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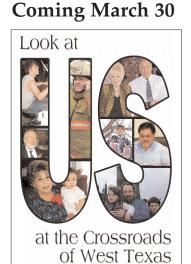
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Profiles Edition

Drive by shootings escalate

11-year-old boy struck while sleeping on couch

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A drive-by shooting in the 1500 block of Owens sent an 11year-old boy to the emergency room early Tuesday morning, as police continue investigating a rash of shootings throughout the city.

officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the boy's injuries were not life threaten-

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"During the past several drive-by shootings in Big

According to Sgt. Tony Spring," said Everett. "The Everett, public information most recent was reported at 1:28 a.m. Tuesday in the 1500 block of Owens. Several shots were fired into a residence where an 11-year-old boy was sleeping on the couch. The boy days, there have been four was struck in the buttock by one of the rounds fired.

"The victim was transported by ambulance to the emerroom at Scenic gency Mountain Medical Center and was later taken to a Lubbock hospital. The injuries were not life threatening."

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Judge: Burn ban violations are costly

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you violate the ongoing burn ban in Howard County, there will be stiff — and costly — consequences, according to County Judge

Mark Barr. Barr sent out the warning Tuesday afternoon during a special meetof the county commissioner's

court, as the court reviewed the purchase of \$2,835 in Class A foam to fight recent grass fires in the area.

"I want to emphasize the fact that we're in a burn ban and you have to meet special requirements to burn in the county," said Barr. "I've had several calls about burning trash and things like that. You have to have a special lid on your trash can to burn, but do not do it in a high wind.

"The fire they had out on Highway 350 this past Friday was started by two gentlemen who were cutting a fence with a cutting torch. They didn't

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Codee Barraza, left, receives congratulations from County Commissioner Emma Brown Tuesday evening. Barraza and 10 other firefighters were honored by the county for their roles in fighting the Alon Refinery fire Feb. 18.

Volunteer firemen commended for actions at refinery

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County officials gave heartfelt thanks to some of their finest Tuesday evening.

Chief Tommy Sullivan and 10 members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department received special recognition for their role in fighting the recent Alon Refinery fire during an appreciation dinner at KC's Steakhouse.

Sullivan and his firefighters played a central role in combating the Feb. 18 blaze, extinguish-

"They may be volunteers, but they're professionals in every other way. They knew what they were doing."

-County Judge Mark Barr

ing a potentially catastrophic fire near the central "cat cracker" unit, as well as safeguarding several oil storage tanks.

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Sports complex layout gets council approval

Facility will include multiple baseball, softball, soccer and football fields

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council put its stamp of approval on layout plans for the new Roy Anderson Sports Complex Tuesday night, giving city staff the go-ahead to begin advertising for contractors to build the bond-funded project.

According to plans provided by engineering firm Parkhill

will cater to several different sports, with four — possibly five, depending on how close the project comes in at budget or below — softball fields, five soccer fields, two football fields and five youth baseball fields.

Ty F. Sisco, landscaping architect with PSC, said the new park will meet all state and federal requirements, and should meet

Smith & Cooper, the complex the current and future needs for by 26 feet fabric canopies. the city of Big Spring.

> "The entire park is ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible, from the buildings in the complex to the sidewalks around the fields," Sisco told the council. "We've also provided for aluminum bleachers at each of the fields that will seat approximately 100 people, and they are shaded by 18 feet

"The irrigation for the complex is designed to utilize city water and sewage, but can also accommodate well There's a booster pump also set for it to help solve problems with water pressure the park has seen in the past. The new water system is also designed to

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Reception set for McCartney

The public is invited to celebrate the retirement of 118th District Attorney's Investigator Buster McCartney Friday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the court's grand jury room, located in the basement near the district attorney's office.

McCartney has served as the district attorney's investigator for more than 30 years. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 264-2220.

County opens budget talks; some raises said probable

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Budgetary restraints have Howard County commissioners looking for corners to cut and money to save, but it won't be at the expense of the employees, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

Barr met with county commissioners during a special called meeting Tuesday

afternoon to discuss the upcoming year's budget, and while the court will once again face a tight fiscal situation, Barr said county employees can breath a collective sigh of relief.

"We're getting started on it earlier than in the past. It looks like we'll most likely

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

FRIDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Kermit, 4:30 p.m. Coahoma baseball at Anson, 7 p.m.

Forsan baseball vs. Eldorado, 4:30 p.m. Forsan softball at Menard, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring softball at Frenship, 1 p.m. Coahoma softball at Monahans, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Frenship, 4:30 p.m. Big spring softball at San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Colorado City, 7 p.m. Coahoma softball at

Colorado City, 7 p.m. Forsan softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Menard, 4:30 p.m.

Big Spring Country Club hosting 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

The field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for details.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring Crossroads of West Texas Golf Class to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17 and 18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a twoman scramble format being used.

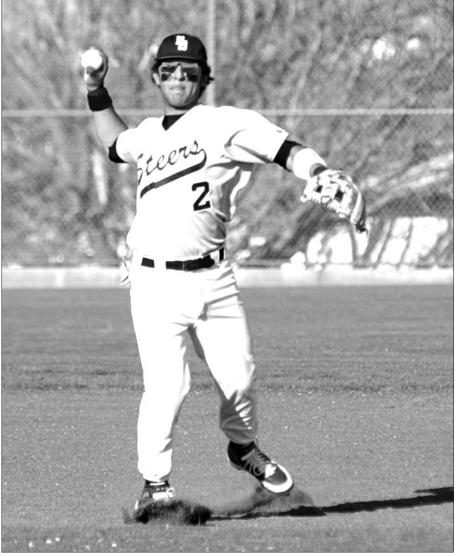
handicap required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Winners receive pro shop merchandise at 100 percent or may take 70 percent of winnings.

Call the country club's Pro Shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

Plainview powers past Steers



Big spring Steers shortstop Nathan Doporto throws out a runner at first in the Steers 8-5 loss to Plainview's Bulldogs Tuesday at Steer Park.

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers baseball team took the fight to the Plainview Bulldogs Tuesday afternoon at Steer Park, however, the Bulldogs' early bite stung too much and the Steers couldn't recover.

Big Spring opened District 4-4A play with a 12-7 loss to the Bulldogs to fall to 12-11 on the

"We forced the issue a couple of times, but then let Plainview get some cheap runs," Steers Head Coach Burt Otto said. "That's the identity of an inexperienced team right now. We've had a lot of things go our way lately, but today it didn't. So we started trying to force the issue ourselves and usually that's not going to work."

Plainview proved itself at the plate early, blasting three solo home runs over the Screen Monster in left field in the first few innings. The Bulldogs held a 4-1 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, but Otto notes that the score could've been much worse.

"Those home runs were all solo shots with no one on base, so the damage wasn't nearly as bad," he explained. "That gave us a chance to fight back and get in the game."

With one out and the bases sports@bigspringherald.com.

loaded in the bottom of the fifth, Cade Hollandsworth hits a grounder back up the middle that snuck past Plainview's second basemen and shortstop and allowed Rance Terry and Martin Yanez to cross the plate, cutting Plainview's lead to 4-3.

Unfortunately, that's the closest Big Spring could come to overtaking the Bulldogs as Plainview outscored Big Spring 8-3 over the final two innings of

The Steers start 0-1 in district play and search for their first win in 4-4A when they host Frenship's Tigers Tuesday at Steers Park. Otto feels like Big Spring is still capable of making some noise in the district.

