



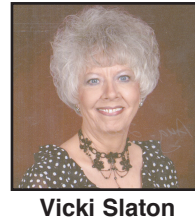
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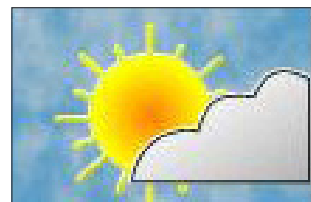
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Settles project on target despite delay

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Talks between the Settles Hotel Development Company and the Texas Historical Commission have pushed back the start of demolition at the historic downtown hotel, but the project remains on target for its three-year completion date.

That's the message Kris Ryan, general manager for SHDC, delivered to the Big Spring Economic Development Board Wednesday night, according to BSED Executive Director Terry Wegman.

"Kris had hoped to have the architectural renderings and the business plan ready for the meet-

ing, but things just didn't come together at the last minute," said Wegman. "He said he will have them to us shortly, possibly in the next few days, however.

"They (SHDC) have been to Austin to meet with the Historic Commission, and they have another meeting scheduled for the next week or two. That's the

next step in the process. Once they have everything ready with the Historic Commission, they can begin some of the demolition in the building. However, until the commission signs off on it, you can't be sure what they are going to say you have to keep."

Wegman said city efforts to

prep the building have proven very productive.

"Big Spring City Councilman Troy Tompkins said all of the cell equipment and antennas — the city's obligation in all of this — have been relocated to the new city tower, so that's not

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FHS names top graduates

Kuykendall, Newsom to lead Friday ceremonies

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Tara Kuykendall and Alex Newsom are the top graduates of the Forsan High School Class of 2008.

Kuykendall, the daughter of Tom Bill and Deborah Kuykendall, is class valedictorian with a grade-point average of 4.52.

During high school, she has been a member of the National Honor Society, yearbook staff and the band. She has served as student council treasurer as a sophomore, class president as a freshman and junior and class vice president as a sophomore, and was named Rotary Youth



Kuykendall



Newsom

of the Month for December 2007.

She participated in several academic competitions, including University Interscholastic League mathematics, accounting and feature writing.

In athletics, she was on the tennis team, placing second in district competition as a senior. In

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Ireton, Coggin are val and sal at Stanton High

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

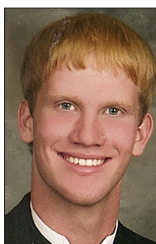
STANTON — Jonathan Ireton and Kelsey Coggin are the top two graduates at Stanton High School, officials announced.

Ireton, the son of Danny and Ronda Ireton of Stanton, is class valedictorian.

He was a member of the student council all four years in high school and served as vice president his senior year.

Other activities included membership in the National Honor Society, band and theater department. Also, he was a regional qualifier in University Interscholastic League computer science and mathematics competition.

In athletics, he participated in football and track



Ireton



Coggin

all four years in high school.

Away from school, he was active in the First Baptist Youth Group as well as Drug-Free Youth In Texas.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and will major in engineering.

Coggin, the daughter of Jo and Chipper Coggin of Stanton, is class salutatorian.

She was president of both her junior and senior

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HERALD file photo

KBST will host Splash-In from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the city pool.

Splash-In to kick off summer

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Ready, set, splash.

For the 42nd consecutive year, Big Spring radio station KBST will help area children celebrate the end of school and the start of summer by hosting its annual Splash-In Saturday at the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool.

The event, which runs from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., is free to the public, according to Tim Knox of KBST.

"Historically ... we've held the Splash-In on Memorial Day, but since school wasn't out yet, we

decided to wait until Saturday," Knox said. "This way, kids can really celebrate the start of their summer vacations."

Aside from free admission, there will be plenty of giveaways, he noted.

"There will be free T-shirts and just a ton of freebies," Knox said. "Plus, we'll have vendors from organizations around the area selling food and drinks."

And, of course, KBST will be broadcasting live from the site all afternoon.

"It's like the official kickoff to summer," Knox said. "The fun part

for me is that this is our way to give back to the community. It's a lot of fun for the kids and it's a safe way for them to enjoy the start of summer vacation."

Knox extended the radio station's appreciation to the city of Big Spring for providing the pool and the local YMCA for manning the lifeguard towers.

For more information, contact KBST at 267-1490.

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

West Texas Centers sets forum

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR will host a public forum, Thursday, June 5, in Big Spring to gather information on the delivery of mental health services in its 23-county area.

"We hope to have a strong discussion of proposed changes in the way mental health services are offered to individuals in the community and how this may affect the people we serve," West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO

Shelley Smith said.

The Local Planning and Network Development public forum will take place in the Howard County Library, 500 Main St., in the downstairs meeting room. The forum will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained from Amy Vidal, West Texas Centers community relations director, at (432) 263-0007, ext. 256, or amy.vidal@wtcmhmr.org

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IN BRIEF

Forsan cheer squad washing cars at Wal-Mart

The Forsan High School cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday and then again the following Saturday, June 7.

The times for each day are from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Wal-Mart.

Howard College girls' basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle is holding three girls' basketball camps for three different age groups this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls in kindergarten through third grade and is set for June 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Individual Day Camp is for fourth through eighth graders and also takes place June 2-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, the Shooting and Position Camp for seventh through 12th graders will be held June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information, call Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs and camps.

Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that begins Monday and runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and Seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is \$25 per person and \$10 for T-shirt.

Boys Basketball Skills Camp

From Monday to June 5, Steers basketball coach Marc Morris will conduct a skills camp for second through eighth graders at the junior high.

Second through fifth graders will have their session from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boys in grades 6-8 take the court from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a T-shirt.

Volleyball Skills Camp

Girls going into grades first through eighth can participate in the Volleyball Skills Camp coordinated by Lady Steers coach Amanda Whitaker June 2-5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and \$10 for a t-shirt.

Summer Running Camp

Cross country coach Randy Britton will once again be offering his services to a Summer Running Camp.

The camp begins Wednesday and runs through July 18.

Nine Lady Steers named all-district

Yanez selected as co-defensive MVP

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

Many questions loomed over the Big Spring Lady Steers softball team coming into the 2008 season.

That's generally the case when juniors and seniors are heavily outnumbered by underclassmen.

However, few questions remain unanswered after a strong late season push by the young Lady Steers that ended with a tough loss to district rival Frenship in the regional quarterfinals.

Nine Lady Steers received District 4-4A hon-

ors with senior Desiree Yanez's selection as Co-Defensive MVP topping to list of acknowledgements. Actually, replacing the Lady Steers' top defensive and offensive producer is the biggest question facing Big Spring next season.

