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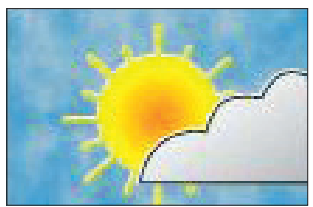
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## Mayoral hopefuls to debate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Three of the four candidates currently running for the mayoral seat on the Big Spring City Council have agreed to take part in a debate slated for April 22, according to event coordinators.



Duncan



McEwen



Thomason



Velasco

Incumbent Russ McEwen, along with challengers Oscar Velasco and Shannon Thomason, have all committed to participate in the debate, according to coordinator Dana Baker, with candidate Tommy Duncan not yet indicating whether he'll take part in the event. "We're still waiting to get a definite decision from Mr. Duncan at this time," said Baker. "However, the other three were more than willing to take part in

See **DEBATE**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Paula Mills, April Zavala and Alesha Yanez perform a scene from "Crimes of the Heart," Big Spring High School's entry in the District 4-4A One-Act Play Contest, which will be held Thursday in the BSHS auditorium.

## 'Crimes of the Heart' set for one-act stage

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Theater Department hopes a little attempted murder will get the judges' attention Thursday.

The BSHS thespians will stage "Crimes of the Heart" during Thursday's District 4-4A One-Act Play Contest in the high school auditorium Thursday afternoon.

The play, written by Beth Henley,

**What:** District 4-4A One-Act Play Contest.  
**Where:** Big Spring High School Auditorium, 11th Place.  
**When:** 1 p.m. Thursday.  
**Admission:** Free.

centers on the three McGrath sisters who reunite after the youngest of the trio shoots her husband. The

play was made into a 1986 movie starring Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek as the sisters. "The play tackles some very serious concepts, but the way the sisters handle their situation is sometimes quite comical," said Tabatha Wright, BSHS drama director. "Still, it wouldn't be fair to call this a comedy." See **CONTEST**, Page 3A



State Veterans Home photo

From left, Kenneth Liljestrand, Karen Erwin and Karol Smith stuff eggs at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in preparation for the seventh annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday.

## Vets Home hunt hops by on lots of eggsp experience

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

With upwards of 50,000 eggs, the Community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home can easily boast being the largest in the immediate area. And after six years, the annual event has also grown from a simple egg hunt to a real eggstravaganza.

"I think it is getting better every year," said Sandy Martinez, Veterans Home activi-

ties director. "We're learning better ways to get things accomplished and we're adding activities." This year's event will include two musical bands and games for the children. The egg hunt will begin promptly at 3 p.m. — don't See **HUNT**, Page 3A



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# Newton, Paniagua carry Coahoma to 7-2A wins

## Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Tuesday night was a patented Coahoma Bulldogettes softball game.

Pitcher Heather Newton allowed one hit as she struck out 17 Colorado City batters, and the Bulldogettes won it in walk-off fashion in the seventh with a 1-0 win at Coahoma High School.

Coahoma (18-6, 3-0) scored when Kylie Gee sent a single between Shortstop and third base in bottom of the seventh to knock in senior Kalea Neff, who reached on the only walk issued by Colorado City pitcher Emily Hicks.

"We had to do that a lot last year because our offense struggled," Coahoma coach Shane Tadlock said. "We aren't used to it as much this year, but their pitcher threw a good ball game. You don't have to throw 90 miles an hour if you hit your spots."

The win was Newton's eighth shut-out of the season and fourth by a 1-0 margin.

"We prefer them not to be that close, but Colorado City is good," Tadlock said. "I can't believe Jim Ned beat them."

She hasn't allowed a run in almost 50 innings to a team outside of Howard County.

"She can create a few problems for

herself, but she can get out of them too," Tadlock said.

Newton went 2-for-3 in the game and stole a base as well. Gee's hit in the seventh was the only one Newton didn't count for.

Coahoma plays at Wall Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

"We need to stay focused and get past Wall any way we can, and we'll be in the driver's seat," Tadlock said.

## Senior leads Bulldogs to win

COAHOMA — Josh Paniagua picked a good time to hit the first home run of his life.



HERALD FILE PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Pictured March 10, Kalea Neff scored Coahoma's winning run Tuesday.

See **COAHOMA**, Page 3B



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Big Spring's Logan Yarbar connects with the ball Tuesday at Abilene Cooper High School. Yarbar went 1-for-3 with a single in the game as the Lady Steers picked up their third district win.

# Hunt hurls shutout of Lady Coogs

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Give Lady Steer ace Kenzie Hunt an early lead, and she'll take it to the bank.

With a blustery wind blowing straight in Tuesday, Hunt put zero after zero on the scoreboard as she struck out nine in a three-hit shut-out of Abilene Cooper, leading the Lady Steers to a 4-0 win in district 4-4A action.

Big Spring (18-6, 3-1) got two runs in the second and tacked on another in the third, which was all the support Hunt needed. She

set down seven straight Cougars at one point, and after Cooper loaded the bases in the first, she settled in.

"Kenzie does her job," Big Spring coach John Sparks said. "She's so focused when she plays it's just unbelievable, and she does it every time she gets in that circle. I can count on her every game."

Hunt also got some help from the Lady Steer defense, which made several gems to keep the Lady Cougars off the board. Shortstop Linzee Yarbar speared a line drive in the second frame to double off a runner at second and

Logan Yarbar made a shoestring catch with the bases loaded in the sixth that kept two runs from scoring. Haley Dimidjian also made a snow-cone catch in right field to end the fourth.

"Haley did an outstanding job getting to the ball," Sparks said. "Logan (Yarbar) was a little deep (in center field), but she made the play on that one, and that's what counts and when they're making those kind of plays, how can you not be satisfied?"

Valerie Ross got things going in the second as she reached on an infield hit and moved

to second on an error, scoring on a Hayley Dimidjian RBI double. Dimidjian scored from second when Macy Briggs grounded out to first base.

Linzee Yarbar scored in the third when she reached on an error, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch, eventually scoring on a Jillian Valle double.

"Early in the game is when you need to score your runs because in this district, people are going to get tough after the third inning," Sparks said.

Big Spring added an

# Burton's blast brings Forsan 14th straight

## Herald Staff Report

HAMLIN — Word is getting out about the Forsan Buffaloes.

The Buffs, 13-0 to start the season, made it 14 Tuesday at Hamlin with a 9-5 win in a tough non-district matchup.

Evan Burton belted a two-run home run in the third, Ryan Flores belted a three-run shot in the fifth and Foster Burchett brought home two with a double in the seventh as the Buffs kept their winning streak alive.

"(Hamlin) is a really good team, they're always in the playoffs," Forsan coach Jason Phillips said. "They have two good pitchers they threw at us, but we hit the ball well."

Payton Parker got the win for the Buffs,

allowing five hits and five runs, one of which was earned, to go with six strikeouts and three walks.

Forsan (14-0, 6-0) starts the next go-round of district play Thursday against Ira at home. The Buffaloes nipped Ira on the road March 8, which was while Ira was still coming off its basketball playoff run.

Phillips said Thursday will be a big test for his club.

"We were trying to keep it hush-hush for as long as possible, but people are on us now," he said.

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Parker and Herrin. Bates, T. Lucas and R. Lucas. W-Parker (5-0). L- Bates. HR- Burton, Flores. 2B- Burchett. RBI- Burton 3, Flores 3, Burchett 2.

# Rangers beat D-Backs

## Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — There was no great sentiment in Arizona Diamondbacks' final game at Tucson Electric Park, their spring training home since the franchise was born a dozen years ago.

Just a crowd of 5,184, about half of capacity, watching Arizona ace Dan Haren go through a routine final outing before his opening-day

start and Texas' Colby Lewis shut out the Diamondbacks for seven innings in the Rangers' 4-2 victory on Tuesday.

The Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies will move from Tucson next spring to a new facility on the outskirts of Scottsdale. Arizona plays Colorado at the Rockies' Hi Corbett Field on Wednesday in the final spring game in

See **RANGERS**, 3B

# Connecticut drubs Florida State; to face Baylor in San Antonio

## Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — To the surprise of absolutely no one, defending champion Connecticut is headed back to the Final Four.

Maya Moore and Tina Charles took turns outblending the game did the rest in a 90-50 victory over Florida State in a regional championship on Tuesday, extending their streak to 76 games.

The winning — and the championships — never get old, even for coach Geno Auriemma, whose NCAA tournament resume includes six titles and

a 75-15 record.

"When you play with the kind of passion and intensity level that our team plays with, you can overcome whatever you don't do well," he said. "It's hard to explain it. It's more than we just have the best players."

Next up for the Huskies (37-0) is a date with Baylor in the national semifinals on Sunday.

Moore had 22 points and set the tempo in the first 8 minutes of each half. When Moore left with two fouls midway through the first 20 minutes, Charles took over and piled up 20 points and 14 rebounds. Kalana

Greene chipped in with 15 points and Tiffany Hayes sparkled at both ends with 13 points, five rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

The 40-point victory was the largest margin ever in a regional final.

The Huskies are dominating unlike any team ever. No team has come within 12 points of them all season. They have won their first four games of the 2010 NCAA tournament by a record 188 points — a margin of 47 points a game.

"They get the big picture," Florida State coach Sue Semrau said. "They know why they do what they do and

they are really good at it. There are not a lot of teams that have the kind of commitment that they have and it's very obvious."

Jacinta Monroe had 15 points for the Seminoles (29-6), who set a school record for victories while going deeper in the NCAA tournament than any FSU team before.

Whenever anyone talks about how good UConn is, they might mention Charles' strength inside, how silky smooth Moore's jumper is or how Hayes, Caroline Doty, Greene and the

See **UCONN**, Page 3B

# Sports in brief

## Softball, baseball scoreboard

Lake View 12, Steers 6  
Lady Steers 4, Abilene Cooper 0  
Buffs 9, Hamlin 5  
Lady Buffs 25, Eden 0  
Bulldogs 14, Colorado City 4  
Bulldogettes 1, Colorado City 0

Pick up the *Herald* for all Crossroads sports action.

## Big Spring starts Pony League signups

Big Spring Little League will be having Pony League signups for 13-15-year-olds at Gartman Refrigeration. Signups will be held weekdays until April 2. Bring a birth certificate.

Signups will also be held at the Big Spring Mall April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to a rule change, 15-year-olds can pitch this year. Contact Bryan Kilgora at 816-2582 for more information.

## Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

# Obituaries

## Patricia Fortney

Patricia Fortney of Peachtree City, formerly of Hazlehurst, Ga., and Big Spring, died March 27, 2010, after a brief illness.



She was a 1953 graduate of Big Spring High School and had worked at Montgomery Ward and the Big Spring Herald.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Glen Ray and Deloris Albert of Big Spring; three daughters, Candy and Chris Lacey, and Penny Engard, all of Peachtree City, and Annette Wiggins of Newnan; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fortney was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Fortney, and parents, Glen and Eula Albert. A celebration of life was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Father Michael Kingery as celebrant. The family requests donations be made to [www.georgiaspca.org](http://www.georgiaspca.org).

## Rebecca Jane 'Becky' Terry

Rebecca Jane "Becky" Terry, 50, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 29, 1959, in Odessa. She grew up in Scurry County and moved from Andrews to Big Spring in 2000. She married Arnold Terry on Jan. 20, 1981, in Lovington, N.M. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold Terry of Big Spring; two sons, Chris Terry and his wife Mona of San Diego, and John Terry and wife Neiman of Big Spring; mother, Nancy Ashley of Big Spring; father, Lawrence Fletcher of Stamford; two sisters, Ann Llorente of Lampasas and Kim Whitt of Turkey; one brother, Larry Fletcher of Stamford; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Barbara Roper

Barbara Roper, 68, of Stanton died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

# Take Note

The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at [roxieblair@matthewblair.com](mailto:roxieblair@matthewblair.com) for more details.

Coahoma Independent School District will release school early (12:30 p.m.) Thursday for the Junior High District Track Meet. Friday will be a bad weather makeup day for Coahoma ISD. School will begin and end at regular times.

Tyler Keeton/Hightower has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer). He is undergoing chemotherapy at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He has a surgery scheduled April 20 to remove a tumor and replace part of his femur and knee. An account has been established at Citizens Federal Credit Union under the name Tyler Keeton for those who would like to help with medical expenses.

Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

# Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA LYNN THOMPSON, 22, of 1708 Monticello, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- SHANNON WAYNE MORELAND, 39, of 1207 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- WILLIAM ROGER MORELAND, 32, of 3911 Rice Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1700 block of FM 700. In the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street (four reports made).
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

# Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- RICHARD LINDA MUNOZ, 63, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- SANDRA CONTRERAS, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of secure execution of document by deception - more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- TYSON BARKER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of harassment.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of W. Highway 80 and Anna. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

# Support Groups

- MONDAY
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
  - Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 4/1	Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4	Mon 4/5
88/54 Wind increasing. A few clouds from time to time. High 88F.	72/43 Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm.	75/46 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	85/52 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	86/52 Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM

## Texas At A Glance



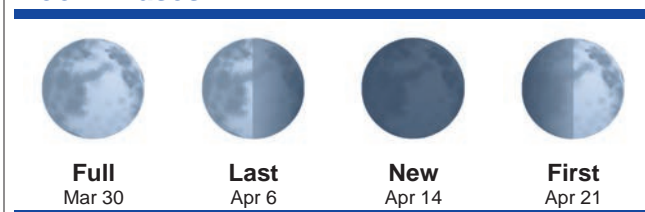
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	87	62	windy	Kingsville	84	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	84	47	windy	Livingston	77	57	pt sunny
Austin	80	62	windy	Longview	79	58	pt sunny
Beaumont	76	60	mst sunny	Lubbock	88	53	windy
Brownsville	80	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	80	59	pt sunny
Brownwood	87	63	windy	Midland	89	56	windy
Corpus Christi	78	68	pt sunny	Raymondville	85	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	80	60	pt sunny	Rosenberg	76	62	pt sunny
Dallas	81	62	windy	San Antonio	82	65	windy
Del Rio	87	64	windy	San Marcos	81	62	windy
El Paso	80	48	windy	Sulphur Springs	81	60	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	92	56	windy	Sweetwater	89	60	windy
Gainesville	78	59	windy	Tyler	79	59	pt sunny
Greenville	79	58	pt sunny	Weatherford	80	59	windy
Houston	75	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	62	windy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	48	sunny	Minneapolis	75	59	pt sunny
Boston	58	42	mst sunny	New York	67	51	mst sunny
Chicago	75	55	pt sunny	Phoenix	55	43	rain
Dallas	81	62	windy	San Francisco	60	43	pt sunny
Denver	58	33	windy	Seattle	51	40	pt sunny
Houston	75	62	pt sunny	St. Louis	80	57	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	47	rain	Washington, DC	78	56	sunny
Miami	80	62	sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 4/1	Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4	Mon 4/5
9	8	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

# Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the Georgia Lottery's "MEGA Millions" game were: 01-11-24-38-44, Mega Ball: 41

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-18-21-27-36.  
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,389.  
Winning ticket purchased in: Duncanville.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-5-4. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-6. Sum It Up: 9.

