

Sales tax income up some

#### By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Sales tax receipts were up moderately for the the city of Big Spring this month, according to the State Comptroller's Office in Austin.

Big Spring received \$417,952.45 this month, up 7.64 percent when compared to the \$388,284.20 received in March 2008. For the year, the city has been sent \$1,587,373.19, up 19.92 percent.

Receipts were up 32.08 percent in Ackerly, which received \$6,843.23 this month compared to \$5,180.93 in March 2008. This year, Ackerly has received \$21,984.61, up 25.99 perecent.

Coahoma received \$9,924.43 this month, an increase of 14.83 percent when compared to the \$8,642.56 taken in for March of last year. Through the first three months of 2009, Coahoma has received \$29,049.02, up 14.79.

Forsan experienced a downturn this month, receiving just \$5,139.05 compared to \$6,823.04 for March 2008. That's a 24.38 percent decline. For the year, Forsanhasreceived \$20,905.20, up 11.78 percent.

Receipts were up a scant \$2,380,971.33 in March 2008. This year, the Key City has received \$8,765,759.67, up just 0.65 percent.

# **AUCTION BENEFITS KIDS' ZONE**



**HERALD** photo/Steve Reagan

Scott Emerson holds an item up for bid during an auction at the old Boys Club building on East Third Street Saturday morning. The auction, sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club, raised about \$10,500 to help with the renovation of the Kids' Zone playground area, which was heavily damaged by fire in December.

# 0.45 percent for Abilene, which received \$2,391,797.87 this month compared to Third annual Cars, Stars, Handlebars event set for April 25

Andrews took in \$278,713.61 this month, a 5.2 percent decrease when compared to the \$294,013.73 taken in for March 2008. For the year, Andrews

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#### **By VALERIE AVERY**

#### Special to the Herald

Invitations to the Third Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars have been addressed, stamped and put in the mail, looking for the first 750 people to respond with requests for tickets to the popular event.

This year's event will be Saturday, April 25, at the Big Spring Country Club. The ticket drawing will begin at 5 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. to all ticket holders and a guest.

Only 750 tickets will be made available but donors may purchase more than one ticket, said Billie Christie, Big Spring State Hospital director of community relations.

"As the time gets closer to the date, we always have a mad rush to buy tickets," she said. "We have to turn away many people who want to purchase tickets."

Each \$100 tax-deductive donation gives the ticket holder and his or her guest an evening of hors d'oeuvres. Each ticket holder has an opportunity to claim door prizes and one of three new 2009 vehicles.

One ticket holder will have



**Courtesy photo** 

KOSA-TV Anchor Jay Hendricks, State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, and Cars, Stars and Handlebars Co-Chairman Stacey Barr work the crowd during last year's fund-raiser to benefit Big Spring State Hospital. Donation letters have been mailed in reference to this year's event, which will be held April 25.

a choice between a 2009 Chevy Malibu LS; 2009 Ford F-150 half-ton pickup; or a 2009 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle. The cars are provided by the Big Spring New Car and Truck Dealers, Cars, Stars and Handlebars Co-Chairman Stacy Barr said.

The runner-up wins a consolation prize.

KOSA-TV News Anchor Jay Hendricks will return to assist Barr and hospital superintendent Ed Moughon.

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## LOCAL

# **Obituaries**

#### Juanita N. Nairn



Juanita N. (Ewan) Nairn passed away from this life on March 20, 2009, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Kansas City, Mo., at the age of 98 years, one month and two days.

She was born to John E. and Mable E. (McGown) Ewan on Feb. 18, 1911, at their farm home located in the Idell Community southeast of Walnut, Crawford County,

Kan. Juanita was the fourth of seven children. She lived a lot of her formative years nearby with her grandparents, William and Mary Martin Ewan. She attended schools at Idell and McCune, Kan. She also attended Green Elm Church.

On Aug. 24, 1929, she was united in marriage to Theodore A. "Pete" Nairn. They moved to Arcadia, Kan, where he was teaching school. They soon started farming north of McCune. Life was hard on the farm during the Depression years. During World War II, they moved their young family to the Pittsburg, Kan., area, where they lived many years. He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1974. She continued to live in the Pittsburg area until moving to Kansas City, Mo., for her remaining years.

Juanita worked hard much of her life; farming and later bookkeeping for various Pittsburg firms including, Nairn Equipment Inc., Montgomery Ward, Lindberg Drug, Ramsey's and Seymour's and then at New Packaging Concepts in Kansas City. She always said that hard work never hurt anyone.

Juanita loved all her family and her nieces and nephews. Much of her spare time was devoted to her hobbies of quilting, crocheting, embroidering and making many things for her family and others. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Pittsburg for 50 plus years and she traveled with Pete to the Shrine Mounted Horse Patrol events.

She is survived by two sons, Theodore M. Nairn Jr., and his wife, Nora, of Big Spring and Leo R. Nairn and his wife, Jane, of Kansas City, Mo.; grandsons, Michael Nairn of Monticello, Ind., and Jeffrey Nairn and wife, Lea Ann, of League City, Richard Nairn and wife, Susan, of Kansas City, Mo., Daniel Nairn and wife, Pam, of Kansas City, Mo., Eric Duke and Adam Duke of Montague; and granddaughter, Julie Duke and husband, Andrew, of Montague; great-grandsons, Michael J. Nairn and wife, Melissa, of Big Spring, Steven Nairn and wife, Lisa, of Schererville, Ind., Josef Nairn and wife, Kim, of Big Spring, Nathan Nairn, Troy Nairn and wife, Carol, all of Stover, Mo., Cory Nairn, Elijah and Isaiah; great-granddaughters Valeri Nairn, Dana Nairn, Amy Duke and Brittini Nairn; and great-great-grandchildren Tyler Nairn, Collin Nairn, Blake Nairn and Alexandra Hilger.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson, Mark L. Nairn of Troup. Juanita was the last survivor of her siblings.

Graveside services for Juanita are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Pittsburg, Kan., with the Rev. Ken Butts officiating. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Brenner Mortuary in Pittsburg, Kan. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2:30 p.m. Monday to sign the register book. The family suggests memorialsto the American Heart Association. These may be left at or sent to the Brenner Mortuary, 114 East Fourth St., Pittsburg, Kan. 66762. Friends may also leave condolences online at www.brennermortuary.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kan.

#### Nora Johnson



Nora Johnson of Big Spring died Saturay, March 21, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family. She was 95 years old.

Mrs. Johnson was born June 26, 1913, in Hamlin to Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Welch. She married Oliver "Curley" Johnson on Dec. 25, 1933. They owned and operated Curley's Photography Studio.

Their prayers were answered in 1946 when they adopted a beautiful 9-month-old baby girl. They made their home in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brother and her spouse of 71 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Gloria "Dee Dee" Phillips and husband, Stanley, of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Nora Gamble and husband, Clay, of Coahoma and Rachele Lebeda and husband, Brian, of Keyes, Okla.; a great-grandson, Hunter Williams of Coahoma; three great-granddaughters, Morgan, Keilee and Jadyn Lebeda, all of Keyes, Okla.; and one nephew, Danny Welch of San Antonio.

Mrs. Johnson's body was donated to Texas Tech Medical Science Center in hopes for future medical and scientific adavncements. Her body will be interred in San Angelo at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720.

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

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#### William 'Bill' Clovis Phinney Jr.

William"Bill" Clovis Phinney, Jr.,



78, of Coahoma died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Charles Kuhn of Breckenridge and the Rev. Elwin Collom of Big Spring officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive

friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Phinney was born Feb. 20, 1931, in Howard County to Annie and William Clovis Phinney Sr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in South Carolina. Clovis married Janie Echols on June 12, 1954, in Coahoma. He was employed at Cosden, later Fina from 1950 until 1980.