"If it had been up to me, Desiree would've been the district MVP," said Lady Steers Head Coach Jennifer Reyes following Big Spring's final game of the season. "She an all-around player and has led this team the whole way."

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Lady Steers pose after winning a bi-district championship April 25. Nine Lady Steers were named to the District 4-4A all-district team.

Longorio receives offensive MVP award



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes pose with a Class A area trophy after beating Hamlin the playoffs May 2. The Lady Buffs had eight players named to the all-district team with two more receiving honorable mention.

8 Lady Buffs receive all-district honors

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

FORSAN — Expectations were incredibly high for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes softball team coming into this season. It's hard to say they weren't lived up to either, despite being ousted from the playoffs by Marfa in the regional quarterfinals.

And with eight players receiving District 2-A awards this year the great expectations won't be dropping for the Lady Buffs any time soon. Especially since only one of those eight won't be with the team next season.

Highlighting the Lady Buffs' awards is sophomore Amanda Longorio, who was named the district's Offensive MVP for a second consecutive year. Not only was

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Forsan leads league in all-district selections

Parker named top pitcher, Burton selected top hitter

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

FORSAN — No other high school baseball or softball team took a more surprising exit from the post-season than the Forsan Buffaloes did.

While it's always hard to forget a disappointing end, the Buffs received some consolation earlier this week with the release of the District 2-A awards. The Buffs had eight players honored by the district's coaches and Head Coach Jason Phillips was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Headling the Buffs' selections was senior Cameron Parker, who was named Co-Pitcher of the Year along with Eldorado's Rance Cathy, and sophomore Evan Burton, who got the nod as the district's top offensive player.

Parker was a steady and consistent force for the Buffs the entire season, walking just nine batters in 43 innings.

"Cameron has great control of his pitches and hits his spots," Phillips said. "He makes hitters swing the ball and put it in play."

Parker finished the district season perfect with a 5-0 record and was 7-1 overall with his only loss coming in Forsan's playoff game against O'Donnell. He completed his senior year with a 2.44 ERA.

Parker was also a first-team all-district selection in basketball earlier this year as a guard.

Burton led the Buffs in every major offensive category, batting .521 while hitting four home runs. He knocked in 26 RBIs and scored 32 runs.

"Evan has great bat control with good power," Phillips said. "He struck out one one time all year."

Zach Dykes shared the Newcomer of the Year award with Winters' freshman Clent Bryan. Dykes was generally used as a DH, but played second base when Parker was on the mound and played the position solidly, according to Phillips. He finished the district season with a .412 batting average.

The Buffs populated the first-team all-district list. Senior Adam Bailey led the team with 17 steals and used his speed defensively

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan Buffaloes hurler Cameron Parker pitches in an area playoff game against O'Donnell May 9. Parker was named District 2-A's co-pitcher of the year.

Obituaries

Frances Wynelle Bailey



Frances Wynelle Bailey, 91, went to be with her Lord Wednesday morning, May 28, 2008. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Mike Couch officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born in Howard County Oct. 25, 1916, to J. Tom and Pearl Rogers. She was raised in the Fairview Community.

She married her beloved husband of 63 years, Walker Bailey, on Christmas Day, 1932.

She worked at Collins, Walker, Petroleum and Cunningham and Phillips Drug Stores in the 1940s and 1950s and was part owner of Tot 'N Teen children's store. Through those years she worked hauling cotton from their fields to the gin.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was known as "Nana" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and as "Aunt Jane" to her nieces and nephews and as "Kid" to her loving husband.

Our matriarch will be dearly missed by her daughter, Marijann Stevens; her granddaughter, Valerie White and her husband, Alan; her grandson, Vance Stevens and Donna of Deer Park; her great-grandson, Jason Stevens and his son, Charlie of Houston; and great-grandson, Jared Stevens, wife Randi, and children, Stokley and Landry of Clyde; along with four generations of nieces and nephews.

She was welcomed home by those who preceded her in death, her parents; husband; grandson, Brad Stevens; sister, Jewell Forrest; and brothers, Weldon and W.J. Rogers.

The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, c/o Diane Wood, 3200 Greenbrier, 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

Darrell Gail Turner



Darrell Gail Turner, 69, of Big Spring passed away May 25, 2008, in Big Spring following a courageous 6-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). A celebration of her life will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Big Spring State Park's large pavilion and a reception will be held Saturday, June 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the Aztec Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. in Aztec, N.M., honoring both John and Darrell Turner.

Darrell was born Feb. 2, 1949, in Eupora, Miss., to Maurice and Clarice Crenshaw. She realized her calling to become an elementary school teacher and began her teaching career in Hugo, Okla., after graduating from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

While teaching in Hugo, Darrell met her soul mate John (JT) Turner and they were married June 12, 1976, in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico. Darrell and JT were blessed with two daughters, Sarah and Maureen.

Darrell taught elementary school in Belen, N.M., before moving to Aztec, N.M., where she quickly became a favorite of kids and parents alike. While teaching in Aztec, she completed her master's degree in elementary education from New Mexico State University. She was very active in the Aztec Presbyterian Church, as well as several sororities, including Beta Sigma Phi and Chi Omega.

Her husband, JT, and her father, Maurice, preceded Darrell in death. She is survived by daughters, Sarah Turner and Maureen DeNio; son-in-law, Dustin, and grandchildren, Jason and DeLaney. Also surviving are her mother, Clarice Crenshaw; brother, Fred 'Butch' Crenshaw and his wife Julie; nephew, Scott Crenshaw, his wife Julia and their daughter Shelby; her brother-in-law Ron Turner and his wife, Pat; nephew, Mark Turner; niece, Kelly Townsend and her husband, Corey, and their daughters Carson and Cameron. Her faithful dog, Bido, stayed by her side throughout her illness.

There are very few people as loving, caring and sincere as our Darrell. She was a great mom, friend and teacher. Everyone who met Darrell loved her. She was a great example to all humanity to love without limit, treat people kindly, and above all, place your family first. We are all blessed for having had her in our lives, and take comfort in the fact that although Darrell's journey on this earth has ended, her journey with JT will continue.

The family suggests memorials to the ALS Association, Arizona Chapter; 4643 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 1, Phoenix, Ariz., 85018; or Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lorenzo Ramos Martinez

Lorenzo Ramos Martinez, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Whitharrel Cemetery in Whitharrel, Texas, with Rev. Reynaldo Reyes of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Levelland, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 10, 1930, in Waco. He moved to Big Spring five years ago from Levelland. He had lived most of his life in the Whitharrel and Levelland areas. He had also farmed most of his life in Hockley County.

