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## Kidnapping trial set to begin

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Jury selection in the kidnapping trial of a 47-year-old transient accused of luring a pair of children away from their home in the 1300 block of Tucson last year began this morning in 118th District Court.

Traci Lynn Wilson, 46, was arrested in October of 2007 and charged with kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping after police officials say he allegedly took two children from their neighborhood.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, the harrowing events spun into motion when the two children — ages 8 and 9 — were taken from their home in the 1300 block of Tucson.

"Patrol officers were dispatched to the 7-Eleven convenience store located at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and Fourth Street in reference to a lost 8-year-old boy," said Everett. "Officers found the little boy and learned he and a 9year-old female friend may have been kidnap victims.

"The boy told officers he and

the girl were playing in a front two children were then dropped yard in the 1300 block of Tucson when a male subject approached and led them away, convincing the two children he was the girl's uncle. While walking, the three were picked up and given a ride by an unknown male subject who was also led to believe the suspect

was the children's uncle." Everett said the suspect and See TRIAL, Page 3

off at an old motor home parked at a shop in the 1600 block of E. Third Street, where the owner of the property was allowing the suspect to live because he was a transient.

"While in the motor home, the little boy became scared that his mother would be look-

## Teaching fire safety

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

You're never too young to learn the basics of fire safety, state officials believe.

That's the rationale behind Texas the Department of Insurance's Fire Safety House, which was one of the main attractions at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Health Fair, held

Saturday at Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum. Larry Youngblood, a deputy with the State Fire Marshal's Office, said the safety house incorporates several basic fire safety tips while impressing upon youngsters how to avoid or, if need be, survive a house fire.

"We started this in 1999 ... and decided to go out to the communities and see if there was any interest in this sort of thing," Youngblood said. "Since then, more than 152,000 children have toured the safety house."

The safety house is a mock-up of a trailer home which also features several dos and don'ts concerning fire prevention.

"It's very interactive," Youngblood said. "We let the kids see some of the common fire hazards and we let them tell us how to fix the problems."

Youngblood said statistics bear out the need for



Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray explains the value of smoke alarms to visitors at the Texas Department of Insurance Fire Safety House, a popular feature at this year's Howard County Health Fair, which was held Saturday.

fire safety instruction.

In 2006, there were approximately 20,000 structure fires in Texas and only 21 percent of those homes had a worksmoke alarm, ing Youngblood said.

fire in Houston ... five people died," he said.
"The home had a smoke alarm, but it didn't have a battery. If those folks had bought a \$1.20 battery for their alarm,

"In one trailer home they'd probably be alive overnight or the impor-

today." Aside from teaching the value of alarms, officials also drill children on a variety of other safety tips, such as not to leave candles burning

tance of having a rendezvous point after evacuating a burning home.

"If you don't establish a meeting place and you

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## Charges pending in chase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The investigation into a car chase Sunday afternoon continues, as local law enforcement officials say they are attempting to get an arrest warrant for a 26-year-old Big Spring man accused of endangering and abandoning a child.

Police officials declined to identify the suspect pending an ongoing investigation, but said an arrest warrant is expected.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said Sunday's chase began when an officer attempted to pull over the man, who had a 9-year-old passenger.

"The pursuit began just after 3 p.m. Sunday when an officer attempted to stop a white Pontiac Grand Prix for a traffic violation," said Everett. "The suspect sped up and got onto the Interstate and exited somewhere near Moss Lake Road. The Department of Public and Howard Safety County Sheriff's Office assisted in the chase."

Everett said the pursuit ended when the driver of the Grand Prix drove down a dead-end street.

"The suspect exited the

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#### SNUFFING OUT CRIME

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A cigarette store cashier has literally snuffed out a robbery.

Police said a masked man flashed a knife at the Cigarette Outlet on Friday and forced one employee to the floor, then demanded money from another worker, Ruth Wright.

Instead of cash, Wright threw two cans of chewing tobacco at the robber, and one hit him in the face.

Officers said a customer then tackled the man, but the robber broke free and bolted out the door.

A cashier, Kittie Peacock, said the store had been robbed at least once before.

#### GOAT DEBATE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky planning board won't get Gale Warfield's goat, but the city commission might. Officials in Frankfort are discussing

whether goats are livestock or pets. The issue came up in October when Warfield received a violation notice about the goat and duck she keeps as pets.

The city's planning commission proposed an amendment that would have allowed up to two farm animals to live in the city on land of five acres or more. A public meeting on the proposed changes was scheduled last week but the meeting was canceled and the amendment withdrawn.

#### FOES SHELLACKED

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti looked down at the litter of empty oyster shells in front of him and savored the sweet taste of victory. For Crazy Legs Conti, the bitter taste of defeat could be washed away only by beer.

The Acme World Oyster Eating championship belt hung on Bertoletti's skinny hips. The 22-year-old Chicago resident took the title Saturday by slurping 35 dozen of the big bivalves in eight minutes.

"I could probably do a couple dozen more, especially if they were charbroiled," said Bertoletti, who holds the endurance oyster-eating record, having downed 531/2 dozen in 2007 before calling it quits.



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#### **Obituaries**

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#### Rafael Lujevanos



Rafael Luevanos, 87, of Big Spring died on Friday, April 11, 2008, in a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 5, 1920, in San Jose, Mexico, and married Marciala Tovar Oct. 15, 1950, in Mercedes. She preceded him in death Dec. 11, 2002.

Mr. Luevanos had lived in Big Spring since 1956 and had been a mechanic for Chemical Express.

Survivors include three sons, Juan Solis and wife, Angelita, and Rafael Luevanos and girlfriend, Diane Urias, all of Big Spring, and Noe Luevanos of Los Angeles, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Steve Weeks of Fort Worth and Ruth and Tomas Soto of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; and one nephew.

Mr. Luevanos was also preceded in death by a grandson, Aramando Jesus Soto.

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

#### T.M. 'Hawaiio' Morales

T. M. "Hawaiio" Morales, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, April 14, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### **Take Note**

- 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. The second session is set for 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.
- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Sopring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.
- 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.
- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.



#### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **BENJAMIN ISAAC MUNOZ**, 27, of 1403 Harding, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVE BOZEMAN, 51, of 2626 Hunter, was arrested Sunday on a Lynn County warrant.
- **KELLY DAWN FORSHEE**, 39, of 1519 Kentucky, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 200 block of Marcy.
- in the 1400 block of Dixie.in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT OF A FAMILY/HOUSE-HOLD was reported in the 1100 block of 14th Street.
   FORGERY was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of N. Lamesa.
- VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of N. Lam
   CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 900 block of Seventh Street.
- in the 2000 block of Scurry.
- in the 3800 block of Dixon.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
- in the 1700 block of Monticello.in the 200 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 1200 block of Johnson.
- In the 1200 block of Johnson
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of Seventh Street.
- ABANDONING/ENDANGERING A CHILD was reported in the 700 block of N. Lamesa.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Austin.

### Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ,** 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping-failure to appear and robbery.

• JOSHUA ANTHONY YANEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, robbery and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• TRENTON LANCE MCILROY, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Jefferson County warrant for theft by check.

• **DOYLE RAY MIEARS**, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bail jumping-failure to appear.

• YOLANDA GARCIA, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for forgery.

• AMANDA LYN BLEDSOE, 33, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft by check.

