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Police seek robbery suspect

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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-



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

entered the store at approximately 3:54 a.m. Tuesday," said Everett.

"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.

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 citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

"The suspect has red hair and 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

Grand

jury indicts

several

A Howard County

grand jury handed down

19 indictments last week,

including true-bills for

several Big Spring resi-

dents arrested in January

Among those indicted

• Amber Dawn Long, 23,

of 1004 Sycamore, deliv-

ery of marijuana (state

• Jessica Garza, 25, of

908 W. Fourth Street

delivery of a controlled

substance (second-degree

felony) and delivery of

marijuana (four counts,

• Alfonso Barreras, 31,

of 2111 S. Johnson, deliv-

ery of a controlled sub-

stance (four counts, sec-

ond-degree and first-

degree felonies) and

delivery of marijuana

(four counts, state jail

• Samantha Payne, 24,

of Big Spring, possession

of a controlled substance

Westover Road Apt. 150,

delivery of marijuana

(three counts, state jail

felonies) and delivery of a

controlled substance (two

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Juan Francisco

of 538

second-degree

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in connection with the

Jan. 29 drug bust were:

on narcotics charges.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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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 See RODEO, Page 3A



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.

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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

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.

counts,

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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Sports

SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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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 Big Spring Country Club's golf course.

Bauer aced hole 16 (177 yards) using a 4iron. 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 Commerce 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 is 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.

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 districtleading Frenship, the Lady Steers traveled to San Angelo to face the Maidens, hoping they would prevail as the clear cut 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

favorite to challenge the Lady bases in the second. After Big Lady Steers before Kelly Sage 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

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 threeinning 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

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.

906—15 15 0 Coahoma 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.

Frenship downs Steers, 4-

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

knowing Wolfforth After 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

"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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in Forsan.

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

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

Obituaries

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Betty Robertson

Betty C. Robertson, 72, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in Big Spring. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Oak Street Baptist Chruch in Colorado City with the Revs. Jackie Brem and Steve King, officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

She was born July 15, 1935 in Wakefield, Mass. to Elwyn and Ethel Leavitt. She lived in Colorado City for many years and was a member of Oak Street Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Big Spring and a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Katherine Rogers and husband, Michael, of Big Spring, and Nancy Garland and husband, Joseph, of Sugar Land; a sister, Ethel Benato of Wakefield, Mass.; three brothers, Elwyen, Clifford and Earl Leavitt, all of Wakefield, Mass.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jeffie D. Robertson; a daughter, Beth Robertson; and a sister, Carol Leavitt.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Jan Bryson

Jan Bryson, 50, of Bandera, formerly of St. Lawrence, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in a San Antonio nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- Big Spring High School Student Council will sponsor a blood drive through United Blood Services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium foyer. If you would like to sign up in advance, you may call the main office at 264-3641.
- The Class of 2009 will be having a prom meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Big Spring High School Library. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.
- Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year, March 31-April 5 and April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at rshaw3535@hotmail.com or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will
- Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.
- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.
- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.
- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.
- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.



Police blotter

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

- TONY DELAGARZA, 43, of 303 Spring Creek, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSE LOPEZ III, 38, of 501 Union, was arrested Monday on a Lubbock County warrant.
- TRACY CROCKETT, 30, of 1811 N. FM 700, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KATAVIOUS BOOKER, 26, of 1010 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and a parole revocation.
- LISA YBARRA, 38, of 1504 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- NATHANIEL AUSBIE, 24, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Tuesday on a Dawson County warrant.
- JESSE WOODRUFF, 22, of 1202 Lamar, was arrested Tuesday on a local capias warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES
- **OR LESS** was reported:
- in the 2000 block of Goliad.
- in the 300 block of Third Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 300 block of Third Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2700 block of Adams.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

- reported having 36 inmates at the time of this report. • LISA YBARRA, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.
- ELIAS LEDESMA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- KATAVIOUS BOOKER, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and parole revocation.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of E. First
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Baylor and Rutgers. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- · 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.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-13-23-28. Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 3-3-1-5. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night,

in order: 7-9-2. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday after-

noon, in order:

1-0-8-8. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order:

6-2-9. Sum It Up: 17.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Windy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the southwest 25 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night — Mostly clear. Cooler. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the north 15 to 25 mph after midnight.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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Four BSHS tennis players advance

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — No district titles were won by the Big Spring Steers tennis team Tuesday at the District 4-4A Tournament at Frenship High School in Wolfforth. However, more importantly, four players Keely Parnell, Jeremy Landin, Ainhan Nghiem and Jonathan Ray — advanced to the Region I Tournament set for April 21-22 in San Angelo with second-place finishes.

"It was a good experience for us," said Big Spring Tennis Coach Pete Lara. "I'm very proud of all of our athletes who participated in district. Everyone played hard and gave their best effort."

The boys' doubles team of Nghiem and Ray had the most work cut out for them Tuesday. The duo played two must-win matches in order to earn second place.

