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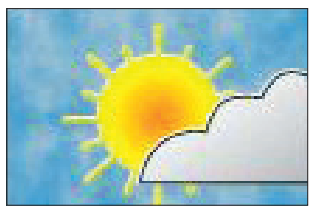


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'Insanity' on stage Sunday

One-act play's trek halted at Area

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School drama department's competitive season is over, but the show will go on at least once more this year.

BSHS thespians fell short of their goal of advancing out of the University Interscholastic League Region 1-4A Area 2 one-act play contest, held Friday in Abilene. Crowley and Mansfield Legacy high schools claimed the top two spots at the contest and now advance to the regional tournament later this month in San Angelo.

Although BSHS didn't meet its group goals, some individual honors came the school's way. Tabatha Wright, drama instructor, said Josh Wilson was named to the all-star cast, while Rachel Overby received honorable mention recognition.

Wright said local residents will get one last chance to see the school's UIL entry this week.

BSHS will perform "The Insanity of Mary Girard" by Lanie Robertson Sunday for the public.

Wright said the cast will give a performance of the play at 3 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium. Tickets are \$2 apiece.

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



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Jeff Heffelfinger, architect with Southwest Architects and project director for the new county jail currently under construction, tells Howard County commissioners the \$11.57 million structure recently passed inspection by the Texas Jail Commission.

Jail gets OK from state board

Inmate transfer to begin soon, architect relates

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

After years of garnering scornful glances from members of the Texas Jail Commission, Howard County finally got its first A-OK from the state agency, which placed its stamp of approval on the newly constructed jail facility.

That's the message Jeff Heffelfinger, architect for Southwest Architects and project director for the construction of the bond-financed project, delivered to Howard County commissioners Monday morning, a stark contrast to the years of variances and second-chances granted to the existing jail since the 1970s.

"We've passed jail inspection. It's done," Heffelfinger told commissioners triumphantly. "We now have a letter from the (Texas) Jail Commission that commissions the jail."

Construction of the \$11.57 million facility began last year following a November 2007 bond election that drew voter approval.

County officials won't have long to enjoy the small victory, however, as the move-in process begins soon, accord-

"The bottom line is everybody is coming together to get this project done, and it's looking really good, in my opinion. This community should be awful proud of it (the new jail). I know my firm is, and I plan to show it off. It's a culmination of designs, thoughts, ideas and a lot of hard work by a lot of people."

—Jeff Heffelfinger, architect

ing to Heffelfinger.

"The sheriff has a long process in front of him," said Heffelfinger. "The move-in process is going to take some time. And, once the move-in is complete, they will decommission the old jail. That usually happens about 45 to 60 days after the move-in. Now I know he (Sheriff Stan Park

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Grant writer meets with county

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Stacy Payne, the newly hired grant writer employed by several local government agencies to bring in state and federal funding, has hit the ground running, as she delivered a brief update to Howard County commissioners Monday morning.

Payne, who is having her work funded by several local tax entities — including Howard County, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, Howard College, Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD — said federal stimulus money has her about to hit the road and head east.

"I just wanted to introduce



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County commissioners listen as newly-hired multi-agency grant writer Stacy Payne discusses federal funding and what it could mean for the county. Payne is headed for the East Coast for several weeks to join discussions concerning federal stimulus funds.

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Obituaries

Minnie Maxwell



Minnie Ora Irene Johnson Maxwell, 97, of Big Spring died Monday, April 13, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Vincent Baptist Church, officiating.

Irene, the daughter of Asa L. Fortson and Laura Cassandra Holcomb Fortson, was born in the farm house Nov. 22, 1911, in Brown County, a few miles south of present-day Brownwood. She was the first child of Asa and Laura and was followed by seven others.

After a few years there, the family moved and continued to farm near Melvin, where they were members of Melvin's Baptist Church. Irene completed school at Melvin and a year of college at Howard Payne University. She returned to Melvin and taught elementary school in the Spanish speaking classes during the 1930 to 1935 era.

In that time she met a young farmer, A.I. "Pat" Johnson. They were married Oct. 11, 1934. Pat and Irene became members of Evangelical Free Church, as did many of the Swedes in the community. To this union four children were born; Robert Charles, James L., Laura Jeanette and Helen Ann. In the late 1940s, Melvin organized and built a hospital and Irene began as a nurses' aide in that hospital.

The farm was sold and the family moved to Big Spring in 1951. Irene continued her nursing career and became an LVN. She worked at Medical Arts, Malone Hogan and Hall-Bennett Hospitals before joining the staff at the Veterans Hospital, from which she retired.

Her husband, Pat, passed away in 1968 and she later married Garland Maxwell, a cotton farmer in the Lamesa and Ackerly area. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Irene enjoyed her family, traveling and helping with the RSVP group. She enjoyed lots of time at the Senior Center playing dominoes and other games. She also enjoyed crafts — particularly crocheting — and made numerous caps, afghans and wraps that she donated to RSVP. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Beverly Johnson of Big Spring; one son, James L. Johnson and wife, Linda, of Melvin; two daughters, Laura Jeannette Holliman and husband, B.J., of Robinson, and Helen Ann Ray and husband, Larry, of New Braunfels; two brothers, Joe Fortson of Lubbock and Ray Fortson of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Rob Johnson and wife, Amy, of Big Spring, Shaenette Damaske and husband, Doug, of Flowermound, Master Sgt. Jay Johnson USAF, Colorado, Nathan Johnson and wife, Kathryn, of Sachse, Mark Thomasy and wife, Karen, of Clifton, Darrel Thomasy and wife, Delores, of Big Spring, and Theresa Engel and husband, Ryan, of New Braunfels; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert Charles Johnson; four brothers, Samuel, Otha L., Cecil and Milton Holcomb Fortson; and one sister, Mildred Elizabeth.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Pauline 'Polly' Sisson



Pauline "Polly" Sisson, 83, of Big Spring passed away Monday, April 13, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Derrick Looney officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive guests from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Polly was born July 6, 1925, in Floydada and married the love of her life, Buster Sisson, May 1, 1942. He preceded her in death Aug. 3, 1997. They moved their family to Big Spring in 1957. Polly was manager of Zales Jewelers in Big Spring for more than 25 years. She was a loving member of Forsan Baptist Church for many years. She loved quilting, taking trips with her beloved friends, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Jeannette Ritter of Ennis, Carolyn Sue Salmon of Irving, and Debbie and Steve Newton

of Big Spring; a grandson, Kenny Bennett and wife, Dawn, of Flower Mound; granddaughters, Michelle Baillio, Jennifer and Stephanie Salmon, and Samantha Newton; and six great-grandchildren.

The family would like to say thank you to all her wonderful friends and the staff of Compass Hospice.

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Paid obituary

Paula 'Paubla' Olague



Our beloved mother and grandmother, Paula "Paubla" Olague, 75, of Big Spring went home to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, in the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Bernard Gully officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring. Rosary services will be held in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel on Monday evening at 7.

