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Appraised values on the rise

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County property owners may soon find themselves experiencing a sort of deja vu, according to county officials, as higher appraisal values push tax bills even higher than last year.

Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District, said property assessment notices are



McKibben

expected to hit local mailboxes this week with most taxpayers facing increases over last year's totals.

"The vast majority of Howard County property owners are going to find themselves with higher appraised property values this year," said McKibben. "When values fall below the market

values, school districts are in jeopardy of losing state funding. The new appraisal figures are bringing values closer to the actual market values."

McKibben said the overall outlook isn't as bleak as it sounds, however, with state law helping to keep the tax increases reasonable.

"Those homeowners who have seen the market value of their homestead go up by more than 10 percent will benefit

from a state law that protects them from having to absorb such large tax increases," said McKibben. "The law keeps homeowners with the standard homestead exemption from paying taxes on any more than 110 percent of the previous year's valuation unless something new was added.

"For example, a homestead with a market value of \$100,000 last year may be valued at \$120,000 this year. However, the

appraised value — which determines the amount of property tax due — would increase only to \$110,000. The remaining \$10,000 in increased value, referred to as the homestead cap loss, would be carried over to the next year. The protection extends only to residential homesteads and does not effect commercial buildings, second houses or vacant land."

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Early voting under way in school races

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Voters in several area school districts have some decisions to make — and they can make them starting today.

From deciding on bond issues to electing trustees, voters will have a major impact on the future direction of school districts in Howard and Martin counties.

Early voting starts today for school elections in Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton school districts leading up to the May 10 election.

Early voting in the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan races will be held in the third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse, while Stanton voters can cast early ballots in the Martin County Courthouse.

Two school districts — Coahoma and Forsan — feature contested trustee elections, the only such races in this area.

Seven candidates will vie for three spots on the Coahoma school district board of trustees.

Incumbents Mike Blissard and Dale Coates will be joined on the ballot by Power Resources

technician Patric Robinson and First Bank of West Texas official Lori Martinez in the race for two at-large seats on the board.

Also, Kirk Allen, Cindy Fowler and James Sanders will run for the one-year unexpired term of former trustee John Wayne Metcalf.

Allen is a railroad conductor, Fowler is a retired educator and Sanders is employed by a local correctional facility.

The Forsan ISD race will feature five candidates seeking one of three at-large seats.

Beckie Wash is the only incumbent seeking reelection and she will be joined on the ballot by Timary Rosenbaum, an employee at CDR Properties, Tim Ballard, a USPS letter carrier, Courtney Ballard, a truck driver, and firefighter Glenn Graves.

Voters in Big Spring and Stanton school districts also have some choices to make, as they will decide the fate of bond issues to finance construction projects.

Big Spring ISD voters will decide whether to approve \$34 million in

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Vernon McNece prepares a root beer float at his booth during Rattler Fest, held at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Saturday.

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Job fair scheduled for May 13

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area businesses looking for employees will get a chance to strut their stuff May 13, as several local entities team up to present the 2008 Job Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Howard College and Big Spring Workforce Network will be teaming up to give employers — and potential employees — a chance to match skills to jobs.

"We're encouraging all employers to

be a part of this job fair," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Chamber. "The cost to participate is \$50 and that includes a covered table with two chairs at the fair. We're also encouraging anyone who is looking for a job to come and bring a resume. Dress up and put your best foot — and smile — forward. You never know, you may get a job interview right there on the spot."

ValVerde said the fair will begin at 3 p.m. in the coliseum's East Room, and is expected to wrap up around 6 p.m.

"This is an excellent opportunity, not

just for people who are out of work or looking to enter the job market, but for those that are currently employed but want a better job," said ValVerde. "It gives you the opportunity to talk to someone from that field and get a feel for what that particular job opportunity is like."

Carla Gross, assistant area manager for Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, said the fair presents a unique opportunity for both employers and job seekers.

"Job seekers can go from table to

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Obituaries

Janice (Boardman Rosson) Bond



Janice (Boardman Rosson) Bond, 72, of Big Spring died on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Fla. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Donita Lea, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Janice was born Aug. 12, 1935, in Kansas City, Mo. She is survived by her husband, Lane Bond of Big Spring; her three sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Johnna Rosson of Odessa, Barry and Linda Rosson of Boca Raton, Fla., and Blake and Tracey Rosson of Aledo; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Boardman; her mother, Portia Boardman; and her first husband of 38 years, Harold Rosson.

She was a resident of Big Spring most of her life. She was valedictorian of her graduating class of 1953 at Big Spring High School. She received her bachelors degree (summa cum laude) and master's degree from Texas Christian University, and her Educational Administration Certification from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. At TCU she was a charter member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Throughout her career with the Big Spring Independent School District, she was an English teacher, guidance counselor, curriculum coordinator and principal. She belonged to many professional organizations, the highlight of which was serving as president of the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in 1993.

She was co-founder and newsletter editor of the Big Spring High School Exes Association from 1973 to 2007. She was a longstanding board member and officer of the Big Spring Rotary Club, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, Big Spring Symphony Association and Heritage Museum of Big Spring. After retirement, she expanded her involvement in many other community outreach endeavors, serving as board member and officer of the Salvation Army, Region 18 Education Service Center and Texas Retired Teachers Association. Always an advocate for children, she was an avid volunteer with the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. After many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Big Spring, Janice was named the 2007 Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Janice was an active member of the First Christian Church in Big Spring since 1959. She loved her church and devoted much of her time over five decades to serve as Elder, Deacon, and Sunday school teacher. Music was a passion and joy in her life; she sang in the church choir and Big Spring Symphony Chorus for many years. She especially enjoyed singing in the annual Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in her honor, or to the Howard College Scholarship Fund in her name at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Jessie Little

Jessie Little, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 27, 2008, in New Braunfels. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Octavian Tavarus Smith

Octavian Tavarus Smith, 2 months, of Big Spring died Friday, April 25, 2008, at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

- Music from India with Manasi Kulkarni and members of the Permian Basin Indian Community will present Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the Odessa College campus, 201 W. University in Odessa. Admission is free.

- A Mexican dinner to raise funds for the Salvation Army's programs in Big Spring has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Salvation Army's corps building located at 811 W. Fifth St.

The dinners are priced at \$6 per plate and include enchiladas, a taco, beans and rice. Take out orders will be available.

For more information, call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

- Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

- Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

Police blotter

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

- **JAMEY JOHNSON**, 45, of 2621 Chanute, was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **DENNIS EDWARD AUSBIE**, 47, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 26, of 2501 Barksdale, was arrested Saturday on a charge of reckless driving.
- **THOMAS GRIFFIN**, 39, of Las Vegas, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CIPIO AGUILAR**, 29, of 910 S. Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- **ERNEST CHANCE**, 52, of 1200 Austin, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **STEVEN JOHNSON**, 35, of 1505 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **LATOSHIA WILBERT**, 29, of 1102 Mulberry, was arrested Sunday on charges of resisting arrest, interfering with a public servant and disorderly conduct - language.
- **ALFREDO HARPER**, 19, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and Midland and Ector county warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 900 block of Driver Road.
- **INTERFERING WITH THE DUTIES OF A PUBLIC SERVANT** was reported in the 900 block of Driver Road.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported: in the 1600 block of Wren; in the 900 block of Lancaster and - in the 2400 block of Runnels.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Benton.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Fifth Street.
 - in the 500 block of Benton.
 - in the 300 block of Tulane.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Benton.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third and Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1600 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Avion. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the area of Driver Road and Wilbanks.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Heather Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Vickie. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2800 block of Wasson. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of 14th Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4500 block of Palm. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 7000 block of Roberts. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4500 block of Palm. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. 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 100 block of Brown. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 50 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RYAN DOUGLAS KENDRICK**, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft.
 - **DONALD LEE JONES JR.**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container/third or more.
 - **ANDREW TORRES**, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
 - **JUSTIN LAWRENCE REEVES**, 23, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of violation of probation - theft by check.
 - **DAVID VALDES**, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - **CLINT BOLLIER**, 17, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
 - **SERGIO SAENZ**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.
 - **ANTHONY THOMAS MCGRUDER**, 37, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **GLORIA ORALIA GUTIERREZ**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **JOHN MICHAEL FONDA**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
 - **MYRELL SIMPSON**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance (seven counts).
 - **ALFRED RAY MIEARS**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole/blue warrant.
 - **COREY RAY RAMSDALL**, 33, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
 - **GABRIEL PAUL PAREDEZ**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **ERNEST LEE CHANCE**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
 - **LATOSHIA WILBERT**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
 - **STEVEN DANIEL JOHNSON**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
 - **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.

Weather

Today — Sunny. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-17-27-31-37-38. Number matching six of six: None. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$8 million.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 7-18-8-6-30.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 6-8-9-6. Sum It Up: 29.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-7-7. Sum It Up: 18.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 7-8-1-6. Sum It Up: 22.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 4-9-9. Sum It Up: 22.

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Illegal immigrant's plea offer for killing officer rejected by prosecutors in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — An illegal immigrant accused of killing a Houston police officer may still face the death penalty after prosecutors rejected his offer to plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence without parole.

Juan Leonardo Quintero-Perez, 34, is set to begin his capital murder trial Monday in the death of Officer Rodney Johnson during a traffic stop in 2006. He is accused of shooting Johnson four times in the head after being arrested for driving without a license.

Danalynn Recer, an attorney for Quintero-Perez, told the Houston Chronicle that the Mexican citizen confessed to the killing and accepts responsibility for his actions. She said he would agree to all the evidence against him if offered life without parole.

But Harris County prosecutors said Saturday they will proceed with the trial.

"We trust the judgment of 12 citizens to determine the appropriate punishment for the man who executed Officer Johnson," assistant district attorney Denise Bradley said.

Bradley said Quintero-Perez is expected to plead not guilty by reason of insanity when formally arraigned Monday.

