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WEDNESDAY

April 30, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 61°-63° 87°-89°

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After prom donations

Interested persons wishing to help with the After Prom Party for Big Spring High School students are invited to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library, 707 E. 11th Place.

This year's party will be held on Saturday, May 17, following the high school prom and will feature casino night, a video game room, swimming and carnival games. For more information call Myrna Russell at 267-6891.



American Profile

Cover Story: American Profile asked our readers, "Why is your mother such a great mom?" We'll feature some of those answers.

Food: This was a favorite at my dad's confectionery store.

Ask AP: Kenny Chesneym Madylin Sweetin, Bob Seger

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Taped confession: 'I strangled him'

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

In a recorded statement played to jurors Tuesday, capital murder defendant Tommy Rodriguez tearfully confessed to strangling 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton but blamed girlfriend Melanie Castaneda for conceiving the idea for the murder.

"It wasn't my idea, it was hers," he said. "I didn't want to do it. I didn't admitted killing Patton.

want to, but I didn't know how to tell her not to."

Rodriguez, on the tape, said he anticipated egetting a disability settlement in the near future for a birth defect.

"I guess she wanted the he said of car," Castaneda. "I told her I'd get her one when I got my money, but she pressured

On the tape, Rodriguez

Trinity Tidwell, 3, poses for the judges at the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a kid's pageant

benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event took place Saturday

at the Municipal Auditorium. Tidwell took second place in the 3- to 5-year-old division.

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"All the

children were so hand-

Brooks.

"It wasn't my idea, it was hers. I didn't want to do it. I didn't want to, but I didn't know how to tell her not to."

From a taped statement by defendant Tommy Rodriguez

"I put the rope over his neck and I strangled him," he said.

Playing of the tape came taped during testimony of the only witness the defense presented Tuesday -Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett. Pritchett interviewed Rodriguez July 30 and took his statement.

Earlier in the prosecution's case, former Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson had read Rodriguez's written state-

interview Pritchett.

"The written statement was three relatively short written pages," said Rodriguez's attorney Don Richard of Big Spring. "As you heard, the taped statement took the better part of an hour to get in. It gave the jury a better idea of what was said, not just the part that the

ment, distilled from the See TRIAL, Page 3A

Community invited to share the word in Heart of City Park

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The community is invited to come together Thursday during the lunch hour for a few moments of reflection and prayer.

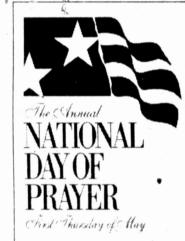
This year's local participation in the nationwide National Day of Prayer will include 14 speakers who represent a wide spectrum of the community. The speakers will have two minutes each to share their perspectives.

The 30 minute-event will begin at 12:15 p.m. at the Heart of the City Park, Third Street and Scurry, under the pavilion and will be broadcast live on KBST 1490 a.m. and cable channel 23.

Seating will be available and participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

New this year, ministers of Howard County have been invited to stand beside the speakers to show a united faith, said Everett Bender, event organizer.

Ministers wishing to See PRAYER, Page 3A



participate are encouraged to call the Rev. Ken Childress, associate pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, at 267-7015.

Speakers are Bill Crooker, Howard County commissioner; Garcia, Big Spring city councilman; Stephanie Horton, Big Spring city councilwoman; the Rev. Roger Huff, minister of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene; Brian Jensen, Big Spring fire chief; Chaplain Carroll Kohl of the VA

VSC awards luncheon set for noon Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

"Volunteers... Caring and Sharing the Spirit of America" — Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's annual awards luncheon - will be held at noon Thursday.

More than 150 people are expected to attend the

held in the Allred Building. Key speaker will be Terri Davis, Howard College profes-

Volunteers are asked to call in their reservations the Community

See **LUNCHEON**, Page 5A

City election draws few early voters

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big

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Hospital's Relay for Life

team — "Mind, Body and Soul" — raised \$555 dur-

ing Saturday's "Relay

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12 years of age modeled

'Sunday Best Attire" and

Children's pageant.

Razzmatazz"

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Only 91 people cast ballots early in the Big Spring city election in which two council seats are up for grabs. The 19th Congressional District special election to replace retiring Rep. Larry Combest did significantly better, drawing 937 early

votes in Howard County. In the city race, 29 people voted early in District 2, while 62 cast ballots in

District 6. Election day in the city

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some and gorgeous," said

event coordinator Linda

Billington. "All of our

hard work paid off, and I

am so proud of the suc-

cess of the first pageant. I

think each participant

enjoyed themselves and

had a good time with

Lisa Brooks. There will

be future 'Relay Rascal

See RELAY, Page 3A

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody An employee for Johnston Construction of Big Spring repairs damages to the roof of one of Moss Elementary's portable buildings. Strong gusts Monday night ripped the roof off the building, causing \$10,000 in damage.

Wind rips roof from classroom

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Strong, gusting winds caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage at Moss Elementary Monday night, ripping off the tin roof of one of the school's portable buildings.

