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Council to get projects update

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
An update concerning the ongoing bond-funded projects will be the focus of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday evening, as officials move forward with several multi-million dollar projects. Officials with engineering firm Parkhill, Smith and

Cooper said in January all four bond-funded projects currently in the works for the city of Big Spring — refurbishing of the Northside Elevated Reservoir, construction of a sports complex, construction of a new annex for the city's animal shelter and renovations to roadways mainly located in the downtown area — are on schedule, with the first completion

expected to come in late May. "The reservoir project is expected to come in approximately \$123,000 under budget," Butch Davis, a representative from engineering firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, told the council shortly after the beginning of the year. "The project was awarded for \$385,000, considerably lower than expected. Construction is expected to be

completed within 120 days of the project start, or around May 28." The council gave the go-ahead to begin advertising for contractors to build what will soon be the Roy Anderson Sports Complex — which will cater to softball, baseball, football and soccer — replacing the ball park that currently bares the Anderson name.

The complex is expected to cost the city approximately \$4.32 million. According to Davis' earlier reports, work on the animal control annex is already under way. "Construction on the project should begin April 28 and take approximately eight months to

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Robert Kilpatrick, Khayman Rawls and Walker Rawls pitch in to help plant flowers on the Howard County Courthouse lawn Saturday morning. The project was conducted under the auspices of Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the Master Gardeners.

Courthouse gets makeover

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
The Howard County Courthouse received a bit of a facelift this past weekend. A joint project by Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the local Master Gardeners organization resulted in the planting of flowers around the courthouse square Saturday morning. Stacey Barr, wife of County Judge Mark Barr, said she and her

husband have been wanting to do a project like this ever since he took office in early 2007. "We talked the idea over with Keep Big Spring Beautiful ... and this is what we came up with," she said. Walter Ward of the Master Gardeners said Saturday was just the first step in a long process to spruce up the courthouse area. "The actual planting is a one-day project, but the project will be going on until all the landscaping

is done," Ward said. "Hopefully, it will be done by the end of the year ... It will definitely improve the look of the courthouse square." The planting, besides adding a floral touch to the courthouse square, has another aim, as well. Barr said it is part of an overall beautification project that officials hope will secure a \$90,000 award from state officials to fund further efforts. See **FLOWERS**, Page 6

Sales tax

Big Spring, Coahoma see rebates increase; Forsan's still dipping

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor
April's sales tax revenues for the city of Big Spring were up slightly compared to a year ago, according to the State Comptroller's office. Big Spring received \$403,206.19 this month, a 3.92 percent increase when compared to the \$387,962.67 taken in for April 2007. For the year, Big Spring has received \$1,726,809.10, up 3.31 percent compared to a year ago. Coahoma took in \$8,861.38 this month compared to \$6,380.41 a year ago. That's a jump of 38.88 percent. For the year, Coahoma has collected \$34,166.76, up 12.82 percent. Forsan continued to have a decline in revenues. This month, the city incurred a decline of 19.44 percent, comparing the \$5,208.91 in April 2008, to \$6,466.55 in April 2007. For the year, Forsan has received \$23,909.65, down 13.01 percent. Ackerly brought in \$7,126.85 this month compared to \$4,174.07 last April, up 70.74 percent. For the year, Ackerly has collected \$24,576.04, up 39.21 percent. Abilene witnessed a 6.73 percent decrease when

comparing the \$2,375,750.11 the Key City received this month to the \$2,547,199.90 taken in last April. For the year, Abilene has received \$11,141,509.78, up 1.17 percent. Revenues were up 21.13 percent in Andrews, comparing April 2008 revenues of \$298,641.54 to April 2007 revenues of \$246,530.28. For the year, Andrews has received \$1,141,833.61, up 8.93 percent. Brownfield experienced a 15.2 percent increase in rebates. That city received \$82,634.54 this April compared to \$71,730.52 a year ago. For 2008, Brownfield has received \$357,383.66, up 11.04 percent. Colorado City took in \$40,081.08 this month, a 16.92 percent increase when compared to the \$34,279.62 received in April 2007. This year, Colorado City has received \$181,468.64, up 7.16 percent. Fort Stockton enjoyed a 38.93 percent increase in revenues, comparing this April's receipts of \$197,165.59 to the \$141,912.64 collected last April. For the year, Fort Stockton has received

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DNA samples to be taken from sect children

By MICHELLE ROBERTS
Associated Press Writer
SAN ANGELO — More than 400 children taken from a polygamous sect's ranch will undergo DNA testing this week, an attempt to determine who their parents are and if any sexual abuse took place. Officials plan to begin taking DNA samples Monday at the coliseum in San Angelo where the children are being housed, but may need three or four days to complete the job. Judge Barbara Walther ordered the tests at the request of state officials, who

have complained that members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints have continually changed their names, possibly lied about their ages and sometimes had difficulty naming their relatives. The process will likely take about half an hour per sample because of the paperwork and care needed to avoid contamination, said Darrell Azar, a spokesman for Child Protective Services. A certain number of DNA markers — segments of the DNA with specific genetic characteristics — are tested to determine whether two people are relat-

ed. If any uncertainties arise, analysts test additional markers. Three male members of the sect said in an interview aired on CBS's "Early Show" Monday that they would cooperate in DNA testing if it would help them get the children back. "Whatever we need to do to get them back in their peaceful homes," a man identified as "Rulan" said. State prosecutors have argued that the FLDS church encourages underage marriages and births, subjecting children to sexual abuse or the imminent risk of

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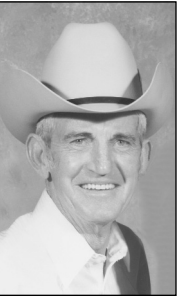
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Obituaries

Alvah 'Fuzz' Minnick



Alvah "Fuzz" Minnick, 84, of Greenwood, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, in Midland. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with John Snider, minister of Greenwood Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 24, 1923, in Erath County to Willie and Nicholas Minnick. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II in the Pacific. His numerous decorations included two Bronze Stars. He married Vada Dunn on April 27, 1942. She preceded him in death Oct. 12, 2002. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation. He was an active member and past president of the Howard County Youth Horseman. He lived in Big Spring for 50 years, moving to Greenwood in 2000. He was a member of the Greenwood Church of Christ.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Minnick and his wife, Brenda, of Big Spring; one daughter, Sheba Zant and her husband, Gene, of Greenwood; one brother, Andrew Minnick and his wife, Katherine, of Lubbock; and one sister, Wanda Bradley of Midland; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

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

Jewell 'Son' Edens



Jewell "Son" Edens, 85, of Big Spring died on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joe Torres of Home Hospice officiating.

He was born Dec. 30, 1922, in Howard County and married Mary Lou Weaver May 31, 1947, in Big Spring.

Mr. Edens served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He had worked as a contractor for 50 years, then as a pumper for CRMWD for seven years, retiring in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Edens of Big Spring; two daughters, Beverly Thompson of Coahoma and Rhonda Robertson of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Dandy and Laura Edens of Big Spring; one brother, Bobby Joe Edens of Big Spring; three sisters, Marie Dennis of Coupland, Louise Tatum of Fort Worth and Patsy Wallace of Humble; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Larry Johnson

Services for Larry Johnson, 48, of Slaton were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2008, in Slaton's Bible Baptist Church. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service in Slaton.

Mr. Johnson died on Sunday, April 13, 2008, in Lubbock.

He was born My 12, 1959, in Lamesa. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1977 and later graduated from the South Plains Association of Governments Law Enforcement Academy. He had worked at the Texas prison system's Montford Unit and as a reserve officer for the Slaton Police Department. He was the Lubbock County Prec. 2 constable and was a member of the Lubbock Lions Club.

He married Belia Gonzales May 27, 2006.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kami Johnson; two sons, Chris Johnson and Bobby Ponce; his mother, Deen Johnson of Lamesa; and a brother, Jerry Johnson of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Les Johnson, in 1990.

The family suggests memorials to Bible Baptist Church, P.O. Box 458, Slaton 79364; or Buckner Baptist Children's Home of Lubbock, 129 Brentwood, Ave., Lubbock 79416.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt

Sgt. Roger Sweatt, 50, a longtime Big Spring police officer, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **MANUEL ESCAMILLA**, 22, of 820 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on nine local *capias* warrants.

- **MELISSA YOUNG**, 38, of 800 S. Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants and charges of resisting arrest, failure to identify and public intoxication.

- **JASON SATTERWHITE**, 25, of San Angelo, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 32, of 1011 Lloyd, was arrested Saturday on a local *capias* warrant, two local warrants and a Howard County warrant.

- **JESUS JAVIER MEIR JR.**, 31, of 912 Baylor, was arrested Saturday on a Midland County warrant.

- **DAVID SINGER**, 45, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BLAKE LYLE**, 26, of 701 Settles, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest and driving while license invalid/suspended.

- **JAMES SIMPSON**, 23, of 2510 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal mischief.

- **ALICIA ROBINSON**, 32, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of forgery.

- **RICHARD MCCORD**, 38, of 1602 Harvard, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERT PEREZ**, 45, of 1601 Harding, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **JUAN MADRID**, 22, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.

- **DAVID SUMMERS**, 30, of 1000 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **EDRION HOUSTON**, 18, of 2507 Albrook, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

- **MEAGAN K. LOPEZ**, 19, of 2507 Albrook, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **JOSEPH OLVERA**, 21, of 311 N.W. 11th Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance.

- **ISAIAS BUJANDA LOYA**, 23, of 2525 Fairchild, was arrested Sunday on a Jefferson County warrant.