Recer, who is also founder an executive director of the anti-death penalty Gulf Region Advocacy Center, said Quintero-Perez does not understand what came over him in September 2006, when authorities say he shot Johnson as the officer sat in his patrol car's front seat.

Police said Johnson, 40, was shot after Quintero-Perez pulled a gun from his waistband as he sat handcuffed in the back of the patrol car. Johnson apparently missed the gun when he patted down Quintero-Perez, authorities said.

Johnson's shooting renewed criticism of the Houston Police Department's policy that only allows officers to ask about immigration status after arresting a suspect.

Critics of the policy say it encourages illegal immigration by creating so-called "sanctuary cities" and it ties officers' hands in enforcing the law.

Man fatally stabbed at Fiesta Carnival

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 19-year-old man was fatally stabbed at Fiesta Carnival after his family tried to stop him from attending the big San Antonio event after dark.

Police said Robert Perales may have died in a gang fight late Friday night, as the carnival was closing.

Officers questioned some juveniles and released them Saturday but they remained suspects, said police spokesman Joe Rios.

Perales was a tile layer who lived on his own but remained close to his family, said relatives, who tried to talk him out of going to Fiesta Carnival the day before the fight.

"I told him, 'Don't go at night, son.' There's nothing but trouble over there at night," said his father, also named Robert.

Fiesta Commission spokeswoman Anne Cannon said organizers regretted the loss of life. She said there are usually 100 to 150 arrests at the carnival for public intoxication, fighting and underage drinking. But she said major crimes are rare and the event, which draws up to 500,000 people over 12 days, has overall "been an extremely safe experience."

Police quelled several gang fights at the carnival last year, and a 15-year-old boy survived a stabbing in 2005. In 1999, an 8-year-old girl was abducted and killed by a carnival worker.

Police officer killed by husband

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a Livingston police officer was shot and killed by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide Saturday night.

The Polk County sheriff identified the dead officer as Caran Renee Coward, 39. She and Randy Phillip Coward, 43, were found dead from gunshot wounds in their trailer.

One of the couple's three children was inside the trailer during the shooting and called 911 after finding their father lying in a pool of blood, said Sheriff Kenneth Hammack.

Officer Coward joined the Livingston Police

Department in February 2005. She was on duty at the time of the shooting. Hammack said he didn't know why she was at home while on duty.

Valerie Reddell, editor of the Polk County Enterprise and a friend of Caran Coward, said Randy Coward was a musician who did construction work on the side.

Gap remains in Hispanic population, voters

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of Houston-area Hispanic voters has tripled since 1990, making it the region's fastest-growing voting group, according to a newspaper study.

But Hispanics have yet to harness their voting power, as Harris County has the largest Hispanic population in the United States that has never sent a Hispanic to Congress.

Hispanics make up nearly 40 percent of the county's population but just 15 percent of its electorate, officials said. Age and residency status are the biggest reasons. People younger than 18 and those who are not citizens cannot vote, categories that are thought to apply to 1 million Hispanics in Harris County.

Hispanics are expected to outnumber non-Hispanic whites in Texas by 2020. But the number of voting-age Hispanics are not expected to exceed non-Hispanic white voters until about 2050, the Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Monday.

Some political experts compared Hispanic voters to a sleeping giant.

"The giant is waking up, and he's making a pot of coffee," political consultant Marc Campos said.

Court-martial set for San Antonio soldier

FORT HOOD (AP) — A court-martial was to begin for an Army sergeant accused of killing a severely wounded, crying and unarmed Iraqi insurgent last summer.

Sgt. Leonardo Trevino, of San Antonio, faces up to life in a military prison and a discharge if convicted on premeditated murder and other charges in connection with events one night in June in Muqadiyah, Iraq.

Jury selection was to begin Monday at Fort Hood, where Trevino is a 1st Cavalry Division soldier.

Trevino is accused of shooting the Iraqi twice: in the abdomen, a nonfatal wound, and then in the head, fatally, after ordering an Army medic to suffocate him. Trevino also is accused of lying to his superior, telling a soldier to drop a gun by the Iraqi's body and instructing troops to say the man was armed.

Trevino's attorney Richard V. Stevens has said witnesses lack credibility and are holding grudges against their squad leader because Trevino disciplined them when they made mistakes.

Military prosecutors declined to comment before the trial. But at a hearing in December, a prosecutor said Trevino went to great lengths to kill the Iraqi and told fellow soldiers, "I tried to kill this guy; he just wouldn't die."

Debate grows over polygamists' case

AUSTIN (AP) — In a debate that is likely to linger for years, lawyers are arguing whether the state of Texas went too far in removing all children, down to infants, from a polygamist retreat in West Texas.

Lawyers for the mothers say the courts have failed to limit an overly aggressive government, especially when it came to separating young children from their mothers.

Robert Doggett of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, which represents about 50 of the mothers in the polygamist sect, told the Austin American-Statesman that such young children are not in immediate danger of being indoctrinated to believe in forcing underage girls to have sex with older men in "celestial" marriages.

"How in the world could the judge have found imminent risk of physical harm?" Doggett said. "Courts are supposed to be a check on the government. That system has totally broken down."

Rod Parker, a spokesman for the Mormon splinter group that operated the ranch, said the state has said, "if you're a member of this religious group, then you're not allowed to have children."

But some child advocates and family-law experts side with a West Texas judge who ruled that the environment at the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ranch was unsafe for anyone under 18 because children were groomed to become victims or abusers.

VALUES

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McKibben said residents should begin receiving their property assessment notices as early as Tuesday.

"A notice will not be

mailed out if the property value did not increase more than \$1,000," said McKibben. "Property owners who feel their appraised value is higher than their property would sell for should contact the appraisal district. We can discuss how the value was determined. If an

agreement can not be reached after discussing the matter, a property owner may a written protest by June 2, 2008, to have a hearing scheduled before the appraisal review board."

Taxpayers with questions concerning their appraisals can contact the

Howard County Appraisal District at 263-8301 or visit the office located at 315 S. Main Street in downtown Big Spring.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

RACES

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construction projects, including a new elementary campus which will

house all BSISD students in grades 2 through 4, new science labs and a roof at the high school and minor renovation at other campuses.

In Stanton, voters are

being asked to approve a \$9 million bond issue, which will finance construction of a new science wing, auditorium and tennis courts at the high school, along with an

eight-classroom wing at the elementary campus.

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

JOBS

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table, filling out applications," said Gross. "And the employers we have participating are some of the better paying employers in the Howard County area. This is an excellent opportunity for area job seekers to see what's out

there. "The employers get to meet the job seekers face to face and visit with them one on one during the fair, and I believe that's a very big factor in this. They're able to talk

to the job seeker and make sure they will match up with the culture of their workplace."

For more information on the job fair, contact the Big Spring Workforce Network at 263-8373 or the

Chamber at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

"No religious belief held by an adult justifies any kind of child abuse. No religious belief allows an adult to have sex with an underage girl," said Scott McCown, a former district court judge.

Obama's pastor preaches in Dallas church

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Jeremiah Wright, the embattled pastor of presidential candidate Barack Obama, gave a 45-minute sermon on Sunday that included a reference to his "public crucifixion" for past comments from the pulpit.

Wright received a standing ovation from the 4,000 worshippers at Friendship-West Baptist Church, The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site.

During the first of two Sunday sermons he was expected to deliver, Wright wove a gospel message with commentary about social justice. He told the congregation to lean on God and stand up for themselves.

Security was tight, and no media cameras were allowed inside the church, the newspaper reported.

Wright became an issue in the presidential race in March after the circulation of videos of old sermons in which he accused the U.S. government of racism and accused it of flooding black neighborhoods with drugs.

Wright, who is leaving Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, claimed that the videos were old snippets that were taken out of context.

Continental Airlines won't seek merger

DALLAS (AP) — Continental Airlines Inc. said Sunday it would not pursue a combination with another carrier right away, a surprising move after weeks of growing speculation that it would join with United Airlines to create the world's biggest airline.

Continental Chairman and Chief Executive Lawrence Kellner said in a message to employees that the Houston-based airline was better off alone than merging.

"We have significant cultural, operational and financial strengths compared to the rest of the industry, and we want to protect and enhance those strengths — which we believe would be placed at risk in a merger with another carrier in today's environment," Kellner told employees.

Although it reported an \$80 million loss in the first quarter, Continental is widely viewed as the second-strongest U.S. carrier in financial terms, behind only Southwest Airlines Co., which has indicated it isn't interested in a merger.

Continental's decision stunned United's parent, UAL Corp., which had been in advanced talks with Continental and expected to complete a deal by early May.

But last week, UAL reported a \$537 million loss in the first quarter — its biggest loss since emerging from bankruptcy in 2006, and larger than Wall Street expected. UAL's stock market value plunged 35 percent.

Ron Paul weighs use of leftover money

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Ron Paul is considering using \$4 million left over from his failed presidential campaign to start a for-profit publishing company that would reflect his Libertarian-leaning views.

The move could test the limits of federal campaign finance rules.

"I've never heard of anyone taking their campaign money and putting it into a for-profit corporation," campaign finance-reform advocate Fred Wertheimer told the Houston Chronicle.

Former candidates have leeway in how they use left-over campaign money.

"There's a provision that says you can use the funds for any lawful purpose, so long as it's not personal use for the candidate," said Bob Biersack, a spokesman for the Federal Election Commission.

Federal guidelines say the money can't be used for things such as vacations, mortgage, rent or household items or to seed a for-profit corporation that benefits an individual or shareholder.

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of an opportunity to go vote early

Early voting for the May 10 municipal and school district elections began today and continues through May 6. We want to encourage readers to cast their ballots soon.

Polls will be open at the Howard County Courthouse for voters from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for tomorrow and Thursday, when ballots can be cast until 8 p.m.

In addition, Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said branch voting will also be available Tuesday at the Coahoma Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stanton voters can cast early ballots at the Martin County Courthouse.

There are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy — the only thing you can count on is that the weather will change.