• **RORY ALAN HITE,** 44, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, failure to appear - flight to avoid and a motion to revoke parole.

• BARRY LEE BLEDSOE, 38, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container - second offense.

• JESSE LENDELL VANDERBILT, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon

• **CONSENCIO FORD,** 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• RONALD PARHAM, 46, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container, third or more offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• TINA MARIE BUTLER, 44, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

#### **Support Groups**

TUESDAY

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• 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.



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## **Bulletin Board**

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- •The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

### Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. Third Street. Service refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC.
 MEDICAL was reported in the 3500 block of Old

Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th

Place.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N.

Highway 97 One person was transported to SMMC.

Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th

Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.

• **GRASSFIRE** was reported near the intersection of Dartmouth and Bucknell.

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#### Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Warmer. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 70s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday Suppy Highs in the upper 70s

Friday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

#### Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-8-12-25-27.

Number matching six of six: 2. Prize: \$7 million.

Winning tickets sold in: Seguin and Cleveland.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-11-17-28-36. Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 3-0-8-0. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 2-8-8. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 3-9-9-6. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 7-5-3. Sum It Up: 15.

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#### LOCAL/STATE

#### Monday, April 14, 2008

#### Texas News Briefs

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#### Abuse investigation of polygamous sect moving into San Angelo courtroom

SAN ANGELO (AP) — An investigation of abuse at the private ranch of a polygamous sect is moving to a San Angelo courthouse this week as the state argues to retain custody of 416 children removed from their par-

Texas bar officials say more than 350 attorneys from across the state have volunteered to represent the children for free.

"The size, the scope of this effort is unprecedented," attorney Guy Choate said. "It's terribly important to the State Bar of Texas that everyone have access to jus-

Child welfare laws require each child in state custody to have an attorney.

A scheduling hearing to determine which cases will be addressed first and other procedural issues was set for Monday. A judge was to begin addressing custody issues at a hearing Thursday.

Three mothers have appealed to Gov. Rick Perry for help in a letter the sect said was mailed to him on Saturday.

In the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, the mothers from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints claim some of their children have become sick and even required hospitalization.

They also say children have been questioned about things they know nothing about since they were placed in the legal custody of the state.

Perry spokesman Robert Black said Sunday he had not seen the letter and couldn't comment.

The children were rounded up and placed in temporary custody in a raid that began April 3 after a domestic violence hot line recorded a complaint from a 16-year-old girl. She said she was physically and sexually abused by her 50-year-old husband.

The one-page letter, signed by three women who claim they represent others, says about 15 mothers were away from the property when their children were removed.

#### State lawmakers consider changes in measuring school performance

AUSTIN (AP) — Rating public schools based on the strides students make on standardized tests, and not simply whether they pass or fail, is among the changes some state lawmakers want considered next year to how school performance is graded.

Talk of shaking up the way Texas measures how well public schools are doing comes as momentum seems to be building for significant reforms to the oft-criticized school accountability system when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

Under the current system, every school and district in the state is graded based on annual Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills scores and student dropout rates. State ratings are anxiously awaited by superintendents, teachers and parents because they are the chief measure of how well schools are educating their students.

But educators and parents have increasingly voiced dissatisfaction with the grading system that was first implemented in 1994, arguing that increased federal attention and stronger state curriculum have since made it obsolete.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, who chairs the Senate education committee, favors a major shift that would focus on academic growth of students over the school year rather than requiring them to meet minimum TAKS standards.

#### Deal has been reached in 2002 Houston street racing raid, lawyers say

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly six years after Houston police arrested almost 300 people in a street racing raid that erupted into outcries of civil rights abuse, dozens who later sued the department appear close to reaching a deal with the city.

The tentative agreement would settle at least nine of 10 federal lawsuits, which include more than 100 plaintiffs swept up in the 2002 sting in a Kmart parking lot, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday editions.

Lawyers for both sides confirmed the tentative deal but declined to reveal the settlement amount. They were set to appear in court Monday, when jury selection had been slated to begin.

Houston police were trying to crack down on street racing when they picked up 278 people in one night outside the discount retail chain.

Most of those arrested were charged with trespassing or curfew violations, but none was accused of street racing. The raid stirred an almost immediate public outcry — some arrested claimed to be innocent customers — and the charges were dropped.

Plaintiffs accused police of brandishing firearms and verbal abuse. Then-Houston Police Chief C.O. Bradford, who is now the Democratic candidate for Harris County district attorney, stepped down in 2003 shortly after the incident.

Atlas and the Houston City Council still need to approve the tentative agreement. against his daughter.

#### Police investigate death of man found bound, nearly naked in Galveston Bay

GALVESTON (AP) — Construction workers spotted the body of a nearly naked man in Galveston Bay on

Police are investigating the death as a homicide. Workers at a partially built home saw the body in the water about 11:15 a.m. and called 911, The Galveston County Daily News reported in its online edition. Capt. Phillip Morris, interim police chief, said the body washed up against a bulkhead pier at the back of the construction site.

The man's hands and feet were bound, and he was wearing only socks. The cause of death was not immediately known, and an autopsy was being performed.

#### Contestants aren't rattled one bit in Taylor snake-sacking contest

TAYLOR (AP) — Even after being bitten by one of the deadly reptiles, 26-year-old James Jonas didn't seek medical attention until he had sacked every rattlesnake on the floor.

"He's fine; he'll be sacking again tomorrow," Shawn Jonas said of his brother. "Usually we have one or two bites every year.'

James Jonas was indeed all right and went on to take third place in the novice category of the contest.

The constant sound of rattles permeated the air during the 36th annual National Rattlesnake Sacking Championship, which was held in Taylor earlier this month.

Rattlesnake sacking is exactly what it sounds like: putting live rattlesnakes in a burlap sack as quickly as

The contest was organized and run by the Taylor Jaycees, a social service organization that raises money for the community. Not including concessions, the contest raised about \$12,000 for the Jaycees, said Shawn Jonas, the contest chairman.

Rattlesnake sacking started when farmers throughout the Southwest had problems with the reptiles and sought out creative ways to deal with them instead of simply killing them, Jonas said.

All the snakes at the Taylor sacking were rounded up from the barns of local farms and ranches, said sacker David Gay of Taylor.

The winner of the contest was Jackie Bibby, 57, of Stephenville, who's been sacking snakes since 1969. Bibby — whose day job is as a drug and alcohol counselor — said he has more than 100 snake-sacking trophies and has appeared on television and in films with snakes.

As a sideshow, Kenneth Darnell, a patent lawyer from Tallassee, Ala., was busy milking the venom from 450 rattlesnakes.

Darnell said he travels to four or five rattlesnake roundups a year to collect venom, which he does by forcing the snake to bite the top of a funnel and inject  $\oplus$ venom into a container.

Rattlesnake venom is useful in blood pressure medication, said Darnell, who sells the venom to pharma-

ceutical companies. During the contest, handlers held the reptiles up next to children to pose for pictures.

"We can teach kids about (snakes), and they learn quicker than their parents," Gay said. "They know to be calm and not make sudden movements when they see a snake."

#### Office building of once-famous Panhandle ranch is now headed to Lubbock

CHANNING (AP) — The century-old office building of a once-famous Texas Panhandle ranch will soon have a new home in Lubbock.

