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## Suspect in robbery arrested

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 A Big Spring man was arrested Thursday and charged with the Tuesday robbery of the 7-Eleven convenience store in the 900 block of Willia. Kelleigh Jay Smith, 25, was arrested on a charge of aggra-

vated robbery — as well as warrants for burglary of a habitation and theft — at his home, located at 1310 Lexington. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, video surveillance tapes from the robbery led to Smith's arrest.

"After watching the surveillance tapes, several of the officers recognized the suspect," said Everett. "So after that it was just a matter of picking him up and bringing him in." Everett said Smith was taken into custody without incident. The search for Smith began shortly after 3:54 a.m. Tuesday,

when Everett said Smith allegedly robbed the convenience store clerk armed with a box cutter. "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," he continued. "The clerk complied and the suspect made away with an undetermined amount of cash." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

## It never gets old Kindergarten Rodeo still thrills a packed crowd after 30 years

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 COAHOMA — For 30 years, the wee ones have been ropin' and ridin' at the Kindergarten Rodeo. You'd think it would get old. But thanks to a generous helping of cuteness, with an ample side helping of rodeo star power, the 30th Annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo was another huge success. Thursday's edition of the rodeo featured the usual thrill and chills as participants rode and raced their stickhorses to the delight of a packed crowd at the elementary gymnasium. An added note this year, however, was a special tribute to Quail Dobbs, the famed rodeo clown who helped organize the first kindergarten rodeo in 1978. Dobbs was honored by a proclamation from Mayor Bill Read designating April 3 as Quail Dobbs Day in Coahoma, plus he was serenaded by the kindergartners. The special attention left the normally loqua-

cious Dobbs at a loss for words. "That was great," was all the PRCA Hall of Famer could muster. An added attraction for Dobbs this year was the presence of his grandson, Keegan, who became a rodeo clown — at the kindergarten level, at least. "That's kind of special when they're your own, but all the other kids are just as good," Dobbs said. "And the teachers deserve a lot, too. They do all the work and practice with the kids. They deserve all the praise." And the children deserve a few bows, too, some of the guests said. Ben Clements, an announcer on the professional rodeo circuit, has lent his talents to the Coahoma event for the past several years. "I didn't know what to expect at first, but I was pleasantly shocked," Clements said. "I was in awe of the whole production ... This is now a regular part of my schedule and I hope to keep it that way for many more years."



Jade Taylor races around a barrel during the 30th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday in the elementary gymnasium. HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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**RELAY FOR LIFE DANCE**  
 The Big Spring State Hospital Relay for Life team Mind Body and Soul will host a dance tonight from 8 until midnight at the Big Spring Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie located at 703 W. Third St. The dance, featuring the band Hawg Legg, formerly known as Texas Outlaw, will raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Finger foods will be available at the dance. Relay for Life will be held May 16 and 17 at Big Spring High School's Blankenship Field.

**CORNELL FACILITY BEING SUED FOR ABUSE**  
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight immigrant teenagers held at a facility for unaccompanied minors filed a federal lawsuit Thursday claiming they were abused and denied access to attorneys. The teens from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Cuba were being held at the San Antonio facility run by Houston-based Cornell Companies Inc. under a contract with the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement. Undocumented minors caught by authorities in the United States fall under the care of ORR while their immigration cases are decided. But Susan Watson, an attorney for Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, said the teens were beaten and subjected to other excessive force in violation of their rights. At least one teen was knocked unconscious, but complaints to facility administrators were ignored, according to the lawsuit. Officials at Cornell also denied the teens access to attorneys by unnecessarily transferring them to other facilities before scheduled lawyer meetings, the lawsuit alleges. "We vociferously dispute the charges in the lawsuit, and we'll make our case in court," said Cornell spokesman Charles Siegel.

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Bowles wins District 4-4A JV tennis title

Big Spring High School's junior varsity tennis squad took part in the District 4-4A JV Tournament Thursday with Big Spring's Chad Bowles emerging as the junior varsity champion in boys' singles.

Bowles never dropped a set on his way to the title.

The JV team had three other squads push for top finishes, including the boys doubles team of Cameron Gross and Todd Taketa, who finished second overall.

Tyler McKinzey and Joshua Forrest placed third in boys doubles and Tylor Digby and David Ross finished third in mixed doubles.

Here are full results: (BSHS athletes listed first.)

#### GIRLS SINGLES

Alyssa Byrd lost to Ibeth Lopez, Lake View 8-6

Meagan McElroy lost to Rachel Ballinger, Plainview 9-8 (7-4)

#### BOYS SINGLES

Stetson Word d. Dylan Weant, Lake View 8-6

Word lost to Stephan Harding, Lake View 9-7

Matt Ryan lost to Caylon Walton, Frenship 8-6

Chad Bowles d. Jonathan Delacruz, Lake View 8-2

Bowles d. Walton, Frenship 8-1

Bowles d. Harding, Lake View 7-6, (12-7), 6-2, for district title

#### GIRLS DOUBLES

Savinna Ramirez & Taryn Burger lost to Boerman & Kleisch, Frenship 8-0

#### BOYS DOUBLES

Cameron Gross & Todd Taketa d. White & Hanatech, Frenship 9-7

Gross & Taketa lost to Park & Santana, Lake View 6-2, 6-2, in finals.

Tyler McKinzey & Joshua Forrest d. Miller & Kennedy, Frenship 9-7

McKinzey & Forrest lost to Santana & Park 8-4

McKinzey & Forrest d. White & Hanatech, Frenship 8-3, for third.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Taylor Digby & David Rios lost to Chapman & Miller, Frenship 8-0

Digby & Rios d. McCroy & Canancho, Lake View 9-8, (7-5), for third.

### Lady Buffs send four to area from District 11-A meet

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes had four individuals advance to the area track meet after finishing within the top four at the District 11-A track meet held in Roscoe Wednesday.

Amanda Longorio (second in shot put), Kay'C Stanley (third in 800 meters), Tori Gauer (third in 400 meters) and Shelby Jones (fourth in pole vault) will all represent Forsan in area Tuesday at McMurry University in Abilene.

### District 6-A sends several Crossroads athletes to area

District 6-A held its track and field meet

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## Hoffman shuts down Astros, Pads win 3-2

 By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Ever the prankster, Padres right fielder Brian Giles came up behind the media scrum surrounding Trevor Hoffman and asked, "What do you think about all the talk show callers and everything, Trevor?"

Hoffman just smiled.

He's piled up the most saves in baseball history, reaching 526 after needing only eight pitches in a perfect ninth inning in Thursday's 3-2 win over the Houston Astros. But it's the

blown saves that occasionally make Hoffman a marked man in his own city, especially now that he's 40, in the final year of his contract and had offseason elbow surgery.

There were the two blown saves in three games at the end of last season, including that epic 13-inning loss at Colorado on Oct. 1 in the wild-card tiebreaker game.

There was the one Wednesday night that got the radio talk shows and Internet fan forums buzzing. Hoffman allowed four runs in the ninth inning of a 9-6 loss, including Lance Berkman's

three-run homer, and was pulled.

Hoffman knows it comes with the job. Although he's always been a standup guy with the media, he'd much rather settle into the background.

"It's a long season," he said. "We don't want to continue the overanalyzing of each individual save that comes out. This is a team sport. Obviously it's a role that I have that can garner a lot of attention. I've had a little bit of an up and down thus far at the beginning of the season, but I'd much rather it just kind of go away and I get on a string and not talk to y'all for a while."

Hoffman said losses leave him feeling "like you've been kicked to the curb."

Despite Thursday's win, he was awfully serious.

"I'm just trying to keep it on an even keel," he said. "I'm trying to put it in perspective. I understand, coming into the year, the questions and concerns, what have you. But those aren't coming from anybody in here. To have a hiccup last night, they're going to happen. I want to get into a flow this season. The role's going to bring attention, but I'm

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## Guinn third in district tourney



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Cassie Guinn putts during the second round of the District 4-4A Golf Tournament Tuesday at the Plainview Country Club. Guinn shot an 83 for the day and is currently third in the girls field. The Lady Steers are currently fourth as a team in district after shooting a 408 in Plainview. Other individual totals from Tuesday are Holly Bancroft, 105, Ariel Johnson, 107, Sophia Gonzales, 108, and Cecilli Acosta, 112. The boys No. 1 team currently stands in fifth place after shooting a 351 Monday at the Big Spring Country Club. Individual totals from Monday are Jared Wilkerson, 93, Blake Borman, 86, Andrew Fillingim, 87, Daniel New, 93, and Cade Parker, 85. The Steers' No. 2 squad shot just 17 strokes behind Big Spring's top boys team. Individual scores are Gerald Harris, 85, Matt Miller, 88, Matt Ramirez, 89, Daniel Mendoza, 106, and Mark Enriquez, 118. Both teams play the final round of the district tournament Monday in San Angelo with the boys playing at Quicksand Country Club and the girls teeing off at Bentwood Country Club.

## McGrady leads Rockets past Blazers, 95-88

 By **ANNE M. PETERSON**

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tracy McGrady is reveling in the final push for the postseason.

"There's going to be a team that wins 50 games and doesn't make the playoffs," he said. "So it's a battle out there. I love it."

McGrady scored 26 of his 35 points in the second half, and the Rockets defeated the Portland Trail Blazers 95-88 Thursday night.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for Houston. The Rockets (50-25), once atop the Western Conference with a 22-game winning streak, are currently in fifth place with the Phoenix Suns.