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### Braves 9

#### Yankees 6 (ss)

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Ambidextrous pitcher Pat Venditte threw with both arms for the New York Yankees on Tuesday, giving up one run in 1-3 innings during a 9-6 split-squad loss to the Atlanta Braves.

Making his first appearance for the Yankees, Venditte took over for CC Sabathia with two outs in the fifth inning and tossed four warmup pitches with each hand. Venditte switched back and forth, depending on whether he was facing a righty or lefty, and gave up two hits and a walk.

The 24-year-old reliever, who uses a six-finger glove, pitched for two teams in Class A last season and went a combined 4-2 with 22 saves and a 1.87 ERA.

If he makes the majors, Venditte wouldn't be the first pitcher to throw as a left-hander and right-hander. Greg Harris, who pitched from 1981-95, was a righty throughout his career. He pitched from the left side for two batters in his second-to-last game.

Sabathia tuned up for his start in the major league opener Sunday night at Boston, allowing five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has a 7.23 ERA this spring.

### Tigers 10, Orioles 9

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Dontrelle Willis struggled in a win over Baltimore, then got good news from Detroit manager Jim Leyland: The left-hander will start the season in the Tigers' rotation.

Willis will be the No. 3 man in the rotation. His position became solidified earlier in the day when the Tigers traded left-hander Nate Robertson to Florida for pitcher Jay Voss.

Willis had his worst outing of spring training, giving up five runs,

seven hits and four walks in 4 1-3 innings. The performance lifted his ERA from 1.20 to 3.26.

Miguel Cabrera hit two long home runs for the Tigers. Miguel Tejada went 4 for 4 with three doubles for Baltimore.

### Astros 5 Phillies 2

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Jamie Moyer has won the fifth spot in the Philadelphia Phillies' rotation, a decision the team announced after its loss to the Houston Astros.

Moyer is the oldest player in the majors at 47. Kyle Kendrick, who was Moyer's competition for the spot, started against Houston and allowed one run in two innings. Manager Charlie Manuel assured Kendrick that he has a roster spot and would be an important part of the bullpen for the two-time NL champions.

### Cardinals 9 Mets 4

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Matt Holliday hit his first two home runs this spring and the St. Louis Cardinals roughed up Oliver Perez in a win over the New York Mets.

The Cardinals homered three times off Perez. Ryan Ludwick hit a two-run shot in the first inning and Holliday followed with a long drive.

Brendan Ryan added a two-run homer the next inning, and Perez made it through just 2 1-3 innings before being pulled. The left-hander, coming back from knee surgery late last season, gave up seven runs on six hits and two walks.

Cardinals opening-day starter Chris Carpenter walked six in five innings. He allowed one earned run and four hits in five innings.

### Twins 4, Pirates 1

FORT MYERS, Fla.

(AP) — Francisco Liriano locked up the final spot in the Twins' rotation, striking out eight in six shutout innings of Minnesota's 4-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Liriano also walked three, and said later he'd been told he will be the Twins' fifth starter. He was competing with Brian Duensing for the job and also was discussed as a possible replacement for injured closer Joe Nathan.

### Red Sox 9, Rays 9, F/9

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Rizzo and Josh Reddick homered to help build an early lead that slipped away from Boston before newcomer Kevin Frandsen's ninth-inning RBI single gave the Red Sox a tie against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Rizzo hit a two-run homer off Rafael Soriano that put the Red Sox up 6-0 in the third inning. Tug Hulett also drove in two runs with a double off Soriano, who the Rays acquired this winter to be their closer.

Frandsen, acquired this week from San Francisco, delivered his tying single off Paul Phillips with two outs in the ninth.

### Marlins 9, Nationals 5

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Chris Volstad pitched 6 2-3 innings in his best start of the spring and added three hits and 2 RBI in the Florida Marlins' win over the Washington Nationals.

Nationals right-hander Garrett Mock, trying to win a rotation spot, allowed six runs (four earned) on seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

### White Sox 2, Athletics 0

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Buehrle pitched five shutout innings and Carlos Quentin homered as the Chicago White Sox beat

the Oakland Athletics.

Buehrle gave up four hits and finished spring training with a 2.08 ERA.

Ben Sheets, who struggled earlier this month and entered the game with a 17.28 ERA, put together a second straight quality start, going 5 1-3 innings and allowing a run on three hits. He struck out five and walked five.

### Rockies 3, Dodgers 1

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Left-hander Greg Smith threw himself into the chase for the final spot on the Colorado staff, pitching four shutout innings in the Rockies' victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Smith retired his first 10 batters. He gave up two hits, struck out four and walked none.

Todd Helton hit a two-run homer off Dodgers pitching prospect Josh Linblom.

### Cubs 5, Giants 3

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Chad Tracy celebrated his addition to the Cubs' opening-day roster with a two-run homer in the eighth inning, leading Chicago over the San Francisco Giants.

Tracy edged out veteran infielder Kevin Millar for the final spot earlier in the day. He homered off Guillermo Mota, making a bid for a short role in the Giants' bullpen.

Former Cubs player Mark DeRosa gave the Giants a 3-2 lead with a two-run homer in the fourth.

### Angels 1, Brewers 1, F/10

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Scott Kazmir pitched five sharp innings in his final Cactus League start, and the Los Angeles Angels and Milwaukee Brewers played to a tie in 10 innings.

Kazmir allowed one run and four hits. The left-hander missed his previous start because

of shoulder stiffness.

Brewers starter Chris Narveson worked three scoreless innings, running his string to 12 consecutive scoreless innings.

### Padres 7, Reds 5

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Right-hander Mat Latos had no problems with his elbow in his return to the mound, and the San Diego Padres made it another challenging afternoon for Cincinnati opening-day starter Aaron Harang.

Latos missed a start last week because of a tender pitching elbow. He struggled with his control at times, but allowed only one unearned run and three hits in three innings. Latos is competing for the fifth starter's spot.

Harang gave up five hits and five runs in 4 2-3 innings, pitching deep into counts. He also had a throwing error — one of three by the Reds that extended his innings. In his last two starts, Harang has given up 14 hits and 12 runs in 7 1-3 innings.

### Rangers 4, Diamondbacks 2

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — There was no great sentiment in Arizona Diamondbacks final game at Tucson Electric Park, their spring training home since the franchise was born a dozen years ago.

Just a crowd of 5,184, about half of capacity, watching Arizona ace Dan Haren go through a routine final outing before his opening day start and Texas' Colby Lewis shut out the Diamondbacks for seven innings in the Rangers' victory.

The Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies will move from Tucson next spring to a new facility on the outskirts of Scottsdale. Arizona plays Colorado at the Rockies' Hi Corbett Field on Wednesday in the final spring game in Tucson.

### Yankees (ss) 5, Blue Jays 3

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Toronto pitcher Marc Rzepczynski struggled before departing in the fifth inning with a bruised left middle finger and the Blue Jays lost to a Yankees split squad.

Rzepczynski, likely in his final start before Toronto picks it starting staff, was injured when his pitching hand was struck by Ramiro Pena's ground-er. The left-hander, who allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings, said the finger is not too bad and expects to throw again within a couple days.

Opening day starter Shaun Marcum and Ricky Romero are the only two pitchers who have to locked up spots in Toronto's rotation.

New York right-hander Sergio Mitre gave up two runs and three hits over six innings.

### Royals 7 Indians 2

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Brayan Pena hit a two-run homer in Kansas City's five-run first, leading the Royals over Cleveland.

Kyle Davies pitched 5 1-3 innings for the Royals, allowing two runs and two hits. The right-hander struck out four and walked three, likely securing a spot in the rotation with the solid start.

Indians right-hander Mitch Talbot struggled, allowing seven runs, six earned and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Asdrubal Cabrera hit a two-run double in the third for Cleveland.

Yuniesky Betancourt went 3 for 3 with the Royals, and David DeJesus finished with two hits. Closer Joakim Soria, who gave up four runs without retiring any of the five batters he faced Monday, worked a scoreless seventh.



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# Gunman sprays DC crowd, killing 4 and wounding 5

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WASHINGTON — A gunman sprayed bullets from a moving vehicle into a crowd in southeastern Washington, killing four and wounding at least five others, before leading police on a chase into neighboring Maryland.

Three people were arrested in the drive-by shooting Tuesday. The D.C. councilman who represents the area said a dispute between groups in the neighborhood apparently caused the shooting.

Six men and three women were hit by the gunfire around 7:30 p.m., said D.C. Police Department spokesman Officer Hugh Carew.

Fire Department spokesman Pete Piringer says all were in their 20s and 30s, except for one teenager.

By late Tuesday, one victim had died at the scene, a second was pronounced dead at the hospital and the third died in the operating room, hospital officials said. Police spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump said early the next day that the fourth victim had died.

Four D.C. officers were slightly injured while chasing a suspect's vehicle into neighboring Prince George's County in Maryland, authorities said. A weapon was also recovered.

The Washington Post reported that police pursued a

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van from the scene, aided by a helicopter.

Police had cleared the scene Wednesday morning, but there were still five police cruisers parked outside a brick garden-style apartment building on a main road that links the area to downtown. There was gauze and a blood-covered gauze package on the sidewalk, which was wet and

smelled of bleach.

The shootings were in a neighborhood near a water treatment plant and Bolling Air Force Base and about seven miles from the White House. D.C. Councilman Phil Mendelson said that the area where the shooting happened is known for drugs and related violence.

"It's not a stranger to violent activity, unfortunately," said Mendelson, the chairman of the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary.

D.C. Councilman Marion Barry, a former mayor who now represents the area of the city where the shootings occurred, called the attack a vi-

cious crime. Barry, who had been briefed by police, said it appears "crews" — groups of friends who are not necessarily organized as gangs — had some sort of dispute with each other.

"I'm saddened. I'm outraged. I'm angry," Barry said. "We have a tough enough reputation anyway," he said of his district in southeast Washington.

He said he was worried about further retaliation between groups, but that he had been assured by police they would "pull out every stop they can."

Washington reported 143 homicides last year, the fewest in nearly 50 years.

## DEBATE

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the debate and have assured us they will be there."

Baker said the debate — which is slated for 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room — will give the candidates a chance to answer questions from a variety of sources.

"We're asking the people of Big Spring to send their questions to us so we can address what's really on the mind of the Big Spring voters," Baker said. "Questions can be submitted in

writing to Big Spring Debate, P.O. Box 2733, Big Spring 79721, or by e-mail at bigspringdebate@gmail.com. We have officials with the Republican and Democratic parties that will be helping us sort through the submissions and form them into questions for the candidates."

The debate is being coordinated by volunteers within the community, according to Baker, to help voters make an informed decision during the May election.

"I just felt like we need to give the candidates a chance to speak out on what they feel is impor-

tant to the community, as well as give the people who will be casting the ballots a voice in the matter," Baker said. "The candidates will be given time to answer the submitted questions, as well as discuss each others' responses. They won't be allowed to see the questions ahead of time, either, so it should be an excellent chance to see how much they know about the issues that are weighing on the minds of Big Spring voters."

Baker said the moderator for the debate will be Michael Quinn Sullivan, president and CEO of Empower Texans and

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility.

"We are really excited to have Mr. Sullivan come in and help us with this debate," said Baker.

Sullivan is a former newspaper reporter, Capitol Hill staffer and think-tank vice president who recently garnered praise from the Fort Worth Star Telegram for his work slaying "taxpayer dragons in Austin" during the most recent legislative session.

"Empower Texans exists to create a system of strong fiscal stewardship within all levels of Texas govern-

ment," said Sullivan in literature provided to the Herald, "ensuring the greatest amounts of economic and personal liberty. It also promotes public policies that provide individuals with the freedom to use their strengths and talents in pursuit of greater opportunities.

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## CONTEST

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Wright said the play "just jumped out" at her while she was deciding what to stage for this year's contest.

"I knew we had the guys and gals who could pull this play off," she said. "This particular show just jumped out at me because of how colorful the female characters are."

Senior Paula Mills, junior Alesha Yanez and sophomore April Zavala play the three leads.

"Paula is a very strong actress who has a natu-

ral ability to create characters who are believable," Wright said. "This will be (Yanez's) first main role in one-act competition, but she is a very strong actress ... (and) this is April's first production and I've been very impressed with her acting abilities."

Zavala, the youngest of the three actresses, appropriately plays the youngest sister, Babe, the would-be murderer.

"Babe is challenging," Zavala says of her somewhat flighty character, who admits to shooting her husband because she didn't like his looks.

"I'm the complete opposite of her, so I've had to tap into my inner Babe for this part."

Middle sister Meg, who likes her cigarettes and bourbon and who left home to pursue a singing career that never took off, is played by Yanez, a veteran of several BSHS and Howard College drama productions.

"The most challenging thing to me about this role is that there's so many underlying emotions between the sisters, but a lot of it is completely internal," Yanez said. "You have to convey a lot without a lot of words."