The XIT Ranch office, completed in 1899, was the site of financial transactions for what was the world's largest range under fence. Two Chicago developers were given the 3 million-acre ranch when they agreed in the 1880s to build a new Capitol building in Austin for \$3 million.

The building will be dismantled brick-by-brick and reconstructed at the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, a process that will take up to eight months and could start by the end of April, said the building's owner, Lenny Sadler of Amarillo.

The Lubbock center, dedicated to preserving the history of ranching and pioneer life, displays about 45 exhibits, including houses, a barn, windmills and an old train with Santa Fe Railway cars and a depot.

"The XIT was important to Texas history, so the building has strong ties not only to ranching but to Texas history in general," said Jim Pfluger, the center's executive director.

XIT used the office to liquidate assets and manage lands during the ranch's heyday around the turn of the 20th century. The building was occupied until 1912, when the ranch sold the last of its cattle. At its peak, the ranch had about 150,000 head of cattle.

The building was in disrepair in 1982 when Bill and Patricia Kirkeminde bought it and started restoring it.

They were sticklers for accuracy. Not content with simply replacing hardware such as door hinges and knobs, they searched for companies that could make replicas, Patricia Kirkeminde said. She said they worked on the building off and on until they sold it to Sadler in 2005.

"We wanted a restoration, not a remodel," she said. "No wonder it took us so long."

Sadler said he decided to move the building out of Channing so more people could see it. Most travelers, he said, are headed to and from vacations in New Mexico and Colorado and don't stop.

"It was a terribly hard decision for my wife (Linda) and I to make," Sadler said. "We hope the Channing people will not hold a grudge against us for doing what was right."

In its day, the ranch was 30 miles wide and stretched across parts of 10 counties from the Oklahoma border to near Lubbock. The last parcel of XIT land was sold in 1963, and the ranch's last living cowboy, Ira Taylor, died in 1999.

#### San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston bracing for 'seismic' influx of personnel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The impending influx of military personnel has the makings of a "seismic event" at Fort Sam Houston, one of the Army's oldest active posts, officials say.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is at the front edge of a \$2 billion binge-building program that's likely to transform the military in San Antonio and neighborhoods near Fort Sam, which will see the bulk of the congressional construction spending.

"It's a seismic event," said Greg Overland, president of the military branch of Broadway Bank. "We've had military so long that we're immersed in it. I don't think the general public understands the size of it. It will define the city as we go on." San Antonio and Fort Sam were big winners in the

latest round of base realignment and closure decisions.

#### **SAFETY**

**TRIAL** 

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Everett.

vehicle, leaving the 9-

year-old child behind."

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ing for him and fled out

the open door," said

Everett. "The girl tried to

follow but the suspect

blocked her escape. The

little boy made it to the 7-

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can't find your child after you evacuate the house, you automatically assume they're still in the house, so you endanger your life by going back into the

house," burning Youngblood said. "We've seen too many instances where people incorrectly assumed family members were still in a house and died themselves when they went back into the home."

Youngblood said it is difficult to statistically

Eleven convenience store

and the police were

called. Officers followed

the boy's directions to the

motor home and found

the suspect there, with

Everett said no sexual

Wilson

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the girl."

gauge how successful the program is, but he doesn't doubt its effectiveness.

"From my point of view, we've saved a lot of lives," he said. "And if we only save one child's life through something they learned here, we've done a good job."

Overall, more than 1,000

planned to molest the girl.

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Wilkerson will be pre-

senting the case for the

state, while Wilson's

lawyer of record is Wayne

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begin Tuesday morning

Attorney

Frost.

Court records indicate

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#### OTHER VIEWS

## State board did the right thing on cirriculum

he State Board of Education did the right thing in voting to allow teachers and Hispanic experts to provide input on the new English and reading curriculum before a final vote is taken in May.

The board did not accept key recommendations made by the teachers, but at least it decided not to include a suggested reading list in the new curriculum favored by the social conservatives on the board.

It is unfortunate that it took public outcry and a loud protest from minority members of the board to come to a compromise.

The board's vote on the state's public school English and reading curriculum is no minor

The board's decision on this issue will have wide-reaching impact and affect what is taught in the classroom and included in accountability testing for the next 10 years. It will also impact the success of students and the state's economic outlook.

It would be unconscionable if the state education board ignored the needs of a large sector of its student population.

Hispanic children make up 47 percent of the state's public school system. It does not take an expert to realize the needs of that large minority population cannot be overlooked.

The Texas Education Agency reports that 13,000 Hispanic children had to repeat the first grade following the 2005-06 school year. Obviously, some corrective measures are need-

Limiting input to the English and reading curriculum, especially from the professionals who are teaching the children, will not help the situation. It only serves to bring down morale in a very important component of education process.

The state needs an education board that is willing to listen to others. An informed board makes better decisions.

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can always hit a homerun. May we trust in You at all times.

Amen

## Time to ponder presidential legacies

t is at about this time in the election cycle that a sitting, two-term president begins to worry about his legacy, that signal accomplishment for which he will be remembered. There's some question as to whether that's

a legitimate concern, considering that history these days comes stamped with a 10-year sell-by date. (How can you leave a legacy when nobody remembers anything, good or bad?) Still, it's obvious that presidents think about it and even more obvious that George Bush thinks about it a lot.



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When one's approval rating is below 29 percent, the fantasy world of Presidential Legacy can seem a warm and welcoming

Mr. Bush likes to compare himself to Harry Truman who left office largely despised, only to become a hero to Cold War histo-

Following along that line, he has put all of his eggs in the war basket. He is determined to go down in history as the man who won the war on terror, brought peace and democracy to the Middle East and stood up to evil when no one else would. I know, it sounds crazy to me too but that's his story and he's sticking to it. I suppose it could work.

Let's look at the roster of presidents over the past 75 years or so and see if we can come up with a legacy for each of them:

Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman are easy — New Deal, Cold War. Eisenhower's presidency is overshadowed by his World War II service as Supreme Allied Commander (although he did begin the Interstate Highway sys-

John F. Kennedy — Not much of a legacy, he died too soon. He is remembered for his personal grace and the style he brought to the White House.

Lyndon Johnson — Vietnam, Vietnam, Vietnam. Johnson might have gone down as a great president, but Vietnam came calling and he simply went down.

Richard Nixon — Watergate on the negative side (when he said "I am not a crook," he lied); the opening to China on the positive. China will be longer remembered.

Jimmy Carter — Umm. Get back to you later on that one. Ronald Reagan — Restoring prestige to the presidency and legiti-

macy to the Right Wing. George Bush — The first Gulf War. I think his feat in getting in and out of that conflict with minimum cost in blood and treasure looks better all the time.

Bill Clinton — Monica Lewinsky. It's ridiculous that a man of his ability could throw away his presidency because he could not control his adolescent libido, but there it is. I mean, Marc Antony threw it all over for Cleopatra, but Monica Lewinsky? George Bush the Lesser — It's the war. He wants it for a legacy and he's going to get it. Good and

What then of our current candi-

dates. What legacies might we expect of them should they be elected?

Hillary Clinton — Health care. It seems to be the one thing she's really serious about, other than getting elected. She'd work at it.

Barak Obama — Perhaps a legacy similar to JFK's or Reagan's, a man who infused a dispirited nation with hope and optimism and allowed it to begin dealing with its myriad problems.