"Every night is a competition," McGrady mused. "One day you're in the fifth spot, the next day you're in the third spot. It's crazy, man."

The Rockets have won five straight against the Blazers, including four in a row this season. No other team has defeated Portland four times this season.

Rookie Aaron Brooks' 3-pointer with 3:06 left made it 91-78 for Houston and all but sealed the victory, and fans started streaming out of the Rose Garden.

Brooks had 12 points for Houston. Bobby Jackson, Dikembe Mutombo and Luther Head each had 11 apiece.

The Blazers, officially eliminated from the playoffs with a 104-91 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night, have lost four straight.

Portland has been without All-Star guard Brandon Roy over that stretch because of a groin injury.

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## Final Four preview: Who's No. 1?

### UNC, KU have rare experience Styles conflict with UCLA, Memphis

 By **EDDIE PELLIS**

AP National Writer

SAN ANTONIO — If the choice had to be made between talent and experience, Roy Williams knows what he'd pick.

"I think everyone would take experienced talent over anything else," he said.

He is one of the few coaches who has that commodity — rarer by the day in college basketball — at his disposal this season.

Which is why Williams is coaching North Carolina in the Final Four.

"At this level, with the four teams that are in, what you have is you have basically experienced talent on every team," he said.

But the Tar Heels and Kansas, their opponent in Saturday's second semifinal, have that combination in a particularly special way.

Tyler Hansbrough vs. Brandon Rush, though they may never find themselves paired up one-on-one in this game, is the kind of junior-vs.-junior matchup that has become all too rare in the college game.

Hansbrough had the stats to leave after last season — 18 points, eight rebounds per game — but he likes college and comes from a family that didn't need money. No rush to head to the NBA, he stayed and some say he might stay again when this season's over.

Meanwhile, Rush was supposed to be out the door after last year, but a knee injury that forced him into ligament surgery limited his choices, brought him back to KU, and now, he's two wins away from a reward that money can't buy — the national title.

And that's not all.

"It's possible I could be a better draft pick than I was last year," Rush said in interview last month. "Just because of the type of team we have. How far we go in the postseason will help me out a lot, too. Everything is better."

In a season in which the NCAA selection committee seemed to get everything right — no big controversies when the bracket came out, all four No. 1 seeds making it to the Final Four for

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 By **BEN WALKER**

AP National Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Should be easy to tell who wins the UCLA-Memphis game. Just look at the scoreboard.

If Memphis puts up 80 points, the Tigers are in good shape. At 90, they're pretty much set. At 100, it's a virtual lock.

As much as the Final Four matchup will become a showcase for freshmen Derrick Rose and Kevin Love, the first of Saturday's semifinals also will be a test of tactics.

Can coach John Calipari's suddenly chic "dribble drive motion" offense break down UCLA's coach Ben Howland's rugged defense?

"All we're going to do is have fun," Calipari said Thursday. "If it leads us to something good on Monday night, have at it, we're going to have a ball. I want these kids to feel nothing but, 'Let's go play, show what we're about. Let's make statements.'"

"But the biggest thing is when they watch us we're hugging each other, we're smiling," he said. "If they're out there and you watch them and you say,

'Wow, that team has more fun than any other team,' then I've done my job. That's what I'm trying to do."

That, and help lead the Tigers (37-1) to their first NCAA men's basketball championship.

Memphis looks to score in a hurry, either off the break or its normal set, leaving the middle open and encouraging Rose, All-America guard Chris Douglas-Roberts or anyone to take the ball to the basket and create a play.

"Calipari, I think, said they're kind of like Princeton on steroids. They're going to be very tough to defend," Love said.

It's worked well for them this season, with the Tigers scoring 90 points on eight occasions and topping 100 three times.

UCLA, meanwhile, has not reached 100 points in a game since December 2002. The Bruins never even scored 90 this season.

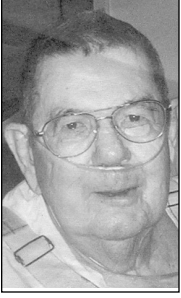
That's fine with Love, Darren Collison and their teammates. UCLA (35-3) is making its third straight appearance in the Final Four, and the Bruins have done

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## Obituaries

### Richard Wood Sampson



Richard Wood Sampson, known affectionately as "Serenity Sam," to his AA friends and as Dick in the construction industry went to the "Big Meeting" on Sunday, March 30, 2008.

He was a carpenter and a veteran. He graduated from Clifton Forge High School in Clifton Forge, Va., and immediately enlisted to serve his country. He served during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War before settling in California to become a master carpenter. He moved to Texas in 1980.

He is survived by his sister, Isabel Sampson of Florida.

Memorials may be directed to the Gifts of Hope, c/o Mary Collier, Allison Cancer Center, 400 N. Garfield, Suite 100, Midland 79701.

The family would particularly like to thank Danny and Bruce of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory for their patience, kindness and compassionate assistance. They would also like to thank the nurses and other staff at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home. God surely created nurses from a special mold.

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

*Paid obituary*

## 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 be given.

• 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 267-2713.

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.O. 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. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- **ADRIEL JAVIER RAMIREZ**, 22, of Dallas, was arrested Thursday on three Dallas warrants and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 22, of 109 Pettus, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **TINA LORRAINE GREENLEE**, 31, of 2423 McKinley, was arrested Thursday on a Reeves County warrant.
- **MARK LESLIE KIRBY**, 34, of 2600 Crestline, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- **KELLEIGH JAY SMITH**, 25, of 1310 Lexington, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant and charges of aggravated robbery, burglary of a habitation and theft.
- **DAVID DEAN CONKLIN**, 27, transient, was arrested Thursday on two Howard County warrants.
- **TINA MARIE FLENTGE**, 19, of 1704 W. First Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of racing on highway.
- **DERRIC LAYNE WORKMAN**, 28, of 1106 Birdwell Lane, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while intoxicated, disobeying a stop sign and failure to change address.
- **JOSE ALFREDO OLIVIAS**, 30, of 1708 Laurie, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**, 38, of Mexico, was arrested Friday and held for immigration.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 1400 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 600 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
  - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 800 block of Settles.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 32 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JAYSON WATERS**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
  - **JUSTIN CHARLES MELTON**, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
  - **DANIEL RIOS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm.
  - **DALE THOMAS MITCHELL JR.**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
  - **RICARDO SOTELO**, 29, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid - denied renewal.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Settles and Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2100 block of W. Third Street. The fire was out on arrival.

## Support Groups

- 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.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

## Bulletin Board

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

- TODAY**
- 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 information.
  - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
  - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

- SATURDAY**
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
  - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
  - Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

## Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-10-28-34.  
Number matching five of five: None.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-12-17. Bonus Ball: 13  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: None.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$575,000.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order:  
0-6-4-4. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order:  
7-6-1. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order:  
2-1-5-5. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order:  
6-5-0. Sum It Up: 11.

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NCAA

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the first time — even the semifinal pairings had a certain perfectness about them.

Kansas-Carolina not only gives us Williams going against his old school but also lends a rare view at two upper-classmen stars leading their teams.

The experience factor on these teams doesn't stop at Hansbrough and

Rush. You have to go nine players down the Kansas scoring list before you find your first freshman. All but one of the starters, Darrell Arthur, are upper-classmen. Russell Robinson, Darnell Jackson, Sasha Kaun.

Carolina is basically the same story. The Heels have only one active freshman on the roster, Will Graves, and he barely plays. The rest of the lineup includes sophomores Ty Lawson, Deon Thompson and Wayne

Ellington and junior Marcus Ginyard.

Meanwhile, NCAA president Myles Brand clearly appreciates players like Hansbrough and Rush.

He called the age limitation rule, which currently forces U.S. players to be 19 and a year out of high school before they are eligible for the draft, "entirely, entirely, a management-labor issue within the NBA".

"I'm always saying I want to go longer," Brand said.

HOOPS

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it mostly by jamming up their opponents — two weeks ago, they held over-matched Mississippi Valley State to 29 points, the fewest in the NCAA tournament since 1946.

Witness what happened two seasons ago when UCLA twice played in Memphis. In November at Madison Square Garden, the Tigers won 88-80; that March in a regional final,

the Bruins won 50-45.

UCLA did fine Thursday, at least in a test run. While the teams practiced at gyms elsewhere, workers at the Alamodome checked out the scoreboard. When the horn went off after a first-half time trial, it showed the Bruins leading 41-30.

Come Saturday, UCLA will get its first look at Rose. A third-team All-America guard, he probably will play his final college game in the next few days. Extremely athletic at 6-foot-3, he already has

an NBA body and skills.

UCLA prefers to play man-to-man much more than zone, and Collison will likely start out guarding Rose. Russell Westbrook and others should get a turn, too.

"He reminds me of Jason Kidd. He has a Jason Kidd-type body, he's so strong and physical," Howland said. "He defends like Kidd and he's a much better shooter at the same stage. I can't think of higher praise because I love Kidd."

ROCKETS

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Roy has improved, and could return for Sunday's game against San Antonio, although coach Nate McMillan said he remains day to day.

The Blazers were also without forward Martell Webster, who was hospitalized Thursday because of flulike symptoms and dizziness. The team said he

would stay overnight for observation.

Webster, averaging 10.7 points and 3.9 rebounds, leads the team with 123 3-pointers.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 23 points, and Jarrett Jack added 19 for the Blazers.