- **ANTHONY MORRISON**, 50, of 202 S. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1700 block of Runnels.
- in the 1900 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 600 block of Ninth Street.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1500 block of Marcy.

- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.

- **EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.

- **FORGERY** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

- **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in he 1900 block of Runnels.

- **EVADING ARREST/DETENTION** was reported in the 1200 block of Birdwell Lane.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 1900 block of Morrison.
- in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

- **BURGLARY OR A HABITATION** was reported in the 3600 block of Lajunta.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally.

- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 2600 block of Carleton.
- in the 800 block of Sixth Street.
- in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

- **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 1100 block of 10th Street.

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-20-37-38-39-43.

Number matching six of six: None.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$6 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-19-22-23.

Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$13,227.

Winning tickets sold in: Del Rio and San Antonio.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 7-7-5-4. Sum It Up: 23.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 1-8-6. Sum It Up: 15.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 3-9-2-6. Sum It Up: 20.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-7-2. Sum It Up: 10.

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.

- **SAMANTHA JO HARDEMAN**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

- **PRISCILLA GRACE LOVE**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

- **BRYAN HEATH PEARSON**, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of bail jumping/failure to appear, displaying a fictitious motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving while license invalid/suspended, displaying a registration issued to another vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **MARCUS EVARTS WILKINSON**, 54, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

- **NIKKI LEE SMITH**, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **RHONDA A. HARDY**, 42, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BOBBY LEE AGUERO JR.**, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **NICOLAS CRAIG MILLS**, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of disorderly conduct - fighting, *capias* fine for no valid driver's license and *capias* fine for violation of a promise to appear.

- **JUSTIN RAMIREZ**, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention using a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

- **JASON SATTERWHITE**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **JESSE JAVIER MIER**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **BLAKE LYLE**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and driving while license invalid - DWI related.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **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 Goliad. Service refused.

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the area of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of E. Third Street. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of Lawrence. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3500 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. 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.

Weather

Today — Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Clear. Lows in the mid 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

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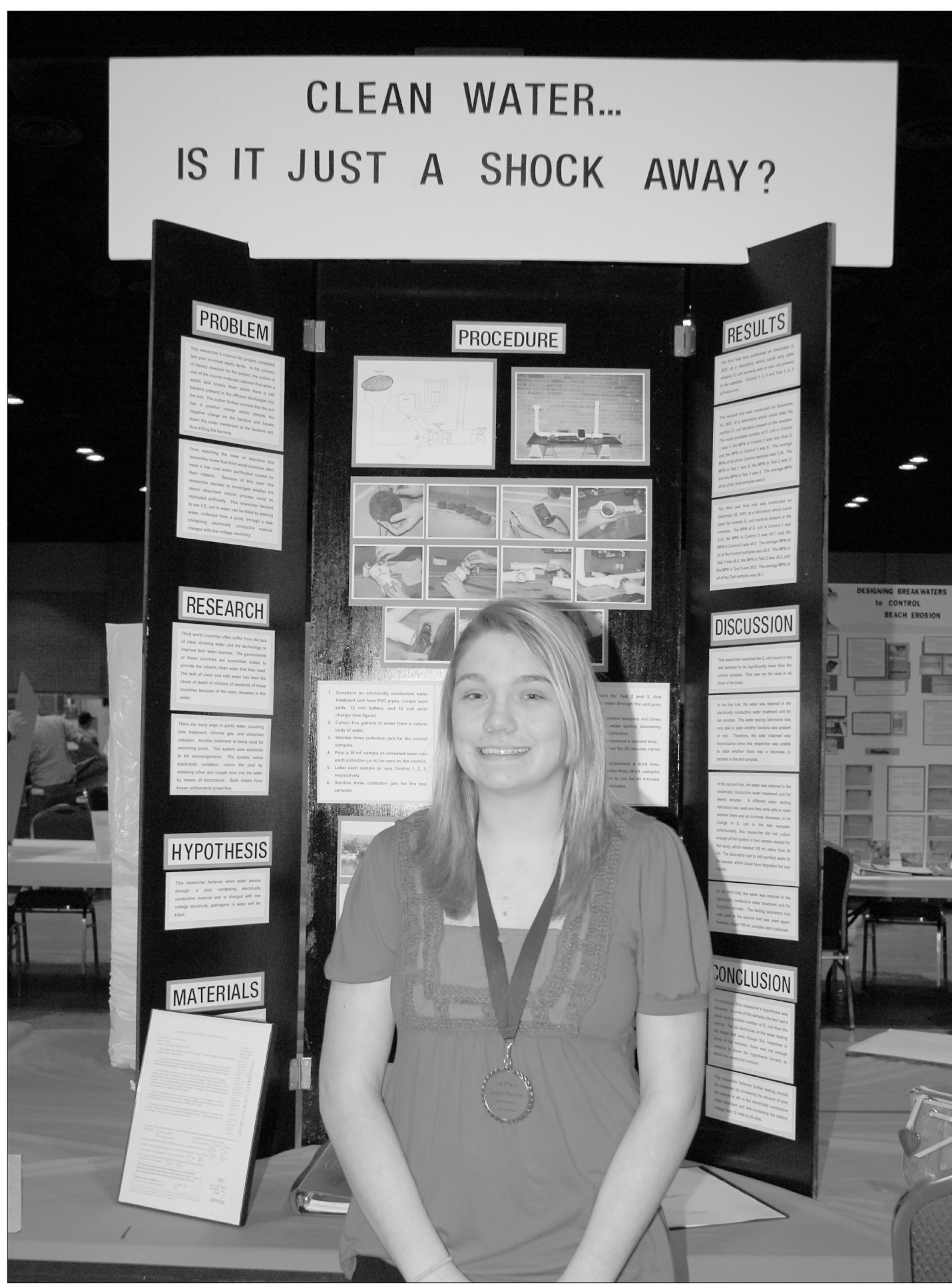
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Hannah Weber of Big Spring High School recently placed first in the Environmental Management category at the Exxon/Mobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio. Weber received a full scholarship to the Governor's Science and Technology Champions' Academy, to be held this summer in San Antonio.

COUNCIL

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complete, having the annex finished in December," said Davis. "The budget for this project is \$325,000."

The council is also expected to approve a contract with local contractor Lee George for the construction of the annex.

Davis said the city's effort to make major renovations to roadways mainly located in the downtown area is being divided into two parks.

"The utility upgrades ahead of the street reconstruction project is the first step in this," said Davis. "This is expected to cost \$1.23 million with bidding expected to begin April 22. This part of the project should take approximately eight months to finish with completion in January 2009.

"The second part of the project — the street reconstruction itself — has a budget of \$5.86 million for the streets and \$429,000 for streetscaping. These aren't hard numbers yet, but we'll be working with the city staff on these in the coming months. We'll authorize for bidding May 20, with construction expected to begin June 23 and lasting approximately 13 months. It should be completed by May 2009."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to consider emergency approval of a specific use permit for J.T. Land Development Inc., giving its final nod to the construction of a travel trailer RV park in the 4100 block of W. Highway 80.

The ordinance, which was originally considered by the council and given a nod on first reading two weeks ago, was expected to reach final consideration Tuesday. However,

because the agenda for the April 8 meeting of the council was not properly posted on the city's bulletin board, city officials said it is being finalized by emergency reading, while several other items are being ratified to make their first readings official.

Also up for emergency reading is an ordinance approving the preliminary/final plat of the Howard County Law Enforcement Center Subdivision, a 6.54 acre tract out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

The ratification process will make all of the April 8 decisions reached by the council official, according to municipal officials.

In new business, the city is expected to consider:

- First reading of a resolution allowing for a project agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wallace Unit, located in Colorado City, for work crews to perform maintenance and work details.

- First reading of an ordinance to align the local definition of a junked vehicle with state law, as well amend the notice procedures for abatement of junked vehicle nuisances.

- Approval of an industrial park lease with Richard Nolte for a five-year term for Building 1101 at McMahan Wrinkle Airpark.

- Approval of the purchase of property from the State of Texas.

- Discussion concerning electronic billboards and the 2008 seal coat project

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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REBATES

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\$879,918.83, up 40.05 percent.

Lamesa received \$90,569.58 this month compared to \$74,655.31 a year ago. That's an increase of 21.31 percent. For 2008, Lamesa has taken in \$420,826.57, up 17.9 percent.

Lubbock took in \$3,372,394.85 this April compared to \$3,360,769.45 in April 2007, an increase

of 0.34 percent. Over the first four months of the year, Lubbock has received \$15,838,668.15, an increase of 2.6 percent.

Midland collected \$2,396,679.84 for April 2008. That's 5.57 percent more than the \$2,270,129.36 collected in April 2007. For the year, the Tall City has collected \$11,702,117.63, up 9.85 percent.

Monahans brought in \$123,704.04 this month, a 28.25 percent increase when compared to the

\$96,452.32 received in April 2007. For the year, Monahans has taken in \$494,946.45, up 7.59 percent.

Odessa enjoyed an 11.02 percent upswing in revenues, comparing the \$1,765,797.39 received this month to the \$1,590,440.57 collected last April. For the year, Odessa has received \$7,545,315.59, up 6.55 percent.

Pecos, which ended 2007 at plus 54.5 percent, continued major gains four months into 2008. The city

brought in \$164,073.50 this month, 63.21 percent high than the \$100,525.75 taken in during April 2007. For the short expanse of 2008, Pecos has taken in \$624,755.12, up 68.27 percent.