If the pressure already wasn't

high enough, Nghiem and Ray drew their teammates Karl Brode and Johnathan Womack for their first match of the day. It was a match that left Lara so uncomfortable that he elected not to watch it.

"I wanted to watch the match, but I didn't. I didn't want to upset one of the players by praising the other team, so I stayed away," Lara said. "I don't want to show favoritism because I appreciate all of the players. I just wanted all four of them to show proper court etiquette. We teach that no matter who they're playing, but especially when you're battling your own teammates."

Nghiem and Ray pulled out the victory, besting Brode and Womack, 6-3, 7-5. The win put the Big Spring duo into a playback match against Haire and Lomas of Lake View for the right to advance to the regional tournament.

and Ray once again came out C.J. Burleson in the opening victorious, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Parnell also had to battle through a playback match for the right to move on to regionals. After falling in the the championship game Frenship's Morgan Ray, 6-0, 6-2, Big Spring's top girls' singles player faced Victoria Bellman of Lake View and found herself down after losing the first set. However, Parnell fought back and rallied past Bellman for the last two sets, winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, earning a trip to San Angelo later this month.

Landin probably played in the match of the day, though, in the boys' singles final. Landin came into the tournament with the second seed and the bracket played out like it's supposed to as he battled No. 1 seed Dustin Lambright of Plainview for the

Lambright had already disposed of one Big Spring player It took three sets, but Nghiem in the tournament as he beat round, 6-4, 6-0. However, Lara praised the way Burleson played against the district's top seeded player.

"C.J. really made Lambright earn his points," Lara said. "He's got a great attitude and is very coachable. If he keeps up his hard work, then he's going to be a very solid player for years to come.'

Landin also fell to Lambright, but not by a wide margin. Plainview's top player had to battle for a 7-5, 7-6, (7-3), victory. Still, Landin will advance to regionals.

Two other doubles teams competed in matches Tuesday for the Steers.

The mixed doubles squad made up of Christina Chang and Mikael Gonzales defeated Lake View's Moses and Najera, 6-0, 6-3, earning a third-place finish and making them the district's alternate team for region-

C.J. Riddle and Jessica Womack also had an opportunity to earn alternate status, but fell short in a grueling three-set loss to Jones and Mills of Plainview, 6-7, (7-9), 6-2, 7-6, (7-

The Steers received one other honor at the tourney as the boys' team received a runnerup plaque, naming them the second-best team at the district competition.

As for the four athletes advancing to regionals, Lara feels all of them have the ability to play even longer this sea-

"I've always felt we have outstanding and very coachable athletes in Big Spring," he said. "They stand as good of a chance as anyone else in the regional tournament. I just hope they're focused and on key when they play. I really have no doubt in my mind that they can continue forward and get out of regionals."

FORSAN

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one-hit shutout.

Forsan struck again in the bottom half of the second, scoring two more runs when Shelby Jones doubled off the wall in left center, pushing both Kevy O'Brien and Sandi Golleher across the plate for a 3-0 lead.

Forsan scored three runs each in the third and fourth innings with Haylie Burleson and Miranda Park both picking up two RBIs.

The Lady Buffs put the game away in the bottom of the fifth. Leading 9-0,

Forsan's first three batters were hit by pitches, loading the bases for the Lady Buffs' No. 3 hitter Longorio.

The sophomore third baseman drove a 2-2 pitch into center for the RBI, bringing in Forsan's 10th and final run of the con-

With the win the Lady Buffs move to 15-4 overall on the year with a perfect 4-0 mark in district play.

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W - Alyx Pappajohn. L - Krista McCrae.

2B: FHS - Shelby Jones. 3B: FHS Haylie Burleson. HR: FHS Amanda Longorio. RBI: Jones 2, Longorio 2, Park 2, Burleson 2, Kelsey Jones.

STEERS

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The Tigers extended their lead to 4-0 in the top of the sixth after No. 3 hitter Trey Wade hit a sacrifice fly to shallow center field.

However, the sacrifice was nearly a hit if not for a sliding effort from Big Spring's center fielder Martin Yanez to record the out.

Big Spring's lone run came in the seventh after John inning Benavides scored on a fielding error Frenship's shortstop John Swope.

the win for Frenship. pitching all seven innings and allowing only one unearned run on four hits and a walk while collecting five strikeouts.

While Big Spring only managed four hits in the contest, Otto felt that the Steers made good contact with the ball, but just couldn't get it to fall in open spaces.

"I told Coach (Freddie) Olivas in the dugout that Frenship looked like they had ball magnets attached to them in the field," Otto joked. "They seemed to be moving to exactly where we hit the ball before we

Aaron Wampler earned was very pleased with the way we hit the ball today. I can't complain. We hit the ball hard, but unfortunately it went right to them."

> The Steers fall to 12-12 overall and 0-2 in district play.

They district host favorite Lubbock Estacado's Matadors at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Steer Field.

prepare "We for Estacado like any other team. On any given day, anything can happen in baseball," Otto said. "We're going to try to keep them off balance much like we did with even had a swing at it. I Frenship today. It's going

to be a tough game. We've seen them and they're a great team. There's a reason they go deep in the playoffs year after year. They're doing what we're striving to get to."