The oldest sister, Lenny, who always seems just one step away from a nervous breakdown, is portrayed by Mills.

"All the stress is put upon my character and she's always trying to do the right thing," Mills said. "And, of course, her sisters take complete advantage of her."

The top two schools advance to area competition later this spring to vie for a chance to move on to the University Interscholastic League state contest in Austin this May.

BSHS has advanced to at least the area stage of competition for the past several years and

Wright believes her students can keep the streak going.

"I'm very confident that the kids are going to put on the best show they can," she said. "This is a very competitive district, so all you can really ask of your students is that they do their best."

The contest begins at 1 p.m., with Big Spring tentatively scheduled to perform around 2 p.m.

Admission is free, Wright said.

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## HUNT

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be late — and is for children up to 12 years old. Age groups are 0-3, 4-7 and 8-12.

But children — accompanied by their parents, please — can arrive as early as 1 p.m. to play ring toss and "fish" in the fish pond. Winners will receive prizes donated by the Salvation Army. There is no fee to participate. There will also be two air castles for kids to play in.

Compass Hospice donated 1,000 hot dogs for the occasion, while Blue Bell will provide 1,200 cups of ice cream and Texas Refreshments is offering free drinks. Popcorn will also be available.

With more than 60 sponsors, the hunt truly is a community event — and beyond.

"The VFW Auxil-

iary in Midland brings us eggs each year and they'll be doing that again," said Martinez.

Bauer Elementary classes have gotten in on the act by challenging each other to raise the most eggs.

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday the first of two bands — The Taste of Life — will perform. The other, the Country Classic Band, will play for residents at 3 p.m.

Additional goings-on include face painting and a bunny rabbit.

"I had a bunny suit made for the facility so that we can have it every year," said Martinez. "It's really cute."

There will also be a give-away of a sound system, valued at up to \$1,000. Tickets are two for \$5 and proceeds will go toward constructing a putting green on campus for the residents.

With so much going on, Martinez said volunteers — both to stuff

eggs and to help out on Saturday — are always welcome.

"They can just show up out here any time. We're stuffing eggs daily," said Martinez.

The Red Hats are among the groups who faithfully help out each

year and the residents themselves also take part. But more "egg stuffers" are always needed.

"I want to thank everyone for helping out, for making this a great success," added Martinez.

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**BSHS**

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insurance run in the sixth as Carson Riebe singled and scored on a Linzee Yarbar double. Dimidjian finished 2-for-3 with two doubles, the only Lady Steer with multiple hits. Cooper pitcher Selena Cardona gave up two earned runs on seven hits, striking out seven and walking two. But

the day belonged to Hunt. "(Hunt) did a good job of keeping us off-balance," Cooper coach Julie Young said. "That's the first time in four weeks we've gone scoreless in any game. Coming off a 10-hit game at Frenship to a three-hit game today, I put more of that on our kids as a lack of focus. They didn't come ready to play." The Lady Steers have

Friday off before a road contest at Plainview next Tuesday. **Lake View stifles Steers** SAN ANGELO — The Lake View Chiefs scored nine runs in two innings to down the Steers on Tuesday en route to a 12-6 decision in district 4-4A action in San Angelo. Lake View (7-15, 1-2) got three in the first, three in the third and

six in the fourth as it busted the game open and kept Big Spring (7-13, 0-3) winless in district play. Lake View's Ransom Davidson earned the win and Max Pappajohn was saddled with the loss. Alex Hensley allowed two runs in the fourth in relief, but he pitched scoreless frames in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Xavian Parnell had a

triple for the Steers. Big Spring hosts Seminole on Thursday at Steer park. First pitch is set for 7 p.m. **Big Spring 4, Cooper 0** BS 021 000 1 -- 4 7 1 CHS 000 000 0 -- 0 3 2 Hunt and Womack. Cardona and Black. W- Hunt (14-5). L- Cardona. 2B- BS Dimidjian 2, Li. Yarbar, Valle, AC J. Hernandez **Lake View 12, Big Spring 6** BS 110 101 2 -- 6 LV 303 600 x -- 12 Pappajohn, Hensley and Acosta. Davidson, Manuel and Scott. W- Davidson. L- Pappajohn.

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**COAHOMA**

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With Coahoma down 4-2 in the fourth inning, Paniagua blasted a three-run shot over the left-center field fence to jumpstart a 10-run inning and the Bulldogs to a 14-4 win over Colorado City in district 7-2A action at

Coahoma High School. "He hit it well," Coahoma coach Shane Fuller said. "The only question was whether it was high enough to clear the fence." Chance Hart earned the win in relief for Coahoma (11-6, 3-0), picking up his seventh of the season. With pitcher Rey Gutierrez nursing a hand injury,

Hart and the rest of the pitching staff have had to work overtime. "He comes in and throws strikes, and he's got pitches that are tough to hit," Fuller said of Hart, who has all three of Coahoma's district wins. "Chance has had to step in and the other guys have made it to where he doesn't have to throw a lot of

pitches to win." Jared Doportto started for the Bulldogs, giving up four runs in 3 1/3 innings. Lane Douglass stepped in and got one out before Hart shut the door. He also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and three RBI. Gutierrez went 2-for-4 at the plate, Doportto went 2-for-3 with a double and Douglass added

an RBI. Fuller said his squad is starting to put together all facets of the game. "Defensively, that's the best game we've played all year," he said. "Offensively we kept strikeouts to a minimum and had a lot of two-strike hits. "We'd like to get a few more (hits), but sometimes you hit the ball right at

them." Coahoma plays at Wall on Thursday at 4 p.m. **Coahoma 1, Colorado City 0** CC 000 000 0 -- 0 1 2 CHS 000 000 1 -- 1 3 1 Hicks and Arispe. Newton and Castilaw. W- Newton (13-3). L- Hicks. RBI- Gee. **Coahoma 14, Colorado City 4** CC 000 400 0 -- 4 CHS 200 10 11 -- 14 Doportto, Douglass, Hart and Amaro. W- Hart (7-1). HR- CHS Paniagua (1). 2B- Doportto, Hart.

**RANGERS**

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Tucson. Haren, who goes against San Diego in the opener on Monday in Phoenix, allowed three runs on eight hits in 6 1-13 innings, striking out seven and walking none. Lewis allowed two runs in 7 1-3 innings. Asked if he had any special sentiment pitching in the Tucson fina-

le, Haren said, "Well, I won't be tearing up on the way out." "But the fans treated me nice," he said. "I don't know, I'm just glad spring's over. It's a long spring. It's a long month and a half, waking up early. It's nice to get the real games started." Haren threw five scoreless innings before allowing two in the sixth and one in the seventh. "I thought he looked

very good," manager A.J. Hinch said. "I'm glad his next start is for real." Haren had allowed 10 runs in his previous two outings over a total of nine innings. "I tried to get focused there at the beginning of the game. The last two starts I gave up quite a few runs in the first two innings," he said. "I was determined to get off to a good start for the day and I did and I felt pretty good. I

felt real tired at the end but it was a hot day out there." "At the beginning of spring you get kind of the additional adrenalin and then it kind of wears off at the end," he said. "It will be nice to get out there and compete and for it to count." Lewis rejoined the Rangers after pitching the last two seasons in Japan. His strong start follows a minor league outing when he gave

up two runs and struck out 10 in six innings. He threw 105 pitches on Tuesday. "I think our whole rotation is good," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We felt like Colby could do just what he did out there today for us. He's a strong guy, he's got good stuff, he throws strikes and keeps the

ball in play. He lets his defense play for him and that's what we're trying to get done around here." The Texas right-hander was not surprised he was able to pitch so deep into the game. "I was able to throw all my pitches for strikes," he said. "When you do that, you're able to keep them off balance a lot."

**UCONN**

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rest play defense like banshees and never seem to make a mistake. But it might be their defense which is the biggest reason that they're the top road show in the sport. Only two teams have shot even 40 percent in a game against the Huskies this year. Florida State came in shooting a respectable 45 percent for the season; they made just 18 of 63 shots (28.6 percent) against that tenacious defense of Connecticut's. "They don't like it when people score against us," Auriemma said. "They hate it." Moore had 11 points early then watched from the bench with foul trouble as Charles and her supporting cast stretched the lead. "That's a great example of our team, and how we pick up for each other," Moore said. "My teammates were there and stuck with what

was working and that was Tina Charles. She comes in and does exactly what we know she can do. She dominates and finishes and carries our team. I'm just continuing to ride the Tina Charles train and hopefully it can keep us going." Charles, whose chief rival for national player of the year is Moore, said she just tried to meet expectations. "My teammates say as long as I do my part, they'll deliver it to me," said Charles who had 16 points and 11 rebounds at the half. Moore was itching to do some damage after sitting out the last 12 minutes of the half with two fouls. On the opening possession of the second half, the Huskies went to their high-low game, with Charles wheeling to throw a perfect pass to Moore for a three-point play. Greene then stole the ball in the FSU backcourt and fed Moore for a breakaway layup. After two baskets by the Seminoles, Hayes

hit a drive and Moore swished a 25-footer 3. That made it 52-32 and the rout was on. Just as everyone expected. Well, everyone except the Huskies. "Everyone might have thought it was a fore-

gone conclusion today, but that's not the way the way we think," Auriemma said. "We take it one game at a time." And the next one is in San Antonio, to the surprise of almost no one.

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West knew that he was handing South an extra heart trick by overtaking his partner's ten of hearts with the queen, since declarer was marked with the heart jack. But West realized at the same time that if he allowed East's ten to hold the trick, his partner would be unable to lead a third heart to force out dummy's ace.

Declarer could do no better than win the heart queen with the ace, lead a club to his ace and return a diamond. West followed low, of course, and dummy's ten won the trick.

South's only remaining hope now was to find the clubs divided 3-3, so he played the king and another club. But when the clubs proved to be divided 4-2, he had to go down one.

Now let's go back to trick two and see what happens if West doesn't overtake East's ten of hearts with the queen. The ten wins, and East probably shifts to a low spade at trick three. Declarer wins, forces out the ace of diamonds and winds up with nine tricks consisting of four diamonds, two spades, two clubs and a heart.

Tomorrow: Haste makes waste.

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## OUR VIEW

# Make the most of Easter egg hunts Saturday

Sunday a great many of us will be celebrating Easter — the most significant time of year for Christians. But it is also a time for lots of fun, thanks to the ages-old tradition of Easter egg hunting.

And here in Howard County, quite a few groups and churches hold Easter egg hunts, not to mention a number of families.

However, we are extremely lucky to have three entities in Howard County that will be holding community-wide Easter egg hunts — all on Saturday.

The VA Employees Association, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will hold its first ever Easter egg hunt at the West Texas VA Health Care Medical Center beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Children ages 1 to 12 are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs. Children will be divided into four age categories. Children ages 6 and under will need to be accompanied by a parent during the hunt.

All children are encouraged to attend and participate.

First Church of the Nazarene will sponsor its second annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Comanche Trail Park for children between ages 2 and 10 beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday The Easter egg hunt is divided by age groups. There will be food, prizes and a bounce house.

Last, but certainly not least, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will begin its annual children's Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. Last year, the event drew more than 3,000 children and gave away approximately 50,000 stuffed eggs.

Once again, there will be games, drawings and an appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Age groups will be 0-3, 4-6 and 6-12 will have separate hunts. Hogdogs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

We encourage our readers to take their children and grandchildren out Saturday for the hunts. They'll thank you for it. What's more, we're willing to bet you'll be thanking yourselves.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make changes in our lifestyle, Lord, with You.

Amen

# Clowns to the Left, jokers on Right

When activists break the law protesting Republican policies, it is because lefties care so much. But when conservatives act likewise, it's because they are loudmouths and louts.

So TV tells me. During an interview last week with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., NBC's Ann Curry observed that former GOP running mate Sarah Palin, who was about to stump for McCain over the weekend, had told supporters, "Don't retreat, instead — reload" and posted on her Facebook page "a map highlighting weak Democratic districts that conservatives should target with a crosshair symbol."

"Considering these threats, these concerns that we've been hearing about, regarding violence, do you think, do you now recommend that your party use less incendiary language and will you say that to her tomorrow?"

What could McCain do but laugh?

The political lexicon long has used martial terms like "target" and "battleground." Even if that is true — somehow she

seemed unsure — Curry continued, "These are very dangerous times. Is this the language that we should be hearing today?"

The short answer: Yes. CNN's Howard Kurtz got it right when he noted on "Reliable Sources" Sunday, "The conservative argument is that the media didn't seem quite so concerned with civility when protesters were calling George W. Bush a war criminal and a Nazi, and (using) that kind of overheated rhetoric as well."

Remember when an Iraqi threw his shoes at Bush — and it was Bush's fault? Kurtz's three media guests disagreed. You see, they said, the right crossed the line.

Poor babies; they can't even see that their line is the right. Because Democrats see this story as a Victim Opportunity, there is more rage at vocal ObamaCare opponents than, say, students who have vandalized UC Berkeley property, including the chancellor's home, or toward violent anti-Bush protests.

Being a Victim is great for business, too. As Pelosi said Monday, the GOP "really helps me with my fundraising."

As the recipient of copious slurs and the occasional threat, I have more cause than most to resent the angry froth that bubbles forth when ideologues believe the rules of civility do not apply

to them.

While most of the vacuous insults hurled my way come from the left, I get them from the right, too. Incivility is not confined to one party. Both sides know how to shout.

On Saturday, authorities arrested a Philadelphia man for threatening House Minority Whip Eric Cantor, R-Va. Apparently, Norman Leboon videotaped his threat to kill Cantor and his "cupcake evil wife" and children, and was so impressed with himself that he posted his threat on the Internet.

A genius, that man. As Politico reported, Leboon also referred to the fact that Cantor is Jewish.

Does Leboon's behavior reflect on all liberals? Should the conservative media connect Leboon's threats to left-wing anti-Semitism? Will Curry ask Democrats to tone down their rhetoric lest they inflame more violence? Of course not.