John McCain — Hard to say. McCain is 71 and will be 72 by the time he would take office. Well, I've been 71 — as a matter of fact I've been 72 — and I'm here to say that's too old to be President of the United States.

He can drag around his mother, a magnificent specimen of a 90year-old, and show-off his trophy wife all he wants but he has reached the downside of his abilities. Once you hit 70 the edges of your thoughts begin to blur a little, your memory softens.

Our other two old presidents — Eisenhower and Reagan — both showed evidence of senility by the time they left office and they were younger than McCain when first elected.

His legacy might very well consist of his choice for Vice-president.

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## MSM whiplash victims

illary and Bill Clinton must be beside themselves over the way the mainstream media has treated them this presidential election cycle. If they were glass-halffull types, the power couple would be counting their

blessings that this treatment didn't kick in when Bill was committing and covering up his felonies.

Had the MSM been scrutinizing and exposing the Clintons' behavior in the '90s, it's very possible Bill never would have survived his



impeachment ordeal. Imagine how different it would have been had the MSM focused their investigative microscopes and analytical energies on Hillary's cattle futures bonanza; the indefensible disappearance of her law firm billing records; her heartless and capricious firings of White House travel office personnel to benefit her friends; Bill's unconscionable, unsolicited pardons of FALN terrorist inmates to shore up the Hispanic vote for Hillary's New York Senate campaign; the endless trail of corruption with Red China and North Korea; the credible rape and sexual assault allegations against Bill coupled with Hillary's collusion in defusing the "bimbo eruptions"; and much more.

What a difference a few years and the advent of a promising young liberal candidate such as Barack Obama make. Now that the media have chosen sides in favor of Obama, they've lifted their protection for the Clintons. and we're getting a glimpse of the vulnerability of the Clintons when they're separated from their MSM bodyguards.

Not long ago, the MSM was heralding Bill as the first black president, with no apparent awareness of the absurdity of this caricature. Today they're showcasing

his race-baiting antics in the primaries, making no effort to obscure, rationalize or apologize for them.

Until very recently, they couldn't get enough of the microphonegrabbing, attention-starved, headline-stealing former president. Today they deride him for the very narcissism they so shamelessly enabled and are even lamenting "Clinton fatigue."

Yesterday reporters held "St. Hillary" in awe, marveling at (and oblivious to the rank sophistry in) her "politics of meaning." They defended her when she donned her feminist cap and cavalierly dismissed stay-at-home moms, stating, "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies and had teas, but what I decided to do was fulfill my profession." And they shielded her from deserved charges of hypocrisy when not long after, she tried to pass herself off as a longtime cookie baker. Lately they've called her on some of her rankest inconsistencies, as on the question of whether illegal immigrants should receive driver's licenses.

In the '90s, they gushed over Bill's (and co-president Hillary's) "unprecedented" economic record. Today they note that Hillary's "trail of unpaid bills casts doubt" on her ability to manage her own money, let alone the United States economy.

Before, they dutifully disseminated her contrived vast right-wing conspiracy theory as if they'd coauthored it. Today they are mocking her newfound association with the arch villain of that sinister cabal, Richard Mellon Scaife.

A while back, they were defending the Clintons' refusal to turn over documents to the independent counsel and their suspicious blackout on their presidential records at the Clinton library. Now ABC News dogged Bill and Hillary for not releasing their family tax returns and portrayed Bill, who received approximately \$50 million in speaking fees, as part of the class of super-rich people he customarily excoriated during his populist heyday.

They've even hinted at impropriety in Bill's financial relationships with billionaire Ron Burkle and fundraiser Vinod Gupta and guestioned Clinton's offshore investments. They quote Jack Blum, "an attorney and leading expert on offshore tax havens," saying, "No average person has interest and funds in the Cayman Islands. This is all the above-average, non-taxpaying, super rich."

During the Clinton glory years, the MSM went so far as to defend Clinton's perjury as justified to counter a "perjury trap" set by that dastardly "renegade, partisan prosecutor." They pooh-poohed his finger-wagging denial that he had sex "with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky." Today they are repeatedly spotlighting his "frequent tirades" and including damning quotes from Democratic superdelegates on the receiving end of them, such as, "It was one of the worst political meetings I have ever attended.'

If the MSM were capable of objectivity, we might even see some pockets of skepticism in their fiercely monolithic complicity in pressuring Hillary to drop out of the race, even though she's virtually tied with Obama, has won most of the states Democrats need to win in the general election, and Obama is potentially unelectable. We're operating under a new MSM template.

In the scheme of things, considering such concepts as justice and karma, the Clintons couldn't be more deserving of this whiplashinducing reversal in MSM treatment.

But we all should recognize this seminar in MSM bias and its powerful effect as the sordid reality it

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## **NUTRITIONWISE:** Living for the weekend

he weekend: It's the 48 hours we look forward to all week with grand expectations. These two short days can create an

obstacle between you and your health goals, or they can become part of one of the best strategies for reaching them.

We say, "It's the weekend, so I'll treat myself." Unfortunately, two-and-a-half days of excess can easily undo the benefits of



eating healthfully the rest of the week. While an occasional indulgence is certainly okay, refrain from grabbing everything you see. Instead, choose a few selections that really give you pleasure and let other options pass.

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While many dieters are wary of a "big splurge" like a cup of ice cream or a slice of pizza, an extra 400 or 500 calories occasionally — won't throw vour weight loss efforts off course. Those who avoid what they really crave, however, often end up eating an extra 100-calories here and there, which, a dozen times throughout a weekend, can really add up. Dietitians often note that clients who don't overly restrict themselves during the week, don't head into the weekend feeling deprived and can better handle temptation.

Weekends are also a time when many of us consume greater amounts of alcohol. Those additional calories can add up quickly. One strategy: Choose lower-calorie choices like wine rather than mixed drinks with high-calorie mixers or double amounts of alco-

hol. Drinks that you sip slowly also make it easier to limit the amount you drink.

Also, be wary of portion size when drinking alcohol. One standard drink is a 5-ounce glass of wine, 12 ounces of beer or a 1.5-ounce shot of 80proof liquor such as whiskey or vodka. Health experts recommend keeping it to no more than one standard drink per day for women and no more than two standard drinks per day for men. In addition, saving up a whole week's alcohol quota for a weekend splurge is not recommended, both for the large load of calories added and for the negative health and social impact.

Maybe it's time to re-think our definition of a "treat." Instead of high-calorie food that offers little nutritional value, why not embrace the opportunity to try new foods? Sample an unfamiliar but tantalizing tropical fruit for a snack or dessert, or relax with a specialty tea? Better still, learn non-food ways to treat yourself like seeing a movie, exploring a new hiking trail or buying a bouquet of fresh flow-

The weekend offers a great opportunity to get more active and enjoy the benefits that physical activity offers for weight control and disease prevention. Too often we pass up these opportunities because of mental or physical exhaustion and over-scheduled days. Instead of five hours channelsurfing, substitute a one-hour nap followed by a long walk or other activity. It's fine to set aside a couple of hours to read or watch TV, but then get moving. Exercise is an established mood-lifter and energizer. You'll be surprised to find your sluggish attitude melt away within minutes of getting active.