"I wish we could get back on the field right away, but unfortunately we've got a bye Friday," Otto said. "We've just got to come back out and get ready for Frenship Tuesday. We're going to get our confidence back.

"We want to compete," he continued. "If we compete day in and day out, then we're going to make a run at every team in this district. Plainview had to fight to win. That's what I want. If a team is going to beat us, I want them to have to work for it."

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him

Lady Steers win district opener, 8-5

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

For the Big Spring Lady Steers softball team, scoring a lot of runs hasn't exactly been commonplace this season.

someone However, watching the Lady Steers for the first time Tuesday afternoon would have never guessed that

Big Spring finally found its swing in its District 4opener against Plainview's Lady Bulldogs, 8-5, at Lady Steer Park.

"We played with a lot of heart today. We started putting the bat on the ball and put eight runs up when we've been struggling to score two," Lady Steers Head Coach Jennifer Reyes said. "I don't know if it's because they want it more or because it's district and they're focused more. Whatever it is, I like it."

Most importantly, the Lady Steers begin district play with a win — something Reyes says is very important for Spring's confidence.

"I've been nervous for the last two days. I think I've been more nervous than the girls were,"



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Lady Steers shortstop Desiree Yanez slides into third after hitting a triple in the fourth inning of the Lady Steers' 8-5 win over the Plainview Lady Bulldogs Tuesday afternoon at Lady Steer Park. Yanez had three hits and scored two runs in the district-opening victory.

to start district with a win. This lets us know that if we focus then we can be contenders in district."

Plainview drew first

Reyes said. "It's awesome blood in the contest when the Lady Bulldogs held, right fielder Lauren Hill hit an infield single to score Ashley Maciel to go up 1-0 in the top of the second inning. That was the only lead of the game

though.

Big Spring answered in its half of the inning, scoring three runs on five singles for a 3-1 advantage. However, Plainview knotted the game at 3 in the third after Jeronica Soliz hit a 2-run double to left-center field.

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Midland Christian blast Bulldogettes, 12-6

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — After a week long break from action thanks to inclement weather over Spring Break the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball team looked to get back on track Tuesday against the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs.

Although the Bulldogettes where able to keep pace with their guests, trailing 8-6 after three innings of play, the Coahoma bats went silent over the last half of the game, allowing Midland to pull away for the 13-6 win.

Midland came out of the gate strong, pounding Coahoma starter Heather Newton for three quick runs, courtesy of a Gabby Hernandez home run.

The Bulldogettes answered with two runs when Krista Kirby

Midland Christian starting pitcher and Howard College signee Faith Hart settled in, striking out the next three Bulldogettes to get out of the inning.

After Midland pushed the advantage to 8-2 after its half of the third inning, the Bulldogettes exploded for four runs in the bottom of the frame.

Berkeley Iden led off for Coahoma, slapping her way onto first with a single. After a strikeout and a Midland error off the bat of Newton put two on with only one out, Laci Sterling woke up the home crowd, connecting with a Hart pitch for a double and scoring both of the Bulldogette runners.

Breanna Conner scored both Newton and Christie Rich, who had reached thanks to a walk, to end the Coahoma rally as the Bulldogettes first baseman

and Newton scored before deposited a pitch into the leftcenter field gap to plate the two RBIs, leaving the Lady Mustangs holding a slim 8-6 lead entering the fourth inning of play.

> That's as close as Coahoma could get, however, as Midland iced the game, scoring three runs in the sixth and adding another two in the seventh.

> "I knew coming in that we would be a little rusty," Bulldogettes Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "We had Spring Break last week and then we lost four or five days to the weather, so we haven't been able to maintain any kind of routine."

> "That isn't an excuse though," Tadlock went on to say. "We knew they had a good team and that we would have to play to our ability if we wanted to win and we didn't. You just can't make mistakes and expect to beat a good team."

Newton was relieved after the sixth inning by Katie Dunn. Coahoma's ace gave up 11 runs — six earned — on 13 hits, while striking out three batters. Dunn gave up two earned runs on three hits in her one inning of action.

The Bulldogettes managed only five hits and none of their six runs were earned as Midland Christian committed four errors that Coahoma took advantage of. The Bulldogettes will next be in action this weekend as they travel to Anson Friday night in a district 5-2A showdown and then will return to action Saturday afternoon as they travel west down I-20 to face the Monahan's Lady Lobos in non-district action.

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W - Gomez. L - Heather Newton (11-7). 2B: MCHS - Williams, Swanson, Rush, Gomez; CHS - Laci Sterling, Breanna Conner. HR: MCHS - Hernandez, Imken.

Obituaries

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L.C. Underwood

L.C. Underwood, 83, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 24, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 14, 1924, in Norton and married Elaine Coley Oct. 12, 1946, in Ballinger.

L.C. farmed in the Luther Community from 1946 to 1973. He retired from farming in 1973, but still checked on the crops daily during the growing season. From 1973 to 1989, he and Elaine enjoyed traveling throughout the United States before they settled in Big Spring.

L.C. had been a member of First Baptist Church since 1982. He had served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1942 to 1946 and was stationed in Hawaii.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Underwood of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Mark Guellette of Nashville, Tenn., and Carolyn and Kenneth Puckett of Garland; one brother and sister-inlaw, Loyd and Pat Underwood of Luther; four grandchildren, Todd Puckett of Dallas, Amy Sikes and family of Dallas, John Knous and family of Houston and Rodney Knous and family of Cottonwood, Ariz.; five great grandchildren; one nephew and five nieces.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701 or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-

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

Paid obituary

Allie Mae Moser



Allie Mae Moser, 93, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of 11th and Birdwell Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Feb. 5, 1915, in Anthony to Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Emerson. She married H.C. Moser Aug. 28, 1932, in Hugo, Okla. He preceded her in death Feb. 20,

1965, in Big Spring.

Before becoming a nurse and X-ray technician, she worked as a PBX operator, at a bank, as a receptionist, dental assistant and as a ship welder during World War II. She was a member of 11th and Birdwell Church of Christ.

She is survived by a daughter, Bobbi Hooper of Big Spring; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Ann Moser; a son, Ronny (Chub) Moser; a granddaughter, and three brothers and two sisters.

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

Delfina Bailon



Delfina Bailon, 83, passed away March 23, 2008, at Hospice House in Odessa. She was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Loving, N.M. to parents Julio Armendarez and Maria Martinez Armendarez.

Mrs. Bailon and her husband Blaz were owners of Fina's Cafe in Big Spring for more than 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Blaz Bailon of Odessa; two sons, Alonzo Bailon and wife Patricia of San Diego, Calif., and Blaz Bailon Jr. of Dallas; daughters, three

daughters, Amparo Galindo and husband Manuel of Odessa, Yolanda Robinson and husband Kim of Rockville, Ind., and Rosie Caruthers and husband Kent of Tolar; four brothers, Domingo Armendarez of Loving, N.M., Guadalupe Armendarez of Carlsbad, N.M., Martin Armendarez of Arlington and Carmen Armendarez of Hobbs, N.M., three sisters, Narcisa Armendarez of Loving, N.M., Juanita Onsurez of Loving, N.M., and Ester Armendarez of Fort Worth; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brothers Alfredo Armendarez, Miguel Armendarez, Tomas Armendarez and Tony Armendarez.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels with Jimmy Braswell officiating.