Clovis was business manager of I.U.O.E., Local 826, from 1980 until 1989. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County, except for his military service, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Clovis is survived by his wife, Janie Phinney of Coahoma; two sons, Ronald Phinney and his wife, Shelly, of Coahoma and Faron Phinney and his wife, Regina, of Belton; one daughter, Lu Sara Briley and her husband, Donnie, of Christoval; six grandchildren, Lucas Phinney of Denton, Landon Wegner and his wife, Misty, of Big Spring, Kyland Wegner and his wife, Danielle, of Midland, Grayson Wegner of Iraq, Holly Phinney of Lubbock, and Valerie Briley of Christoval; three great-grandchildren, Alana, Claire and Tucker; one brother, Ricky Phinney and his wife, Jeffie, of Sand Springs; two sisters-in-law, Judy Lazarus and her husband, Steve, of Belton and Eddie Juan Echols of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

#### Lennis Phipps Couch



Lennis Phipps Couch, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Hospital. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Lennis Phipps Couch was born April 28, 1919, in

Runnels County. She was the daughter of Enoch and Fleta Phipps. Lennis graduated from Winters High School in 1936. The Phipps bought property in northern Howard County (16 miles north of Big Spring) in 1928, but did not move to Howard County until 1938. When the Phipps first moved to Howard County, they lived in the "Oliver House" while a house was being built on the Phipps property. The property consisted both of pasture land and cultivated land. Lennis and her father "broke" one-third of the pasture land into cultivated land. Lennis and her father picked cotton for 50 cents per 100 pounds in the Luther Community. The Phipps sold eggs and milk around Luther and Big Spring while they were developing the property. Fleta and Lennis churned butter, dressed chickens, canned garden vegetables and gathered eggs. John Couch and Lennis met at different gatherings in the Luther area. John and Lennis were married on Dec. 30, 1945, in Big Spring. They first lived in a servant quarters at the Hogan's house, while Lennis cared for the Hogan children. The first home that they owned was at 904 13th street in Big Spring. It was a two-room house with a bath. They started out housekeeping with a hot plate. Lennis worked at Malone and Hogan Hospital until Martha was born in 1950. John and Lennis moved to Luther in 1952. The farm was leased out, but John and Lennis worked the cattle and John milked daily. John preceded her in death on July 14, 1990.

Annette Couch was born in 1953 and resides at the family ranch now. Lennis was a member of the Luther Home Demonstration Club and hosted the bi-monthly meeting twice per year. Before her turn to host the meeting, she always started a new home remodeling project. She volunteered to be a 4-H leader and became Howard County's very first leader for Family and Consumer Science. She led several food and nutrition groups and developed teen leaders to assist. Lennis served as a steward in the Methodist Church before joining Bethel Baptist Church at Luther in 1969 where she served as church treasurer for 20 years. RSVP work was a large part of her support for both the Luther and Big Spring communities. She provided transportation for other seniors to meetings and meals. She called to remind others of upcoming events. She is survived by two daughters, Martha Couch of College Station and Annette Couch of Luther, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Helen, of Luther. Donations in her honor can be made to the Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station 77842. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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#### John William "Bill" Hughes



John William "Bill" Hughes Jr., 43, of Garden City died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. A funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2009, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence with the Rev. Francis Njoku officiating.

Mr. Hughes was born May 4, 1965, in Brady to John and Carolyn (Mangum) Hughes. Before graduat-

ing high school, the family moved to Midland and he graduated from Midland High School. He then attended Midland College. Bill was very involved in his community. He was a member of the Garden City Bearkat Booster Club, 4-H Club, Lions Club and also served on Glasscock County Volunteer Fire Department. He worked in oilfield equipment sales for Tommy White Supply Company.

Survivors include his three daughters, Kallie, Taylor and Megan Hughes, all of Garden City; his parents, John and Carolyn Hughes of Garden City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike Hughes and his wife, Pam, of Midland and Bob Hughes and his wife, Cindy, of Plano; a niece, Brecklyn Hughes of Austin; and three nephews, Taylor Hughes and his wife, Elizabeth, and Travis and Trevor Hughes, all of Plano.

Memorial donations are suggested to go to the Glassock 4-H, P.O. Box 299, Garden City 79739.

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

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Let Classified Work for You! Call 263-7331 Today! In addition to his parents, Clovis was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Dillard Phinney.

Clovis loved his family, grandchildren, outdoors, camping, whittling walking sticks and hummingbirds, and especially talking, laughing and visiting with anyone who crossed his path. He never met a stranger.

Pallbearers will be Lucas Phinney, Landon Wegner, Kyland Wegner, Grayson Wegner, Jay Phinney, Charles Purcell, Mike Lazarus and John Echols.

The family suggests memorials to Bloys Campmeeting Association, c/o Oscar L. Medley, Box1335,Ft.Davis79734;DoraRobertsRehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St., Big Spring 79720; or your favorite charity.

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

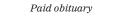
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# Support Groups

#### SUNDAY

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





#### Muriel Reid

Muriel Ethel Lehde Reid, 89, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at her residence in Phoenix. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009, in McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater with the Rev. Ronnie Lehde officiating. Burial followed in Sweetwater Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 21, 1919, in Temple and married Jesse Pat Reid May 24, 1941, in Sweetwater.. She was a retired telephone operator and had lived in Big Spring for 21 years before moving to Phoenix in 1981.

She is survived by two daughters: Brenda Kay Crouch of Nashville, and Donna Ruth Davis of Phoenix; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Ruby Mae Jones; and a brother, Walter Lehde.

Arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.



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# LOCAL/STATE

### Texas News Briefs Explosion in Kaufman County

#### injures two teenagers

KAUFMAN (AP) — Two teens were flown to Parkland Memorial Hospital with injuries sustained from an explosion just outside Kaufman city lim-

Parkland spokeswoman Lynsey Purl could only confirm to The Associated Press Sunday that the hospital was treating two males who are minors.

Kaufman County Assistant Fire Marshal Randy Richards told The Dallas Morning News that the Saturday night explosion happened as three teens and an adult used a cutting torch to open a 55-gallon barrel inside a structure behind a residence.

The newspaper reported the teens had possible first and second-degree burns.

One of the other two victims drove himself to a hospital, and the fourth declined treatment. Richards said a flammable liquid may have been involved.

#### Fire at condo complex near UT campus displaces students

AUSTIN (AP) — Investigators were trying to find out what caused a fire at a condominium complex that temporarily displaced about 60 University of Texas students.

The blaze caused about \$500,000 in damage but no residents were injured at the Heritage Condominiums, which is located near the university and has many students living in it, Austin Fire Department spokesman Don Smith said Sunday.

The blaze, which started around 11 p.m. Friday. damaged seven of the complex's 33 units.

Smith said temporary living arrangements were found for the 60 displaced students.

On Saturday, workers repaired water and electrical damage at the complex so residents could return. But Smith wasn't sure if any residents had yet been able to return to the complex.

A number of residents were also away on spring break. Classes were scheduled to resume Monday.

The fire started on a second-floor balcony and spread to the third floor and attic area.

#### Man killed in parking spot argument

DALLAS (AP) — Police are looking for the man who shot and killed an Irving man after an argument over a parking spot at a North Dallas park.

Wilmar Alexander Chavez, of Irving, died Saturday night after he got into an argument over a parking space at Anderson-Bonner Park in north

#### Dallas, where he had gone to play soccer.

Chavez arrived at the park with his three nephews about 5 p.m. After he parked, he got out of his car and walked toward four men in a white sport utility vehicle who were angry at him for taking their space, police said. As he approached, someone fired a gun from inside at close range, striking Chavez. He was taken to nearby Medical City Dallas Hospital, where he died.

Officers were looking for a gunman and three others who left the crime scene in the SUV. Officers found the vehicle abandoned late Saturday near the intersection of Arapaho and Coit roads in far north Dallas, a few miles north of the shooting.

Dallas homicide Lt. Craig Miller told The Dallas Morning News on Sunday that witnesses gave detectives enough details to help locate the vehicle and identify a person of interest who had not yet been found.

"Right now, we know who we are looking for," Miller said.

Family members said Chavez worked nearly every day on cars and wanted to start his own body shop. He hoped to get a start in America, then move his wife, Karina, and their 3-year-old daughter, also named Karina, from El Salvador to North Texas.

