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City council to take closer look at oversight of economic development entity

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Discussion concerning sible increase in oversight by the city over Moore
Development tops the for Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as city leaders take a closer look at the
economic development agency. Moore Board and its expendi- do." conomic development agency.
The topic, which was The topic, which was ing its Feb. 27 meeting, stems from the corporation's involvement in the renovation of the historic Settles Hotel, according
to city officials. to city officials.
"Councilwoman
(JoAnn)
tures and see if we should be more actively involved in that Spring Inc. directors -voted particular issue," said Mayor unanimously Dec. 8 to provide Russ McEwen. "Our city attor- up to $\$ 3$ million to help Brint ney is looking at that very hing and we just need to have a more firm position on what
we can and can not do, and
what we must and must not

Ryan - manager of the Dallas CEOP of Ryan \& founder and CEO of Ryan \& Company -
renovate the Settles Hotel,
which he agreed to purchase

## Powwow

Native American culture to be celebrated at event By thomas jenkins Staff Writer
Native American heritage will be the focus at Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum Saturday and Sunday, as coliseum Saturday and Sunday, as opens to the sounds of drums and war cries.
According Schedule
to event
spokesper- of Events

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| son Connie | Saturday, March 17 Lesser, who 10 a.m. Gourd Dancing also serves 11 a.m. Grand Entry as secretary Contest Dancing for the com-

mittee that
5 p.m. Dinner Break mittee that $6: 30$ p.m. Gourd Dancing a $n \mathrm{n} u$ al 7 p.m. Grand Entry event, Contest Dancing everything
gets going 10 p.m. Close gets going
at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 18 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Saturday, } & \text { 9:30 a.m. Christian } \\ \text { March 17, }\end{array}$ with gourd Worship Service dancing, fol- 11 a.m. Gourd Dancing lowed by 12 a.m. Grand Entry the Grand Contest Dancing $\underset{\text { where }}{\mathrm{En} \mathrm{E}} \mathrm{y}$ ali 5 p.m. Closing
the dancers enter
"The Southern Drum host this year
is Otter Trail from Oklahoma," said
See Powwow, Page 3A


MERLLO ne phot
vent is set next It's just about time for the Big Spring Powwow, ce
Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
for $\$ 75,000$ from the city of Big According to city officials, Ryan has not yet fulfilled the contract by paying the $\$ 75,000$ agreed upon, despite initial by the end of December. by the end of December.

Newborn kidnapped from Lubbock hospital returned

By BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK - A newborn kidnapped from a Lubbock hospital by a woman wearing hospital scrubs and a hooded jacket was found safe Sunday in New Mexico and returned to her mother. Four-day-old Mychael Darthard-

Dawodu was found in a home in Clovis, many happy stories;
N.M., by police following up on tips, a
one in Lubbock, Texas." day after she was taken from Covenant Lakeside Hospital.
"It's a joyous time," Gwen Stafford, senior vice president of Covenant
Health System, said ence Sunday, "Thid at a news confercoaster of ey. "This has been a roller jailed in Curry County N.M had been interviewed by Lubbock and FBI investigators, authorities said.
Federal charges also could be pursued Lubbock police Lt. Scott Hudgens said.

New London reunion NEW LONDON (AP) - Survivors of a of about 300 students and faculty at a school in this small East Texas town will gather next weekend for a reunion marking the 70th anniversary of the disaster. New London School and what has become the West Rusk Independent School District, much of the focus will be on remembering those who died and survived, said Jean Davidson, secretary-treasurer of the school's alumni association.
Events for the three-day reunion will be Events for the inree-day reunion wiir be
held in Longview and at the school audito"rium in New London.

Pere disconnected Sunday.
Before being flown back to Texas and her parents, Caisha Darthard and Michael A. Dawodu, Mychael was
checked at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis and found to be in good
See BABY, Page 3A

## Good, healthy fun

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## County wants in pilot program

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer
Voting - or at least knowing where to go to vote - could get much as local elections admin istrator Saundra Bloom attempts to make the area part of a statewide pilo program.
Bloom said she hopes to add Howard list of Texas counties participating in a program that would allow the centralization o polling places. "It was a pilot program 2006," said Bloom "However, Lubbock County was the only county that participated
in it. There is currently in it. There is currently a sion of that pilot program. I'm hoping they will allow any county
that wants to participate See Polls, Page 3A


## Obituaries

## Ruby Wood

 Ruby Wood, 82, of Comanche, formerly of BigSpring, died Monday, March 12, 2007, in Comanche.
Services are pending at Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol lowing activity.
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report. by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

- JIMMY HUDDSN, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a
habitation and possession of marijuana - two ounces
or less.
- ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ JR., 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense. - RANDY ROBLEDO JR., 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to
- CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, eva
of probation.
of probation. DAVID RYAN SANFORD, 30, was transferred to - DAVID RYAN SANFORD, 30, was transferred to the coun of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bur-
glary of a coin operated machine. glary of a coin operated machine.
- STEPHANIE OBRIEN, 19 , was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of posses-
sion of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free
zone. JOEY RUBIO HERRERA, 41, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, ing - failure to appear. ing - falure to appear.
- KATRINA KAY GONZALES, 30, was transferred
to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- MICHAEL TERRELL RANDALL, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on ure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- MARIO IDLEFONSO SALAZAR, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- RICARDO ARGUELLO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a ch
session of marijuana - two ounces or less.
by TONY DELAGARZA, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury family violence. -. FIDENCIO RODRIGUEZ JR., 38, was arrested
Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke pro
fro driving while intoxicated - second offense
- FABIAN DUKE TREJO, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of assault - family violence and warrants (two) for violation of a protective order. - BRIANNA MICHELLE GUAJARDO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on
an Ector County warrant for securing execution of document by deception.
HCSO on a charge of failure to maintain a safe speed.


## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4i-7-8-22-29-47. Number matching six of six.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $\$ 56$
Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-9-13-29.
Number matching five of five: 0
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night,
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday after

## 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 3985239.


## TUESDAY

-The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. in the
Howard County Library 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more informati
friends of alcoholics meets at family members and
MLedicine Center
Pharmacy


Delivery Service Avallable
Paul Kennemur RPH
Pharmacist
001 S. Gregg • (432) 263-7316
M-F 8:45-5:45 Sat. 9-1

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the foltoday:
RICARDO ARGUELLO, 22, of 2614 Larry, was
arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of mariarrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- FRANCISCO OLIVARES, 45, of 2602 Carleton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 42, of 1023 Stadium, wa arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. - JOHNNY STONE, 56, of Stanton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

STEVEN KEE WEIMER, 32, of La Grange, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of mari

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arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass. arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- TRANQUIIINO MENDOZA, 54, of 101 Carey, wa arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication THEFT was reported:
in the 900 block of Willia
in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported:
in the 400 block of Fourth Street
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER the 2600 block of Fairchild.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
in the 400 block of State.
in the 1400 block of Tucson.
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY 600 block of McEwen.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity. TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of
terstate Highway 20 . One person was transported to Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to - MEDICAL was reperted in the 700
One person was transported to SMMC. - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Third Street and Main. Service refused.

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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Donaly. Service refused.
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caster. Service refused. in the 1700 block of
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 24th - MEDICAL was repor
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 blo
irginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th

Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.


## Weather

 Today - Mostly cloudy with a chance of showersand isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph . Chance of precipitation 50 percent.
Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening - Then a midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. Light and variable winds. Chance of precipitation 50 percent
Tuesday - Patchy fog in the morning. M Tuesday - Patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds
around 10 mph . Tuesday night
chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.
Wednesday
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs around
80. West winds around 80. West winds around 10 mph
Wednesday night - Partly
upper 40s.
Thursday Thursday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid Friday - Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
Saturday Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.
Sunday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

## Coronado Hills Apartments

1 Bedroom - $\$ 375$ - 2 Bedroom - $\$ 475$ • 3 Bedroom - $\$ 575$


## Bulletin Board

## If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the

 Herald news room at 263-7331 or emall Herald news room at 263-73editoreblgspringherald.com
TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 $\mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Call $1-800-392-8677$ or $263-0391$ or $263-1758$. - Big Spring Band Boosters meet

Big Spring High School band hall. meets at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door 10th Street. Call $263-2786$ for more information. Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave. - Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library meeting room.
-The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop. - Archeology Society. for Howard and Borden coun-
ties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library ties meets at poom in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at
606 E. Third. 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. for a meal
begins at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at 221 Main. $\bullet$ Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
TUESDAY
TUESDAY Sig Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the
Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. - The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scu
Downing at $263-3255$ for information


## WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard ollege Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to
attend. Call $268-4721$ attend. Call 268-4721
Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the
Howard College Howard College Cactus Room
- Dpring Country Club.


## Take Note

JIMMY FISHER AND CALCULUS have booked the Big Spring Memorial Auditorium for $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. music, including rock and blues. Tickets will be $\$ 20$ each.

- IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH will have Stations of the Cross today at 6 p.m. A fish fry will follow in the church hall. Plates are $\$ 5$ per adults and $\$ 2.50$ per child

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room ture spiritual music and Mozart

CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS These are given to new mothers who cannot afford
them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at $263-3517$ or leave a message a Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive just a few hours commitment each month. To volun teer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy -

- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Chris is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth
Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. Th Tuesday from 6 p.m. to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at 204 N.W. 10th.
meal is free. Call $264-0771$ for more information.
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and own ers of found pets. To volunteer or for more informa


Sky, Big Heart, Big Sprin
Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring
432-263-7331
(Main Switchboard)

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Houston Houston inancia Sunday "Hallib

By JIM KRANE Associated Press Writer
DUBAI, United Arab
Emirates Oil services
giant Halliburton Co. will
soon shift its corporate
headquarters from
Houston to the Mideast
financial powerhouse of
Dubai, chief executive
Dave Lesar announced
Sunday.
"Halliburton is opening
its corporate headquar-

## BABY

Continued from Page 1 A condition, Clovis police St. James Schoeffel said. reported to be suffering from jaundice, a common complication in newborns in which a buildup of pig. a yellowing of the skin. "We're ecstatic to able to locate the child
still in good health and to be able to reunite her with her mother,"
The infant was kid-
napped early Saturday by
woman posing as a med-

COUNCIL
SHDC announced plans
for a $\$ 12$ million renova-
tion project. which
includes plans for com-
mercial and residential
use of the property, with
retail space available on
the first and second
floors.
Discussions during the
February meeting. were
limited, however, as city
attorney Linda Sjogren
asked the council for
more time to get her
information on what the
ters in Dubai while main- will relocate to Dubai
taining a corporate office from Texas to oversee
in Houston," spokes- Halliburton's intensified
woman Cathy Mann said focus on business in the
in an e-mail to The Mideast and energy-hun-
Associated Press. "The
gry Asia, home to some of
chairman, president and the word's most impor-
CEO will offfice from and tant oil and gas markets.
be based in Dubai to run
the company from the CEO, I'm
responsible for the, global
UAE."
Lesar, speaking at an business of Halliburton in
energy conference in will hemispheres and I
nearby Bahrain, said he
quite a bit of to spend
ical worker who walked
out of Covenant Lakeside
with the 5-pound baby
hidden in her purse,
police said.
Law enforcement offi-
cials had received infor-
mation from more than
one source that the baby
was in Clovis, about 100
miles northwest of
Lubbock, said FBI spokes-
woman Lori Bailey in
Dallas. Bailey declined to
elaborate because the
investigation was contin-
uing.
Police in Clovis con-
ducted surveillance on an
area pinpointed by at
least one of the tips and
found the baby in home
with an adult female early
Sunday, Hudgens said.
The suspect was found at
another residence in
Clovis, he said.
Will Larson, who moved
to Clovis recently and
lives near Parson's home,
said he told police that he
had seen her before with-
out a baby but noticed her
with a stroller on
Saturday and thought
that was unusual.
An extradition hearing
was scheduled for
Monday in Clovis.
Parson has had dealings
with the law before. In
May 2004, a protective
order was issued against
her in a domestic violence
incident involving a
boyfriend, according to
paired with some of the
world's most liberal tax, world's most liberal tax,
investment and residency laws sphere is a market hemimore heavily weighted toward oil exploration toward oil exploration
and production opportuand production opportunities and growing our
business here will bring more balance to
Halliburton's overall portHalliburton's over
folio," Lesar said.