Another reason to cast your ballot in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up, and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

The headlines in this election, of course, are the bond issues being sought by the Big Spring and Stanton school districts.

Big Spring ISD voters will decide whether to approve \$34 million in construction projects, including a new elementary campus which will house all BSISD students in grades 2 through 4, new science labs and a roof at the high school and minor renovation at other campuses.

In Stanton, voters are being asked to approve a \$9 million bond issue, which will finance construction of a new science wing, auditorium and tennis courts at the high school, along with an eight-classroom wing at the elementary campus.

In addition, two Big Spring City Council seats are up for grabs. In District 1, incumbent Stephanie Horton faces a challenge from Marcus Fernandez. And in District 3, incumbent Jo Ann Staulcup is challenged by John "Huck" Huckabee.

Two school districts — Coahoma and Forsan — feature contested trustee elections, the only such races in this area.

Seven candidates will vie for three spots on the Coahoma school district board of trustees.

Incumbents Mike Blissard and Dale Coates will be joined on the ballot by Patric Robinson and Lori Martinez in the race for two at-large seats on the board.

Also, Kirk Allen, Cindy Fowler and James Sanders will run for the one-year unexpired term of former trustee John Wayne Metcalf.

The Forsan ISD race will feature five candidates seeking one of three at-large seats.

Beckie Wash is the only incumbent seeking re-election and she will be joined on the ballot by Timary Rosenbaum, Tim Ballard, Courtney Ballard and Glenn Graves.

It almost goes without saying that these are decisions which will impact all our lives for some time to come.

So, we hope you will take time to study the candidates and issues. Then make your choice at the polls.

And remember, if you don't bother to go vote — either during the early voting period or on election day — you really have no right to complain about the decisions made by your representatives.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to what You want us to do, Lord.
Amen

Who wants to be part of We?

I'm not sure which ad put out by Al Gore's new global warming ad campaign is worse — the one featuring House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with former GOP Speaker Newt Gingrich on a love seat, or the spots with the Revs. Al Sharpton and Pat Robertson noting their agreement on the issue.

I don't think Pelosi does herself any favors posing with that sultan of smarm, Gingrich — even for an issue so dear to the left. Gingrich's role confirms the suspicion of many Republicans that the Newt will say any trendy thing to get his face in the limelight. Also, my first thought when I see Robertson and Sharpton on the same side is this: that any cause that can put them on the same side, well, it can't be good. And it's sure to involve cameras and professional lighting.

Over and again, Gore has argued that an overwhelming consensus of scientists believes that global warming is man-made and likely to have catastrophic consequences including a sea-level rise of some 20 feet. So who does his new three-year \$300 million public advocacy campaign get to hype the cause? Two politicians' politicians.

Robertson, a man who has warned that widespread homosexuality can result in "earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor." And Sharpton, who became famous during a 1987 race-tinged controversy involving a 15-year-old girl's unsubstantiated accusation that six white men raped her and smeared her with feces. The ads told me: Forget science; forget the

steak. Savor the sizzle.

Gore's new climate-change campaign calls itself "We," as in "wecansolveit.org." But its focus is not on how We can reduce our greenhouse gas emissions now. No, it focuses on how We can tell others how They should think about global warming. We's focus is not on what We can do to reduce emissions, but what We can do to get Them to walk and talk in lockstep with the crowd.

So when you click on "We are Succeeding," you don't read about how entire towns have begun to carpool or that Hollywood biggies are giving up private jets to save the planet. No. For the most part, success is tallied by a convert count. As in: "Thousands Urge the Press to Ask Questions on Global Warming," "Stunning Response to Calls for a Global Treaty," "State Department Feels Public Pressure in Run-Up to Climate Conference."

Then again, the global warming movement always has been more about symbols and professing belief than results. Our betters in Europe have spent the last seven years scolding George W. Bush for scorning the Kyoto global warming treaty, which Bill Clinton never asked the U.S. Senate to approve. It was enough that Clinton said he supported Kyoto; true believers ignored the fact that under Clinton/Gore, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions grew.

Or as The New York Times columnist Gail Collins recently wrote, "The Europeans have a perfect right to look down on the United States since they've set much more ambitious targets for reducing global warming. While they do not appear to be likely to meet any of them, it's the thought that counts."

Collins summed it up: In Weville, it is the thought that counts.

Support new technologies, and you're a global warming goodie. Say you believe, buy an eco-friendly light bulb, and you've begun to do your part.

Denounce non-believers for standing in the way of progress, and you don't have to make progress. If you're rich, you can buy carbon offsets. If you're not, grouse about the price of gasoline (which is prompting Americans to cut back on their driving) and demand that Washington spend more to develop new technologies later.

Once again, I have to wonder whether Gore really believes that global warming is the imminent threat he says it is.

After all, his Palo Alto-based Alliance for Climate Protection could spend its many millions hectoring people for driving to work alone or not unplugging their electronics — and urge each individual to cut his or her energy by, say, 10 percent today. Or Gore could show some leadership by pushing the affluent — who by definition use more energy — to not fly in private planes, to live in smaller and fewer homes, and to find bigger ways to save energy than token gestures like limiting their use of toilet paper, as rocker Sheryl Crow famously suggested. It's called leading by example.

Instead, it seems, ads with Pelosi, Gingrich, Robertson and Sharpton — designed to ask Americans to push Washington for innovations that may help in the future — are what global warming gurus see as the best use of an expected \$300 million. Apparently, We are in no hurry.

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Reducing fuel use increases jobs

No wonder Americans are so hungry for change. We are being squeezed by record gas prices that are also driving up the costs of food and anything else that is transported to stores. Home energy bills are rising. Oil companies continue to reap record profits and get huge tax breaks from the U.S. government. We continue to rely on foreign countries for oil. The economy is tanking and people are losing their jobs.

Switching to clean energy represents the type of big change that America is looking for. People are ready to move beyond oil and coal, to use renewable wind and solar power and to become more energy efficient. Americans recognize and accept clean energy as a driver that will transform our economy, create and keep good jobs and generate new investment and opportunities. At the same time, this economic transformation will allow us to free ourselves from the big oil companies and foreign countries and it will cut air, water and global warming pollution.

This win, win, win approach is not some pie-in-the-sky, next-generation solution. We can do it now.

We can start saving money on energy right now. Energy efficiency technology already exists and many people are already realizing the savings and reaping the bene-

fits. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the cost of heating, cooling and lighting our homes and workplaces could be cut by up to 80 percent or more just by using the "off-the-shelf" technologies available today.

Turning down the thermostat one degree in the winter can save you 3 percent on your electricity bill. Drying clothes on a line or rack can save you \$80 in a year, increasing to more than \$500 over five years. Replacing 10 regular light bulbs in your home with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) would net you savings of \$92 in one year.

Governments can save money with energy efficiency as well. The city of Denver now saves \$218,000 annually after it replaced all traffic lights with LEDs. Dane County, Wis., now saves \$150,000 each year after installing more efficient lighting and heating systems in its government buildings.

American ingenuity and innovation can lead the way when it comes to improving clean, renewable energy technologies and fighting global warming. If we can have one industrial revolution — why can't there be another? We have the sun and the wind, we have the technology and the ingenuity and we have the same can-do spirit that transformed our economy during World War II and won the war. We must focus our investment and initiative on the challenge of building a clean energy economy and dealing with the problem of global warming.

Investing in clean energy is already creating jobs around the

United States. In Pennsylvania, Gov. Ed Rendell said investments in clean energy have created 3,000 new jobs in the renewable energy sector since 2003.

That's just one state — a study from the Blue-Green Alliance reports that requiring 20 percent of our country's electricity come from renewable sources by 2020 would create 820,000 jobs across the country. According to a report from the Union of Concerned Scientists, if the United States had that kind of renewable electricity standard it would create \$94.3 billion in new capital investment, income to farmers, ranchers and rural landowners, and in new local tax revenues.

This week, learn how we can do it; how others are already changing their energy, cutting costs, making money and saving the planet; and how to spread the word. Together we can build a clean, renewable economy with the help of our allies in the faith, union, and business worlds, and with the contributions of our friends and neighbors.

We can increase the use of affordable renewable energy, we can make our homes, cars and buildings more energy efficient, we can save money, boost the economy and create jobs — and we can reduce global warming, leaving a planet that's safe and clean for our children.

Carl Pope is executive director of Sierra Club, America's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization.

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Arthritis: Common types and treatments

Arthritis affects more than 46 million Americans and is the number one cause of disability in the United States.

Defined as inflammation of a joint, arthritis is a broad term applied to a range of joint disorders. In most cases, arthritis is characterized by stiffness, swelling and discomfort of the joints. While there are a variety of types of arthritis, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and



DR. CYNTHIA RUTLEDGE

juvenile rheumatoid arthritis are most prevalent, affecting millions of Americans.

The most common type of arthritis is osteoarthritis, a degenerative joint disease resulting from the gradual wearing away of the protective cartilage found at the end of bones. This loss of cartilage causes bones to rub together, damaging surrounding muscles and nerves and making movement of the joint difficult. Osteoarthritis is particularly common in the elderly and most commonly affects the hands and the weight-bearing joints of the knees, hips and spine. Previously injured joints are also susceptible to developing the condition. While physicians do not

know the specific cause of osteoarthritis, factors such as obesity, genetics and joint overuse are frequently associated with the disease.

Of the 27 million Americans diagnosed with osteoarthritis, many experience no serious symptoms. Some, however, experience significant pain, which greatly impacts physical activity and lifestyle. Although there is no specific cure to restore damaged cartilage, treatment options focus on reducing pain and discomfort and may include weight reduction, physical and occupational therapies and anti-inflammatory medications. In severe cases, surgery to repair or replace damaged joints may be recommended.