Houston took a 36-28 lead on Shane Battier's 3-pointer and extended it to 50-34 on Luther Head's layup. The Rockets led 52-43 at the break.

The Rockets hit seven 3-pointers in the first half. Battier

made all three of his attempts.

Mutombo had 10 of his points in the first half.

The Blazers closed to 52-50 early in the third quarter on Steve Blake's jumper. Houston held the Blazers off until Jack's layup and free throw midway through put Portland ahead 59-58.

Trailing 63-61, Houston went on an 13-0 run to take a 74-63 lead going into the fourth quarter. McGrady had 14 points in the third quarter alone.

"All-Stars, they take over games," Aldridge said.

Despite being eliminated from the postseason, Portland is still playing to finish with a winning record. The Blazers (38-38) need to win four of the final six games.

Aldridge said the team definitely hasn't given up.

"It's not difficult — because we're trying to build something here," he said.

Notes: Brooks played for the University of Oregon. ... Loyola

Marymount is expected to name Blazers assistant coach Bill Bayno as its new head coach on Friday, said a person with knowledge of the move. The hiring, first reported by the Los Angeles Times on its Web site, was confirmed to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the school had not made a formal announcement. Bayno, who was head coach at UNLV from 1995-2000, has been with the Trail Blazers for two seasons.

ASTROS

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trying not to have as much attention as I've had. I'd prefer to kind of be anonymous and be one of the guys."

It was his second save in three chances. The Padres won three of four against the Astros in a season-opening series.

Kevin Kouzmanoff, who hit a two-run homer in the first inning, was impressed with Hoffman.

"That says a lot about him and his character," Kouzmanoff said. "With a tough loss last night and him coming back the

day after, maybe there's still a thought in his head. He comes back and battles and closes them out."

Asked about the mentality that allows him to bounce back, Hoffman said: "I don't know if I really have a specific answer for that, other than the fact you have to have the courage to go out there and try to get it done. There's not a secret recipe, it's going out and being aggressive and trusting your stuff."

Manager Bud Black didn't hesitate calling on Hoffman for the third straight game.

"What my eyes are telling me right now is that he is throwing the ball very well," Black said.

"His delivery looks good, he's not laboring, the ball's coming out of his hand, the velocity's there, the changeup's there."

Black said he didn't worry about the outcome.

"Let's let this season play out," he said.

Scott Hairston went 3-for-3 and scored two runs while batting leadoff in place of Giles, who got the day off to rest his surgically repaired right knee.

Left-hander Randy Wolf made his debut for the Padres and started for the first time since July 3 while with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Righty Shawn Chacon made his Astros debut. Neither got a decision.

After the Astros tied it at 2 in the seventh, the Padres went ahead in the bottom of the inning. Hairston legged out a triple when his one-out flyball fell in just beyond the reach of center fielder Jose Cruz Jr. He scored on Tadahito Iguchi's single to center off Oscar Villarreal (0-1).

Wolf was 9-6 with a 4.23 ERA for the Dodgers last year before shoulder soreness shut him down. He had surgery in September, when doctors cleaned out the joint and shaved his frayed labrum.

He held the Astros to one run and four hits in six innings, struck out five and walked two.

"It was fun to be out there, competing again and being healthy," Wolf said.

Wolf left with a 2-1 lead, which reliever Enrique Gonzalez (1-0) gave up in the seventh. Cruz, San Diego's opening-day left fielder last year, walked with one out and scored on catcher J.R. Towles' double into the left-field corner.

Chacon also went six innings. He allowed two runs and five hits, struck out four and walked four.

"The first inning I was terrible," Chacon said. "The second inning, I got a little out of whack. After that I settled down."

BRIEFS

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Tuesday with several athletes from Grady and Sands advancing onto the area round.

Grady's boys won their field, finishing with 193 points. Their closest competition was Meadow with 112 points.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for advancement.

GRADY GIRLS

400 meters

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800 meters

4. Julia Schuelke

1600 meters

4. Kaitlyn Blocker

3200 meters

1. Maegan Blocker

3. Anita Wiebe

SANDS GIRLS

300-meter hurdles

1. Brittnei Blagrove

4. Morgan Yarbrough

Discus throw

2. Lani Robles

GRADY BOYS

100 meters

2. Leighton Fields

200 meters

2. Sam Harryman

400 meters

1. Tommylee Rivas

800 meters

2. Tommylee Rivas

1600 meters

1. Roy Rodriguez

3. Tyler Matthews

3200 meters

1. Roy Rodriguez

2. Tyler Matthews

110-meter hurdles

2. Justin Tubb

3. Dylan Cox

High jump

4. Dylan Cox

Pole vault

1. Leighton Fields

Long jump

1. Justin Tubb

4. Lane Shands

Triple jump

1. Justin Tubb

Shot put

4. Santos Montoya

Discus throw

2. Dylan Cox

4x100 meter relay

1. Grady

2. Sands

4x200 meter relay

1. Grady

3. Sands

4x400 meter relay

2. Grady

4. Sands

Garden City's Halfmann leads

District 9-A tourney

District 9-A held the first round of its tournament Tuesday at Abilene's Maxwell Golf Course.

After one round of play, Garden City's Kate Halfmann leads in the medalist standings, shooting an 80 to pace the field by nine strokes. Brooke Halfmann is currently fifth after shooting a 95. As a team, the Lady Bearkats are in second behind Sterling City by seven.

The boys team currently sits in third, 28 strokes behind leader Robert Lee. Hayden Halfman is the top Bearkat in the medalist standings with an 81.

The second round of the district tournament will be played at the Big Spring Country Club Monday.

Relay for Life volleyball tourney set for Saturday

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a volleyball tournament to benefit Relay for Life at the Big Spring Junior High gym-

nasium Saturday.

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 Saturday and Sunday 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.

Amigos Washer Club holding tournament April 12 at La Vedera

The Amigos Washer Club is holding a washer tournament at 1:30 p.m. April 12th at the La Vedera Club. Registration deadline is at 1 p.m. and cost is \$20 per team.

First, second and third-place trophies will be awarded plus a cash prize.

For more information, contact Larry Lara at 264-6060 or Richard Villa at

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Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

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

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid

teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

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

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<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ J	♥ A
♠ A K Q 7 6 5	♥ 4 2
♦ K Q 3	♦ A 8 7 6 4
♣ A 8 2	♣ Q J 10 9 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades. North leads the jack of clubs and continues with the ten, which you ruff. When you next play the A-K of spades, South shows out on the second round. How would you continue?

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ A K Q J 2	♣ 7 5 3
♥ J 6	♥ Q 8 7
♦ J 8 6 3 2	♦ A K Q
♣ 4	♣ Q 7 3 2

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1. Your first reaction might be to continue with the queen and another trump, planning to run the diamonds later on and in that way avoid the risk of a club finesse if the diamonds are favorably divided.

However, there's a flaw in this plan. Upon winning the jack of trumps at trick five, South might put you on the spot by returning a club. You would then be faced with the critical decision of whether to attempt the club finesse, or whether to go up with the ace and rely entirely on a 3-2 diamond division. You might make the wrong choice and find yourself going down one.

To avoid this potential dilemma, you should cash the queen of trumps at trick four and next play the K-Q of diamonds. If both opponents follow suit, you can assure the slam by leading another trump, later discarding two clubs on dummy's diamonds. If the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1 and South has not trumped, you can then hand him his trump trick and hope the club finesse will succeed.

2. You can't afford to play the Q-J of trumps at this point, since you would be left with good diamond tricks in your hand but no way to cash them.

To give yourself the best chance, play dummy's A-K of diamonds first, hoping North did not start with a singleton or void. If both defenders follow suit, discontinue diamonds and cash the Q-J of trumps, discarding the queen of diamonds from dummy on your last trump. This will allow you to score five diamond tricks. If it were to turn out that South had only one diamond originally, you would of course also cash the queen of diamonds before drawing trumps.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Today has two distinct tones, speculative and assured. For by the time moon shifts from Pisces to Aries, it's as though someone changed the planetary play list from chill-out music to rock 'n' roll. As some of us get lost in the transition between winding down and fired up, maybe the wise thing to do is let this last day of the work week Ø just slide.