Paubla was born June 18, 1933, in Big Spring. A lifelong resident of Big Spring, she was known for her tortillas. She had a large family and loved playing dominoes with them.

Survivors include six sons, Jose Ortega Jr. and wife, Irma L., Sammy Ortega and wife, Irma D., Raymond Ortega Sr. of Dallas, Rudy Ortega Sr. and wife, Maria, Carlos Ortega and fiancée, Marzina Hennis, of Glendale, Ariz., and Albert Ortega; one daughter, Mary Puga and husband, Jeronimo; daughter-in-law, Frances Ortega of Avondale, Ariz.; 30 grandchildren; and 49 great-grandchildren.

Paubla was preceded in death by three brothers, Diego, Tomas and Manuel Olague Jr.; three sisters, Francisca Yanez, Jovita Villareal and Irene Alarcon; one son, Johnny Ortega; and one daughter, Dorothy Ortega.

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Paid obituary

Cecil Yvonne Stickels

Cecil Yvonne Stickels, 73, of Pecos died April 9, 2009, at Reeves County Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at the Church of Christ with Fred Dominguez officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born June 20, 1935, in Ackerly. She was a teacher and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, John B. Stickels; sons, John William Stickels of Arlington and David Rodney Stickels of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Bena Yvonne Leismann of Landstuhl, Germany; a sister, Mary Ruth Peterson of Big Spring; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Bradley Shane Collins



Bradley Shane Collins, 2-month-old son of Jesse Collins and Jolisa Grace of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 11, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Father Ariel Lagunilla, of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 23, 2009, in Big Spring. Bradley's organs were donated to save five lives.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Hayden Collins; grandparents, Demetrio and Connie Alvarado, Michael Collins, and Jerry and Michelle Grace; great grandparents, Jesus and Lupe Brito, and Bobby Hamilton; aunts, April Grace, Christina Grace, Destinee Lucas and Jessica Alvarado; uncle, Jesse Lucas; many great aunts and uncles, and nine cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Laura Grace, Pem Grace and Vivian Hamilton.

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Your Local Weather

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80/55	80/49	77/43
Mainly cloudy. High near 80F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-26-28-29. Bonus Ball: 15.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-14-16-33.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-6-6. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-6. Sum It Up: 11.

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Police blotter

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

- ROSS BALANCE, 47, of Illinois, was arrested Monday on a Reeves County warrant and a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- KYLE BROWNFIELD, 18, of 2204 Morrison, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CHRISTENERODRIGUEZ, 32, of 102 N.W. Fourth St., was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 200 block of 11th Street.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 200 block of Scurry.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of 11th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Canary.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
 - in the 1000 block of 16th Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 48, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information and manufacture of a dangerous drug.
- ADRIAN ESCOVEDO YANEZ, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

JAIL

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er) is moving inmates in, but we have some official steps that we will be required to perform that will take the old jail out of service.

“Also, the city of Big Spring has issued us our temporary CO (certificate of occupancy). Now, the final CO will not be issued until our parking lot is completed,” said Heffelfinger. “That is our only remaining item, as of today. They were waiting for our jail inspection, which we completed, and we talked to city officials

this morning and they agree everything is there except the fire lane striping on the parking lot.

“The bottom line is everybody is coming together to get this project done, and it's looking really good, in my opinion. This community should be awful proud of it (the new jail). I know my firm is, and I plan to show it off. It's a culmination of designs, thoughts, ideas and a lot of hard work by a lot of people.”

Heffelfinger said there are still some small details to work out, several of which were pointed out over the weekend by Mother Nature.

“We had a good rain, and we found some leaks,” said Heffelfinger. “We're already addressing those leaks on the building. I don't know how many there are. One of the last things we do is the punch list, and we completed that last week.

“One of the items we don't like to do until we've gone through this process is insulate. So, just to let you know, we don't have a lot of insulation up above these steel ceilings yet. We'll blow all of that in most likely next Wednesday or Thursday. The reason for this is we want to make sure everyone gets every-

thing done in the attic before we do that.”

Heffelfinger said he's had several engineers inspect the building, and it's all been good news.

“I have had every engineer either having already gone through it or in the process of going through it,” he said. “I already have a letter in place from the structural engineer, and they are satisfied. Fire protection came through last week and made four comments, of which we have one left to address. The mechanical engineer went through last week and he's satisfied. He also has a letter ready. So

I'm down to one more engineer, which is the roofing independent engineer.”

Heffelfinger said there are currently plans in the works to hold a ribbon cutting for the facility some time Monday, with open houses — including a chance for local residents to walk through the new jail — set for an upcoming Saturday.

“We'll be sending out a notice with those times and dates soon,” he told the court.

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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Williams Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the Dairy Queen in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Dickson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. Service refused.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. According to fire department officials, the incident was a stovetop fire that caused minimal damage in the kitchen area.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

COUNTY

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myself. I'm getting ready to head out to North Carolina, South Carolina and Washington D.C. for some stimulus workshops,” said Payne. “I'm working on my fourth grant... I have two workforce grants done and I have another grant to do for Howard College and a fourth one for Forsan ISD. These are all minor grants, but they are significant and important.”

Payne said one of the most important needs expressed by all of the local agencies was for youth-oriented and educational programs, something she is already working on.

“At the consortium meetings, the main objective has been to come up with grants for workforce and the youth,” said Payne. “And we are hard at work on that. We did have a little bit of an obstacle this week. We had a partner and they have decided not to partner with us. This has to do with high school and workforce, and we're going to have to take a different direction there.”

Payne asked the commissioners to come up with a short “wish list” of items they would like to see her secure funding for in the coming year.

“What I'm asking each entity in Howard County is what you're three main objectives are,” said Payne. “What are your three major wishes or objectives for this year? And then, out of the three, which one is the most important? This is what I'm asking of all the agencies. I understand the health clinic is very important to the county, and there is quite a bit of stimulus money coming out for that. It's been given to the state, and everyday I have to check with the Municipal League or

the State of Texas to see where it is.

“When i do begin writing grants for you (Howard County), I'd like to be able to write them simultaneously. I'll need your help mainly with data I don't have access to. One of the ideas I've heard talk about is a youth center, which is great, but it's harder to get grant money for. I'm not sure why, but that's been my experience in the past.”

County officials began exploring options to develop a local health center last year, an idea

that has already drawn some federal funding. However, according to local officials, the idea will have to attract much more in the way of federal dollars before it can become a reality.

Payne also spoke shortly on some law enforcement grants on the horizon, and invited local officials to contact her to discuss needs for the coming year.

“Partnerships are key to getting this money,” said Payne. “You may partner with the city or Howard College, the school districts... And

there are several grants coming up for the sheriff's office and the police department that we need to look at. When I get back May 1 I hope to have so much information that I'm going a lit-

tle crazier than I am.”