In 2006, Halliburton once headed by Vice
President Dick Cheney earned profits of $\$ 2.3$ bilion on revenues of $\$ 22.6$ billion.
More than 38 percent of Halliburton's $\$ 13$ billion last year stemmed from sources in the eastern hemisphere, where the firm has 16,000

## take it up a notch, anoth-

 er level. I don't know that we can everthing perfect." Susanne Moore, a for mer Covenant nurse who same hospital, told the Lubbock Avalanche-
Journal that the hospital Journal that the hospital
placed an electronic band on her newborn girl's
ankle. She said she was told that if the baby were taken too close to a door or elevator, a sensor
would cause the door to lock or the elevator to Moore said she also was told that if the band were
cut off before it was deaclution authorizing the lution authorizing the
mayor to execute a lease agreement ordinance reading of an ordinance annexing a 4.82
acre tract of land out of the $\mathrm{S} / 2$ of Section 26 ,
Block $33, \mathrm{~T}-1-\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{T} \& \mathrm{P}$ RR limits. for 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, locat-
ed at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Thomas Jenkins at Thomas Jenkins at
7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail
at citydesk@ bigspringher-
, प. .
one polling location. They
reduced their cost by
approximately 30 to 40 percent in the election,
and it didn't hurt voter turnout in any way they
could tell. Instead of having to go you were registered, it allowed people to go to
one closer to their home way to the grocery store So most counties are rea Contact Staff Writer
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would allow the county to
centralize its polling
places, much like the sys-
tem currently used by
cities and school districts
on election day.
"It would allow us to
have a countywide polling
place," said Bloom. "That
way, everyone could go
vote at the (Dorothy
Garrett) Coliseum, no
matter where they live or
what precinct they were
in.
"I think this would real-
ly help with voters know-
ing where they are sup-
posed to go vote. The city
and school already use
one polling place for their
election day. I think the

Fabian Galvan of
Lubbock and emcee for the event is Tim Harjo of Ada, Okla. The Head
Female Dancer is Nicole Female Dancer is Nicole
Shultz of Norman, Okla. According to committee treasurer
McKinney, the powwow is not a religious event, but will certainly help
those in attendance lift their spirits.
"The powwow is a social event and there is no
Native American religion Native American religion
involved; there will be no medicine
emonies,"
emonies," said
McKinney. "A powwow is a wonderful experience;


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Editorial
"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishmen of religion, or prohibiting the free exercisis thereof; or a bridg. ing the freedom of speech, or of the presss, or the right of the for a redress of grievances.
-First Amenoment


## Our Views

## Trustees need to get on with laptop project

Iit's one members of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees don't want to get wrong - deciding on whether or not to put laptop computers in the
hands of every Big Spring High School student and teacher.
Come to think of it, nobody wants to get things wrong when it comes to the education of the children in our community
And that's why we're pleased the board took a
major step toward putting those computers in major step toward putting those computers in ing in principle the program, which is scheduled to begin with the 2007-2008 school year.
Trustees decided to seek sealed-bid proposals rather than specific quotes for the laptop program - another good move, we believe.
However, we wish the vote had shown However, we wish the vote had shown more of a consensus in the board's thinking. Instead, that decision was made by a 4.3 vote.
would allow the computer purchase to occur would atom the
Unfortunately, it was clear during Thursday night's meeting that dissension exists on just
when to implement the program, as trustees Mike when to implement the program, as trustees Mike
Dawson, Allan Partee and Irene Galan voted against seeking sealed bids
Dawson says he sees no reason to rush into the
project and wants "to slow the process down project and wants "to slow the process down a bit
and take a more in-depth look at the expenditures involved." more in-depth look at the expenditures Trustee Phil Furqueron, expressing the view-
point of what is now a slim majority of the board, says the laptop program is a proven learning tool and needs to get into the hands of students as soon as possible.
We agree whole-heartedly, because we, too,
believe putting laptops in the hands of all students will go a long way toward closing the gap between economically disadvantaged students and those who are not economically handicapped.
And, to use Furqueron's words, we too are "selfAnd, to use Furqueron's words, we too are "self-
ish." We also "want to live in a community full of ish." eate also poope,",
educh hew to pay for the program,
Despite differing on ho Despite differing on how to pay for the program,
trustees did reach a consensus on its value.
wThere "There is no dissension on its educational "Everyone agrees that it's a very effective learning tool ... The issue now is whether we can afford it as a school district."
Tt? our way of thinking, how can we not afford
Trustes will take up the issue of financing when they meet again in April. Hopefully, by that
time, all seven members of the board will come to time, all seven members of th
agree on that point, as well.

## Letter policies

## The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. - Limit your letters to no more than 300 wo <br> Sign your letter

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address for verification purposes.

We reserve the right to limit publication clarity. 30 -day period per author.
number or address unsigned or do not include a telephone - Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

## A Small Prayer

by K. Rae Anderson
The evils of this world can cost us our life, Lord, may we always walk with You.

## Clearly an appeal to bigotry

My 10-year-old son and I recently about the Ku Klux Klan. His fourth
is studying the Civil Rights era in his Social Studies class, and he wanted to know wh some whites hated and still hate African-Americans and do "really bad things" to them. In typical
mom, answer-a-question-by-askin a-question mode (as in, I was stalling for time), I asked him,
"How did you decide "How did you decide
what color you wantwhat color you wan
ed to be before you were born?" And, typical pre-teen, know-it-all fashion
(as in "Duh!") (as in "Duh!"), my
son thought the answer to my ques-
tion to be self-evident, and said, "Mom, you cant decide what color you want to be. mom and dad are."