A much more modest 3.25 percent increase greeted San Angelo this month, which brought in \$1,382,303.23 compared to \$1,338,777.55 in April 2007. For the year, San Angelo has received \$6,345,302.11, up 4.87 percent.

Snyder brought in

\$209,886.55, a whopping 46.78 percent increase over the \$142,990.49 collected in April 2007. This year, Snyder has received \$903,047.62, a 35.21 percent increase.

In Stanton, officials compared this month's receipts of \$29,070.10 to \$20,380.33 in April 2007 — a 42.63 percent hike. For 2008, the Martin County seat has collected \$112,052.18, up 53.78 percent.

Sweetwater brought in \$215,330.61 this month, up

18.11 percent compared to the \$182,303.42 received in April 2007. For the year, Sweetwater has collected \$933,383.63, up 11.35 percent.

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SECT

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abuse. "Rulan" said sect members are reconsidering whether girls under 18 should have sex with adult men.

"Many of us perhaps were not even aware of such a law," he said. "And we do reconsider, yes. We teach our children to abide the law."

When the DNA sampling is completed, state officials will begin to relocate some of the 416 children from the coliseum and will separate the children younger than 4 years from adult mothers.

Officials say family relationships in the sect can be confusing to outsiders because the children of more than one wife live

in the same household.

The children identify all the women in the house as their mothers, and if a father leaves the community, children and mothers are reassigned to another man, a child welfare investigator testified during a hearing last week.

Mothers of the youngest children had been allowed to stay with the children before the judge's order on Friday. But that arrangement will end after they are moved from the coliseum, Azar said.

He said it's not clear how soon the children will be moved, but state workers will try to keep them grouped together with siblings or others from the community.

They'll also try to shield the children, raised in an

insular community with no television and little contact with outsiders, from overexposure to mainstream society.

"We're going to try to keep the children in groups so I don't think we're talking about your traditional foster setting," Azar said.

After two days of testimony, Walther ordered that all the children swept up in the raid of the Eldorado compound remain in state custody.

The custody case is one of the nation's largest and most complicated. The ruling Friday capped two days of testimony that sometimes became disorderly as hundreds of lawyers for children and parents competed to defend their clients in two rooms linked by a

video feed.

The children, including 130 children younger than 4 years and two dozen adolescent boys, will receive individual hearings before June 5.

Law enforcement officers raided the Yearning For Zion Ranch on April 3. The raid was prompted by calls made to a family violence shelter, purportedly by a 16-year-old girl who said her 50-year-old husband beat and raped

her. That girl has never been identified.

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OTHER VIEWS

Political stalemate is weighing most heavily on troops

Regarding the war in Iraq, the United States is in political stalemate: President Bush refuses to begin a general withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, but Democrats lack the votes in Congress to force one. The burden of the stalemate falls most heavily on U.S. troops who have served in Iraq, do now — and will for the foreseeable future.

Although some units sent as part of last year's "surge" are now coming home and won't be replaced, the president announced Thursday that after July the number of troops in Iraq will be kept at 140,000.

So, barring some wonderful, unexpected development in Iraq in the next few months, the stalemate will not be broken until at least November, when the American people will elect a new president.

Gen. David Petraeus, the American commander of coalition forces in Iraq, advised against reducing the number of U.S. troops below 140,000, as many Democrats in Congress want. But he also said that if conditions in Iraq deteriorate after bringing home about 20,000 troops by this summer, he does not expect to ask for more troops.

While the general maintained there has been "fragile and reversible" progress in Iraq, he also admitted, "We haven't turned any corners. We haven't seen any lights at the end of the tunnel. The Champagne bottle's been pushed to the back of the refrigerator."

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the presumed Republican nominee for president, said, "We are no longer staring into the abyss."

But neither Petraeus nor Ambassador Ryan Crocker could shine any light on how much longer U.S. troops will be needed in Iraq or even just how they would define "victory."

How much longer this can go on without doing more damage to our own troops, those soldiers and Marines who not only do the fighting but have been required to do it again and in some cases yet again, for up to 15 months at a time? The president announced Thursday a welcome new 12-month cap on tours, but that doesn't keep troops from serving more year-long combat tours.

The psychological strain on the troops — and their families — has been enormous. In this war, as any other, troops don't have to be shot or blown up to be deeply wounded. And however willing the troops are to serve, there's something fundamentally wrong with repeatedly calling on them to make sacrifices for a war that most Americans no longer believe in.

In recent months, there have been reports about the Army's heavy loss of mid-career officers, captains and majors, who are exhausted, fed up, traumatized or simply cannot bear to be torn away from their families yet again to fight in Iraq. The Army — the nation — thus loses too many of its most experienced officers in the prime of their potential service.

It's not just a concern about the well-being of individuals who volunteered for military service knowing they could be required to risk losing their lives, as more than 4,000 have in Iraq. It's also a concern about unit readiness. The Pentagon worries that the Army is so worn down in personnel and equipment that it would have trouble effectively fighting an unexpected emergency elsewhere.

The stalemate comes at a heavy cost while Americans debate, and it's the troops paying the price.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, give us our sense of creativity.

Amen

Having war in Iraq both ways

Senator John McCain was firm of voice and steady of gaze as he looked out into the crowd and said: "We are no longer staring into the abyss of defeat, and we can now look ahead to the genuine prospect of success." He was talking about Iraq, oddly enough.

The audience, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was appreciative, which was unsurprising. After all, the VFW was appreciative six years ago when Vice-President Dick Cheney came to them to announce that

there was "no question" that Saddam Hussein had Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The VFW is where politicians go to lie — and receive uncritical support for any war that's going on at the moment.

Senator McCain has done a terrific job of having it both ways on the question of Iraq. He is a staunch supporter of the war — always has been — as well as a severe critic of its conduct. In other words it would have been a perfectly lovely war if only we had fought it better. And, since we're now doing that, the future looks bright.

He brushed by the fact that, even as he spoke, the violence level in Iraq was spiking, casting doubt in the minds of the public as to whether the Surge was working. But not in the minds of administration officials, never

that. McCain has said, famously, that he'd be willing to keep troops in Iraq "for a 100 years," if necessary. When that drew fire he quickly retreated to the position that he meant that only in the sense that we still have troops in Japan, sixty years after World War II. "Only if American troops aren't being shot at or killed," was the way he put it.

Oh, that's OK then, said the wise heads who tell us what to think. So long as they stop killing us we have no objection to staying.

That really begs the question, which is this: How long are you prepared to keep troops in Iraq if they are being shot at, if they are being killed?

When, if ever, will it be time to say "Enough. We're out of here."

McCain has no answer for that and neither, apparently, do Gen. David Petraeus or Ambassador Ryan Crocker who are running the show for us in Iraq.

The pair of them appeared before Congress last week and presented an absolutely pathetic argument for keeping tens of thousands of troops in Iraq at a cost of \$12 billion-a-month!

Asked again and again by Senators and Congresspersons to give a hint as to how we will know, finally, that we've won in Iraq and when that great day might be expected, they had no answers. None.

All they could tell us was that things, as bad as they are now, would get worse if we leave.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing to come out of the Petraeus-

Crocker hearings was Crocker's statement: "In the end, how we leave and what we leave behind will be more important than how we came."

If you believe that, you probably voted to re-elect George Bush.

I was reminded "how we came" to Iraq last month by PBS's brilliant four-hour documentary "Bush's War."

To watch it was a grinding, infuriating experience. Our path to Iraq was paved with willful ignorance, false assumptions, self-delusion and outright lies.

At every turn strong evidence that argued against our attack on Iraq was ignored in favor of much weaker evidence that supported the Bush-Cheney mania for war.

The show is not an anti-war polemic; it is a carefully balanced, thoroughly documented record of how we got into this mess. And it is a shameful story of duplicity and hubris.

In a nation that took democracy seriously George Bush and Dick Cheney would have been impeached, not re-elected.

And now some analysts are saying that John McCain, a true believer in the war, might be our next president.

That 100 years in Iraq is beginning to sound optimistic.

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DONALD KAUL



Liberal? You can count me in

"I'm proud to be a liberal." That was John F. Kennedy back in 1960. You haven't heard too many people in public life saying that in recent years, but I think you'll be hearing a lot more of it.

It's true that right-wing strategists have worked for years to turn 'liberal' into a bad word, even before the likes of Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter and Sean Hannity equated liberalism with America-hating and God-hating.

But Kennedy was right that liberals have a lot to be proud of. Liberal ideals animated our nation's founders and motivated millions of Americans to work for an end to slavery and child labor, for laws protecting civil rights and voting rights, and to challenge deeply rooted discrimination.

The ideals in the Declaration of Independence have inspired generations of Americans and influenced the establishment of liberal democracies around the globe. A free and open society and economy and individual rights such as freedom of religion and protection against unreasonable search and seizure are essential to prevent abuses of power. These liberal ideals were built into our constitutional framework and are central to the American Way.



KATHRYN KOLBERT

We urgently need to resurrect them — unchecked executive power has led us down an extraordinarily dangerous path. Justice is in the hands of President Bush and his political cronies, and they have betrayed our ideals by condoning torture and warrantless spying and by undermining constitutional checks and balances.

But our problem is not just an imperial president. Congress has not stepped up to the task of checking the Bush administration's abuse of power. Meanwhile the Supreme Court, which is supposed to guard our liberties, is busy doing the opposite.

With the addition of Bush's nominees — Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito — the Supreme Court is fast erasing a long and proud tradition of protecting the individual from abuses by government and big business.

Fortunately voters will have a huge opportunity this November to halt this effort to close the courthouse doors to everyday Americans who are wronged by powerful interests.