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OTHER VIEWS

Legislators again blinded on gambling

For Texas gambling interests, the lucky number is not 7 or 11. It's 100. That's the number of votes needed in the Texas House to pass a constitutional amendment authorizing casino gambling in the state.

Though a constitutional amendment is a gamble, piecemeal gambling bills court an almost sure veto from Gov. Rick Perry. The governor can't veto a constitutional amendment, which would go before the voters. Earlier this week, a committee headed by state Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, heard testimony on a batch of gambling bills, including one sponsored by state Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, that would ask voters to bless 12 casinos, racetrack slot machines and legalized gambling on Indian reservations.

The committee is working on a substitute bill that might actually advance to the Calendars Committee, which controls the flow of legislation. It's almost a sure bet that the gambling proposal assuming there is one will have to have 100 votes or it will be left in Calendars to die.

As usual, proponents of gambling speak of the money and jobs casinos would bring, even though experiences in other states that have embraced gambling are mixed. Nevada, the state that made casinos famous, raked in \$1 billion in tax revenue in 2007 from its 270 casinos. But Nevada's casino revenue is declining this year.

Proponents of Texas gambling say that the 12 casinos they propose will bring in \$4.5 billion.

It's an interesting number but subject to a lot of questions. Among them: How rigorous would the vetting process be before Texas issues licenses? Would the number of licenses be limited and, if so, how would the limit be determined? How large a bureaucracy would be needed for vetting and oversight? Would the casinos contribute to programs to help gambling addicts?

If so, how much?

Even if those questions and many others raised by the possibility of expanding legal gambling in Texas can be answered satisfactorily, a bigger question remains as to just how soon Texas could expect to rake in the cash.

Texas legislators have been flirting with gambling legislation for decades now, always with the promise of an easy buck. Horse and dog track interests touted themselves as the economic saviors back in 1987. The tracks never lived up to their promises.

So far, the approaches to expanding legalized gambling in Texas have been piecemeal, and none of the efforts have borne fruit.

Legislators should stop going through the motions every two years and engage in a serious inquiry as to whether Texans want and would support casinos. And they should have a realistic assessment of how much the state could expect gambling enterprises to contribute to tax revenue.

Texas legislators are shooting dice in the dark with gambling legislation. A serious legislative study on gambling and its impact would at least turn the lights on.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The best laid plans of men and women often go awry, Lord, but Your plans for our future are sure.

Amen

What happened in Jerusalem

I was in elementary school in Swampscott, Mass., when I learned that the Jews had killed Christ. Or so we were told, right around this time of year. Most of the kids in the class just nodded when they heard. It seems they already knew. I was shocked.

I went home to tell my mother, for whom the news provoked the familiar dilemma of whether to fight back or not make a stink. My mother spent much of her life afraid of what people might think or do, which may be why I have spent so much of mine fighting back. This time my mother decided, probably wisely, that the problem belonged in hands more experienced with such matters. She called our rabbi, who called the school, and the next week we were told that, actually, the Romans killed Jesus Christ at the behest of the Jews.

In a way, it all made sense. There had to be some reason, after all, that my dad couldn't play golf at the closest course and I couldn't be Mary in the school play (even though I had the

longest hair); some reason that my mother looked at the world in terms of what "they" could do to "us"; some reason that the big relief in my house was that at least JFK hadn't been shot by a Jew, even if his assassin was. Better to be responsible for Jack Ruby than Lee Harvey Oswald.

Growing up in the shadow of the Holocaust, we knew from hate. Assigning a reason to the unreasonable, trying to make rational what is insane, has always been one of my defenses against life's terrors. If you can understand something, maybe you can change it. If you can change the beginning, change the motive, control the uncontrollable, maybe you can change the ending, as well.

Except that it doesn't work. There is nothing I can do about what happened in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. There is nothing any of us can do about the wrongs committed by our "ancestors." And at a certain point, there is nothing we should try to do about the wrongs committed against them.

Learning the lessons of history is vitally important so that history's worst chapters do not keep repeating themselves. Embracing the injuries of history only makes certain that the injuries will never heal.



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Some get tea, others the bag

In December 1773, Bostonians held a Tea Party in Boston Harbor to protest excessive British taxes.

"No taxation without representation" was their message. On Wednesday, April 15, Americans will hold rallies across the country to protest onerous taxes. Organizers have a motto for their Tea Day — "taxed enough already."

Big problem: There is a world of difference between 1773 and 2009. Two hundred-plus years ago, Americans risked life and limb protesting a distant and oligarchic system of government that did not represent the good people of Massachusetts.

In 2009, the federal government is dysfunctional because, if anything, Washington is too representative of the American voter, who has come to expect both more government and lower taxes.

The Tea Day agenda — www.teapartyday.com — is a call to arms to Americans who are fed up with a president and Congress who "are spending trillions of borrowed dollars, leaving a debt our great-grandchildren will be paying" and expanding the size and scope of the federal government. It plays to the anger felt by taxpayers who resent the runaway growth of government — for good reason. Too bad it is inconsistent to complain about the deficit and taxes.

No doubt many who show up

at the Tea Day rallies will argue that they didn't vote for Obama and should not have to pay for his programs. I have news for you folks: Conservatives lost. American voters elected a big spender and, one way or another, Americans will have to pay for his agenda. The Obama tax hikes on Americans earning more than \$250,000 have yet to materialize — but when they do, they'll be taxation with representation, a campaign pledge made good.

Do I like it? Absolutely not. I believe that Obama's soak-the-rich approach will be bad for the economy. And so apparently does Obamaland, it seems, as the administration has decided to postpone Obama's promised tax increases until the Bush tax cuts expire.

Sorry, folks, but the Democrats have co-opted the anti-tax cause.

The result isn't lower taxes or smaller government. The result is that Democrats use the power of the White House and Congress to push for bigger government, which Democratic constituents don't bankroll. Thanks to Obama's "Making Work Pay," about half of American households will pay no federal income tax at all. Those families have every incentive to support bigger government, secure in the knowledge that only others will pony up.

Folks who aren't likely to show up at the April 15 protests have benefited most from anti-tax fever. Former GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich has hit the airwaves to advocate for the Tea Party. When charlatans like Gingrich climb on the bandwagon, you should always check the wheels.

Were Armenians the victims of a Turkish genocide a century ago, or was it, as the Turks were urging last week on the eve of the president's visit, a case of atrocities on both sides? The lessons of history matter, but do they matter at the cost of finding peace today? Can we learn lessons without hating the grandchildren or great-grandchildren of those who wronged us? Can we study Jesus' death without blaming his descendants for their role?

The president this week reached out to Muslims, making clear that America has no quarrel with their faith. But we do have a very big quarrel with those who would use that faith, who would use the words of the Koran, as a basis for violent attacks on us as "infidels." That they "believe" in what they are doing makes them more dangerous and more deadly.