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your close friendships are a source of comfort, but it's your weak friendships — the network of acquaintances you hardly know — that will bring you the best leads for love, money and ideas.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Helping brings you pleasure. Others feel the same. Don't rob them of the chance to assist you. Approach your work like a relay race. When you get tired, hand your baton to the next person and let him or her run with it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're tempted to toss out casual invitations, but be careful. Follow social protocol. What you consider to be a more-merrier situation, your friends might think is a less-is-more situation.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You and someone you are close to share a special language that no one else can understand. (Reading this should save you the trouble of trying to explain it.) One of today's secret communications has far-ranging meaning.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've heard your share of crazy success stories, but it never had as much impact on you as the one you hear today. That's because you care more about what happens when it's happening to someone

you love. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have smart people in your life, but none so wise that you should question your own judgment. Establish the boundaries. This requires no discussion. Once you silently decide, that's how it will be.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can feel extreme emotions without making any drastic moves. That's the kind of emotional control it takes to win in high stakes games against powerful competitors. You've got it, so use it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been so accepting lately that it startles you to come up against someone thinking in narrow and perhaps archaic terms. Go around this person. Do not engage! It would take the jaws-of-life to pry this closed mind open.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The pace goes from clickety-click to tick Ø tock Ø Slow times are grow times. You are receptive and will learn fast. Use any down time to work on your skills, connect with your friends and, most importantly, to read.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are strange twists in the game you're playing. Although it may seem that someone who is being petty has won, this person only took away the fake, hollow prize. The real prize goes to the bigger person — always.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're drawn to your feminine energy, as you need to be nurtured and cared for. Call the maternal people in your life, and let them baby you for a few minutes. Just knowing you have someone to turn to makes you feel more powerful.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You can use the same success formula for your love life as you can for your finances, career or any old problem at all. The answer is simple, foolproof and easy to remember:

Think it, write it, act on it. **WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Seeds you've planted in the past bear sweet fruit — and a steady relationship. **TAURUS:** Whether entrusted with another's secret or your own — you're not telling. Your conscience is clearer for it. **GEMINI:** Even if at first glance your goals resemble sandcastles in the sky, building them together is twice as powerful and fun. **CANCER:** You're becoming a more visible presence in the world and to someone who adores you. **LEO:** Love's purpose is to give you wings to fly. By living in this truth, you soar. **VIRGO:** You become involved in a partner's life to discover you've got more to give than you thought possible. **LIBRA:** Love always triumphs. A relationship changes, yet you remain strong but gentle like a rose. **SCORPIO:** The little things add up. The goal is to return to happiness, so tackle "things" with a happy heart. **SAGITTARIUS:** Be charismatic, be bold. You transform everything and everyone around you. **CAPRICORN:** Home is where your heart is. So if you're troubled, you take heart there. **AQUARIUS:** With each beautiful and brilliant thought you express, you grow wickedly omnipotent. **PISCES:** Love freely given grows exponentially. But love yourself first and it retains value.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Pisces and Scorpio. Two water (emotional) signs fluidly do the ins and outs of relationship. You're a coupling of rare sensitivity and strength, nurturing the private world of heart and soul. While "emotionally objective" may not be in either of your vocabularies, you know that the tide will change — because it always does. And you'll yield, flow with and ride that wave together.

**Annie's Mailbox**®

Dear Annie: My husband, "Sal," and I will be spending a romantic weekend away next month without the children. Yesterday, a package arrived for me. Sal had bought me an outfit for the occasion — a short black leather skirt, fishnet stockings, knee-high black leather boots, a chain belt and a red silky blouse. Sal is a very visual guy, and I know he likes seeing me wear provocative clothing. But, Annie, I'm 45 years old and retired my short skirts years ago.

I showed a close friend the outfit, and she thinks I should loosen up a little and wear it out to a club. Part of me secretly wants to do this as I'm getting older and won't have too many more opportunities. However, I worry I will run into someone I know, although that possibility is minimal.

Should I take a chance and wear the outfit somewhere or just put it on in the privacy of our hotel room? I'm taking your advice, as you always seem to have an excellent approach to most issues. — No State Sue  
Dear No State Sue: We are usually in favor of accommodating a spouse's



**KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR**

fantasy, as long as no one gets hurt. If your sole objection is the slight chance that someone might recognize you, consider wearing a wig to complete the fantasy. (Sal would probably love it.) Or take along a trench coat to cover up. However, if you would be too inhibited to enjoy yourself, save the outfit for your hotel room. It won't be any fun if you keep hiding behind the potted plants.

Dear Annie: Exactly one year ago, a friend asked to borrow a substantial amount of money, stating she would pay back the loan. I have yet to receive one cent. How do I approach her about the money she owes me without hurting her feelings? What do I say? — No Name, No City  
Dear No Name: Say, "Doris, I know you've been trying to pay back the money you borrowed last year, but such a large sum can be overwhelming. I've made up a payment schedule so it won't be too hard for you." Then hand her a sheet of paper with small monthly amounts written on it and the date they are due. Remind her, nicely, when she's late. If she is honorable, this won't bother her, although

she may be embarrassed that she's been so lax. If she isn't honorable, she'll be offended that you expect repayment at all. In which case, we hope you don't need the money because you'll have a hard time getting it out of her.

Dear Annie: Forty lashes with a wet noodle for your advice about one sibling who inherits while the rest of her siblings are left out.

When a person makes out a will, it reflects his or her wishes. Those wishes cost them money to memorialize in a will, and it's important they be carried out. To give the money to others is a dishonor to the deceased.

People who don't learn the lesson that "you reap what you sow" are in danger of repeating their mistakes. No one is entitled to anything from the estate of another.

To ask the recipient to share is unfair to the person who earned the respect of the deceased. It also teaches the selfish siblings it's not their fault. People need to stop looking for remedies and realize that in life, as in death, there are consequences for their behavior. — Not Sharing in My Town  
Dear Not Sharing: We completely agree that no one has to share an inheritance, and those who don't deserve one shouldn't feel entitled to receive one.

This is all beside the point. If you receive \$100,000 because Grandma liked you best, but it taints your relationship with your sister, it seems worth it to share. Grandma won't know the difference, but you will.

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# Formal opening of new Stanton library scheduled for Sunday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

More than four years of work and planning will come to a close Sunday when Martin County officials hold opening ceremonies to celebrate the new library in Stanton.

Library spokesman Bud Lindsey said the formal opening will take place Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the county library's new location, near the Stanton Post Office and Ford dealership in the downtown area.

"Actually, the library opened for business this week," said Lindsey. "The old library has been closed for a couple of weeks to facilitate the move of the books to the new facility

and to allow time for the installation of new computers and other equipment.

"After about four years of planning, construction and moving, the new library will allow patrons to browse the book shelves and use the computers with elbow room and freedom not possible with the old library with its limited space."

Lindsey said the old building the library occupied won't be the only structure with plenty of history.

"About four years ago the Martin County Commissioners opted to purchase the Bill's Hardware building, which was empty, and refurbish it for a new county library," said Lindsey. "The old library build-

ing, which was built around 1964, only had about 1,100 square feet, and though it was adequate at the time, had become grossly overcrowded over the years.

"The new library building is 6,000 square feet. Part of the building — approximately 1,200 square feet — has been devoted to a meeting room that will be made available for special activities. Several events have already been scheduled, including a book event with noted western writer Elmer Kelton May 10."

Lindsey said the larger facility will also allow for reading programs, regardless of Mother Nature.

"It will allow us to hold special reading programs for chil-

dren," said Lindsey. "These reading programs have been held in the past on the lawn beside the old facility. Now they can be held without regard to weather, and inside a special area for children that includes computer stations. In another area, computer stations with Internet connections have been installed for adult use."

Lindsey said the library will also have art on display during its opening.

"One wall will feature The Haggard Gallery, provided by Ruby Haggard, a longtime resident of Martin County," he said. "Various works of art will be displayed, with the first being high-quality digital photographs by Midland's Monroe Sullivan.

"Another wall space has been devoted to a giving tree. The faux tree, constructed of metal, lists the various names of contributors to the Friends of the Library building fund," Lindsey continued. "The names are etched on the leaves and the stones at the base of the tree."

Lindsey said the new library cost approximately \$450,000 to construct, with \$125,000 of the funds raised by the Friends of the Library group through various fundraising activities.

Some of the work, Lindsey added, including the parking lot was done by Martin County employees.

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# Officials say Thursday grass fire may be case of arson

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

County officials are not ruling out arson in the latest of a string of wild fires to strike this area.

For the 141st time this year, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene of a fire, this one in the vicinity of Hali and Bryan roads south of Big Spring Thursday.

Seven volunteer units, joined by Forestry Service firefighters and helicopters and aided by assistance from private businesses, quickly subdued the fire, limiting damage to about 50 acres burned.

Seven homes were threatened, but none were destroyed in the fire. HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said one mobile home sustained minor damage.

No injuries were reported.

Sullivan said things could have been much, much worse.

"If it had crossed the road and gotten down into the valley area, it would have run and run and run," Sullivan said. "We might have lost thousands of acres."

This is the fourth fire to strike that specific area in the last three days, which is why officials are considering arson as a possible cause.

"Right now, we're ruling this one as suspicious and we've got Forestry Service investigators looking into it," Sullivan said. "We should know something within the next day or two."

Considering the overwhelming number of naturally caused fires that have occurred this year, Sullivan said Mother Nature doesn't need any human help.

"They say practice makes perfect, but I'm tired of all this practice," he said.

Volunteer firefighters have been called out 141 times since Jan. 1, including seven calls on Tuesday alone. That workload is pushing crews toward a state of exhaustion, Sullivan said.

"Right now, I'm just so tired that I'm numb," he admitted.

But at least the volunteer firefighters aren't alone in the battle. Sullivan expressed gratitude to the Forestry Service, which supplied



A Forestry Service helicopter dumps water on a wild fire that broke out in the vicinity of Hali and Bryan roads Thursday afternoon. About 50 acres were torched in the blaze, but no injuries or significant structural damage were reported.

two firefighting helicopters and a strike crew to Thursday's fire, and private concerns such as Price Construction which supply bulldozers, water

trucks and other heavy machinery.

"We brought out the heavy guns Thursday," he said. "When I first drove out to the fire and

saw all that smoke, I thought, 'Here we go again,'" Sullivan said. "But everyone jumped on it pretty quickly. It was just amazing to watch."

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## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

### 17 people indicted in San Angelo meth investigation

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A six-month San Angelo police investigation into methamphetamine distribution has led to the indictment of 17 people.