He was a Catholic; he loved his church and was very active in it and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by one daughter, Yolanda Gomez of Big Spring; one son, Jorge Martinez of Beeville; four grandchildren, Roy Gomez and his wife Sally, Beatrice Sanchez and her husband Duncan, Gabriel Gomez, and Evelyn Gomez, all of Big Spring; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Elena Martinez, in 2002; and one grandson, Patrick Gomez.

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Paid obituary

Robert Crane

Robert Crane, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at his residence. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 6, 1932, in Joplin, Mo. He was a veteran of United States Army, where he served for three years of active combat during the Korean War. He married Mary Louise Chavez

Sept. 17, 1955, in San Gabriel, Calif. He worked for Helm's Bakery in California before moving to Texas in 1975, where he owned and operated Mary's Convenience Store for more than 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Crane of Big Spring; two daughters, Cynthia Salan and her husband Jaime, and Ione Crane-Rangel and her husband Tim, all of Big Spring; one son, Keith Crane and his wife Becky of Big Spring; two brothers, LeRoy Crane of Joplin, Mo., and Clyde Frank Crane of California; three sisters, Betty Loudon of Joplin, Mo, Sue Williams and her husband Roy of Kansas City, Mo., and Lola Coffee and her husband Pat of Washington; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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

The family will be at 1611 Jim Long Road.

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

Paid obituary

Manuel Tovias

Manuel Tovias, 63, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away May 28, 2008, in San Angelo.

Chapel services will be at 10 a.m. at Gutierrez Funeral Chapels North, 1002 N. Oakes St. in San Angelo. Interment will follow in Belvedere Memorial Park.

He is survived by his children, Manuel (Toby) Tovias III of Oceanside, Calif., Linda Tovias of Zapata, Cam Tovias of Rotan, and Dominic Tovias of San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Tovias' register book may be signed at gutierrez-funeralchapels.com

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Police blotter

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

- **GABRIEL LEE GONZALES**, 21, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- **ELIJAH ALDRIDGE**, 43, of 309 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **ANDRES ALVERA**, 28, of 1002 Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **TEDRIC LAMAR MCCALISTER**, 31, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on four local warrants and a Palo Pinto County warrant.
- **MARIO ROBERT OVALLE**, 34, of 1105 Lamar, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants and two capias warrants.
- **MARY ALICE VILLA**, 28, of 2402 Williams Road, was arrested Wednesday on three local capias warrants and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **PAMMY SUE PUGA**, 42, of 1409 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, interfering with the duties of a police officer and six local capias warrants.
- **DEBRA CAROL BRADBERRY**, 38, of 1519 Kentucky, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to identify and criminal mischief.
- **JOHN MANUEL SOLIS**, 22, of 1501 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JAMET SCOTT JOHNSON**, 45, of 2621 Chanute, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **OLIVIA TALIETHA BALLIN**, 28, of 810 E. 18th Street, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 1000 block of Wood. in the 900 block of Willia.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg 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 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- **SALENA MARIE TAYLOR**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **ELIZABETH CRUZ RIOS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **MONICA JONELLE MCGRUDER**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify – giving false information and a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- **SANDY SHEIKH**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **NATHAN ROBINSON**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- **GARY LEE**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **ENRIQUE SABEDRA JR.**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **GUS WAYNE JACOBS JR.**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check (three counts).

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FORSAN

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Longorio the Lady Buffs top run producer, but she was also their starting pitcher.

However, Longorio often shared the pitcher's circle with junior teammate Alyx Pappajohn. Longorio generally started off games, using more of a power approach from the rubber. Then, Pappajohn, a first-team all-district selection, would

enter as a stark contrast, depending more upon off-speed pitches.

Each girl played third base when not pitching.

Joining Pappajohn on the first team were sophomore twin sisters Shelby and Kelsey Jones and junior Sandi Golleher.

Kelsey Jones played catcher and batted clean up in the Lady Buffs lineup. Shelby Jones was Forsan's leadoff hitter and offensive catalyst. She also played shortstop and often drew the admiration of opposing coaches

for her athletic plays in the field.

Golleher was an all-district selection as a first baseman last season, but moved into center field this year.

She batted ninth in the lineup and had her biggest game of the season at a very opportune time, driving in three runs on a triple in an area playoff game against Hamlin.

Three more Lady Buffs populated the all-district second-team list with the team's lone senior Kaela Strickland topping the

list. Strickland played left field for the Lady Buffs and batted fifth in the lineup. She often laid down crucial bunts, moving runners up a base and putting pressure on opposing infields.

Junior outfielder Haylie Burluson joined Strickland on the second team. Burluson played second base last season, but, like Golleher, moved to the outfield to make way for new faces at the position.

Golleher's move to the outfield was to allow freshman Kevy O'Brien an opportunity to play

at first base. O'Brien was Forsan's final selection on the second team.

Burluson's position change also came for a freshman as Miranda Park took over at second base. Park along with designated hitter Brittney Roemer were each given honorable mention.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

BSHS

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One of the biggest reasons for Big Spring's late season success was the emergence of Kelly Sage as one of the district's top pitchers. Sage's efforts were recognized as she was named as a first-team pitcher.

Her late season dominance was most on display in the Lady Steers' area playoff series against Canutillo. Sage, a sophomore, threw a no-hitter in Game 1 of the series and was two outs away from a perfect game in Game 2.

Joining Sage on the first

team are two freshmen, a sophomore and a junior. Sophomore Linzee Yarbar started the season in center field, but an injury to starting catcher Baylea Fox forced Yarbar behind the plate, where she picked up her first-team honors.

Likewise, Jillian Valle played most of the season in the infield at third base, but moved to center field during the district season to replace Yarbar. Valle, a freshman, performed well with the change and was one of the team's offensive catalysts during the district season.

The other freshman making the first team was second baseman Valerie Ross, whose defensive efforts

often allowed the Lady Steers to escape potential big innings by their opponents. Ross and Valle were apart of a rallying effort in Big Spring's near come-from-behind win over Frenship that fell one run short.

The two freshmen hit back-to-back doubles in the sixth inning, driving in a run each that cut into Frenship's lead.

Mirella Torres, a junior, was the final Lady Steer named to the first team. Torres was honored for her work as a utility player.

She was the Lady Steers' top option as a courtesy runner and also saw significant time in the out-

field.

Three more Lady Steers made the all-district second team, led by sophomore Kenzie Hunt. Hunt split time with Sage in the pitcher's circle during district play, but put in most of her innings at first place, providing solid defense, during Big Spring's playoff run.