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W - Wampler. L - Ritchey. 2B: FHS - Jordan Richburg, Tyler Lloyd. RBI: FHS - Clay Lines, Trey Wade, John Swope, Taylor Reed.

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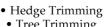
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Two influences frame

the day: Mercury enters Aries, and Pluto moves retrograde. In the grand scheme of life, all initiates.

new skills. If

we're We're continually embarking on new life passages, acquiring



Mercury hands out the pluck, grit and audacity to take on come-what-may, Pluto says a magical reinvention of yours truly isn't such a bad idea. ARIES (March 21-April

19). Why save your dollars for a rainy day? It's so much more fun to spend money on a sunny one! Anvhow, rain or shine, you're due for a splurge. You reinforce your belief in abundance by spending bigger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A team project that was going so well may take an unharmonious turn. Work through the conflict, and you'll find this was all for the best. Discover what expectations are not being met, and discuss a

compromise. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A new way of looking at a work situation will liberating. The problem itself is not causing you to suffer. It's your beliefs about the problem that cause discomfort, and, thank goodness, you can always change those!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It takes one to know one, and it also takes one

to heal one. You're an exceptionally empathetic person who will meet more of your kind through the next seven days. You'll nurture and

be nurtured. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make a riveting, persuasive argument when you need to. But today, the best argument of all is the one you don't have to make because your partner is so in sync with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If it's hard to get attention, that's because level of selfthe involvement is pretty thick out there now. The good news is that when people are really going for what they want, there's a lot of movement for everyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're on a mission that few can relate to. Though offers you get assistance, you're ultimately the only one who can really make it happen. Don't try to be perfect — just do what you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Write down your commitments, and get others to do the same in regard to your commitments with them. Otherwise, the cute game called "I thought you said" could cost you money and waste valuable time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With your talent, you can afford to be audacious. You don't have to pussyfoot around in order to get your needs met. Of course, you'll find the most gentile manner in which to express your boldness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). No kind gesture non-confrontational. Try is an isolated event. The a little flattery sweetness someone is showing you is indicative of a world of affectionate feelings, thoughts and dreams. So when you return the kindness, it means something.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Exciting events and/or people come into the scene. Breathe! Keep your hands open, shoulders relaxed and a generally comfortable aura. You'll say the exact right thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Are you racing across town in crazy traffic to attend a yoga class? Or fretting over how you're going to clear the tension in a relationship? The stress of making life less stressful could be very stressful indeed. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "My sister, an Aries, foists her 'strong opinions' others, especially during family gatherings. Of course, no one is asking, so she comes off sounding bossy and then leaves mad. She doesn't realize she's the one pushing people away. My uncle's birthday is coming up, and I'm dreading it. What can I do?"

While I would advise many signs to be more assertive and honest generally, I find that Aries is usually already more honest and assertive than necessary. Try pulling her aside before the next gathering and suggest (because you love her and care about her mental health) she try something new. Use this script: "Soften your approach. Avoid and defer. Try gentle. Try sweetness before duck out. It's going to feel weird at first, but you'll be surprised by how much energy conserve by not going 'there,' and you know where I mean by 'there,' Aries — the place you are standing when everything starts catching fire. I mean, really, is it important that your opinion be asserted in

situations that typically

only come up once a

year?" (Got family issues

of your own? Read my

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ebullient Aries actress Amanda Bynes has been described as embodying "both everything her teen fans dream of being and everything they know they really are." What a beautiful aspiration from this youthful, bright and spiritually hopeful sign! Aries people do embody the essence of selfhood, the reality that our potential and promise already exist, and are alive within us — right

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: At 23, I'm finally finding peace and happiness in my life, taking time to enjoy friends and family, while still working really hard as a grad student. And for the first time in eight thanks to a vears, combination of selfreflection, counseling and, what finally pulled me across the divide, pharmaceutical

assistance, I'm able to make it through the day without vomiting everything I eat.

mother seems My annoyed that I am taking antidepressants. She says people use medication instead of dealing with their problems. But after years of hell, this is the first time I'm really doing all right. I only told her about the antidepressants because I thought, in case of a medical emergency, someone ought to know what drugs I was on. I also told her about the counseling, but she thinks I'm just stressed

out and overdramatic. I haven't told my mother about the bulimia because if she can't counseling, understand she certainly won't eating understand an disorder. I worry that she'll take it as personal failing. And I certainly can't tell my father, who my mother said would probably "kill me" if he knew about the antidepressants.

I absolutely don't blame parents for my problems, but at the same time, I'm annoyed that she belittles me for doing something that probably saved my life. Is it worth it to try explaining my situation when I know she'll ridicule it? — Sara in the Midwest

Dear Sara: Ask your counselor if it would be a good idea to bring your mother to a session. It might help her accept your choices if she hears from a professional. If Mom refuses to go or,



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after going, still cannot accept the steps you have taken to stay healthy, discussing stop subject with her. While her understanding would be helpful, your physical and emotional well-being are most important.