Whereas osteoarthritis most commonly affects the elderly, rheumatoid arthritis affects more than two million Americans ages 25 to 55. Rheumatoid arthritis is a progressive disease that generally begins as inflammation of the wrists, hands ankles and feet and progresses to larger joints such as the shoulders, elbows, knees and hips. Unlike osteoarthritis, which involves the wearing away of cartilage, with rheumatoid arthritis, the body's immune system attacks itself resulting in pain, inflammation and extensive joint damage. In addition to joint pain, individuals with rheumatoid arthritis often experience, fatigue, sleeplessness and severe discom-

fort after long periods of inactivity.

There is no cure for rheumatoid arthritis and the symptoms are often severe and disabling. If treated early, however, symptoms can be managed, greatly decreasing the chances permanent disability. Treatments often include medications to relieve pain and control inflammation, occupational and physical therapies, and periods of rest to allow damaged tissues to heal.

As with osteoarthritis, in severe cases surgery to repair or replace damaged joints may be recommended.

The pain associated with all types of arthritis can be life-changing, resulting in limited physical activity that inter-

feres with a healthy lifestyle. It is important for those experiencing the symptoms of arthritis to seek medical treatment early in order to minimize pain and decrease the chances of permanent joint damage. Once diagnosed by a physician, many treatments can be performed at home or on an out-patient basis. Consult your physician if you are experiencing severe joint pain or other symptoms associated with arthritis.

Board-certified in family medicine, Dr. Cynthia Rutledge has been a part of Family Medical Center's experienced and dedicated medical team for more than five years. Call 267-5531 today for an appointment.

NUTRITION WISE Spice and herb blends

Q: Are commercial spice and herb blends good choices when trying to cut down on salt?

A: Check labels, because these blends can vary widely. A quarter teaspoon of salt contains about 580 milligrams (mg) of sodium — over a quarter of the recommended maximum for the day (2,300 mg). While some herb or spice blends provide essentially zero sodium, this is not true of all brands. Even within the same brand, sodium content can vary. One blend may supply from 0 to 45 mg of sodium in a quarter-teaspoon while another packs 150 to 180 mg in the same serving size.

If you don't see sodium content listed, check the ingredient list. If salt is first or second on the list (as it is for some of these seasonings) you know sodium content will fall at the upper end of the range. While the sodium content of these products is still lower than that of traditional table salt, many diners tend to use larger amounts. As an alternative, consider using plain herbs and spices that you combine yourself, which may cost less than the commercial mixtures.



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

Q: What are AGEs and how do they affect cancer risk?

A: AGEs, or Advanced Glycation Endproducts, are sugar-derived compounds that have been linked to inflammation, heart disease and diabetes. Within the body, researchers say that AGEs form at a slow rate as a result of normal body processes as we age. Outside the body, AGEs can form in tobacco smoke or in certain foods due to high temperature cooking like broiling and frying (AGEs are produced at the same time as heterocyclic amines (HCAs) when grilling or frying meat and poultry).

While endogenous AGE production is a natural process, high blood sugars in people with diabetes can lead to a chain reaction that dramatically increases AGE levels in the body. Research suggests these high levels of AGEs may be partly to blame for the blood vessel damage that leads to the kidney and eye impairment frequently seen in patients with diabetes. AGEs also seem to promote inflammation throughout the body, which theoretically could mean they increase cancer risk. But research is still scarce in this area.

Meanwhile, concern about AGEs shouldn't lead you to do anything different than you already would for good health: Continue to practice good blood sugar control if you are diabetic. And be cautious about charring meats while grilling or frying.

Q: Are the "trans-free" snacks that used to contain trans fats healthy options now?

A: Not necessarily. In reformulating these products, food companies had to substitute the trans-laden oils with something else. Some manufacturers replaced partially hydrogenated oils in their products with a tropical oil such as palm or coconut oil. Unfortunately, these substitutions are high in cholesterol-raising saturated fat — a fat that most Americans consume in far greater excess than trans fat.

Other product reformulations have separated palm oil into two parts, with the softer palm olein used for cooking and salad oils and harder palm stearin used for deep frying and shortening. These may have different effects, with the palm olein containing more healthful monounsaturated fat and less cholesterol-raising fat than whole palm oil, but we need more research before we can be sure.

Some foods are now made with "interesterified oils," blends of a highly saturated fat (usually palm oil, palm stearin or a fully hydrogenated oil) and a liquid oil. In the end, many of the "zero trans" pastries, cookies, margarines and other products that you see on grocery shelves have simply switched out one "bad fat" for another.

Try a healthy frittata for dinner sometime

American Institute for Cancer Research

Turn the tables on dinner tonight with a celebration of breakfast. This week's frittata — essentially an Italian omelet — is a savory, meatless, one-pot meal. With just a handful of ingredients and less than 10 minutes total preparation time, why relegate this dish to the morning only?

Though composed of similar ingredients, there are several key differences between omelets and frittatas — both popular egg dishes. The former is traditionally prepared with a cooked egg mixture that is folded around a filling, while a frittata combines the filling and egg before baking. In reality, a frittata more closely resembles a crust-less quiche, minus the milk or cream.

Frittatas are usually partially cooked on the stovetop and then finished in the oven under the broiler. Our frittata is made exclusively on the stovetop. Although the name is derived from the Italian fritto, which means fried, we rely solely on cooking spray and eliminate lots of excess fat.

For entertaining, frittatas offer several distinct advantages over omelets. After all, if you are serving a group, you have to make omelets individually or have several pans going simultaneously to accommodate your guests. Frittatas are a one-pan dish and can easily be made ahead of time.

The versatility of this recipe makes it a remarkably fast and healthy time saver. A hearty slice of bread and a garden salad are the perfect complements if you serve a frittata for supper.

Apple Frittata

- 4 eggs
- 4 egg whites
- Canola oil spray
- 2 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled and diced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and egg whites. Set aside.

Coat a large nonstick skillet with canola oil spray and place over medium-high heat. Add apples and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes.



Pour eggs over sautéed apples. Season with salt, pepper and thyme.

Cover and cook on low heat until eggs are set, about 3-5 minutes. Loosen

frittata from the pan and gently slide onto a serving plate. Slice into quarters and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 120 calories, 5 g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat), 8 g carbohydrates, 10 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 270 mg sodium.

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IN BRIEF

Local high school baseball and softball playoffs schedule FRIDAY AREA

Big Spring softball vs. El Paso Canutillo in a best-of-three series in Artesia N.M. (around a 3 1/2 hour drive). Game 1 is at 6 p.m. (5 p.m. in N.M.) Friday. Game 2 is at Noon Saturday with a third game, if needed, to be played 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

Forsan softball vs. Hamlin in a one-game playoff at Western Texas College in Snyder, 5 p.m.

Coahoma softball vs. Blanco in a one-game playoff in Coleman, 6 p.m.

BI-DISTRICT

Coahoma baseball vs. Ballinger in a best-of-three series in Snyder. Game 1 is at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is at 4 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, to be played 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

Pictures of Steers' spring sports needed for banquet

Anyone with pictures from the 2008 Big Spring High School spring sports season willing to temporarily donate them for use in a slide show for the 2008 Spring Sports Banquet scheduled for May 22.

Anyone with pictures please contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685

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.

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

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

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

Amigos Washer Club holding Cinco De Mayo tournament

The Amigos Washer Club is holding a tournament at 2 p.m. Saturday in celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

The tourney starts at 2 p.m. and the entry team with \$30 per team. The registration deadline is an hour before the beginning of the contest.

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

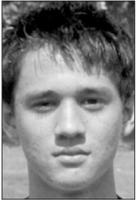
Call Larry Lara at 264-6060 with questions.

Three Steers advance to state meet

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — After one day and five events of competition, the Big Spring Steers boys' track team sat in first place at the Class 4A, Region I track & field meet held in San Angelo over the weekend.

Unfortunately, the Steers simply didn't have enough qualifiers in the remaining events at Day 2 of the meet and two Dallas-Fort Worth



Dawson

area teams — Crowley and Fort Worth Eastern Hills — passed the Steers, dropping them into third place and just on the outside as only the top two squads qualified for state.

However, three Steers — Zach Dawson, Jordan Valle and LaRay Woodard — did qualify as individuals and will be representing Big Spring at the Class 4A State Track Meet at Mike Myers Stadium in Austin May 9-10.

For Dawson, it will be his second consecutive trip to Austin. Last year, he qualified in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter events,

but elected to only run in the mile. He finished third in the race.

This year, Dawson once again qualified for both runs, winning each at the regional meet. The senior long-distance runner must feel right at home in San Angelo, though.

Earlier this year, Dawson set a meet record at the San Angelo Relays with a time of 4:19.09 in the 1600 meters. The time was a personal best for him and broke the previous record held by Leonel Manzano, formerly of Marble Falls, who is a two-time

NCAA national champion and member of the U.S. National Track Team.

However, Dawson shattered his own mark at the Region I meet, finishing the race with a time of 4:16.43, making him one of the favorites to win the event at state.

Joining Dawson in the 1,600-meter run in Austin will be his teammate Valle. Valle barely missed advancing in the 2-mile race Friday, finishing third behind Dawson and Amarillo

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Hawks close season with split



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College's Melissa Rodriguez connects at the plate in WJCAC softball action from earlier this season at Foundation Field. The Hawks finished their regular season with a split against El Paso Community College Saturday and will be the third seed in the Region V West tournament beginning Saturday in Midland.

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's softball team came into its final two games of the regular season secure in the fact that they were going to be the No.3 seed in the upcoming Region V West NJCAA Softball tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday in Midland.

All that could be gained or lost in the final double-header of the regular season Saturday against El Paso Community College's Tejanas was momentum.

At first, it appeared Howard could be in trouble as they dropped Game 1, 3-2. However, a dominant 10-2 victory in the second game gave the impression the Hawks are ready to compete with the conference's best this weekend.

In the first game, Kendra Corbin, who along with fellow sophomores Krista Chesworth and Jessica Moreno was playing the last home games of her career at Howard College, put on a pitching exhibition, scattering just five hits while striking out seven El Paso hitters.