Senior Ashleigh Ramirez was selected for her work in the outfield and infield along with her ability on the base paths. Ramirez was a move in from Pecos, where she played softball her sophomore and junior years. Reyes credited Ramirez with having the best attitude on the team with a great willingness to

do whatever was asked of her without complaint.

Finally, junior Jacklyn Porras made the second team as an outfielder. Porras also saw time at third base when Valle moved to the outfield.

She made her presence felt at the plate early in the season, when she picked up a game-winning hit in Big Spring's first contest of the year, giving the Lady Steers a victory over Odessa Permian.

Receiving all-district honorable mentions were Fox, Dominique Green and Whitney Gonzales. Only Yanez and Ramirez graduate from the team,

leaving a lot of excitement about the future.

"We only lose two seniors," Reyes said. "I've got a team coming back full of players who I can put anywhere. There are a couple of freshmen coming up that can contribute a lot. We've got the possibility of a couple of transfers, too. We're going to be very solid. My goal next year is to win district."

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BUFFS

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as well.

"Adam is a competitor with great range in center field," raved Phillips.

Bailey was also an all-district selection in football and was named Co-MVP during basketball season. Bailey's first-team selection is baseball was due to his .327 batting average, 21 runs scored and 19 RBIs.

Junior Jeremy Robbins had the team's second-highest batting average in district play with a .464. The high average was necessary since he was the lead-off hitter in the lineup.

"Jeremy was a very solid lead-off hitter," noted Phillips. "He's also got great range at shortstop. He gets to a

lot of balls that most players can't reach."

Apparently, playing solid defense in any sport is Robbins' forte. The junior was also named the Defensive MVP during basketball season.

Zach Herrin is the final Buff selected to the first team. Herrin had a slow start at the plate to start the season, but really turned up his game during district play.

"Zach raised his batting average 100 points to hit .320 in district," Phillips said. "He's also a good defensive leader behind the plate with a strong arm and he blocks wild pitches well."

Two more Buffs were selected to the all-district second team. Senior Spencer Briggs hit .286 in district, but it was his work ethic that Phillips praised.

"Spencer played in the infield last year, but we needed him in the outfield this year," noted Phillips. "He worked very hard to become an outfielder and helped the team."

Ryan Flores is just a sophomore and was selected for both his work at the plate and at third base.

"Ryan hit .333 in district, but he's also a solid third baseman," Phillips said. "He's a very smart player with good instincts."

Only three of the eight players selected — Parker, Bailey and Briggs — leave the Buffs' after this season, leaving a solid core for the Buffs to build around in 2009.

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News at a glance

Two people arrested in dog attack that killed 7-year-old

ABILENE (AP) — Two people face second degree felony charges in the dog-mauling death of a 7-year-old Breckenridge child who was killed by their pit bulls, officials said.

The Stephens County Sheriff's Office arrested Jack Smith, 45, and Crystal Watson, 27. They each face a felony charge of a dog attack resulting in a death, which is punishable by 20 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

Bail for each person was set at \$250,000 each. Both remain in custody.

The Abilene Reporter-News reported the arrests on its Web site Wednesday.

Seven-year-old Tanner Joshua Monk of Breckenridge died May 18 after he was attacked by pit bulls while playing outside near his rural home, authorities said.

A driver saw the boy lying dead next to a road near Hubbard Lake.

Two of the pit bulls were shot on site, while two more remain at an animal shelter. A hearing is scheduled for Friday at which the dogs' fate will be decided.

City council settles with parents of teen killed by police

HOUSTON (AP) — The parents of an unarmed teenager shot to death in 2003 by a rookie police officer said they are happy with the Houston City Council's decision to settle their lawsuit.

The settlement voted on Wednesday includes a new set of gun-training standards for officers and cadets that emphasize when not to shoot and how to avoid accidentally firing weapons.

The agreement also includes a \$1.5 million payment, a condolence letter from Houston Mayor Bill White, a plaque on city property honoring the life of slain 14-year-old Eli Eloy Escobar and more crisis intervention training for police officers.

"It means my son meant something. His death meant something," Lydia Escobar said in a story Thursday in the Houston Chronicle. "Now, I can understand my son's death."

"My son was the most precious thing in my life," she said. "God gave me one."

Eli was killed in November 2003 by rookie officer Arthur J. Carbonneau, who was convicted of criminally negligent homicide. Prosecutors said Carbonneau deliberately

shot Escobar as the teen fought with him and Officer Ronald Olivo outside a friend's northwest Houston apartment. Carbonneau contended the shooting was accidental.

Police said the two officers, who were looking for a suspect in an earlier assault, were trying to handcuff and subdue Escobar because he would not follow their commands.

When Carbonneau drew his weapon after Escobar kicked him in the groin, the teen kicked the officer's arm and the pistol fired, hitting him in the head, police said.

Houston to spend up to \$150,000 defending police beard ban

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston City Council unanimously authorized spending up to \$150,000 to defend the city in a lawsuit challenging the police department's ban on beards.

Council members spent more than an hour Wednesday discussing the policy and questioning whether the police department's no-facial hair policy discriminates against men who cannot shave on medical or religious grounds.

In a story in Thursday editions of the Houston Chronicle, Councilman Ron Green said: "... we're basically saying we want new police officers, but we don't want police officers with beards. We are struggling to get police officers on the street. Is it the type of issue that we want to spend resources and money on?"

Four police officers filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in November claiming the facial hair policy is discriminatory. The officers say the prohibition on beards and goatees is unfair for men with pseudofolliculitis barbae, a skin condition that reacts negatively to shaving. The condition primarily affects black men and can cause severe irritation, rashes and ingrown hair.

The men were reassigned to plain-clothes duty because of their facial hair, according to the lawsuit. Sgts. Shelby Stewart and Kenneth Perkins said they wear goatees because of the skin condition.

The police department instituted the policy in 1993 so uniformed officers would look conservative and professional, according to a city memo.

The policy was not regularly enforced until after Sept. 11, 2001, and after Harold Hurtt became chief. After the terrorist attacks, gas

masks were issued to uniformed officers, and beards prevent an adequate seal, the memo said.

Officers Adrian White and Raul Collins are also plaintiffs in the lawsuit. The City of Houston is also named as a defendant.

The lawsuit alleges diminished status and pay because of the policy, but officials said the officers' reassignments were not demotions.

Ex-Dallas school official pleads guilty to lesser charge

DALLAS (AP) — A former top Dallas school district official accused of taking bribes in awarding \$40 million in technology contracts pleaded guilty Wednesday to a reduced charge of attempting to influence a grand jury, his lawyer said.

