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## Police seek robbery suspect

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials are investigating an aggravated robbery that took place at the 7-Eleven convenience store during the early morning hours Tuesday.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information offi-



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a.m. Tuesday," said Everett.

cer with the Big Spring Police Department, the suspect is a white male, believed to be approximately 5 feet, 5 inches tall.

"The male subject entered the store at approximately 3:54

"He pulled what appeared to be a box cutter and demanded the clerk open the register and give him the money. The clerk complied and the suspect made away with an undetermined amount of cash."

Everett said the man left the store on foot, and it is currently unknown if he had a vehicle waiting somewhere nearby.

"The suspect has red hair and a goatee," said Everett. "He was wearing a blue shirt and dark shorts, and had tattoos on both arms. After officers arrived on the scene, they searched the area and found nothing. He got away with the cash, but I don't believe he took any merchandise."

Everett said there were no

injuries reported as a result of the robbery.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550 or Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477).

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## Ride 'em cowboys!

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Two great Coahoma institutions will mesh when Quail Dobbs and the annual Kindergarten Rodeo both take a bow Thursday.

The 30th annual kindergarten rodeo, which will feature some of the best ropin' and ridin' a group of 5-year-olds can muster, will be held at 9 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium. Admission is free.

And Dobbs, a guiding force behind the event since its inception, will be on hand as well.

The famed rodeo clown and current justice of the peace will be joined in face paint by his grandson, Keegan, one of the pint-sized participants in the event that has charmed generations of Coahoma residents.

"I think the uniqueness of watching all these little kids run around with their stickhorses is what makes it so special," Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett. "They treat it like it's the real thing. The imagination of those kids is just magical."

Kindergarten students will be dressed in their cowboy and cowgirl best as they ride, rope and wrestle their stickhorses through a variety of traditional rodeo events.

And, as always, there

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File photo

A Coahoma kindergarten student prepares to ride his "horse" during the 2006 Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo. The 30th annual stickhorse rodeo will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in the elementary gymnasium. Admission is free.

## Grand jury indicts several

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 19 indictments last week, including true-bills for several Big Spring residents arrested in January on narcotics charges.

Among those indicted in connection with the Jan. 29 drug bust were:

- Amber Dawn Long, 23, of 1004 Sycamore, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Jessica Garza, 25, of 908 W. Fourth Street, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and delivery of marijuana (four counts, state jail felony).
- Alfonso Barreras, 31, of 2111 S. Johnson, delivery of a controlled substance (four counts, second-degree and first-degree felonies) and delivery of marijuana (four counts, state jail felonies).
- Samantha Payne, 24, of Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Juan Francisco Cabral, 23, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 150, delivery of marijuana (three counts, state jail felonies) and delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, second-degree

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### RATTLESNAKE ARREST

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky man wasn't around when officers seized reptiles from his home. That's because he was at a hospital having fingers amputated after a snakebite, his wife says.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources seized seven rattlesnakes, a gaboon viper, a king cobra, an iguana, two monitor lizards, two alligators, a boa constrictor and a python.

The 36-year-old Campbellsville man faces 15 counts of transporting wildlife into Kentucky without a transportation permit and 10 counts of possessing inherently dangerous animals.

### CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY YIELDS ARREST

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Police officers suspected that a car they had pulled over was stolen, so they called the registered owner and left a message.

But when the owner called back, officers say, she apparently thought the message was from a drug dealer, and she was busted for allegedly trying to buy crack cocaine.

"Officers put in a lot of energy to close a case, so we never mind getting one on sheer luck and stupidity," Lake Charles police Sgt. Mark Kraus said of last week's arrest.

He said officers Hope Kingery and George Miller stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and the driver could not produce identifica-

tion or a valid driver's license. Miller called the car's registered owner and left a message, but in the meantime they determined that the vehicle wasn't stolen and allowed the driver to leave, Kraus said.

About an hour later, Miller got a call on his cell phone from the apparent owner of the car "who stated that she would like to buy \$150 in crack," Kraus said.

Miller agreed to a meeting, which led to the arrest of Jill Foreman, 33, and fiance Larry Rieck, 49, both of Sulphur.

Foreman was freed on bail after being booked with conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, the sheriff's office said.

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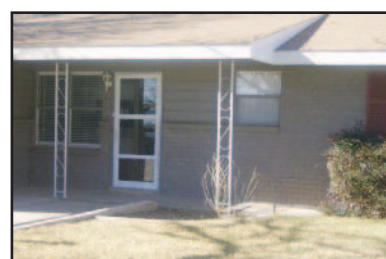
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## IN BRIEF

**Big Spring man hits hole-in-one at country club**

Big Spring's Billy Bauer hit a hole-in-one over the weekend at the Big Spring Country Club's golf course.

Bauer aced hole 16 (177 yards) using a 4-iron. Witnessing the event was Lynn Walling, Dr. Jim Mathews, Jerry Dudley and Don Cook.

**Relay for Life volleyball tourney set for April 5**

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a volleyball tournament to benefit Relay for Life at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday, April 5.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 per person. The first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Teams must be comprised of three boys and three girls. A concession stand will be available.

**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 of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the 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 two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flight-ed 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 may 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.

# Lady Steers fall to Lake View, 5-1

**Herald Staff Report**

SAN ANGELO — Stakes don't get much higher this early in the District 4-4A softball season than it did for Big Spring's Lady Steers and San Angelo Lake View's Maidens Tuesday.