Unfortunately, the Howard bats were nowhere near as hot at the plate as Corbin was on the mound, picking up only six hits and scoring two runs.

El Paso's Ahunce Manor

blasted a Corbin pitch off the scoreboard in left field in the top of the fifth, putting the Tejanas up, 3-2.

Howard mounted one more threat in the seventh, but came up short. Amanda Benavides drove a pitch to the right field wall in the frame, but was unable to take advantage of a misplay by the Tejanas' outfielder, much to the dismay of Howard Head Coach Kelly Raines.

"We just didn't come out ready to play," Raines said of the lackluster display by the Hawks in the first game. "We knew that we're the No. 3 seed next week and the fact that we beat them two games yesterday probably made it worse."

After Benavides was retired on a fielder's choice off the bat of Mellissa Rodriguez, Tejanas hurler Desiree Pacheacs put the contest to bed, working the count full to Misty Lindamood before striking her out, securing the win for El Paso.

Raines was adamant with the Hawks during the intermission between games.

"I just needed to remind them of what is expected of them," Raines explained. "I just let them know that that kind of play was not going to get them to where they want to go and that is Florida

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Jones proves reputation in NFL Draft

By DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones certainly lived up to his reputation as a deal maker.

The Dallas Cowboys moved up to select South Florida cornerback Mike Jenkins in the first round of the NFL draft and they finalized the trade of linebacker Akin Ayodele and Anthony Fasano to Miami for a fourth-round pick on Saturday.

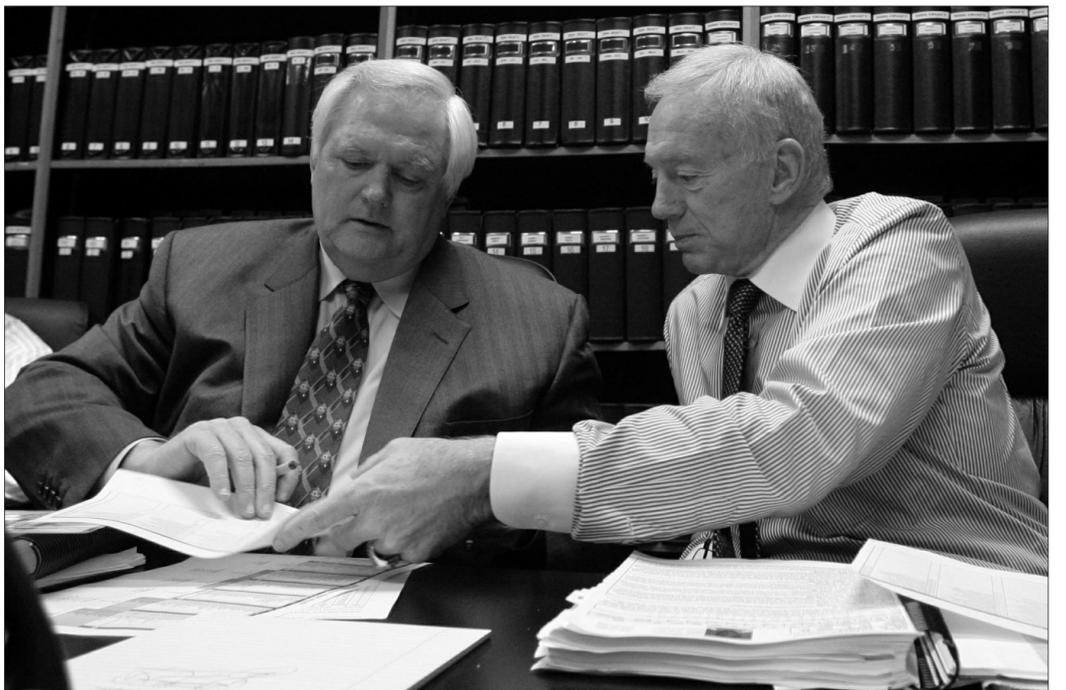
The Cowboys owner and general manager followed that up Sunday by completing six more trades — which includes the NFL approving the trade of suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones.

The Cowboys made five trades Sunday before they selected their first player.

Jerry Jones said the team didn't see anyone in the third round that fit their needs at that level. "We made a big effort to start getting picks and trading down so that we could have better value," he said.

Dallas selected Georgia Tech running back Tashard Choice, Boise State cornerback Orlando Scandrick and Middle Tennessee State defensive lineman Erik Walden in the second day of the NFL draft.

The team also acquired a 2009



AP photo/Matt Slocum
Dallas Cowboys head football coach Wade Phillips, left, and owner Jerry Jones monitor the NFL Draft from team headquarters at Valley Ranch, Saturday in Irving.

third-round choice from Cleveland and a 2009 fourth-rounder from Detroit.

The Cowboys took Arkansas running back Felix Jones and

Jenkins in the first round, and took Texas A&M tight end Martellus Bennett in the second round on Saturday.

"Knowing what I know right

now, I wouldn't try to redo this again," Jones said. "I'm not trying to be smug about this. But we

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Hornets sting Mavs, take 3-1 series lead

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki already is using the past tense when discussing the Dallas Mavericks' first-round series with the New Orleans Hornets. And he's not even the star player who might have to sit out the possible finale.

Yeah, Game 4 went that badly for the Mavs — and that well for the Hornets.

David West scored 10 of his 24 points during a game-breaking stretch early in the third quarter and Paul had 16 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, leading New Orleans past Dallas 97-84 Sunday night.

The Hornets are headed home with a chance to end the series in Game 5 on Tuesday night. The Mavericks will have to find

out Monday whether Jason Kidd will be joining them.

Kidd got a flagrant foul-2 and automatic ejection for taking down Jannero Pargo by his neck on a layup with 7:16 left. The league office will review the play and could suspend him.

"I was just trying to stop him from getting an easy layup," Kidd said.

"That's what he's supposed to do," said Pargo, adding that he "was a little surprised" about the ejection.

The Hornets had lost 14 straight games in Dallas since January 1998. Now they might not have to come back, with the Mavericks are on the brink of a second straight first-round exit.

"It's a great feeling to be up 3-1, but it doesn't mean too much right now," Paul said. "It's

tough to close out a team, to get that fourth win. That's what coach has been preaching to us. We feel pretty confident going back in front of our fans."

Nowitzki had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Jason Terry scored 20 points, but they didn't get much help. Josh Howard was 3-for-16 and Kidd had only three points, three assists and four rebounds.

The Mavs went from scoring 30 points in the first quarter to 14 in the second quarter, then 40 in the entire second half.

"This sport is still about scoring points and we just didn't have a great offensive series, I guess," Nowitzki said, his word choice certainly eye-raising.

Dallas' meltdown — in this game, in this series and since being up 2-0 on Miami in the finals two years ago — might

end up costing coach Avery Johnson his job.

"I don't really have an answer for it," said Nowitzki, exhaling loudly and running a hand through his hair in frustration.

Peja Stojakovic scored 19 points for New Orleans and Julian Wright added 11, including a tremendous dunk off a midcourt steal of Jerry Stackhouse, a play that emphasized the difference in the age and agility of these teams.

"I thought Julian was athletic enough to match up with Josh and Jerry," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "He didn't play like a rookie. He's active, he runs the floor. He's a pretty good player."

Pargo also scored 11 and Morris Peterson had 10.

West was 10-of-21, but the most important part came at

the start of the second half, when New Orleans turned a 48-44 halftime lead into a 64-51 advantage.

West made all four shots he took in that spurt and added a pair of free throws. All came against Erick Dampier, including a 1-hander that prompted an immediate timeout by Johnson and a huge chest bump from Paul. West never hit anything like that in Game 3, when he started 3-of-14 and finished 6-of-20.

The big guy was practically silent since then, stewing over his performance. Scott considered that a good thing.

"Everything was stirring up in him," Scott said. "He wasn't going to play the way he played in Game 3. We were banking on

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Caprock's Anthony Pequeno. However, Valle beat our Pequeno for a second-place finish in the mile run.

Woodard secured his spot in Austin Friday, leaping to a silver-medal finish in the long jump behind only Michael Egnew of Plainview. Woodard missed out on advancing to state in the 110-meter hurdles, coming in sixth.

High jumper Tyrone Clemons narrowly missed out on the opportunity to advance to the state meet. Instead, Clemons must settle for being the top alternate for the event as he finished third.

Lady Steer Esther Tobar also had a third-place finish, claiming the first alternate spot in the 1,600 meters. Tobar was the only Lady Steer to have a performance that scored points for the team.

Boys team standings

1. Crowley, 103; 2. Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 70.5; 3. Big Spring, 49; 4. Denton Guyer, 36; 5. El Paso Austin, 34; 6. Lubbock Estacado, 32; 7. Wichita Falls Rider, 32; 8. Amarillo Palo Duro, 26.

Boys long jump

1. Michal Egnew, Plainview, 24-0; 2. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 23-8.5; 3. Ben Presley, Sherman, 22-9.5; 4. Chris Brown, Palo Duro, 22-07; 5. Shavious Kelley, Pampa, 22-3.25; 6. Greg Cotton, El Paso Parkland, 22-3; 7. Lance Ratliff, Frenship, 21-8.5; 8. Taylor Burns, Fossil Ridge, 21-8.

Boys discus throw

1. Matt Dudley, El Paso Parkland, 179-03; 2. James Chambers, Wichita Falls Rider, 165-00; 3. Tyler Adair, North Richland Hills Birdville, 157-01; 4. Ben Howard, Joshua, 152-02; 5. Casey Felton, Canyon Randall, 152-00; 6. Andrew Johnson, Wichita Falls, 147-11; 7. Manny Herrera, El Paso Jefferson, 140-09; 8. Jon Koontz, Aledo, 138-05.

Boys pole vault

1. Jeffrey Rodriguez, Fossil Ridge, 15-6; 2. Michael McLeod, Denton Ryan, 15-0; 3. Garrett Montgomery, Denton Guyer, 14-0; 4. Jacob Brown, Alvarado, 14-0; 5. Kevin Willier, Hereford, 13-6; 6. Josh Summerlin, Lake View, 13-6; 7. Michael Bohrer, Denton Guyer, 13-0; 8. Richard Chavez, Clint Horizon, 12-6.