You can also use your time over the weekend to make healthful living during the workweek that much easier. Set aside half an hour over the weekend to plan workable menus for the coming week. Stock up on the groceries you'll need for the week and avoid the stress of last minute shopping. Cook an extra meal or two and freeze them for use during the week. Pre-portion small bags of trail mix, nuts or other healthy snacks for the week ahead.

Weekends should be a time to relax and de-stress. Being active with family and friends, enjoying food that is delicious and nutritious, and getting ready for a healthful week ahead can turn our weekends into one of our best strategies for healthy living.

## Bars show skinny cheesecake is great, too

By JILL WENDHOLT SILVA

McClatchy Newspapers

By definition, cheesecake is creamy, luscious, rich and decadent.

But the Center for Science in the Public Interest put the Cheesecake Factory's 6 Carb Original on its 10 Worst Foods You Should Never Eat list. Caloriecount.com concurs, giving commercially prepared cheesecakes a D+.

The culprit is saturated fat, which typically hovers at 30 to 50 grams per serving. An average person who consumes a 2,000-calorie diet with 30 percent calories from fat should consume about 67 grams in an entire day.

Two ways to beat a failing grade?

The Cheesecake Bars use a base of reduced-fat cream cheese. The French call reduced-fat cream cheese Neufchâtel, and it has a fat content between



16.5 percent and 20 percent milk fat vs. the 33 percent milk fat in regular cream cheese.

Then we reduced the portion size from a thick wedge to a snack-size square, just enough to satisfy a craving.

Shopping tip: It might be tempting to wring all the fat out, but fat-free cream cheese will not produce the same results as reduced-fat cream cheese.

Cooking tip: To fan a

sharp knife and slice thinly, cutting toward the stem but not cutting though the top edge. Gently push the thin slices apart to form a fanshape.

To melt semisweet chocolate morsels, place chocolate in small, resealable plastic bag. Place the sealed bag in a bowl of very hot water. Allow to stand until chocolate is melted. Dry bag thoroughly, then clip the corner of strawberry, use a very the bag and squeeze gen- this mixture and reserve

tly to pipe the chocolate.

#### **Cheesecake Bars**

Makes 12 servings 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1/3 cup dark brown sugar 1 cup all purpose flour

1 (8-ounce) package reduced-fat cream cheese

(not fat-free), softened 1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup egg substitute 1 tablespoon 1 percent

1 tablespoon freshly

squeezed lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 12 fresh strawberries, fanned

1/4 cup semisweet morsels, melted, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with release-type foil.

Using a mixer, cream butter and brown sugar together. Add flour and mix until combined. Measure out 3/4 cup of for topping. Press remaining dough in bottom of prepared pan. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Beat cream cheese and sugar together until smooth. Add egg substitute, milk, lemon juice and vanilla; blend until smooth. Spread filling over crust. Sprinkle reserved mixture evenly on top of filling. Bake for 22 to 24 minutes; allow to trace dietary fiber.

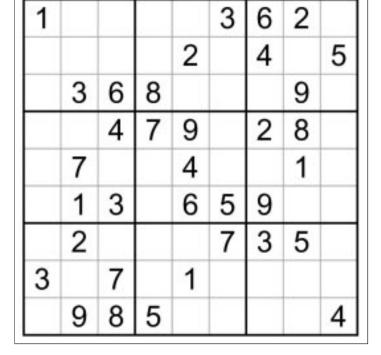
cool slightly, then refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cut into 12 squares and top each square with a strawberry fan. If desired, drizzle chocolate over top.

Per serving, without chocolate: 166 calories (44 percent from fat), 8 grams total fat (5 grams saturated), 24 milligrams cholesterol, 20 grams carbohydrates, 4 grams protein, 117 milligrams sodium,

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## Reclaiming 'American' Chinese food

Chinese take-out choices are usually far from healthful, they create the perfect opportunity for tasty meal makeovers. Traditional Asian cuisine typically loaded with colorful vegetables — is a perfect model for meal planning. With a few tweaks here and there, it's easy to bring "Americanized" Chinese food back to its native, healthy roots.

This week's recipe revisits lo mein. Mein, or mian, is simply the Chinese word for noodles. Lo mein translates to "tossed noodles" opposed to chow mein, which means "fried noodles").

Here delicate wholewheat angel hair pasta is substituted for the soft lo mein noodles traditionally used. To achieve the perfect texture and maximize flavor, the pasta should be cooked al dente-not too soft, not too firm. Using wholewheat pasta increases the fiber content of the dish and provides a slightly nutty taste.

The medley of peppers, mushrooms, celery, onion, snow peas and

conventional bean sprouts ensures that vou will obtain a wide variety of vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals. And while a long list of fresh ingredients can often seem intimidating (and costly), fear not. Substituting frozen, precut veggies will not compromise taste or nutri-

> Nutritious and quick to prepare, this meal is easy to toss together. After you make it the first time, don't be afraid to experiment with new additions. Try baby corn or water chestnuts for an added crunch, or sauté some Chinese cabbage for a vibrant splash of color.

#### **Delightful Vegetable** Lo Mein

8 oz. whole-wheat angel hair pasta 3/4 cup fat-free, reduced-

sodium chicken broth 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

2 tsp. sesame oil 1/2 cup sliced onion

1 cup sliced red bell pep-1 cup sliced yellow bell

peppers 1 3/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms



1 3/4 cup chopped celery 2 cups bean sprouts 2 cups snow peas Red pepper flakes, to

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 Tbsp. sesame seeds

Cook pasta per package directions and set aside. Using a small mixing bowl, whisk chicken broth, soy sauce and cornstarch together and set

aside. Using a wok or medium sauté pan over medium heat, heat oil and stir in onion, bell peppers, mushroom and celery.

Cook about 3 minutes.

Add bean sprouts, snow peas and broth mixture. Continue to cook and stir until vegetables slightly tender but still crisp, about 5 minutes. Add red pepper flakes and ground black pepper.

Using a large serving bowl, toss together the cooked vegetable mixture and pasta, top with sesame seeds and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 360 calories, 7 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 62 g carbohydrates, 16 g protein, 11 g dietary fiber, 550 mg sodi-

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#### Steers routed 14-0 by Plainview, remain winless in district

Big Spring's Steers didn't find anything friendly about the confines of the baseball park in Plainview Friday.

The Steers felt the wrath of the Bulldogs' bats and struggled to find any offensive consistency of their own, falling 14-0.

The loss drops Big Spring to 0-5 in district play this season and essentially eliminates them from playoff contention.

The Steers try to pick up their first district victory Friday against Frenship's Tigers in Wolfforth.

#### Lady Bearkats place fourth in area meet, Schwartz dominant

Garden City's Lady Bearkats finished fourth in an area track meet held in Bronte Tuesday, advancing them to the regional meet in Abilene, starting Friday.

Meanwhile on the side, boys' Jake Schwartz finished in the top four in five events, meaning he'll stay very busy at the regional

The following Garden City female athletes placed high enough to advance to regionals: Vikki Garza (third in 3200 meter), Paige Niehues (second in 400 meter run), Britton Avery (second in 300 hurdles). The girls' 1600meter relay team made up of Avery, Niehues, Lauren Wheeler and Samantha Kellermeier also advance with a first-place performance.