With an outright claim to second place on the line, not to mention the opportunity to remain just one game behind district-leading Frenship, the Lady Steers traveled to San Angelo to face the Maidens, hoping they would prevail as the clear cut

favorite to challenge the Lady Tigers for the league title.

Unfortunately, the Maidens struck early, going up by five runs after the first two innings, and the Lady Steers never recovered, falling 5-1.

With the win, Lake View improves to 11-16 overall, but most importantly, to 2-1 in district play, while the Lady Steers drop to 10-21, 1-2 and into a tie for third place with Plainview. Frenship leads the district at 3-0.

Already up 1-0 after the first inning, Lake View loaded the

bases in the second. After Big Spring pitcher Kenzie Hunt walked a batter home, Lake View's Tabi Carney hit a triple, clearing the bases and scoring three more runs for the Maidens for a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Steers finally managed a run in the fifth inning, courtesy of back-to-back doubles. Whitney Gonzales hit the first extra-base hit to the left field wall and Linzee Yarbar followed her with a second double to bring in Big Spring's only run.

Hunt lasted four innings for the

Lady Steers before Kelly Sage relieved her in the fifth.

Kasie High pitched all seven innings for Lake View and surrendered just four hits in the win. Three of Big Spring's hits went for extra bases, though.

The Lady Steers host Lubbock Estacado at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lady Steer Park.

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**Lake View 140 000 x-5 7 3**

Kenzie Hunt, Kelly Sage (5) and Linzee Yarbar. Kasie High and Nina Pallarez. W - High. L - Hunt. 2B: BSHS - Whitney Gonzales, Yarbar and Desiree Yanez; LVHS - Jennica Saenz. 3B: LVHS - Tabi Carney.

## Bulldogettes perfect in District 5-2A

**Herald Staff Report**

COLORADO CITY — Coahoma's Bulldogettes aren't strangers to utilizing the 10-run mercy rule after five innings of play to defeat opponents on the softball field.

However, on rare occasions, the Bulldogettes will put to use the 15-run mercy rule after three innings of play much like they did to Colorado City's Lady Wolves Tuesday.

Coahoma made incredibly short work of the Lady Wolves, blasting them 15-0 in a three-inning game. The Bulldogettes swung the bats with authority, collecting 15 hits — seven for extra bases. Eight of Coahoma's nine batters had at least a base knock and all nine reached base.

Laci Sterling hit her second home run in as many games and also had a double, while Krista Kerby and Christie Rich each had a double and a triple. Shelbi Paige had Coahoma's other extra base hit with a double.

Fourteen of Coahoma's 15 runs were earned. The Bulldogettes scored nine in the first inning and added six more in the third after being shut out in the second.

Heather Newton picked up the win, facing only 11 batters in three innings of work. She finished with six strikeouts and allowed two hits.

The Bulldogettes (18-8) not only have a perfect 6-0 record through District 5-2A play, but are yet to give up even an unearned run in the league. Coahoma continues its near perfect run through district play Friday, when the Bulldogettes host Haskell at 7 p.m. Newton pitched a no-hitter the first time she faced Haskell March 11.

**Coahoma 906-15 10**

**Colorado City 000-0 2 1**

W - Heather Newton (12-7). L - Hicks. 2B: CHS - Shelbi Paige, Christie Rich, Krista Kerby, Laci Sterling. 3B: CHS - Kerby, Rich. HR: CHS - Sterling. RBI: CHS - Sterling 4, Kerby 3, Newton 2, Janice Gonzales 2, Rich 2, Paige, JoAnna Gonzales.



**Big Spring Steers second baseman Kaegan Hunt (right) tries to turn a double play as Frenship's John Swope (15) slides in an attempt to alter Hunts throw in District 4-4A baseball action at Steer Field Tuesday. The Steers lost 4-1, dropping to 0-2 in district play.**

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

## Frenship downs Steers, 4-1

**By JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

After knowing Wolfforth Frenship's Tigers had scored 24 runs in its first two District 4-4A baseball games, the Big Spring Steers' coaching staff figured they needed to alter their attack on the mound.

The plan worked, stymieing Frenship's offensive production to just four runs. Unfortunately, the Steers couldn't find much consistency at the plate either as Big Spring lost its second district game, 4-1.

Still, Steers Head Coach Burt Otto was pleased with Big Spring's performance.

"We changed our game plan after we went and watched Frenship play and saw how many runs they were capable of

scoring," Steers Head Coach Burt Otto said. "We knew we had to change up the way we pitched. We had to start throwing a curveball in a fastball count and use more change ups just to keep them guessing."

Although he struck out only one batter, Matt Ritchey executed Otto's plan effectively, allowing only four runs — three earned — on ten hits and three walks.

"Matt had a real good curve ball and change up today," Otto said. "He got induced some big ground balls with both pitches. He had a lot of confidence in his pitches today, which is good because we told he had to if we wanted a chance to win."

Ritchey watched runners get on second and third in each of

the first two innings, but used his off-speed pitches to force ground balls that ended each inning.

Unfortunately, he couldn't get out of the fourth inning quick enough. Frenship's first two batters reached base and scored in the frame, quickly putting Big Spring down 2-0. The Tigers scored one more run before Ritchey induced two more grounders to end the inning. However, the damage was done and the Steers trailed 3-0.

Ritchey allowed five hits in the fourth inning alone, but Frenship could manage only five other hits in the rest of the game.

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## Lady Buffs blank Miles, improve to 4-0 in district

**By BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Last season, Forsan's Lady Buffaloes finished third in District 2-A, but still managed to advance further than any other team from the league in the playoffs. The deep postseason run made the Lady Buffs the favorite to claim the district title this season.