Boys 3200-meter run

1. Zack Dawson, Big Spring, 9:26.95; 2. Anthony Pequeno, Amarillo Caprock, 9:28.13; 3. Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 9:31.54; 4. Solomon Garden, El Paso Chapin, 9:45.75; 5. Andrew Herrera, Fort Worth Southwest, 9:49.25; 6.

Drake Railsback, Canyon Randall, 9:57.91; 7. Joey Villareal, Canyon Randall, 10:02.57; 8. Ramio Garcia, Fort Worth North Side, 10:04.11.

Boys triple jump

1. Johnson Amadi, Denton, 46-3.75; 2. Pat Briscoe, Crowley, 46-3; 3. Darius Alexander, Saginaw, 45-6; 4. Kareem Moona, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 45-1.25; 5. Michael Egnew, Plainview, 44-0.5; 6. Semaj Holderness, Cleburne, 43-9; 7. Chris Brown, Palo Duro, 43-8.25; 8. Levon Lynch, Fort Worth South Hills, 43-4.5.

Boys high jump

1. Devin Swain, Palo Duro, 6-08; 2. Wade Thornton, Wichita Falls, 6-08; 3. Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 6-4; 4. Rodney Gilliam, Wichita Falls Rider, 6-4; 5. Chris Austin, Amarillo Caprock, 6-4; 6. Barry Browning, Everman, 6-2; 7. Lemarcus Williams, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 6-2; 8. Darius White, Fort Worth Dunbar, 6-2.

Boys shot put

1. James Chambers, Wichita Falls Rider, 55-4.5; 2. Matt Dudley, El Paso Parkland, 52-3; 3. Jordan Grantham, Fort Worth Western Hills, 51-6.75; 4. Jeremiah Bihl, Lake View, 49-10.5; 5. Mason Walters, Frenship, 49-6; 6. Garrett Gunter, Lake View, 48-7.25; 7. Casey Felton, Canyon Randall, 47-8.25; 8. Kevin Brice, Fort Worth South Hills, 47-5.75.

Boys 400-meter relay

1. Crowley, 41.87; 2. Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 41.99; 3. Amarillo Palo Duro, 42.45; 4. Lubbock Estacado, 42.77; 5. Wichita Falls, 42.93; 6. North Richland Hills Birdville, 42.93; 7. Fort Worth Wyatt, 43.02; 8. Fort Worth Western Hills, 43.34.

Boys 800-meter run

1. Danny Cuevas, El Paso Austin, 1:55.31; 2. Jesus Garcia, Clint Horizon, 1:56.44; 3. Robery Castanon, El Paso Irvin, 1:57.48; 4. Kolt Pence, Cleburne, 1:58.14; 5. Manny Hernandez, Clint Horizon, 1:58.21; 6. Jarrod Morris, Azle, 1:58.91; 7. Blake Wilson, North Richland Hills Birdville, 2:00.01; 8. Alonso Diaz, El Paso Ysleta, 2:01.50.

Boys 110-meter hurdles

1. Jeylin Reed, Wichita Falls Rider, 14.66; 2. Wesley Harold, Crowley, 14.68; 3. Marcus Calhoun, El Paso Austin, 14.90; 4. Lararries Robinson, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 14.98; 5. Matt Howze, Crowley, 15.11; 6. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 15.16; 7. D'Wayne Lawrence, Saginaw, 15.18; 8. David Williams, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 15.81.

Boys 100-meter dash

1. Kent Onouha, Crowley, 10.88; 2. Justin Anderson, Fort Worth Wyatt, 10.90; 3. Terrance Edwards, Crowley, 10.92; 4. Miguel Edwards, El Paso Irvin, 10.94; 5. Rico Minor, Fossil Ridge, 11.02; 6. Robery Clayton, North Richland Hills Birdville, 11.09; 7. Roscoe Lee, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 11.14; 8. Xavier Campbell, Palo Duro, 11.28.

Boys 800-meter relay

1. Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 1:26.94; 2. Crowley, 1:27.85; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 1:27.95; 4. Keller Fossil Ridge, 1:28.35; 5. Canyon Randall, 1:28.58; 6. Denison, 1:30.52; 7. Amarillo Palo Duro, 1:31.15; 8. Denton Ryan, 1:31.58.

Boys 400-meter dash

1. Joe Barb, Denton Guyer, 48.53; 2. Stan Smith, Crowley,

49.09; 3. Corey Wilcox, Crowley, 49.20; 4. Johnson Amadi, Denton, 49.36; 5. Jeremy Morgan, Azle, 49.67; 6. Aaron Torrence, Wichita Falls, 50.42; 7. Colton Chism, Fort Worth Southwest, 51.84; 8. Tyler Willard, Canyon Randall, 54.23.

Boys 300-meter hurdles

1. Marcus Calhoun, El Paso Austin, 38.48; 2. Jeff Smith, Mineral Wells, 38.66; 3. Welsey Harold, Crowley, 39.24; 4. David William, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 39.32; 5. Clifton Rhodes, Fort Worth Southwest, 39.62; 6. Donlen Ruffin, Crowley, 39.64; 7. Clint Shobert, Frenship, 39.75; 8. Jeylin Reed, Wichita Falls Rider, 42.05.

Boys 200-meter dash

1. Terrance Edwards, Crowley, 21.70; 2. James Smith, Fort Worth Arlington Heights, 21.91; 3. Julian Wagner, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 21.96; 4. Shavious Kelley, Pampa, 22.13; 5. Miguel Edwards, El Paso Irvin, 22.24; 6. Denzell King, Denton, 22.43; 7. Clinton Collins, Fossil Ridge, 22.45; 8. Robert Clayton, North Richland Hills Birdville, 22.61.

Boys 1600-meter run

1. Zack Dawson, Big Spring,

4:16.43 (Meet Record); 2. Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 4:25.83; 3. Anthony Pequeno, Amarillo Caprock, 4:27.85; 4. Robert Castanon, El Paso Irvin, 4:30.10; 5. Drake Railsback, Canyon Randall, 4:33.11; 6. Aaron Granados, Clint Horizon, 4:34.25; 7. Dylan Williams, Wichita Falls Rider, 4:34.95; 8. Ramiro Garcia, Fort Worth North Side, 4:36.71.

Boys 1600-meter relay

1. Denton Guyer, 3:17.47; 2. Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 3:18.09; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 3:20.10; 4. El Paso Austin, 3:20.35; 5. Azle, 3:24.10; 6. Crowley, 3:26.38; 7. Canyon Randall, 3:27.49; 8. Fort Worth Western Hills, 3:41.82.

Girls 1600-meter run

1. Marissa Paz, El Paso Chapin, 5:12.81; 2. Ashley Mason, Hereford, 5:17.90; 3. Ester Tobar, Big Spring, 5:22.61; 4. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford, 5:24.83; 6. Kayla Hendrix, Frenship, 5:25.03; 7. Allison Woerner, Stephenville, 5:26.38; 8. Jennifer Atkinson, Fort Worth Boswell, 5:29.35.

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(for the NJCAA National Tournament.)

The second game was the total opposite as Howard showed the sense of urgency Raines expected out of them.

"We came out that second game and played a lot better," she commented. "We were way more aggressive all the way around in that second game."

There was, however, no way that coach Raines ever would have guessed the her charges would respond the way they did as the Hawks first five hitters of the contest rounded the bases to score. The big hit came off the bat of Ashley Calles as she drove a Gorann Nures pitch into left field for a double, driving Lindamood and Moreno across the plate.

Calles moved over to third two pitches later when a wild pitch got by catcher Megan Pumprey and then scored as Kristy Leal grounded to second for the first out of the inning.

After scoring two in the third and three more in the fourth the Hawks finally put the Tejana's out of their misery when Benavides, who had beat out an infield single to begin the inning, scored on a Lindamood bloop single into right field to end the game under the mercy rule, 10-2, in five innings.

Diana Espinal claimed the win for Howard, going five innings and striking out four while allowing four hits and walking

two.

Calles carried the big stick on the day for the Hawks as the freshman infielder went 5-for-6 from the plate with a double and a homer while collecting five RBIs on the afternoon.

Moreno also contributed big in the second game reaching base all three times with two walks and a double, scoring three runs in the process.

Howard (30-19, 22-14) will next be in action Saturday afternoon in Midland as they open the Region V West Tournament against the No. 2 seed Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

"Last time we played them it didn't really go the way we wanted it to," Raines said of her team's first round opponent. "We are going to have to try and do some things differently and hopefully we can play the way that we are capable of."

One thing that very well may play against the Hawks is an injury to Corbin. She broke her non-pitching hand earlier in the season and sat out more than a month and is just starting to make her comeback. However, she hasn't been able to step up to the plate yet, taking a big bat away from Howard's offense.

"She is day-to-day right now," Raines said. "Obviously, she can pitch but we really need her bat in the lineup and with the injury she can't hit because the pressure causes too much pain. She can play in the outfield, but as far as hitting goes we won't know if she can go until it's time to play."

Game 1

El Paso 100 110 0—3 5 1
Howard 100 100 0—2 6 2
W - Desiree Pacheco, L - Kendra Corbin. 2B: EP-Kristin Jaramillo HR: EP-Manor; HC - Ashley Calles. RBI: EP - Jaramillo, Manor; HC - Jessica Moreno, Calles.

Game 2

El Paso 020 00—2 4 3
Howard 402 31—10 8 1
W - Diana Espinal, L - Nuarens. 2B: HC - Calles 2, Moreno. RBI: EP - Erica Rangel; HC - Calles 3, Amber Johnson 2, Misti Lindamood, Benavides.

