGEBAUER less than half of all women are aware of the risks that lead to heart disease. That is why it is critical to ensure that you increase your awareness and avoid behaviors that could increase your chances of facing heart disease.

Many people think that heart disease and cardiovascular problems, such as strokes and heart attacks, only afflict the elderly. This is not true. Heart disease can strike at any age. The American Heart Association reports that about every three minutes, someone dies from a stroke. Moreover, for every five people that suffer a stroke, statistics show that two will be men and three of the vic-

tims are women. The first step toward educating yourself is to see your doctor and talk about common risk factors and how best to avoid them. It is important to know your family history and discuss this with your doctor. It can play a significant role in decreasing your risk level. Recent studies indicate that high blood pressure, a leading cause of heart disease, is on the rise among women across America. This growing and disturbing trend is leading to increased heart problems and unexpected deaths. Other leading causes of heart disease and cardiovascular problems include: smoking, obesity, lack of exercise, poor diet and uncon-

Do not delay in scheduling an appointment with your physician.

trolled diabetes.

Now is the time to talk to your can take to educate yourself and stay healthy. Additionally, it is important to share the information you learn with family and friends. Preventive steps and understanding causes can save your life or the life of a loved one.

When you go to the doctor, there are 10 critical questions to ask and make sure you understand:

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- What is my blood pressure? What does it mean for me, and
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- · What is my "body mass index" and waist measurement? Do they indicate I need to lose weight for my health?

for me, and what do I need to do

about them?

- What is my blood sugar level, and does it mean I am at risk for diabetes?
- What other screening tests for heart disease do I need? How often should I return for checkups for my health?
- · What can you suggest to help me quit smoking?
- How much physical activity do I need to protect my health? • What is a heart-healthy eating
- plan for me? Should I see a registered dietitian or qualified nutritionist to learn more about healthy eating?

• How can I tell if I am having a heart attack?

Some important things to understand are the difference between a stroke and a heart attack, what the symptoms of each one are, and what to do if you feel you are experiencing one. The AHA reports that some heart attacks are sudden and intense, where no one doubts what's happening; others start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are some signs that can mean a heart attack is happening: chest discomfort, discomfort in other areas of the upper body, shortness of breath; other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness. Women are some-

what more likely than men to doctor and learn the steps that you experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

The AHA reports typical signs of a stroke are: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, or sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes. Additionally, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination or severe headache with no known cause are common signs.

If ever in doubt, even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 911. Calling 911 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency personnel are ready to begin treatment when they arrive on the scene, often limiting potential damage.

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Dana Neugebauer is the wife of Congressman Randy Neugebauer and is dedicated to promoting health awareness issues.

Canyon coach Lombard can get win No. 1,000 with 3A title

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — In Texas girls basketball, two almost things seem inevitable: Lombard-coached team will make the state tournament and will very likely win it.

Lombard, whose Canyon girls annually rumble out of the High Plains to claim trophy after trophy, is on his way back to Austin this week with a personal goal at stake.

If Canyon can get to Saturday's Class 3A state final and win it, Lombard will reach career win No. 1,000.

"We're trying to keep that low key," Lombard half-whispered during a telephone interview so as not to brag about it in front of his team. "(But) I can't believe the timing. It's kind of amazing."

The Eagles (30-3) play (36-3)Navasota on Thursday in the semifi-

BEARKATS

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After the half, the Kats

came out energized and,

more importantly, com-

posed. Senior point guard

Bo Eggemeyer orchestrat-

ed the 'Kats offense impeccably in the third

quarter. Garden City dis-

sected the Fort Davis

defense with set plays and

finished the frame on a 5-

With a comfortable 35-28

lead at the start of the

fourth quarter, the 'Kats'

big men took control of

the game. Defensively,

the 'Kats were lead by

Jake Schwartz whose

block with 1:57 remaining

in the fourth proved to be

dagger for Indians. Senior Wade

Jansa tallied 10 of his

game high 26 points in

"We would definitely

rather go inside offensive-

ly," Abney said. "We're

not going to win a three-

point shooting contest

the final frame.

with anyone."

halftime.

0 run.

Just as amazing as the number of Lombard's victories is how few games he lost. Lombard is likely to get to career win No. 1,000 before he gets career loss 100. His career record in 30 seasons at Nazareth and Canyon is 998-92.

"He could lose every game for the next 20 years and still be above .500," Canyon Athletic Director Todd Howey said.