"His dream was to bring them here at the end of this year," said Walter Rivas, Chavez' uncle. "He had good plans for the rest of his life."

#### Wildlife officials worried about whooping cranes at refuge

ROCKPORT (AP) — Wildlife managers are worried that some of the whooping cranes wintering at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge may be too weak and malnourished to successfully make their return to Canada this season.

The drought has affected the flock that spends each winter on the Texas Gulf Coast. The birds have had trouble finding food because low water levels have decreased the number of blue crabs, which make up 85 percent of the endangered species' diet.

"These are the worst conditions I have ever observed for the cranes at Aransas, with some birds looking thin and with disheveled plumage," Tom Stehn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service whooping crane coordinator, wrote in a March 15 report.

The flock had a record number of 270 when it arrived last fall. Six adults and 15 chicks had died as of March 15, leaving the flock at 249.

Stehn said some of the birds, which are part of the only naturally occurring population of whooping cranes in the world, could die during the return trip to Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park because they are so weak and malnourished. Most of the birds will begin the 2,500-mile trip in early April.

Wildlife manager Dan Alonso says they've tried to help supplement the cranes' diet by setting up 13 deer feeders with corn at the refuge.

"We had 44 or 45 different cranes feeding at the 13 feeders," Alonso said in Sunday's online edition of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "We've been doing all we can to get them nourished."

Wildlife officials also prohibited crab fishing in and around the refuge and conducted controlled burns to help with habitat management.

"It's disappointing for us to see a bad year," said Ray Allen, executive director for the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program. "We are not going to give up. We have seen these kinds of setbacks before."

The flock totaled 15 birds in 1941.

#### American Airlines' unions upset over bonuses for executives

FORT WORTH (AP) — Labor officials say executives with American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp., shouldn't be taking bonuses when the airline is losing money and has performed poorly on a variety of fronts, including delays and customer service.

They compare the upcoming bonuses to \$165 mil lion in payouts financially troubled insurance giant American International Group gave to executives after receiving federal bailout money.

The airline's bonuses, based on AMR's stock performance during the past three years, will be much smaller than previous payouts because company shares have fallen steeply in the past year.

Company officials accused union leaders of hyping the stock program to give them leverage during current contract talks with all three of the airline's unions, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

"This is simply another PR stunt to try and force the company into making decisions favorable to union interests," said Missy Latham, an AMR spokeswoman.

"The reality is that the union has put forth a number of proposals that would add billions of dollars in costs and inject unnecessary financial uncertainty to our operations," she said.

Labor leaders say employees are still working under reduced wages from a 2003 concessions deal that cut \$1.6 billion in annual costs and kept American, a unit of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., out of bankruptcy.

The annual payments go to about 1,000 of American's top managers and executives, and are distributed in company stock.

#### Plan B Pill: Bills ask what should women know

#### **By JACKIE STONE**

Associated Press Writer AUSTIN — What women know about emergency contraception is not enough, according to two bills proposed in the Texas House. But supporters of each measure disagree about why more information might be needed.

gency contraception, but not know how or where to get it.

The other side wants to make sure women who do get it are told exactly how the pill works, in case it interferes with their moral or religious beliefs.

Emergency told about Plan B and ofception, also called the morning-after pill or fered it immediately in Plan B, can be taken the emergency room. within 72 hours of un-The

protected sex to prevent pregnancy. It works like birth control. using hormones to stop ovulation and make it harder for an egg to take hold.

A bill pushed by Democratic Rep. Jessica Farrar of Houston would make sure sexual assault survivors are

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filed by Republican Rep. Frank Corte of San Antonio would require pharmacists to tell women exactly how emergency contraception can block an egg that may already be fertilized.

"If you happen to be one of those who believe (life) starts at that point. then it matters to you how emergency contraception operates," said Kathi Seay, Corte's

policy adviser. "I think that when people talk about emergency contraception, that aspect of it is generally not explained."

The bill would also require pharmacies dispensing the pill to post an 18-by-24 inch sign in English and Spanish at

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Eustolia "Emma" Haro. 87, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Those who favor one proposal say rape victims might want emer-

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also Rebates were down slightly for Lubbock, which received \$3,494,125.33 this month.

Compared the to received \$3,509,774.09 in March 2008, that's a decrease of 0.44 percent.

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"Jay is a huge hit and he really does a good job keeping everyone entertained throughout the evening," Christie said. "He has never hesitated when asked, and he is extremely funny and is a good partner for Stacy and Ed."

The Big Spring State Volunteer Hospital

This year, Lubbock has received \$12,840,218.12, up 2.99 percent.

Sales tax receipts were also down in Midland. The Tall City took \$2,760,070.90 this in month, down 6.76 percent when compared to the \$2,960,347.88 taken in for March 2008.

For the year, Midhas received land \$10,317,838.84, up 10.87 percent.

Right next door, Odessaenjoyeda24.55percent

Services Council introduced the Cars and Stars event to the Big Spring community three years ago after a successful 20year run of the Denim and Diamonds event.

Proceeds from Cars and Stars will support the construction of a Family Visitation Center, Christie said.

For more information, call 268-7535, 268-7536 or 268-7271. Tickets are available at Bob Brock Ford, Pollard Chevrolet and the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office.

They also can be obtained from Cars and Stars Committee members: Co-chairman Stacy and Mark Barr,

Rebates were up 3.2 percent in Stanton, which took in \$25,557.68 this month compared to \$24,764.58 a year ago. For 2009, Slaton has received \$77,098.59, sown 7.09 percent.

The Scurry County seat of Snyder took a hit, receiving just \$176,098.46 this month compared to \$210,177.83 for March 2008. That's a decrease of 16.21 percent. This year, Snyder has taken in \$708,312.45,

co-chairman Robin Hallman, Brenna and Noel Hoff, Leslie Elrod, Justin Hobbs, Deven Bowerman, Shirley Bodin, Lucy Flores, Robin Hallman, Suzanne Markwell, Erin and

the cash register telling would-be customers that if they believe life begins at fertilization.

up 2.18 percent. Finally, Sweetwater witnessed a 6.25 percent increase in sales tax receipts, comparing the \$213,854.90 received this month to the \$201,259.40 taken in for March 2008. This year, Sweetwater has received \$777,579.88, up 8.29 percent.

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Scott MacKenzie, Sara and Justin Myers, Jamie and Quade Weaver and Heather and Ryan Williams.

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# **O**PINION

**BIG SPRING HERALD** Monday, March 23, 2009

# DITORIAL

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# **O**THER VIEWS **Bill providing** death penalty reform needed

convicted capital murderer in Texas is sentenced to death in open court, face to face with judge and jury. They Lypically are the last people with lifeor-death authority that the condemned defendant will see before lethal drugs are injected into his arm.

A bill filed by Sen. Rodney Ellis would change that. It would require the Board of Pardons and Paroles to hold a meeting with the condemned prisoner in attendance. The meeting can be in person, by phone or through videoconference.

This bill, SB 166, is a good one. It grants access to a person whose life is at stake and allows for a last-ditch plea that may, someday, avert the rare tragedy of a fatal error.

Today's system has safeguards built in, but it's hard to have too many. Upon request, an inmate is now afforded an interview with a parole board member in response to a clemency application. That member makes a report to the full board. At decision time, however, members may inform the chairman of their votes by phone or by fax. That means the business of death is decided remotely and in relative isolation.

Final judgment by this deliberative state body should occur with the subject of the proceeding and his attorney as witnesses to votes cast by each member. We would make one fundamental change in the bill and require that

# **Recession forcing reality**

serious financial crisis can force some rethinking of economic and political dogma. The current one is serious for most of the world; the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is project-

ing world economic growth of just 0.5 percent this year — the worst since World War II – and this number could easily be revised downward.

In the United States, one of the first casualties of the current recession was the extreme fiscal conservatism that has plagued the country for decades.

It seems like ages since Bill Clinton's administration, facing projected budget surpluses of more than \$5 trillion, decided that it needed to pay off the entire national debt before committing to any new social spending.