This fall, Americans will elect a new president and a number of new senators. They will determine whether or not the court preserves meaningful access to justice over the coming decades. The stakes could not be higher.

Americans have seen, felt, and paid dearly for the immense damage done to our freedoms, our nation's economy, and our standing in the world by those who revile liberalism. But now the tide

is turning and a wave of energy and activism is washing across the country.

Polling confirms that most Americans share "liberal" values and views on crucial issues like healthcare, the environment, the economy, and equal rights for minorities and gays and lesbians. That's even more true for younger Americans of every political and religious stripe. Relevant, a magazine for young evangelicals, recently surveyed its readers: when asked to characterize their "political views on social issues (healthcare, poverty)," the most frequent answer, at 44 percent, was "liberal."

Some of my friends are more comfortable describing themselves as progressive. I understand the power of progressivism, and I, too, embrace it. But I proudly call myself a liberal and am grateful for the opportunity to advance the ideals and constitutional principles at the heart of this country.

Here's Kennedy again: "if by a 'Liberal' they mean someone who looks ahead and not behind," "welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions," "cares about the welfare of the people — their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights, and their civil liberties...then I'm proud to say I'm a 'Liberal.'"

Count me in.
Kathryn Kolbert is the new president of the liberal advocacy group People For the American Way.
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Recognizing symptoms of stroke or TIA

A cerebrovascular accident (CVA) is commonly referred to as a stroke. It occurs when there is an interruption in normal blood supply to the brain. This interruption can occur when arteries supplying the brain with oxygen-rich blood become blocked by a blood clot or plaque (ischemic stroke) or as the result of a leaking or ruptured blood vessel in the brain (hemorrhagic stroke).

Another condition asso-

ciated with a stroke is a transient ischemic attack (TIA), often described as a mini-stroke. Although many of the same symptoms occur in the event of all three conditions, there are signs and

symptoms unique to each. Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke or

TIA and seeking immediate medical care can greatly improve the chances of avoiding mental and physical disability or even death.

Those experiencing either type of stroke or a TIA may complain of:

- A severe headache;
- Weakness, numbness, or paralysis of the face or extremities on one side of the body;
- Difficulty walking;
- Loss of balance or coordination;
- Dizziness;
- Vision problems, such as blurred or double

vision;

— Trouble speaking clearly, including slurred speech;

— Confusion or trouble understanding communication.

Stroke symptoms may begin and progress suddenly or gradually develop over the course of days. Symptoms of an ischemic stroke are generally focused on one side of the body, whereas the symptoms of a hemorrhagic stroke may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, confusion, neck stiffness, dizziness,

seizures and/or unconsciousness.

TIA symptoms closely mimic those symptoms of an ischemic stroke, but are usually short-lived. TIAs should be viewed as a stroke warning sign because individuals who experience TIA are much more likely to have a stroke.

Strokes are the third-leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of a stroke or TIA and seeking immediate medical

treatment can minimize the effects of a stroke and greatly improve your chances of avoiding permanent physical and mental disability, or even death.

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Meatballs worthy of grandma's gravy

American Institute for Cancer Research

This week's meal makeover sets its eyes on the beloved meatball. With a slightly lighter texture than traditional varieties, our reinvented chicken meatballs are just as versatile as the original. Moist and flavorful, these meatballs are great as a stand-alone appetizer or the perfect companion to whole-wheat pasta and sauce.

Contrary to popular belief, meatballs are not solely claimed by Italian cuisine; they have played a part in the culinary history of many cultures. Food historians cannot say for sure where the first meatball originated, but Apicius, an ancient Roman gourmet born in 25 AD, references the dish in an early cookbook.

As with traditional meatballs, the egg and breadcrumbs in this recipe act as a binder and allow the mixture to retain a moist texture. Whole-wheat breadcrumbs are used to increase the fiber and a hint of Parmesan cheese imparts a notable richness.

While fresh herbs are



always a great addition, given its moistness, this is one dish where use of dried seasonings is recommended.

One of the secrets to a great tasting meatball is in the molding of the meat. Make sure your meatballs are firm enough to bind together, but beware of packing them too densely. While the meatballs should be cooked thoroughly, be sure not to overcook them as they may become dry and less tender.

This recipe makes about two-dozen petite meatballs. Double the recipe and freeze the

extra meatballs to help hasten your prep time for next time. Because once you taste them, they're destined to become a family favorite.

Chicken Meatballs

- 1 lb. ground chicken breast
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place all ingredients in

a medium size mixing bowl. Hand-knead mixture until evenly mixed. Make 1-inch balls from mixture.

Using a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over high heat. Cook meatballs until all sides are browned, about 8 or 9 minutes.

Remove with slotted spoon and place on a plate covered with paper towels. Add to your favorite homemade spaghetti sauce and serve.

Makes 6 servings (4 meatballs per serving).

Per serving: 190 calories, 9 g total fat (2.5 g saturated fat), 0 g carbo-

NUTRITIONWISE

Q: Does the type of pizza crust you choose really make that much difference?

A: Each restaurant makes their pizza a little differently, but choosing a thin crust pizza can save from 30 to 120 calories per slice compared to thicker hand-tossed crusts. Deep-dish pizza crust can add up to 50 calories to each slice. If you get a crust that is stuffed with extra cheese, calories go up by another 30 calories per slice.



KAREN COLLINS MS, RD, CDN

Looking beyond calories, more and more places offer the option of whole-wheat crust. With more fiber and nutrients, that's an option that definitely boosts the nutritional value of your pizza.

Q: Is it true that moldy food can cause cancer?

A: Moldy food only causes cancer when it's the type of mold that produces aflatoxins, which are known carcinogens. This contamination occurs mainly when peanuts or grains are improperly stored in warm, damp climates for long periods of time. Levels of aflatoxin contamination are highest in some areas of Africa as well as South-East Asia, where food inspection is less common. In the U.S., crops are monitored to remove any potential problems and screening of imported foods is tightly regulated.

Other types of mold don't cause cancer, but can cause allergic reactions or respiratory problems or produce toxins that make you sick. Not all mold is harmful, however. Some mold, like that present in blue cheese, provides distinct flavor characteristics with no toxic side effects.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has information on its Web site (www.fsis.usda.gov) that can help you identify when food is unsafe to eat.

Food that is porous, like bread, or that has a high moisture content, like yogurt, tomatoes, peaches and meat, allows mold to spread below the surface. Discard these if you see mold.

Firm, low-moisture vegetables (such as carrots or bell peppers) and hard cheese (such as cheddar) are considered safe as long as you cut away the entire mold spot with a one-inch margin without letting your knife touch the mold.

Q: Does eating breakfast really help weight control?

A: Research suggests that it usually does. In a new study of more than 6,700 men and women, those who consumed the smallest proportion of their daily calories at breakfast gained 50 percent more weight over the study period than those who got more of their calories earlier in the day.

These findings echo the results of a similar study published last year that looked at the eating habits of 20,000 men, middle-aged and older. Breakfast eaters, the study reports, were 25 percent less likely to gain a significant amount of weight (11 pounds or more) over a 10-year follow-up time period. Studies in teenagers also link skipping breakfast with overweight, obesity and weight gain.

Researchers note that breakfast may directly affect metabolism or may simply help weight control less directly by decreasing extra calories from morning snacking or larger lunches. Note, however, that what you eat for breakfast is just as important. Choosing high-fat, high-calorie breakfasts items at fast food restaurants or diners (many of which tally up to 800 calories) can quickly negate the weight-controlling benefits of eating breakfast in the first place.

Start walking today, it's a powerful way to lose weight

By **DRS. KAY JUDGE and MAXINE BARISH-WREDEN**

McClatchy Newspapers

Wednesday was the second annual Start! Walking Day, a campaign developed by the American Heart Association to encourage employers all across the country to provide incentives for their employees to walk at work.

Why is walking at work important?

Walking is a simple exercise that almost anyone can do anywhere.

While walking may not burn calories like more vigorous activities, it adds, leading to big differences in who is lean and who is overweight. Regular walking, as little as 30 minutes per day, also lowers your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, dementia, depression, osteoporosis, arthritis and cancer. It also boosts your immune system and may retard aging.

Dr. James Levine at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota has done studies showing that the calories people burn during daily nondescript activity is far more powerful in helping people to maintain or lose weight than the time they spend at

the gym; he also has helped identify why some people are thin and some are fat.

How did he do this? He and his colleagues devised a clever device that would measure all movement that a person did during the day. They fitted this device onto two groups of people — one group was thin, the other overweight — and they measured their daily activity.

What they found was that the thin folks moved, on average, 2-1/2 hours more each day than the overweight folks, burning about 350 calories from this movement. The thin group also tended not to gain weight even when overfed; they just moved more.

Exactly what kind of activities did these thin people do? No, they weren't running marathons; they just stood more, walked, fidgeted and used their arms and hands when they talked.

In one of his recent studies published in the journal *Diabetes*, Levine showed that thin people walked on average 3-1/2 miles per day more than their overweight counterparts; and when both thin and overweight folks were overfed,

they all started to walk less. Overeating seemed to increase the tendency to move less, which then increased the risk for weight gain.

It may seem impossible to reach a fitness goal, especially if you are trying to do something gargantuan, like losing 50 to 100 pounds or more. But consider this: An average tortilla or potato chip has about 12 to 14 calories — not much to worry about, right? But, eat one extra potato chip a day for 20 years, and you'll put on 25 to 29 pounds just from that one chip. And, just three minutes of moderately brisk walking a day (at 3 mph) will burn off those 13 calories.