Religion is one of God's and man's great gifts, a source of faith when life is hard, a source of meaning when life is cruel, the tie that binds us together as families and people. It is also the greatest source of hatred in the world today. Handle with care. Happy holidays.

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This is the same guy who, along with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, appeared in global-warming ads, and told Americans, "If enough of us demand action from our leaders, we can spark the innovation we need." Now he's leading a protest against proposed carbon taxes. He pings from one side to the other like the American voter — for a cause, until it bears difficult consequences.

Tea Day organizers are telling supporters to send tea bags to Washington. You can sponsor a tea bag for \$1. On the one hand, it's great that citizens want to participate and let their views be known — as long as conservatives don't equate their protest with that of patriots who risked it all for their revolutionary beliefs in pursuit of democratic representation.

The Tea Day's list of woes includes the government wanting "to take your wealth and redistribute it." Good, I just wish the list included tenets that call for some sacrifice or responsibility on the right. But the list does not call, as former Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer did in the Wall Street Journal on Monday, for Congress to reject Obama's pledge to decrease taxes for 95 percent of the country, out of the conviction that every American should pay income taxes.

I don't like the new Obama programs either, but political leaders must recognize that someone is going to have to pay for them, and patriots can't tout an agenda with no sacrifice.

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Bird Poop:

Cormorant's rescue doesn't work out

When the man first started pumping the section, only winding, red-clay paths led to pump jacks. Routine maintenance and surveillance of the units had caused the rustic dirt roads to become brick-hard and trustworthy, except for an occasional shower. For years, his pickup had worn the rust-colored dust and dried mud of his occupation.

With the wind turbines had come all-weather caliche roads. Making good time on something dependable, his truck still had to maneuver the ruts caused by the last moisture to fall on the old roads.

Now, along with the red-clay residue, its metal sides wore pale, buff-colored layers of dust as he criss-crossed the area to service his wells. Since he needed to check a unit at the end of yet another stretch of bumpy red clay, he turned off the main road and slowed to a crawl. Until someone decided to blade the uneven access, he'd just have to creep down the deepening furrows. No one seemed to care how he arrived at a well as long as he maintained the equipment.

After stopping near the pump jack, he once again looked out over one of his favorite views. In the distance was the soothing presence of the diversion lake created by the local water district. Since its creation, his appreciation for seasonal migrations had increased. Seeing the numerous birds that frequented the water made his work more enjoyable.

Slowly inching down from the red bluffs toward the water, the truck neared another well site as the pumper noticed ahead a large, black bird standing between the ruts. Waddling like a goose, it was heading away from the water.

"That sucker's a hand full," said the caller. "Hefty dude with a large head. All black except for

its orange throat. Everything about it is long: bill, neck, tail."

As the man described the bird, he could not help but notice its webbed feet and the hook at the end of the beak.

"Where is it now?" I asked. "In my truck."

Lifting the wiggly, squirming mass of black feathers from a weathered box, I first noticed the slightly curled plumes or tufts emerging on the bird's head. Located behind each eye, these feathers were worn during the breeding season. Following my every movement with its light green eyes, the double-crested cormorant stood defiant.

When the bird decided to bite at my leather glove, I was reminded of its great skill in grabbing and eating fish.

To tear small bits to feed its young, nature had given it a tool for ripping and tearing its catch. With legs located toward the rear of its long, slender body, and powerful feet, the cormorant was an aquatic master capable of remaining below the surface for quite a while.

After telling the pumper that some years our city has had cormorants on the dam at Comanche Lake, he remembered having seen them standing upright with their wings outspread.

"That's because after diving and swimming underwater, the birds have to dry their wing feathers," I added. "They aren't completely waterproof."

Thanking the man for his unusual delivery, we prepared a temporary place for our water bird. Bits of fish floating in a large container were enough of an incentive for it to eat. Since they sometimes perch on branches extending over water, we fashioned a roost that it accepted.

At the Midland sanctuary, the bird was given a large, outside cage with a child's wading pool. For days, it splashed, floated and dined. The cormorant readily seemed to adapt to its new environment.



Courtesy photo

Weighing four to five pounds, the double-crested cormorant is a common winter visitor and the only cormorant to be seen on inland, fresh water lakes. The species resembles geese as they fly in the familiar V formation.

Knowing the bird was acquiring its breeding plumage, we were excited about its possibly joining another flock for its northward migration. Although its courtship would not be witnessed, we could imagine a pair as the male bowed and walked around his intended. As he gently stroked her with his bill, she would step off the nest. Nearly intertwining their long necks, the male would then move his head over and around his mate. Afterwards, she would settle back on her nest. Through these gestures the nuptials were sealed.

Cleaning cages one morning, the founder of the wildlife center discovered the bird nestled in a pile of hay. Upright, it appeared to be asleep. Checking later she discovered that although the bird was erect, it had relished its last fish and watery dip.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



BEBE McCASLAND

Parent's Corner: Dealing with the 'Children's Bill of Rights'

I received a note through the mail the other day in a poem format that was totally fascinating. I don't know who wrote it but it is definitely worth sharing.

Enjoy! My son came home from school one day, with a smirk upon his face. He decided he was

smart enough, to put me in my place.

"Guess what I learned in Civics II, that's taught by Mr. Wright? It's all about the laws today, 'The Children's Bill of Rights.'

"It says I need not clean my room, don't have to cut my hair. No one can tell me what to think, or speak, or what to wear.

"I have freedom from religion and regardless what you say, I don't have to bow my head and I sure don't have to pray. I can wear earrings if I want and pierce my tongue and nose. I can read and watch just what I like, get tattoos from head to toe. And if you ever spank me, I'll charge you with a crime. I'll back up all my charges with the marks on my behind. Don't you ever touch me, my body's only for my use, Not for your hugs and kisses, that's just more child abuse. Don't preach about your morals like your Mama did to you. That's nothing more than mind control and it's illegal, too! Mom, I have these children's rights, so you can't influence me,

Or I'll call Children's Services Division, better known as "C.S.D." Mom's reply and thoughts: Of course my first

instinct was to toss him out the door, but the chance to teach him a lesson made me think a little more. I mulled it over carefully, I couldn't let this go.

A smile crept upon my face; he's messing with a pro.

Next day I took him shopping at the local Goodwill Store.

I told him, "Pick out all you want, there's shirts and pants galore. I've called and checked with C.S.D who said they didn't care if I bought you Good Will shoes instead of those Nike Airs. I've canceled that appointment to take your driver's test. The C.S.D. is unconcerned so I'll decide what's best."

I said, "No time to

stop and eat or pick up stuff to munch. And tomorrow you can start to learn to make your own sack lunch. Just save the raging appetite and wait until dinner time. We're having liver and onions, a favorite dish of mine."

He asked, "Can I please rent a movie, to watch on my VCR?"

"Sorry, but I sold your TV, for new tires on my car. I also rented out your room; you'll take the couch instead. The C.S.D. requires just a roof over your head. Your clothing won't be trendy now and I'll choose what we eat. That allowance that you used to get will buy me something neat. I'm selling off your jet ski, dirt-bike and roller

blades. Check out the 'Parents Bill of Rights,' it's in effect today!