William Frederick Coleman III, the former deputy superintendent and chief operating officer for Dallas schools, has agreed to testify next month against another former Dallas school official under federal indictment for bribery, conspiracy to commit bribery through a program receiving federal funds, conspiracy to commit money laundering, obstruction of justice and making false statements on tax returns.

"Bill Coleman did not belong in this indictment in the first place," his attorney, David Finn, said in a story on The Dallas Morning News Web site.

The original indictment unsealed last year accused Coleman and former chief technology officer Ruben B. Bohuchot of taking kickbacks to help win contracts for Frankie Logyang Wong's company, Micro Systems Engineering Inc. The indictment alleged that the three men also laundered about \$2.5 million to disguise payments from Micro Systems to Bohuchot, Coleman and others.

The indictment described Coleman's role as a facilitator between Wong and Bohuchot. Coleman worked for the Dallas school district for about a year before leaving in 2000, and he later became superintendent of Detroit Public Schools from 2005 until he was replaced in March 2007.

The trials for Wong and Bohuchot are scheduled for June 9. They face 23 charges of bribery, money laundering and conspiracy. The two men have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Lottery

Winning numbers from the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 2-7-18-26-30-51. Winning numbers drawn: Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-12-14-34.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-4-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-7. Sum it Up: 19.

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Lorenzo Ramos Martinez, 77, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Whitharrel Cemetery in Whitharrel, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 9:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Robert Crane, 76, died Tuesday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. Darrell Turner, 59, died Sunday. A Memorial Service will be at 7:30 PM Saturday at the Big Spring State Park's large pavilion.

SETTLES

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going to be a problem for the construction crews," Wegman explained.

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Texas architect Norman Alston will head the team charged with the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel, according to SHDC officials.

"Kris seems confident they will be able to start demolition and construction efforts by the first of July," said Wegman. "The agreement they have with BSED is a three-year contract through the full scope of the project, and everyone seems confident once things get started they are going to move a lot faster than that. I really don't

think the change in the timetable will have an effect on that."

Ryan had predicted earlier this year the project construction would begin in February.

Also Wednesday, the board voted to change its meeting schedule.

"There were just too many conflicts with the current schedule, which is the fourth Wednesday of each month," said Wegman. "The board members agreed Tuesday nights were better, but we had to be careful not to

plan them on the same nights the city council meets. So the board agreed on the third Tuesday of the month, which will put us right in between council meetings."

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addition, she was a cheerleader for four years and served as manager of the varsity boys' basketball team.

She plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall with a pre-pharmacy major.

Newsom, the daughter of Jimmy and Regina Newsom, is class salutatorian with a grade-point average of 4.25.

She was a National Honor Society member and participated in the student council all four years.

Her other school activities included band, one-act play and debate, in which she advanced to state competition as a junior and senior.

She was also active in UIL competition, winning district titles in literary criticism and prose interpretation.

Newsom plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

Forsan will hold commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Friday in the high school gymnasium.

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STANTON

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classes, as well as serving as president of the student council her senior year. In addition, she was named Most Outstanding Girl for District 8 of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

Her other high school activities included membership in the National Honor Society and serving as drum major for the band and editor of the yearbook. In addition, she was a regional qualifier in UIL journalism and Lincoln-Douglas Debate competi-

tions. In athletics, she competed in basketball, tennis and track.

Coggin plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin with a major in music business.

The Stanton High School

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OUR VIEWS

Why not help greet Hangar 25 visitors Sunday afternoon?

Looking for something to do Sunday afternoon? Well, the Hangar 25 Air Museum will have at least a little bit of diversion available when the Flying Thunder Vietnam-era helicopters from the Wings and Rotors Air Museum in Murrieta, Calif., make a two-hour stopover at the museum Sunday.

Meghan Bias, director of the Hangar 25 Museum, said she and the facility's staff and administration are proud to be a part of the "flying exhibit's" post-Memorial Day trek home.

"Everyone knows about the annual Memorial Day Rolling Thunder's Ride to the Wall, where all the motorcycle riders travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.," Bias said, noting that the bikers make a brief stop at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial every year on their way to Washington. "This year they were joined along the route by Wings and Rotors Air Museum's helicopters."

Officials with the Wings and Rotors Museum contacted Hangar 25 and asked if they could stop off at the Big Spring facility on the way back from the memorial in Washington.

"We told them we couldn't be happier to have them," Bias said, adding that the restored, fully operational and combat-certified Vietnam-era helicopters — three UH-1 "Hueys" and an OH-58 Kiowa — are expected to land behind the museum at approximately 1 p.m. Sunday.

"While they are here, they want to talk to people and tell them about the aircraft, and said they are especially looking forward to meeting the veterans from the area," Bias added.

"A documentary crew is traveling with the helicopters, and they will be looking for veterans to interview while they are here," said Bias. "So we're really hoping our local vets — especially those that worked with the helicopters and were around them during their time in the military — will come out and be a part of this."

A few food vendors will be on hand and Hangar 25 officials are planning to have music between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for the "come-and-go affair."

Bias said she, her staff and the museum's board are "really excited" at the prospect of the choppers' visit Sunday.

And we here at the Herald hope the community gets excited about the chance to go out and spend a few minutes greeting these visitors to our community.

The forecast calls for hot temperatures Sunday afternoon, but that's something most of us can handle — at least for two hours, anyway. So dress comfortably and join us for what promises to be a fun and maybe even educational event at Hangar 25.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, May we get a running start on each day with prayer.

Amen

Change we don't dare believe in

Columnist Robert Novak reports that John McCain will not yield to Barack Obama's efforts to shame him into running a vanilla campaign. Instead, he says, McCain is lining up crack research operatives. Interestingly, their charge is not to gather dirt on Obama per se, but "to focus on the real Barack Obama." From where I'm sitting, that looks like one whale of a target-rich environment.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

That is, McCain's operatives don't have to dig up dirt on Obama to damage his chances; they merely have to dig through the facade and uncover the real Obama. Even with the damning revelations concerning his association with the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and former terrorist William Ayers, I suspect Obama explorers have barely scratched the surface.

While Obama will continue to complain that an examination into his associations is dirty politics, it is anything but. We are known by the company we keep, and this goes for applicants for leader of the Free World as well.

But in Obama's case, the McCain researchers will just be getting started with Obama's sordid associations. Where he's really vulnerable — the area where he most doesn't want you to find out who he really is — is on policy.