Advancing on the boys' side are Schwartz (first in high jump, fourth in shot put and second in 200 meters), Josh Colunga (third in long jump and fourth in 100 meters). The team of Shwartz, Colunga, Bo Eggemeyer and Adrian Arzola finished second in the 400- and 800-meter relays, advancing them to the regional meet to be held April 25-26.

#### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

Big Spring softball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Eldorado, 4:30 p.m. Coahoma baseball at

Clyde, 4:30 p.m. Forsan softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m.

Coahoma softball vs. Midland High, 6:30 p.m. **THURSDAY** 

Big Spring boys and girls track at Region I qualifiers in San Angelo through Friday.

**FRIDAY** 

Big Spring softball at Lubbock Estacado, 4

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Coahoma softball at Merkel, 4 p.m. Coahoma baseball at

Merkel, 4:30 p.m. Forsan baseball vs. Menard, 4:30 p.m.

Forsan softball Miles, 5 p.m.

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## IN BRIEF No. 2 Hawks split four with OC

**Herald Staff Report** 

For one weekend at least, it appears the No. 2 Howard College Hawks prefer to play a nine-innings game over a seveninnings contest.

The Hawks split a four-game series with Odessa College's Wranglers over the weekend, losing the first half of Friday's and Saturday's doubleheaders, 9-6 and 7-4. However, in the second game each day, the Hawks swept the longer nine-inning contests, 7-4 and 12-6.

"We're disappointed with the overall effort the team showed this weekend," Howard Head Coach Britt Smith said. "Odessa was what we expected. We just didn't show up to play. We're probably fortunate to win two games. Every team has bad days and this is as bad as we've played all season. You just expect those

bad days to happen earlier in the year not 40 games in."

In Game 1 Friday, Odessa accomplished what no other team had this season. The Wranglers handed Howard ace Colt Simon his first loss of the season. Simon was 10-0 heading into Friday's game, but surrendered seven runs in 31-3 innings.

"It wasn't just Colt. We didn't pitch well the first day and when we did make pitches, then we didn't play great defense behind our pitchers," Smith said. "We never made adjustments at the plate, either. This is the first time this season that if we didn't pitch well then our hitting didn't make up for it."

Odessa came within three innings of handing Howard a second straight loss in Game 2.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College's Pedro Villareal pitches in Howard's Game 4 victory Saturday over Odessa College at Jack Barber Field. The second-ranked Hawks split a four-game series with the Wranglers over the weekend.

#### **Bulldogettes shut** out Stamford twice **Herald Staff Report**

STAMFORD - In theCoahoma Bulldogettes first scheduled District 5-2A softball game with the Stamford Lady Bulldogs, mother nature proved victorious as inclement weather forced the contest to be rescheduled.

In a rare occurance in district play, the two schools decided to simply play a doubleheader in Stamford.

obvious was Coahoma didn't care about home field advantage as pitchers Heather Newton and Katie Dunn each tossed a shutout and Bulldogettes' pounded Stamford into

The two shutout victories means Coahoma still hasn't surrendered a run in 10 district games.

Newton started Game 1, pitching her 10th shutout of the season. She surrendered just one and no walks while striking out 11 batters.

Newton helped her own cause at the plate with a solo home run. Christie Rich was the Bulldogettes' top hitter in the first game, going 3-for-4 with a double, triple and three RBIs. Catcher Janic Gonzales also had three RBIs courtesy of a three-run homer. Krista Kerby scored four runs on 3-for-3 hitting and also had a triple and two RBIs.

In Game 2, Dunn held Stamford to just two hits.

She only struck out three batters, allowing Stamford to put the ball in play for the Coahoma defense to make plays on.

Kerby again shined at the plate in the second game, finishing the day with a hit or a walk in all of her atbats.

She was 3-for-3 in Game 2, scoring two runs and knocking in five more. Rich had two more RBIs on 2-forsubmission, 16-0 and 2 hitting, including her second triple of the

> The Bulldogettes (21-8, 10-0) play Midland Tuesday High Coahoma. Game 1

Coahoma 526 3-16 15 0 Stamford 000 0-0 1 3

W - Heather Newton (16-7), L Alvarado. 2B: CHS - Laci Sterling, Christie Rich. 3B: CHS Rich, Krista Kerby, HR: CHS -Janice Gonzales, Newton. RBI: CHS - Rich 3, Gonzales 3, Kerby 2, Breanna Conner 2, Sterling, Newton, Gonzales.

Game 2 Stamford 000 00-0 2 1 Coahoma 524 1x-12 12 0

W - Katie Dunn (5-0). L -Valencia. 2B: SHS - Martinez. 3B: CHS - Kerby, Rich. RBI: CHS - Kerby 5, Ja. Gonzales 2, Rich 2, Shelbi Paige, Jo. Gonzales, Alex Moore.



Big Spring Lady Steers third baseman Jillian Valle hits a two-RBI double in the Lady Steers' 5-4 loss to Frenship Saturday at Lady Steer Park in a District 4-4A softball game.

## Lady Steers' rally falls short

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Coming into Saturday, no softball team in District 4-4A had given the first place Frenship Lady Tigers much of a challenge.

to that point and came into Big Spring undefeated to

Frenship nearly left Lady Steer Park with its first this game. The girls rallied loss of the season, but survived a late inning rally to defeat Big Spring, 5-4.

lot of heart in this game," The Lady Tigers had Lady Steers Head Coach past, if we got down 5-0, then we start to hang our See BSHS, Page 12

take on the Lady Steers. heads and get down on ourselves. That didn't happen around each other and gave Frenship a scare.

"No one has played "The girls played with a Frenship this close," she continued. "They've been getting the run rule on the other teams in district. We

## Howard halves second doubleheader with MC

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor Different day. Similar results.

Howard College's softball team essentially duplicated Friday's results in a doubleheader against Midland College Saturday, winning the first game in extra innings by one run, 1-0, then watching Midland overcome an early deficit to win by one run, 6-5, in the second game that also went into an extra frame.

On Friday, the Hawks won Game 1, 2-1, in extra innings, then lost a heartbreaker, 4-3, in Game 2 after pulling out to an early 3-0 lead.

"I feel like we went through this yesterday," Howard Head Coach Kelly Raines said with a laugh. "It feels like a duplicate. We win Game 1 and lose Game

Diana Espinal was the victorious pitcher for Howard in the first game, tossing a two-hit shutout over eight innings. The Hawks broke the scoreless tie after they loaded the bases in the

eighth inning and Melissa Rodriguez delivered the gamewinning single to right field, scoring courtesy runner Katie Powell.

The No. 19 Lady Chaps struck first in Game 2 when center fielder Becca Gawlista hit a triple and scored on a Howard throwing error, giving Midland the early 1-0 lead.

Howard answered in its half of the first, though, when Jessica Moreno singled to left field, scoring Rodriguez from first.

Midland scored one run in both the second and third innings, grabbing a 3-1 advantage heading into the home half of the third.

The Hawks struck hard then, scoring three runs on four hits. The rally was capped off by a two-run homer by Big Spring High School graduate Krista Chesworth, who crushed a twoout pitch over the right field wall. The two-run shot gave Howard its first lead in Game 2, 4-3.

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**HERALD** photo/Jonathan Hull Howard College Hawks pitcher Ami Martinez winds up to throw the ball in the Hawks' 6-5 loss in Game 2 of a doubleheader with Midland College Saturday at Foundaition Field. The Hawks split a four-game series with the No. 19 Lady Chaparrals over the weekend.