Police on Thursday announced a grand jury has indicted the men and women on charges of engaging in organized crime, a first-degree felony.

Police believe many of the defendants are methamphetamine dealers who operated in San Angelo and the surrounding area.

A statement from police indicated all of the suspects were in custody or had been arrested since the indictment was returned.

On conviction, the penalty includes 5 years to life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

### AG files restraining order to stop unregulated fights

AUSTIN (AP) — A Dallas fight promoter must stop staging unregu-

lated boxing matches under a temporary restraining order signed by a Travis County judge Thursday.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott sought the restraining order against X-treme Fight Night promoter, Ben Jackson, who promotes the events in bars.

A phone number for Jackson could not immediately be found.

Contestants, recruited from bar customers, have little or no training and are encouraged to participate in the dangerous fights, according to a release from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, which regulates combative sports in Texas.

### Arlington man critically injured after trying to 'roof surf'

ARLINGTON (AP) — A Texas man was critically injured Thursday night when he tried to "roof surf" atop a car traveling down a highway, police said.

The unidentified man, 24, has life-threatening injuries after trying to

climb out of a Scion xB and onto its roof. He fell from the car onto the highway but was not struck by any vehicles, authorities said. The man was transported to a hospital by helicopter.

The accident remains under investigation, and authorities are still looking for another passenger who fled the scene, Arlington police Lt. Michael Holguin said.

The driver did not appear to be intoxicated, but police believe alcohol may have been a factor, Holguin said.

### Texas retail gasoline prices set another record high this week

HOUSTON (AP) — The records kept coming at Texas gasoline pumps this week.

Regular self-serve prices rose 4 cents from last week to an average of \$3.21 per gallon statewide this week, according to the AAA Texas survey released Friday. Nationally, the average price rose 2 cents to \$3.29 per gallon.

"Based on crude oil continuing to sell for more than \$100 per barrel, it is unlikely lower gas prices lie ahead between now

and the Memorial Day holiday weekend," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.

The cheapest gas in this week's Texas survey was in Corpus Christi, where regular self-serve prices remained virtually unchanged at \$3.14 per gallon. The most expensive gas remained in Amarillo, where the price average rose a nickel from last week to \$3.25 per gallon.

### Storm dumps 'softball-sized hail' across North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — What a meteorologist called a supercell thunderstorm passed across North Texas early Friday morning, damaging homes with strong winds and hail the size of softballs.

"It's April in Texas, basically," National Weather Service meteo-

rologist Dan Shoemaker said. "We've got warm, moist air coming up from the south and cold, dense air coming down from the north. It's like oil and water — they don't mix."

A Denton County family woke up early Friday when strong winds blew in the windows of their upstairs bedrooms and tore part of their roof off

their home. Jill Delaney of Denton told Dallas TV station WFAA that the back half of her home's roof ended up in her family's front yard.

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

*This week we salute:*

- For a second consecutive week, local and area firefighters — all of them. With the dry weather and so much brush, teams from across the area — to include the city of Midland, Martin, Glasscock, Scurry, Sterling and Mitchell counties — have fought blazes alongside Howard County volunteers and Big Spring firemen countless times in the past few weeks. Appreciated, too, are those with the Texas Forest Service, Red Cross, Salvation Army and others, plus businesses that have donated personnel and equipment. We can all be proud of the efforts these folks go through on what has been an almost daily basis. What's more, we're extremely grateful for their service.

- The Big Spring High School Academic Team which was a very ungracious host during Friday's District 4-4A Academic meet. BSHS ran away with the overall and several individual titles at the University Interscholastic League spring academic meet, held Friday at Howard College, collecting 654 points to take the top team spot.

- Quail Dobbs, the PRCA Rodeo Hall of Famer and Howard County justice of the peace; rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller; trick roper J.W. Stoker; local musician Jody Nix; former world champion bull rider Wacey Cathey; Miss Rodeo Texas Alyssa Plackemeier; and Hardin-Simmons University's famed "Six White Horses" riders, who helped make Thursday's 30th annual Kindergarten Rodeo at Coahoma Elementary School one of the best ever.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*When we've lost our enthusiasm, Lord, You restore our lives.*

Amen

## Reflections of a Lemonhead

If you were a young man in your early 20s, and actually locked lips with Angelina Jolie, do you think you would know it? I know that seems like a ridiculous question, but after you scan through this story you might not think so. This week's cup from a highly caffeinated Christian comes freshly brewed with off the wall reflections on how easily we miss really big things.

**Evan Almighty**  
Fifteen years ago, Evan Dando headed up a band called the Lemonheads and gained wide recognition for its 1992 cover of "Mrs. Robinson." He was the good looking son of a fashion model and fit in well with the Hollywood A-list. He moved into a house owned by Johnny Depp. People magazine listed him as on one of the top 50 dishiest people, whatever that is. His album, "It's a Shame about Ray" took off, selling millions.

Dando saw his dreams come true and then, predictably, saw nothing but a blur. The fast lane of superstardom turned on him like an evil genie, and the next 15 years were full of drugs, breakups, scandals, failures and disappointments. Sometime around 2005, Evan

emerged from his fog and started recording with the Lemonheads again. It was a bonafied comeback, and Evan's heart began to come back to life. His new success sparked a string of live performances and interviews, and that's when I caught his story in an American Airlines magazine.

When I got back to the house, I looked him up on the World Wide Waste of time and saw this side note in an interview. He said recently someone had asked him if Angelina Jolie was a good kisser, and he replied, "You would have to ask Brad Pitt." The interviewer informed him that Angelina was seen kissing him in one of his music videos. He went back to watch it, and sure enough — he had spent an entire afternoon in 1992 filming kissing scenes with the now famous movie star — and didn't even remember it.

**Pucker Up**  
The blur and the busyness of our fast-paced lives can make us miss a lot of things. Extraordinary things. I think the condition of our heart determines a lot of what we do and do not see in the lives around us. Evan was so miserable with the life he was living; he completely missed the experience of what was right in front of him. All of us have been Evan at one time or another. Many of us are doomed to forever be lemonheads. Not me. I believe in curses and

blessings, and a common curse is when somebody misses their marriage because they want to be single, or they miss single life because they want to be married. A lot of people hate getting up in the morning because they want to be retired and then hate retirement because they want to go back to work.

Deuteronomy 28 defines this internal affliction in verse 67:

In the morning you shall say, Would that it were evening! And at evening you shall say, would that it were morning! Because of the anxiety and dread of your [minds and] hearts...

You don't have to have a Caribbean witch shake a dead rooster at you. All you gotta do is miss the moment. This curse is about the inability to see and enjoy the right now of life. A humble heart and a right mind will cause you to see the things that really matter when you are supposed to see them.

As you get about in your busy day, I encourage you to learn to be happy with what you already have.

Don't be a lemonhead. Consider where you are with a grateful heart and you just might find you are a lot better off than you give God credit for.

Contact the Rev. Troy Brewer at [www.Freshfromthebrewer.com](http://www.Freshfromthebrewer.com).



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## Downright ashamed of the neighbors

You know, quite often, I'm proud to be from Big Spring. The sense of pride people in Howard County have and show is something special, and it's something for the community to be proud of.

Sometimes, however, I'm ashamed of my fellow Big Spring residents. Very ashamed.

Monday's fire was a perfect example of how local people — despite being flooded through various media outlets to stay away and keep emergency lanes clear — simply can not resist the urge to become a "rubberneck."

The term rubberneck is a commonly used negative nomenclature — notice the fact it is negative, my dear friends — referring to an overly inquisitive person, according to Merriam-Webster. It can also be used as an intransitive verb meaning to look about, stare or listen with exaggerated curiosity.

Those not familiar with the rubberneck species can recognize them by their erratic — and mostly stupid — behavior, ranging from stopping in the middle of traffic to ogle a forest service helicopter or driving into the middle of a neighborhood local law enforcement is risking their very lives to evacuate, all the while snapping photos on their cell phone out their vehicle window.

As firefighters and other emergency responders were going door to door in the Kentwood area, try-

ing to evacuate residents and braving flames and smoke that could choke a horse — or a photographer, for that matter — in hopes of saving lives, area residents with absolutely no reason to be in the area were trying to get in.

Not because they had family in Kentwood. Not because they had property in Kentwood. As one motorist parked in front of me at the barricade on Birdwell Lane put it, "I just wanna' see the fire."

Numerous local officials have said it, time after time. Newspaper staff have said it, radio personalities have said it and television journalists have said it. In fact, I know it by heart. "Local law enforcement officials are urging area residents to stay away from the area."

Do we listen? I'm sure many folks in Big Spring heed the warning, realizing the safety of the homeowners trying to get out of the area and the swiftness of the emergency personnel bravely trying to get in easily outweigh any curiosity they might have. It's a no-brainer, right?

But plenty of other people just don't get it.

In the course of Monday's fire, I literally lost count of how many close calls I had on the way into Kentwood, as motorists tried to balance driving with everything from pointed ogling to talking on their cell phones to snapping pictures. Once I was able to park my car and go on foot, I wasn't the only one dodging the "lookie-loos." Firefighters, police officers and other emergency responders were forced to ditch and dodge the sight-seers driving up and down

Kentwood's streets.

Motorists blocked fire vehicles from getting to fires, tankers from getting their much needed water to the fires and nearly hit dozens of personnel moving about on foot. It was insane, and most of all, it was downright sad.