The Lady Buffs looked to grasp firm control of the district race Tuesday when they hosted the Miles Lady Bulldogs.

However, grasp is a bit of an understatement as the Lady Buffs took advantage of Lady Bulldogs' miscues in the field and a lack of control by Miles starter Krista McCrae, fashioning a 10-0 win that was shortened due to the mercy rule which governs Texas high school softball.

After Alyx Pappajohn shut down the Lady Bulldogs in order

to start off the game, Forsan wasted little time hitting the score sheet when Amanda Longorio deposited a two-strike pitch over the left field wall for the early 1-0 lead.

Miles threatened in the top of the second as the first two hitters of the stanza reached base, but Pappajohn buckled down, forcing a ground ball to shortstop Shelby Jones, who promptly cut down the lead runner at third for the fielder's choice.

Pappajohn escaped unscathed as the next Miles hitter attempted to lay down a sacrifice, but instead popped the ball straight up to catcher Kelsey Jones for the second out. Jones turned and fired to first, catching a Lady Bulldog off the bag for the double play.

Pappajohn pitched all five innings, earning the win with a

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**Forsan Lady Buffaloes first baseman Kevy O'Brien looks the ball in her glove in the Lady Buffs' 10-0 win over Miles in District 2-A softball action Tuesday in Forsan.**

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

















# Look at what's new at the Howard County Library

There are only two more Tax Aide days remaining. April 14 is the very last day that Gloria Hopkins and her AARP Tax "posse" will be preparing tax returns. Even if you do not usually file a return, you must file a return this year in order to take advantage of the tax "rebate" that President Bush has ordered. Hours are 8 a.m. until noon. 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.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Have you seen the new book drop at the entrance of the library? The Friends of Howard County Library purchased it. Now you can drop off VHS movies, books on tape or CD, and DVDs after hours. Do take advantage of this. We still ask that BOT, BOCD and movies not be placed in the alley book drop.

The library got a boat-

load of biographies in this past week. "Condoleeza Rice: An American Life" by Elisabeth Bumiller; "sTORI TELLING" by Tori Spelling is in; Kathleen Turner has written an autobiography "Send Yourself Roses: Thoughts on My Life, Love and Leading Roles." And one from today's headlines: "Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House" by Valerie Plame Wilson. There are several more that have come in, check the New Book Binder for a list.

A rather disturbing look at the foster care system in the United States, "Hope's Boy: A Memoir" by Andrew Bridge is his story of a decade spent in foster care. Bridge illuminates the horrors of a system

that, in its clumsy attempts to



save children all too frequently condemns them to physical and emotional abuse. At the age of seven, Bridge was dragged away from his mother, literally, by police and warehoused in an enormous California juvenile facility patrolled

by armed guards. In his narration of this unending nightmare,

Bridge shows particular skill in portraying his isolation and the defenses he constructed to survive it. Bridge's obsessive focus on his loneliness and his two mothers is so intense that a more balanced picture of his life fails to emerge and his attachment to another foster child remains unexplained. Yet Bridge, a Harvard Law School graduate who has devoted his career to children's rights, has provided remarkable insights into a dark corner of American society. This review is from *Publisher's Weekly*.

"The Fortune Cookie Chronicles: Adventures in the World of Chinese Food" (641.595 LEE J) by Jennifer B. Lee will take you on an unexpected and entertaining journey — through culinary,

social and cultural history — in this delightful first book on the origins of the customary after-Chinese-dinner treat by New York Times reporter Lee.

When a large number of Powerball winners in a 2005 drawing revealed that mass-printed paper fortunes were to blame, the author (whose middle initial is Chinese for prosperity) went in search of the backstory. She tracked the winners down to Chinese restaurants all over America, and the paper slips the fortunes are written on back to a Brooklyn company. This travel like narrative serves as the spine of her cultural history — not a book on Chinese cuisine, but the Chinese food of take-out-and-delivery — and permits her to frequently but safely wander off into various tangents related to the cookie. Review is from *Publisher's Weekly*.

Along the same lines, comes *Ellie Mathews' "The Ungarnished Truth: A Woman, A Chicken Dinner, A Million Dollars"* (641.509 MAT E). When Mathews entered her recipe for Salsa Couscous Chicken — eight chicken thighs cooked in Old El Paso salsa — in the grandma of all cooking contests,

the Pillsbury Bake-Off, she never imagined she'd win the grand prize. Immediately after Alex Trebek announced that her dish had won \$1 million, this amateur cook was thrown into the limelight. She soon found herself booked on Oprah and even photographed for the *New York Times* in a vest made of ostrich feathers, as the reigning queen of chickendom, the Pillsbury "It Girl" of the moment.

With a dash of self-deprecating humor and a pinch of biting social commentary, Mathews takes readers with her on her roller coaster ride to the top of the food chain as the Pillsbury prizewinner. As a cooking contest insider, she goes behind the counter and beyond the aprons and oven mitts to reveal a fascinating slice of Americana.

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# Laura on Life: Some 'dirty jobs' pay better than others

The other night, I was watching a show on TV called Dirty Jobs. This show was, in essence, saluting those people who work at jobs that most of us would consider pretty nasty. Sometimes the host, Mike Rowe, would interview these people and ask questions about the job they are doing. I have never once heard him ask them how they got into this line of work, though.



LAURA SNYDER

Perhaps the guys that harvest slimy eels (by separating the slime from the eel), got the job because they didn't know what they were applying for until it was too late. Imagine trying to com-

pose a help wanted ad for this position:

**Help Wanted:** Person who enjoys fishing and boating. Ideal candidate will have no prior experience. Must have strong stomach and long, waterproof gloves. Casual attire. Benefits include: Lots of sunshine, working with sea animals, free lunches, if you can keep it down, and a pension, if you stick around long enough.