Dear Annie: My cousin, "Amy," never buys gifts for anyone in the family. In fact, I can't remember the last time my children or I have gotten so much as a card from her.

The problem is, Amy always expects gifts from the rest of us on her birthday. I buy her children presents because it isn't their fault their mother selfish. is However, Amy's birthday is coming up soon and she's been hinting she wants a watch. Should I comply? — Tired of a Selfish, Spoiled Cousin

Dear Tired: Amy has been taking advantage of compliance vour years. Unless you are eager to give your cousin a watch for her birthday, we see no reason to keep accommodating her. Tell her, nicely, that from now on, the gift-giving will be limited to the children.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Tammy," whose son has a joint birthday party with a school friend born the same week. She said one particular guest always brings a card or gift for the other boy, but not for her son.

great. The birthday boys never once asked about the missing gifts, and the kids played for hours without interruption. Kids have so much these days anyway, why add to the chaos? — Marcy

Dear Marcy: parents their make children's parties giftfree, or ask guests to bring something that can be donated to a children's shelter or food pantry. These are all excellent ideas and have the added value of teaching children that giving to the less fortunate can be part of the celebration.

Dear Readers: We are carrying on the tradition that April 2 be set aside as Reconciliation Day, a time to make the first move toward mending broken relationships. It also could be the day on which we agree to accept the olive branch extended by a former friend or estranged family member, and do our best to start over.

Dear Annie: I have been with my husband for four years, married for two. In all this time, there are still some things I am not comfortable with.

"Norm" is a very quiet man who doesn't say much. He has a brother who lives really close, but Norm has never introduced us. I also have never met his mother or talked to her on the phone. She lives out of state and calls Norm only on his cell phone. I bought her a gift for the holidays and she told him to thank me. I have never seen any pictures of his childhood or of his parents. He keeps his bank statements and his checkbook at his brother's house.

Norm moved here from out of state 12 years ago

We just had a joint and recently changed his birthday party with our last name because he said son and two other he didn't like the way it children. The parents and sounded. He doesn't have I decided to make it "no any life insurance. I have gifts" and it worked out never seen him naked. Sex is rare. When I try to get information from him, he acts weird and gets mad, so I leave it alone.

> I am his wife. We don't even have a checking account together. splits every bill with me. One day, I asked if I could use his gas card. He followed me to the station, put 20 bucks in and drove back home. He keeps score on who pays for what. He seems so strange to me. What's up? Not Sure in California

Dear Not Sure: You've known this man for four years. Surely secretive behavior is not new. Your stingy paranoid husband could be hiding things — a criminal past, another family, money — but it's also possible it's just his personality.

Talk him to and explain, lovingly, that you want to be more connected and ask how to make that happen. You also could do some investigating to see what you can dig up about his past. And by all means, call his mother and say hello.

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Man who stuffed pregnant woman in suitcase sentenced to death

CANYON (AP) — A man convicted of beating a pregnant woman, stuffing her in a suitcase and dumping it in a landfill was given a death sentence Tuesday.

Rosendo Rodriguez, a 28-year-old from San Antonio, was sentenced after the jury deliberated for three hours. He was convicted on two counts of capital murder Friday.

The body of 29-year-old Summer Baldwin was found in the Lubbock landfill in 2005. The case was moved to the Panhandle city of Canyon because of pretrial publicity.

Baldwin, who was a prostitute, was killed in a Lubbock hotel room in 2005. She was about 10 weeks pregnant at the

A Lubbock medical examiner testified that Baldwin was raped. Her death was caused by blunt force trauma and asphyxiation, although a single lethal injury couldn't be isolated, said Dr. Sridhar Natarajan, Lubbock County chief medical examiner.

Rodriguez claimed he killed Baldwin in self-defense after she attacked him with a knife for stealing her crack pipe.

The medical examiner also testified that Baldwin may have been alive when Rodriguez stuffed her body in a suitcase and tossed it into an industrial-sized

The next day her body was found in the landfill, about 15 miles north of Lubbock.

Detectives tracked the suitcase back to Rodriguez through store purchase records, according to police reports.

The trial was moved to Canyon after attorneys found extensive media coverage hampered the ability to seat an impartial jury.

Rodriguez is also suspected of killing Joanna Rogers, a 16-year-old who disappeared in 2004. Her remains were found in 2006 in the same landfill where Baldwin's body was discovered.

Stinnett man dies during Wheeler County wildfire

WHEELER (AP) — A 64-year-old Stinnett man died in a Texas Panhandle wildfire that burned about 1,000 acres. Wheeler County authorities identified

the victim as Allen Ray Lemon. Officials believe Lemon was working when the wildfire started. A bulldozer at the site also burned. Wheeler

County Meanwhile, Commissioners on Tuesday voted to establish a burn ban.

Five dead, including toddler, in 3-vehicle crash in East Texas

TENAHA (AP) — Five people, including a 2-year-old boy, died Tuesday evening in a three-car accident in East Texas, officials said.