Chances are, those guilty of endangering our first-responders — not to mention the homeowners and their property — will never read this column. Instead of looking to the local media to gather the information they are looking for they would rather endanger themselves and everyone else with their own little fact-finding trips.

And, if we can't reach them to warn them of the dangers of their ways, it's up to those of us who do.

The next time your buddy calls you and tells you he's in the heart of an emergency, tell him to get the heck out of there. Tell him his mindless behavior is endangering him, the emergency responders and the people they are trying to protect. Call him — or her, there were plenty of female rubberneckers in Kentwood Monday — a bonehead, or whatever you need to call them to get their attention.

Lives are at stake. Property is at stake. Let the professionals handle the situation, people. Reporters and photographers are not only trained to handle these types of situations, they work hand in hand with emergency responders to make sure they stay safe and out of the way.

In short, don't be a bonehead.

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# Local DAR reps shine at state conference

**Special to the Herald**

Local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter members Sara Tipton, Carole Lawson, Sue Ann Damron, Mary Schuelke and Anne Witherspoon attended the 109th TSDAR State Conference in Dallas March 13-15.

The 803 people in attendance made the Dallas gathering a record-breaking conference.

Witherspoon was again a personal page to the state regent.

Schuelke and Damron attended the Lineage Research Workshop to hear Lloyd Bockstruck, head of the genealogy division of the Dallas Public Library, recount his continuing pursuit of Revolutionary War state pension records which he plans to publish when complete.

A listing of all the primary sources on microfilm available at the Dallas library relating to the war was given to those in attendance.

A political convention was the theme of the state chairman's club luncheon which Witherspoon and Damron were eligible to attend. With nominations from the floor and voting from the delegates, Damron was elected vice-

chairman of the club for the coming year.

Thursday night activities were devoted to the junior members of the DAR with Witherspoon, state chairman of the Outstanding Junior Contest committee, announcing this year's winner.

She also presented certificates to the chapter OJs at the Juniors Breakfast the next day.

It was announced the acclaimed pre-1850 DAR quilt collection will be shown at this year's Houston International Quilt Festival to be held Oct. 30-Nov. 2. A quilt made by the wife of Francis Scott Key is the main attraction.

Conference attendees approved as a special state project the proposal to finance the expense of the DAR exhibit. Schuelke made the first contribution on behalf of the Big Spring chapter and challenged the other 133 chapters in attendance to match the donation.

All contributors to the Friends of Juniors were eligible for a drawing of two Southwest Airline tickets. Witherspoon was the winner.

The second evening of the convention included the National Defense Banquet where Damron,



**Local members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, from left, Sue Ann Damron, Anne Witherspoon, Carole Lawson, Sara Tipton and Mary Schuelke, attended the recent State DAR Conference in Dallas.**

Courtesy photo

state DAR Service for Veterans chairman, introduced this year's winners of the outstanding veteran-patient, outstanding youth volunteer and outstanding DAR member volunteer awards.

The outstanding veteran-patient was Ronal Lentz of San Angelo,

whose wife, Jan, works at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Schuelke, Damron and Witherspoon were presented with medallions and certificates by State Regent Lynn Young at the General Conference Banquet the following night for their significant

contributions toward the TSDAR Patriot Monument.

This monument, which will be inscribed with the names of all the American Revolutionary War patriots buried in Texas, will be dedicated next spring at the state cemetery in Austin.

The chapter and members received 33 certificates of merit, including ones for excellent year-book, junior members in leadership, computer work, researching a patriot for the state monument and the largest percent in membership by chapter size in its division.

## Club News

### Elisha Mack Chapter of DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met on March 8 at Big Spring Country Club. Regent Charlene Ragan presided and hostesses were Dottie Britton and Lori Pavlovsky, who decorated with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Janice Bishop, vice president of Big Spring Powwow, was the speaker. She told how the modern powwow evolved from traditional Indian gatherings as well as from Wild West shows, where competitive dancing was first performed.

She described how the

various dances developed into those performed today and displayed several shawls, which are always worn by female dancers.

Robert Downing, powwow president, brought a decorated coup stick, which he crafted and uses as part of his dance regalia.

This year's powwow will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Jessica Tipton, our newest junior member, was introduced.

The door prize was won by our guest speaker, Janice Bishop.

The nominating committee — Carole Lawson, Sara Tipton and Sherri Key — presented the slate

of officers for 2008 to 2010. They are: Regent Mary Schuelke; vice-regent Anne Witherspoon; recording secretary Katie Lara; treasurer Luci Gabehart; corresponding secretary Lora Mae Pollard; registrar Sue Ann Damron; historian Heather Schafer; librarian Carole Lawson; and chaplain Carol Scott.

Ragan displayed certificates recently sent by Division VIII Chairman Vene Gregg. Sue Ann Damron was recognized for outstanding service to the Descendants Project and the chapter for attaining Level III Chapter Achievement.

Decorated eggs that were given as tray favors

to veterans at the VAMC on Easter were shown to members.

The chapter's next meeting will be April 12 at the country club.

### TOPS TX No. 21

TOPS TX No. 21 meeting was called to order by Leader Laura Sickles. Opening prayer was offered by Frank Sickles. TOPS pledge was led by Duffy Yancey and KOPS Pledge was led by Laura Sickles.

Roll call was then held with 10 TOPS present and 3 KOPS. Each group showed a good loss and Duffy Yancey was again the club's best loser. Good work Duffy, with a loss of four pounds. He

received a certificate of appreciation.

Minutes of previous meeting were then ready by Linda Staples. Other business was presented: ARD fund day will be in September 2008 in Midland. Happy Birthday was sung by all to Staples. Installation of new elected officers then begin with Carol Smith presenting the theme "The Rainbow of Promise." The new officers were then called to the front of the group, received their instructions as to responsibilities. Each in turn accepted their calling with "I will."

New officers are Laura Sickles, leader; Ethel Cassady, co-leader; Mary

Williams, secretary; Frank Sickles, treasurer; Hughtetta Roberts, weight recorder; Duffy Yancey, assistant weight recorder.

Presentations were then given to the outgoing officers, Olnee Menges, Hughtetta Roberts and Carol Smith. The closing song was sung by all and the meeting was adjourned.

All visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Weigh in begins at 4 p.m. and meeting being at 5:30 p.m. ending at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Frank Sickles at 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. Meetings are held at the First Christen Church at 10th and Goliad.

# Woman creates vivid paintings near College Station

**By CHARLOTTE SELLMYER**  
Bryan-College Station Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — When a health crisis led Lee Cohen to examine her life, she told her husband that they had shared a beautiful life together and yet she had always wanted to be an artist.

Almost three decades later, a glance around her home shows that she realized her dream.

The residence at the edge of

College Station — with views of gnarled trees and grazing horses — is filled with her vivid paintings. Sunlight floods the living and dining rooms, bringing out the brilliance in her use of color on the large, stylized views of Big Bend and other locales.

The Cohens — now proud to call Texas home — are Midwestern natives. They've lived around the world, includ-

ing nearly two decades in Israel.

Lee Cohen, a petite woman with perfect posture, took her first art classes almost 60 years ago. While in high school, she studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. After attending the University of Chicago for two years, Lee Cohen — who has a passion for children — worked at a nursery in inner-city Philadelphia in 1940s.

She then moved to New York to work at a Manhattan nursery. She took a few art classes but decided instead to focus on early childhood education. It was here that she met her husband.

"I met Daniel (Cohen) in March." "The 28th," he chimed in, "in '46, when I got out of the Army."

"It was love at first sight for both of us," she said. The cou-

ple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

With Daniel's hands resting on her shoulders, she explained the development of each canvas. He finished her sentences and debated the details of each.

This idyllic scene has been a long time in the making.