## mom and dasked, "So why dislike someone because of their skin

 color, if he or she didnn't have achoice in deciding it?" choice in deciding it?"
"Yeah," he said, "that's kind of
silly." Maybe someone should have the Maybe someone should have the
same conversation with state Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, who has sponsored a bill this legislative session to deny birthright citizen ship, and state health and educa-
tion benefits to babies born to illegal immigrant mothers. Berman lacks what my 10 -year-old has, common sense and compassion. But Berman counterbalances it with an abundance of bigotry, not
toward African-Americans, but toward Hispanics. Being Hispanic
is the neo-outlet for discrimination
pariah race.
Yes, illegal immigration into our Yes, illegal immigration into ou country is a problem. Yes, we with it, like the revised version of Sens. John McCain's (R-Ariz.) and Ted Kennedy's (D-Mass.) comprehorder security that emphasizes border security and addresses the the 21st Century, by acknowledg. ing the need for a temporary worker program. No, punishing children for the alleged sins of
their mothers-for wanting better lives for themselves and their babies-is not the answer. Berman and bigots similar argue that illegal immigrant women who are expecting rush across the bor
der (more likely a pregnant waddle) to birth their babies in the nick of U.S. citizenship time. These children suck the vast resources of state government
spent on health and educational spent on health and educational
services that should be reserved for the good, taxpaying folk of "Texas (read here: whites only, the "original" settlers of this land). It's incumbent upon duly elected
politicians like Berman to protect politicians like Berman to protect
our way of life here in Texas from the swarms of leeches at the bor-
der. Berman said recently. "I don't want see the most precious be neously."
Just one pesky little problem with Berman's bill, and it's calle the 14 th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, zenship. But let's not get hung up on constitutional technicalities, like this one that affirms babies

- at the moment of as the good state representative from Tyler has had for his entire life. No, let's not focus on the law when there are cost savings for the state of Texas to be had by leg slating discrimination against
Hispanics. There are morals, and Hispanics. There are morals,
then there is money. The two don't meet in Berman's mind. "So why do members of the KKK wear white robes and hoods?" my son asked next, And I said, "If you are doing something of which you are proud, you want everyone to know. KKK members don't want they are ashamed of their hatred and prejudice, so they cover up. So Rep. Berman can cloak his hatred and prejudice in the rhetoric of state fiscal responsibili ty, but he might as well be wear-
ing a white robe and hood on the floor of the Texas State House. Rep. Berman would be truer to his nature, and we wouldn't have to see the smug look of self-satisfaction on his face as he tries to rain down the punitive power of shildren who have no say in where or what color they are born. White is a good color for Rep. Berman. He wears his bigotry
well, unfortunately
Cynthia Hall Clements has worked for the legislatures of both Tennessee and Louisiana and was most recently a columnist for the Lufkin Daily News. She is presently mattending at


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## Oscar win a springboard for Gore?

Tin: It seems that Al Gore
did not did not - I repeat NOT-
win an Oscar for his glob al-warming film, "An
Inconvenient Truth."
Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who ruled that the vote from Pasadena had not been propsion of the Motion Picture Academy on appeal. Scalia instead awarded the prize for best documentary to
Vice President Dick Cheney for his autoCheney for his auto-
biographical video, "Is Papace Necessary?" Mr. Cheney accept-
ed his Oscar at an ed his Oscar at an
undisclosed underground location, where he held up the Kaul statue and said: "I'd like to hit Nancy Pelosi over the head with this."
Other Other than that, the Oscars went
pretty much according to pretty much according to plan,
with few surprises. Ellen with few surprises. Ellen and she tried her best to keep things moving but expecting the Oscars to run on time is like hop ing an elephant will win the Kentucky Derby. It's just not built for speed.
an hour or two, however. I would have the host issue a disclaimer at the top of the show saying that it is understood that all winners who hired them and all the people who voted for them. It is further understood that they are grateful
and children for believing in them when no one else did. Then no one else did.
They would be allowed to thank teachers and parents for helping them along the way but not anyone who got paid for his or her help.
And if a winner thanked an
agent, he or she would be she the spot. This would make for a lot short er, more entertaining show. I guess the other thing wrong
with the Oscars is that movies with the Oscars is that movies aren't as good as they used to be.
The Oscar-nominated films this year were all pretty good, but no a patch on the movies of my yout - "Birth of a Nation," for example. One need look no further tha the acceptance speech of one of
the winners. Michael Arndt the the winners, Michael Arndt th
screenwriter of "Little Miss Sunshine," to see what the problem is. He said: "When I was a kid my family drove 500 miles in a van with a broken clutch. It ended up being
one of the funnest things we did together."
Funnest? Movies today are not only being written for 12 -year-olds, but by them.
I was just kidding, by the way
about Gore and Scalia and
Cheney. Gore's film did actually win the Oscar.
There was some speculation that he might use the occasion - and his newfound Hollywood-style celebrity - to announce that he's of the United States. But he didn' He made some jokes about the idea, but in the end, he denied he
had any interest in the job.
Of course he doesn't. Like all Of course he doesn't. Like all dency, he just walked away from it all with a shrug and a wave. Doesn't ever want to do it again. Ha! Never happens. One of the most persistence viruses known to
man or woman is the presidentit man or woman is the presidential terminal. Walter Mondale, about a year
after having been beaten by after having been beaten by
Ronald Reagan in the 1984 elec Ronald Reagan in the 1984 elec
tion, asked his ffiend George tion, asked his ffiend George
McGovern, who had suffered a McGovern, who had suffered a
similar fate at the hands of Richard Nixon in 1972, how lon before the defeat stops hurting. "I'll let you know when it happens," McGovern answered. Imagine then how it must gnaw
on Gore, who lost the 2000 election on Gore, who lost the 2000 electio
despite the fact he got more votes than George W. Bush, an idiot. So there he stands, an Academy Award in one hand, the other ready to accept a Nobel Peace Prize, while the Democratic cand garten kids over who said what to whom.
And you're telling me he's not thinking about running for president? I'm not saying it's a sure thing, mind you, but it's looking better