Then when someone applies, they grab him, before he can change his mind, throw him on the ship and indoctrinate him in the art of de-sliming eels. Then they don't take him back to shore until he is brainwashed into thinking he is not qualified to work anywhere else.

Forgive me. Perhaps there is that one guy out there that was born to de-slime eels, but I'm having a difficult time imagining that. Most parents have had

to de-slime a kid at one time or another, but not because we signed up for that. How were we to know? It doesn't tell you that in any child-rearing books. When a child is slimy, however, you can't just let him walk around like that. The slime would eventually ooze into crevices. Clearly, you have to do something.

Dirty Jobs featured all kinds of jobs like de-sliming eels. Those are the jobs you tell your kids they will have to do if they don't go to college. So, in a way, this is an educational show. If your kids watch this show, even once, that will be all that is needed to encourage them to do

well in school, pick a career before they leave high school, and make sure that career needs a college degree.

Of course, some children might think that having Mike Rowe's job would be a cool career. I think they should ask Mike if he was conscious and sober when he was shanghaied into signing on that particular dotted line.

Parents have a great deal of training for dirty jobs. We never applied for the job. No one ever told us what we were getting ourselves into. Somehow, though, we have found ourselves scraping moldy food off our kitchen walls, trying to extricate sand from a

toddler's mouth, trying to mask the stench of a full diaper bin and wiping little hands that have been playing in the cat litter.

All you need to do is look under a child's bed to see the challenges we parents have to face on a day-to-day basis. You'll find live bug collections, underwear they were trying to hide because they'd had an accident, and a bowl of stale, half-eaten, cheese doodles that were smuggled in after bedtime. By half-eaten, I mean they were

sucked on until the cheese flavoring was gone and then left in the bowl and hidden under the bed. That's called spelunking for cheese doodles...or maybe just doodles.

Those Dirty Jobs people have nothing on parents. In fact, the only difference that I can see is...they get paid for it.

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Opening lead — five of spades.  
**Minor-suit games** are comparatively rare because they amount to a prediction that precisely 11 tricks will be made, neither more nor less. In the great majority of cases where there are 11 potential tricks in a minor-suit contract, three notrump will prove easier to make.  
**However**, hands exist where the minor-suit game is on and the notrump game is not. Such hands require accurate bidding, but the ultimate reward is well worth the effort.  
**Take a case like this one** where

North-South avoided the treacherous three-notrump contract and wound up scoring a slam instead.  
**The first key bid** was North's three diamonds. North had all the high-card values necessary for a raise to three notrump, but, with a singleton spade, he decided to warn South that a notrump contract could be dangerous.  
**This message** was not lost on South, who next bid three hearts. This call served several purposes. It not only showed heart control, but also implied concern about spades. In addition, it kept the door open to game in notrump while also serving as a cuebid in case North harbored slam aspirations.  
**North thereupon jumped** to five diamonds. This bid clearly implied control of spades in the form of either a singleton or a void, since otherwise North would presumably have taken the easier route to game in notrump. Simultaneously, the jump to five diamonds indicated willingness to undertake a slam if South had the appropriate values.  
**South was pleased** to accept the invitation, having values in reserve that he had not yet been able to identify. He knew that North had queen-high trump support at best, and so almost surely had the A-K of clubs and king of hearts to account for his previous bids, making the slam an excellent proposition.

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**How times have changed:**

**Army lets husband-and-wife soldiers live together in Iraq**

By **BRADLEY BROOKS**  
and  
**RUSS BYNUM**

Associated Press Writers

BAGHDAD — When American soldiers get off duty in Iraq, the men usually return to their quarters, the women to theirs. But Staff Sgt. Marvin Frazier gets to go back to a small trailer with two pushed-together single beds that he shares with his wife.

In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.

“It makes a lot of things easier,” said Frazier, 33, a helicopter maintenance supervisor in the 3rd Infantry Division. “It really adds a lot of stress, being separated. Now you can sit face-to-face and try to work out things and comfort each other.”

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones. Even married troops lived only in all-male or all-female quarters and had no private living space.

But in May 2006, Army commanders in Iraq, with little fanfare, decided that it is in the military’s interest to promote wedded bliss. In other words: What God has joined together, let no manual put asunder.

“It’s better for the soldiers, which means overall it’s better for the Army,” said Command Maj. Mark Thornton of the 3rd Infantry.

Military analysts said this is the first war in which the Army even gave the idea any serious consideration — a reflection not only of the large number of couples sent to war this time, but also of the way the fighting has dragged on and strained marriages with repeated 12- and 15-month tours of duty.

While some couples were also sent into the 1991 Gulf War, the fighting was over before their living arrangements became an issue, said Lory Manning, a retired Navy captain who studies how military policies affect women for the non-

profit Women’s Research and Education Institute.

More than 10,000 couples are in the Army. Exactly how many are serving in the war zone, and how many of those are living together, are not clear. The Army said it does not keep track.

But Frazier and his wife, Staff Sgt. Keisha Frazier, are among about 40 married Army couples living together on “Couples Row” at Camp Striker, which is on the outskirts of Baghdad and is one of more than 150 U.S. military camps in Iraq. Similarly, a Couples Row opened in October at nearby Camp Victory, though it has trailers for only seven of the many couples who have requested them.