Yet somehow, threats made against Democrats are supposed to reflect on the right.

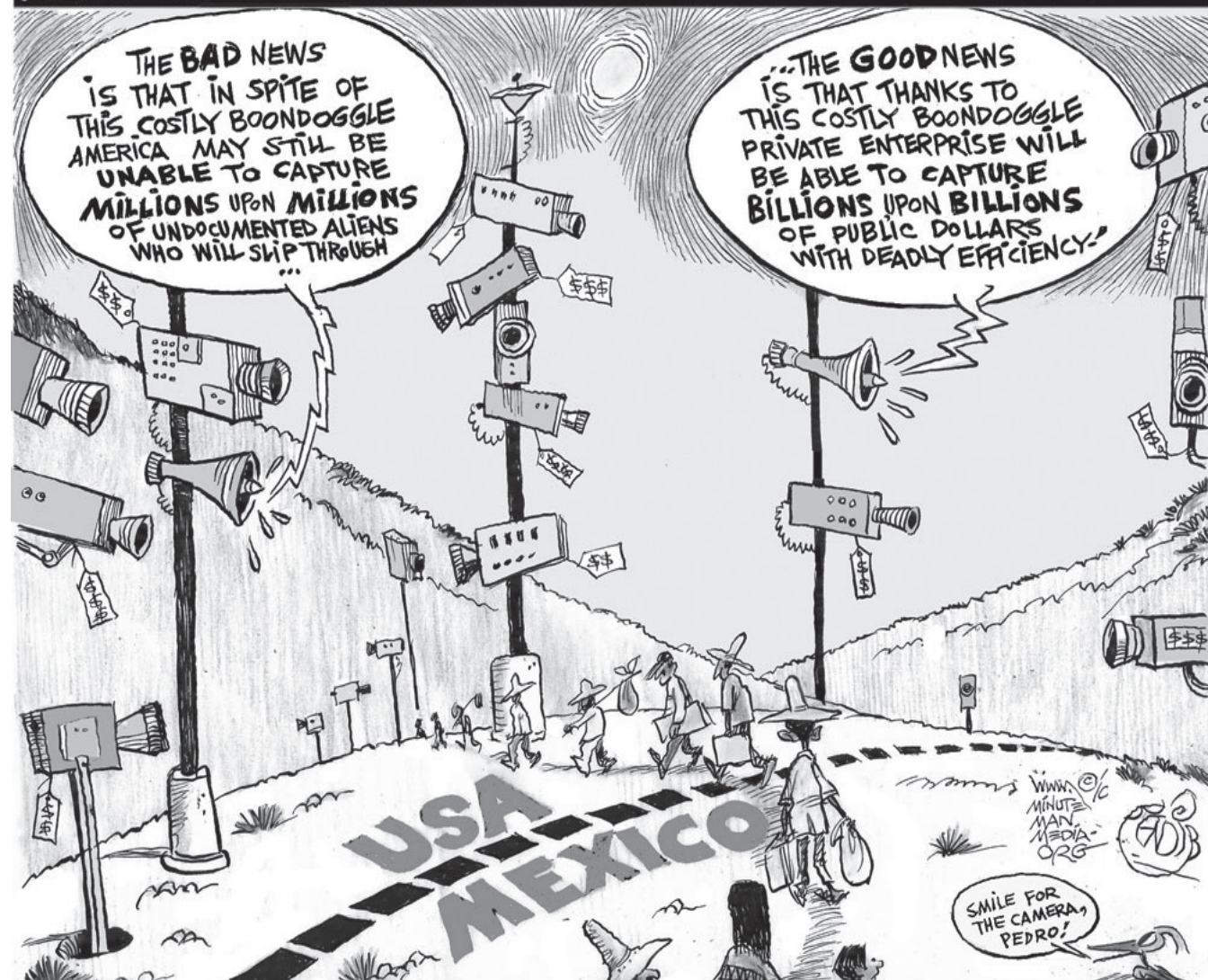
Folks like Curry have a story line, and they'll make the facts fit it. When the facts don't fit, there is no story.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

## DHS HANDS OUT HUGE CONTRACT TO BOEING FOR DUBIOUS BORDER SURVEILLANCE PROJECT



# Empower the people, restore trust

A recent CBS News/New York Times poll confirmed what most of us already know: Trust in government is at an all-time low. According to the survey, nearly seven in 10 Americans feel they don't have much say in what government does and nearly four in five think our government is run by a few powerful interests. Just 18 percent think it is run for the benefit of all Americans.



JOE MOORE

This public mistrust affects all levels of government.

From city hall to the halls of Congress, important policy and spending decisions have been made for far too long by a handful of politicians behind closed doors, working in concert with corporations and special interests.

This old way of doing the public's business has bred anger and mistrust of all levels of government.

It shouldn't come as any surprise, then, that only one out of five Americans trust government to do what's right most of the time. They don't believe their government listens to them and they don't believe they have any power to affect public policy.

This public anger and mistrust isn't healthy for our democracy.

We need a new governance model that empowers people to make real decisions about important policy and spending.

As a member of Chicago's city council, I have embarked on an innovative alternative to the old style of decision-making.

In an experiment in democracy, transparent governance and economic reform, I'm letting the residents of my ward decide directly how to spend my entire discretionary capital budget of more than \$1.3 million.

Known as "participatory budgeting," this particular form of democracy is being used worldwide, from Brazil to the United Kingdom and Canada.

It lets community members decide how to spend part of a government budget, through a series of community meetings and ultimately a final, binding vote.

While I'm the first elected official in the U.S. to implement participatory budgeting, it's not a whole lot different than the old New England town meetings in which residents would gather to vote directly on the spending decisions of their town.

Community residents in my ward have met for the past year — developing a rule book for the process, gathering project ideas from local meetings, researching and budgeting projects. These range from public art to street resurfacing and police cameras to bike paths.

Then, residents get to pitch these project proposals to their

neighbors at a series of "neighborhood assemblies" held throughout the ward.

The process will culminate in a ward-wide election on April 10, in which all residents age 16 and over, regardless of citizenship or voter registration status, will be invited to gather at a local high school to vote for up to eight projects, one vote per project. This process is binding. The projects that win the most votes will be funded up to \$1.3 million.

While the process isn't yet complete, it's already yielding very positive results.

Hundreds of community residents in my ward, many of whom had never before been involved in a civic activity, have become fully engaged in the participatory budgeting process. Rather than being passive observers of government, they've become active participants in governing. They've learned firsthand the tough decisions that elected officials are called upon to make during these tough economic times.

More importantly, they know they have the power to make real decisions, and that their government is not just hearing them but actually following their mandate.

Empowering people to make real decisions openly and transparently is the first step to restoring public trust in government.

Joe Moore is the alderman for Chicago's 49th Ward.



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# News in brief

## State Farm sues insurance department

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm Insurance has filed a lawsuit against the Texas Department of Insurance after the state agency took the unprecedented move of publicizing on its Web site recent rate hikes by the company.

Texas' largest insurer filed suit Tuesday, seeking to protect from disclosure certain information that State Farm said could benefit its rivals in the insurance industry.

Department spokesman Jerry Hagins says the agency's position is that all documents associated with a rate filing are public information.

Posted were two State Farm rate proposals filed over the last eight months that increase homeowner premiums an average of 13 percent.

## 4 charged with capital murder in robbery

FORT WORTH (AP) — Four men are in custody on capital murder charges in the killing of a Fort Worth convenience store clerk during a holdup last week.

Killed in the March 23 holdup at the C&D Kwik Stop in southeast Fort Worth was 22-year-old Daniel Rojas-Torres.

The latest suspect arrested was 23-year-old Tywron Pierre Thomas. Police reports say he was arrested Tuesday at his girlfriend's apartment.

Also in custody are 35-year-old Randy Keith Seibel, 23-year-old Chance McKenzie Smith and 34-year-old Kwame Abai Rockwell. Bond for each is set at \$750,000.

Security video showed Torres and a bread delivery truck driver were shot, Torres fatally, as robbers left with a bag of cash and checks they had demanded. A police affidavit says robbers worked at a used-car lot next door to the store and were frequent customers.

## Houston man executed for robbery-slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned prisoner Franklin Dewayne Alix was executed Tuesday

evening for fatally shooting a Houston man during a robbery.

Alix, 34, received lethal injection for the slaying of 23-year-old Eric Bridgeford, who interrupted Alix as he robbed the apartment of Bridgeford's sister. The sister also had been abducted and raped in what authorities said was part of a six-month series of crimes by Alix more than 11 years ago.

The execution was the fifth this year in Texas, the nation's busiest capital punishment state.

"I'm not the monster they painted me to be," Alix said from the death chamber gurney, saying he "messed up and made poor choices." He denied responsibility for several rapes and said he "did no drugs."

"It is what it is," he said. "I've got peace in my heart."

Seven minutes later, at 6:20 p.m. CDT, he was pronounced dead.

## 2 suspicious devices found in east Texas mailboxes

LONGVIEW (AP) — Two more suspicious devices were found in east Texas mailboxes on Tuesday.

U.S. Postal Inspector Amanda McMurrey says the devices were found in a mail collection box in Longview and in a residential mailbox in a subdivision on Lake Cherokee, about 15 miles southeast of Longview.

McMurrey says an apparent pipe bomb was found in the mail collection box at an office building on Spur 502 just north of downtown Longview on Tuesday afternoon. The Lake Cherokee device was found about 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, but McMurrey said she didn't have a description of the device.

There were no explosions and no injuries.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is assisting the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement in their investigation.

Longview is about 120 miles east of Dallas.

## Man admits to role in African human smuggling ring

HOUSTON (AP) — An international smuggling

ring that ferried illegal immigrants from Africa to the U.S. by way of South and Central America and Mexico was dealt a significant blow with the guilty plea of one of the group's members, federal authorities said Tuesday.

Samuel Abrahaley Fessahazion, 23, of the north-east African nation of Eritrea, admitted during a court hearing Monday to helping smuggle illegal immigrants to the U.S.

As part of an agreement with federal prosecutors, Fessahazion pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and two counts of encouraging and inducing illegal immigrants to come to the U.S. for financial gain. Eleven other counts against him were dropped.

"By bringing this smuggler to justice, we have broken a chain that runs from Africa to South and Central America, directly into the United States," Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer said.

Defense attorney Peter Bray said he plans to present evidence at Fessahazion's sentencing hearing — scheduled for June 14 — to help explain his client's actions. Fessahazion faces up to 10 years in prison.

"We look forward to presenting Mr. Fessahazion's life story at the time of sentencing," Bray said. "There are a lot of mitigating factors."

## DPS director addresses border drug war violence

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety director says drug-related violence along the Mexico border is much worse than the drug wars in Colombia 20 years ago.

Members of the state House Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness told DPS Director Steve McCraw to recommend an action plan for Texas lawmakers to consider when they meet next year.

McCraw said Tuesday that drug cartels use gangs to operate as hit squads along both sides of the border.

He says he considers illegal immigrants who join Houston gangs and engage in criminal conduct to be "spillover violence." However, McCraw acknowledges that broad definition would apply to communities across the United States.

# Report: Incentive program not working

NEW YORK (AP) — An experimental anti-poverty program that pays the poor for maintaining good habits — \$25 to \$150 for things such as going to the dentist, staying on the job or opening a bank account — has not been life-changing.

The cash incentives funded with private donations have helped some New Yorkers make better choices, but it has not encouraged young people to do better in school or adults to keep a job. And Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the incentives are not the answer to eradicating poverty.

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Before the city took up the idea, it had never been attempted in the United States.

Participants were offered 22 different incentives to earn money, ranging in value from \$20 to \$600. Ninety-eight percent of all families earned at least one reward, but just 65 percent achieved payments in every period they were available.

When compared with the control group, 10 percent more families in the reward group had two dental visits per year, 1 percent more

had health insurance, 20 percent more had bank accounts and 3 percent fewer used costly services like check cashing.

But fewer people in the reward group held jobs in the first year, and cash rewards had no effect on school performance or attendance for young children.

The rewards also had no effect on test scores or attendance for low-performing high school students, and made only modest differences for higher-achieving students.

Antonia Campbell, a 51-year-old mother of three who works as an

administrative assistant, estimated she has earned between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in rewards, and said she believed cash incentive programs could inspire many others in tough financial situations.

"We still have so many people out there who have no incentive whatsoever, and maybe this would push them to do more for their kids, if not for themselves," Campbell said. "And in the midst of getting the money, they find out these are things they want to do."

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The library is experiencing growing pains! We were able to go online a week early with our new library checkout/check in system. Please be patient as we learn how to work with it.

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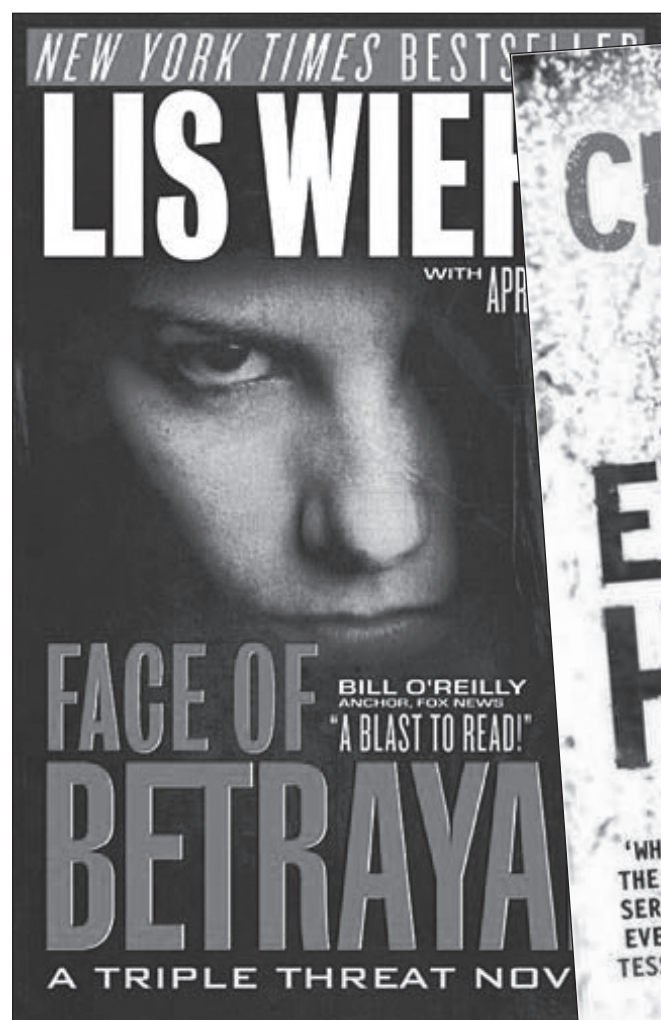
Some new fiction just in: "Face of Betrayal" (F WID L) by Lis Wiehl and April Henry. This new book is somewhat similar to the Chandra Levy story. Katie, a page for the U.S. Senate, disappears over the Christmas holiday. Details come to light that she may be involved with a prominent U.S. senator. A reporter, a U.S. attorney and an agent for the FBI become involved in trying to solve the mystery. It sounds like it may be pretty good.