President Barack Obama's proposed budget has a deficit for this year of 12.3 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) -- twice the size (relative to the economy) of the next largest deficit in the six decades since World War II. That was President Ronald Reagan's "military Keynesian" budget of 1983.

Like his successor George W. Bush, Reagan never admitted that deficit spending was needed to pull the economy out of recession. Instead he pretended that he was just meeting "defense needs" and granting tax cuts

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where tax cuts were due (mostly to the wealthy).

Today there is a sizeable consensus that deficit spending is very necessary, whatever the Republican leadership may think — if they are thinking at all. This is really just a matter of national income accounting. With consumption and investment falling, that leaves only government purchases and net exports to pull us out of this recession. More on net exports (exports minus imports) in a minute — but for now, this part of our economy is not set to grow enough to pull us out of the recession. Hence the need for the government to step in, in a big way.

Of course, this could be just a temporary change in thinking, with desperation focusing the mind. But there are some signs that it may persist. For example, "The New York Times" reported recently that Mr. Obama's projected budget deficit for 2013 is "3 percent of the overall economy,' a level that economists consider sustainable."

Indeed this is true, and the arithmetic is simple: If the debt grows at the same rate or slower than the GDP (in nominal terms) it will not grow as a percentage of the economy. That is what matters, not the absolute size of the public debt — a big scary number (\$10.9 trillion) that is often thrown around by conservatives. As evident as this is, the major media have almost never looked at the problem in this way before.

The U.S. government has already financed at least \$1.2

trillion of borrowing during this crisis by creating money, which was added to the Federal Reserve's balance sheet. This technically adds to the national debt, but since the government owes the money to itself, there is no net outflow of interest payments from the government on this debt. This reduces the longterm debt burden of the necessary stimulus. Clearly, there are circumstances under which this "monetizing" of some additional borrowing makes sense because the threat of increasing inflation is minimal. The present economic downward free-fall seems to be such a circumstance.

In other words, the United States — because of the special position of the dollar — could to some extent play the role of a world central bank in the present world recession. This would help stimulate our own economic growth as well by increasing demand for U.S. exports. Of course, if the dollar were to lose value internationally in the process (because of the increased supply of dollars worldwide), this would be an added gain for the U.S. economy.

That is because the U.S. dollar is overvalued, and this overvalu ation has artificially stimulated our imports and reduced our exports for many years.

The idea that the United States needs a "strong dollar" could be the next widely held economic misconception to bend to reality.

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the meeting be open to the public. The state has the technology to make that manageable.

The board, which makes reprieve recommendations to the governor, is in a position to weigh factors that courts haven't. For example, the execution of Larry Swearingen of Montgomery County was stayed by federal court in January based on information that a key forensic prosecution witness changed her mind and concluded he could not be the killer. State courts didn't consider that new evidence.

Another worthwhile Ellis measure, SJR 7, would allow Texans to vote on changing the state constitution to give the governor more than the one 30-day reprieve he can now grant without a parole board recommendation. We repeat: It's hard to build in too many safeguards when it comes to taking a life in the name of the state.

The rash of DNA exonerations in Texas demonstrate that well-meaning police, prosecutors and juries sometime get it badly wrong.

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## **A SMALL PRAYER**

#### by K. Rae Anderson

May we break from our past, Lord, and look forward to our future walking with You.

up in America, they hear the out-loud dreams and expectations that their parents and other adults have for them: doing well at school, a fulfilling ca-

reer and a family. Regrettably, those are not the dreams and expectations with which many poor Black and Latino children grow up. For too many of them, childhood means starting school not ready to learn, not reading at grade level. being pushed out or dropping out of school at younger

and younger ages, then hanging out on the corner and getting a "street" education. This often leads to being sucked into the pipeline to prison, which can best be described as a living nightmare.

As part of a growing campaign to expand public awareness and catalyze action to stop this scourge that threatens the lives of countless children and the future of our nation, the Children's Defense Fund was joining with five national partners to conduct a California Cradle to Prison Pipeline Summit last month, in Sacramento.

The summit was to sound an alarm and share solutions for dismantling the pipeline to prison and rerouting children to healthy adulthoods. There is no more urgent concern for America or children of color in America. Nationwide, a Black boy born in 2001 has a 1 in 3 chance of going to prison in his lifetime; a Latino boy has a 1 in 6 chance.

California operates the largest prison system in the United States and incarcerates more than one of every 10 prisoners in America. California's prison Amen pipeline traffic is burgeoning

rests in 2006, more than 600 each day. A large number of them, 36,496, were not for violent or dangerous crimes but for status infractions such as truancy, incorrigibility, running away and curfew violations.

The disparity in spending on youth incarceration compared to spending for education reveals how perverse the state's priorities have become. During the 2007-08 school year, California spent an average of \$11,935 for each K-12 pupil, but the state is projected to spend more than 20 times as much, \$250,000, for each youth in a state juvenile facility in 2008-09. Our states spend on average about three times as much per prisoner as per public school pupil. I can't think of a dumber investment policy. No wonder California can't balance its budget!

We must mount a concerted national effort to dismantle the prison pipeline by attacking it at its root causes — poverty and racial disparities, lack of access to health care, poor early childhood and public education, a broken child welfare system, and inequitable administration of juvenile justice. Zero tolerance school discipline policies are criminalizing children at younger and younger ages. We are hopeful that the Obama administration will begin to transform some of these issues at the national level. A high priority should be national health coverage to ensure that every child and pregnant woman has access to affordable, comprehensive health and mental health coverage for all medically necessary services so that at-risk mothers, as well as pregnant mothers and babies, are identified early, and children don't begin life with three or more strikes already against them.

We know what to do. There are promising approaches that can be replicated at the state and local levels. For example, the

empowers children through academically and culturally enriching summer and after-school programs that promote a love of reading in young scholars and encourages them to engage in service and civic activities. In 2008, CDF Freedom Schools® sites served nearly 9,000 children through partnerships with churches, schools, colleges and universities and community organizations. Each young adult servant leader intern works with 10 children from low-income families setting high expectations and helping them believe they can make a difference in the world.

California's Homeboy Industries, located in Los Angeles, has enjoyed great success as a model gang-intervention program diverting thousands of young people from the prison pipeline for two decades.

Homeboy Industries offers intensive hands-on counseling, iob training and placement in useful employment. It provides assistance in enrolling in school, legal aid, help with immigration problems and classes that teach life skills.

Many youths are employed in Homeboy Industries' enterprises: Homeboy Bakery, Homegirl Café, Homeboy Maintenance and Homeboy Silkscreen & Embroidery.

The pipeline is not an act of God; it has been created by our human political choices.

Our summit is part of an ongoing campaign to rouse the nation to act with urgency and demand new choices for our children and to level the playing field for all children to survive, thrive, learn and contribute according to their God-given potential.

Marian Wright Edelman, whose latest book is "The Sea Is So Wide And My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation," is president of the Children's Defense Fund.



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# Sports

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**HERALD** photo/Tony Claxton

A Greenwood Lady Rangers baserunner beats a throw to home as she slides past Big Spring Lady Steers catcher Jessica Womack (left) in the Lady Steers' 4-3 victory over Greenwood in non-district softball action Saturday at Lady Steer Park.

# Lady Steers hold off Greenwood

#### **By JONATHAN HULL**

#### Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers played their second nondistrict softball game in as many days Saturday in an attempt to better prepare themselves for the rest of the District 4-4A season.

After falling to Hobbs, N.M., Friday, the Lady Steers rebounded with a 4-3 win Greenwood over

Saturday.

The Lady Steers used aggressive base running to put pressure on Greenwood and scored four runs in the first three innings, taking a 4-0 lead.

Linzee Yarbar scored the first run after leading off the game with a single and then scoring on a triple by

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# Hawks remain perfect in 2009

Howard gets stellar pitching from Collazo in 4-game sweep

#### **By JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

With all due respect to those using wooden bats to play baseball, having a dominant pitching performance against a team using aluminum at the plate is considered much more challenging.