Sonya Fincher, 40, of Shelbyville, was driving her pickup truck along U.S. Highway 96 when she crossed the center of the road and hit two other vehicles, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Fincher died at the scene.

Also killed were Raymond Lay Soto, 22; 2-year-old Raymond Soto Jr.; Adam James Heady, 20; and Cameron Eugene Roland, 25. All four were from Center.

The younger Raymond and three others were not wearing seat belts, according to DPS.

Two others were transported by helicopter to a hospital. Harold Dexter Heady, 23, of Center, was listed in poor condition early Wednesday. Clifford Evans of Tenaha is listed in good condi-

Two officers reject plea offer in death of inmate

PASADENA (AP) — Two police officers rejected a plea deal offered to them in connection with the death of a suspect who died in custody five hours after his arrest for public intoxication.

During a brief hearing Tuesday. Pasadena officers Jason W. Buckaloo and Christopher S. Jones quickly declined prosecutor Joe Owmby's plea bargain offer of one year in a state jail.

State District Judge Belinda Hill set an April 25 trial date for Buckaloo and Jones. They each face a charge of criminally negligent homicide, a state felony that carries a maximum punishment of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Pasadena police initially said Pedro Gonzales, 51, died from injuries he suffered when he tripped and fell as the two officers escorted to him a patrol car in July. A witness to Gonzales' arrest called 911 to report what she perceived to be police brutality.

Medical Harris County Examiner's Office ruled Gonzales' death a homicide caused by one of eight frac-

late Monday afternoon at a gas well tured ribs that punctured a lung. A secondary cause was complication from liver disease caused by long-term alcohol consumption.

Prosecutors said they didn't seek more serious charges because the officers did not intend to harm Gonzales.

The two men have denied any wrongdoing.

Dallas-area school to return 'In God We Trust' to gym wall

THE COLONY (AP) — A Dallas-area school will put "In God We Trust" back on a gymnasium wall after the U.S. motto was painted over when one parent objected.

The motto had been on a wall at B. B. Owen Elementary School in The Colony. District spokesman Dean Tackett says

a parent complained about displaying the word "God" in school, so the phrase was painted over.

But Tackett said Tuesday, in response to complaints from other parents about the hasty removal, "In God We Trust" will be re-painted on the wall.

KTVT television reports some parents wrote the words "In God We Trust" on their children's T-shirts and backpacks, then sent their students to school.

The Texas Education Code says a public school or an institution of higher education may display the U.S. national motto "In God We Trust."

Private school loses in its federal lawsuit to enter UIL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge rejected a Christian school's attempts to sue its way into the Texas state league for public school athletics.

Cornerstone Christian sued the University Interscholastic League in 2007 under claims the league excluded it and other private schools based on religious bias.

The UIL contended religion played no role in excluding Cornerstone from membership in the league that has about 1,300 public schools. The UIL noted that Cornerstone was eligible for other leagues, namely the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). Tuesday's ruling affirmed the UIL's

position that it correctly followed its rules allowing it to deny membership to schools that are eligible to join other leagues, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its online edition. TAPPS

did not renew Cornerstone's contract amid periodic accusations of recruitment violations.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery quoted biblical passages and Christian proverbs in his ruling.

"Having not followed the proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself' nor having treated others as it would like to be treated. Cornerstone has reaped what it has sown," the ruling read. "... Just as it would be difficult for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, Cornerstone's effort to enter the UIL is denied."

Texas is believed to be one of three states in which private schools are typically not allowed to compete with public schools in statewide extracurricular organizations.

Only two private schools, Dallas Jesuit and Houston Strake Jesuit, were permitted to join the UIL four years ago and only after the Dallas school sued. The UIL granted access because those schools had larger enrollments than other private leagues allowed.

Despite initial support last year from the state Senate, the Texas House rejected a bill that would have permitted private schools to join the UIL.

Patterson to allow Christmas Mountains move to park service

AUSTIN (AP) — The state land commissioner blocking a proposal to transfer the Christmas Mountains to the National Park Service because he wants to permit hunting on the land appears ready to let the transaction proceed, documents show.

In a letter addressed to the superintendent of Big Bend National Park, State Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson wrote that he has "instructed my staff to work with your agency ... to work through these issues and secure the necessary funding for the transfer of the Christmas Mountains to the National Park Service.'

The letter was obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a story in its Wednesday editions.

Patterson, chairman of the School Land Board, has so far declined to bring up for board consideration a park service proposal to add the property to Big Bend National Park. A fierce gun-rights advocate, Patterson wants a federal agency that will allow hunting, which is generally prohibited on National Park Service lands.

INDICTED

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felonies).

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, all of the suspects were originally arrested in Big Spring, except for Payne, who was taken into custody in Midland.

"Each of the suspects was taken into custody at different locations," said "Everything Everett. went smoothly and there were no injuries or anything of that nature as a result of the arrests."

Also arrested during the 29 raid was Benjamin Munoz, 27, of 1311 Mulberry, who was Parker County Jail, theftcharged with delivery of a more than \$1,500 and less controlled substance.