"Evil at Heart" (F CAI C), by Chelsea Cain, is another thriller that

was just processed. Gretchen Lowell is now a celebrity. Dubbed the Beauty Killer, she entered a détente of sorts with Archie Sheridan who had pursued her for years. They agreed that he would not kill himself if she would not kill anyone. But now people are showing up dead with her trademark heart. Has Gretchen returned or is someone copying her style?

A really cute mystery series has come on board here at the library. JoAnna Carl writes the Chocolate Mystery series. We have three of them, all located in the mystery section. "The Chocolate Cupid Killings" (M CAR J), "The Chocolate Bridal Bash" (M CAR J) and "The Chocolate Snowman Murders" (M CAR J) star Lee McKinney Woodward and her husband Joe in solving various cases in the west Michigan town of Warner Pier. Lee is the office manager of a gourmet chocolate shop and her husband Joe is an attorney. There seems to be a lot of crime in such a small town, but such is fiction!

Along the same sort of line, Lucy Stone is a mother, wife and re-



porter for the paper in Tinker's Cove, Maine. She, too, becomes involved in crimes both as a nosy person and as a reporter. Our latest acquisition of "Mother's Day Murder" (M MEI L) and "Bake Sale Murder" (M MEI L) by Leslie Meier will entertain you. Don't forget Diane Mott Davidson's "Fatally Flakey" (M DAV D). This is the latest in Davidson's series.

Meg Langslow stars in Donna Andrew's "Swan for the Money" (M AND D). This series has a bird theme and this one is no exception. Meg's parents have a avocation, that of growing roses and competing in shows. You would not think that rose growing would lead to murder, but it does. Another amusing mystery to while away the hours with. Check the catalog for additional titles starring Meg and her crazy family.

A cross between a book on country music and the love people have for horses: "Horse Country: A Celebration of Country Music and the Love of Horses" (636.1 WYS L). Author

Lisa Wysocky has interviewed dozens of country singers on how music and horses have influenced their lives. There are some of the classic country western stars such as Tanya Tucker, Charlie Daniels, Willie Nelson and the like, plus newcomers Brad Paisley, Trick Pony, Clay Walker and so on. An interesting premise for a book and surprisingly enough, it works.

"Children of the West: Family Life on the Frontier" (978.02 LUC C) by Cathy Luchetti is amazing. Luchetti writes that the West attracted people from all over America and the world. She looks at the lives of the black

Exodusters, the native Spanish who created wealthy rancheros and the Chinese and Japanese who sought greater economic opportunities. In search of a new life, families faced tremendous hardships in trying to stay alive. While the children par-

ticipated in this struggle for survival, there were also opportunities to play. Chores and playtime were intertwined and children grew to be determined adults who could survive in a hostile environment.

Howard County Library is open from 9 to 6, Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10 until 2. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from 12-1. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260.

*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*

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This trip all takes place June 21st to 24th, 2010. We will get on a charter bus here at the Jr. High at midnight of the 21st and go to Dallas where we will board a plane that will take us to Florida. We will then catch the plane on the 24th, fly back to Dallas and get back on the charter bus that will bring us back home, arriving on the 25th, early in the morning.

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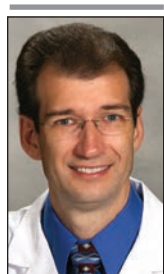
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DR. DAVID WARD

This article will touch on many of the subjects I will be speaking about in more detail on at the April 10 Healthy Woman luncheon. Please see their Web site at [www.smmccares.com](http://www.smmccares.com) if you would like to register to attend. This article raises a lot of questions. Come to the April 10 luncheon for the answers and solutions!

Did you know that ...? Gum disease is a risk factor for premature birth and low birth weight babies. Tooth decay (actually the bacteria that cause it) is contagious. Children are usually infected by their mother in their early years. Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease, causing much pain and expense. Severe tooth decay in toddlers is rampant and causes more than 500 operating room cases a year at Scenic Mountain alone to repair the devastation. In young children, narrow upper jaw shape can affect face development, cause snoring and even sleep apnea. Sleep apnea in kids often results in bed wetting, restricted body growth, nightmares and even learning disabilities. In teenagers, not all wisdom teeth are bad. Some wisdom teeth, and occasionally other unerupted (not yet in the mouth) teeth, can

produce pain, swelling, infection or even cysts. Certain of these cysts can cause major damage to the jaw bone or adjacent teeth, and a few can become cancerous. In older teens and adults, many common migraine and tension headaches are either caused or worsened by clenching of the teeth while sleeping, and to a lesser extent while awake. These are often easily prevented with an FDA approved, effective dental device. In the same group, TMJ (jaw joint or muscle) pain is almost exclusively caused by nighttime, and to a lesser extent daytime, grinding and clenching of the teeth. Symptoms are normally reduced fairly easily with conservative treatment. Obstructive Sleep Apnea in adults can cause snoring, high blood pressure, headaches, insomnia, gastric reflux, depression, poor concentration, daytime sleepiness, impotence or lack of sex drive and premature

death. Oral appliances, which position the lower jaw forward to open the airway, are often extremely effective in reducing snoring and sleep apnea and are better tolerated than CPAP. Oral cancer kills more each year than skin or cervical cancer. Even those who survive are usually severely disfigured. Risk factors include smoking, drinking and orally acquired genital human papilloma virus (HPV). Gum disease is the most common cause of chronic bad breath. It is usually easily treated in its early stages. Signs are red, puffy, or bleeding gums. Severe gum disease destroys the bone around the teeth is the most common cause of tooth loss leading to dentures. Dentures, while they can look good and are better for chewing than no teeth, are poor substitutes for real teeth. People with dentures eat

softer, more fattening, less healthy foods causing them to have poorer nutrition while being more overweight. Severe gum disease, like tooth decay, can be contagious. Severe gum disease makes blood sugar control more difficult in diabetics and diabetics are more likely to have gum disease. Severe gum disease has been associated with higher rates of heart disease, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease. It does not cause these problems, but it may make them more likely. That's an overview of the connection between your mouth and the rest of your body. Come on out to the luncheon and get the details! *Dr. David Ward practices comprehensive family dentistry in Big Spring. These subjects are also covered in more detail in previous Herald articles posted on his website at [www.DavidWard-DDS.com](http://www.DavidWard-DDS.com).*



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Venus is the love planet of the zodiac, though she also represents other kinds of attractions in life, such as the drive to create art and revel in aesthetics. Today, Venus enters Taurus, opening our senses and stimulating our appetites for beauty and pleasure. Investigate your likes and dislikes. What do your tastes and values say about you?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It would be easy to give in to the group mind, as you'll be around very influential people today. However, you will remain strong. You are thinking for yourself, and that's why you'll come to a different conclusion than the rest.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's a paradox in love. You want to know that you can depend on the other person. And the way this best happens is when you come from a position of independence and autonomy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're ready to handle a problem on your own. It's the perfect-sized challenge for you. You once thought you needed a rescue for this, but you don't. You will come to your own rescue and realize your power.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you share your ambitions, you learn what kind of people you are dealing with. A true friend will be happy for you and maintain a hopeful and supportive attitude. Avoid those who



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

react any other way.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The job is too big for one person. Manage the load. Find skilled support. Your leadership skills are in top form. You can motivate as big of a team as is necessary to get this done.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't need to be in the ideal situation in order to have fun, turn in stellar work or contribute to society in a meaningful way. You can live your life fully anywhere you are, a point you prove beautifully today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The idea that seems so logical to you is more innovative than you realize. The initiative you show will put you in a winning category. Start something up. Don't wait until it's offered to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will take a certain level of mastery over your thinking to do your job today. You will overlook the thing that irritates you for the sake of moving forward in as gracious a state as you can achieve.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your self-control is returning. Start small. Tell yourself one thing to do, and then do it. Then choose another thing. By the end of the day, you'll have accomplished a significant number of tasks.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is a person who has touched your life unknowingly. You can do the same for someone else today. By just doing "your thing," you inspire others to follow their heart.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are brave. You'll tell the truth to

anyone who asks for it. You will willingly put yourself in the hot seat. You sense correctly that the pressure will help to form you into the strong person you want to be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). As you work on being self-sufficient, you pave the way for great love to come into your life. Supportive, exciting and wonderful relationships will be created in the months to come.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 31). There will be many reasons to celebrate this year, including the run of good luck that begins now. You've never been too concerned with fitting in, and yet you'll enjoy the acceptance you feel in a group of kindred spirits in May. You'll connect with other talented folks to create something that can be enjoyed by many. Libra and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 10, 3, 15 and 41.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Why is the 12th house so hard to understand?"

Because it's mysterious, that's why! The 12th house is the warehouse for your subconscious. Your dreams are here, your hidden motivations, your secret addictions, all the reasons for which you commit chocolate sabotage every time you start a new diet. Any trauma from your past — abuse, violence, fear — is all here, like a boogeyman hiding in your closet. The 12th house is the sum total of your shadow self, which Carl Jung described as the part of yourself that you don't like to acknowledge. The good news is that the 12th

house is also the house of "endings," the implication being that by plumbing the depths of your psyche, you can put all your past baggage, defeatist attitudes and nasty habits behind you. Open those closets, shine a light under the bed, and flush out those ghosts that still haunt you. Talk to friends, or get professional counsel if you can't face them on your own. Even the scary and unpleasant stuff is rich material to draw upon for any kind of creative outlet. A horror writer I know has Neptune in Scorpio in his 12th house. Use what you have!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Ewan McGregor has joined with friends to form a film production company that focuses on nonconformist filmmaking. His balanced natal chart promises that this fiery Aries will continue to deliver popular entertainment, as well. Venus is in the sign of acting — Pisces. Mars in Capricorn shows a love of tradition, which McGregor, a devoted husband and father of three, displays in his family life.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My son was recently married in a small, private ceremony. For some unknown reason, my mother did not want to attend, but eventually, she and my father decided to show up.

The entire time, my mother acted very rudely toward my son, my in-laws and me. We caught her lying, and she tried to blame my mother-in-law. A few days later, she falsely accused us all of various things.

My mother is spiteful and vindictive. Plus, she is a compulsive liar. Since the wedding, I have kept my distance.

However, my father has told other relatives I should not treat my



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

mother this way and should forgive her. Mom has always turned situations like these in her favor. The family will never hear my side of the story because I refuse to play this game. So how does the truth come out? — *Daughter of a Witch*

**Dear Daughter:** We assume other family members are well aware of Mom's personality flaws, and you shouldn't feel you have to defend yourself to them. If they ask about the rift, you can tell them your version of events. It is also possible to forgive your mother while keeping your emotional abuse, and we recommend it. Frankly, it sounds as if Mom may be suffering from some type of mental illness, and you might encourage her to see a doctor for professional help.

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to my high-school sweetheart for three years, and we have a beautiful little girl. The "other person" in our relationship is his PlayStation 2. My husband has played these annoying video games since I met him. He will tie up the TV all evening and doesn't spend any time with his family. I want him to grow up. We have discussed this problem several times, and he will stop for a while, but then

start right back up again. We even purchased a second TV for him to play on, but it doesn't change the amount of time he spends with the baby. We have planned family nights, but they never happen. How can I get him to stop? — *Video Widow*

**Dear Video Widow:** It's time to put your foot down. Video games can be highly addictive, especially the online variety. Explain to your husband that he doesn't seem to have the self-control to turn off the game as promised, so you want him to pick a specific period of time every day when you will unplug it. That will be your family time, and you expect him to honor it. We hope it helps.

**Dear Annie:** Your advice to "Life's a Beach" was way off base. summer, she has to put up with his many relatives visiting. You said she can't do anything if her husband keeps telling the relatives they are welcome, and that she should make her own plans. Excuse me? She is supposed to leave her own home? I don't think so. It's high time she invoked her homeowner's right to tell these people "no." What gives her husband the right to ignore her wishes and

capitulate to these spongers? She'll eventually resent him for it. Please tell her to contact the relatives herself and tell them tactfully, "Sorry, but no."

Someone has to have a backbone here, or ulcers will follow. — *CM*

**Dear CM:** And he'll want to know what right she has to prevent him from allowing his family to visit, and will eventually resent her for it. Sometimes, husbands and wives are at odds and neither side is completely right or wrong. Compromise is best, but when that doesn't happen, it is unrealistic to think you can control someone else's behavior. If she cannot tolerate his relatives and he refuses to tell them "no," she should set aside some time for herself, wherever that may be.

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# News in brief

## 2 suicide blasts hit southern Russia, killing 12 people

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Two suicide bombers including one impersonating a police officer killed at least 12 people and injured 18 others in the southern Russian province of Dagestan on Wednesday, officials said. Nine police officers were among the dead.

The blasts in the North Caucasus region came two days after a twin suicide bombing tore through the Moscow subway system, killing 39 people and wounding scores, and a day after Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed to drag terrorists "out of the sewer."