That's what makes Anthony Collazo's performance on the mound Saturday for the Howard College Hawks so impressive.

Collazo pitched a gem, allowing one hit and two walks in an 11-0 victory over El Paso Community College. The game was called after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The Hawks made it a clean sweep of the four-game series with a 13-5 win over the Tejanos in the second game of the afternoon, improving Howard's record to 24-0 overall and 12-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

"Every win in conference is big. These wins determine what you get to do in the postseason," said Howard Head Coach Britt Smith. "We're rolling along and doing great, but we can't get comfortable just because we haven't lost any games. Clarendon is only one game behind us in the conference standings. We have to go up there late in the year for four games. Our focus has been one game at a time, but we know the importance of these conference games. "I've been really impressed with the way this team has been showing up in the fourth games of a series throughout the year," Smith continued. "That's really difficult when you've been winning the way we have. Complacency usually started to set in, but these guys



**HERALD** photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College Hawks pitcher Anthony Collazo winds up in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball game Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Collazo pitched a one-hit shutout in an 11-0 win over El Paso Community College as Howard swept a four-game series from the Tejanos to remain perfect on the season.

haven't taken anything for granted so kept rolling from there. He had great

# <u>Steers track</u> **Big Spring** dominates at Monahans

#### **Herald Staff Report**

MONAHANS — Big Spring's boys track team continued its impressive start to the 2009 season with a dominant showing at the Sandhills Relays in Monahans over the weekend.

The Steers blew away the competition, totaling 195 points as a team for a first-place trophy. Midland High was second with 134 points.

The Steers got gold-medal performances from Zack Saldivar (shot put and discus), LaRay Woodard (long jump and

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# Lady Steers track BSHS strong in loaded field

**Herald Staff Report** 

far."

Collazo's official line for the third game of the series Saturday had him allowing just three men to reach base on a single hit and two walks over five innings, while striking out 11 batters.

"Anthony was dominant from the start. He came out really focused," raved Smith. "We had given up some runs in the first inning of the first two games Friday and his focus was to be strong from the first pitch. He struck out the side in the first inning, then stuff all day."

Offensively, the Hawks started their rout in the second inning, scoring seven runs.

Monk Kreder led off the frame earning a base due to being hit by a pitch. Nick Popescu followed him with a single and Caleb Nine walked to load the hases

Will Calhoun took full advantage of the situation and doubled to empty

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BROWNWOOD — Even in a loaded field, the Big Spring Lady Steers track team is finding some room to shine.

Up against many Class 5A schools, including Abilene High, two teams from Round Rock and Lubbock High, the Lady Steers placed eighth out of 15 teams with 32 points at the Bluebonnet Relays in Brownwood.

"This was a great track meet

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# NCAA Tournament: Aldrich's triple-double leads Kansas past Dayton

#### By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS – Playing in his hometown, Cole Aldrich was pumped up.

Patrolling the post for Kansas with those long arms, the 6-foot-11 sophomore forced the Dayton Flyers into a whole bunch of bad shots and sent them down for a rough landing.

Aldrich put up a triple-double with 13 points, 20 rebounds and a careerhigh 10 blocked shots to lead the defending NCAA champion Jayhawks past 11th-seeded Dayton 60-43 in the second round Sunday.

"I've been blocking shots since I was a little kid," said Aldrich, who grew up just a few miles away in the suburb of Bloomington. "I was 6 foot in fifth grade. I had a little height advantage, or what have you. That's the one thing I try to do if guys get beat. I just try to go up there and block 'em."

Shaquille O'Neal set the NCAA tournament record with 11 blocks in a game for LSU in 1992. Shawn Bradley had 10 in 1991 for BYU. Aldrich's feat was, officially, the sixth triple-double in the history of the tournament.

Sherron Collins had 25 points to pace the third-seeded Jayhawks (27-7), who moved on to play the Southern California-Michigan State winner in the Midwest Region semifinals next Friday in Indianapolis.

Pitt 84, Oklahoma State 76

DAYTON, Ohio – Sam Young

scored 32 points and DeJuan Blair added another double-double as topseeded Pittsburgh advanced to the round of 16 for the fifth time in eight years with an 84-76 win over Oklahoma State on Sunday.

Pitt (30-4) will play Xavier in the East Regional semifinals in Boston on Thursday.

Obi Muonelo scored 19 points for the eighth-seeded Cowboys (23-12), who gave the Panthers all they could handle before losing their touch in the final minutes.

#### Xavier 60, Wisconsin 49

BOISE, Idaho — B.J. Raymond scored 15 points and Xavier finally broke through Wisconsin's defense midway through the second half.

The Musketeers (27-7) struggled as the Badgers controlled the pace for the first 30 minutes. Xavier pulled away with a 13-4 run and hung onto the lead from the foul line.

Derrick Brown added 15 points and C.J. Anderson had eight rebounds for fourth-seeded Xavier.

Marcus Landry scored 18 and Trevon Hughes had 17 points for the 12th-seeded Badgers.

#### Midwest Regional Louisville 79, Siena 72

DAYTON, Ohio — Terrence Williams had 24 points and 15

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# Sports in brief

#### **Relay for Life Dodgeball** Tourney set for Saturday

A dodgeball tournament to raise funds for Relay for Life has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 a person to play. There must be four boys and four girls to a team. First game is scheduled for 11 a.m.

A concession stand will be available.

#### Lady Steers boosters meeting March 30 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 30 in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

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#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pluto may be small, but not feel the same way, he sure asks a lot of big questions. He's about a quarter of the size of the Earth and billions of miles away and yet he still can get us thinking. He likes to stir the pot queries with like, "What's up with mankind?",

"What am I doing with life?" my and "What if I lost my (fill in the blank.) Think positive and stay productive.

ARIES

HOLIDAY MATHIS

(March 21-April 19). A relationship is keeping you entertained. As much as you genuinely like your friend, you can't help but laugh at the predicaments this person gets into. Stay supportive, even as you giggle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel comfortable around passionate people and the intensity level won't scare you a bit.

though. You'll be the buffer between two personalities that might otherwise rub wrong.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be visiting someone else's world and it's fun to learn about how things work there. It's safe to ask questions. A new acquaintance will find your winsome ways quite appealing.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A loved one wants to explore the far corners of the world with you, and you probably feel like exploring the far corners of your couch. It's smart to relax. When you're in the mood for discovery, the world will still be out there.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You find it very easy to carry on a conversation over the next three days. Attend events where your natural inclination to entertain people will be appreciated. You're a star salesperson, too, so work it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What's good could be even better. Volunteer to Note that others might make it so, or just pitch

in some anonymous help. It will be so satisfying to see a stellar end result that makes an impression on everyone around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Book an overdue personal care appointment. Whether it's your hair or the dentist, the message you send yourself by putting it on the schedule is the same: You're a very important person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You bring out the spirit of competition in others. Be aware that a person who feels outdone by you may be outwardly gracious, but inwardly scathing. Therefore, your modesty is crucial to keeping the peace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may take you longer than normal to settle into your daily tasks. Guard against interruptions before you make your plan. In a quiet, clear moment you will be а genius prioritizer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be even more creative than usual. One hour of

brainstorming is all you need to make the best of this. You'll come up with ideas to improve your relationships, grow your business and feel better

> in general. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your madcap ways have taken you far, that's for sure. Just now, though, your process for resolving problems and scaling the challenges ahead of you could use a little more method, a little less madness.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes when you lack motivation it's a sign that there is something amiss in the plan. But right now you just need to get into action, even if the plan is flawed you'll fix it along the way. So go on a shift from neutral into drive.

ASTROLOGICAL **INSIGHTS** FOR Α MEMORABLE WEEK — PART ONE: With so much astrological activity going on this week, we're young children like experiencing certain things for the first and most memorable time. Isn't memory tricky for

humans?