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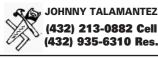
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#### **Tomorrow's Horoscope**

If the sea god, Neptune, traded his trident for an electric guitar, he'd fill the concert hall of humanity with tunes of oneness. I envision Neptune's current passage through Aquarius just like that. and his meeting with Mercury today merely a formality. We know we're not separate. And a brief brush

with a "messenger" deepens this knowingness.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). have You very little in common with the

MATHIS ones you're supposed to

relate to over the next three days. Your effort to bridge the gap will build your character, sharpen your social versatility expand and influence.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your intuitive inner voice is speaking to you, but not in the clearest manner. It's as though you have your own

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you act in a disciplined manner, you enjoy immediate results. You'll see immediately that you are right on track. Don't let off when the going is good — keep working and let the momentum build.

CANCER (June 22-July Responsibilities change you, requiring you to serve — and oh, boy, will you serve — a purpose greater than own. In vour roundabout way these responsibilities will form you into the person you've always wanted to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Show initiative. Take control. Run with your ideas. Whether you're executing your work, throwing a party or merely getting dinner on the table, total confidence is what's needed to turn action into art.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social aspirations are advanced. This is exceptionally good for entering into new circles. Tonight, whether it's Egyptian caviar or sheets, what was once optional now seems like a must-have.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been down some rocky roads in a relationship, but the good news is there is no more bad news. You've seen all there is to see and now you can draw your own conclusions based on a solid base of knowledge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You long ago crossed over the invisible divide that separates the adults from the children. But vou'll cross back today. enjoying the kind of fun that only the truly young at heart can partake in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're so attractive when engaged in forward motion on a rewarding project. The most satisfying endeavors are the ones that allow you to gain deeper knowledge of something that already fascinates you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Check in with the mirror for one of your you-to-you pep talks. Express to yourself what you admire, enjoy and expect of you. It's not vain. There's a big difference between selfconsciousness and selfawareness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Everyone Feb. 18). wishes, from time to time, that they hadn't said the thing that they did say. When you get clear about your deepest motives, it's easier to come across in a way that pleases you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're loved by many. If you don't know

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this by now, perhaps you're not allowing others to show you. Let down your guard. Accept the compliments you are given without trying to deflect them with humor.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aquarius, born in 1981. Over the last year I began thinking about the future. I don't see a lot of opportunities for a career in the town I'm in." A wise person once

said: wherever you go, there you are. A new place will not change the essential you, but I do think moving to a new town can stimulate fresh ideas and energy — even help you discover who you are. Finding one's calling is a circuitous, winding path for most of us, and often it's the experiences that pull on all our resources (like moving) that help us identify our true north. To get the most from your journey, Aquarius, make some life goals, major and minor, and then put yourself on a timeframe for achieving those. Where do you want to be in five, 10 years from now? Aquarians are true visionaries of the zodiac, and your ability to turn starry-eyed dreaming into dreams-come-true is your genius. The most elegant route to your dream is allying with other people who are reaching for the same star as you — or at least in the same constellation. Then opportunities will follow, new town or not.

**CELEBRITY** PROFILES: Oh, if only we'll look as gorgeous as Julie Christie at 67 years young. After winning a Golden Globe this year, her copious talents prove Aries people don't stop blossoming and blooming. For those born the sign of under springtime, Aries people feel (and look) younger when they're not acting their age. Is 67 the new 37? Longevity is all about striking new ground — at anv age.

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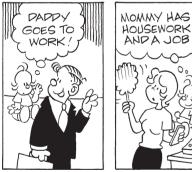
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#### This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 14, the 105th day of 2008. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.) On this date:

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia. In 1828, the first edition

Webster's Noah "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1890, the First International Conference of American States met in Washington, where delegates agreed to form the International Union of American Republics, a forerunner the of

Organization of American States.

In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, called The Golden Rule, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

1931, King Alfonso

XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Second Spanish Republic was proclaimed. In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first

published. In 1968, the gay-themed play "The Boys in the Band," by Matt Crowley, opened in New York.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at

Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya. (Because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15

the

occurred.) One year ago: Riot police beat and detained protesters as thousands defied an official ban and attempted to stage a rally in Moscow against Russian President Vladimir Putin's government. A car bomb exploded near one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines in Karbala, Iraq, killing 47 people. Don Ho, who'd entertained tourists to Waikiki for decades, died in Honolulu, Hawaii, at

age 76. Today's Birthdays: Actor Bradford Dillman is 78. Actor Jay Robinson is 78. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 73. Actress Julie Christie is 68. Former baseball player Pete Rose is 67. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 63. Actor John Shea is 59.

Answer to previous puzzle



#### **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Study hard **5** Winter vehicle
- Pan (Captain Hook adversary)
- **14** Optimistic
- **15** Vehicle for hire
- 16 Banish
- 17 Friends, in France
- **18** Take a crack
- (try)
- 19 Nervous **20** Bench or chair
- 21 Secret, as some 3 Thai or Tibetan 30 Helps out
- information 23 Sincere
- 25 Whistle sound
- 26 Poison-ivv symptom
- 28 Eventually
- turned into
- 33 Quick **36** Nonspeaking
- street performer 39 Fib teller
- 40 Best-selling
- 41 Makes yawn
- salť
- 44 Makes a
- 45 Double-curve
- letters
- 48 Matinee times:
- 50 Donate
- investigation 62 Show off one's
- **64** Pavement materials

**65** Tiny amount **66** Desirable

when

- quality 67 Do newspaper work
- 68 Wicked 69 Can't stand
- **70** Gets the
- point of 71 Soup-can flaw

#### **DOWN**

- an invitation

- nature
- 6 Past the deadline
- 1 Attend without
- 2 Juliet's love
- 4 Of a secret
- **5** Begins
- 7 Live and
- breathe
- 8 "Me too!"

14

- cookie
- pinch of
- 43 Cafe's listing
- request
- 46 Free tickets
- Abbr.
- **53** Winter roof
- hanging
- 57 Secret, as an
- biceps 63 Shade of brown

SECRET STUFF by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com 37 Annoy **9** Small clothing

attack

- size 10 Business bigwig, for short 45 List-shortening
- 11 Windshield
- coloring 12 Otherwise
- 13 Swamp stalk
- 22 After-bath
- aarments
- **24** Unhappy
- 27 Medical insurance cos.
- 29 Secret,
- as files
- 31 Manufactured 32 Periods of
- history
- 33 Frolic
- **34** Neck of the
- woods

15

- **35** Writing
- implements

**38** Butte relative 41 Fundamental

abbr.

- 47 Marsh birds 49 Never-
- happenedbefore events
- 51 Casts a ballot
- **52** Escape from **54** Garlic portion
- admittance to 56 Place on a

**55** Allow

- pedestal **57** Nevada
- neighbor **58** Astronauts' org.
- 59 Do some
- housework **60** Sporting
- sword
- 61 A Great Lake 10 11 12 13

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17 18 19 20 21 22 23 26 28 30 31 32 37 | 38 39 33 34 36 40 42 41 43 44 46 48 49 50 51 52 54 | 55 | 56 59 60 57 58 62 63 65 64 66 67 68 70

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freshman

#### **BSHS**

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did a really good job. If we could just get out of the one inning, then we might have won."