Can you become one of those restless, fidgety people who naturally burn calories? You may not be genetically programmed to do that, but by putting yourself into environments that encourage more physical activity, you will cultivate your own capacity to move.

So, why not start a walking program where you work? Call your Heart Association office at (916) 446-6505 for a Start! Walking Day tool kit.

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Descendant of Alamo survivor wants her remains moved to Texas State Cemetery

AUSTIN (AP) — A descendant of Alamo survivor Susanna Dickinson wants to have her remains moved to Texas State Cemetery, the burial place of many notable Texans.

But Harry Bradley, the Texas State Cemetery superintendent, said that the woman making the request must prove that she is the closest living descendent of Dickinson before she can submit a formal application. Bradley won't name the woman making the request.

State cemetery officials said that last month, a distant descendent of Dickinson's fifth husband inquired about reburial.

Dickinson, who died in 1883, is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, which dates to 1839 and is the oldest of the five cemeteries maintained by the city. It's located about five blocks from the Texas State Cemetery, which is the burial place of well-known Texans including former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and former U.S. Reps. Barbara Jordan and Jake Pickle.

David Coleman, a contract administrator on cemetery issues for the city, said officials will not sign off on the project until there is proof or until the applicant gets the consent of the closest descendent.

Dickinson survived the battle at the Alamo, and Mexican President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna instructed her to deliver the news of the fort's fall to Texas Gen. Sam Houston. Dickinson eventually married Joseph Hannig and settled in Austin.

Craddick still making gains before House votes on his fourth term as leader

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, who only months ago seemed to be hanging on to his powerful job by a thread, has emerged from the latest round of elections considerably strengthened. For now anyway.

After fending off a bitter palace coup attempt last year, Craddick gained more supporters than he lost in primary elections March 4 and in the April 8 runoffs.

But a more telling indication of Craddick's momentum came last week, after the primary and runoffs were settled: one of his most ardent critics, Republican Rep. Todd Smith of Bedford, announced his allegiance to the one-time foe.

Smith told Texas Weekly, an online political newsletter, that since the primary results, he no longer believes another Republican can beat Craddick.

"The facts changed and I am reacting to the facts ... I no longer see a scenario where we get a Republican speaker who is not Craddick," Smith said.

Two of Craddick's biggest wins came in West Texas with the defeat of veteran Republicans who had joined the effort to overthrow him. Both Republican Rep. Pat Haggerty of El Paso and Rep. Buddy West of Odessa were defeated by Craddick allies.

Newspaper: Judges choose select group of lawyers for juvenile cases in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A relatively small number of lawyers regularly receive nearly half the tax-funded appointments to represent poor defendants in juvenile court in Houston, and many of the attorneys are contributors to the judges making the appointments, a newspaper analysis shows.

Criticized as cronyism by some, the appointments have made several attorneys between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a year, according to payment records from January 2005 to February 2008 reviewed by the Houston Chronicle.

The system also has saddled some lawyers with

heavy caseloads. Nearly half of all juvenile delinquency appointments have gone to about two dozen of the nearly 165 attorneys vying to represent young offenders, payment records show.

Parents have complained of lawyers who don't return phone calls, continually reset hearings or pressure their children to plead guilty to crimes they say they didn't commit.

Court-appointed attorneys given the most cases say talent and tenacity get them more work. The three judges in the juvenile courts defend the system and deny playing favorites.

High-speed shootout ends in crash, one unidentified man left dead

MERCEDES (AP) — A man was killed after shots were fired as his vehicle and another raced side-by-side and his car crashed, authorities said.

The man lost control of the car at some point, hit a tree and flipped several times, authorities said. Officials said Sunday that they did not yet know if the man — who was traveling alone — was killed by the bullets or the accident.

"We won't know until the autopsy" possibly later this week, Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino told The Monitor in McAllen. "We do know he was struck (by bullets) more than one time."

Authorities were searching for the other car, which Trevino said fled the scene after the accident. Authorities suspect there were at least three men in the car.

Trevino said deputies were working to identify the dead man, who was not carrying any identification.

Three family members drown in boating accident on Sabine Lake

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Three family members drowned and three others survived by clinging to their capsized boat for about 12 hours on Southeast Texas' Sabine Lake, authorities said.

The three died of drowning, with hypothermia as a contributing cause, Justice of the Peace Brad Burnett said. Authorities identified the three who died as: Carolyn Williams, 55, and her sons-in-law — Christopher Ross, 25, and Cedric Blount, 28,

Williams, her husband, two daughters and their husbands set out from a boat ramp at about 6 p.m. Saturday to go fishing.

A wave hit the boat about two hours later and it began to take on water. Then a second wave capsized the 16-foot aluminum craft, dumping the family into the lake, Port Arthur police said.

By clinging to the sides of the boat, the father and his daughters survived the night. They were rescued after fishermen alerted the police to the accident at about 7 a.m. Sunday.

"It was just a terrible accident," Burnett said. Authorities say two of the three victims were wearing life jackets.

TSA encounters brief metal detector problem at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Some passengers on two American Airlines flights had to be rescreened after security officers with the Transportation Security Administration discovered that a walkthrough metal detector at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport wasn't working for 18 minutes.

TSA spokesman Greg Soule said 19 passengers went through the detector during that time frame Sunday. They determined

that the 19 were on flights to either Birmingham, Ala., or Las Vegas.

Soule said that passengers who had connecting flights were rescreened and those whose flights ended in those two cities were allowed to continue on their way.

He said there were no problems on either flight. Passenger Russ Jensen of Knoxville, Tenn., said that those arriving on the flight to Las Vegas were placed on a bus and taken around to the front of the airport, where they could go to baggage claim.

Gregg County officials investigate deaths of elderly couple; truck found in Longview

LONGVIEW (AP) — Authorities on Sunday were investigating the death of two 83-year-old Gregg County residents whose truck was found later in Longview.

The bodies of Bennie Neil Killingsworth and his wife, June Whatley Killingsworth, were sent to the Dallas medical examiner for an autopsy. Sheriff's officials on Sunday declined to make any comment on their cause of death.

"This is a very complex investigation and we are methodically working every aspect of the crime," Sheriff's Lt. Mike Claxton said in a statement. "We are not releasing specifics of the investigation until we receive preliminary results for the crime scene, truck and the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office."

Their bodies were found Saturday evening by a son. Claxton told the Longview News-Journal that authorities believe the deaths occurred late Friday.

Claxton said the couple's truck was stolen and discovered abandoned behind a business in Longview on Saturday.

Investigators with the sheriff's office and the Texas Rangers continued examining the Killingsworth home and the truck on Sunday, Claxton said.

High-risk intubation procedure questioned for emergency medical crews in Texas

FORT WORTH (AP) — The discretion Texas gives emergency medical crews to perform a risky intubation procedure is being questioned by critics who say unqualified paramedics are putting patients in avoidable danger, according to a newspaper report.

At least two people have died in Texas and another left permanently disabled after paramedics transporting patients bungled the intubation and deprived them of oxygen, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The procedure, known as Rapid Sequence Intubation, is tightly regulated or even prohibited by some states, which cite the difficulty of mastering the technique and the potentially deadly consequences when botched.

In Texas, state health officials leave the decision to emergency medical services units. Policies on allowing intubation can contrast even between ambulance crews in neighboring cities.

"Even in a nice, clean environment in an emergency department, it can be a challenging procedure," said Tim Price, state medical adviser for the Kentucky Board of EMS. "You can't just sort of willy-nilly give this over to (EMS) providers in the state."

Texas officials acknowledge a risk in allowing RSI to be used without restriction. But they also say making it off-limits can decrease chances to save lives.

FLOWERS

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"What we're trying to do is win the Governor's Achievement Award," Barr said. "If we win it, we can use that money to fund beautification projects on (Texas Department of Public Safety) roads."

KBSB will submit a portfolio summarizing its projects to state officials at the end of the year and will learn whether it has won the award sometime in 2009, Barr said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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IN BRIEF

Steers tennis start regional tourney in San Angelo today

Four tennis players from Big Spring High School begin play in the Class 4A, Region I tournament today in San Angelo.

Jeremy Landin represents BSHS in boys' singles and drew the tournament's top seeded player in Wichita Falls Rider's Chase Curry.

Keely Parnell also drew the top seed in the girls' singles bracket, matching up with Wichita Falls High's Liza Hagerman.

The boys' doubles team of Ainhan Nghiem and Jonathan Ray drew the third seeded team, Birdville's Baron/Zenor.

BSHS Tennis Coach Pete Lara feels that all four athletes have a chance of advancing far if they can overcome their tough first round draws.

"The bracket sets up nicely for both singles players and our doubles team if they can get past their first round matches," Lara said. "I think very highly of these kids. Either they're going to show up to play or they're going home early. It's now or never. It all comes down to experience and the amount of effort put into their game."

Country club hosts scramble benefiting cancer society

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday with all proceeds from the event benefiting the 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 first-round 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 third-place teams in the form of BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

Forsan softball vs. Eldorado for district's top playoff seed at Angelo State University, 6 p.m.