Given his George Soros brand of extreme leftism, Obama will do his best to conceal his real policy self, except to the San Francisco environmental- and social-issues anarchists, the arts and croissants crowd of the Northeast Corridor, and the neo-Marxist professorial elite in academe. Of course, now

that he knows microphones and bloggers can pop up anywhere, he won't even feel comfortable letting his guard down in these friendly venues to edify us about such things as small-town bitterness.

Not only is Obama highly vulnerable on policy issues across the board — assuming people discover what he actually stands for — but also his main policy weakness (national security) is made to order for John McCain to exploit.

It's obvious that Obama is sensitive to the charge that he's weak on security, but it's not clear that he quite understands why.

Dovish, isolationist types such as Obama don't view it as a weakness, but as a sign of enlightenment to believe that dictators can be schmoozed and persuaded into better behavior. Obama apparently believes Iranian tyrant Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has reasonable demands that can be satisfied and that he, Barack Obama, might be just the guy to satisfy them. "If I can change Iran's behavior — that's something that we should explore."

In his stump speech, he actually implies that we haven't made clear our position to Iran about its nuclear program or intermeddling in Iraq. I'm not the only one who picked up on that implication. One of his supporters, author Nancy Soderberg, confirmed on Fox News that Obama believes "you need to use your carrots and sticks to talk to (Iran)." We haven't told them, she agreed, that they must quit meddling in Iraq and developing nuclear weapons. I honestly couldn't believe my ears.

Isn't it ironic that effete liberals, who can't see the reality of evil staring them in the face, reckon that it is realistic conservatives who are reality-challenged?

Indeed, the hard left doesn't seem to think Ahmadinejad is that bad a guy or unapproachable. Remember

the swooning of the elitist class when the Holocaust denier wrote President Bush a lengthy propaganda letter disguised as an invitation for a dialogue? It was a "thoughtful letter," they panted.

One would think it self-evident that the dictator, who refers to Israel as filthy bacteria, is up to no good and not approachable through diplomacy absent unilateral forfeiture of our best interests and those of our allies; that a one-on-one meeting with the president of the United States would send an enormously discouraging signal to our Middle Eastern allies, including American-friendly Iranians praying for the overthrow of this tyrant; and that you can't gain concessions from thugs such as Ahmadinejad through words alone — uncoupled with action or credible threats of using force.

But these things are not self-evident to Barack Obama, who comes from the Jimmy Carter school of resolving all doubt in favor of our enemies, as he did when he blamed the Bush administration instead of NATO for NATO's failure to help us in Afghanistan.

Of a piece with this disturbing mindset of deferring to our enemies or other foreign nations is Obama's recent pronouncement: "We can't drive our SUVs and eat as much as we want and keep our homes on 72 degrees at all times — and then just expect that other countries are going to say OK. That's not leadership. That's not going to happen." Says who? By what authority?

To defeat Barack Obama in November, John McCain won't need to dig up dirt on Obama; he'll only have to introduce voters to the real Obama.

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Such waste you wouldn't believe

What would we do with a big corporation that lost \$1 trillion? What if that company operated with \$700 billion budgets and couldn't pass an independent audit?

Nowhere in the world would such extravagant mismanagement be tolerated, and yet this outlandish scenario is the reality in the Pentagon.

America's defense budget exceeds \$500 billion a year — not counting the "emergency" spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — more than the military spending in all other nations in the world combined. Add in the \$12 billion we are burning in Iraq each month, and we are seeing the highest Pentagon budgets since the end of World War II.

The \$1 trillion figure is the amount of money, in 2007 alone, that the United States Army cannot back up with documents and receipts, according to a report in a Conde-Nast magazine.

However, the Army is one of only four branches of the armed services, each of which has its own dysfunctional accounting systems and bureaucratic imperatives to inflate budgets.

I use the word "inflate" deliberately. A recent report from the non-partisan Government Accountability Office revealed that

95 major Pentagon weapon systems (meaning fighter jets, cargo planes and ships) have all run behind schedule and exceeded projected budgets by \$295 billion.

Each service branch has invested loads of political and financial capital in building military hardware since the end of the Cold War, but any real effort to exercise scrutiny over these projects went out the window in the spending bonanza after Sept. 11.

Weapons systems like the Air Force's F-22 Raptor fighter jet, the Marines' V-22 Osprey hybrid aircraft and the Navy's Virginia-class submarine have been in the works since America squared off against the Soviets, but they persist in Pentagon budgets without any comparable threat from a modern superpower. Meanwhile, they survive obsolescence at taxpayer expense, to the tune of tens of billions of dollars each year.

What this profligate spending means to a nation fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is that we are spending hundreds of billions of dollars on high-tech weaponry without a penny of it going to the most immediate threat to our security.

We might ask ourselves, what can be done to right the ship at the Pentagon?

Winslow Wheeler at the non-profit Center for Defense Information has outlined several possible solutions, including a pause in new weapons contracts, an independent panel to phase out unneeded weapons programs and eliminating

pork-barrel spending in Congress. But in truth, any common-sense approaches to fixing the Pentagon will require fundamental reforms in the political process in Washington and the democratic institutions that are charged with oversight. However, we do not see the kind of media scrutiny or political frenzy that would normally accompany this sort of scandal in the private sector or just about any other government agency outside of defense.

Major reforms in American government tend to occur in reaction to a crisis or a giant popular outcry, and major reforms will be needed in the Pentagon. Again, according to the Conde-Nast report, the Pentagon inspector general tried and failed to conduct an audit of our military spending every year between 1990 and 2002. Now, the earliest estimate for an audit to be completed is 2016.

More important still, any vague talk of cracking down on waste, even in the form of "straight talk" from presidential candidate John McCain, will only amount to more of the same budgetary mess unless we confront the biggest drain on our military resources: The war in Iraq. Until we own up to our mistakes in Iraq, the mess at the Pentagon will remain, waiting for us to clean it up.

Vice Adm. Jack Shanahan (USN-Ret.) is the former commander of the U.S. Second Fleet.

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Mated to a six-speed manual transmission, the RS 4 is an absolute blast on a winding, country road. It is an absolute joy to wind out the gears and the suspension system is absolutely flawless.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

With dynamic ride control featuring a central valve unit that transfers pressure equally or side-to-side, pitch and roll are reduced providing a

firm, stable feel as you power through the curves. Likewise with the Servotronic electronically controlled speed-sensitive close ratio power steering that provides a sporty feel, but exceptional handling.

Also new for '08 are two optional packages — Titanium and Exclusive.

The Titanium package adds a black grille; black side window trim; titanium-colored alloy wheels, exhaust tips and mirrors; piano black interior trim and floor mats with contrasting red piping.