Take Note

- The SMMC/FMC Relay For Life team is hosting a scrub sale. The vendor will be selling in the hospital's first floor classroom today until 5 p.m. with a percentage of the proceeds going to Relay For Life.
- The Howard County Pachyderms will have their monthly meeting Thursday at noon at the Big Spring Country Club. Speakers will be runoff candidates W. Paschal Odom and Jimmie Long for County Commissioner Precinct 3. Everyone is invited to hear them speak. People who live in Precinct 3 are encouraged to come and meet their candidates. Lunch is available for a nominal fee. For more information, contact the country club at 267-8241 or Melanie Gambrell at 267-7387.



Truett Vines

Truett Vines, 83, of Snyder died at 8:20 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2008, at Snyder Healthcare Center in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 21, 1924, in Sidney. He grew up in Comanche County and graduated from high school at age 15. He and his twin brother went to Texas A&M after high school until they were old enough to join the Army Air Corp. After service he returned to A&M where he earned his degree and later a master's degree from Sul Ross University.

At age 21, he began his career as an agriculture teacher in Big Spring where he taught until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the Big Spring Teachers Bowling League.

He moved to Coleman after retiring and lived there until moving to Snyder in 2000.

He married Eltine Lloyd-Davis Dec. 3, 1983 in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Eltine Vines of Snyder; one brother, T.C. Vines of Hempstead; one step-daughter, Renee Davis of Cypress; three step-sons, Randy Davis of Midland, Terry Davis of Raton, N.M. and Monty Davis of North Richland Hills; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Vines will be cremated and no services are planned.

The family suggest memorials to the Truett Vines Scholarship Fund, 2311 42nd St., Snyder 79549; Home Hospice, 111 East 7th, Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or Snyder Health Care Family Council, 5311 Big Spring Hwy, Snyder 79549.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MATTHEW STEADMAN, 26, of 710 Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- RONALD E. WILKINS, 40, of 6601 Midway Road, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence.
- LOIRTA J. SCHULZE, 21, of 1001 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- LORI J. LONG, age not provided, of 1001 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL HAYES JR., 44, of 2530 E. 12th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a parole warrant and a Jefferson County warrant.
- CHRISTINA D. GORDON, 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 159, was arrested Tuesday on a local citation and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ERIC ANTHONY LOPEZ, 25, of 604 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant and four local warrants.
- BERARDO PEREZ, 43, of 1009 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- CLIFFORD LEON ANGLIN, 23, of 304.5 W. 19th Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and tampering with physical evidence.
- EDDIE MONTEMAYOR, 20, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 600 block of Caylor. - in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A **FIREARM** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of 16th Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported in the 300 block of Tulane.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1300 block of Virginia.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the
- 1500 block of Owens.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds around 15 mph. Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 50. West

winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Monday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

"We wish to clarify the prior notice regarding reporting of claims resulting from the incident at the Alon Refinery on February 18th. The prior notice stated that claims must be reported by no later than Saturday March 15th. In fact, the notice was intended to state that claims would no longer be handled over the phone after such date. Due to the need for this clarification, the date for submitting claims over the phone at the below number has been extended to Monday, March 31st. After that date, individuals wishing to make a claim may call the number below to receive recorded instructions for submitting a claim in writing 1-800-451-4527.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 43 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARK KIRBY, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond - harrassment
- MATTHEW HENRY STEADMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. RONALD EDWARD WILKINS, 40, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and tampering with/fabricating evidence. • DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER, 39, was arrested
- Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice. • AMANDA GAIL EGGLESTON, 29, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • MICHAEL HAYES JR., 44, was transferred to the
- county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole violation and a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled
- ALEX SANCHEZ, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- MICHAEL RAY HERNANDEZ, 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of robbery and bail jumping/failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Kiowa Circle. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of
- Wright. Service refused. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Owens.
- One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 800 block

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-14-16-22-32. Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$12,722.

Winning tickets sold in: Mount Pleasant, Big Lake.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-7-1. Sum It Up: 22.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-5. Sum It Up: 13



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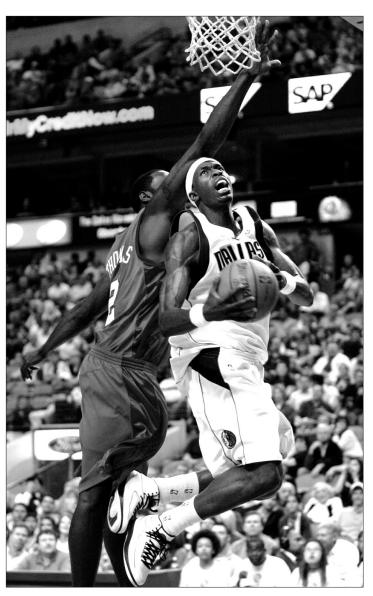
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Howard leads Dirk-less Mavs past Clips



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Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard, right, goes up for a shot attempt as Los Angeles Clippers forward Tim Thomas, left, defends in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas. Howard scored 32 and the Mavericks won 103By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Life without Dirk Nowitzki started quite nicely for the Dallas Mavericks.

Josh Howard scored 32 points, Jerry Stackhouse had 20, Erick Dampier had 19 points and 17 rebounds and Jason Kidd neared a triple-double, lifting the Mavs past the Los Angeles Clippers 103-90 on Tuesday night.

OK, so it was only the Clippers. Still, Dallas needed something to go right after dropping three straight games and losing its leading scorer and rebounder to a sprained ankle and knee. And this kind of team-wide effort could serve as a blueprint for how they hope to make up for Nowitzki's absence down the stretch.

"If everyone goes up four or five points, that'll cover it," Howard said.

Howard was an All-Star last season and was the team's top scorer for the early part of this season, but he's been fighting through injuries and learning to play with Kidd. This was easily his best game since the All-Star point guard arrived.

It didn't start that way, with Howard going 2-of-11 and getting to the line

Dampier was the early star, getting 12 points and 12 rebounds over the first two quarters.

"Damp obviously was very inspired," coach Avery Johnson said. "We need him to do what he did tonight, not necessarily the numbers but being aggressive going to the basket."

But in the third quarter Dallas was up only 60-58 and in need of a Nowitzkilike surge. Howard provided it, scoring 20 of the team's next 26 points, putting them up by 16 early in the fourth quar-The Mavericks stretched it out enough that Johnson emptied the bench in the final few minutes.

Howard finished 8-of-22 and made all 15 of his free throws. He also had seven rebounds and four steals.

"For him to get to the line like that, that was very important," Kidd said. "He was aggressive, kept driving to the basket and was active on defense."

Kidd had 10 points, rebounds. high. Malik Allen started

ished with six points and tied his season high with nine rebounds.

Nowitzki watched from the bench, wearing a light beige jacket, even lighter shirt and a protective boot on his left ankle. His swelling was expected to be done Tuesday, so he could start a rehabilitation program soon.

The Mavericks are tightlipped about when Nowitzki might be back, but it's safe to say the longer he's out, the tougher it will be for them to make the playoffs — unless they get more performances like this.

"We're up to the challenge," Stackhouse said. "We don't have to win out. But we all have to pick it up a little.'