What we experience in real time as dull or maybe even terrible, we might at a later date look back upon fondly. This astrologically eventful week is an ideal time to make a few memories of your own.

are Here some suggestions for **ARIES**: Go somewhere new that you've always been intrigued by and never had the nerve or the occasion to enter. Bring a friend \_\_\_\_ preferably someone who shares your irreverent sense of humor! **TAURUS**: Talk to the person who intrigues you. It could be a stranger on the street, someone who works in your neighborhood or perhaps а celebrity you've wanted to learn more about. In the latter case, write a letter or email just to see what might happen. You very well may get a response! **GEMINI:** Decide what is important to you and then create a ritual to solidify the significance of it on your psyche. Elements for your ritual

could include singing, the burning of candles or wild dancing.

#### CELEBRITY

**PROFILES:** Keri Russell started out on "The New Mickey Mouse Club" with co-stars including Britney Justin Spears, Timberlake and Christina Aguilera.

This fiery Aries has been lighting up big and small screens ever since. Russell is a new mother whose natal Mars and Saturn in Cancer indicate that motherhood will provide her joy and will also inspire her greatest artistic and creative development.

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# Annie's Mailbox •

great relationship with my parents. The problem is, I like girls. (I know the correct term would be lesbian, but I somehow find that word offensive.)

A few years ago, And I am scared to tell them. the subject came up and I received mixed signals. First, my parents said they would "kill me" if I was gay, but then said they would be OK with it if I would just tell them.

I always thought once I was grown up and on my own, I would be able to come out, and lately I've felt the urge to tell them. I have a great girlfriend, and I want them to know about my relationships and be involved the way they are with my brothers.

But I don't want things to change. I don't want to feel uncomfortable around my parents, and I don't want my sexual orientation to cause problems in their Please, Annie, can you help? — *Scared* marriage. of Change

Dear Scared: Your sexual orientation should not cause problems in your parents' marriage. Although we understand your trepidation, we believe they would rather be part of your life and include your partners than risk losing you.

It doesn't mean there won't be awkwardness at first, so you have to give them time to accept the new reality and deal with the change in their expectations. Contact PFLAG (pflag.org), 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036, for support and suggestions on how to approach your parents about this.

Dear Annie: I am an 18-year-old girl and have a Primary Health Care supports federally funded problems, but he's too stubborn and rebellious to community health centers across the country that provide dental care.

> HRSA Contact the Information Center (ask.hrsa.gov/pc) at 1-888-ASK-HRSA (1-888-275-4772).

> Dear Annie: I feel compelled to comment on your response to "Betrayed in Boise," whose husband is apparently carrying on with another woman in another city. You suggested she get counseling. Yes, she should get counsel, all right, but legal counsel, not matrimonial.

> Come on, ladies, her husband gets upset when she drops in on him unexpectedly and there's a female coworker there. HELLO? This marriage is beyond redemption.

> Although "Betrayed" seems somewhat naive, if you had suggested she leave this relationship and seek the advice of a lawyer, it might have served as a wake-up call. I think she sure could use one. - Montreal, Canada

> Dear Montreal: We didn't tell her to get counseling because we thought it would save her marriage. Counseling will help her find the strength to make whatever decisions are necessary, and we think she'll need it.

> Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 21 years, and for most of them I have been a stayat-home mom

admit this to you.

Do a little research into treatment programs and give Tyler the information, which he can use when he's ready. Also contact BILY (bily.org), P.O. Box 2062, Winnetka, CA 91396-2062, for support.

Dear Annie: I am a senior citizen, as is my older sister, "Rose." Rose and I recently had a falling out. I learned from my younger brother that Rose was fed up with dealing with me and my "unacceptable behavior" all her life, including my political beliefs, jokes I've told, silly things I've done for fun and other goofiness that she considers offensive.

She said she needed a timeout from me. I was surprised to hear of this lifelong animosity and was deeply wounded and puzzled. Yesterday, she e-mailed to say the timeout was over and she is ready to resume our relationship.

I have forgiven her, but I'm afraid to restart our connection. What are your thoughts? — *Questioning in* Indiana

Dear Indiana: Most siblings learn how to deal with one another's sensitivities over time. Rose apparently never communicated her feelings clearly, so you are understandably confused about how to behave around her now

Tell Rose to please tell you when you say or do omething offensive instead of waiting until it over and creates an estrangement. We're sure the two of you can work it out.

**Dear Annie:** I am a 25-year-old single mom of a beautiful little boy. I work a full-time job and go to school part time in the hope that I will become a state trooper.

Like any other single parent, money has been tight. My health insurance coverage through work is OK, but my dental plan is terrible and, as a result, my teeth have become a big problem.

I went to a dentist to start having some cavities filled and got a bill for over \$400. I almost passed out. Where can I go to get my teeth fixed so that in a year I still have enough teeth to get a good job? I am trying extremely hard to make a better life, but every time I think things are going well, something happens. I just want my smile back. — *Smileless in N.Y.* 

Dear Smileless: We have covered this topic before, but it bears repeating. Dental schools and public health clinics often provide free or low-cost dental care.

Check your phone book for your state dental society, visit the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research website at nidcr.nih.gov (click on "Finding Dental Care"), or write to the National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse at 1 NOHIC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500. The Bureau of

We are honest, supportive, hardworking people. Despite all our efforts, my handsome, intelligent, athletic 18-year-old son is on the path to selfdestruction. Last summer, "Tyler" was arrested for possession of marijuana, spent eight days in jail and lost his job.

I was certain this would be his wake-up call, but I was wrong. A week later, he was arrested again. We bailed him out so he could start college, hoping he would change. We paid his school expenses and things seemed to improve, but not for long. Tyler's drug and alcohol abuse is out of control.

He's lost his car, family, friends and financial support. We refuse to help him anymore. We can't trust him. I let him know that when he can admit he has a problem and be respectful, I will help in any For months, I way I can, but not until then. have been overcome with grief and sadness. My husband says we did the best we could - the rest is up to Tyler.

My older son has never been in trouble and doesn't understand his brother's behavior. I love my child very much. Please help. – Devastated in Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Santa Fe: No one knows why one child in a home chooses a more self-destructive path than another, but Tyler is still young enough to turn things around. He may recognize that he has addiction

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Dear Annie: I can understand the plaint of "Lonely in Connecticut," who misses sexual intimacy due to her husband's illness. She asked whether it was OK to have a discreet affair.

During the last two years of my late husband's life, we also lost that part of our relationship. I want to advise "Lonely" to hug, cuddle and provide her husband every bit of closeness she can while he is alive.

Later, the priorities of life can readjust themselves. There are so many times I lie in our bed and wonder if I spent enough time letting him know how special he was to me. I still wish I could reach out and touch him. — From a Man Missing His Husband in Hawaii

Dear Hawaii: We had quite a range of comments on that letter, from readers telling "Lonely" to go ahead and have an affair to others saying she shouldn't be thinking of herself at a time like this. Your letter is a reminder that true intimacy is more than sex.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF **APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD** PERMIT REGISTRATION PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 82452L003

**APPLICATION** Highland Concrete Co., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit. Registration No. 82452L003, which would authorize construction of a concrete batch plant located approximately 0.5 mile west of Lamesa U.S. Highway 87, on the north side of West Leatherwood Road between County Road 21 and Webb Lane, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 13, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Public Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of

publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to every-

one who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

CON-OPPORTUNITY FOR A TESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected emissions of air contamiby nants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[l/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zon-ing are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding

MAILING LIST In addition to sub-

mitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Of fice of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at

#### www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/ comments.html.

For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Highland Concrete Co., P.O. Box 278, Alpine, Texas 79831-0278 or by calling Mr. Dan Arnold. President at (432)837-5161. Issuance Date: March 18, 2009 #6082 Maarch 23, 2009

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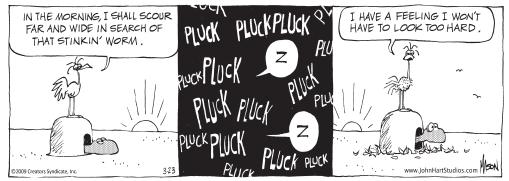
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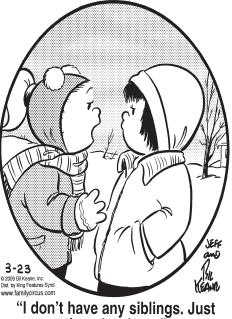
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This Date

In History

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In 1743, George Frideric

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In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1965, America's first twoperson space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly five-hour flight.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles, a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1994, Luis Donaldo Colosio, Mexico's leading presidential candidate, was assassinated in Tijuana.