"Hey hot shot, are you crying, why are you on

your knees? Are you asking God to help you out, instead of C.S.D.?"

MOM (Mean Old Mother)

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Bulldogettes pick up 19th straight with rout of Jim Ned

Herald Staff Report

TUSCOLA — Dominance of District 7-2A softball continued Friday for the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes rolled Jim Ned, 7-0, to improve to 7-0 in district play with a 21-8 overall record. It was the 19th consecutive victory for Coahoma.

Jim Ned managed just one hit as

Coahoma ace Heather Newton delivered another dominant performance from the pitcher's circle. In two district games, Jim Ned didn't manage any runs against Newton.

The Bulldogettes narrowly escaped Jim Ned in the first meeting, holding on for a 1-0 victory. However, the Lady Indians didn't start Talena Tippett, who kept the Bulldogettes at bay in the first game.

Instead, Karli Sharp got the nod and allow seven runs — five earned — on 12 hits and two walks, while striking out seven in 5.2 innings. Tippett threw the final 1.1 frames.

Meanwhile, Newton struck out 18 batters.

Breanne Conner went 4-for-4 at the plate for Coahoma with three RBI. Shelbi Paige had a double and a RBI, while Joanna Gonzales went 2-for-3

and drove a run in.

Coahoma travels to Ballinger at 6:30 p.m. today to continued District 7-2A play. The Bulldogettes routed Ballinger in the first meeting, 13-3.

Coahoma 220 003 0-7 12 0
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Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. Sharp, Tippett (6) and Roberts. W - Newton (17-1). L - Sharp. 2B: Coa - Shelbi Paige. RBI: Coa - Breanne Conner 3, Paige, Joanna Gonzales.

Lady Buffs smother Eldorado

Forsan hits 4 homers in decisive 18-2 victory

Herald Staff Report

ELDORADO — Not only the boys hit the long ball in Forsan.

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes softball team cracked four home runs in an 18-2 win over Eldorado's Lady Eagles in a District 2-A game.

Forsan's baseball team also hit four home runs Friday in a win over Loraine.

The first two home runs came off the bat of junior catcher Kelsey Jones. With two outs in the second inning and Forsan already up 3-0, Jones connected with a 3-run shot.

It didn't take long for her to register her second long ball of the day, either. Jones hit another 3-run dinger in the third, placing Forsan ahead 11-0.

Not to be outdone, Jones' twin sister Shelby added a 2-run homer of her own in the fourth inning that gave Forsan a 16-2 advantage.

The final long ball of the night came off the bat of Sandi Golleher, who hit her second homer in a week in the fifth inning. Golleher's 2-run shot came just seven days after she had hit a solo homer against Big Spring at Lady Steer Park.

By the end of the game, Kelsey Jones had knocked in six runs, while Shelby Jones, Sandi Golleher and Alyx Pappajohn each had two apiece.

Freshman Ashley Buzbee picked up the win for the Lady Buffs.

Most importantly, it provided the Lady Buffs a full-game lead over Eldorado in the district standings. Now, Forsan is tied atop the 2-A standings with Junction. Junction defeated Forsan earlier this season and the Lady Buffs close with the Lady Eagles Friday at home.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Monk Kreder homers in Game 1 of a non-conference baseball doubleheader against Wayland Baptist University at Jack Barber Field Monday. The Hawks swept the doubleheader, 12-4 and 14-1.

Hawks smash WBU

Herald Staff Report

With a big series with Midland College looming, the Howard College Hawks baseball team swept a pair of games from Wayland Baptist University's junior varsity Monday at Jack Barber Field.

Howard, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, cruised to victories of 12-4 and 14-1 in the doubleheader.

In Game 1, the Hawks used five extra-base hits to trounce the Wayland pitching staff. Monk Kreder, who homered in the game, Bryan Johns, Nick Popescu and Andrew Collazo each had two RBI in the affair.

Caleb Nine also shined at the plate, hitting two triples.

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Terry's jumper with .2 left lifts Mavericks

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — For weeks, the Dallas Mavericks have been doing all they can to avoid a first-round matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers, using their best stretch of the season to step out of that.

On Monday night, they almost wasted it — against a lottery team, no less.

Trailing the Minnesota Timberwolves by seven points with 3:13 left, Dirk Nowitzki got his teammates going, then Jason Terry fin-

ished off the rally by swishing an 18-foot jumper from the right side with 0.2 seconds left for a 96-94 victory.

"The guys stuck together and said, 'There's a lot on the line here. Let's find a way.' And that's exactly what they did," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said.

A loss would've knocked Dallas out of the running for the No. 6 seed in the Western Conference and given Utah a clear path to No. 7.

Now, the Mavs go into the finale on Wednesday night — at home, against Houston — with a win wrapping up

No. 7 and a chance to get No. 6 if they win and New Orleans loses in San Antonio.

"This was one we had to get," said Nowitzki, who had 34 points and nine rebounds.

The Hornets were getting drubbed by the Rockets on Monday night, a score that was announced during the fourth quarter of this game. Terry and Nowitzki insisted they hadn't noticed the lopsided score on the board across from their bench or heard anyone mention it until then.

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Sports in brief

BSCGA holding monthly tourney at 10 a.m. Saturday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding its monthly tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday at the municipal golf course at Comanche Trail Park.

Entrance fee is \$20 and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Registration needs to take place at 9:30 a.m.

The format is a four-person selected drive. For more information, call Pano Rodriguez

Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registration and baseball tryouts Saturday at Roy Anderson Complex.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tryouts starting at 2 p.m.

Players must be within the age range of 13-15 years old.

If a child is currently 12 and turns 13 by April 30, he or she is eligible to play. A 15 year old must not turn 16 by April 30. Birth certificates are required to sign up.

Cost is \$90 per child with no fund raiser.

Anyone interested in coaching or for more information, contact Shelli Harrington at 264-6501 or e-mail her at soccermom077@yahoo.com.

Golf tournament to benefit KBSB set for Saturday

The fifth annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tourney will be played in a four-person scramble format with an entry fee of \$65 per player. Tee time is 8:30 a.m.

Any individual or company can sponsor a hole for \$100.

For more information on sponsorship, contact Verna Davis at 267-8003 or 425-2325.

Harlem Starz taking on Big Spring Coach Monday

In an attempt to raise money for camps for the Big Spring Lady Steers varsity girls basketball team, several Big Spring ISD coaches will be taking on the Harlem Starz at 7 p.m. Monday at Steer Gym.

Tickets cost \$7 and can be purchased at the Athletic Training Center during business hours.