The win keeps Dallas (45-26) in the seventh spot in the West, two games ahead of Golden State and 2? ahead of Denver. The Mavericks are headed on the road for games against those two teams. and will play five of their next six against teams in the playoff chase. This eight assists and six stretch will give Kidd Dampier's another chance to prove rebounds tied his season he was worth trading for; so far, with him in the for Nowitzki, but got two lineup, the Mavs are 10-0 fouls in the first 2:21 and against teams with losing

only once in the first half. went to the bench. He fin-records, 0-8 vs. teams with winning records.

"Winning has always been a great deodorant," Kidd said.

The Clippers lost their eighth straight, but at least they have something to look forward to as former All-Star Elton Brand said before the game he expects to return for as many as the final eight games. He's been out all season recovering from a torn Achilles' tendon.

"We did a good job as long as we could," coach Mike Dunleavy said. "I thought we played hard. We didn't give up. We didn't bow out."

Corey Maggette led Los Angeles with 21 points before fouling out. Tim Thomas had 13, most coming on consecutive 3pointers in the third quarter, and Nick Fazekas had 10 points in 16 minutes. Fazekas was a secondround pick by Dallas who was cut to make room for the players acquired in the Kidd trade.

Notes: The Mavericks were 0-1 without Nowitzki this season and 15-11 (.577) without him for his career. They're 495-255 (.660) with him. ... Johnson indicated the

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only put down as much water as is lost by evaporation, so you're going to save on water."

Sisco said there is also a public address system planned for the softball portion of the complex, along with two parking lots — one in the southeast portion of the facility and a second in the northwest — to accommodate motorists.

"There are only two entrances to the complex, one off the service road and a second off Old Mill Road, which runs right beside the park," said Sisco. "The current road entering the facility would be abandoned."

According to Todd Darden, assistant city manager, the design allows for a more secure complex.

"It will be gated and include security lighting," said Darden. "City employees would have a code to get in, and we would be able to go back and see who went in, what time they went in and what time they left. It can be completely shut off to the public when it's not in use. Also, the lighting can be set up on timers, something we've been unable to do in the past."

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Darden said the fifth softball field is something planners are hoping to be able to accommodate if the project doesn't go over budget.

"The league representatives we spoke with felt the fifth field would be very attractive to those holding tournaments," Darden told the council. "We're putting up the fence and the rest of the infrastructure for the fifth field, and if the project comes in under bud-

the implementation of the field. Right now, having looked at some of the numbers, I feel confident the project may come in under budget."

Voters approved the \$4.3 million project in a bond election in November 2006.

Also during Tuesday's meeting the council approved:

· First reading of a resolution authorizing the installation of speed bumps along Whipkey Drive, within Comanche Trail Park from Highway 87 to the three-way intersection.

· Approval of an agreement with the Big Spring YMCA for management and operation of the Big Spring Municipal Swimming Pool.

 First reading of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to designate the placement and maintrolled stop intersection at San Antonio and W. Seventh Street with W. Seventh traffic yielding to San Antonio Street.

• First reading of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to authorize the installation of "No Parking" signs to be erected on the east and west sides of Main Street from 100 to 104 addresses.

• First reading of a resolution requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation install a three-way hazard light along with additional streetlights at the intersection of FM 700 and the emergency

entrance of Scenic Medical Mountain Center.

· Approval of an agreement with the West Texas Ski Club for rental of a ski area at Moss Creek Lake.

First reading of a reso-

mayor to approve the artibylaws of Cities Aggregation Power Project Inc. (CAPP), approving membership fee and appointing a representative to serve on behalf of the city. According to city officials, participation in the CAPP will allow the municipality to broker better prices for electrical

• First reading of a resolution granting recognition of Local 2922 of the International Association of Fire Fighters as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all of non-exempt employees of the fire department as requested in a recent petition filed with the city secretary March 14 and determining the city may meet and confer with the association

The council voted unan-

get, we'll go ahead with tenance of a two-way con- lution authorizing the imously to deny a request to close Starlight Drive cles of incorporation and from Golf Course Road to Golf Course Road within Comanche Trail Park and revert the area back to park property.

Mayor Russ McEwen strongly opposed the measure, saying it would put pedestrians at the city

pool in danger.

"If you close that stretch of street, it will force motorists going through that area to go up and around the city pool," McEwen said. "That will cause a problem for pedestrians using pool."

McEwen said the request was brought to the council by the local disc golf league, which has a course that crosses the street in question.

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FIREMEN

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"They are the unsung heroes of Howard County," County Judge Mark Barr said. "They're just a bunch of regular old guys vou meet on the street every

day ... They may be volunteers, but they're professionals in every other way. They knew what they were doing.'

All members of the HCVFD received letters of commendation from the county, while 10 received the Medal of Valor for "service above and beyond" in fighting the fire, Barr said.

Those 10 HCVFD firefighters were Jerry Crawford, Mitchell Hooper, Codee Barraza, Ryan Kennedy, Justin Jernigan, Paul Starr, Josh Sullivan, Eric Barber, Zach Johnson and Kem Hooper.

Chief Sullivan was complimentary of all his firefighters, not just the ones specially hon-

ored.

"Just to show up that day took a huge amount of courage," Sullivan said. "I'm proud of all of them."

service.

And Sullivan was also apprethe back.

"I'm sure I speak for everyone in the department when I say,

'Thank you,' for all of this," he told Judge Barr.

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SHOOTINGS

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Everett said the other three reports of gunfire came at 12:59 a.m. Monday in the 2300 block of Grace; 9:51 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of Holbert; and 12:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 2500 block of Dow.

iniuries "No reported as a result of these three shootings," said Everett. "It's still very early in the investigation, and it's unclear if these shootings are relat-

Big Spring has suffered an onslaught of shootings several resulting in injuries — in the past several months, according to police reports.

More than a half-dozen reports of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm were reported in

November in the city, leading to at least three residents being local injured.

Since the beginning of the year, the BSPD has reported approximately 19 instances of deadly conof a duct/discharge firearm, including approximately 10 during March, three in February and six in January.

Three of those reports came from the 700 block of Lorilla, while two more have originated from the 2300 block of Grace.

Others locations reporting the same charge since the beginning of 2008 include the 300 block of 10th Street, 3600 and 4200 blocks of Hamilton, 900 block of 16th Street, 800 block of Cherry, 700 block of Goliad, 4200 block of Theo, 1800 block of Winston, 2500 block of Albrook, 1200 block of Settles, and the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

According to Everett, the drastic increase in reports of deadly conofduct/discharge firearm is closely related to gang activity in the city.

"It all comes down to gang and drug activity," said Everett. "It's hard to tell why this is happening all of a sudden, but the gangs have been here for years. It's just been in the last few months the level of violence has escalated.

There are no easy answers."

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be working with the same numbers we had last year," said Barr. "Right now, we just need to get a handle on what direction we want to take, what areas maybe we can improve on. There may be some areas we can cut here and there, but I don't see us cutting any jobs this year. We did that last year and we're down to the skeleton — the bare bones — when it comes to employees. I don't want to scare anyone or have them think they may be losing their job. We're not looking at anything like that."

Barr said the skyrocketing cost of living not only has the court nixing any ideas of layoffs, but could provide for raises for the majority of employees.