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Opening lead — king of hearts.
This deal was played in the semi-final round of the Vanderbilt Teams back in 1942. Four prominent New York players participated in the extraordinary goings-on. Simon Rossant, holding the East hand, took no initial action over Ralph Hirschberg's opening one-spade bid. Jack Shore made a perfectly normal notrump response, and Joe Low then bid two hearts.
After North rebid his spades, Rossant passed again, whereupon South, paying undue homage to his

partner's voluntary rebid, said two notrump. Hirschberg raised Shore to three notrump, and Rossant finally came out of his shell long enough to say the word "double."
Low led the king of hearts and then, taking note of his partner's discouraging deuce, shifted smartly to the nine of clubs. This was greeted with enthusiastic approval by Rossant, who proceeded to take six club tricks in a row.
The six-of-hearts return by East then trapped Shore's Q-9, and Low cashed five heart tricks. By the time the dust settled, there was only one trick left for declarer to take, and he finished down eight — 2,300 points!
Considering that the most East-West could have made on the hand was two hearts with 100 honors, and that the North-South limit was two spades, this was a mammoth catastrophe. Whether North or South should be assessed the major portion of the blame is left to the tender mercies of the reader.
When the match was finally over, and before they had a chance to compare scores, one of Shore's teammates asked him how he and Hirschberg had fared on the set of deals they had just played.
Said Shore: "We had a very good game except for one hand!"
P.S. The Hirschberg-Shore team did not win the match.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't have to be a fine painter or poet to be creative in your work. Even the most straightforward tasks like filing, cleaning or clerking will be creative endeavors because you approach with great style.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't learn or grow much from goals that are too easily attained. Strive for the hard aims now. Likewise, make it a little more difficult for others to win prizes from you. You'll be doing them a favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You realize that there are real consequences for not moving quickly now. The omens suggest that you be forward thinking and proactive. Make choices to keep things from choosing you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Uninspiring plans make you feel lethargic. Move on to the next thing. Once you get onto a project you feel good about, you have a power plant's worth of energy at your disposal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be tempted to play it low key around people you feel might be envious of your success in a

certain area of life. It's better to say nothing at all than to downplay your winnings or speak ill of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're not getting along with a loved one as well as you'd like to, the perfect, healing moment arises this afternoon. You can say what you need to say and the other person won't be the least bit defensive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be around inspiring influences. You don't have to know why you like someone to recognize the effect it's having on you. You feel you can do more, just knowing that "more" exists.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The secret to success is there is no secret. The obvious choices to work, follow through and have a terrific attitude will carry you exactly where you want to go. Don't over-think, just do!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone has a self-image and a public image. How they align today is curious. But when you act for yourself, not seeking validation from any other, you harmonize the two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give away what you don't need. It sounds so simple, and if you can pry your hands off of the stuff, it will be. There is no better way now for attracting what you really do need and want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an ace up your sleeve and you're about ready to play it. Once you do, your favorite work, project or relationship goes from good to fabulous. What better prize could there be?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Accept all invitations for joint ventures, especially work related ones. Your dreams are celestially tied to people who support them. And if you've temporarily forgotten your dreams, you're reminded today.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Taurus that up until just recently had been seeing an older Aquarius. He's driving me crazy emotionally. There are times

when he is his charming self and he makes me happy; and others, he doesn't remember to call or just acts like I exist when he feels like calling."

Taurus, it sounds like this Aquarian is showing you his true colors, which is to say he can be as erratic as he is predictable, as devastatingly unappreciative as appreciatively charming. Here's the rub: there's nothing wrong with him, and there's nothing wrong with your wants. His affections may be true, and hot and cold behavior can confound any even-keeled Taurus. Aquarians of both sexes have a real need for experiencing their self outside the relationship, and of that ilk, the freer-spirited ones really do need periodic reprieve from emotional demands and expectations accompanying a relationship. In the ideal world, he's aware of this need, and discusses it with you before leaving town for a few days. But he may not. So talk about your differences. And if this issue continues to vex you, you've learned more about what you need from a partner.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: For the two Venus-ruled signs, Taurus and Libra, there's much to love. There are differences. Libra energies are notably elegant and refined while the Taurus possess an uncommonly subtle animal magnetism. Penelope Cruz embodies our attraction for the winsome loveliness of the female bull. And Venus in Pisces brings an unearthly beauty to this enchanting creature.

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When To Correct Someone

Dear Margo: I have a delicate problem. My children are adopted, and time after time people make comments in front of them that I feel the need to correct. They may range from someone who knows they're adopted saying, "This is your real mom; no one loves you like she does" to a person who doesn't know remarking on kids who are "not real brothers" because one's a step, a half, adopted, etc. In the first scenario, as soon as the person was gone I said to my son, "You know your birth mom loves you very much, right?" With the other, I said to the offender, "I think real families are formed in many different ways" and made sure my son heard me. I'm not sure if it's best to correct someone at the time, after the person's gone, or just let it drop. I know these people mean well, but my concern is making sure my children feel good about themselves and how we became a family. What's the best way to handle this? — Mom of Two

Dear Mom: A good rule of thumb: If you can state your "correction" briefly, then do it. Your remark about real families being formed in all different ways was worth saying to both the person and your son. Anything requiring a lengthy conversation should not be laid on someone who has said a thoughtless or inappropriate thing if anyone else is present. I am pretty sure that you get across to your boys your thoughts on this subject. For example, I don't know that all adoptive families would make a point of stressing that the birth mother loved the child a great deal. In some circumstances this would obviously give way to the response, "Well, then why did she give me away?" In your particular case, you have found a way to make this work, which is wonder-

ful. The really important thing, though, is that you've told your boys they are adopted. Parents who try to hide this fact are making a serious mistake. And interestingly, this is one of the few dicta on child rearing that the experts have never changed their minds about. — Margo, appropriately

A Leopard Really Can't Change Its Spots

Dear Margo: I am a 21-year-old female who's still living at home with my mother and stepdad. I am a lesbian and currently in a relationship. The only problem I have is that neither my mom nor her side of the family approves of my lifestyle. I want to know what I should do. My mother thinks it is a "phase," when of course it is not. I want to make her happy, but I also want to be happy. How can I start a life with my girlfriend if my family looks down on me because they feel it's "wrong"? They are religious people, which is how they know it is "wrong." — Up Against a Brick Wall

Dear Up: Life is choices, my dear. I would encourage you to live your life in a way that feels natural, not in an artificial way that you think would please your mother. As for your sexual orientation being a "phase," with young women, sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't. Tell your mother you do not believe your interest in this woman is transient, but should it prove to be, you will let her know. As for your instinct being "wrong," tell your mom — and her side of the family — that in matters of sexuality, which is hard-wired, there is no wrong. And because you say they are religious, tell them God does not make mistakes. Then invite her to try to imagine her life as a homosexual, and you may have made your point. — Margo, rationally

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I recently discovered that my husband is addicted to painkillers. He buys them illegally from people (he calls them "friends") on the street.

I have noticed a marked change in his personality since he's been taking the drugs. I know this is common in drug abusers, but I need to clarify whether his behavior constitutes emotional abuse.

For example, we had a disagreement about his 21-year-old son who lives with us and also uses drugs. When I suggested his son pick up after himself, my husband became irate and very threatening in his demeanor. He said things like, "You better remember who supports you" and "If I'm not good enough for you, then leave."

I'm a bit afraid of him now because I don't know when he will explode. Drug rehab is out of the question since he has informed me that I have the problem, not him. I worry about him being arrested or the police coming to the house and sending my 16-year-old daughter to foster care. Since he absolutely refuses to get help and I absolutely cannot live like this, would you leave him if you were me? — Not Sure

Dear Not Sure: Normally, we would recommend counseling first, and it would still be a good idea to see someone, but you have a 16-year-old daughter who is surely

affected by the behavior of her stepfather and stepbrother, and her welfare must come before anything else. Since you believe your husband is becoming erratic and threatening, it would be best to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) before taking the next step. Also contact Nar-anon (nar-anon.org) at 1-800-477-6291 or Al-anon (al-anon.alateen.org) at 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) for family affected by drug addicts. Your entire family needs help.

Dear Annie: I work as a receptionist for my son and daughter-in-law. Each of their other assistants receives a \$100 employee birthday check. When my birthday comes around, however, I get nothing. My son says

they already get me a gift since I am "Mom" and cannot justify giving me two.

I believe the employee check is a separate thing. Don't get me wrong. My son is a wonderful and generous gift giver, but he also has family members who do the same for him and his wife. I

am in no way treated better than other employees because I am related. I am hurt over this. Am I being selfish? — Employee Mom

Dear Mom: If the practice can afford to give you the same bonus check as everyone else, you should receive one. Whatever personal birthday gift your son gets you is separate. Although you might keep in mind that if he begins giving you a check at work, your birthday gift may be substantially less generous. That, however, would be his choice.

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my son was in an auto accident that nearly killed him. He survived, but suffered severe facial trauma and sustained a traumatic brain injury. Because he was not expected to live

or recover to the degree that he has, my husband and I have heard over and over how lucky we are that he is alive and how grateful we should be to have our son.

Although we do thank God he is still with us, we do not feel "lucky." As a result of the brain injury, our son is a completely different person who is often moody, compulsive and angry. The most heartbreaking part is that he is aware of the change and wants so badly to have his "old self" back but knows he cannot. Nothing is the same for any of us and there is no end.

The family of a person who suffers a brain injury sometimes grieves just as much as if their loved one has died. They need to be allowed to do so. — Heartbroken Mom

Dear Mom: Our hearts are breaking for you and your son. If you haven't yet contacted the Brain Injury Association of America (biausa.org), please do so. Their support could be very helpful. The number is 1-800-444-6443.