Dagestan borders Chechnya, where Russian troops have fought two full-scale wars against Islamic separatist rebels in the past 15 years.

In Wednesday's attacks, a suicide bomber detonated explosives in the town of Kizlyar near Dagestan's border with Chechnya, when police tried to stop the bomber's car, Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev said in televised comments.

## Obama opens door to offshore drilling in Virginia

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a reversal of a long-standing ban on most offshore drilling, President Barack Obama is allowing oil drilling 50 miles off Virginia's shorelines. At the same time, he is

rejecting some new drilling sites that had been planned in Alaska.

Obama's plan offers few concessions to environmentalists, who have been strident in their opposition to more oil platforms off the nation's shores. Hinted at for months, the plan modifies a ban that for more than 20 years has limited drilling along coastal areas other than the Gulf of Mexico.

Obama was set to announce the new drilling policy Wednesday at Andrews air base in Maryland. White House officials pitched the changes as ways to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil and create jobs — both politically popular ideas — but the president's decisions also could help secure support for a climate change bill languishing in Congress.

The president, joined by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, also was set to announce that proposed leases in Alaska's Bristol Bay would be canceled. The Interior Department also planned to reverse last year's decision to open up parts of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Instead, scientists would study the sites to see if they're suitable to future leases.

Obama is allowing an expansion in Alaska's Cook Inlet to go forward. The plan also would leave in place the moratorium on drilling off the West Coast.

## 8 Afghans killed by bicycle bomb

KABUL (AP) — A bomb concealed on a bicycle killed at least eight people Wednesday in southern Afghanistan, as the Pentagon's top military officer said NATO forces hope to reverse the Taliban's momentum in the south with an upcoming offensive in Kandahar.

The bomb went off in the Nahr-e-Sarraj district just north of Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, police said. It exploded near people who gathered to receive free vegetable seeds provided by the British government as part of a program to encourage them not to plant opium poppy, provincial government spokesman Daoud Ahmadi said.

NATO said more than 35 civilians were wounded in the blast, and its forces were helping Afghan authorities control the scene. An investigation into the blast was under way, the alliance's statement said.

Kamaluddin, the deputy provincial police chief who uses only one name, initially said 17 people had died in the attack, but the death toll was later revised to eight. He said the higher original figure had resulted from a miscommunication.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. The acting provincial head of agriculture, Ghulam Sahki, said it could have been the

work of drug dealers trying to stop the alternative crop program. NATO and the Afghan government hope poppy farmers in the south where most of the world's opium is grown will adopt legal crops instead given cash incentives and programs like the seed distribution. The narcotics trade helps fund the Taliban insurgency.

## Bond hearings scheduled for Christian militia members

DETROIT (AP) — Several members of a Christian militia that prosecutors claim plotted to kill police officers were scheduled to be in court Wednesday to determine if they will be allowed to go free on bond.

Bond hearings are scheduled for the alleged ringleader, David Brian Stone, and other members of the Hutaree militia, a small group that was preparing to fight the Antichrist.

Stone, 44, of Clayton, was among nine members arrested after a series of raids in three Midwestern states, which federal officials said they carried out after monitoring the group since last summer and learning they planned to launch their attack next month.

Each of the suspects is being held without bond and each has requested a public defender.

It all started inside a trailer home in rural Michigan, where Stone's family gathered before bed for prayer. Years later, the private devotions had evolved into the Hutaree, a name the group's Web site says they created to mean "Christian warrior."

## GOP leaders temper call for repealing health law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Republicans are increasingly worried that GOP candidates this fall might be burned by a fire that's roaring through the conservative base: demand for the repeal of President Barack Obama's new health care law.

It's fine to criticize the health law and the way Democrats pushed it through Congress without a single GOP vote, these party leaders say. But focusing on its outright repeal carries two big risks.

Repeal is politically and legally unlikely, and grass-roots activists may feel disillusioned by a failed crusade.

More important, say strategists from both parties, a fiercely repeal-the-bill stance might prove far less popular in a general election than in a conservative-dominated GOP primary, especially in states such as Illinois and California.

Democrats are counting on that scenario. They say more Americans will learn of the new law's benefits over time and anger over its messy legislative pedigree will fade. For months, Democrats have eagerly catalogued Republican congressional candidates who pledge to repeal the health care law, vowing to make them pay in November.

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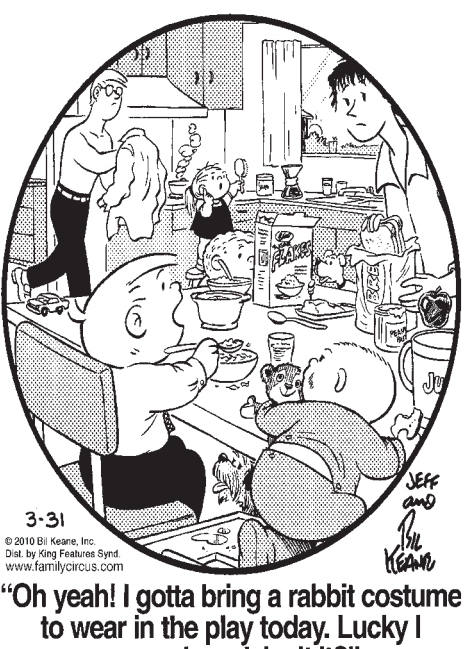
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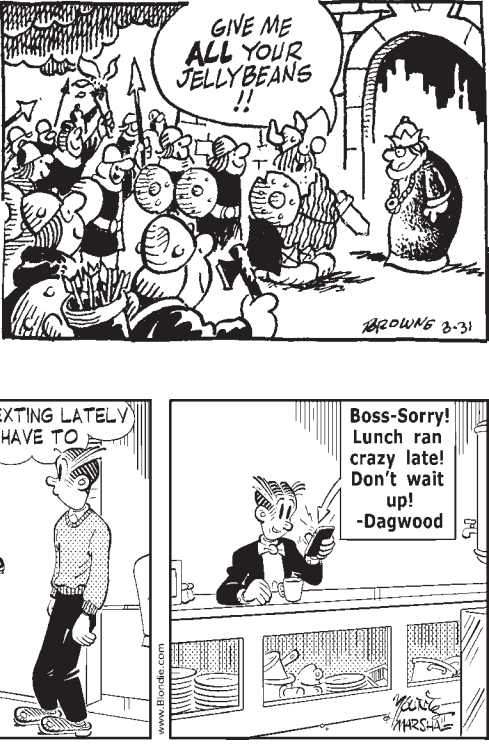
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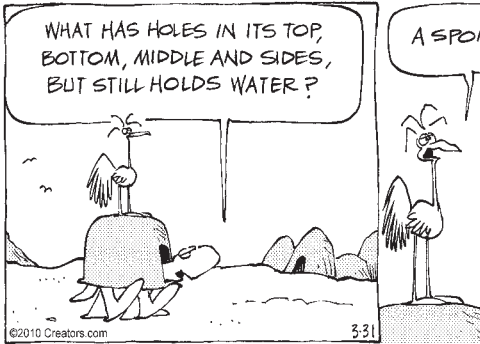
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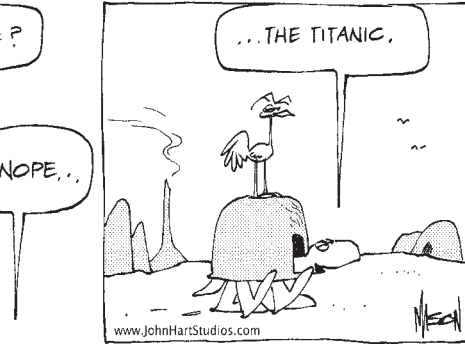
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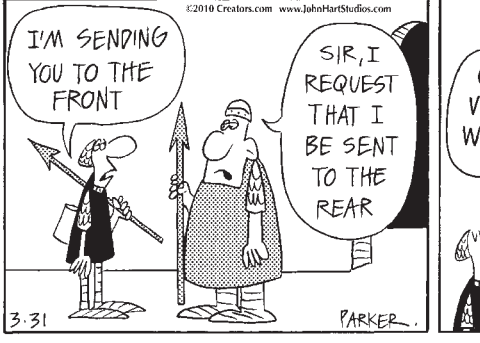
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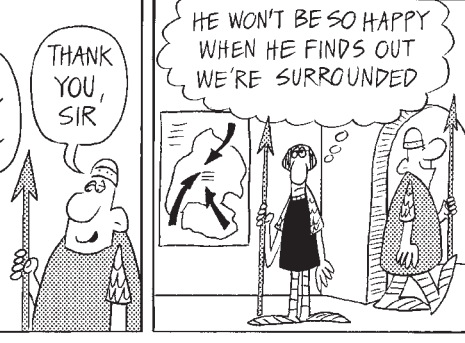
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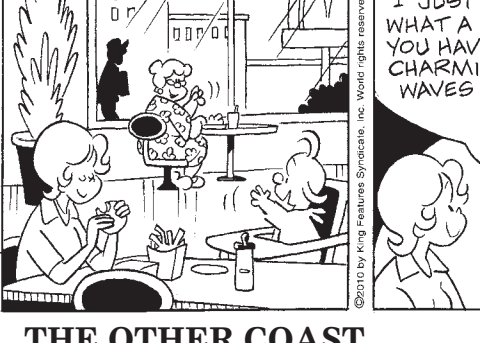
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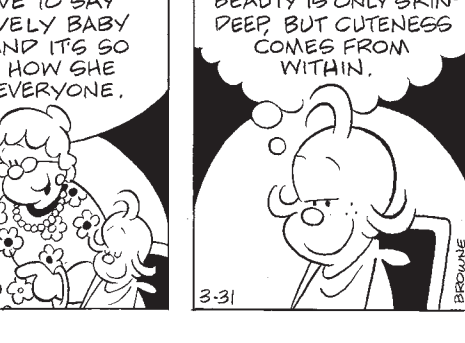
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 31, the 90th day of 2010. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned his audience by declaring, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President."

On this date:

In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except those willing to convert to Christianity.

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States

took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland and Labrador) entered confederation as Canada's tenth province.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldívar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

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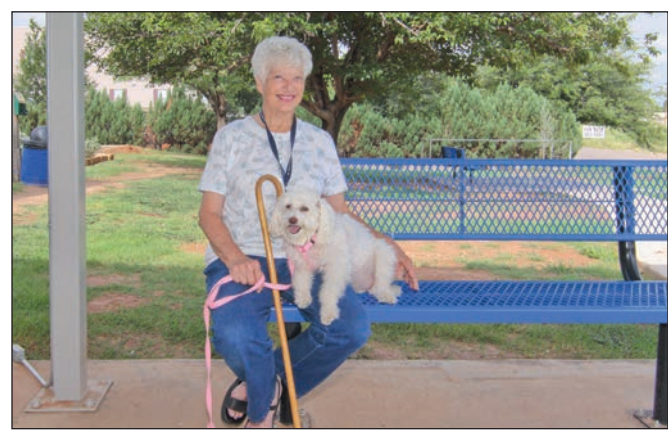
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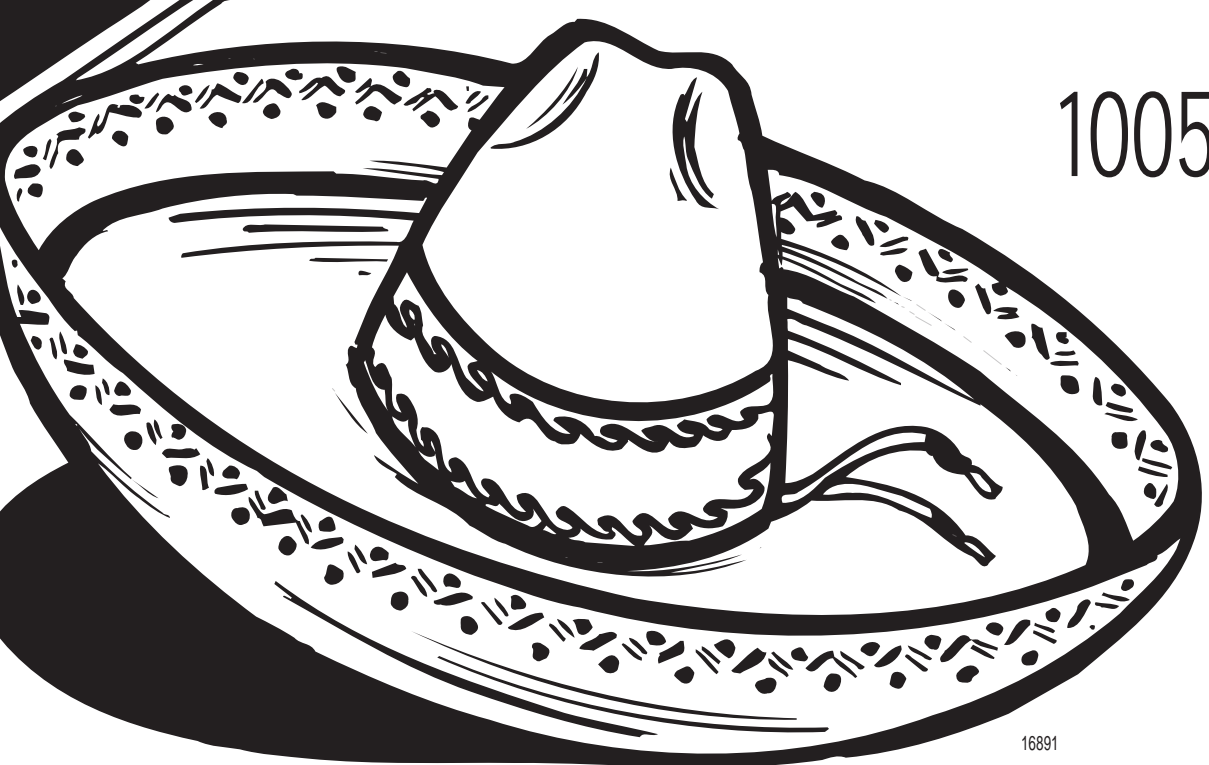
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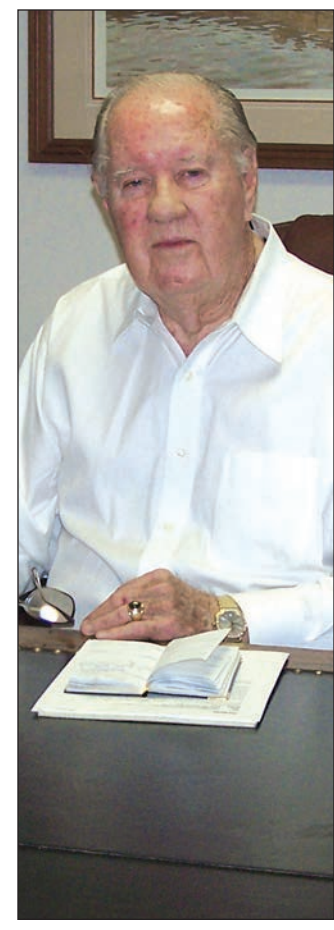
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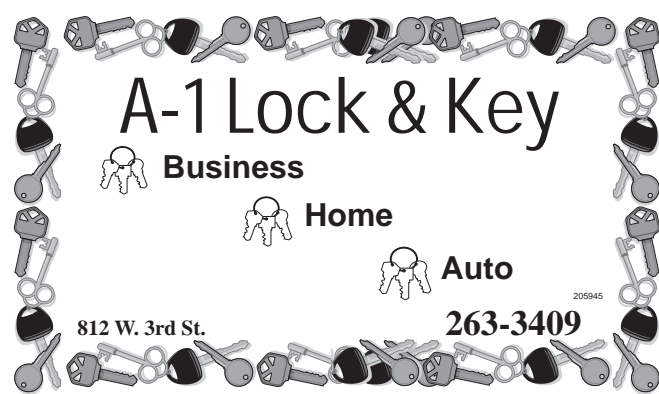
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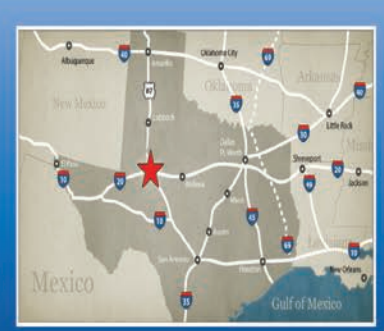
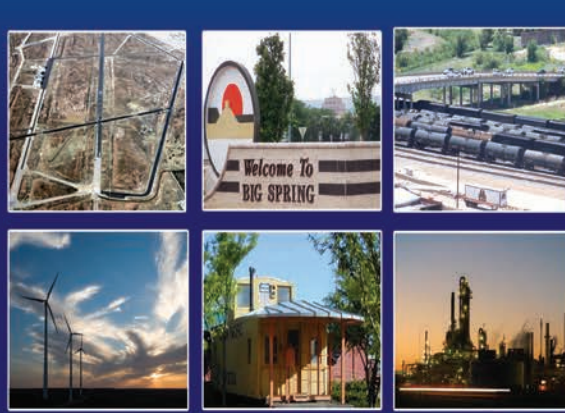