"We're discussing our clerks — basically all the county employees who are not elected officials or department heads - getting a raise," said Barr. "Jackie Olson (county auditor) presented some numbers to the commissioners today, and we're hoping we can give them a raise. It would just be too much to try to give the department heads and elected officials a raise as well.

"With the price of gas what it is, and our clerks trying to get to and from

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lower end of the pay scale, and we're looking at trying to raise them up and help them out a little bit. It's going to be like a cost of living increase, but we're hoping to be able to give them a little more than just cost of living." And while things are

looking slightly brighter than they did last fiscal season, Barr said any thoughts of reinstating positions eliminated during last year's budget sessions are still far off in the future.

"No, I don't think so," said Barr. "Not until we get the Alon USA tax situation settled and see what happens there. Then, we could look at that and some other things."

The Alon USA Big Spring Refinery, which filed a lawsuit over increased tax appraisals in 2006, did the same in

their jobs, they're in a appraisal of \$320 million tion at the county library, Thomas Jenkins at 263crunch. They are on the on its property and tax- two full-time and one 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail able goods, according to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District.

Until litigation is settled, the refinery will pay taxes only on what Alon officials described as the "uncontested appraisal amount" of \$80 million, according

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

How Alon USA arrived at the \$80 million figure after presenting the county's appraisal review board with what company officials say they should pay taxes on — \$152 million — is still unclear, according to county officials.

Last year's cut in employee positions included two full-time positions and one parttime position from the sheriff's office budget, two full-time positions to contest an and one part-time posi-

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Mavs have a target date for Nowitzki to return, but they aren't sharing it. Meanwhile, Germany coach Dirk Bauermann said, "I have no fear at all that Dirk will be missing" from the Olympic qualifying tournament in July in Athens. Bauermann said he's exchanged text messages with Nowitzki since the injury. ... Johnson turned 43 Tuesday. He celebrated by releasing a new autobiography.

Hornets 114, Pacers 106

At Indianapolis, David West had 35 points and 16 rebounds, and New Orleans beat the Pacers in their first game since CEO Donnie Walsh announced he was leaving the team at the end of the season.

Point guard Chris Paul had 31 points and 14 assists as the Hornets won their fourth straight to maintain the best

record (48-21) in the Western Conference.

Danny Granger led Indiana with 26 points and nine rebounds.

Spurs 107, Magic 97

At Orlando, Fla., Manu Ginobili scored 28 points and Michael Finley added 24 as the Spurs won their fourth straight.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 15 rebounds for San Antonio.

Bulls 103, Hawks 94

At Chicago, Drew Gooden scored a season-high 31 points and matched a season best with 16 rebounds as the Bulls held on in the fourth quarter.

Josh Childress scored 22, including eight in the final quarter, to lead Atlanta.

Jazz 128, **Bobcats 106**

Carlos Boozer had 28 points and 13 rebounds, and Deron Williams added 14 points and 15

assists to lead host Utah.

Jason Richardson scored 26 points and Gerald Wallace added 21 for the Bobcats, who lost their sixth straight road

Trail Blazers 102, Wizards 82

At Portland, Ore., Martell Webster had 23 points, Travis Outlaw added 20 and the Trail Blazers overcame the loss of top scorer Brandon Roy.

Caron Butler had 19 to lead Washington.

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The Lady Steers took the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth. Senior shortstop Desiree Yanez hit a two-out triple to the center field wall and scored two batters later on a Linzee Yarbar single.

Leading 4-3, Big Spring added another run in the fifth with Kelly Sage scoring on a Kenzie Hunt base hit.

Plainview cut the deficit back to 1, 5-4, in the top half of the sixth after Abby Hinojos led off with a double and then moved to third and eventually scored on two separate fielder's choice plays made by the Lady Steers' defense.

However, Big Spring put the game out of reach in the sixth inning, pushing three more runs across the plate. Yanez collected her third hit of the game to lead off the innings and moved over to third on a sacrifice bunt hit by Jacklyn Porras.

Yanez slid head first into third and the throw to get her out snuck past Plainview's third baseman. Yanez scored on the throwing error.

With one out, Yarbar singled to left and scored on a triple by Valle. Valle crossed the plate courtesy of a Sage single to right, giving Big Spring an 8-4 advantage. Plainview scored once more in the seventh, but couldn't muster enough offense to overcome a 4-run deficit.

Hunt picked up the win, despite playing with an

innings, allowing three runs — one earned — on six hits and three walks. Sage relieved her in the fifth inning and closed out the first three frames of the game in the pitcher's circle. Sage earned a save, giving up two runs — none earned — on three hits, while record-

ing two strikeouts. Yanez finished 3-for-4 illness. She pitched four and scored two runs.

Valle and Sage also scored twice for the Lady Steers.

Big Spring (10-19, 1-0) continues district play Saturday in Wolfforth, taking on the Lady Tigers of Frenship, who are considered the favorites to win 4-4A.

"We have to do a better job than we did today and cut out the little mental mistakes," Reyes

explained. "We have to cut out the base running errors and the fielding errors. We have to keep hitting the ball. I think if we just play our game, then we should be able to compete with them."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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Amen

The Black Legend still alive

on't blame it on talk radio and conservative politicians, as if they started something new. The anti-Hispanic rhetoric poisoning political discourse in the United States lately actually dates back to 16th-century

back to 16th-century Europe. That's when British and Dutch writers set out to deliberately spread negative propaganda about the Spanish colonies in the Americas.

Fierce competition
with Spain over control of the New World
made England and



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Holland very interested in promoting a negative image of Spanish America. The way their writers depicted the Spanish conquistadors and their Latin American descendants — as depraved, cruel, corrupt, intolerant, authoritarian — caused prejudice that, unfortunately, has survived the test of time and still exists today.

Nowadays they call it "hate speech," but its actual name is "La Leyenda Negra" — The Black Legend.

That term was coined by Spanish writer Julian Juderias in his 1914 book, "La Leyenda Negra y la Verdad Historica (The Black Legend and the Historical Truth)," where he described the unfair and biased way in which the people of Spain and Latin America had been depicted during the previous three centuries.

Juderias described The Black Legend as "the environment created by the fantastic stories about our homeland that have seen the light of publicity in all countries, the grotesque descriptions that always have been made of the character of Spaniards as individuals and collectively, the denial — or at least the systematic ignorance — of all that is favorable and beautiful in the various manifestations of culture and art, the accusations that in every era have been flung against Spain."

In every era, indeed!
Today's anti-Hispanic rhetoric —
fueled by the U.S. debate over ille-

gal immigration, the movement to make English the official language and other efforts to decelerate the growth and influence of U.S. Latinos — is rooted deeply in that well-orchestrated distortion of history that started in the 16th century.

As described by many Spanish scholars and authors who backed Juderias' assertions, part of The Black Legend was the effort by Anglo-Saxon historians not only to denigrate the Spanish explorers and portray them as crueler than other European colonizers but also to minimize their accomplishments in North America.

Unfortunately, that pattern was continued by American historians, who refused to recognize that the early history of North America was Spanish, not English. They mostly ignored the pre-British century of Spanish presence and accomplishments in North America. And when they alluded to the Spanish explorers, it was to describe them as people who did not settle and colonize, but merely explored, sought gold and killed natives — while the English were described as pious, industrious people, who came to build homes. establish settlements and raise families.