Once married, the Cohens made the first of three extended

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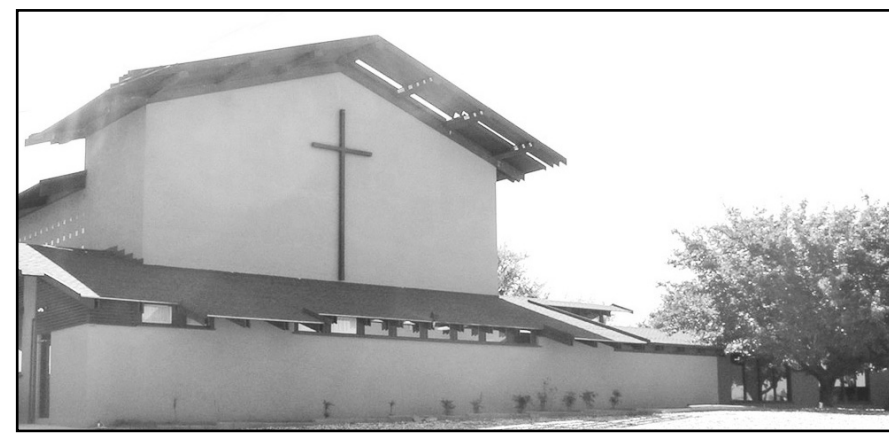
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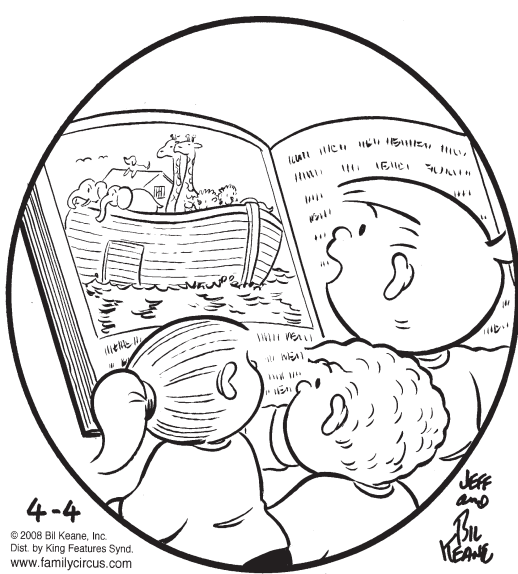
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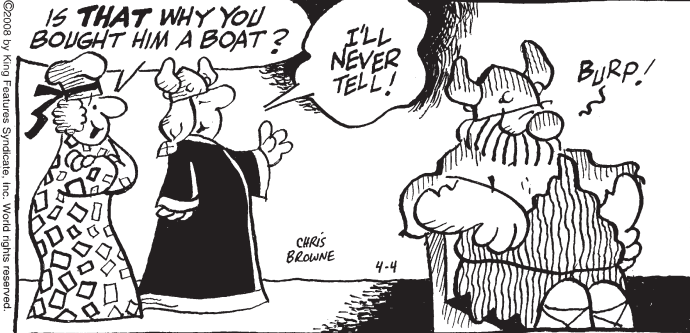
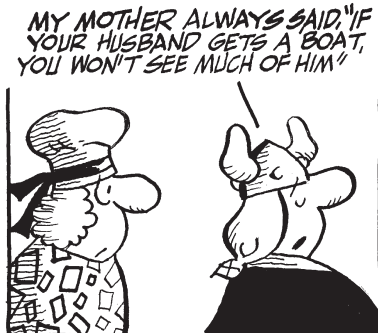
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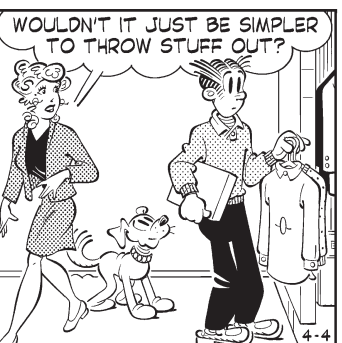


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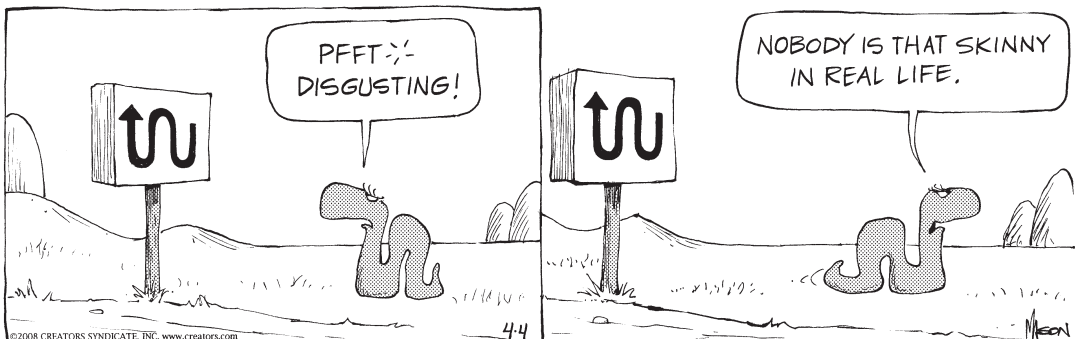
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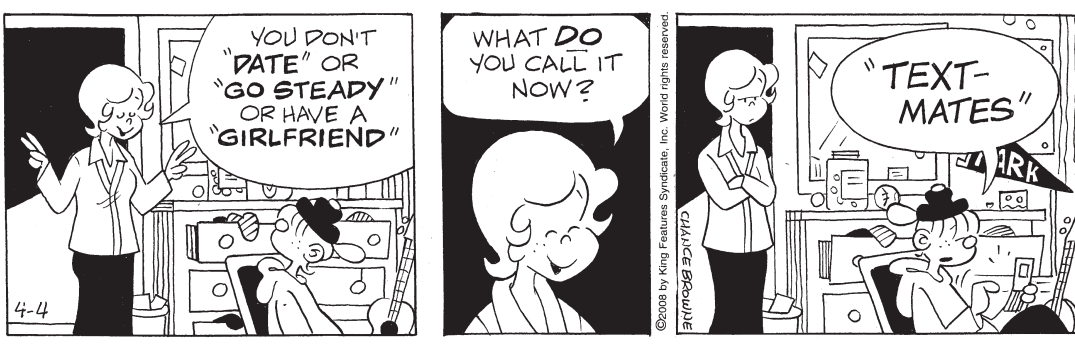
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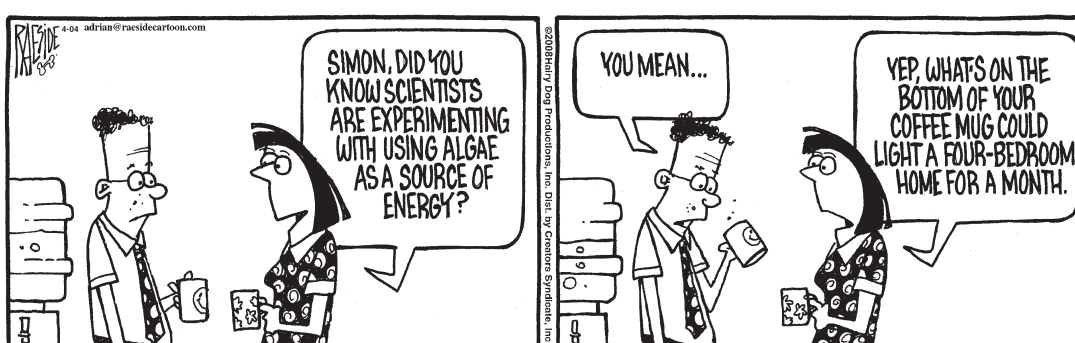
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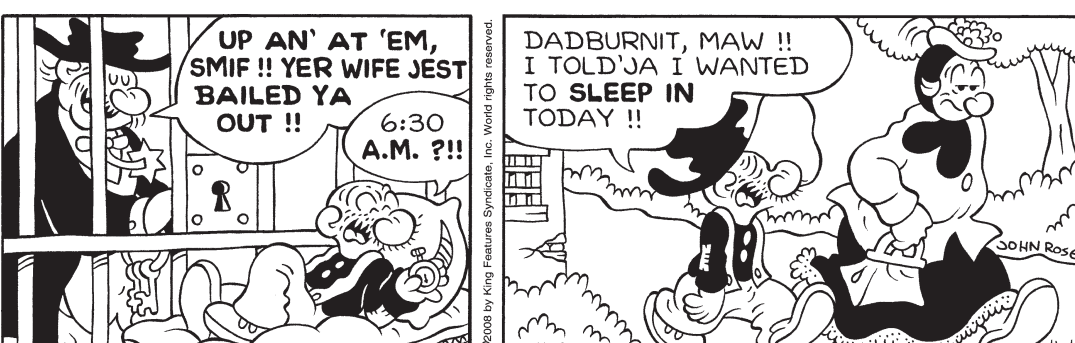
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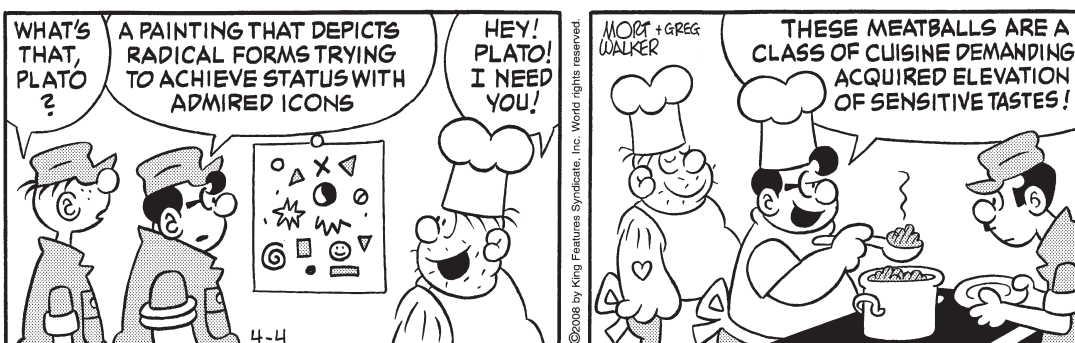
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Today is Friday, April 4, the 95th day of 2008. There are 271 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 4, 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death as he stood on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn.; the killing sparked a wave of riots across the U.S. (James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming his innocence and attempting to withdraw his guilty plea; he died in prison in 1998.) On this date: In 1818, Congress decided the United States flag would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state. In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