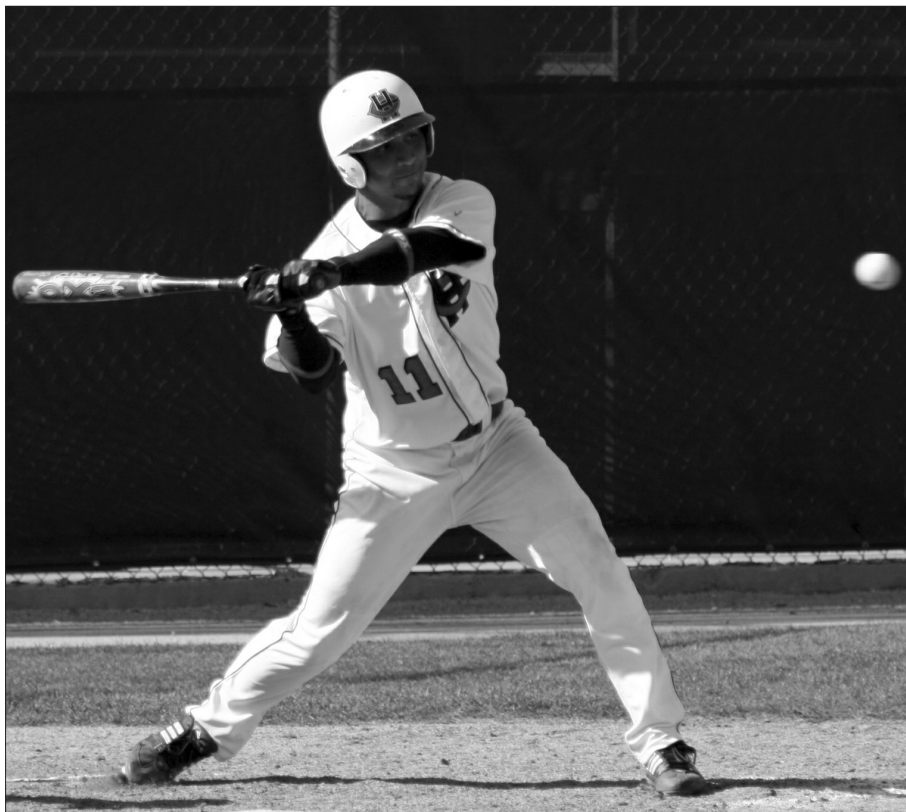
Big Spring baseball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 4:30 p.m.

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

Coahoma baseball vs. Anson, 7 p.m.

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No. 2 Hawks take three of four from MC



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks third baseman Andrew Collazo swings at a pitch in action at Jack Barber Field earlier this season. Collazo and the Hawks won three games over the weekend in a four-game series with Midland College.

Herald Staff Report

Midland College's Chaparrals may have gotten a false impression about how well they could compete with the No. 2 Howard College Hawks Friday as the Chaps stole Game 1 of a doubleheader, opening a four-game WJCAC series.

The Chaps took advantage of five Hawks' fielding errors and four wild pitches by Howard starter Pedro Villareal (2-1) for a 14-8 victory in the first game. However, the Chaps had no such luck in the final three games of the series as Howard dominated Games 2-4, winning each by a run rule.

An obviously more focused Howard team took the field in Game 2, particularly at the plate. Tyler Ladendorf led the Hawks' 14-5 blitz in the second game, going 3-for-5 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored as Howard ended the game in the seventh inning via the run rule.

Travis Sample was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Josh Riley went 2-for-4 with two doubles as the

Hawks collected 16 hits in the affair.

Colt Simon (11-1) claimed the win, rebounding from his first loss of the season he suffered last week against Odessa College.

Whatever momentum the Hawks' picked up in that second game carried over to Saturday's doubleheader as Howard put a wrap on the four-game series, sweeping the Chaps right out of Big Spring with 24-5 and 17-9 victories.

The Hawks scored at least five runs in every inning in Game 3 as the game was called after four innings.

The Hawks collected 17 hits with Ladendorf, Cameron Monger and Miles Hamblin each hitting home runs.

Anthony Collazo picked up the win for Howard, pitching all four innings.

The Hawks continued hitting the ball hard in Game 4, although it took a little longer for the bats to heat up. Howard

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Coahoma finishes district undefeated

Bulldogettes earn first-round bye in Class 2A postseason

Herald Staff Report

Turns out the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball team isn't invulnerable. They are, however, still perfect as far as their district record is concerned.

The Bulldogettes wrapped up District 5-2A play Saturday after playing their second game is as many days, shutting out Anson 10-0. However, a district foe finally scored a run on Coahoma Friday, when Merkel kept pace with the Bulldogettes for five innings in an 8-1 Coahoma victory.

Trailing 2-1 after visitor's side of the first inning in Merkel, the Lady Badgers took advantage of Coahoma fielding errors to post the first run against the Bulldogettes by a district opponent this season.

Merkel starting pitcher Sarah Leggett once again baffled Coahoma's batters for most of the game, holding the Bulldogettes to two runs for five innings. However, Coahoma finally caught up to Leggett in the top of the sixth and scored six runs in the final two frames of the contest.

Heather Newton picked up the win, allowing one unearned run on two hits while striking out 11 batters. The Bulldogettes committed five errors in the field.

Laci Sterling and Janice Gonzales were each 2-for-3 with two RBIs, leading Coahoma at the plate.

Saturday's shut out victory over Anson was much closer to what Coahoma has become accustomed to in district play. The Bulldogettes scored all 10 of their runs in the first three innings and coasted to the 10-run mercy rule victory from there.

Katie Dunn was the winning pitcher, shutting out Anson for the second time this season. Dunn gave up two hits and a walk while striking out seven Lady Tigers' batters.

Kamron Ward was the losing pitcher for Anson, giving up 10 runs — nine earned — on nine hits and five walks while striking out four batters.

Sterling and Gonzales continued their hot hitting with each going 2-for-3 with two RBIs in a second consecutive game. Sterling had a triple and Gonzales hit two doubles.

The Bulldogettes get a first-round bye in the playoffs, but will play Levelland Tuesday and Monahans Friday in practice games.

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W — Katie Dunn. L — Kamron Ward. 2B: CHS — Gonzales 2. 3B: CHS — Sterling. RBI: CHS — Gonzales 2, Sterling 2, Joanna Gonzales 2, Kerby.



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Coahoma Bulldogettes shortstop Shelbi Paige makes a throw to first to retire a batter in action from earlier this season. The Bulldogettes wrapped up District 5-2A play this weekend, finishing with a perfect 12-0 record.

Loss drops Bulldogs into second-place tie

Herald Staff Report

MERKEL — Everything appeared to be playing out the way the Coahoma Bulldogs baseball team needed it to within District 5-2A play.

The Bulldogs had worked themselves into a share for the 5-2A title and only needed to win their final two games to at least force a one-game playoff with Hawley for district's top playoff seed.

Coahoma still appears headed to be forced to play a one-game playoff, but not for first place.

The Bulldogs dropped an important game to Merkel's Badgers, 7-6, Friday and as a result dropped into a second-place tie with the Badgers. The two squads each have one game remaining with the Bulldogs wrapping up their regular season against Anson Tuesday in Coahoma. Merkel hosts Colorado City on the same day.

If both teams lose or win, then a one-game playoff to decide the

second and third seeds coming out of the district and into the postseason will be played Friday in either Sweetwater or Snyder. Both squads enter the final game of its season favored to win.

"This is a tough loss. Hawley had just lost and put us in a position where we just had to win two games and probably force a playoff," Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman said. "We didn't keep our focus and let Merkel stick around too long and win the game."

The game was played at a hurried pace through the fifth inning with Coahoma starter Donnie Garcia and Merkel's Chisum Cope locked in a 1-1 pitcher's duel. However, Merkel answered a brief 2-1 Bulldogs' lead in the bottom of the sixth inning with five runs, jumping out to a 6-2 advantage with one inning to play.

The Bulldogs fought back from the deficit, scoring four runs to tie the game in the top of the sev-

enth. However, Merkel was able to strand three Bulldogs runners as Coahoma left the bases loaded at the end of an inning for the second time in the contest.

With the score tied, Merkel loaded the bases with one out and a bloop single to right field scored the winning run.

"There's a big positive to take away from this game with the way we fought back in the seventh inning," Harman said. "We're not going to win many games stranding runners like we did. We left the bases loaded twice and had runners on second and third another time. No one can win leaving 10 runners in scoring position on base."

Garcia pitched five innings, giving up five runs — two earned — on six hits while striking out five batters. Ray Gutierrez finished the game, relieving Garcia in the sixth inning. Gutierrez gave up two earned runs on four hits, striking out two batters in the process.

He was also the Bulldogs top hitter, finishing 2-for-5 with three RBIs. There was only one extra base hit by either team in the game and it came off the bat of Coahoma's Adrian Amaro, who had a double.

Coahoma plays Anson at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Harman says the team must use the game to refocus before starting a playoff run.

"I don't want to take anything away from Merkel, but we beat them by 10 the first time we played them. We have got to realize that we have to show up to play up to our abilities from here on out. Everything after Tuesday is a playoff game," he said. "We've got to play more confidently. For us to only get six hits in a game is very uncharacteristic of this team. We're a good team, but it's time to put it all together. We're yet to play our best baseball and that's still a good thing as long as our best starts to come out in the next couple weeks."