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dent who, by his dent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. He ca DISTRIBUTED BY MINUTEMANMEDIA.ORG


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Patients who receive medical care inra hospi.
tal often discover many of the physician spectal ists who work in hospitals, such as emergency medicine physicians,
anesthesiologists or anesthesiologists, or
pathologists, are not included in their health plan. Unfortunately, most patients do not find out until they receive a bill. Michael Speer MD, sal member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) board of trustees. "Quite properly; I would be appalled, too. How
many people can you many people can you
think of who can just reach in their pocket and pay thousands of dollars?"
How can this happen? Employers and patients pay health insurance pre
miums expecting a large list of all types of physician specialties to be accessible to care for them. This list is called an "adequate network mary care physicians, surgical and medical sp cialists, hospitals and hospital- -ased physician uch as radiologists, ency room physicians. When health plans do no provide adequate net works, patients are stuck with expensive insurance ed medical expenses if they receive care from a physician who is not a nember of the network. Hospitals and physicians each must decide lan's network Just ecause a hospital is included in a patient's health plan does not mean every physician working in the hos is in the network. ple are under the mistak en impression that if a hospital is covered by their health insurance, so are the physicians.
For example, a woma hospital covered by her

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In the course of her hospital stay, her obste treats her, and depending upon the delivery, she might receive anesthesia from an anesthesiologist, a pathologist, and an $x$ ray analysis by a radiologist, all of whom may or may not be in her health plan network. are in the hospital often don't feel welld They expect to be cared for, and they expect they've paid their money to pro vide that insurance cov have a lot of out-of-pock expenses," reasoned Dr. expens.
Speer
What
What can patients do? Dr. Speer suggests patients educate them
selves ahead of time. "They need to ask que tions of their health insurer and their employ er's human resource depe patient wearn what ent wisible wor Dr. Speer advised. "Is there a high deductible Does it cover the physi cians within the hospi dents? Does it cover new born care?"
TMA physicians sug gest patients do the homework now so they can make informed deci-
sions in the event of an unexpected emergency Dr. Speer, a Houston neonatologist, sees many tiny patients transferred to the hospital where he works. He cares for pre-
mature newborn babies who need intensive care. If the hospital has space for the patient, it must accept the baby without ment. Fragile babies born as many as 12 weeks early often require a 10 early often require a
to 12 -week hospital stay

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Often several weeks into $\quad$ point forward.
the baby's stay, the $\quad$ Physicians would like the baby's stay, the hospital is outside of the plan's network and
demands action.
"The insurer wants that baby transferred as soon
as possible to an in-netas possible to an in-net-
work hospital," Dr. Spee said. "The insurer will put pressure on the fami ly, saying, 'You now are responsible for all the costs if the baby stays in tal." In addition:to bein jarring to the parents, the situation can be mor difficult if the baby is no healthy enough for tran
fer. shock for the parents, described Dr. Speer. "They paid for insurance hey thought their baby may be responsible for all of the costs of that baby's care from that

Physicians would like
insurers to inform patients about which hospitals and physicians are
in or out of the network in or out of the network of coverage. Meanwhile,
they advise patients to be they advise patients to be
diligent in asking questions. insurer's feet to the fire," said Dr. Speer. He adds that TMA is working
with legislators to require health insure to disclose accurate, cur rent, and honest informa tion to employers and employees on health plan copays and deductibles TMA believes patients must have that information available when the need it, at the time

TMA , represents nearly 42,000 physician and student medical members.

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## Spring activities in full swing at Forsan High School <br> of orsan debate teams, consisting <br> freshman Amanda Longorio.


junior varsity, while Jones' blast came
in the game against Cornerstone at the San Angelo tournament.
The following day, Shelby Jones hit the Lady Buff squad's first ever grand
slam, followed in the same tournamen by a second grand slam by twin sister Kelsey Jones.
The Lady Buffs took fifth place in their bracket in the San Angelo San Angelo Lake View, 12-5. The boys' baseball team moved to a 2 2 record following a doubleheader in ra, losing in game one, 9-6, and wining the nightcap, 11-6. game against Winters' Lady Blizzards Tuesday by a $12-9$ score, leaving them with a 6 -7 record.
Shelby Jones led the Buffs with four hits including a triple in the third
inning, while Amanda Longorio had three hits with a triple in the fifth inning. Pitchi

The Forsan Student Council presided over the District VIII area student council convention on Wednesday. The the convention and will receive recognition at the state convention set for April 28-29.
Courtney Holdampf received a $\$ 500$ scholarship from the district for out
standing work in student council.
The Forsan prom will be held March 24 at the Senior Citizen's Center. The a.m. to 5 a.m. at Forsan High School

Following spring break, Forsan will host the Zone One Act Play Contest. Schools from Miles, Hamlin, Rotan, two ranking plays will advance to the district competition which will be host ed by Forsan the following week.