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The 2008 Audi RS 4 sedan

trasting red seat and floor mat piping; red stitching on the shift boot, hand brake, seats and steering wheel; piano black interior trim.

The RS 4 is not only a performance vehicle with racing pedigree; it is a premium sedan (or Cabriolet) loaded with high-tech features, high-end luxury and world-class craftsmanship.

The standard LCD driver information system incorporated into the cockpit event includes a stopwatch with lap timer function — just in case you get an opportunity to log some time on the track.

Heck, it even welcomes you when you get in the car and turn the ignition on.

It's also loaded with safety features. In addition to the quattro all-wheel drive, the RS 4 features electronic stability program with integrated dry braking function to assist the brakes when

the road is wet.

Other safety features include a tire pressure monitoring system, two-stage front airbags and Sideguard head airbag system, to name just a few.

The Audi RS 4 is an

extremely exciting car to drive. For those in the market for a premium performance sedan, I highly recommend adding it to the test drive list.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon makes a distinct move from carefree Pisces into energetic

Aries. It's a t h o u g h we've been wandering around the house in our b a t h r o b e and suddenly we've got someone to be and people to see! Overcoming the inertia of the old may have some of us feeling sluggish at first, but when we finally do get going, we're off and running.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If life isn't an adventure, you don't feel you're fully living. Follow your yearning to go where you're sure to be surprised on an hourly basis. As your pulse quickens, you find your higher purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Evolution is not always a slow process. You witness a lightning-speed change and would be hard-pressed to repeat exactly what you saw. But you know one thing -- it was real. Furthermore, the change will take a stronghold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The people you love most have the best chance of getting on your nerves -- that's just the way love works. You have to be invested to feel the pain, and you have to feel pain to feel joy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you must tear structures down before you build them up again. Loved ones don't need to know the method to your madness; they only need to believe that you have one, and they'll help wherever they can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Against the emotional wind and weather, true love triumphs. Of course, it's always more fun on fair days, like today. There's nothing to stand between you and your sweetheart. Embrace and enjoy.

VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not into hoarding ideas. What good are they if not explored, toyed with, followed to their real-life conclusion? You're prolific now, both in thought and deed, with plenty to share.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are so many messages coming at you from different directions. Your gift is that you are able to tune into the message that speaks to your heart as though it were intended only for you. Perhaps it was.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you know you are loved, your whole body relaxes. Your feet become grounded to the earth. Wherever you extend your roots, you will get nourishment

there and grow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a touch more vulnerable than you'd like to be, and that's just the state that allows you to make a new friend or even forge the bonds of deep and lasting love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything happens in perfect time. Make this your manta and you'll be poised for success. Your comfort level in varying degrees of chaos is what will set you apart as a leader.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If people are different from you, you don't walk away. You walk toward them, ready to explore these differences. And you're willing to release your creative mind to the whims of the strong characters you encounter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The longing inside you is not easily stated. You can feel the yearning for resolution, and yet you're not sure what kind of solution would satisfy you. Try to narrow this vague feeling down to a specific question.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Scorpio who recently reconnected with the love of my life, a Libra who never knew at the time that I was in love with him. I've told him my feelings and we've developed a long-distance friendship. He isn't opening up, and I want more. Sometimes it feels like a lost cause."

I believe this long-distance relationship is depriving your Libra of the courtship ritual, the getting-to-know-you activities that allow both of you to decide whether to move this relationship forward. With rising Internet and long-distance dating, our modern culture may've lost touch with the more structured formality of courtship, but wooing isn't only classy, it's smart. Our modern courtship ritual is less about promising a cow or dowry, but being exposed to different sides of each another over a span of time, within a variety of circumstances and situations. Librans love this -- primarily because they need to assess and deliberate over how you fit into their world. As a Scorpio, your "I've met my soul mate, what's more to know?" instinct swiftly fast-forwards through courtship, often to your detriment. Figure out a way to get closer, by plane, train, auto, an online course you both take, and you've cracked the Libran getting-to-know-you comfort zone.

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News in brief

Rice says Bush administration was upfront about Iraq war

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Thursday rejected allegations from a former White House spokesman who says the Bush administration misled the American public into going to war with Iraq.

Rice would not comment specifically on charges made by ex-press secretary Scott McClellan in a new book, but said President Bush was honest and forthright about the reasons for the war. She also said she remained convinced that toppling Saddam Hussein was right and necessary.

"The president was very clear about the reasons for going to war," she told reporters at a news conference with Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt in Stockholm where she is attending an international conference on Iraq.

Chief among those reasons was the belief, shared widely before the war, that Saddam Hussein had or was developing weapons of mass destruction, Rice recalled, suggesting the international community shouldn't have backed harsh sanctions against Iraq if it doubted the threat.

"I am not going to comment on a book that I haven't read," she said, referring to McClellan's scathing memoir, "but what I will say is that the concern about weapons of mass destruction in Saddam Hussein's Iraq was the fundamental reason."

3 killed in suicide bombing in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomber hit a convoy of international soldiers in Kabul on Thursday, killing three Afghans caught in the blast, police said.

Meanwhile, a clash in the western province of Farah killed more than two dozen Taliban fighters, a police officer there said.

The attack in Kabul targeted two armored SUVs, causing minor damage to the vehicles. None of the soldiers inside the vehicles was wounded or killed, said Lt. Col. David Johnson, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition. He did not immediately know the nationalities of the troops.

U.S. troops from a base in Kabul cordoned off the area shortly after the attack.

The blast killed three Afghans and wounded four, said Mohammad Aslam, a police officer at the scene. Small shops line the road, and pedestrians frequently walk alongside the busy route.

Obama and Clinton battle in close June 3 South Dakota primary

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The voters of South Dakota look a lot like those who have favored Hillary Rodham Clinton in presidential primaries this year, but her rival, front-runner Barack Obama, has plenty of friends in high places in this rural state.

Not quite the stone faces atop Mount Rushmore. But most Democrats who've won statewide elections, past and present, in predominantly Republican South Dakota have endorsed Obama. These include former Sens. George McGovern, himself the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972, and Tom Daschle, the ex-Senate majority leader, and both Democrats now in Congress, Sen. Tim Johnson and Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin.

In addition, the Illinois senator has used his substantial fundraising edge over Clinton to field a larger ground organization in this sparsely populated state, which allocates only 15 national convention delegates in its June 3 primary but offers a larger psychological prize.

The last two primaries in the Democratic race, South Dakota and neighboring Montana, whose voters will distribute 16 delegates the same day, provide a final opportunity to display vote-getting power that might sway uncommitted superdel-

egates nationwide. These elected and party officials, whose convention votes are not bound by any primary, will provide the nominee's final margin of victory unless the final three primaries put Obama over the top.