2009 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 25-26

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament April 25-26 with all proceeds to benefit The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The format is a four-person scramble with the option to either form a team or be assigned to one. Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$22 golf cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

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Former Hawk leads TCU to win over Tech

FORT WORTH (AP) — Matt Curry, who played two years at Howard College as a first baseman, went 4-for-4 with four RBI and scored three runs to help lead TCU to a 12-5 win over Texas Tech on Monday.

Curry singled in two runs in the fourth and one in the eighth for TCU (23-10). He had another RBI with a sacrifice fly in the second. He scored two runs on singles by Corey Steglich and another on a fielder's choice.

Taylor Ashby and Scott LeJeune each had two RBIs for Texas Tech (16-23).

Kyle Winkler (3-0) struck out two and gave up two runs on three hits in five innings for the win.

Nathan Karns (2-4) took the loss, giving up four runs on five hits and striking out three in 4 2-3 innings.

Curry was an All-American in his final season at Howard in 2008, leading the Hawks with 20 home runs and 90 RBI. He was drafted in the 37th round by the Pittsburgh Pirates, but elected not to sign and honored his commitment to TCU instead.

Rockets pound Hornets by 20

HOUSTON (AP) — With two days left in the regular season, the playoff possibilities in the Western Conference remain totally unresolved.

But the Houston Rockets have simplified it for themselves after routing New Orleans 86-66 on Monday night.

Win their final regular-season game in Dallas on Wednesday and they're Southwest Division champions.

They could also have a chance to grab the No. 2 seed in the West.

Yao Ming scored 22 points for the Rockets, who moved one win away from their first division championship since 1993-94.

But in the jumbled West,

Houston could also slip to fifth place — and lose home-court advantage in the first round — with a loss to the Mavericks.

The Hornets, meanwhile, blew a chance to clinch the No. 6 seed in the West. Dallas beat Minnesota on Monday night to equal New Orleans' 49-32 record — but the Hornets hold the tie-breaker.

David West had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Chris Paul scored nine points and had seven assists for the Hornets, who've lost five of their last seven.

The Hornets, who close the season in San Antonio on Wednesday, shot 35 percent (28-of-81) from the field and their 66 points were a season low.

Houston also held a 46-37 rebounding edge.

Spurs 101, Warriors 72

At Oakland, Calif., Tony Parker scored 17 points and Tim Duncan added 16 points and 13 rebounds before both stars sat out the fourth quarter, and the Spurs kept pace with Houston atop the Southwest.

Drew Gooden had 20 points and 15 rebounds in his hometown for the Spurs, who won their third straight to pull even at 53-28 with the Rockets and Portland.

Anthony Randolph had career highs of 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Warriors.

Duke shuts out slumping Astros, Pirates win 7-0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — If the Houston Astros need advice about handling a poor start, perhaps they should ask the Pittsburgh Pirates. A team accustomed to falling far behind early in a season and never catching up, the Pirates are showing a few encouraging signs of improvement.

Here's a couple of them: Adam LaRoche and Freddy Sanchez are hitting in April and Zach Duke already has as many wins as he had in early June a season ago.

Duke limited the struggling Astros to four hits in his third career shutout and LaRoche homered during a five-run third inning, helping the Pirates extend Houston's losing streak to five games with a 7-0 victory Monday.

Freddy Sanchez had three doubles, two of them starting run-scoring innings, and the normally slow-starting LaRoche had three hits as the Pirates won their home opener for the first time since 2004.

OK, so the Pirates are a modest 4-3, but they've seen enough to believe they can begin to turn themselves around this year following 16 consecutive losing seasons.

They were shut out for the second day in a row — they lost 3-0 Sunday in St. Louis to complete a three-game Cardinals sweep — and have scored in only one of their last 28 innings, getting two runs in the ninth inning of an 11-2 loss in St. Louis on Saturday.

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David De La Chapelle picked up the win, pitching two innings after replacing starter Duncan McGee in the fifth inning. De La Chapelle allowed no runs and one hit, while striking out three batters.

McGee lasted 4.1 innings, allowing four earned runs on four hits and a walk with five strikeouts. Marvin Prestridge got the final two outs of the game by striking out the two final batters.

The Hawks got a stellar

pitching performance from Chase Adams in Game 2. It was Adams' best outing of the season as he allowed one run on one hit and a walk, while striking out four batters.

Howard led 6-0 heading into the fourth inning, when Wayland finally broke through for a score. A triple by Jeremy Watson gave Wayland just its second baserunner of the game. Two batters later, Watson came across on a sacrifice fly by Sean Parnell.

That's all the damage Adams would allow, though.

The Hawks exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the fourth and Adams shut down Wayland in the fifth for

the 10-run mercy-rule victory.

Monk Kreder homered for the second time on the day and finished Game 2 with three RBI. Will Calhoun also had three RBI on a double. B.J. Armstrong, filling in for the injured Joe Leftridge, had two doubles and two RBI.

The Hawks (42-0, 20-0) face rival Midland College (30-13, 17-7) in a four-game series Friday and Saturday. Midland currently sits third in the WJCAC standings behind Howard and Clarendon, but are coming off a four-game sweep of El Paso Community College.

"I'm sure they're going to come out ready to go. The

back end of our conference is going to be the toughest part of our schedule," said Smith. "It's a situation where its good for us to have wins in the bank. We're going to have to play some really good baseball."

The series opens with a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field at noon Friday. It concludes with a second doubleheader at 1p.m. Saturday in Midland.

Game 1
Howard 12, Wayland Baptist 4
WBU 010 210 0-4 5 1
HC 301 242 x-12 12 0

Chris McNeil, Steve Lookingbill (5) and Jordan Latteau. Duncan McGee, David De La Chapelle (5), Marvin Prestridge (7) and Monk Kreder. W - De La Chapelle (1-0). L - McNeil. 2B: WBU

- Jake Voigt, Russell Daniel, Jake Hinojosa; HC - Andrew Collazo, Miles Hamblin. 3B: HC - Caleb Nine. 2. HR: WBU - Daniel; HC - Kreder. RBI: WBU - Ryan Stuck, Daniel, Hinojosa; HC - Bryan Johns 2, Hamblin, Kreder 2, Nick Popescu 2, Nine, Collazo 2, B.J. Armstrong. SB: HC - Johns 2, Hamblin 2, Collazo, Popescu, Runey Davis. LOB: WBU 5, HC 3.

Game 2
Howard 14, Wayland Baptist 1
WBU 000 10-1 1 0
HC 222 8x-14 15 0

Scott Lacey and Russell Daniel. Chase Adams and Miles Hamblin. W - Adams (3-0). L - Lacey. 2B: HC - Andrew Collazo, B.J. Armstrong 2, Runey Davis, Miles Hamblin, Will Calhoun. 3B: WBU - Jeremy Watson; HC - Caleb Nine, Armstrong. HR: HC - Monk Kreder. RBI: WBU - Sean Parnell; HC - Davis, Johns, Hamblin 2, Kreder 3, Nine, Calhoun 3, Collazo, Armstrong 2. SB: HC - Collazo, Nick Popescu, Hamblin. LOB: WBU 2, HC 4.