In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15-year tor Mark Rydell is 75. Singerproducer Ric Ocasek is 60. Singer Chaka Khan is 56. Actress Amanda Plummer is 52. Actress Hope Davis is 45. Comedian John Pinette is 45. Actor Richard Grieco is 44. Country musician Kevin Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 44. Actress Marin Hinkle is 43. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 41. Actresssinger Melissa Errico is 39. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 39. Actress Michelle Monaghan is 33. Actress Keri Russell is 33. Actress Nicholle Tom is 31. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 31.

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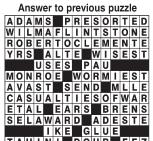
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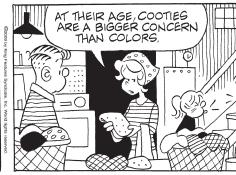
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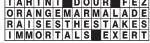


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for us," said Coach Nick Roberson. "We won't see this type of competition again until regionals. We still managed to have several girls place and pick up points."

For the first time this season, the Lady Steers weren't able to pick up any firstplace finishes, but did get three bronze-medal perfor-

#### mances.

Senior Catherine Leubner put her best time of the season in the 3,200-meter run with a 12:10, which was good enough for third. Leubner also nabbed sixth in the 1,600 meters with a 5:44. It was the first time she ran the race this season and her time is already the best posted in District 4-4A.

Freshman Bridgette Tuitt brought home bronze in the triple jump, clearing 26 feet, seven inches. Tuitt was also **S**ports

fourth in the 200 with a personal best time of 25.78.

Desiree Anderson was the only other individual to place for the Lady Steers, finishing fourth in the 100 with a time of 12.7. Anderson was also third in the long jump.

The 400-meter relay team made up of Anderson, Tuitt, Iesha Simpson and Traosha Walker placed fifth.

Abilene Cooper, which is a district opponent for the Lady Steers, scored 15 more points than the Lady Steers. That fact doesn't bother Roberson too much, though.

"This was a loaded field and the competition was watered down," said Roberson. "There won't be as many teams competing for the district title. We can make up 15 points on Cooper easily, especially with our sprinters."

The Lady Steers get a second look at Cooper Saturday, when they compete in a meet in Abilene.

Shot put: 1. Zackary Saldivar, Big Spring,

3,200: 1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 9:59.72; 2.

400 relay: 1. Midland High (Antwan Goodley, Nic

800: 1. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring, 2:03.11; 2.

Dax Riley, Greenwood, 2:04.02; 3. Kade Parker. Big Spring, 2:04.27; 4. Jerrell Williams, Big

Spring, 2:05.52; 5. Jeff Brown, Midland High,

2:06.11; 6. Daimon Diemer, Midland High, 2:08.40.

110 hurdles: **1. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 14.28**; 2. Laron Wright, Midland High, 15.0; 3.

Quincy Titus, Monahans, 15.10. 100: 1. A. Flores, Floydada, 10.59; 2. (tie)

Johnson, Tyler Middleton, Darius Miller), 42.80; 2.

Shane Allen, Big Spring, 10:36.59; 3. Trey Bale,

50-10; 2. Job Darpolar, Pecos, 43-4; 3. Tim Jakel,

Midland High, 43-0.

Pearson, Kermit, 39-1.5.

**Running Events** 

Big Spring A, 43.10.

Kermit, 10:41.78.

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Jillian Valle. Valle later scored on a sacrifice fly by Kenzie Hunt.

Yarbar was again the catalyst in the third, leading off with a double.

She scored on a single by Mirella Torres. Hunt then picked up her second RBI of the day, knocking in Torres with a base hit.

Darius McCalister, Big Spring, 10.87; and Michael

800 relay: 1. Midland High (Antwan Goodley,

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110-hurdles), Jordan Valle (1,600 and 3,200), Sidney Parker (triple jump), Daniel Segundo (800) and Tyrone Clemons (high jump).

Woodard has finished first in the long jump and 110-hurdles in every meet he has participated in this sea-

Clemons set a personal best in the high jump, clearing six feet, 10 inch-

The Steers will see some of their district opponents Friday and

## HOWARD

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the bags, putting Howard up, 3-0. Calhoun later scored courtesy of a single by Runey Davis.

Andrew Collazo, who had walked earlier in the inning, scored on a fielder's choice applied on Bryan Johns.

Miles Hamblin then wrapped up the scoring in the frame, hitting a 2-run homer over the center field wall.

The Hawks added three more in the third as part of a one-out rally.

Nine doubled to initiate the charge, followed by Calhoun drawing a base on balls. Collazo then singled to knock in Nine and Calhoun crossed the plate via a double from Davis. A sacrifice by Joe Leftridge allowed Collazo to score.

Collazo, who plays second and is the brother of pitcher Anthony Collazo, knocked in Nine with a single in the fourth for Howard's final Saturday, when they take part in a meet in San Angelo.

#### **Team Scores**

1. Big Spring, 195; 2. Midland High, 134; 3. Monahans, 57; 4. Pecos, 48; 5. Greenwood, 47; 6. (tie) Lubbock Roosevelt, 37; and Kermit 37; 8. Fort Stockton, 24; 9. (tie) Midland Lee, 19; and Floydada, 19.

Individual Results Field Events

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three RBI.

Saturday.

Discus: 1. Zackary Saldivar, Big Spring, 153-2; 2. Robert Herrera, Pecos, 148-6; 3. Matt Hotlzapple, Midland High, 133-8.

High jump: 1. Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 6-10; 2. Calvin Franks, Monahans, 6-0; 3. Colby Torres, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5-10; 4. Branden Mehan, Fort Stockton, 5-9.75; 5. Jerrell Williams, Big Spring, 5-9.5; 6. Alonso Rodriguez, Fort Stockton, 5-8

Long jump: 1. LaRay Woodard, 23-1.5; 2. A. Flores, Floydada, 22-9.5; 3. Colby Torres, Lubbock Roosevelt, 22-2; 4.

Collazo also shined in the final game

of Saturday's doubleheader, hitting a

double and a home run along with

El Paso actually started the fourth

game of the series by taking an early

lead, pushing three runs across with

two coming off the bat of Vincent

In every game of the series except

the third, El Paso scored at least three

runs to open the game. However,

Howard starter Burch Smith settled

down after giving up the early scores

"The fourth game is tough," said

Smith. "We fell behind in the first

inning again. Burch came out in the

second and got El Paso to go three and

out. That really gave us some life and

The Hawks scored three in the bot-

tom of the second to tie the game, but

went back down by a run in the top of

the third. Howard once again

answered with two more runs, taking

Once again, the Hawks couldn't

a 5-4 lead into the top of fourth.

we rolled from there."

Mejia, who hit a 2-run homer.

keep El Paso off the board and the play April 3 with the first two games Tejanos tied the game back up at 5. of a four-game series against Western

Howard took the lead for good in the second half of that frame, then padded it after Collazo launched a pitch over the left field wall, scoring two runs and putting Howard up, 8-5.

The Hawks loaded the bases in the sixth and then promptly emptied them courtesy of a double by Popescu, who had four RBI in second game of Saturday's doubleheader. Popescu later scored in the inning, giving Howard a 12-4 lead.

Joe Leftridge ended the game by the 8-run mercy rule in the bottom of the eighth, hitting a single that scored Nine.

The Hawks are on their bye week in WJCAC play, but will still be taking the diamond. They'll travel to take on Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity at 5 p.m. Thursday, then will host LCU at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Also on the schedule is a game against McMurry University in Abilene at 4 p.m. Monday.