The Indiana native has built a resume of stunning success with 13 state titles, four in the last five years, and his teams have never won fewer than 25 games in a season.

His 2002-2003 Canyon team that featured McDonald's All-Americans Brooke Baughman and Kalee Carey was ranked No. 1 in the country by USA Today. Lombard estimates he's sent 90 players to college on scholarship.

His first head coaching job was taking over a successful Nazareth program

The journey to their

in 1978-79. The Swiftettes had won back-to-back titles and Lombard promptly led them to another. It was the first of four straight championship seasons for Lombard and Nazareth.

Starting in 1983, he coached the Nazareth boys for two years while he was still coaching the girls — leading the boys to state runnerup finishes both times. Oh yeah, he still managed to win the girls' titles those two years.

In 1985, he moved to Canyon and its rugged terrain and ranchlands about 15 miles south of Amarillo, not far from the Palo Duro Canyon.

He won his first title with the Eagles in 1992 and they've been a dominating force ever since.

"It's not that our season is defined by making the state tournament, but I think in the back of our mind we expect to get to Austin every year," Lombard said.

regional quarterfinal triumph for the 'Kats was anything but normal. Abney, suffering from pneumonia, was hospitalized Monday and was not released until 2:30 on Tuesday. Assistant coach Alonzo Garcia and Lady Bearkats assistant

Monday's preparation for the playoff contest. While Abney was on the sideline, it was Garcia who communicated instruction to the players.

Mickey Baker conducted

"I can't say enough about the work Coach Garcia and Coach Baker did," Abney said. "I also credit the kids for not letting the circumstances affect their play."

Garden City will face the May Tigers Friday in the Region II semifinal in Fort Worth. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. at the Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, a venue the Kats are familiar with, having played two games in the building last year.

"We know what to expect in Fort Worth." Schwartz "There aren't any easy

Garden City 4 15 16 14-49 Fort Davis 10 11 7 6—34 Garden City: Wade Jansa 26, Eric Hirt 8, Cole Schwartz 6, Jake Schwartz 4, Bo Eggemeyer 3, Nick Sanchez 2

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Cole wins left."

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STEERS

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"We didn't commit a lot of errors, but we had some inopportune ones," Otto said. "We made mistakes and Permian took advantage of them."

The Steers didn't cross the plate again until the two more in the bottom of fourth inning when they

were already trailing, 9-1. Nathan Doporto scored from third while the Permian fielders were distracted, trying to tag out Matt Ritchey, who was caught in a run down between first and second.

Unfortunately, that's all the runs Big Spring could manage. Permian added the fourth and one in the

fifth before the game was \oplus called via the 10-run mercy rule.

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Hollandsworth took the loss and finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI and Doporto collected the Steers' only

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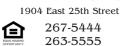


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Legals City of Big Spring

Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your social network supports you in silent People ways now. thinking good thoughts about you will have a fortuitous impact on your mood. Friends make the sweet times sweeter and rocky times smoother.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life, like jazz, often happens best in the spaces between the notes. What you do while you're waiting around - and you will be waiting around this afternoon is more important than what you do while you're doing. GEMINI (May 21-June

21). The more energy you pour into a relationship, the better this bond gets. Of course you figure out how to do this in as cool a manner as you possibly can, tantalizing the object of your affection. CANCER (June 22-July

Self-depreciation,

Tomorrow's Horoscope

even in the form of a joke, should be a crime now. Acknowledge your talents, and commit to nurturing them. Others are depending on you to be your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The highlight of your day is dreaming up how you will entertain others. That's what makes you fun to be around — you think of your company first and create an atmosphere where they can be interesting and lively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not married to your own point of view now, and in fact, it's mighty productive to get inside someone else's. Preferably someone you're having trouble You will see with. solutions relationship almost immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are so agreeable, you'll even agree to disagree. Your of self sophistication allows you to give your full attention to people whose opinions are dead wrong without feeling the need to prove the error or their ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What happens to you is significant. Important. A very big deal, if only to you. Try not to compare yourself with others as you give total attention to your own business. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). Handle what's important first and your whole scene clicks into "smooth" mode. Furthermore, you can combine successfully business and a hobby for