Everett said the arrests were the result of a threemonth undercover narcotics investigation.

In all, the grand jury handed down indictments drug-related charges.

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• Nicolas Craig Mills, 28, of 1514 Sycamore, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

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• Christina Diaz, 25, of 406 Lancaster, possession of a controlled substance

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• Jayson Waters, 33, of 1204 Sycamore, forgery (state jail felony).

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OTHER VIEWS

Fight smarter in Iraq with fewer troops

raq is once again in turmoil. Shiite militiamen are fighting Iraqi troops to control parts of Baghdad and Basra. The Green Zone is being bombarded. A spike in attacks recently pushed the U.S. death toll past the psychological marker of 4,000. Political bickering still impedes efforts to unite Iraq's sectarian factions.

The turmoil underscores the limits of the U.S. troop surge. It can help stabilize violent areas, but it can't make Iraqis get along with one another. This is not to deny the merits of the surge itself, because military conditions are distinctly better than they were a year ago. Casualties are markedly down. U.S. troops are using smarter tactics to enlist Iraqi support rather than provoke their enmity. This is progress.

Is it enough? Not by a long shot. Today's situation is so brittle that President Bush has had to halt a scheduled drawdown of troops to pre-surge levels. For the sake of short-term stability, that's the correct choice. But the Pentagon's top leadership has consistently warned that we can't sustain this commitment much longer because our armed forces are stretched too thin and the stress caused by lengthy deployments is too great.

The fact that Iraq's leaders are willing to commit their own troops to fight Iraqi militiamen is a good sign. But it's in the political arena where Iraq's problems will be solved over the long term, and that progress has been unacceptably slow. Iraqi leaders have mistaken Mr. Bush's stay-the-course resolve as a sign that the Americans are staying put, so what's the hurry? They're getting the wrong message.

As the surge began, this newspaper offered an alternative approach called Plan B. The philosophy behind it is effectively being put to the test in Iraq right now: Don't withdraw altogether, but take action to reduce U.S. casualties by limiting troops' movements on the ground. Let Iraqis fight Iraqi battles. Let U.S. troops secure the borders and continue going after al-Qaeda and foreign fighters. Whenever possible, deploy by helicopter as troops do in Afghanistan so patrols are less vulnerable to the IED attacks that now account for the bulk of American deaths.

We've given the surge a chance to work, and we think its results have been impressive. The key now is to fight smart with fewer American troops. Our military leadership is pleading for it. U.S. commitments elsewhere, particularly in Afghanistan, demand it. And our Plan B offers what we think is the best way to make it happen.

Basics of Plan B:

Gradually reduce troop levels to 60,000-80,000.

Move bases to rural areas within 100 miles of Iraq's borders; create a border cordon to halt foreign infil-

End ground-based U.S. military patrols and convoys; minimize IED casualties with helicopter deployments.

Continue training Iraqi forces so they can fight their own battles.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, have a heavenly point of view. May we trust in You.

Amen

Even on HBO, 'The Black Legend' lives

ratching the Founding Fathers and their historic creation of a new nation, even in a dramatization, always makes me feel proud to be an American. But just when I expected "John

Adams" to make me feel proud to be a Latino, too, the new HBO miniseries did a huge fast forward. skipping almost the entire Revolutionary War and leaving the contributions of Latinos totally out of

the picture. It doesn't surprise me. That kind of omission is precisely what history books have been

doing for centuries.

Just as I finished writing a column last week, describing how the positive contributions of Hispanics have been omitted from American history, I saw one more huge omission on my TV. As I explained that such omis-

sions started in 16th-century Europe, part of a deliberate campaign by British and Dutch writers to malign the image of the Spanish and their descendants in the Americas, I saw that such omissions still occur today.

Just as I noted that the unfair and biased depiction of Hispanics was called "The Black Legend" by Spanish writers who protested against the slurs and omissions, I saw "The Black Legend" on my TV.

In this new re-creation of American history, we saw Adams and Benjamin Franklin in Europe trying to raise money for the American Revolution and getting rejected by the Dutch and getting insufficient support from the French. We heard Adams pleading for help for a Revolutionary Army that was on the verge of disintegrating because George Washington's men were hungry,

ill-equipped and hadn't been paid. And then suddenly, swish, flashforward, the British were defeated, and the Revolution was over. Where they got the money to feed and equip Washington's Army was omitted, as usual.

Incredibly, just like the history books, instead of citing the places where the Founding Fathers found the money to finance their war of independence, the HBO miniseries cited the European places where Adams and Franklin were rejected or offered insufficient assistance.

In fact, most of the money came from Havana — "the Ladies of Havana," to be precise.

Although it is well-documented, few are the history books that tell us that Washington, known to conduct himself very properly, threw his hat in the air in a rare display of joy when he heard that the money his troops needed had been raised by Cuban and Spanish women who gave up their jewelry to finance America's freedom.