Howard picks back up with WJCAC

doubleheader the following day in Snyder. Game 3 Howard College 11, El Paso CC 0 El Paso 000 00-0 1 2 Howard 073 1x-11 9 0

Steven Gabbert, Matthew Clark (3), Michael Sauceda (4) and Salvador Beltran. Anthony Collazo and Monk Kreder. W - Collazo (5-0). L - Gabbert. 2B: HC - Caleb Nine (5), Runey Davis (5), Will Calhoun (7). HR: HC - Miles Hamblin (4). RBI: HC Joe Leftridge (24), Bryan Johns (37), Hamblin 2 (17), Calhoun 3 (13), Andrew Collazo 2 (26), Davis 2 (17). LOB: EP 3, HC 4.

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David Maese, Cesar Solano (3) and Derek Remijio. Burch Smith, Chase Adams (4), Hunter Hill (7) and Miles Hamblin. W - Adams (1-0). L -Solano. 2B: HC - Nick Popescu 2 (11), Hamblin 2 (9), Andrew Collazo (8). HR: EP - Mejia; HC -Collazo (4). RBI: EP - Oscar Garcia, Mejia 2, Jose Torres: HC - Joe Leftridge (25), Popescu 4 (32), Caleb Nine (12), Will Calhoun (14), Collazo 3 (29), Davis (18). SB: HC - Nine (11), Davis (10), Leftridge (7). LOB: EP 4, HC 10.

## NCAA

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rebounds, rallying the top-seeded Cardinals to a

#### Michigan State 74, **USC 69**

MINNEAPOLIS - Travis Walton scored a careerhigh 18 points to lift the second-seeded Spartans into the round of 16 for the eighth time in 12 criticism as undeserving of a berth.

Wise scored 21 points to lead four double-figure scorers for the Wildcats (21-13).

Bracket-busting Cleveland State (26-11), was seeded 13th and struggled to solve Arizona's zone defense. Norris Cole scored 17 points.

Triple jump: 1. Sidney Parker, Big Spring, 43-7; Darius Miller, Corey Street, Nic Johnson), 1:29.31; 2. Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 43-0; 3. Quincy 2. Greenwood, 1:33.37; 3. Kermit, 1:34.55; 4. Monahans, 1:35.22; 5. Big Spring A, 1:35.93; 6. Titus, Monahans, 40-9; 4. Junior Carrasco, Pecos, 40-6; 5. Josh Harris, Big Spring, 39-8.5; 6. Joe Pecos, 1:39.84. 400: 1. Robert Guyton, Midland Lee, 50.81; 2.

Orona, Kermit, 10.87.

Josh Harris, Big Spring, 52,.50; 3. Michael Henson, Midland Lee, 53.24. 300 hurdles: 1. Branden Mehan, Fort Stockton,

40.72; 2. Grant Sykes, Midland High, 41.47; 3. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 42.18.

200: 1. Antwan Goodley, Midland High, 21.97; 2. Zamir Linton, Big Spring, 23.75; 3. Zack Owens, Greenwood, 23.96.

1,600: 1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 4:37.25; 2. Kade Parker, Big Spring, 4:38.53; 3. Trey Bale, Kermit, 4:45.38; 4. Daimon Deimer, Midland High, 4:52.78; 5. Shane Allen, Big Spring, 4:58.60; 6. Anthony Ontiveroz, Fort Stockton, 4:59.09.

1,600 relay: 1. Midland High (Grant Sykes, Jeff Brown, Blaze Wooten, Nic Johnson), 3:30.40; 2. Big Spring A, 3:32.43; 3. Pecos, 3:37.12.

Texas College at Jack Barber Field.

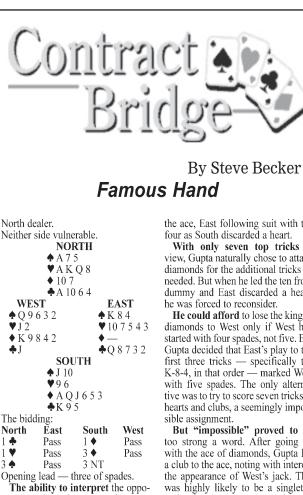
The series wraps up with a second

victory over the plucky Saints in the second round.

Louisville (30-5) advanced to the round of 16 for the second straight year. The Cardinals will play 12th-seeded Arizona in the Midwest Regional on Friday in Indianapolis.

Siena (27-8) overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half and led by four before Williams took over, hitting 3s, getting rebounds and starting fast breaks with one-handed passes.

Edwin Ubiles scored 24 points for the Saints.



nents' cards as they appear is a necessary prerequisite for good card play. For an example of fine card reading, consider this deal played in a national championship by Subhash Gupta, a member of Canada's 1985 Bermuda Bowl team.

Gupta reached three notrump on the auction shown. West's spade lead was ducked to the king, and East's eight-of-spades return was covered by the jack and queen, again ducked by declarer. A third spade dislodged the ace, East following suit with the four as South discarded a heart. With only seven top tricks in view, Gupta naturally chose to attack diamonds for the additional tricks he needed. But when he led the ten from

dummy and East discarded a heart, he was forced to reconsider. He could afford to lose the king of

diamonds to West only if West had started with four spades, not five. But Gupta decided that East's play to the first three tricks — specifically the K-8-4, in that order — marked West with five spades. The only alternative was to try to score seven tricks in hearts and clubs, a seemingly impos-

But "impossible" proved to be too strong a word. After going up with the ace of diamonds, Gupta led a club to the ace, noting with interest the appearance of West's jack. This was highly likely to be a singleton under the circumstances, so he next led a club to the nine. When this held, only one more hurdle remained to be cleared.

The king of clubs was followed by the A-K of hearts, and when West's jack fell Gupta was virtually certain he was home. The ten-of-clubs play allowed East to score his Q-8, but at trick 12 East had to lead from his 10-7 of hearts into dummy's Q-8, giving Gupta the last two tricks and the contract.

#### Tomorrow: Anticipatory defense. ©2009 King Features Syndicate In

years.

Durell Summers added 11 points and eight rebounds for Michigan State (28-6), which has advanced to the regional semifinals more times in the last dozen years than any team but Duke.

The Spartans will play third-seeded Kansas on Friday in Indianapolis.

Dwight Lewis scored 19 points and DeMar DeRozan added 18 points for USC (22-13), which is starting to look like more than just a football school under coach Tim Floyd.

#### Arizona 71, **Cleveland State 57**

MIAMI - Nic Wise and 12th-seeded Arizona again adapted well to its spot as a tournament long shot, building an early 14-point lead and eliminating Cleveland State.

The Wildcats are appearing in the tournament for the 25th year in a row, two shy of the record. But they've never been seeded so low and drew



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#### South Regional Syracuse 78, Arizona State 67

MIAMI — Eric Devendorf hit a pair of 3-pointers less than a minute apart to halt a big Arizona State rally, and the third-seeded Orange held on to advance.

Devendorf finished with 21 points and Andy Rautins added 17 for Syracuse (28-9), which moves on to play second-seeded Oklahoma (29-5) in Memphis on Friday.

Rihards Kuksiks scored a career-high 20 points, and Ty Abbott also finished with 20 for the sixthseeded Sun Devils (25-10). James Harden, the Pac-10 player of the year, was held to 10 points — all in the second half — on 2-for-10 shooting.

#### West Regional Missouri 83, Marquette 79

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Kim English came off the bench to "pinch shoot" for the hurting J.T. Tiller and made two free throws with 5.5 seconds left to lift the Tigers.

It was quite an encore for English, who scored 15 points during one 4½ minute stretch in the first half and helped third-seeded Mizzou (30-6) turn a six-point deficit into a 16-point lead.

Jerel McNeal matched his career high with 30 points in helping Marquette rally.

Wesley Matthews scored 24, but it wasn't enough – even with Dominic James back from a foot injury.

Lazar Hayward stepped over the baseline on the inbounds pass after English's clutch foul shots, and the Golden Eagles were forced to foul. Leo Lyons made two more free throws to ice the game and Missouri moved onto the West Regional semifinals to play Memphis.