Husbands and wives are still prohibited from public displays of affection, under the same strict regulations that govern unmarried men and women in uniform. Holding hands and kissing, whether on duty or in the chow hall, are against the rules.

“It’s rough on marriages when, over the course of years, you don’t see each other,” Manning said. “It would make sense, certainly from a morale perspective and for the Army, to try to preserve marriages.”

The only downside of married soldiers sharing sleeping quarters, she said, would be an increased risk of pregnancies.

John Pike, director of the military think tank Globalsecurity.org., said: “I think they are looking under the sofa cushions for anything they can do to improve retention. They spend a lot of money getting these people



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**U.S. Army Sgt. Jacqueline McCloud, 29, and her husband, Sgt. Jason McCloud, 24, kiss in the doorway of the small cargo container they share at Forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, Iraq. They have two small children and are deployed together with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. The Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone — a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.**

trained up.”

After spending the first five months of their 15-month deployment on separate bases in tents with up to 15 other soldiers, all of the same sex, the Fraziers prize the small degree of privacy and intimacy they gained after moving in together in October.

Still newlyweds, Sgt. Amanda Christopher, 25, and her husband, Sgt. Matthew Christopher, 22, said the change in rules has been a blessing for their nearly year-old marriage, four months of which has been spent in Iraq.

Both work at the military hospital in Baghdad’s fortified Green Zone, where Amanda is a

licensed practical nurse and Matthew is in patient administration, which can include mortuary duties.

“Some of the stuff I’ve seen, if she weren’t here, I’d be a lot less cool about it,” Matthew said as the pair sat inside their potpourri-scented living quarters — a mere 120 square feet, with a TV set atop two black lockboxes, an impressive collection of stuffed animals and a Chicago Bears plaque. “There was one night in particular, I saw something and I just thought,

‘Oh, God.’ I came in here, talked to her for a few minutes, went outside, took a deep breath and I was good to go.”

Because of the prohibition on public displays of affection, the Christophers declined even to put their arms around each other for a photo.

“It’s not like in the civilian world where if you see your boyfriend at work you can just go, ‘Oh, hi, Babe,’” Amanda said. “We’re in uniform, and we have to maintain a professional demeanor at

work.”

Capt. Jessica Hegenbart and her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Brian Hegenbart, had to live separately for two months when they arrived at Camp Striker because all the trailers for couples were full and were mostly allotted by rank. They finally moved in together in June.

“It’s nice to come back to our trailer. I just feel bad for all those guys who don’t have that to come home to every day,” said Brian, a 32-year-old Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