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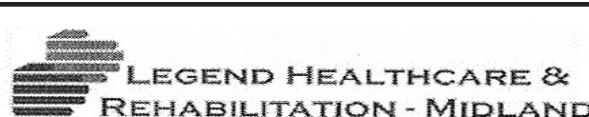
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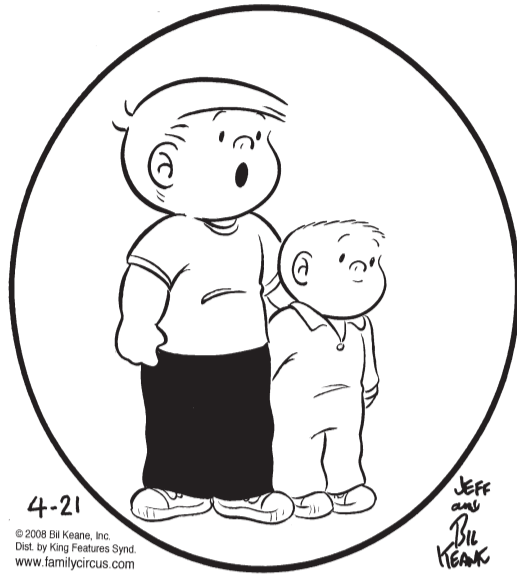
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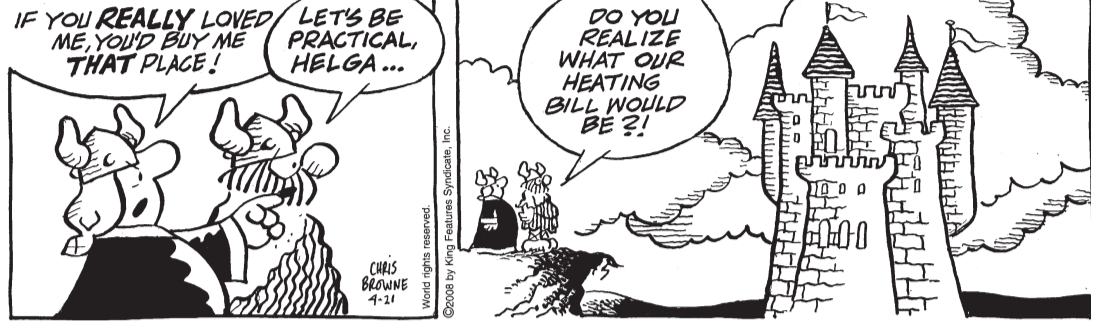
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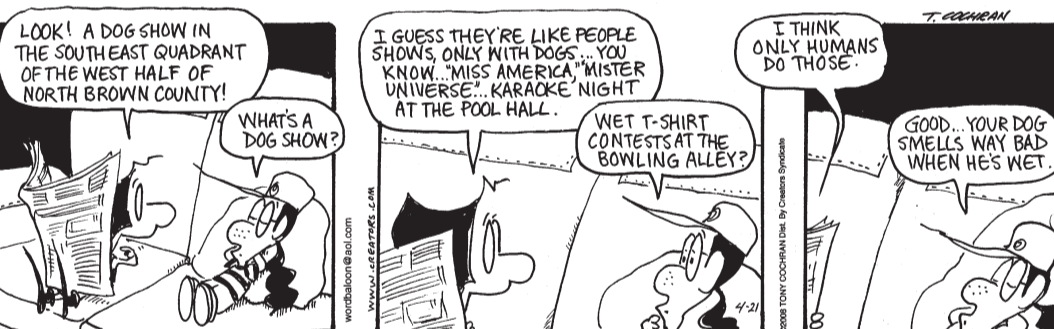
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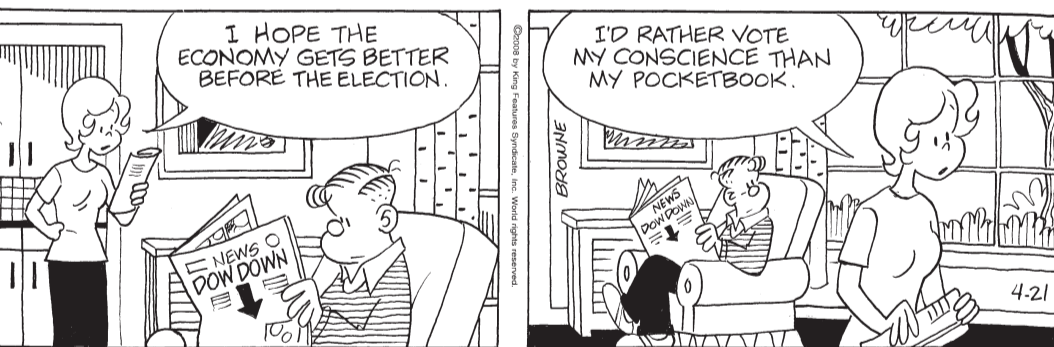
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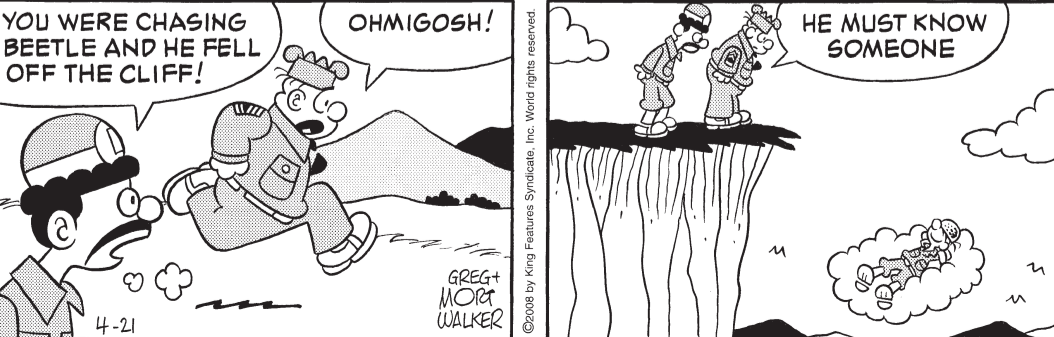
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Today is Monday, April 21, the 112th day of 2008. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 21, 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

On this date: In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1816, Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," was born in Thornton, England.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "\$64 question," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

In 1977, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway.

One year ago: The Fallujah, Iraq, city council chairman, Sami Abdul-Amir al-Jumaili, a critic of al-Qaida who had taken the job after his three predecessors were assassinated, was himself killed by attackers in a passing car.

American billionaire Charles "Today's Birthdays: Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick")

is 93. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 82. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 76. Actor Charles Grodin is 73. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 61. Singer-songwriter Paul Davis is 60. Actress Patti LuPone is 59. Actor Tony Danza is 57. Actress Andie MacDowell is 50. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 49. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 49. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 45. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 42. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 38. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 38. Actor James McAvoy is 29.

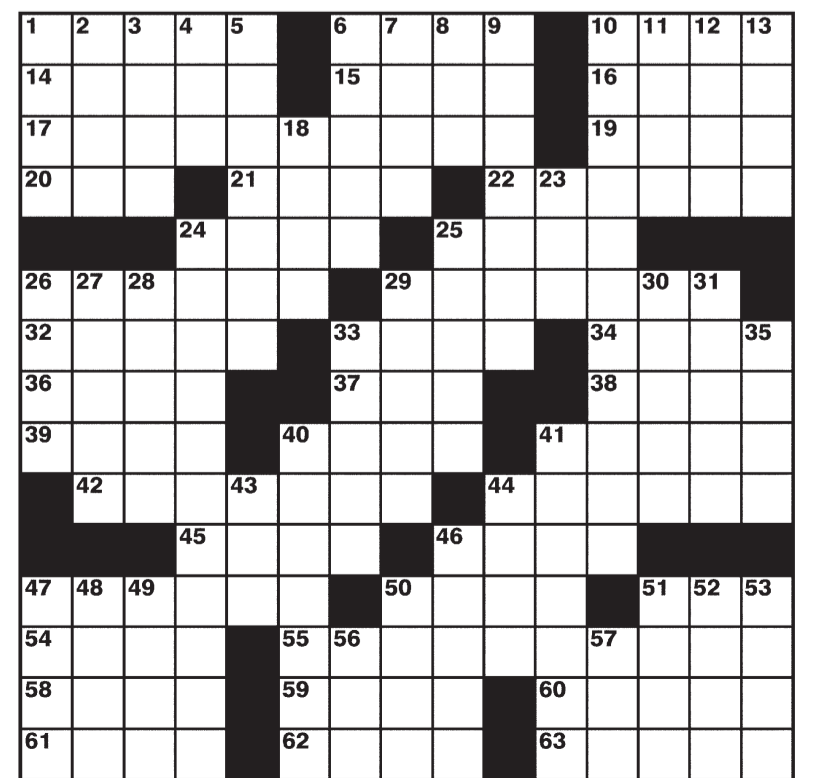
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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Grinding tooth | 1 Planet beyond Earth | 18 Puts on TV |
| 6 French cheese | 2 Fail to include | 23 "...you sure?" |
| 10 Sound of shock | 3 Hauls | 24 Clothing store area |
| 14 Entertain | 4 Fireplace residue | 25 Hauled |
| 15 Not difficult | 5 Keeps possession of | 26 Created a web |
| 16 Creme-filled cookie | 6 Relaxes, as rules | 27 Male voice range |
| 17 One of four in a square | | 28 High-society group |
| 19 Lubricates | | |
| 20 City roads: Abbr. | | |
| 21 Lends a hand | | |
| 22 Cowboy's seat | | |
| 24 Christmas trees | | |
| 25 Pulled apart | | |
| 26 Pub mugs | | |
| 29 Endlessly | | |
| 32 Hits, as with hailstones | | |
| 33 Location | | |
| 34 Midterm or final | | |
| 36 Military group | | |
| 37 Logger's tool | | |
| 38 WXY, on a phone | | |
| 39 Words of denial | | |
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| 41 Fine sprays | | |
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| 45 Metric weight | | |
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Mavs turn Game 2 focus to Paul

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — With a quick behind-the-back dribble, Chris Paul darted left.

Jason Kidd and Jason Terry, who had converged in the back court in an effort to trap the Hornets' playmaker extraordinaire, nearly fell over each other as Paul streaked into the open court.