Frenship jumped on the Lady Steers early after Maddie Johnson blasted a two-run homer over the left field wall with no outs in the first inning. An error-filled fifth inning by the Lady Steers allowed Lady Tigers

increase their lead. Big Spring committed two errors in the frame and an opportunistic Frenship squad took advantage, scoring three runs.

Then, the Lady Steers' rally commenced. With one out in the bottom of the sixth, senior shortstop Desiree Yanez initiated the comeback bid with a single and quickly moved to second after the pitcher couldn't handle a ball hit by Linzee Yarbar. With two runners on base, freshman Jillian Valle

crushed a double to left field, scoring Yanez and Yarbar.

Fellow

Valerie Ross followed up Valle's two-base hit with one of her own, driving a between in Frenship's center and right fielders and scoring Valle from second. Ross moved to third before Lady Tigers' pitcher Bekah Piersall retired the side with her fifth strikeout of the game.

Big Spring appeared ready for a game-winning rally in the bottom of the a close with the Ladv seventh, trailing 5-3. Kenzie Hunt led off the inning with a double her second of the game to center field. Baylea Fox replaced Hunt on the base paths and, after being moved over to third on a sacrifice hit, scored courtesy of a single by Kelly

Unfortunately, Frenship settled down defensively and recorded outs in the infield on the next two batters, retiring the side and bringing the game to

Steers one run short.

The loss drops Big Spring to 11-23 overall and 2-4 in district play. It also makes the Lady Steers' next game — a home contest against San Angelo Lake View Tuesday — a must win if they want to remain in contention for a playoff spot.

Big Spring currently sits a half game behind Plainview's Lady Bulldogs, who are 3-4 in district.

A loss to Lake View

Tuesday eliminates Big  $\oplus$ Spring from playoff contention. Even with a win. the Lady Steers must defeat Lubbock Estacado in order to even force a one-game playoff between themselves and Plainview for the final postseason spot.

Frenship 200 030 0-5 8 1 Big Spring 000 003 1-4 9 5

W - Bekah Piersall. L - Kelly Sage. 2B: BSHS - Kenzie Hunt, Jillian Valle, Valerie Ross. HR: FHS - Maddie Johnson. RBI: FHS -Johnson 2, Meagan Low 2; BSHS -Valle 2, Ross, Sage.

#### **HOWARD**

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Midland tied the game in the fifth when Gawlista scored her third run of the contest, courtesy of a RBI-single by Taylor Howard. The 4-4 tie held up until the eighth inning.

Playing under international tiebreaker rules, which automatically places a runner on second to start each extra inning, Midland quickly scored two unearned runs, putting the Hawks down 6-4.

Unfortunately for Howard, it couldn't manage any other

baserunners other than Misti Lindamood, who was placed on second to start the inning. Lindamood scored on a sacrifice fly by Kristy Leal, but Howard came up a run short of extending the game into a second extra frame.

Former Coahoma Bulldogette Ami Martinez started the game, but was replaced in the second inning by Espinal, who has become the team's ace over the past month due to an injury.

"We've really stepped up our game," Raines said. "We've been without our best pitcher for a while now and we're still able to compete and win some

"Diana is doing a great job in the ace role. I know she feels the pressure," she continued, "but she's done everything we've asked of her."

Sage.

Espinal and the Hawks should receive some help in two weeks when they host El Paso Community College as sophomore pitcher Kendra Corbin, who has been out for more than a month with a broken hand, should be available to play.

"Getting Kendra back is big for us." Raines said. "She's a great leader, a good pitcher and produces a lot of runs for us offensively. She's still leading this team in runs scored and hasn't played for a month.

However, the Hawks' bats finally showed the consistency they're known for in Game 4 as Howard ran away with a 12-6

Pedro Villareal was the winning pitcher, lasting through six innings before David de la

The Hawks continue the fight for a Western Junior College

First, the Hawks (27-16, 19-11) face Odessa College Wednesday in a doubleheader being played in Odessa.

The Lady Wranglers used two ninth-inning rallies the first time the two squads played to sweep a doubleheader from Howard.

"I don't know what it is about Odessa, but we always seem to buckle under pressure when we face them," Raines said. "We've got to start finishing games. We had leads going into the seventh inning in both games, but just gave in to the pressure. I'm hoping we're over that and can tougher in the late innings this time around.'

another four-game series against rival Midland College

Midland along with Odessa, Frank Phillips College and El ond 1 1-2 games behind New Mexico Junior College and 2 1-2 games ahead of Clarendon Midland 000 000 00-0 2 0 Howard 000 000 01-1 8 1

Game 1

W - Diana Espinal. L - Alex Riedeman. 2B: HC - Jessica Moreno. RBI: HC - Melissa Rodriguez.

Game 2 Midland 111 010 02-6 9 3

Howard 103 000 01-5 7 4 W - Riedeman. L - Espinal. 2B: MC - Nina Cabrales, Annessa Garcia; HC - Moreno 2. 3B: MC - Becca Gawlista. HR: HC - Krista Chesworth. RBI: MC - Logan Zamora 2, Cabrales. Taylor Howard, Garcia; HC -

Kristy Leal 2, Chesworth 2, Moreno.

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#### **HAWKS**

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However, the Howard bats finally awakened in the top of the seventh inning.

Trailing 4-3 after six, Howard lit up the scoreboard for three runs in the seventh, taking a 6-3 advantage, and added another

score in the eighth for the win. Chase Adams picked up the win for Howard and Corey Sartor earned a save, pitching 2 2-3 scoreless innings of relief.

Catcher Miles Hamblin was Howard's most consistent force at the plate Friday, knocking in four RBIs in the two games.

Howard got off to another slow start Saturday, falling 7-4 in Game 3 of the series. victory.

Chapelle relieved him.

Athletic Conference title with

beginning Friday.

Paso Community College are all in a fight for the fourth seed within the conference. Howard (38-6, 14-4) currently sits in secCommunity College.

"We have 12 games left this season and we need to win all of them," Smith said. "We haven't officially clinched a spot on the Region V Tournament yet, but we're close enough to believe we'll get in. We don't want to just get in, though. We're playing for seeding and a conference title."

#### **BRIEFS**

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#### Big Spring Teenage League holding sign-ups and tryouts

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding sign-ups and tryouts Saturday, April 19, at the Roy Anderson Complex interested players ages 13-15.

This is the final chance to sign up. Registration fee is \$90 and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

Tryouts begin at 3 p.m. and players that registered early do not have to be present until then.

Call Carey Burchett at 213-2706 for additional information.

#### Dodgeball tourney benefiting Relay for Life scheduled

The Yellow Dogs will be hosting a dodgeball tournament in the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday, April 19, with all proceeds benefiting Relay for Life.

Registration is at 10 a.m. on the day of the tourney and costs \$5 a person.

Teams should be comprised of four boys and four girls.

First game will be played at 11 a.m. A concession stand will be available.

#### Country club hosting 2008 Cancer Scramble April 26-27

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 26-27 with all proceeds from the event benefiting American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The tourney's setup is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either make their own team or be assigned to one. The field will be flighted by firstround score.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, however, private carts are welcome.

Prizes will be given to first-, second- and thirdplace teams in the form of BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

#### Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

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

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

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance.

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

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