some sudden money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nurture the romance in your soul by getting out in the world — alone. Solo experiences turn up the vibrant creativity inside you. Take yourself on a really impressive date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're ready to the challenge, meet especially if it's bigger than you are. Some call you crazy, but time will show that you're the sane one. Crazy is letting opportunities slip when you could be rising to the occasion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're still trying to decide how close you should get to a certain person. If you can't seem to figure out this person's character, just check out his or her friends. The story becomes clear by tonight.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Scorpio, and I care very deeply for my friend, a Leo. Can we make it together? She seems stronger, smarter and

more confrontational than I, and sometimes I feel intimidated by her, but I understand that you can't change people, you have to change yourself." Don't let your Leo

intimidate you, Scorpio. Leo is not stronger and smarter than you. She acts larger than life because her emotions are larger than life, and her shine is what attracts you and others to her. I'll let you in on a little secret about the Leo psyche, Scorpio — Leos need to be appreciated and loved like you Scorpios need SYNDICATE, INC.

emotional rapport and connection. View most confident, or even confrontational, behavior with this in mind: Behind your lioness's roar exists a private but tender vulnerability. Oh, to be so dependent on another's love and approval, on another's need for her! She may never admit this, though, and don't undermine her by using this information against her. Instead, stay aware that this need may motivate her sometimes. And when it does, let it stir your compassion and thereby your empathic connection to her.

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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been married for 20 years to a wonderful, kind man whose family is a real piece of work. "Bob" apparently has been a disappointment to his parents his entire life. He had a speech impediment as a child, and his father, who considers himself a real "he-man," thinks Bob is "stupid" because of this. My husband's brother treats him the same way. Mom is no

help. Bob's parents only call when they want him to do some physical labor. They must think that is all he's good for. They have never been to our house, despite many invitations. My brotherin-law cursed at my husband last week for not helping them more, yet Bob was at their house at the time, taking care of their numerous

Now his parents are old, but after 50 years of this, Bob wants nothing more to do with any of them. My family loves him and comes to our home often, and we are welcome in theirs. I was brought up to be respectful of parents, so this has been upsetting to me. Can this situation be resolved, or should we just stay away from these hateful. ungrateful people? — Bob's Wife

Dear Wife: It can be resolved if his parents and brother interested in doing so. It's possible Bob's folks will be more receptive now than in years past, so try approaching them, together with Bob, and let him explain that he feels unappreciated and

Legals

Coahoma ISD will receive sealed bids for the removal of material from the bank of Wildhorse Creek. Bids will be received in the Administration Office, 600 N. Main or at PO Box 110 Coahoma, TX 79511 until 2:00 pm March 6, 2008. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids #5697 February 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2008



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mistreated. Ask them to go with you for family counseling so you can work out your differences and be closer. If they refuse, it's up to Bob to decide what kind of relationship, if any, he wants with them.

Dear Annie: After being with my partner for 10 years, we eloped last year and had a lovely reception for our family and friends. To make a long story short, I am very upset about my sister's gift.

I know I should be grateful for whatever I receive, but not in this instance. I have been very generous with my sister's two children, but she gave me a couple of inexpensive religious gifts, knowing full well that I am not religious. I thanked her, but I didn't mean it. I find these gifts tasteless.

I told my husband I will save these things and give them to her son when he marries. I know this will end whatever relationship we have, but at this point, I don't care. My sister is well off and this seemed a big slap. Should I do this or just send the gifts back and tell her I don't like them? Washington

Dear Washington: You are upset because your sister is not as generous as you think she ought to be and gave you gifts hold that great significance for her, but not for you. It would have been nice if your had given sister

something that more reflected your taste instead of hers, but that's part of the surprise of receiving a present. Treat her religious things as any other gift. If they can be returned to the store. do so. Otherwise, give them away. Say nothing to her other than "thank you."

Dear Annie: I am writing about "Need Help in Wisconsin," whose physician blabbed about her to his teenage daughter.

physician That seriously violated patient confidentiality and could be liable for civil and criminal penalties or fines under the HIPAA Privacy Rules. She may wish to file a complaint and get information at www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa.

If health care providers cannot demonstrate professionalism and integrity, I question whether they should be entrusted with the physical and emotional well-being of their Caring patients. for people is an honor and privilege and should not be used to provide fodder for gossip. — Michigan

Dear Michigan: "Need Help" didn't want to change doctors, even after this breach of trust, so we doubt she would report him, but thanks for the information.