## Texas hit-maker doesn't let MS slow him down

Associated Press Writer DALLAS - More than decade after being diagnosed with multiple scle rosis, country singer Clay stronger than ever on his first new studio album in four years.
"Fall," twangy honky tonk song range, is set for an April release. The CD's dis turbingly funny "Fore She Was Mama," in which a 10 -year-old dismother's bikini-clad partying days, has already hit the singles charts. Walker worked with singer-songwriter/produc er Keith Stegall on "Fall, his eighth studio album
and his first on Curb Records. wanted," the Texan said during a recent phone
interview from Nashville. "We didn't leave anything out as far as our fans." The album includes a
duet with the late Freddy Fender on his classic
"Before the Next

Walker croons in which red tape leaving one Walker croons in ing the language four "That will always be his song, but there was total magic in the studio when-
ever it was cut," Walker said. shoulder and said he had been asked to do it hundreds of time but had never done it, but that he
felt that this was the right moment....It was the last song he ever recorded, so l'm proud to be part of his The duet - Walker's first - was recorded last year. Fender, who was
diagnosed with lung cancer in early 2006, died in
October. October.
Walker, whose long string of hits include "If I
Could Make a Living" and "Rumor Has It," acknowledged an uncomfortable lapse of time between releases. "A Few Questions came out on
RCA in 2003. His six earlier albums were all on Giant Records. "Yeah, I think it was too
long. There was ating," he said.
The black-hatted singer who stays active by riding cutting horses and playing basketball, said his illness has not affected his work. He boasts
never missing a show due never missing a show due
to MS (or any other reason). "It used to be a death
sentence," Walker said.
"I'm living proof "I'm living proof you can manage the disease." Walker, 37, was diag.
nosed with MS in 1996 nosed with MS MA in 1996 and takes a daily injec-
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the disease in check. MS occurs when patients' immune systems patients awry
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red tape leaving one "I would say, if any-
record label and going to thing else, it has inspired
another one. It was a me to want to do more," another one. It was a me to want to do more,"

In 2002, Walker starte the nonprofit Band Against MS Foundation to raise money for research. Last week, he presented
a check for $\$ 100,000$ on behalf of the foundation to Jerry S. Wolinsky, interim dean of the University of Texas Medical School at
Houston, during a perforHouston, during a perfor-
mance at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
"We are delighted that Clay continues to have the confidence in our
research programs in multiple sclerosis, particularly in imaging research that is leading to

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Wolinsky. "And I am par- something for everyone, ticularly happy to see including the heart-tug.
how well Clay is able to ging "It Ain't Pretty (But $\begin{array}{ll}\text { how well Clay is able to ging "It Ain't Pretty (But } \\ \text { run around on stage." } & \text { It's Beautiful)" written by }\end{array}$ Walker, who is divorced Doug Johnson and and has two daughters Walker's playful "Sh ages 10 and 7 , grew up in Likes It in the Morning." southeast Texas and lives He said "Fore She Was
in Houston. in Houston.
"I never questioned if I
Mama" - in which the
family matriarch won't was going to be in politi- admit to having smoked cal science, or a lawyer, marijuana - elicits a doctor, whatever," he strong response on the
said. "I knew I was going road. to be a singer." Like Mark Chestnu
and Tracy Byrd Walk got his start on the honk tonk circuit before $h$ first single on Gian "What's It To You," h
No. 1 in 1993. No. 1 in 1993. million albums and road.
"It's great when a song
can be humorous without can be humorous withou being hokey, and the writ-
ers made a good country song without it being novelty," he said "Anytime we do it, it gets "Anytime we do it, it get a huge reaction. I think lot of moms are looking in ing rearvew moriror say,
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Stackhouse, who had 13 points, for the M a veriflcks .
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we learned from the play oris last to finish. Momentum's what
we're trying to build now, build up enough
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## Hawks shot down by Texans



Howard guard Corey Aimond plays man-to-man defense against All American Steve Herall photo/mike orimes Plains Texans. Harley scored 21 points and led the Texans past the Hawks, 55-46, Saturday night in
Belton.

## South Plains 55,

 Howard College 46 MIKE GRIMESBELTON - Saturday the Howard Hawks had no answer for All-American guard Steve Harley and the South Plains Texans, as they lost $55-46$ in the Region
Basketball Tournament. Unlike the previous two meetings, which were tight games down the stretch
and ended on last second shots, this one and ended on last second shots, this one didn't come down to a buzzer-beater. It
was decided in the first 10 minutes of the was decided in the first 10-minutes of the
second half when the Hawks struggled to find the basket.
The Texans (26-6), trailing Howard for the entire first half of the elimination game, held the Hawks offense to only five points during the first 10 minutes of the
second half and went from down four points, to by $10,40-30$.
Benson Akpan, who left the game early - Benson Akpan, who left the game early in the second haif we's leading rebounder with eight boards. He made 3 -of- 6 from the floor and finished with nine points
and a game-high four blocked shots, but in his absence the Texans went on a 19-3 run to open a lead they would not relinquish.
Howard (25-7) had its season come to an end just one night after knocking out the end just one night after knocking out the
Northern Texas Junior college Athletic Conference No. 1 seed Temple 81-72 the night before.
"It's disappointing when you don't play
your best," Howard coach Mark Adans your best," Howard coach Mark Adams
said after the loss. "You have to give said after the loss. "You have to give
South Plains some of the credit, but we had such an emotional game yesterday and then trying to turn around and come See HAWKS, page $2 B$

Kansas nips Texas to capture Big 12 crown and No. 1 seed By JEFF LATZKE $\frac{\text { By JEFF LATZKE }}{\text { AP Sports Writer }}$ OKLAHOMA CITY - After
OKLAHOMA
surviving two scares from Texas surviving two scares from Texas,
Kevin Durant in a week, Kansas coach Bill Self a week, Kansas coach Bill Self was looking forward to facing anyon NCAA tourname could play in the early rounds that have guys that can go for big numbers," Self said. "But we are not going to see another one like this." Durant, the Big 12 player of the
year, matched his career high with 37 points but didn't score in overtime as Kansas escaped with an $88-84 \mathrm{win}$ and its second
straight Big
12 straight Big 12 tournam
championship on Sunday. Sherron Collins scored 20
points, and Brandon Rush and Julian Wright each added and 19 points to help Kansas rally from a 22-point, first half deficit built mostly by Durant, the
Longhorns' national player of the year contender.
"I don't want to play him

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The only chance for another rematch would be in the NCAA championship game, of the bracket and Texas a No. 4 seed on the opposite side. The Jayhawks have lost in the tournament's first round each of the past two seasons, but head in on
a season-best 11-game winning