While hiding or minimizing the Anglo-Saxon massacre of Native Americans, they hypocritically condemned the Spanish for doing the same thing to the natives of Latin America.

In fact, both the British and the Spanish explorers did a lot of terrible things in the New World. The Black Legend easily could have been applied to all of them. But they also did a lot of wonderful things.

Yet because history is written by the winners — and because it is the British and their American descendents who ultimately took over this country — it was mostly the Spanish and their Latino descendents who got the blame for atrocities, while the Anglo-Americans got all the credit for building a new nation.

It is that distortion of history that prevents many Americans from seeing that Latinos have very deep roots in the United States; that they have made many positive contributions to our society; that they, too, fought and died to build this nation; and that they should not be treated like foreigners, especially because many can trace their ancestries to a time before the British arrived and English was spoken here.

As part of an occasional series on Latino contributions to American society, this column recently examined how distorted history has many Americans believing that (British) Jamestown, Va., established in 1607, is "America's Birthplace," when in fact, (Spanish) St. Augustine, Fla., was born in 1565, 42 years earlier.

The column ignited feedback from some readers who either refused to accept historical facts or suggested that if the Spanish and Latinos didn't get credit, it must be for some good reason.

"What's your view on why St. Augustine doesn't get the recognition Jamestown does?" one of my readers asked, as if daring me to come up with a logical response.

The answer is simple: The Black Legend, a history written to depreciate the contributions and malign the image of Hispanic people.

Unfortunately, that's the image of Latinos that today's Anglo-Americans inherited from their ancestors — a distorted image that still prevails in American history textbooks, school curricula, radio programs, and political circles nowadays.

When today's conservative radio jocks and politicians refer to illegal immigrants as "a scourge" responsible for additional crime, diseases and taxes; when they complain about a Latino "invasion" that threatens American values and culture; when they promote a ridiculous conspiracy theory that Latinos are trying to take back the part of the United States that once belonged to Mexico, they sound just like those who created "La Leyenda Negra."

In fact, that's when you know that The Black Legend is still alive and well in the United States.

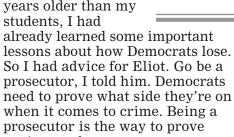
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What I couldn't teach Eliot Spitzer

met Eliot Spitzer during his first semester in law school, my first year teaching criminal law at Harvard. He was smart and ambitious, which certainly didn't set him apart from the rest of his classmates at Harvard. What did,

and what brought him to my door, was that he was interested in a career in politics.

I myself was fresh from four years in Washington, the last two working in the Kennedy and Carter campaigns, and while I was barely four years older than my



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you're tough.

He went to the Manhattan district attorney's office when he graduated, and later ran for attorney general. I used to joke, as I watched my former student make a name for himself, that rarely did anyone take my advice so much to heart.

Maybe he was absent the day we discussed the Mann Act. But I don't think so. I don't think this is about what he didn't know. He knew better. He just didn't think it would happen to him.

My old roommate used to call it "getting stupid." In the beginning of the story, the guy might be smart, thoughtful, good-looking and funny. But when it came to sex, she'd just shake her head. Lord, could guys get stupid or what?

That's the phrase that kept running through my head as I listened to the reports, read the affidavits and plowed through the details of the mess surrounding my very smart former student Gov. Eliot Spitzer.

How could one smart guy get that stupid?

He used his own cell phone to arrange for a prostitute to go from New York to Washington, D.C., to have sex with him. Didn't he remember the stuff I taught him about how crossing state lines and using phone wires turn things into federal crimes, about the aptly named Mann Act, which makes prostitution a federal offense when you cross state lines to do it? Eight years of prosecuting Wall Street as attorney general of New York, and he was still clumsy enough in pulling money from his own accounts that his bank noted it and alerted the authorities to suspicious transactions on his account.

The easy answer, the one I heard frequently as the story was breaking, is that men just get stupid about sex. But prostitution is from my vantage point as a woman and a mother — a particularly unattractive and offensive kind of extramarital activity. I really believe it is none of my business, as a member of the public or the media, if a political or business leader has an affair. I don't sit in judgment of other people's marriages or their private lives. But prostitution isn't just sex. Prostitution objectifies the women who engage in it, dehumanizes sex and sexuality, and turns both into commodities with a price tag.

Rich, powerful men don't need to pay women to have sex; there are plenty who will do it for nothing, save the expectation that they be treated as people. I have never understood why such men prefer to pay for it. Or, more accurately, I have understood, and I think less of them for their choice. What does it say about a man that he'd rather pay for sex? That he is willing to offer nothing but money? It is the cheapest sex a man can have, a friend of mine says, which is why I find it so offensive. Both Eliot and I are big believers in personal responsibility.

Of course, the real issue isn't sex, but judgment. Ruining a career you've spent decades building, ruining your future, making

yourself vulnerable to criminal punishment, humiliating yourself and your family literally in the eyes of the world, all for a few nights in the sack with a whore? Insane. Just insane.

There is only one obvious explanation for why a smart man would commit such a totally self-destructive act: He didn't think he would be caught. It wasn't worth it, and he knew that then as well as he does now. He just didn't think he'd be forced to pay the price.

One of the hardest things for parents to teach their children is that actions have consequences. Kids think they're immortal. Parents know better, which is why we hound them about not smoking, about not drinking and driving, about seatbelts and drugs and punch at parties. We want our children to grow up feeling that they are special, but not so special that they assume the rules don't apply and the odds won't catch up to them.

To run for high office, you have to view yourself a little differently than most of us view ourselves. You need to believe you have something special; you need to be able to hear your own voice all day long, see your own image, be in your own face in a way that most of us couldn't, at least not comfortably.

But you also need to remember not to buy into the idea that you really are different. You have to resist the almost irresistible intoxication of power, the part of it that might leave a mere mortal believing, as 16-year-olds do, that they are something more.

Eliot Spitzer knew better, but he clearly forgot that the rules apply to everyone. Especially him. Now, the face in the mirror is the one that did him in. Poor Eliot.

I do feel sorry for him. But there are some things you can't teach, some things that can only be learned through painful experience.

Hubris is what it's called.

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A's beat Red Sox in second Japan game, 5-1



Boston Red Sox leftfielder Manny Ramirez hits a solo shot off Oakland Athletics starter Rich Harden in the sixth inning of their Major League Baseball regular season game at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Wednesday. The A's won despite Manny's homer, 5-1.



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Following Major League Baseball's third seasonopening series in Japan, the teams were to head back to the United States on 10-hour flights across the Pacific with a split. The Chicago Cubs and New York Mets split their Japanese series in 2000, as did the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 2004.

Boston began its World Series title defense with a 10-inning victory

Manny Ramirez tiebreaking, two-run double. The game might have lasted longer had Brown not been tagged between second and third on his RBI double in the bottom of the 10th.

Ramirez kept hitting Wednesday night with a solo homer in the sixth, although he struck out three times. He could afford to stand and watch this one, a sure home-run deep into the left-field seats that moved him within nine of joining the 500-home run club.

His homer was one of just three hits off Rich Harden (1-0). The righthander struck out nine and walked two in six innings.

He did better against the other half of Boston's power duo, retiring David Ortiz twice, once on a strikeout, and walking him once. Jon Lester (0-1)

Tuesday night, boosted by fell behind in the second on a double by Bobby Crosby and an RBI single by Chris Denorfia.