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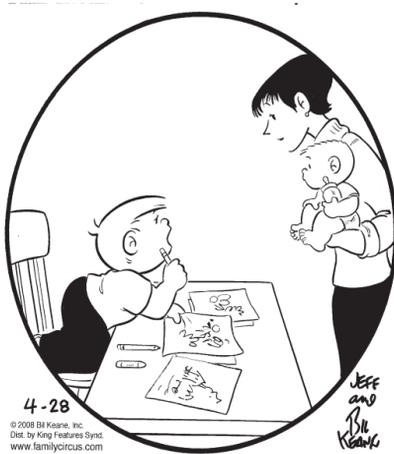
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"Told ya I could make his face change colors!"

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"Whatever it was that you told me to do, I can't remember not doing it."

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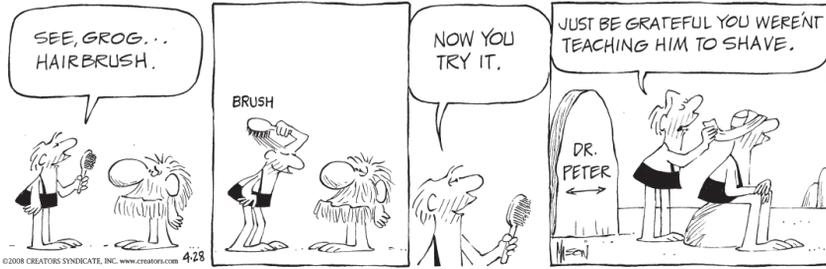
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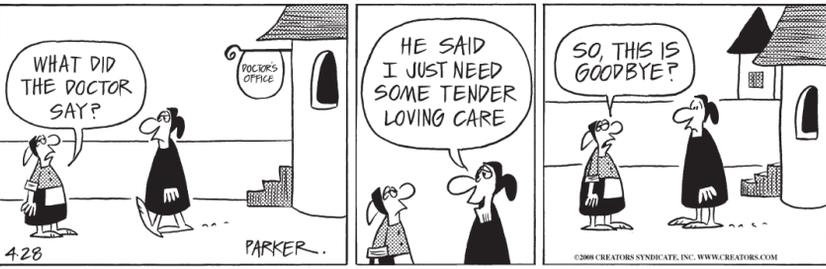
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, April 28, the 119th day of 2008. There are 247 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On April 28, 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va.
 On this date:
 In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
 In 1789, there was a mutiny on HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.
 In 1918, Gavrilo Princip, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.
 In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.
 In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect.
 In 1958, Vice President Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill

tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.
 In 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I.
 In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."
 In 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu.
 In 1996, a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire on tourists on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people; he was captured by police after a 12-hour standoff at a guest cottage.
 One year ago: A suicide car bomber struck in Karbala, Iraq, killing at least 63 people. A suicide attack on Pakistan's Interior Minister, Aftab Khan Sherpao, killed 28 people; the official was slightly hurt. Death claimed "Tonight Show" assistant conductor Tommy Newsom at age 78 and character actor Dabbs Greer at 90.
 Today's Birthdays: Author

Harper Lee is 82. Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 78. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 67. Actress Marcia Strassman is 60. Actor Paul Guilfoyle ("CSI") is 59. "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 58. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 56. Actress Mary McDonnell is 55. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 55. Rapper Too Short is 42. Actress Simbi Khali is 37. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 37. Actor Chris Young is 37. Rapper Big Gipp is 35. Actor Jorge Garcia is 35. Actress Elisabeth Rohm is 35. Actress Penelope Cruz is 34. Actor Nate Richert is 30. Actress Jessica Alba is 27. Actress Aleisha Allen is 17.
 Thought for Today: "Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go."
 Bernard Malamud, American author (1914-1986).

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Suns still burning, stay alive with win over Spurs

By **BOB BAUM**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — A Frenchman put Phoenix on the brink of elimination, another brought the Suns back to life.

Boris Diaw fell two assists shy of a triple-double Sunday and the Suns avoided a first-round sweep at the hands of San Antonio with a 105-86 rout of the Spurs.

Diaw, starting in place of injured Grant Hill, had 20 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in one of the best playoff performances of his career.

"I trust him. I always have," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said.

"I think he's a heck of a basketball player. He's been maligned here a little bit, but he can play. He stepped up big."

Diaw also played tough defense on his good friend and fellow Frenchman Tony Parker, who scored 18 points after a career-high 41 in San Antonio's 115-99 victory Friday night in Game 3.

No one was more aggressive than Raja Bell, who scored 21 of his 27 points in a dominant first half to help Phoenix bring a one-sided end to the defending NBA champions' nine-game playoff winning streak. The Suns were 11-0 in the regular

season when Bell scored at least 20.

Phoenix still trails the first-round series 3-1, with Game 5 on Tuesday night in San Antonio. No NBA team has come back from 0-3 to win a series, a fact that wasn't lost on the Spurs' Tim Duncan.

"We didn't expect to sweep these guys," Duncan said. "We're excited in the situation we're in, up 3-1. We've got to win one more game, and we get to go home and try to win it there. Those are a lot of things that are in our favor."

The Suns won in a blowout even though Amare Stoudemire

scored just seven points and Steve Nash had four assists.

Nash and Leandro Barbosa scored 15 apiece for the Suns. Shaquille O'Neal had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

D'Antoni drew two technicals and was ejected with 3:38 to play and his team up 104-80.

Duncan scored 14 and Manu Ginobili 10 for the Spurs. Parker shot 7-of-17 and committed five turnovers, then said Diaw's defense was nothing special.

"They always think that's going to bother me but I had my shots," he said. "It didn't bother me at all, I just missed my

shots."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich threw in the towel by benching his three stars late in the third quarter.

"You lose by two and you play all those minutes, or you lose by 20 and you get some time to rest," Duncan said. "I guess you can find a positive there."

Popovich had little to say afterward.

"Both teams want to play hard, both teams want to win just as badly as the other," he said. "They played better than we did, and they were more aggressive right out of the gate."

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that. He was in an aggressive mind-set from the start and he came up big."

Cavaliers 100, Wizards 97

LeBron James had 34 points

and 12 rebounds, and dished the ball to Delonte West for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left, helping visiting Cleveland take a 3-1 series lead.

After Gilbert Arenas' 8-foot fadeaway with 28 seconds remaining made it 97-all, James dribbled out the clock before finding West, whose career playoff-high 21 points included five of Cleveland's 13 3-pointers.

Other than James and West, only one other Cavs player scored in double figures, Daniel Gibson with 12. Antawn Jamison led Washington with 23 points and 11 rebounds, while Caron Butler added 19 points.

Pistons 93, 76ers 84

Tayshaun Prince scored 23

points and made all but one shot from the field, and visiting Detroit played with a purpose and dominated the second half to even the best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series at 2-2.

The Pistons erased a 14-point, first-half deficit against the upstart 76ers.

Rasheed Wallace finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds,

and Richard Hamilton bounced back from a 1-for-10 first half to finish with 18 points. Chauncey Billups also scored 18 points.

Andre Iguodala missed 10 of his final 11 shots and scored 12 points.

Samuel Dalembert had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers, while Andre Miller and Willie Green each scored 13 points.

COWBOYS

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improved our team."

Jones said this year's draft was loaded with running backs and cornerbacks.

Last year's starting back Julius Jones left for Seattle via free agency, and backup running back Tyson Thompson was not offered a contract by the Cowboys.

The Cowboys replaced those two with Jones and Choice. Choice is expected to fill Thompson's role as the team's third running back and a special teams player.

Choice, who was selected in the fourth round, played for former Cowboys head coach Chan Gailey with the

Yellow Jackets. He led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 1,473 yards as a junior in 2006 and amassed 1,379 yards on the ground in 2007.

"I just want to prove myself," Choice said. "I want to show people what I can do."

Scandrick skipped his senior season at Boise State to enter the draft. He started 38 games in his three seasons with the Broncos.

With the additions of Jenkins and Scandrick, the Cowboys added some needed depth to their secondary.

The Cowboys took Scandrick in the fifth round.

"It gives you more options, more versatility," Dallas coach Wade Phillips said. "More and

more teams are playing three wide receivers on first and second down. To compete with those teams you need three guys who can cover."

Dallas took Walden with the first pick of the sixth round. Phillips said he expects to move Walden from the defensive line to outside linebacker.

The Cowboys weren't able to fill the need for another wide receiver who can play opposite Terrell Owens.

Terry Glenn is 33 and missed all but two games after undergoing knee surgery. Patrick Crayton caught 50 passes for 697 yards last season as a starter, and Sam Hurd received significant playing time as a third receiver.

"We couldn't get a

receiver in this draft who we thought could come in and get ahead of every-

body and play on the other side of Terrell," Jones said. "So we draft."

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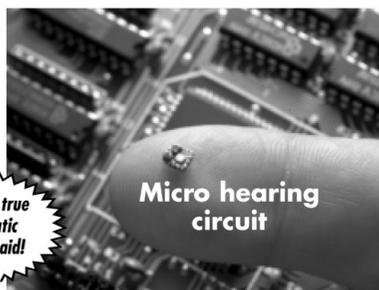
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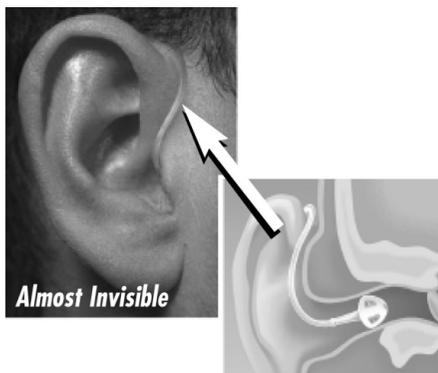
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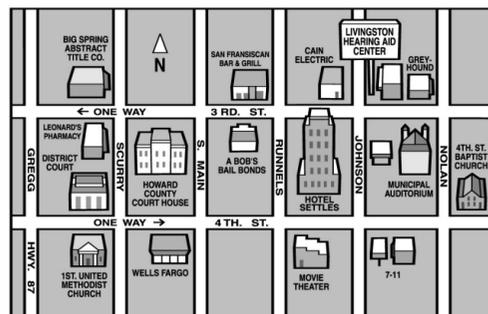
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