MAVS

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It's easy to believe them considering how much attention they had to pay attention to Minnesota. Despite their lousy record, an 11-game losing streak against the Mavericks and a 13-point deficit just a few minutes into the game, the Timberwolves grabbed control in the second quarter and refused to budge.

Craig Smith came off the bench to score a season-high 24 points and Sebastian Telfair had 14 points and tied his season high with 12 assists. Minnesota players were jumping up and down on the bench, hoping to make amends for what happened on their last visit to Dallas — when they blew a 29-point, third-quarter lead.

Instead, they found another heartbreaking way to lose.

"This is the second time we had them here," Telfair said. "We wanted to win the game and we fought. This would have been a nice win for us."

Dallas was without Josh Howard, who rested his gimped left ankle, and his energy was sorely missed.

So was his scoring as Dallas went 8 minutes, 32 seconds between baskets over the middle two quarters, missing 14 straight shots along the way.

Nowitzki scored 17 of the club's first 19 points in the third quarter. He was such a one-man show that no other Mavs player even took a free throw until the fourth quarter.

Down the stretch, Nowitzki made plays at both ends of the court, like knocking a ball from Telfair to force a 24-second violation; a steal; a layup with 41 seconds left to tie it at 94; and — most important of all — knocking the ball from Telfair with about 4 seconds left on a play that was credited as a steal by Erick Dampier, who ended up with the ball and called time out with 2.7 seconds left.

Terry went over to his coaches' huddle and said, "Give me the ball! Give me the ball!" — something he said he hasn't done all season.

He ended up taking the inbound pass from Jason Kidd, shaking Telfair and nailing his open shot, putting the Mavericks ahead for the first time since 53-52. Although Terry is usually the player who works hardest to juice up the crowd, this time he turned around with no expression while the building erupted in cheers.

"I just knew I was going to make it," Terry said. "I felt something."

Said Nowitzki: "He made a heck of a play. He's our closer."

The Timberwolves had one last gasp chance, but — guess who? — Nowitzki got a hand on the inbound pass.

Terry scored 22. The only other double-digit scorer was J.J. Barea with 12.

Kidd had six points, eight assists and six rebounds. Dampier had six points and 13 rebounds.

This was win No. 49 for Dallas. A victory in the finale would make it nine straight years with 50.

Notes: Nowitzki extended his NBA-best streak of 20-point games to 24 in a row. ... Barea should've

looked more before a no-look, crosscourt pass in the second quarter; it hit the rim and backboard. ... Minnesota coach Kevin McHale on coaching: "It's like being a player but not getting to play, which is the only fun part about being a player. It's all that without the fun." Carlisle is hoping his former teammate sticks around. "I hope he comes back because I think it's great to have legendary players involved in the league," Carlisle said.

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"We played our best game by far against Eldorado," said Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts. "Ashley pitched a great game and the lineup was solid throughout. Junction is going to be our most important game of the season."

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Orioles bloop way to win over Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Baltimore's bloop was enough to beat the Rangers' blasts, with the help of a big blunder.

Baltimore had seven RBI singles and held on for a 10-9 victory Monday night when Texas, which hit three home runs, failed to capitalize on Ian Kinsler's leadoff double in the ninth off closer George Sherrill because of the All-Star second baseman's miscue running the bases.

Michael Young followed Kinsler's hit with a flyball into the right-center gap. Nick Markakis made a running catch on the warning track, then slammed so hard into the wall that he knocked the bullpen gate open. But Kinsler was already running and had to scramble back to second base.

"We got a lucky break Kinsler didn't try to tag up, or else we'd still be playing," Gregg Zaun said.

"It stayed in the park and found its way into my glove," Markakis said.

Young, who had homered earlier in the game, said he knew he didn't "catch it all" but was hoping that it was over the right fielder's head.

Josh Hamilton followed with a fly to center that would have likely been deep enough to score Kinsler — if he had been on third.

"I need to be standing on third base," Kinsler said. "It was a great play (by Markakis), but I need to be on third regardless if he catches it or not."

After Andruw Jones walked — and a successful double steal with Kinsler and pinch-runner David Murphy —



Baltimore Orioles' Cesar Izturis (3) throws for the double play as Texas' Taylor Teagarden (2) slides into second base during the second inning of their baseball game in Arlington Monday.

Marlon Byrd struck out to end the game and Sherrill had his third save in three chances.

Baltimore went ahead to stay and chased Vicente Padilla (1-1) with five consecutive run-producing hits in the fourth inning that made it 7-4.

Young's two-run homer in

the third — onto the grassy hill in center — put Texas up 4-2, but Padilla walked the leadoff hitter in the fourth before Felix Pie singled. After a popout, Brian Roberts' RBI single was the first of five consecutive hits. Adam Jones' RBI double tied the game at 4, before Markakis, Aubrey Huff and Ty Wigginton fol-

lowed with run-scoring singles.

Pie led off the fifth with a solo homer, and the Orioles were up 10-4 after Huff and Wigginton had consecutive RBI singles for the second inning in a row.

Huff went 4-for-5 with three of Baltimore's RBI singles. He reached base the fifth

time because of a wild pitch on a third strike. The Orioles had 16 hits.

Koji Uehara (2-0), Baltimore's first Japanese-born player, gave up seven runs while pitching into the sixth in his second start.

Chris Davis, Young and Jones all hit their first homers of the season for Texas.

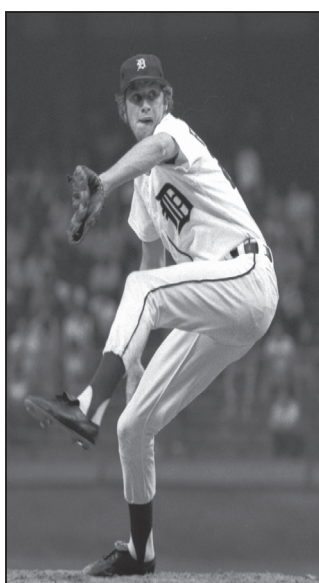
'The Bird' Mark Fidrych dies at 54

BOSTON (AP) — Whether he was dominating hitters or hauling asphalt, Mark Fidrych had fun.

The colorful pitcher talked to baseballs, smoothed the mound with his hands and high-fived teammates in the middle of the diamond. He had one terrific season in 1976, and after injuries curtailed his career — just five years in the majors with the Detroit Tigers — he lived on his farm in Northborough, Mass., where he enjoyed driving his truck and using it for building projects.

On Monday, Fidrych was found dead beneath a 10-wheel dump truck by Joseph Amorello, a friend and owner of a road construction company who sometimes hired Fidrych. He was 54.

"Everybody wanted him on their crew," Amorello said in a telephone interview. "He was a hard worker, but, at the same time, he always had a smile on



MARK FIDRYCH

his face."