## Johnson makes it three straight in Vegas

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer
LAS VEGAS - A LAS VEGAS - A new track made it difficult to drive. A pit road penalty and a brush against the wall.
Jimmie Johnson faced all of it Sunday, and came out on top yet again at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
The defending series champion beat teammate Jeff Gordon to win his third straight Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas - only this one came under extremely different conditions.
for ws - obviously a good day for us - we had some issues,", said, Johnson. To overcome the
adversity this weekend of com-
ing back on a new tire and not speeds, Goodyear had to bring a drive," David Stremme said. having any experience on it, and very hard left-side tire that was "You couldn't run side-by-side. we did, it was a very good week- loads.
end."
Oh yes it was.
Johnson, who
Johnson, who led Gordon across the finish line for a $1-2$ finish that gave Hendrick Motorsports its 150th NASCAR victory, navigated his way around a track that was under intense scrutiny all weekend Brutone of changes owner mile speenith made to the 1.5 mile speedway.
The changes included an increase in the banking from 12 degrees to 20 , and a curved pit had seen before. Because the new surface produced such fast

It created a perfect storm of
slick asphalt, little grip and a slick asphalt, little grip and a garage full of grumbling drivers. "I felt like I was on ice from lap
one until the last one," said Gordon, the four-time, series champion. "There is no reason for us to show up at racetracks and be at a white-knuckle expe
ence for an entire weekend." ence for an entire weekend."
That sentiment was echoed over and over as drivers climbed from their cars.
"It was out of control pretty said. Clint Bowyer It was the poorest race I've
ever been in. It wasn't fun to you were going to wreck," Matt Kenseth said.
The race was marred by nine cautions, most of them products of the new configuration and the opening lap ang spun on Mears, Robby lap, and Casey Mears, Robby Gordon and Ward Burton were in a three-car acc Joe Nemechek and Dave Blaney wrecked eight laps after that. "There's just no grip at all," said Mears, who blamed Gordon for the accident. "Everybody is of their cars."


SPORTS
Big schools
hold ground
2007 NCAA March Madness Bracket

By MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer AP Sports Writer
INDIANAPOLIS - The nation's mid-major nation's had hoped thi
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would be their year. would be their year. Instead, they were near-
ly as surprised as ly as surprised as
Syracuse when the selec Syracuse when the selec-

- committee 'zannounced the NCAA Emen's basketball tourna\%ment field.
"I think it's the shock of
sountry," said
Syracuse athletic director - Syracuse athletic director Was excluded despite 22 Vast conference record. Sunday, it seemed the 10-member NCAA selec tion committee was forced to defend every-
 "'selections. Even between Florida A\&M
and Niagara, drew complaints.
"Nothing makes sense to me," said Niagara coach Joe Mihalich, has won 11 straight. "Let me be diplomatic here I'm confused." Chairman Gary Walters had acknowledged for
weeks that deciphering the maze at the top of the brackets would be nearly as difficult as picking the .final teams. "It's not an easy decision," Walters said.
"Every year you have three or four teams who have a strong argument that can be made about stand the disappoint. ments; it disappoints the heck out of us. But we have a 65 -team field. But when Florida, Ohio
State, North Carolina and Kansas all won, the No. 1 seed were set




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and connected on 3 -of- 5 as he left the court. "This from the free throw line was just a tough night to lead his team into the shooting and that hapchampionship game. pens - it's just part of the "Howard was a team game, but this was the that everyone was defi- wrong time to go cold."
 Harley admitted. "I just one steal. love to play against "This was a tough loss Howard and everyone and not the way I wanted knows they are one of the my last game at Howard best teams in the country. to end," Sampay said. "It They always bring out the has been fun out here in
best in me and this has the Big and I really think best the best rivalry its been cool to spend a we've had over the last couple of years here. I couple of years. They are like the teachers, the a good team and I am glad coaches and the people we don't have to face here. I really appreciate them again." For the Hawks, Sean
Watson led the team in scoring with 12 points and Brandon Sampay added 11 more in the losing effort. "I'm not sure what hap pened tonight" Terrenc Hill, who went 0 -for- 6 from the 3 -point line, said all the support the las thank the college for giving me the opportunity to come here and play. On Sunday afternoon the Midland Chaparrals upset South Plains $90-82$ NJ punch a ticket to the Tournament.
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breathtaking and profound creative force,
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aim. Getting in touch
with your feelings allows with your feelings allows
others to be touched
when they experience VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your exceptiona
qualities shine through Embrace
uniqueness, and our will celebrate you for
how you're different instead of encouraging you to be like them.
LIBRA (Sint LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) With your finger on the
pulse, you're the "alpha pulse, you're the "alpha-
pup" of your crowd.
Expect them to imitate you. This is a
compliment, as irritating as you might find it. all you know. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). Humor heals! Give your brain a break and
shell out the 10 bucks to shell out the la comedy. Or,
see the latest come crack open the root beer, and yuck it up. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). You have an expression, and the ideas are clearly flowing. If you want to make a living at
something new, talk
about your aims with a
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19). Ideas are more than brain impulses. They are paths. Many of
them lead to greatness. Make sure you've written everything down before you go to bed tonight, or
bright inspiration could get lost.
AQUARIUS (Jan. $20-$ Feb. 18). The most one who doesn't mind nothing wrong with
yielding to the requests of yielding to the requests of
others if it's easy for you to do so. You show your
strength by being strexgth
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pressure brings out the best in people. This is
proven in the biographies of accomplished people, in the lives of those you look up to and in your
own life this afternoon. ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo,
and it seems like every time I really like someone I can't get enough of
them until they're mine, them until they're mine, get bored and don't like them anymore. When am I going to find someone I'm truly in love with?"'
The cycle you describe The cycle you describe making it out to be. It's a natural growth process clear through your late20s. Your Mars in
Capricorn and Venus in Virgo give you a practical edge in matters of romance that happens to rld - and often even
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#### Abstract

moon. You feel and behave as thoug overwhelmingly with a person, heart, sou and body, when basically his is actually a much more attraction. $\begin{aligned} & \text { psychological } \\ & \text { You don't }\end{aligned}$ want the person; you want to know what they want to know what they know or have the status, know or have the status, talent or success they have. Once you catch up to them or learn all they have to teach you, the deflates. Once you get a handie on your own talents and roles in life talents and roles in life, you'll love in a more healthy, lasting way. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Landon Donovan is a Piscean athlete, but his chart reveals six luminaries in air signs Water-sign energy is emotional and deep, but air-sign energy is quick high-scoring player on the U.S. Men's Nationa soccer team, Donovan uses this blend to keep when his mood is low.