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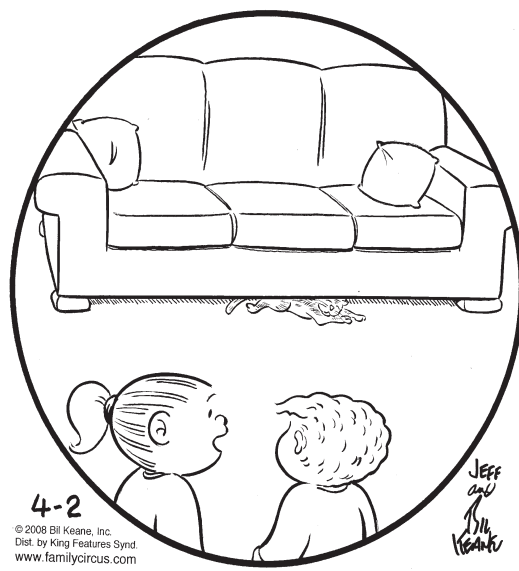
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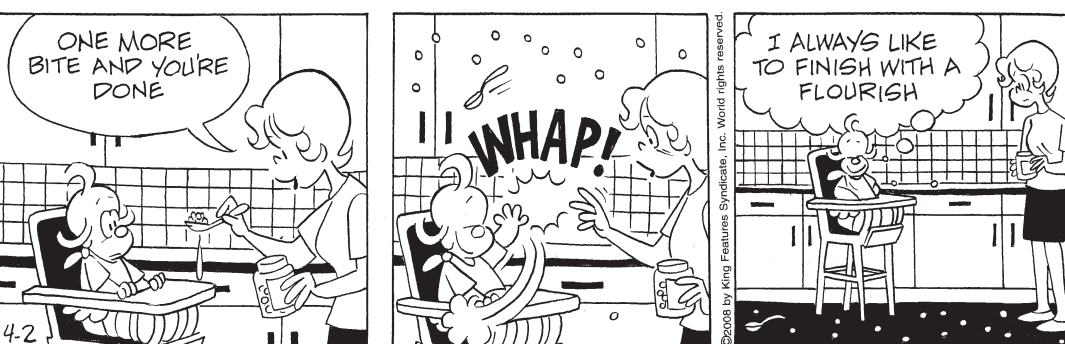
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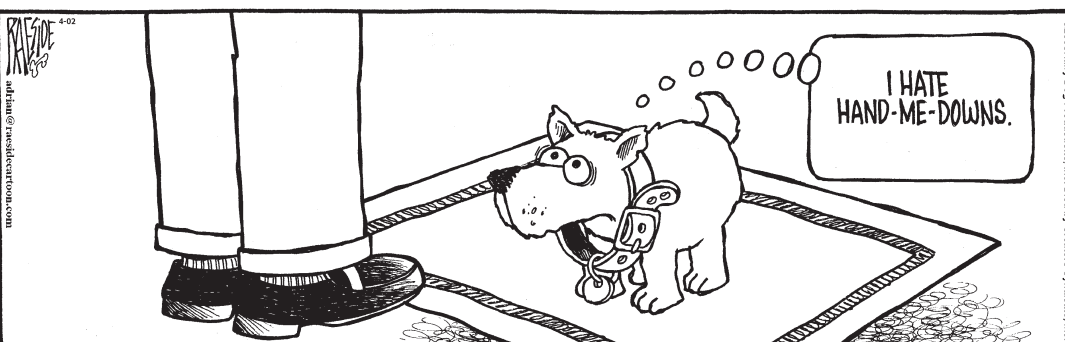
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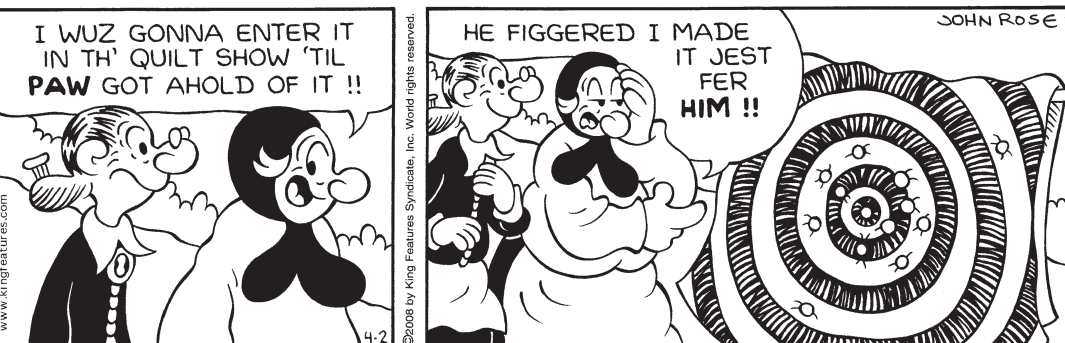
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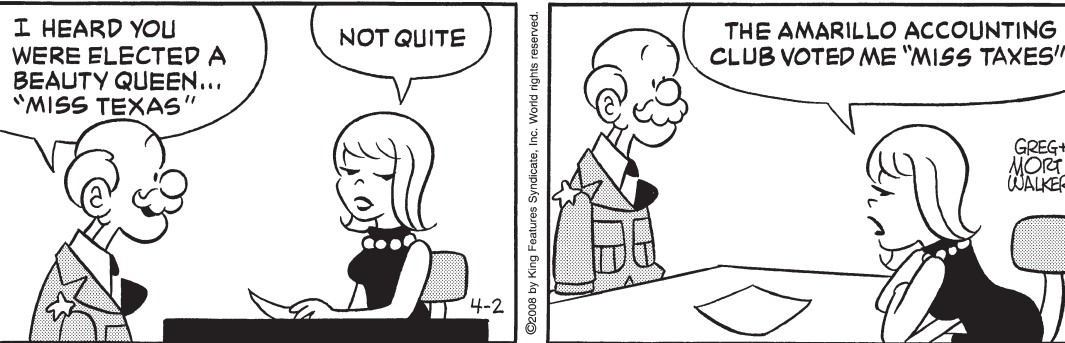
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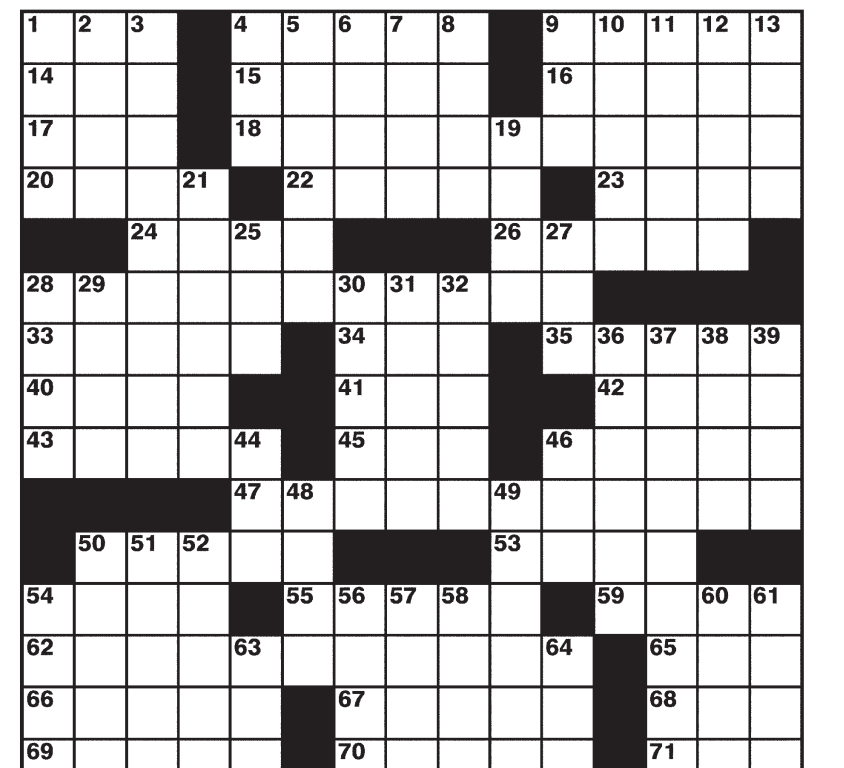
Today is Wednesday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2008. There are 273 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 2, 1968, the influential science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington. On this date: In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida. In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint. In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces. In 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.) In 1932, aviator Charles Lindbergh and John Condon went to a cemetery in New York, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man called "John" in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child was not returned, and was found dead the following month.) In 1974, French president Georges Pompidou died in Paris. In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain took back the islands the following June.) In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece. In 2005, Pope John Paul II, who'd led the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84. Today's Birthdays: Actress Rita Gam is 80. Actress Sharon Acker is 73. Singer Leon Russell is 66. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 65. Actress Linda Hunt is 63. Singer Emmylou Harris is 61. Actress Pamela Reed is 59. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 55. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 47. Actor Christopher Meloni is 47. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 47. Country singer Billy Dean is 46. Actor Clark Gregg is 46. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 44. Rock musician Greg Camp (Smash Mouth) is 41. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 39. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 35. Country singer Jill King is 33. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 33.