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Mark Ellis led off with a walk and Mark Sweeney singled. Brown jumped on a 1-0 pitch from Lester and drove it over the left-

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Santiago Casilla, Keith Foulke and Alan Embree followed Harden with a scoreless inning apiece, completing a five-hitter for Oakland, rebounded from its fourth straight opening-day loss. Foulke threw a called third strike past Ramirez to end the eighth with a runner on second.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today's expansive Sagittarius moon wants nothing more than to widen our horizons. Anything we do, read or think about that lifts the ceiling on our minds has the effect of opening our spirits to latent possibilities and infinite options existing in each and every one of us. In so doing, we tap inspiration that will power us forward. ARIES (March 21-April

featured. If it doesn't quite click, shrug it off and stretch out your hand to the next person. You don't need five more acquaintances. What you need is one golden friend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The bit of good cheer you get from your guiding planet helps you see the beauty around you. Tonight, you're in

19). New meetings are

for the most wonderful night of your life actually, every night you spend with your loved ones is. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Greatness takes effort. There's much

about your project that will get fixed as you and others spend more time on it. Definitely wait until it's really ready to turn it in. CANCER (June 22-July You're asking

Vagaries questions. become clear. This is how you make yourself indispensable to your employer. It's crucial to learn exactly where and how the money is made in your industry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be invited places. When someone says, "It wouldn't be the same without you," sincere. Make sure to be where people appreciate the special spark of interest you bring to events.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're lucky, so long as you're aware of luck when it pops into your world. Furthermore, when opportunity meets you for lunch, you don't let it pick of the tab. You show initiative, style and

generosity. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you get what you want, great. If you don't, you don't. No big deal, right? Well, today it certainly is a big deal. Refuse to believe that getting less than what you wanted is in the cards for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to appear self-contained, but be careful not to be smug about the help that's offered you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're ready to make a connection, and so you make a strong one. It's like someone knows how you feel and can see inside your heart and say all the things you don't know how to

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are determined to delay your pleasure and do your duty even when it's unappealing (or worse, boring!) In this way, you can train your ego to fall in line with the dictates of your higher self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're an expert balancing your

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attention relationships. You give enough to let others know you're interested in them and consider them very important. And you

pull back enough to allow

them to reach for you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your strong statements and honest declarations will win the trust and esteem of others. So, just for now, forget about being mysterious. Lay your heart on the line.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Scorpio. I have a great job I love, but the corporate culture around me is very open (read: nosey). Do you have any advice, or should I post a "keep out" sign on my door?"

Your career superpower

is a gatekeeper, so pull from that when you feel trespassed. Whether its about who to hire next or who to protect in the work "family," you get the final say who's in and who's out including your cubicle. Really, your creative process is special and they know it, so change the adjective "nosey" to "intrigued" and you're closer to the truth. Because when you get to business, down regardless of what that business may be, you unwittingly bring a force field around you into being. The townsfolk gather 'round the door and murmur worriedly amongst themselves: What is she doing in there? But they dare not interrupt the Scorpio-inprocess. It could be dangerous, like waking a sleepwalker. up Wouldn't want to invoke Scorpio's wrath or, worse, delay or prevent the phantasmagoria of financial wizardry, mysterious dealings and mad creation that is sure to be the product of all this hubbub. (Want to finesse your career? Read my book: "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All.") **CELEBRITY**

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Forsan High School senior Tara Kuykendall, center, was named Youth of the Month for December 2007 by the Greater Rotary Club of Big Spring. She is shown with, from left, FHS Principal Keith Stone, Rotary member Keith Graumann and her parents, Debra and Tom Bill Kuykendall.

Rotary Youth of the Month

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has bestowed Youth of the Month awards on three Howard County students

Colter Morgan, a senior at Coahoma High School, was named the club's Youth of the Month for October 2007.

Morgan, the son of Jesse and Donna Morgan, is president of the CHS student council and vice president of the school's Future Farmers of America chapter.

In addition, he was active in football, basketball and is the reigning district champion high jumper in track and field.

Away from school, he is a member of the Nazarene Youth Leadership Team. Lauren Bryant of Big Spring High

Lauren Bryant of Big Spring High School was the club's Youth of the Month for November 2007. Bryant, the daughter of Rocky and Rebecca Bryant, is currently vice president of the BSHS senior class and is involved with the International Thespian Society, Key Club, student council and Hillcrest Baptist Youth Group.

Her career goal is to become an anesthesiologist.

The club's December 2007 Youth of the Month was Tara Kuykendall, a senior at Forsan High School.

The daughter of Tom Bill and Debra Kuykendall also is active in many school activities, including the state champion marching band, cheerleading and helping compile the FHS yearbook.

She plans to attend Angelo State University with the goal of becoming a pharmacist.

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Lauren Bryant, second from left, was named the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's Youth of the Month for November 2007. She is flanked by her parents, Rebecca and Rocky Bryant. At far right is Rotary President Gwen Dunson.



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Colter Morgan, center, receives the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's Youth of the Month Award for October 2007 from club member Gwen Dunson, left. Also shown is Morgan's father, Jesse Morgan.

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Celebrating a century of life

By JEAN WARREN

Special to the Herald

The family of Harriet McGinnis is inviting friends to a celebration in honor of her 100th birthday Saturday, March 29, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at College Baptist Church.

The sprightly centenarian looks back on a happy lifetime of careers as a teacher, farm wife, mother, lab technician and histologist.

Born March 25, 1908, in Spencer, Neb., Harriet grew up on a ranch owned by her parents, Rollie and Nellie Felt. Her eyes sparkle as she recalls the good times she and her brother, Howard, had sledding in wintertime and skating on the frozen Niobrara River that bordered the ranch.

In those pre-television days, Harriet and her family enjoyed playing checkers and dominoes. This, no doubt, inspired her lifelong love of games Scrabble Rummikub.

In the long winter evenings, she also read books by such authors as Gene Stratton Porter and Harold Bell Wright. Her love of the printed word continues to this day.

After finishing high



school, she taught country school, all eight grades, near Spencer. She remembers how eighth grade students were required to take the county examination, a comprehensive and difficult test.

"I worked with my students," she says, and adds, with a twinkle in her eyes, "They always passed."

attended the She University of Nebraska and then taught for three vears in the city schools at Gordon. Some of her students were Native Americans and she remembers them as well-behaved bright, youngsters.

She began work as a lab technician at Norfolk, Neb., where she met her husband, Fay McGinnis. They were married Jan. 14, 1937.

They lived on Fay's family farm near Norfolk, where their two daughHarriet McGinnis will celebrate her 100th birthday Saturday with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at College Baptist Church. At left, a young Harriet poses with her brother Harold and a family pet.

Courtesy photos

ters, Jean and Nancy, were born. In 1948, they made the decision to move to Roswell, N.M. At one time, Fay had made a trip through the region and decided it would be a great place to live.

After the move, Fay operated a grocery store and later, a hardware store in the area. A new chapter in Harriet's life also began.

In 1955, she joined the staff of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center as a histologist. She worked with pathologist A.S. Blauw, M.D., to assist surgeons in diagnosing cases of suspected malignancies. Dr. Blauw had his own airplane and for 18 years Harriet flew with him to hospitals in a wide area of New Mexico.