Dear Annie: I am due to give birth to my first child any day and am seriously thinking about asking my husband to move out after I do. "Tom" lazy, is underemployed and selfinvolved. We've had occasional fights about his lack of participation, but mostly I was content. I was willing to take care of our finances and do nearly all the house and yardwork. But not anymore.

Tom wanted us to have children, but after I got pregnant, I started noticing how little he contributed to our relationship. I've seen

how other men treat their pregnant partners, but Tom still spends the vast majority of his paycheck on himself and pursues all his own interests, only pitching in at home when I get very upset.

The final straw came when I was put on bed rest for the remainder of my pregnancy. If I don't get up and do some dishes or laundry, nothing gets done. I realize now that if Tom can't sacrifice some of his personal time to help me when I really need it, he isn't likely to be a good father to our child, and he certainly won't be a good example of how a husband should behave.

As much as I'd hate to kick Tom out of my life, I don't think I can handle taking care of a baby and a husband while working full time. I might as well go it alone and at least remove the burden of Tom's care from my plate. Honestly, he's been so uninterested in me and my pregnancy, I'd be amazed if he asked for visitation rights.

Counseling probably won't work, as Tom only attended two of our four Lamaze classes before he got bored and stopped going. Any advice? — Better Off Alone in Des Moines

Dear Des Moines: No one has bothered to teach Tom how to be a responsible, hardworking husband and father — including you. By taking on all the household duties, you have given Tom the impression that his participation is not necessary. Please give him a chance to shape up before you throw him out. Explain how you feel, and insist that he go with you for counseling if and. necessary, parenting classes, as a condition of continuing in the marriage. If he isn't interested, we agree that he's more burden than help.

Troop Salute: Sisters Rita and Janet

your two daughters in

Iraq, Rita and Janet!" "Rita" is Spc. Rita Fleckenstein, serving in the Army Military Police in Rustamiyah, Iraq. "Janet" is SSgt. Janet Hudson, serving as an Army Transportation

"Dad" is Richard Fleckenstein, who has

Coordinator in Balad,

long been a resident of Big Spring. He was once DJ at KBYG. Janet sent the information for this column, by e-mail. She wrote, "I would like



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my father to open the paper and smile when he sees us looking at him." Her dad sends copies to her of these Troop Salutes. In one article in

particular, Laura Lewis, who is stationed in Balad where Janet is stationed, sent a greeting to her family and Janet wanted to do the same.

Janet joined the Army in 1983 when she graduated from Big Spring High School, and served 15 years as a food service specialist until the Army drawdown in 1999. She immediately joined the National Guard and was allowed to go back on active duty again in January 2007.

Rita also joined the Army after graduation from Big Spring High School in 1984 and served untill 1988. When Janet told Rita that she was going on active duty, Rita re-enlisted in September 2006, going three months before Janet was processed into active duty in January 2007.

Rita was then sent to Iraq in May 2007, and Janet arrived there two months later. The following month, Aug. 1, Janet was allowed to fly from Balad to Mosul to pin the insignia of Rita's promotion on her uniform. This was very meaningful to both of them.

About Rita (from

"When not in Iraq, Rita is stationed with the 54th MP Co, Fort Lewis, Wash. She has a home in Ajo, Ariz., is single and has no children. Rita was an outstanding addition to the BSHS swim team throughout her high school years. In civilian status, Rita worked with the mentally challenged adults in New York as well as Arizona. She did basic training and AIT at Fort McClellan, Ala. Upon re-entry, she did her military police training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Her service included being stationed in Stuttgart, Germany and Washington, D.C. She enjoys reading and her large doses of coffee. Rita came back in when I notified her that I was coming back in. Her awards include the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Ribbon, Army Achievement medals, **Army Accommodation** medals and the Army



Sisters SSgt. Janet Hudson and Spc. Rita Fleckenstein.

is my hero!"

About Janet: Janet, divorced, has a 16-year-old daughter, Brittni. Janet ran with the BSHS track and field team throughout high school. She attended basic and advanced training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Then she was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., Camp Humphries in Korea, Fort Carson, Colo., Nurnberg, Germany, and Fort Lee, Va. She did tours in Somalia amd Cuba. By 1999, the army was reducing its size and troops were encouraged to leave the service. Janet came home, but joined the National Guard, where she served until 2006. She also worked as a construction

before retirement. Janet wrote that information, with some description of the down side of living in Iraq, and

laborer and worked at a

steel plant in Kentucky

during this period. She

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I thought she really wanted out. But about three days later, she wrote, "Well, I re-enlisted for "indefinite" today ... I only have four years to retire, but when I drop my paperwork to retire, the Army can say "no" and keep me as long as they feel they need me." It seems she is not as

eager as I thought. Janet was a food service specialist for her first 15 years of service, but when she joined the second time, she trained as a transportation coordinator at Fort Eustis, Va. She is stationed with 613th MCT, 101st Airborne Division, at Fort Campbell, Ky. (air assault).