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# Baylor professor works to preserve gospel recordings

By GROMER JEFFERS JR.

The Dallas Morning News  
 WACO — Deep in the basement of Baylor University's Moody Library, a slightly worn 45 nestled around a high-tech turntable starts to spin, producing a mysterious voice from the past.

The Mighty Wonders and lead crooner John Stewart Jr. deliver a moving version of the gospel standard "Old Ship of Zion." He exhorts listeners to "get on board if you want to see Jesus," as the rest of the Wonders keep pace in the background.

Like so many of their contemporaries in the late 1950s and early '60s, the group's emotional solos and rich harmonies were buried at the bottom of collectors' cardboard boxes or lost to time — until now.

Robert Darden, a journalism professor and music historian, has made it his life mission to preserve every gospel record made from 1940 to 1970, which includes the genre's golden age.

He's been stretching a \$350,000 grant from a Connecticut investor for the Black Gospel Music Restoration Project at Baylor. With a staff of three, Darden buys and solicits old records from collectors, average fans, record companies and other schools.

Along the way, he is finding some lost or forgotten gems, such as the Wonders' track.

"It blew me away," he said of the recording that brought tears to his wife's eyes. "I've never heard anything like it. It just makes you want more. I have not been able to get that song out of my head."

Since the project began more than a year ago, Darden and his staff have preserved more than 1,000 rare and classic gospel records.

Their work has thrilled gospel lovers.

The Rev. Bryan Carter, pastor at Concord Baptist Church in Dallas, said old-time gospel music is still performed in many churches but is not easy to find on CD.

Churchgoers are familiar with songs because they have been sung for years, though the original recordings have faded with time.

"It's a great project that's long overdue," Carter said. "The oral tradition has been passed down and is still around. But a lot of the actual music has been lost, so this undertaking helps preserve an important part of African-American history."

Darden recognizes the challenge but says it's worth it.

"This music to me is as pure as it gets," Darden said. "Even the stuff that's rugged and a little bit out of key, there is a passion and heart to it that I don't hear in other music."

Rooted in slave songs  
 There was a time when gospel was a dominant sound in black culture. It evolved from spirituals that were moaned by slaves on plantations. The melodic pleadings were often coded messages about the Underground Railroad to freedom.

Newly freed blacks who lived mostly in the South modified those songs, with groups from Texas helping lead the way.

Gospel, by definition, refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The religious themes of the music often created a dichotomy for the performers, many of whom performed gospel music and blues.

The Rev. Thomas Dorsey, for instance,

wrote the historic "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" 76 years ago after losing his wife and child during childbirth. He had been a blues performer called "Georgia Tom."

It's the music of Dorsey and others that Darden wants to preserve.

Darden was introduced to gospel as a boy in the 1950s, when his father, an Air Force lieutenant, used his \$15 a month raise and bought a hi-fi player and three recordings — a Perry Como album, a collection of movie tunes and a Mahalia Jackson record.

"The Mahalia Jackson record is the one I played," Darden said.

Through the years Darden, who was once the gospel music editor at Billboard magazine, amassed a collection of his own and wrote about the music. He became frustrated that his research brought stories of great performances, but little else.

"I would write about this particular song, and then I wouldn't be able to find it," he said. "People would tell me they never see one or didn't have a copy."

An article by Darden about the music, published in New York, brought interest from Connecticut businessman Charles Royce, who ultimately gave the historian the grant to start to restoration project.

Among Darden's uncovered crop of old tunes are rare cuts from the Soul Stirrers, the Trinity, Texas, quartet that moved to Chicago and influenced the secular sound that would be refined by artists like Ray Charles, Wilson Pickett and Aretha Franklin.

Great soul groups of the 1960s and '70s got their harmonic styles and practice of switching lead singers to build the intensity of a song from the Soul Stirrers, whose alumni included R.H. Harris, Sam Cooke and Dallas soul man Johnnie Taylor.

"Gospel helped launch the whole R&B era," said Carter, Concord Baptist's pastor. "It's directly linked to the R&B music we hear today."

Darden also has rare 45 r.p.m. records from the Texas-bred Pilgrim Travelers, who also migrated to Chicago.

While gospel enthusiasts know the Soul Stirrers and Pilgrim Travelers, other artists rediscovered by Darden are rare treasures.

Baylor now has largely unknown records by the Bells of Joy, an Austin group that wowed crowds in Central Texas but recorded sparingly.

The Bells' most ubiquitous track is "Let's Talk About Jesus." But, as Darden points out, they also really "tear it up" with the rarely heard "Do Lord Remember Me" and "I Found Another Soldier."

The Bells still perform in Austin.

Many of Darden's newly restored sounds were never meant to be heard by wide audiences. These include the rare recordings of the Mighty Wonders that were donated to the project from a Chicago collector.

It's believed that the Wonders, like many fledgling gospel artists of the time, would pay for studio time and cut only a box full of records. The Aquasco, Md., group probably sold the records at the churches in venues where they held concerts or musicals.