"South Dakota and Montana get to be players in that, determining what the final message of the primaries will be," said Robert Burns, chairman of political science at South Dakota State University.

Calif. officials say counties can start issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples June 17

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barring a

stay of a historic California Supreme Court ruling, same-sex couples will be able to wed in the state beginning June 17, according to a state directive issued Wednesday.

And such unions might soon be recognized at the other end of the country in New York, where the governor has directed state agencies to do so.

California said it chose June 17 because the state Supreme Court has until the day before to decide whether to grant a stay of its May 15 ruling legalizing gay marriage.

Gay-rights advocates and some clerks initially thought couples would be able to wed as early as Saturday, June 14. The court's decisions typically take effect 30 days after they are made.

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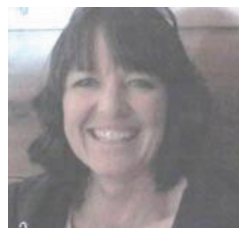
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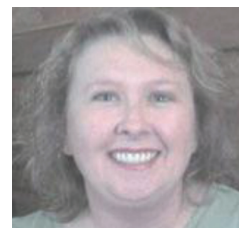
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DENNIS THE MENACE

5-29

"AM I IN TIME FOR DESSERT?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

5-29

"If you're going to stomp your feet, make sure mine aren't in the way!"

HAGAR

5-29

I'M HOME EARLY FROM MY RAID ON ENGLAND, HELGA...

AND I ASSUME YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING ME

BC

LOOK, SQUID, I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO GET OFF MY FACE AT SOME POINT.

NOPE.

ROAR

YEE HEE HEE HEE!

THAT DOES IT - I'M GOIN' VEGAN.

BLONDIE

5-29

I PASSED MY OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUDDY HARRY PILLOUGHBY ON THE STREET THIS MORNING...

I HADN'T SEEN HIM IN 40 YEARS... HE'S REALLY GOTTEN OLD

HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH, HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME

WIZARD OF ID

5-29

YOU'VE SUFFERED LONG ENOUGH, WIZARD

I'M GOING TO START TALKING TO YOU AGAIN

BLANCH, YOU'RE MUCH TOO KIND, BUT I DESERVE TO SUFFER AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 29, the 150th day of 2008. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. (It was during this speech that Henry supposedly responded to cries of "Treason!" by declaring, "If this be treason, make the most of it," according to an 1817 biography of Henry by William Wirt, who wrote that he had confirmed the quote with former President Thomas Jefferson.)

On this date:

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1903, comedian Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, London.

In 1913, the ballet "The Rite of Spring," with music by Igor Stravinsky and choreography by Vaslav Nijinsky, had its chaotic world premiere in Paris.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1985, 39 people were killed at the European Champions Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall separating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

In 1995, Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the House and the Senate, died in Skowhegan, Maine, at age 97.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 87. Country bandleader Danny Davis (Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass) is 83. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 70. Race car driver Al Unser is 69. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 67. Actor Kevin Conway is 66. Actor Helmut Berger is 64. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 63. Actor Anthony Geary is 61. Singer Rebbie Jackson is 58. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 55. Rock musician Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 53. Singer LaToya Jackson is 52. Actor Ted Levine is 51. Actress Annette Bening is 50. Actor Rupert Everett is 49. Rock musician Noel Gallagher (Oasis) is 41. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 41. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 39. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 35. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 34. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 33. Rapper Playa Poncho is 33.

Thought for Today: "What makes us discontented with our condition is the absurdly exaggerated idea we have of the happiness of others." — Anonymous.

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AGNES

5-29

HI, AGNES!

HELLO, BOB.

WHAT? NO SCATHING, MEAN-SPIRITED, SARCASTIC RETORT? DO YOU FEEL OK? IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT AT HOME?

IT WAS A HELLO... NOT A BACK DOOR TO MY PERSONAL BUSINESS!

OH? LIKE I'M HERE FOR YOUR PLEASURE?

THANKS. NOW I FEEL BETTER.

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ACROSS

1 Set of gigs

5 Video-game pioneer

10 Super Bowl III champs

14 Greek liqueur

15 Harp sound

16 Norma number

17 Darwinian concern

20 Deep black

21 "All-day" treats

22 Airport near Puget Sound

25 Burgle

26 Keg access

27 Underground storage spot

33 Freudian subjects

35 Speak indistinctly

36 "So true!"

38 Raines of film

39 Antler branches

41 San Juan Hill locale

42 Bombard

43 Center of Caesar's claim

44 Supermodel Heidi

45 Programmer's product

49 Barely make, with "out"

50 Milne joey

51 Bursting with joy

53 Ritzy residences

57 Closeout, e.g.

58 Partygoer's purchase

63 Lapis lazuli color

64 Linguistic quirk

65 Black-and-white bite

66 Toy on runners

67 Circus structures

68 Put in hock

DOWN

1 Besides

2 ___ Town

3 Commando weapon

4 Thesaurus man

5 Free of charge

6 Fundraiser suffix

7 Comic-strip yip

8 Actor Tamblyn

9 Tainted

10 School of Rock star

11 Toledo's lake

12 Management level

13 Get snippy with

18 Construction beam

19 Green sci.

22 Highly inclined

23 Top scouts

24 Moon-mission program

28 Antipasto bit

29 Knee-length garment

30 Statement of belief

31 Lucky charm

32 Chew out

34 Waterlogged

37 Known as

40 Holstered weapons

46 Portnoy's creator

47 Modify text as a team

48 French pronoun

52 Storyteller with morals

53 Falls away

54 Window part

55 Steadfast

56 "Smooth Operator" singer

57 Ad

59 Yang's counterpart

60 Important time

61 Just released

62 Slew

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HI AND LOIS

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LET ME SEE

NEXT THEY'LL BE PUTTING THEIR DRUG TEST RESULTS ON THE BACK OF THE CARDS.

THE OTHER COAST

5-29

A.E.K.C.B. T.N.L.E.R... E.O...

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WELL, YOUR EYESIGHT IS FINE. YOU'RE JUST ILLITERATE.

SNUFFY SMITH

5-29

PAW!! MY KINFOLK ARE AT TH' DOOR!!

FLIP!! FLIP!!

HELP WANTED

BEEBLE BAILEY

5-29

MR. BAILEY WOULD LIKE TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT

BEEBLE HIRED A LAWYER?!

GREG+ MORE WALKER

I TOLD YOU HE DOESN'T LIKE COMPLAINTS