And there lies the problem for Dallas Mavericks coach Avery Johnson. The Mavs know they have to slow down New Orleans' All-Star point guard, which will often require double teams.

Yet even that doesn't always work against a ball-handling wizard as clever as Paul.

Paul's 35 points and 10 assists in his playoff debut was the talk of the series opener, which the Hornets won 104-92 on Saturday night.

On Sunday, the Mavericks went back to practice, intent on refining a better defensive plan for Paul in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

"We have a couple of ideas," Johnson said. "He's a heck of a player. He's been doing it to everybody all year. ... We're not going to give away our scouting report, but we just have to make him work on both ends."

Paul's 11 first-half points kept the Hornets within striking distance in an otherwise terrible first half for New Orleans, which trailed by 12 at intermission. Paul's teammates weren't shooting well, so Paul took

pressure off of them by scoring even more. He had 15 in the third quarter, and it seemed contagious. Hornets forward David West had 15 of his 23 points in the second half and swingman Peja Stojakovic hit a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, the second of which iced the game.

Hornets coach Byron Scott said the effect of Paul's scoring spurt was that teammates "started getting open looks."

"He did such a good job of getting to the paint and making buckets, and then, all of a sudden he's getting to the paint and then he's finding" open teammates, Scott said. "When he's hitting his jump shot and he's getting in the paint, there's really nobody that can stop him."

Paul's rise to stardom has accelerated this season, his third in the NBA. He was a first-time All-Star, averaging 21 points, 11.6 assists and 2.7 steals. He's one of the leading candidates for the league's MVP award.

Now he's getting his first chance to show what he can do in the post-season.

"This is where stars become superstars and I think he definitely has the opportunity to do so," Hornets center Tyson Chandler said.

"The beauty of him as a basketball player and a point guard is he kind of takes the game as it comes to him. He never is out there forc-

ing anything. He just plays with the rhythm of the game. The game told him he needed to score and he starts scoring. But I think he's going to pick his spots. The great thing about him is he keeps everybody involved."

Paul, who routinely deflects praise toward his teammates, said he felt no pressure to score 30-plus points per game in this series.

"We're going to try to do whatever it takes to win. We've won games where I've scored two points this year," Paul said.

"We understand we have to play better because (the Mavs) didn't play their best game," Paul continued. "It's only one game we won. We've still got to win three more."

Indeed, the tide of this series could turn dramatically if Dallas wins Game 2 in New Orleans. That would mean the Hornets would have to win at least once in Dallas, where they haven't won since January 1998.

Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 31 on Saturday, understands that as well as anyone.

"We're confident we can win on the road, we just have to go out and do it," Nowitzki said. "Obviously, the team that loses always has to go back and look at some stuff and adjust. ... The playoffs is a game of adjustments and hopefully this is still going to be a long series. So we still have a chance to get that split there. We've just got to win the game."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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♠ K Q J 9 2
♥ A K 2
♦ K J
♣ J 8 7

WEST
♠ 10 4
♥ Q 8 5
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A K 9 6 5

EAST
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ 10 9 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ 10 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 7
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ Q 9 7 6 3
♣ Q 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

This deal, played in an intercity tournament staged in Tokyo in 1983, occurred during a 16-board match between London and Montreal. At both tables, the final contract was three notrump and the opening lead was a low club.

The British declarer at the first table won East's ten of clubs with the queen and led a low diamond toward dummy hoping to either win the trick or, if the king lost to the ace, to find the clubs divided 4-4. But East took

the king with the ace and returned a club, and the contract quickly went down one.

At the second table, the Canadian South, Sami Kehela, won the club lead and immediately cashed five spade tricks, maintaining the chance that the clubs were evenly divided, but at the same time compelling the opponents to make what might prove to be embarrassing discards.

Kehela discarded a heart and two diamonds on dummy's spades, while West was forced to discard all three of his diamonds in order to retain all his clubs and hearts.

Reading the situation perfectly, Kehela next cashed the ace of hearts and then exited from dummy with the eight of clubs, completely ignoring the K-J of diamonds.

West took his four club tricks but then had to lead from the Q-8 of hearts. Dummy's last two cards, after the K-J of diamonds had been discarded, consisted of the K-2 of hearts, while declarer, who had discarded the Q-9-7 of diamonds, was down to the J-6 of hearts. East still had the ace of diamonds, but it had at this point lost all its value.

It did not matter whether West elected to return the eight or the queen of hearts because, either way, Kehela would score the last two tricks to make the contract.

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Red Sox rally past Rangers for sweep

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Even without their hottest hitter, the Boston Red Sox still found a way to win.

Sean Casey's bases-loaded walk capped a four-run eighth inning and the Red Sox pulled off another late rally Sunday afternoon, beating the Texas Rangers 6-5 after Manny Ramirez was ejected in the second inning.

The Red Sox overcame a 5-0 deficit to win for the eighth time in nine games. Boston has taken the first three in a four-game series that concludes Monday with the annual 11:05 a.m. start on Patriots Day.

On Saturday night, Ramirez homered during a three-run comeback in

the eighth for a 5-3 victory. He was tossed by plate umpire Paul Emmel in the second inning Sunday for arguing a called third strike.

Ian Kinsler led off the game with a home run for Texas. Milton Bradley had a three-run homer off Tim Wakefield in the sixth, a shot that hit an advertising sign above the Monster seats in left field and made it 5-0.

The Red Sox left the bases loaded in the fifth and sixth, with Joe Thurston — Ramirez's replacement — bouncing out to end the fifth.

Boston closed to 5-2 in the seventh against starter Kevin Millwood on RBI singles by David Ortiz and J.D. Drew.

Then the Red Sox struck

against relievers Wes Littleton and C.J. Wilson (0-1) for the win.

"We had them beat twice and let them get away," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We've just got to learn how to put ballgames away."

Jed Lowrie hit an RBI double in the eighth and scored from second when Ortiz hustled for an infield hit on a ball to short right. Pinch-hitter Dustin Pedroia's double made it 5-1.

"Manny gave me a big hug when I got in here, but he hugs me everyday so I don't know what that means," Pedroia said with a smile in the clubhouse.

After Kevin Youkilis was intentionally walked,

Drew walked and then Wilson was wild high on a 3-2 pitch to Casey, forcing in the go-ahead run.

Wakefield (2-0) allowed five runs on seven hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter in eight innings. Jonathan Papelbon worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

Ramirez, who hit his 496th career homer Saturday night, was hitting .425 with five homers and 13 RBIs in his previous 11 games.

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trailed 6-3 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Howard responded to the deficit in a big way, scoring seven runs and taking a 10-6 advantage. Midland drew with two runs in the seventh, but Howard furthered distanced itself from its conference rival, scoring a combined seven runs in the seventh and eighth innings before the game was called via run rule.

Hamblin homered for the second time in the doubleheader in Game 4 and Ladendorf continued his hot hitting for the

series, smacking two doubles. James Alvarado picked up the win, pitching seven innings after taking over for Chase Adams in the second inning.

Howard (17-5, 41-7) continue WJCAC play Friday, beginning a four-game series against Western Texas College with a doubleheader in Snyder.

The series will then wrap up Saturday with a second doubleheader at Jack Barber Field in Big Spring.

Game 1
HC 042 100 1—8 11 5
MC 051 521 x—14 8 2

W — Kyle Maynor (6-4). L — Pedro Villareal (2-1). 2B: HC — Matt Curry 2, Travis Sample; MC — Pearce, Lee. HR: HC — Andrew Collazo,

Tyler Ladendorf; MC — Grizzard, Roam, Bawcom.

Game 2
HC 023 330 3—14 16 2
MC 202 100 0—5 11 1

W — Colt Simon (11-1). L — Schulle (0-3). 2B: HC — Josh Riley 2, Sample, Ladendorf, Miles Hamblin. HR: HC — Cameron Monger, Curry; MC — Bawcom.

Game 3
MC 041 0—5 6 1
HC 856 5—24 17 4

W — Anthony Collazo. L — Chambers. 2B: HC — Sample, Curry. 3B: MC — Reid Redman; HC — Eric Martinez. HR: MC — Blake McNabb; HC — Hamblin, Monger, Ladendorf.

Game 4
MC 022 101 21—9 11 1
HC 003 007 34—17 15 3

W — James Alvarado. L — Stephens. 2B: MC — Carson Grizzard, Will George, Redman; HC — Ladendorf 2, Martinez. 3B: MC — Chad Stang; HC — Monger. HR: MC — McNabb; HC — Hamblin.

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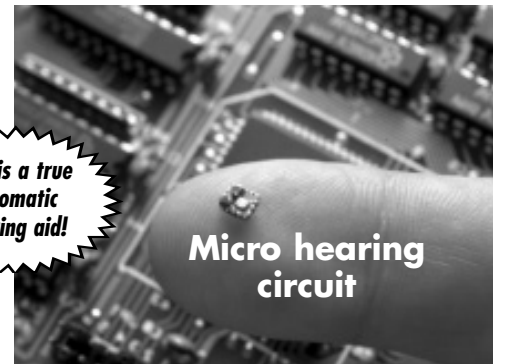
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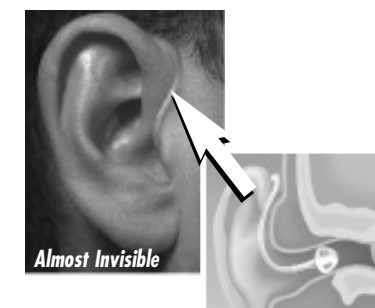
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