Because some of the music was not professionally made, the sound quality of the work collected by Darden varies.

Some material has mold on it. Other recordings that he has collected and preserved were made of cardboard.

Tony Tadey, the studio engineer who makes the digital transfers, says he tries to stay true to the music.

"We preserve everything," he said. "We want the hisses and the pops."

**Record firms resist**  
 Darden's project is made necessary in part because of the music he believes is stockpiled in record company vaults.

He's been unsuccessful in persuading companies to re-release the music or at least lend it to the project.

"It's hard to know what they really have," he said.



AP photo/Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News

Baylor journalism professor Robert Darden and his staff are taking rare out-of-print gospel records and preserving them on disc. They have a grant from a private donor to digitize hundreds of vintage recordings. Gospel music was once the most popular music genre for African-Americans. Darden was photographed at the Moody Library on the Baylor campus.

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# Buffs rebound from loss, blast Menard, 10-4

## Herald Staff Report

**MENARD** — Losses happen in all sports and all a coach can ask is for his team to rebound from defeat and fight harder for the victory in the next game.

Forsan Buffaloes head baseball coach Jason Phillips witnessed the boys under his tutelage do just that Tuesday in Menard, rebounding from their first district loss of the season to dominate Menard's Yellow Jackets, 10-4. The win makes Forsan 2-1 in District 2-A.

The Buffs had fallen to Eldorado's Eagles, 9-6, Friday in what was considered to be a bit of an upset.

Phillips was encouraged with the way the Buffs responded to the loss, getting back on track with a decisive win.

"We played much better than we did in that loss to Eldorado Friday," Phillips said. "We were very good at the plate. Our goal is to score at least one run in every inning and we did that in all but one. We were much better defensively, too."

Cameron Parker picked up the win for the Buffs, pitching four innings and giving up two runs — one earned. Dylan Lowery relieved Parker in the fifth inning and pitched through the sixth until Jeremy Robbins took the mound in the seventh to finish the game. The win makes Parker 4-1 this season.

Eight different Buffs got hits and seven batters knocked in at least one run.

Parker was his own biggest asset at the plate, hitting a double and driving in three runs. Zach Dykes drove in two runs.

"Cameron had a very good game on the mound and at the plate," Phillips said. "He gave a big performance today."

Lowery, Evan Burton, Adam Bailey, Spencer Briggs and Zane Herrin each had one RBI.

Forsan faces a formidable opponent Friday when it hosts the Miles Bulldogs — a team the Buffs tied for the district championship last season. However, Miles defeated Forsan in a one-game playoff in order to receive the district's No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

"Miles is a solid baseball team. It's a big game for us because we tied them for the top spot last year," Phillips said. "We got to watch them play against Coahoma last week, so we've seen what they're capable of. We're going to have to be real patient at the plate and wait for good pitches to hit. We can't make any errors either. They're not going to give us any free bases with their defense, so we can't afford to give them any either."

First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in Forsan. Either Bailey or Burton will start on the mound for the Buffs.

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3B: MHS — Gonzalez. RBI: Parker 3, Zach Dykes 2, Dylan Lowery, Evan Burton, Bailey, Spencer Briggs, Zane Herrin.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback  
**Forsan Buffaloes pitcher Cameron Parker winds up in action from the 2007 baseball season. Parker threw four innings Tuesday against Menard, picking up the win in Forsan's 10-4 victory in a District 2-A game.**



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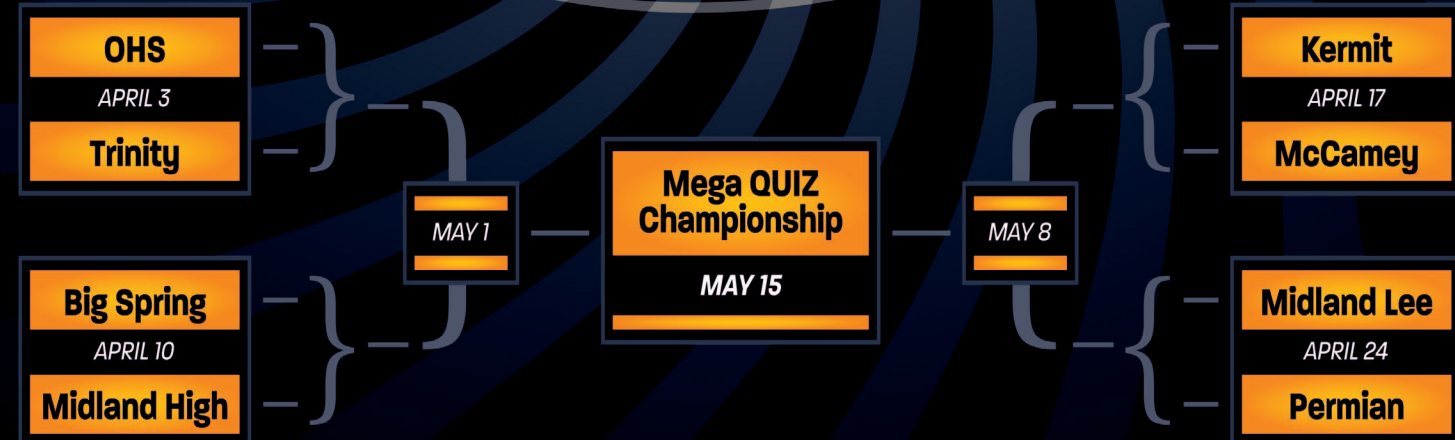
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