The couple built their retirement home at Lincoln, N.M. On their three acres, they ambitiously set out 100 fruit



trees. When Fay died in 1976, Harriet continued to live at Lincoln, tending to the demanding spraying and harvesting routine of the young orchard.

Finally, when she was nearing 80, Harriet made the decision to move to Big Spring where her daughter, Nancy, and husband, Duffy Vassar, live. The home at Lincoln was purchased by the actor Richard Farnsworth.

In Big Spring, Jean and her husband, Albert Hill of Roswell, will be joining the family for the party Saturday. Harriet had three grandchildren, Mark Vassar, Mindy Vassar and Melinda Vassar McReynolds. She has six great-grandchildren.

Saturday will be a happy occasion for Harriet's family and for all who are privileged to know this gracious lady.

BAN

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have water handy and it got away from them. They were fined \$500 for violating the burn ban, and they were fined another \$500 each for endangering other people's homes. Everyone needs to be very well aware of that. It comes at a cost if you violate the burn ban."

Barr said the recent onslaught of grass fires in the county has taken a heavy toll on volunteer firefighters.

"Our volunteer fire department is running on almost empty because of all these fires," said Barr. "They were fighting one this morning (Tuesday morning) at 4 a.m. They're tired, real tired. And we have a real danger out there. That's why I want to make it very plain to everyone."

Barr said there are only special circumstances when burning is allowed during the ban, and a number of conditions have to be met.

"You have to have a special reason to burn in the county right now. There are three reasons," said Barr. "The first is a prescribed burn, which is done by professionals with the volunteer fire department at the site,

just in case something \oplus does happen. You can also burn your trash, but you have to have a special lid that has a screen on top, so the embers can't float out and cause fires. Welding on pipelines and those types of things are also allowed, but you have to have water present and be very, very careful of what you're doing, especially when the wind is up like it was Friday.

"A fire can get away from you very easily, and in that case out on Highway 350, there were homes everywhere. It could have caused some people some severe damage, but the volunteer fire department and forest service did an excellent job containing that fire. Of course, it got into some old jumk and stuff like that, which was still smoldering Monday."

Barr said motorists need to take care where they park their vehicles.

"People also need to be aware the catalytic converters on cars can also start fires," said Barr. "If you stop in a grassy area and sit there for a little while, that can also cause a fire."

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Biography

• "Dan Rooney: My 75 Years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the NFL" (796.332 ROON D) tells the story of the Rooney Family. Team manager Dan Rooney, son of the Steelers's colorful founder Art "the Chief" Rooney, tells his life story, one inextricably tangled with the history of the National Football League:

"Pro football was born on the muddy fields of Pittsburgh's North Side in 1892 — just three blocks from where I was born 40 years later." Moreover, the Steelers themselves were born just a year after Rooney. Managing the team from the early days of television up through the present, Rooney has seen the "most critical issue facing the league" shift from half-empty stadiums to labor relations.

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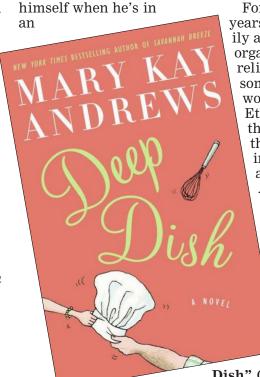
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Me!: Beating the Odds **Against Breast Cancer** and in Life" (B FAV D) by Deanna Favre. Wife of Brett Favre, she is a breast cancer survivor. This is a candid story of both roles as a cancer survivor and wife of a very public, famous football quarterback. Born in Kiln, Miss., Deanna certainly did not think her life would turn out like it has. This is an engaging book.

• "Keep Walking" (363.883 JON L) by Larry Jones is what he tells



impossible situation whether trying to find the money to drill wells for drinking water in Kenya or getting across Sarajevo alive.

Jones grew up intending to be a minister, but after he was ordained and had his own church, he decided it was more important to go out and feed the needy, not just preach to people about

being saved.

For the last 28 vears, Jones, his family and his staff have organized enormous relief efforts for some of the world's worst crises -Ethiopian famines, the Bosnian war, the Murrah building bombing, 9/11 and Katrina. Although Jones structures this as a memoir, his real focus is on the development of his organization, Feed The Children.

Dish" Gina is someone a lot of women can relate to (bad hair day, Martian men), and Tate is the ultimate good ol' boy who really does ooze charm and can cook.

Fiction

• "Deep

Their bantering sparkles like champagne, but these two are totally

authentic Southerners, including Gina's family. Yes, her mama does call about every day, and you can still find her type in every small Georgia town.

As a lagniappe, there are three (fairly simple) recipes at the end what do you expect from a story about two people fighting to get on The Cooking Channel.

Those who love Dorothea Frank and Anne Siddons will flatout love this one. Mary Kay Andrews just has Frank's knack for capturing the rhythm of the South and spinning it into a laugh-aloud, recognize-yourself tale. She's about as addictive as Coca Cola and Moonpies. Check out "Deep Dish" by Mary Kay Andrewsby Mary Kay Andrews and be prepared to laugh until you cry.

Tax-Aide Program

Gloria Hopkins and her AARP Tax "posse" pre-

pare tax returns at Howard County Library in the basement. April 7 and the 14 are the last two dates that you can get your returns prepared by trained tax people. Hours are 8 a.m. until noon. To get to 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.

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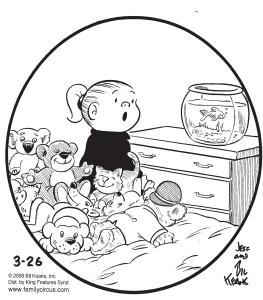
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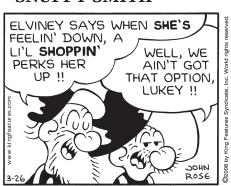
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Today is Wednesday, March 26, the 86th day of 2008. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1958, the Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana.

On this date:

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1958, "The Bridge on the River Kwai" won seven Academy Awards, including best picture of 1957; its director, David Lean, and star Alec Guinness also received Oscars. Joanne Woodward was named best

actress for "The Three Faces of Eve. In 1971, East Pakistan pro-

claimed its independence, taking Bangladesh. In 1979, a peace treaty was

signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House. In 1982, groundbreaking

ceremonies took place in Washington for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. In 1988, Jesse Jackson

stunned fellow Democrats soundly defeating Michael Dukakis Michigan's Democratic presidential caucuses. In 1997, the bodies of 39

members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician James Moody is Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 83. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 78. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 77. Actor Alan

Arkin is 74. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is 68. Actor James Caan is 68. Author Erica Jong is 66. Journalist Bob Woodward is 65. Singer Diana Ross is 64. Actor Johnny Crawford is 62. Rock Steven singer (Aerosmith) is 60. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 59. Actor Ernest Thomas is 59. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 58. Comedian Martin Short is 58. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 58. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 58. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 56. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao is 55. Country singer Dean Dillon is 53. Country singer Charly McClain is 52.

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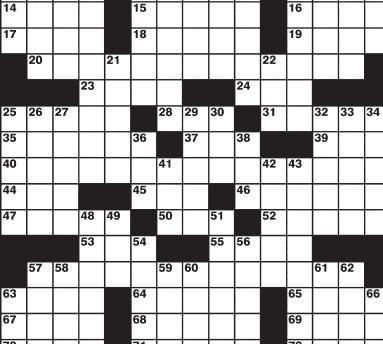
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