  
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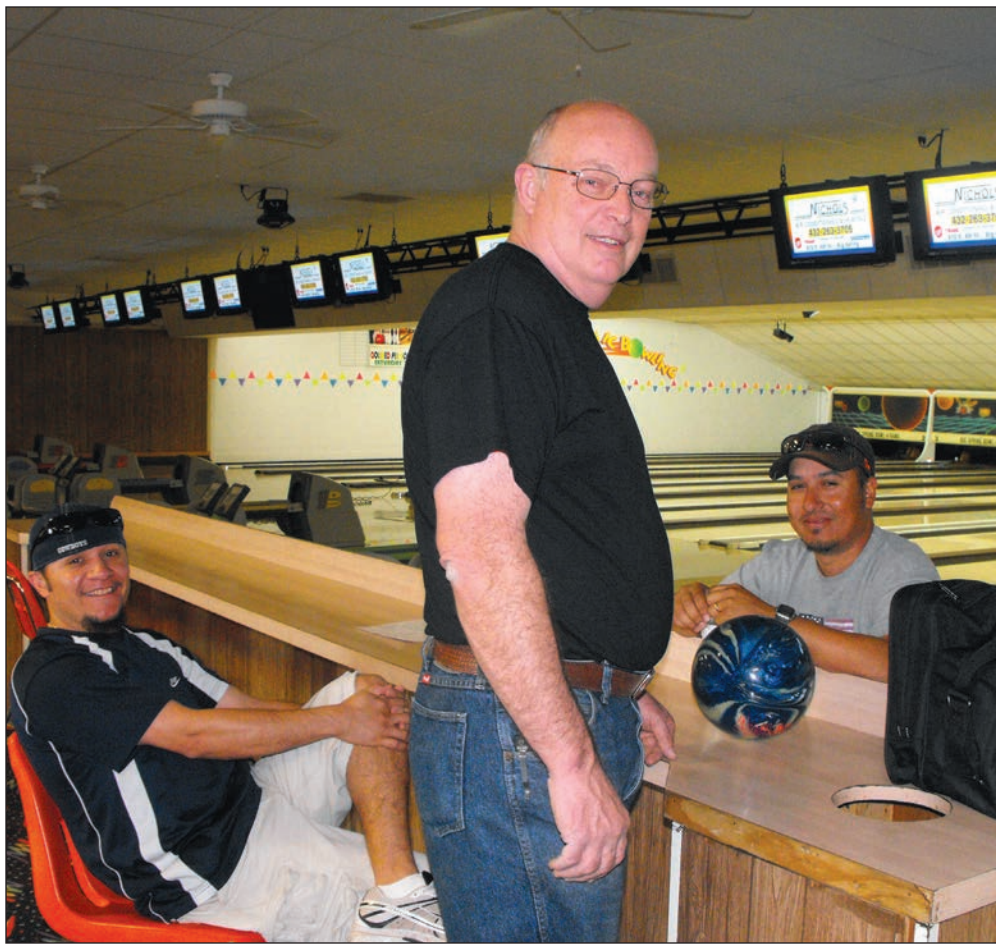
  
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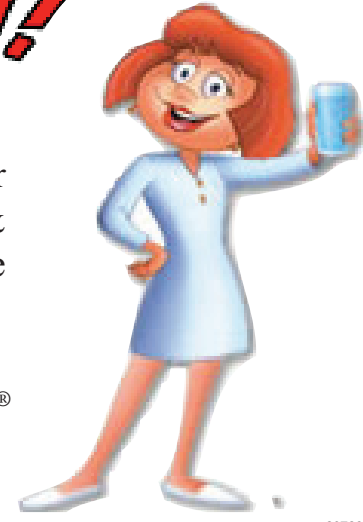
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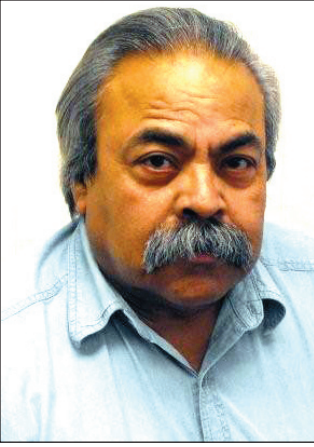
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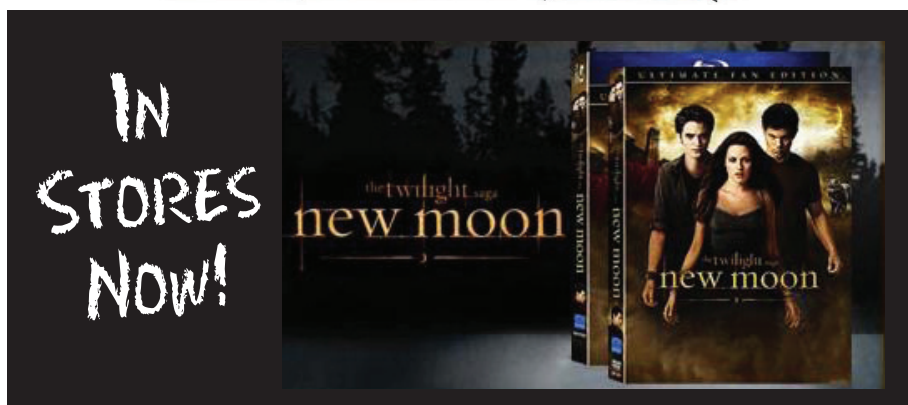
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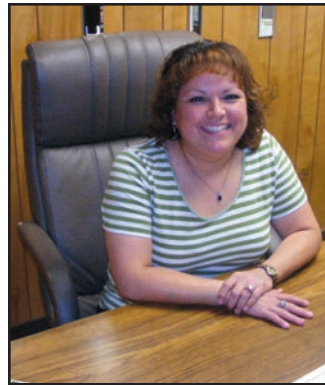
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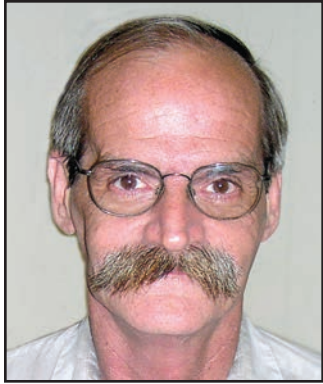
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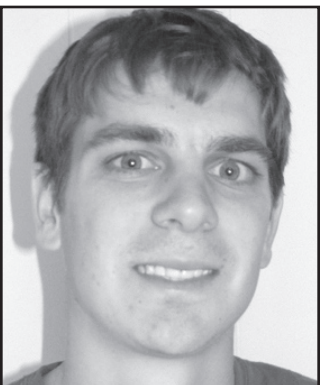
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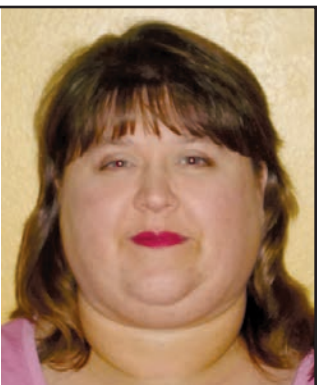
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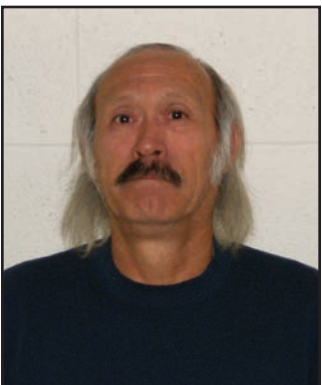
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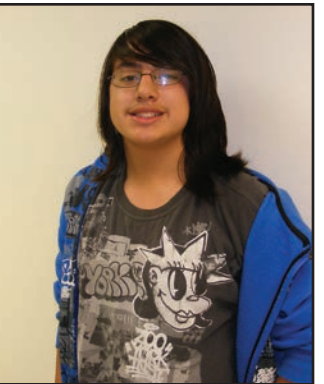
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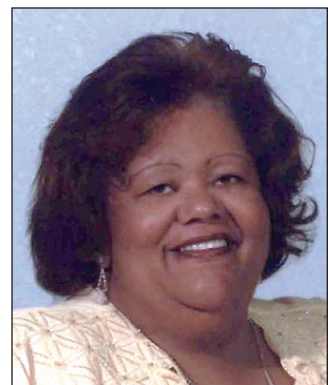
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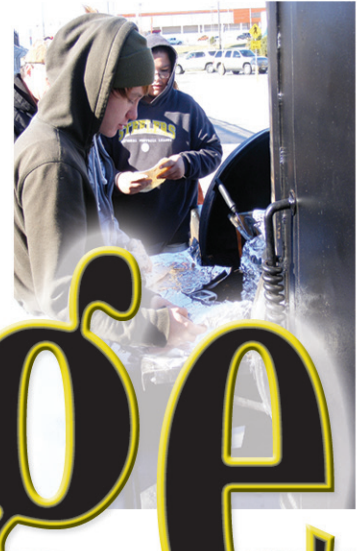
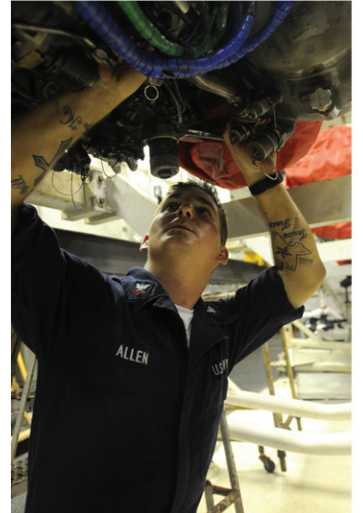
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:45 A.M.

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- CHOIR PRACTICE.....4:30 P.M.
- BIBLE STUDY CLASS.....5:30 P.M.
- PRAYER GROUPS.....5:30 P.M.
- EVANGELISTIC SERVICE.....6:00 P.M.