She wrote, "I have many service ribbons as well as awards, but the greatest achievement that I accomplished is my Air Assault wings." The 101st Airborne was restyled during the Vietnam War to be an assault group, not necessarily airborne (meaning dropping out of airplanes in parachutes). Many present members are not airborne qualified. Janet

was accepted for air assault training, and is now air assault qualified if she is needed. Thus the pride in the wings. She didn't go for Airborne, for, as she wrote, "The jumping out of an airplane thing just didn't do it for me." I think I would have felt the same. Her home is in Clarksville, Tenn., a few blocks and a state line from Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Fleckenstein **Family**

Richard and Nancy Fleckenstein moved to Big Spring from Ajo, Ariz., in 1977. Here they reared the two girls and two boys, Steve and John and two other girls, Lisa and Carol. Steve still lives in Big Spring with his wife, Beth, and works as a correctional officer in Colorado City. John has a son named John Michael. Lisa has two children, Amy and Royce. Carol has one son, Ricky. Only Steve still lives in Big Spring. Nancy, their mother, is now Nancy Huber, and lives in Illinois. Both Richard and Steve are

Army veterans.

What it is like in Iraq:

"Being in Iraq really allows one to appreciate the small things that make life good. I miss real milk! I am a big 2 percent milk drinker and I can't wait to drink a whole gallon. I miss still being asleep when I get back in bed after having to use the bathroom in the middle of the night ... instead of walking a football field in freezing weather to go and lay wide awake again before going back to sleep. First and foremost of course. is being able to hug my daughter everyday. I miss hearing my dogs bark. It will be nice to have a night's sleep without helicopters flying over sounding like they are going to land on the living quarters. Showers are off limits at 10:30 p.m. (water shortage). I am proud to be here, though, and to have the feeling of serving a purpose. Oh ... I really miss my raspberry daiquiris,

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FEATURES Wednesday, February 27, 200. Why not check this out? At the library

appreciate the Herald for sometimes gussying up the column with cover art of some of the new books; it really looks special.

The library is considering switching over to a new cataloging/circulation system and this is one of the options. For

example, when you select a certain search term and the books are displayed on screen, instead of just "numbers" you will also get



a display of the cover, another tool to help find

the item you want. Sometimes when people ask for a certain book, they will say, "You know, the green (or blue or red) book."

Biographies

• "Can't Buy Me Love: The Beatles, Britain and America" (782.421 GOU J). Written by Jonathon Gould, this is a masterful group biography of one of the iconoclastic music groups of our times. Gould places the Beatles in the broad look at the 1960s and talks about their influence on millions of lives. He speaks of who influenced their sound, chronicles their growth as songwriters and singers as well as the advances in recording, radio and television. A pivotal look at an important group in the history of music.

• "American Jenny: The Remarkable Life of Lady Randolph Churchill" by Anne Sebba.

A short history lesson: Many persons may not know (or care) that Winston Churchill's mother was an American, born in Brooklyn. After a whirlwind romance, Jennie Jerome married Lord Randolph Churchill in 1847. She became one of the most talked about women in the British aristocracy. Americans speak plainly and many times she spoke out fearlessly on many things that women (of her time) weren't even supposed to know. Politically astute and a businesswoman,

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too!" Rita's communications had been sabotaged, and I have not heard directly from her. Janet has been in some communication with her however and sends greetings from both of them to their friends and relatives at home. They miss you, and are looking forward to seeing you before the

end of 2008. Big Spring people have been generous in keeping in touch with the girls and they asked me to express their appreciation for all who have. They feel particularly grateful for the Canterbury residents and St. Mary's Church.

Do you have a story about your own family members in the military? For submissions or more information, e-mail Lane Bond at

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she directed her energies to her husband and her son, Winston Churchill. If you like history, you must read this.