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## Annie's Mailbox :: Advice for those in need

with "Jerry" for eight
years. We have created a years. We have created a
loving family that includes our four kids -
two from my first
marriage and two from marriage and two from
his. The problem is "Gerry's

## Geraldine

constant pain been the constant pain in the
backside from day one
It's It's bad enough the
woman calls Jerry eight
to 10 times a day to 10 times a day, but she
is constantly asking him to go places with her and has even been caught on
more than one occasion suggesting they have sex.
Geraldine Jerry her 24 -hour-a-day
helpline. I have had discussions and
arguments with him and Geraldine alike, to no suspicious and find
myself
constantly myself constantly
accusing him of being
with her. He denies it. with her. He denies it.
We have talked marriage, but so far,
there has been no actual proposal and $\begin{aligned} & \text { an not } \\ & \text { holding my breath, }\end{aligned}$ my either. Jerry has asked
me to move in with him me to move in with him, is not the message I want Commitment does not mean a trial living
arrangement, and I want that marriage is more than just a piece of paper as Jerry sometimes says. Geraldine took him to
the cleaners during their divorce, so I understand that he's gun shy. I also believe Jerry is running
hot and cold because Geraldine has made it so obvious that he can have
her any time he wants. One of the men she dated told me he broke it off relationship she has with Jerry. Geraldine's $\begin{gathered}\text { ignore } \\ \text { constant }\end{gathered}$ interference, or tell Jerry that he cannot have any contact with her other
than for the children? than for the children? -
In the Bermuda Triangle
Dear Geraldine isn't the
problem. Jerry is. By not problem. Jerry is. By not
putting an end to the


ATHY MITCHE
$\qquad$ constant phone calls and
seductive behavior, he is
encouraging her encouraging her to keep
at it. There is no future or this relationship
unless you can trust Jerry completely, and part of that involves his
willingness to terminate willingness to terminate
the flirtation with his ex. Tell him so.
Dear Annie: What can
you do with a 29 -year-old daughter who won't keep her room straight? caring girl in so many
ways, but she throws her ways, but she throws her etc., on the floor. We get
along fine, and she along fine, and she
contributes money to the says, "Tomorrow, I'm going to get it
straightened up," but she never does.
Her brothe Her brother keeps his do my husband and I. Carmie is pretty and always neat in her appearance, has friends, dates and gets along well
with everyone. However when it comes to the time. What should I Dear At a Loss Dear At a Loss: You
close the door and forget about it. Do not pick up after her. Do not do her laundry. She is 29 years old, and whatever mess
she makes inside her own room is her own business. (Seems like it's
time Carmie moved out.) Dear Annie: I had a Dear Annie: I had a good laugh about the
mom who wanted to mom who wanted to go
back to work at 71 years
of age of age. In her 70s, my
mother tried downhill skiing and surfing for the
she and my father were
the guest performers in
the local figure skating the local figure skating how to play racquetball when she was well into her 60s, and continued
her exercise classes at the her exercise classes at the
YMCA until she was nearly 90 . Mom is now 91 and still
going strong. P.S.: I just finished my master's
degree in neuroscience at degree in neuroscience at
the age of 51 . What goes around, comes around.Daughter
Dear Daughter: We
suspect you've aspect you've inherited a strong set of genes to go
with that role-modeling. Good for all of you.
Dear Annie: I've been married for 10 years and have two young children. party where there was heavy drinking, I caught
my wife kissing my wife kissing a thought was a friend. We got into a big fight
over this. I swallowed my pride and told my wife how much she meant to me. She and I went to with my pastor, and
things seem to be getting better. My wife admitted she has been unhappy for a while and said I wasn't
attentive or affectionate attentive or affectionate
enough. I attribute this to enough. 1 attribute jhis to
a stressful job, young
children and the fact that I grew up in an unaffectionate household.
My wife and this man My wife and this man
swore to me nothing
sexual happened. sexual happened. The get the image of her
kissing him out of my kissing him out of my
head, not to mention the head, not to mention that she has
thought that she feelings for this man. mess. I wasn't giving her
what she needed ber what she needed because I took our marriage for
granted. I don't want to
break up our family break up our family.
Annie, will I be able to forgive and forget? Can ever trust her again? Deart Broken in Ohio Dear Broken: Trusting
your wife requires three
things - her complete fidelity and honesty, your ability to forgive with
your whole heart, and
right doing everything counseling and making ye necessary changes to trust your wife is communicate her better and strengthen her and strengthen remember that heavy drinking
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nay not have any feelings for the other man, and turned to him olely because he was at the time. You are now at the time. You are now
filling that void, and she has no reason to look at
him again. If his image ppears in your head, ubstitute a better one.
Dear Annie: I'm in my Dear Annie: Tm in my
mid-80s and on a fixed income. When my
husband died, I sold my house. I then moved to be hear my son, who lives 10 miles away. He has a wife backward to get along backw
with.
My wanted men and his wife new car with that money and when I explained that I put it into savings emergencies health care became angry, and I haven't heard from them in three years. They also is siblings contact with mails and birthday cards, elling them I love and Please tell young peop o keep in touch with heir parents, because
they are always loved and missed. Do you have any suggestions? - Sad Heart sorry that your son and daughter-in-law are so
greedy and selfish, and reedy and selfish, and has no backbone. It all the right gestures, and unfortunately, there's not much you can do if they are determined to cut you
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