Few are the American historians who note that within only a few hours, the Cubans raised what is the equivalent of \$28 million in today's money and that American independence was secured with Spanish silver dollars.

Of course, among these absentminded historians there are exceptions: "That sum collected (by the Ladies of Havana) must be considered as the ground whereon was erected the American independence," wrote American historian Stephen Bonsal.

There is even an eyewitness description of the moment when Washington's troops got the news.

As French Gen. Comte de Rochambeau, an American ally, wrote in his memoirs, "The joy was enormous when it was received, the money from Havana: The contribution of 800,000 silver pounds, which helped stop the financial bankruptcy (of the Revolutionary Army) and raised up the moral spirit of the Army

that had begun to dissolve."

Imagine the wonderful scene that would have made in the HBO miniseries. Imagine Washington and his troops receiving food, ammunition and impetus to march on to victory, especially when they read the inscription on the box containing the donation from the Cuban women: "So the American mothers' sons are not born as slaves.'

Imagine how much more today's Americans would understand and appreciate their Latino neighbors if they knew this part of American history.

Yet this nearly forgotten event is just one of many crucial periods of history when American historians prolonging The Black Legend they inherited from their British ancestors — ignored or diminished the role of Latinos in North America, starting with the United States' war of independence.

Most Americans don't know that Hispanics fought and died for the very birth of our nation; that the war against the British also was fought by Spaniards, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Venezuelans and Mexicans; or that they won major battles in places such as Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla. That's a subject for at least another chapter in this occasional series on Latino contributions to American society.

If HBO had not done a fast forward at such a crucial moment in U.S. history, we would have seen that the money, supplies, ammunition and soldiers that Spain and the Spanish colonies gave to the 13 Colonies was of utmost importance in bringing about the successful conclusion of the American Revolution.

The miniseries "John Adams" still makes me feel proud to be an American. But after filling the gaps in history, I also feel proud to be a Latino.

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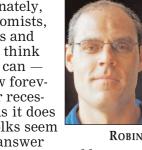
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Enough of the insanity already

ne classic definition of insanity involves doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. A twicedivorced friend of mine who recently married again seems insane in this way.

So, unfortunately, do most economists, policy-makers and pundits, who think the economy can must! — grow forever. Whenever recession looms, as it does now, these folks seem to think the answer is for us all to make, buy and sell each other more stuff. What's the problem



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with growth? There are several, not the least of which is the gradual transformation of our country into a coastto-coast strip mall. In the long run, though, the biggest problem is simply that we've already bought, sold and buried in landfills an awful lot of the material goodies Earth has to offer.

The closer one looks at where we're getting the resources to grow with, the more the idea of perpetual economic growth starts to smell like yesterday's diapers. To get gold, copper and even common metals like iron and aluminum, we're mining ores today that companies 50 years ago ignored as inferior. In many cases we're so desperate for metal that we're actually mining the waste from ores previously mined.

Similarly, in Alberta, Canada, petrochemical companies have built giant facilities to produce oil from thick, tarry gunk that's

bound to sand under much of the province. Short of liquefying coal, there's no less efficient source of oil. But oil is now valuable enough to justify the enormous expense.

Metals and oil are nonrenewable resources, but the picture is pretty much the same for resources that theoretically replace themselves. Between timber harvesting and agriculture combined, some scientists estimate that we now consume more than 40 percent of the earth's "net primary productivity," the total amount of energy accumulated by all plants everywhere. You might think that's OK — 100 minus 40 leaves 60, after all. But the natural systems on which we depend for clean water and air and other useful perks seem to need just about all of that 60 percent to keep going. That's especially true as those systems are stressed by climate change, pollution and just plain abuse.

Economists have long answered this sort of argument by pointing to "resource substitution" — the idea that scarce metals, for example, can be replaced in many situations with high-tech plastics. They also argue that we're good at figuring out how to use resources more efficiently, making cars and electronics and other doodads with less metal and plastic and whatnot than a generation ago. In general, they seem sure that our big brains will keep coming up with solutions when we need them.

Those things are all true at some level — we're clever enough that many manufactured goods have been getting cheaper for years but sky-high oil and gas prices now make these claims seem increasingly hollow. There are no

substitutes at all for products like nitrogen fertilizer, which can't be made on a large scale without natural gas and is now 30 percent more expensive than it was in 2000. Plastics, themselves the "cheap" substitute, now cost more

for the same reason. So what might our economy look like if it weren't based on more, more, more? It's hard to say, but a cornerstone of it would necessarily be the concept of "enough," as in "I have enough possessions" or "I have a large enough house."

This would be a profound shift for most of us. Some of us would have to be pushed there, perhaps by a Scandinavian-style system where the tax rate for the wealthiest was closer to 70 percent than 35 percent. But others of us might be attracted to this, maybe by the more-or-less guaranteed access to food, shelter, medical care, child care and education that the same Scandinavian system provides.

Would such an economy provide enough jobs for everyone? It doesn't seem that far-fetched. For starters, providing quality health care, child care and education to everyone would keep a lot of us busy. So would generating clean power, designing and manufacturing products that were really intended to be reused and recycled, and then actually reusing or recycling them as if our lives depended on it.