• "Schulz and Peanuts: A Biography" by David Michaelis. Charles Schulz was and is one of the most understood figures in American culture. He was the son of a barber, growing up

in a modest home. He chose themes that had never before been attempted in a comic strip. Loneliness, melancholy, the never ending look for love all lightened with a comic touch. Do check out "Schulz and Peanuts;" you will find eternal truths. The first

one, is never let Lucy

hold the football!

In addition, the Library has received "Escape" by Carolyn Jessop and finally a baseball book

> for the upcoming season, "I Live For This: Baseball's **Last True** Believer" by Bill Plaschke with Tommy Lasorda.

> > **New fiction** Ursula Hegi newest is "The

Worst

Thing I've Done." Her first book was "Stones From the River." Robert Harris has written "The Ghost." The premise of this particular book is that the now retired prime minister of Great Britain is writing his memoirs. The first ghostwriter winds up dead. The second "ghost" is

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wary of involvement but becomes fascinated by the PM's charisma. It does take a lot of the story line from today's headlines and would be a good "read." Prior books he has written (and the library has) are

"Fatherland," "Imperium," "Pompeii" and "Archangel."

• "1491" (970.011 MAN C) by Charles C. Mann is not so much the story of a year, as of what that year stands for: the longdebated (and often-dismissed) question of what human civilization in the Americas was like before the Europeans crashed the party.

Among the revelations: The first Americans may not have come over the Bering land bridge around 12,000 B.C. but by boat along the Pacific coast 10 or even 20 thousand years earlier; the Americas were a far more urban, more populated, and more technologically advanced region than generally assumed; and the Indians, rather than living in static harmony with nature, radically engineered the landscape across the continents, to the point that even "timeless" natural features like the Amazon rainforest can be seen as products of human intervention.

This book was brought to my attention by someone who heard him speak at Jamestown's 400th year celebration. -Review is taken from Amazon. COM.

Remember, every Monday, the AARP sponsored tax preparing service is here at the

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Victims of Crime

Teen Dating Violence

No relationship is perfect. However, watch for some of the warning signs of a violent relationship.

- Do you feel powerless in the relationship?
- Are you afraid of your partner's temper?
- Are you afraid to disagree?
- Are you being told what to do?
- Are you forced or pressured to have sex?
- Are you afraid to break up?
- Is your partner jealous or possessive?
- Does your partner try to control you?
- Does your partner hit, kick, shove you or throw things at you?

KEEP SAFE IN DATING SITUATIONS:

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.

Notice changes in your relationship - If someone stops respecting you and your boundaries, this person may end up taking advantage of you. Believe that it can happen to you.

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No threatening behavior

• Trust and support

• Respect

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Get help immediate - Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school principal, counsel or nurse.

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library. Hours of service are 8 a.m. until noon. The event takes place in the basement; you enter at the glass door to the right of the main entrance. There is an elevator for those who need to take it down to the basement.

Howard County Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The library will be closed Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22 for the Easter holiday.

The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 p.m. Monday to Friday and it will close 1/2 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



Local AARP program coordinator and longtime volunteer Gloria Hopkins, center, accepts the Masonic Community Builders Award from Staked Plains Lodge 598 representatives Paul Smith, Lodge Master Jerry Barker, and past Lodge Masters Bob Noyes and Lane "Bo" Clawson. Hopkins received the award in recognition of her tireless years of volunteerism in **Howard County.**

Contact the Herald at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com



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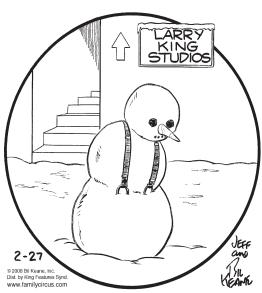
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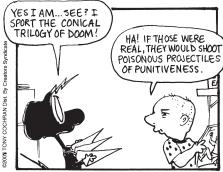


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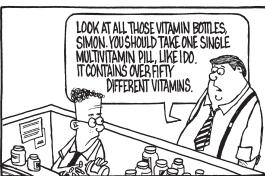
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress. In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was

In 1861, in Warsaw. Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

born in Portland, Maine.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to

In 1939, the Supreme

Court, in National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., outlawed sit-down strikes. In 1951, the 22nd

Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified. In 1960, the U.S. Olympic

hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1991, President George

H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 78. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 74. Actress Barbara Babcock is 71. Actor Howard Hesseman is 68. Actress Debra Monk is 59. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 54. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 51. Actor Timothy Spall is 51.

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