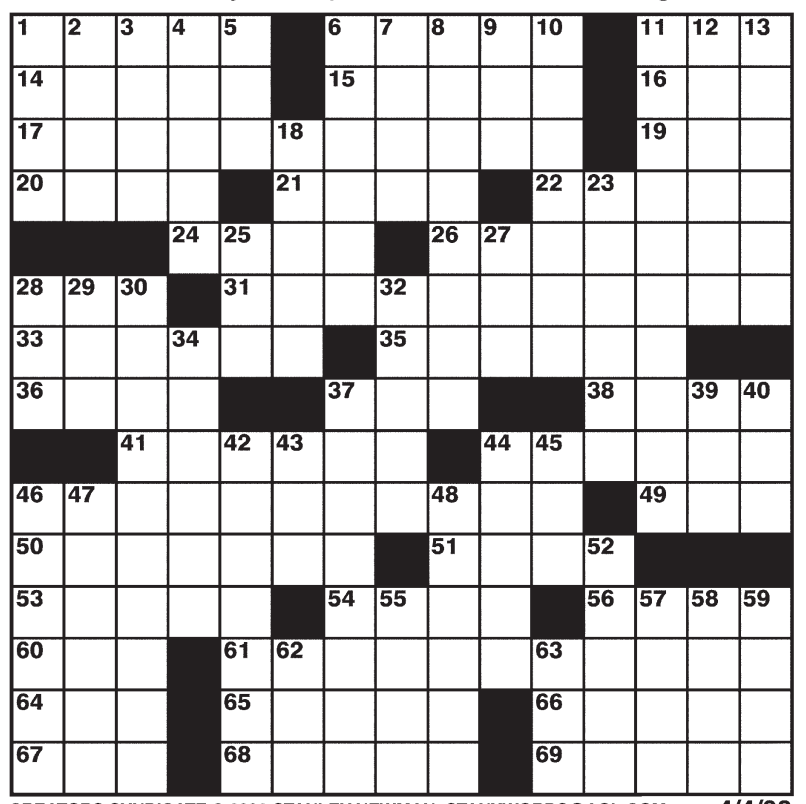
In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated. In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community: Argonia, Kan. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces at the Machinato Line. In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington. In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city: San Antonio. In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. In 1988, the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham of two charges of official misconduct, and removed him from office. (Mecham was the first governor to be impeached and removed from office in nearly six decades.) Birthdays: Author-poet Maya Angelou is 80. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 76. Recording executive Clive Davis is 76. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 69. Author Kitty Kelley is 66. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 64. Actor Walter Charles is 63. Actress Caroline McWilliams is 63. Actress Christine Lahti is 58. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 57. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle: SLUG, LUNA, AWARD, TUTU, AHAB, MARIA, ALES, BUBBLEBATH, BUSHIER, AERATES, OLLAS, SIS, CLOVES, CHACHAS, HAZES, TAIGA, REV, ODOR, TULLE, JETE, YEN, RONDO, TENOR, DEFENSE, BOTANY, ALI, DARYL, MAIDENS, RESIDED, SPRINGTIME, NOGO, GIANT, USED, EDAM, TANGS, BUDS, RODE

Newsday Crossword

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ARTIST

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trips to Israel in 1948. There, Dr. Daniel Cohen, a veterinarian, set up an animal hospital in a developing area, and she worked at a nursery with Israeli and Arab children.

"In Beersheva, I worked for an organization that was trying to bridge the gap," she said. "The Jews who came from Arab countries were all kicked out of their countries. (We) were trying to break the cycle of poverty." She worked with students from Hebrew University, eventually establishing five nurseries in what they called "developing towns."

It was during this time, in 1979, that Cohen was diagnosed with a potentially devastating disease. When confronted with the news, Cohen remembered thinking that "the only thing I'd like to do is paint." Once she recovered — "thank God," she said with noticeable severity — she resumed her pursuit of art.

She started by taking print-making and etching classes with local women in Beersheva, using a room in an abandoned high school whose equipment they rented once a week. "There was also a French cultural center in Beersheva where I went

to life-drawing classes." She said the Israeli culture encouraged her artwork. "In Israel, just about everybody is reading books and doing art and music," Cohen said, with Daniel agreeing from across the room. Also, because her home in Israel was very small, painting was an impetus to explore the outdoors, which makes up the bulk of her artistic inspiration.

Widening her delicate hands, she said, "Our whole house (in Israel) could fit in our (College Station) kitchen — well, not quite," she said. "So it was efficient for me to go outside and paint." Daily morning trips to the Negev Desert provided the subject matter for some of her most dramatic paintings. One of a dusty, desert dwelling painted with reds, whites, tans and rich browns is her interpretation of a centuries-old rest stop for travelers.

This painting is like others in her large collection: a piece of the couple's past. Daniel Cohen pointed toward it, his eyes focusing intently within his gold-rimmed glasses, as he described the unique history and restoration of the integral watering hole.

When the couple returned to the United States in 1986, her husband was offered a job at

the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, and she was accepted to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She graduated in 1990 and has since had work displayed in more than 200 shows.

While Lee Cohen studied and painted from the snowy tree-lined landscape of their Chester County home, Daniel worked at Penn as well as with the World Health Organization, traveling the world to implement methods of improving medical and veterinary care in the rural areas of developing countries.

Both Cohens enjoy each other's work. And although Lee Cohen maneuvers the brush, Daniel is an expert on her work and enjoys describing and viewing her art as much as she does.

Because Lee Cohen, 81, can no longer spend hours painting the field, Daniel often photographs what she directs him to, purposely keeping the images small and vague. The blurs allow her creativity to fill unclear areas of the photos with her own interpretations.

She works her artistry in a studio just beyond the hall in their home.

The open space smells of oil paint, and the windows covering two walls offer ample sunlight. There are hundreds of



AP photo/Stuart Villanueva/Bryan-College Station Eagle  
Artist Lee Cohen poses in her home in College Station with a sampling of her paintings. Cohen took her first art classes almost 60 years ago.

heavy wooden brushes, small and large canvases, thick blobs of paint, and a paint-splattered shirt lying over the artist's metal chair.

Canvases some hanging and some propped on easels will sell for \$500 to \$8,000. Cohen likes for buyers to visit and make their selections.

Her works have been exhibited across the country at sites including the Bush and Clinton presidential libraries. Cohen said her favorite exhibit was in December at the Jung Center of Houston.

Her style doesn't fit into a tidy category. Although

the subject of her artwork is always discernible, Cohen gives it an original treatment. In what she labels "a representational bend on abstract marks," she morphs bark and stones into vibrant mixtures of watercolor, gouache, and unexpected blends of color and line.

Her paintings, which can take months to complete, indulge her views of the magnitude of nature. She amplifies angles and exaggerates depth, finding complexity in what is often passed over as plain — particularly in the dry topography of the Negev desert

and expanses of Central Texas land. She also favors the unique land formations in Sedona, Ariz., and Texas Big Bend region.

All aspects of the environment she paints — most notably tone and temperature — are depicted. Her Sedona series heats up a room. A Texas series featuring huge trees seems to offer a delicate breeze. Her paintings of flowers and family depict the fragility of life, while a painting of a monstrous tree trunk looks tough as elephant hide.

Each piece is noticeably different from the rest.

CHURCHES

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lar services each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday meetings are at 7 p.m. We provide a nursery for children 4 years and younger as well as a junior church during the Sunday morning message for children 5 through 10 years. Our teens meet at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Pastor Wayne Frost will conduct worship services at 9 a.m. Sunday and 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Bible classes during the week:

Sunday — 5:30 p.m., Sermon on the Mount at

Brumley's, 2712 Ann. Monday — 6:30 p.m., Law & Gospel, the Lutheran Difference at 2204 Edgemere.

Wednesday — Noon Beth Moore "Daniel" at St. Paul Parish Hall.

Friday — 6 a.m. Forty Days of Just Words at Greg's Grill.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League meets for a regular meeting Friday, April 11, and will also prepare and decorate for the LWML Spring Rally.

The West Texas Area LWML Spring Workshop will meet here with registration 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12. The guest speaker is Donna Pyle, Texas District vice president of Christian Life. The theme of the workshop is "Rock Solid." Lunch will be provided and guests are welcome. St. Paul Lutheran

Church is located at 810 Scurry Stree. The telephone number is 267-7163.

Angel Food Ministry

Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring will be taking orders for April delivery today from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Orders will also be taken Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Also, rders will be taken on Friday, April 11, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

April delivery date is Saturday, April 25, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please bring a large box. Orders can also be placed for May delivery at this time.

Angel Food Ministry is a non-qualifying food pro-

gram to help everyone lower their food bill. The April delivery box will have:

- 2 lb. cooked meatloaf
- 1 lb. beef fajita strips
- 3 lb. breaded frying chicken
- 2 lb. St. Louis Style ribs
- 2 lb. lasagna dinner
- 1 lb. gourmet sausage
- 1 lb. cook meatballs.
- 16 oz. broccoli
- 15 oz. refried beans
- 12 ct. tortillas
- 26 oz. pasta sauce
- 16 oz. pasta
- 6 oz. pancake mix

- 16 oz fresh carrots
- 3 lb. Yukon potatoes
- 4 oz. chicken noodle soup
- 4 lb. California oranges
- 1 dessert item


You can order the above box of food for \$30 cash or money order. The box menu changes every month and you can purchase special meat boxes for \$20 or less.

Angel food is a faith-based program offering restaurant quality food and is based in New Hope Georgia with a serving

area of 32 states divided into two regions.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church located at 2702 N. Birdwell is the Big Spring host site where you will pick up your order on the given date of delivery.

For more information on this food program please contact Bill Lovelace at 276-3241 or Madeline Boadle at 267-2203. If no answer, please leave a message. You can also leave a message at the church 263-2536.



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