After all, eventually they will.

Robin Mittenthal has worked on farms, taught high school biology and now pursues a doctorate in entomology at the University of Wisconsin. He wrote this comment for the Land Institute's Prairie Writers Circle in Salina, Kan.

Look at what's new at the Howard County Library There are only two more Tax Aide days remaining. Applications of the county attempts to the county attempts attempts to the county at

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



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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.

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

The library got a boat-

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

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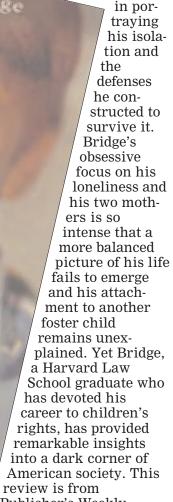
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A rather disturbing look at the foster care system in the United States, "Hope's Boy: A Memoir" by Andrew Bridge is his story of a decade spent in foster care. Bridge illuminates the horrors of a system

Bridge shows particular skill



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,

of the customary after-Chinese-dinner treat by New York Times reporter

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-outand-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 Matthews' "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,

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 Oprahand 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

he 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 inter-

view these

people and



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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. 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 compose 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 any-

where 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

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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 some-

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

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, halfeaten, cheese doodles that were smuggled in after bedtime. By halfeaten, I mean they were

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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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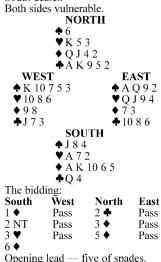
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By Steve Becker

Scientific Bidding



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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 queenhigh 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

FEATURES

By BRADLEY BROOKS and

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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 littlenoticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-andwife 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-

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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 "Couples Row" at Camp Striker, which is on the oustkirts 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 pregnan-

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



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 15month 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 Christoper, 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, 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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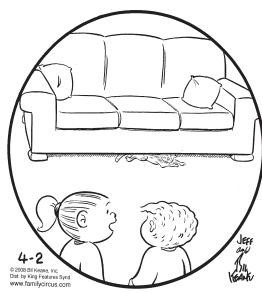
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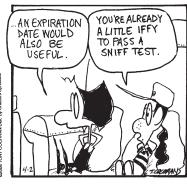




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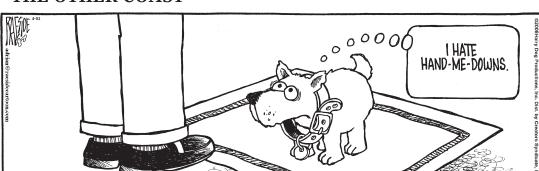
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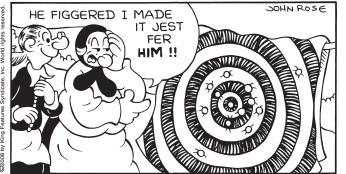






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This Date In History

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 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.

Confederate 1865, 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

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. Buddy Country singer Jewell 47. 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. Tony Rock musician 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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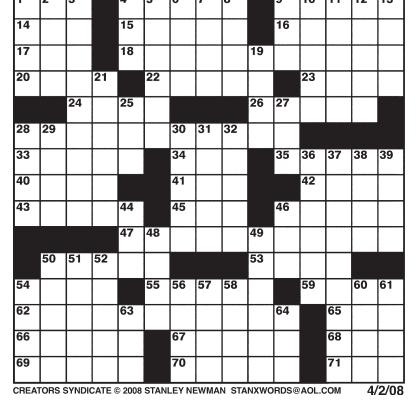
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Baylor professor works to preserve gospel recordings

The Dallas Morning News WACO — Deep in the basement of Baylor University's Moody Library, a slightly worn 45 nestled around a hightech 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

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 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."

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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 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

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 made necessary in part because of the music he believes is stockpiled in record company vaults.

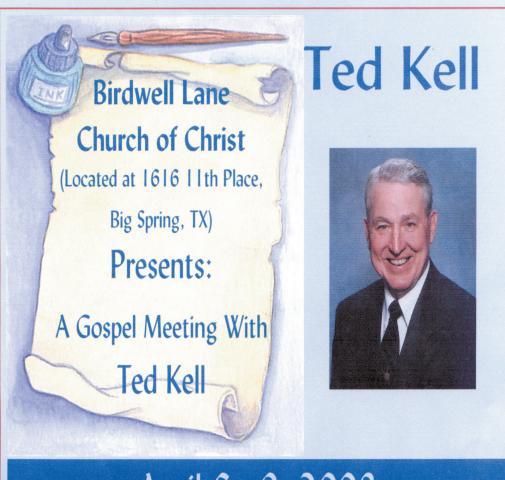
He's been unsuccessful in persuading companies to re-release the music or at least lend it to the pro-

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



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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,

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 sea-

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

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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 onegame 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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2B: FHS - Adam Bailey, Parker. 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 innings Tuesday against Menard, picking up the win in Forsan's 10-4 victory in a District 2-A game.

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