Worcester County district attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. said Fidrych was found at about 2:30 p.m. Monday in his home town about 35 miles west of Boston, the victim of an apparent accident.

He appeared to have been working on the truck, Early said. His office declined to release further details.

Amorello, owner of A.F. Amorello & Sons,

said he had stopped by the farm to chat with Fidrych.

"We were just, in general, getting started for the (road building) season this week and it seems as though his truck was going to be needed. It looked like he was doing some maintenance on it," Amorello said. "I found him under the truck. There's not much more I can say. I dialed 911 and that's all I could do."

Fidrych was a curly-haired right-hander who was nicknamed "The Bird" because of his resemblance to the Big Bird character on the Sesame Street television show.

He was the American League Rookie of the Year in 1976 when he went 19-9 with a 2.34 ERA and 24 complete games in 29 starts.

Stats only told part of

the story that season. The Tigers weren't very good then, and were barely drawing 10,000 fans per game when Fidrych made his first start on May 15.

His antics and success quickly made him a local sensation, and huge crowds started showing up at Tiger Stadium to see him. A complete-game win on ABC-TV's "Monday Night Baseball" against the Yankees in late June made him a nationwide phenomenon.

Less than three weeks later, he started the All-Star game for the AL in Philadelphia. Though the likes of Pete Rose, Catfish Hunter and Johnny Bench had accumulated far greater career statistics, no player created more interest that night at Veterans Stadium than Fidrych.

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♥ A Q 3
♦ A K 7 4
♣ K 10 7

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

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8
♥ J 4 2
♦ Q J 6
♣ Q J 4 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

It is a well-known fact that many declarers play first and think later. As a consequence, many mistakes are made that could have been avoided had declarer taken more time to plan the play.

To illustrate, consider this case where South was in three notrump and West led the heart ten. Instead of weighing all his options first,

declarer impulsively followed low from dummy, presumably hoping West had the king. Had this hope materialized, South would have made three notrump easily.

But East won the heart with the king and gave careful thought as to what to do next. These deliberations proved very fruitful when East shifted to the three of spades at trick two! From that point on, declarer was fighting a losing battle.

After taking the spade with the nine, South had no choice but to drive out the ace of clubs to have any chance of scoring nine tricks. But when he led the jack of clubs, West rose with the ace and returned a spade, and South went down one.

Analysis reveals that declarer missed a sure-fire way to make three notrump. All he had to do was to put up the heart ace at trick one and then force out the ace of clubs. This would have brought him to eight ready-made tricks, with another certain to come in either hearts or spades.

The importance of taking the time to plan the play at trick one is thus once again demonstrated by this deal. Those who are remiss in this regard are sure to suffer disaster from time to time.

Tomorrow: Who does what to whom?

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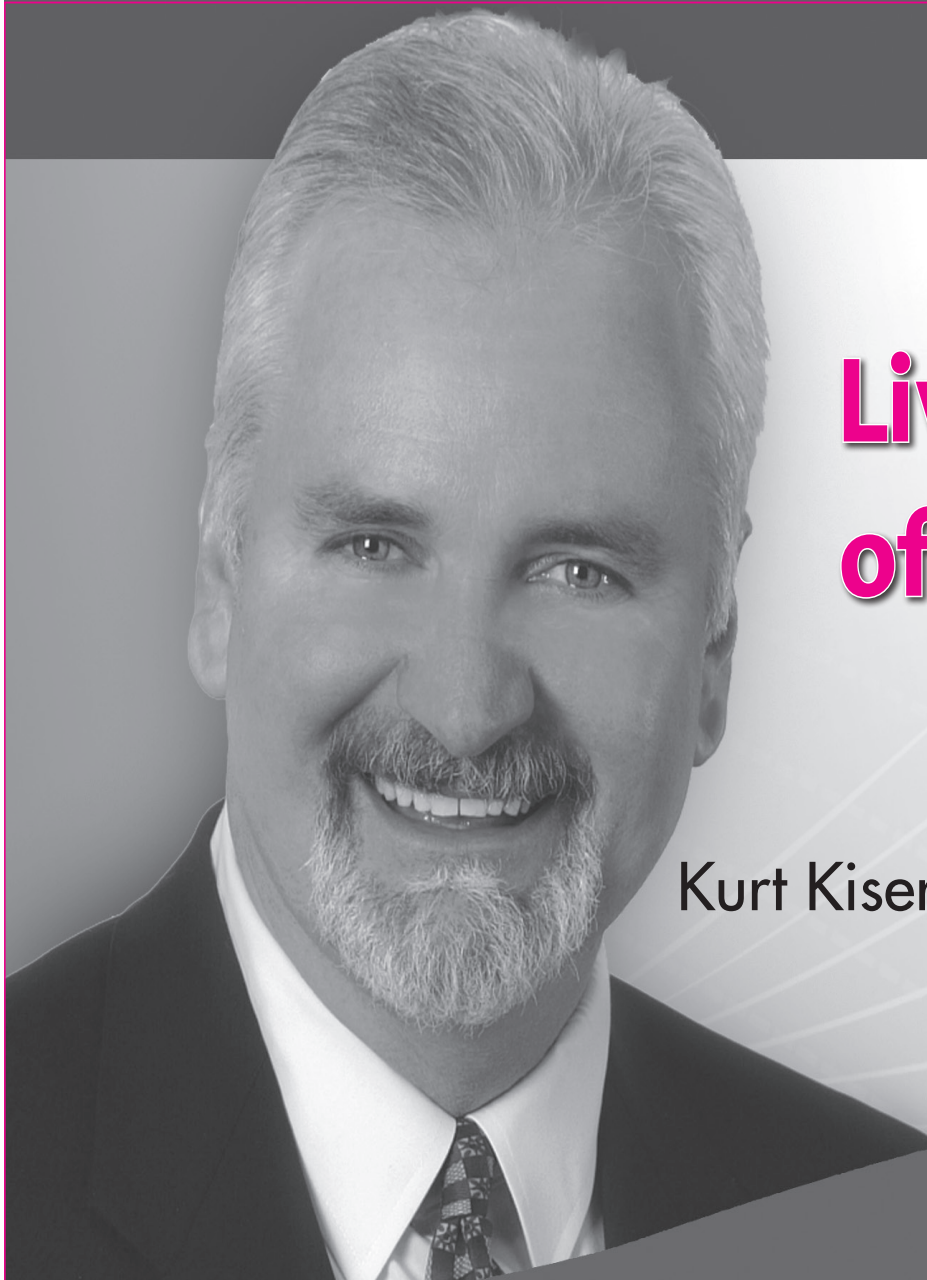
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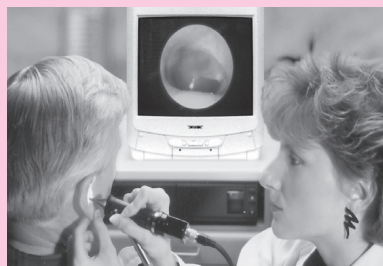
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