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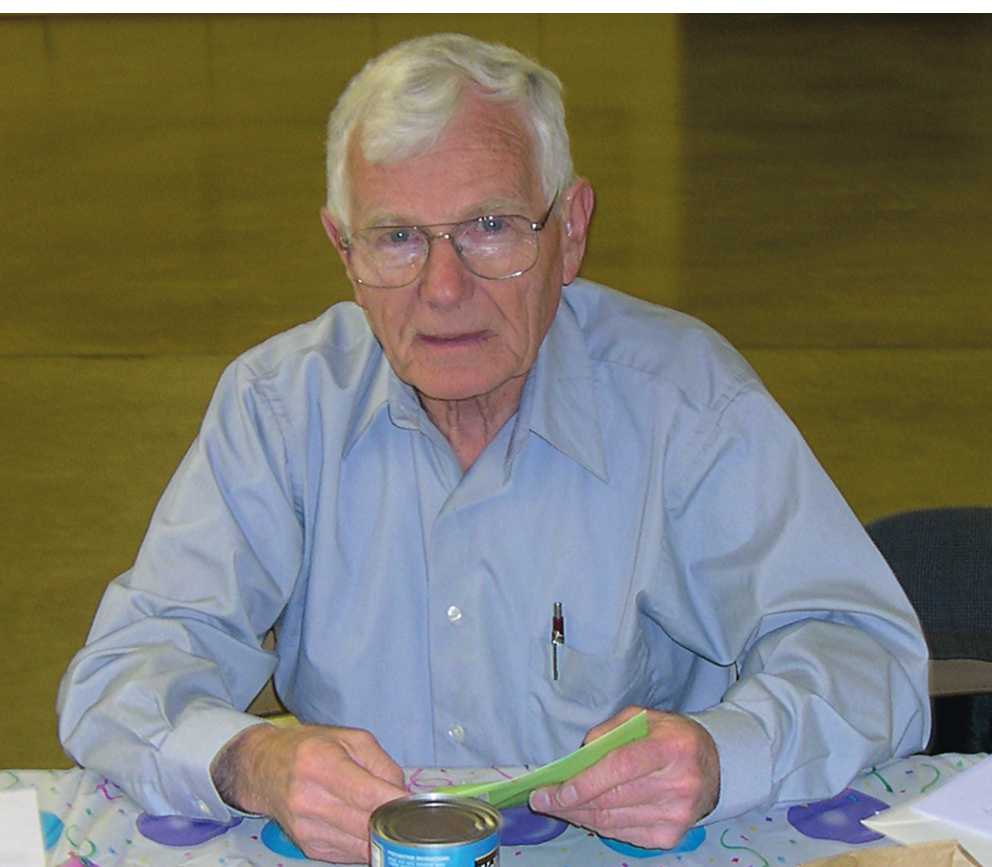
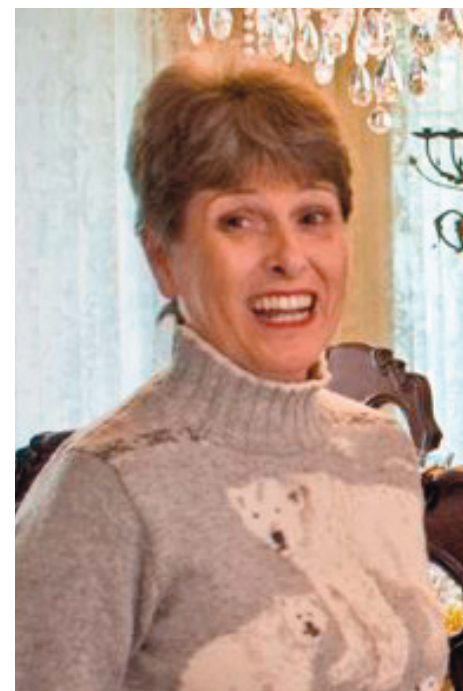


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EVENING WORSHIP.....6:30 PM

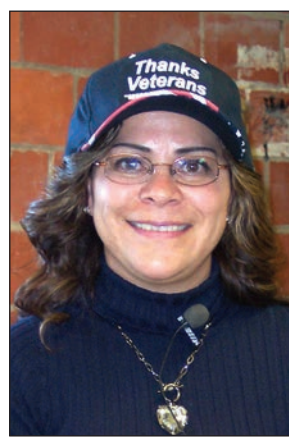
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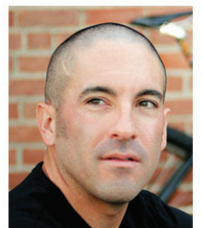


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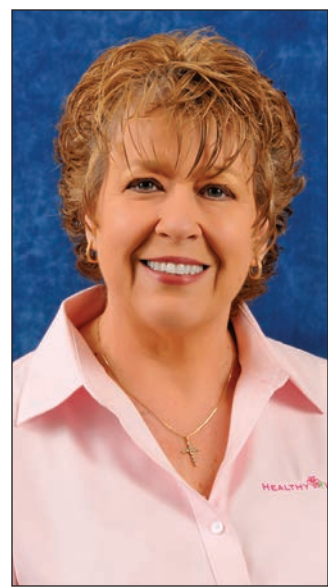
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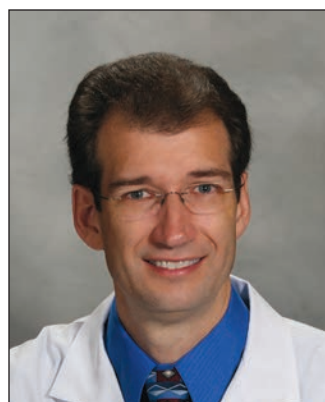
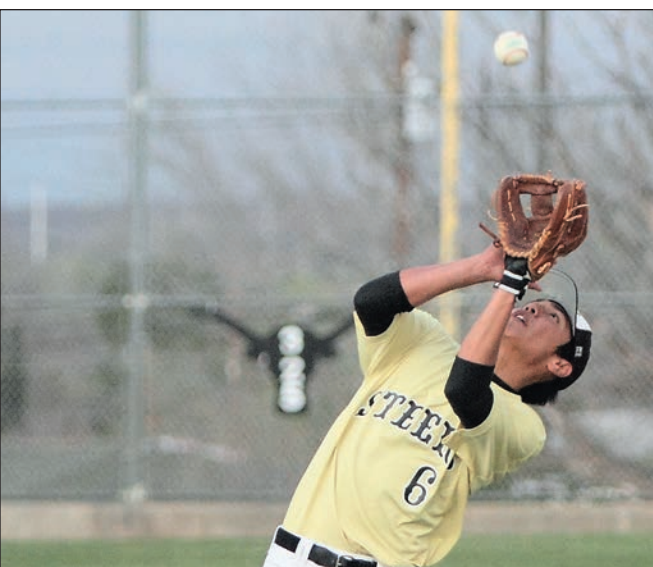
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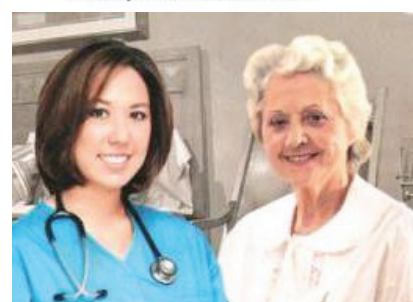
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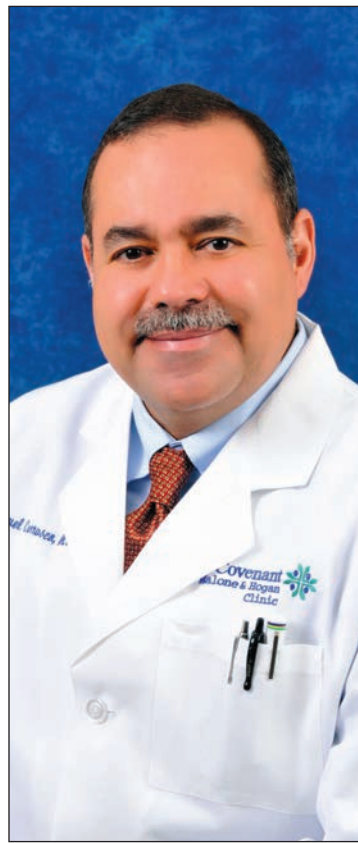
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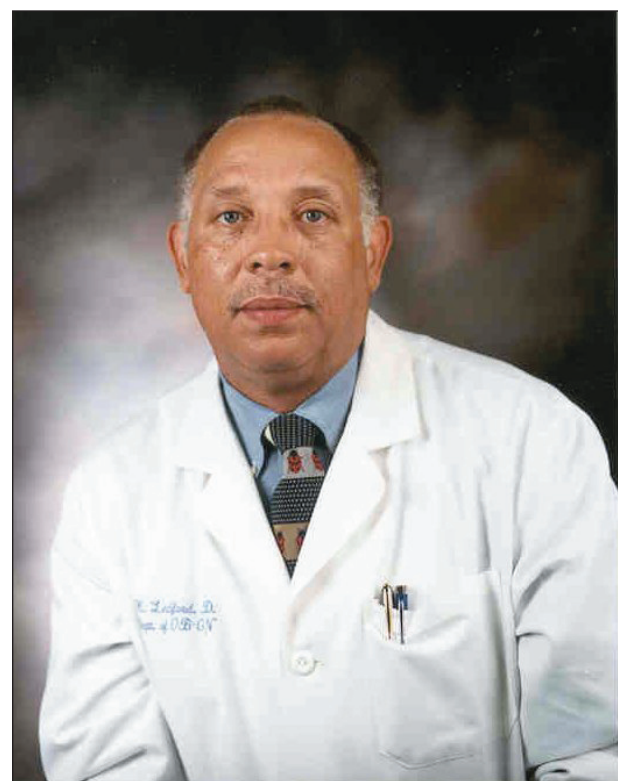
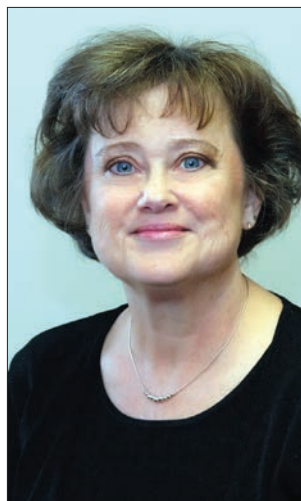


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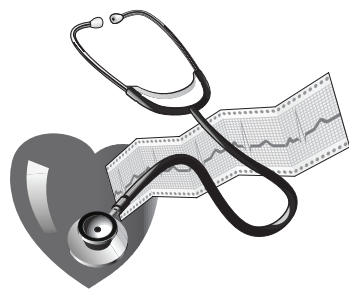
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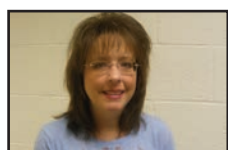
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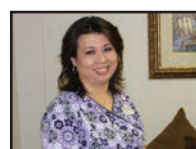
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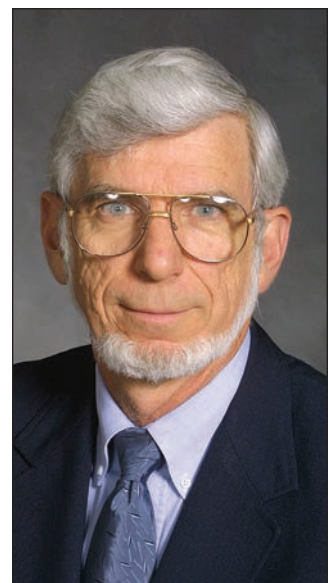
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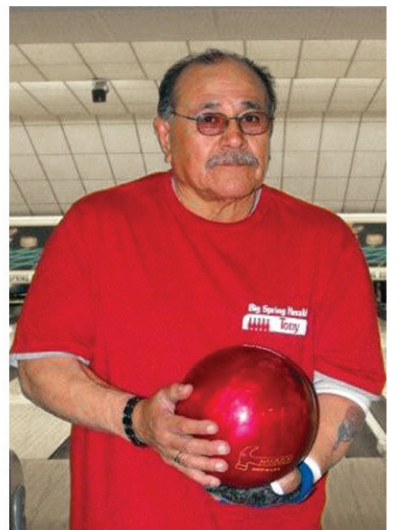
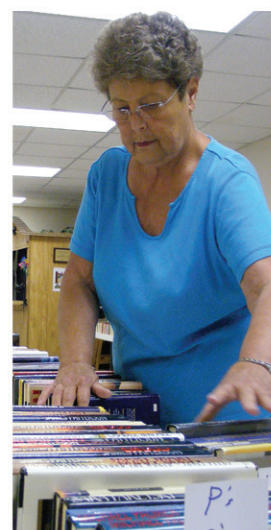
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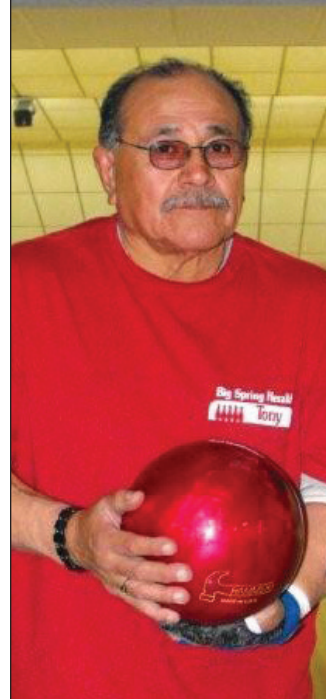
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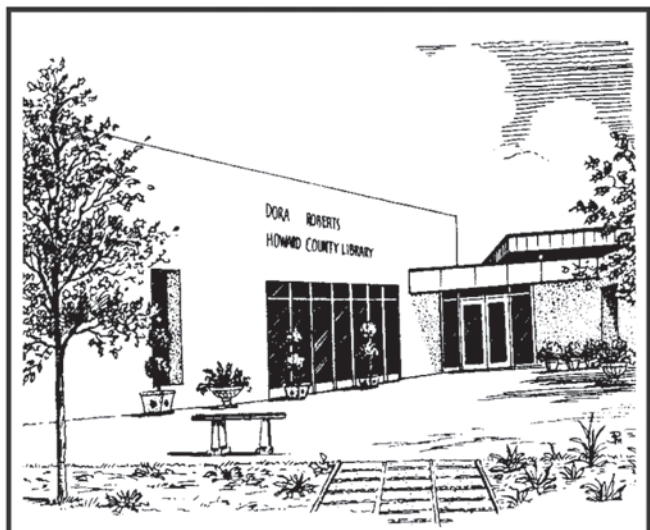
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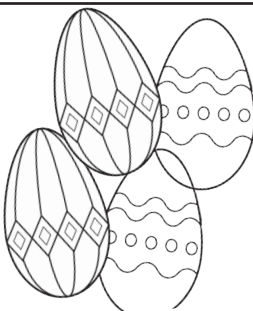
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