"The winds blew the roof over the school and trees, across the street and into a vacant lot,' said Howard Stewart, Big Spring Independent School District director of transportation and auxiliary services.

See WIND, Page 5A

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Ruby Allen

Ruby Allen, 93, died at 6:55 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2003, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Coahoma Cemetery with Robert Turner, minister of the Oasis Church of Christ, offici-

Mrs. Allen was born on Oct. 25, 1909, in Waxahachie. She first came to Howard County in 1932. She lived in Odessa from 1940 to 1975. She returned to Howard County in 1981 from Kansas. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, William O. Tyler of Arizona; two grandsons; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Helen H. Jones



Helen H. Jones, 66, of Big Spring, died on Monday, April 28, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2003, at Spring Hill Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1936, in Cass County and married A. C. Jones on Dec.r

29, 1959, in Mt Pleasant. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1979.

Mrs. Jones came to Big Spring in 1964 from Mt. Pleasant. She had worked for Culligan and Bristow Oil and was currently working for Big Spring Independent School District.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and had kept the nursery at Hillcrest Baptist Church of several years. For many years, she was involved with the United Girls Softball Association and ran the concession stand at the Roy Anderson Complex. Helen had served as PTA president at College Heights several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Dale Sneed of Big Spring and Kim and Kurt Willems of Andrews; four grandchildren, Chase, Randi, Cole and Zayne and a grandchild due in June; two sisters, Dorothy Letsinger of Girard and Pat Belcher of Frost and two brothers, Bobby Ray Brock of Irving and Jerry Brock of Dallas.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 90. West

winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 90.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday...Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Highs in the

upper 80s.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-10-11-25 Bonus number 35

Estimated jackpot: \$625,000

the Texas Lottery: 4-10-17-18-23

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-6

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by

Take note

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today: · ALVIN ALLEN, 39, of 1700 S. Lancaster was arrest-

ed Tuesday on a parole violation. • JACQUELYN BROWN, 22, of 1203 Todd Road was arrested this morning on a charge of driving with a

suspended license and on three local warrants. • RONALD BENTON, 54, of 2500 W. Highway 80 was

arrested Tuesday on city warrants. • FELICIA ULRICH, 28, of 700 Pine St. was arrested

• SANDRA ESPOSITO, 35, of 538 Westover Road No. 24 was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and on three local warrants.

Tuesday on a local warrant.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth Street, the 1400 block of South Johnson, the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at Moss Lake and in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue and the

700 block of South Douglas Street. DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 800 block of Settles Street.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of South Owens Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street. Items worth \$300 were reported stolen and later recovered.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton Street. Someone reportedly caused \$150 damage to the structure before stealing home entertainment equipment worth \$305, jewelry worth \$480 and computer hardware and software worth \$525.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 6
- · ASSAULT: 8
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 3
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 2
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 12
- CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: 1
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 3
- EVADING ARREST: 1
- HARRASSMENT: 1
- MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL: 3
- · POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUB-STANCE: 2
- THEFT: 15
 - Convenience Store Thefts: 11 Gasoline drive-offs: 10
 - VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER: 1
- INCIDENTS: 7
- ARRESTS: 10
- ACCIDENTS: 3 - Minor: 3

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

☐ The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromyalgia/@hronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

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TODAY

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring County Club, Driver Road, State Rep. Carl Issett, R-Lubbock, who is running to represent the 19th U.S. Congressional seat, will be the guest speaker. To make lunch reservations, call Irene Medellin 264-

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

THURSDAY

Gideon International B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. Marcy Drive.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

National Day of Prayer, 12:15 p.m., Heart of the City Park. The 30 minutes program features 14 speakers representing all aspects of the community.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center County and Western Dance, Industrial Park, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. 5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge 704 W. Third St. Members and their welcome.

Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY

610 Scurry.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, noon,

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people age 50 and older, call 268-4721.

First United Methodist Church youth group revival, 5 p.m. at the church sanctuary. Crimson Soul will perform in concert for the revival.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada Restaurant, 206 N.W. Fourth St.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third, Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

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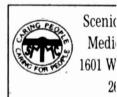
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Razzmatazz' Children's Pageants. Numerous businesses, organizations and citiraise money zens throughout the year for the American Cancer Society, which culminates in the annual Relay

for Life celebration May

9-10 in Big Spring. Trophies were awarded to the female and male winners, and runners-ups received 2nd place ribbons. All participants received a coupon for a free ice cream cone from the Gregg St. Sonic Drive-

Pageant winners were: 0 to 12 months (males), Khandin White, first, and Nathan Rayne Rich, second. 0 to 12 months (females), Taryn Spivey, first, and Tatum Sterling Christie, second.

In the 13 months to 2year-old category for Quhavvious males: Johnson, first, and Nicholas Allen Billington, second. 13 months to 2year-old (females) Kaylie Woodruff, first, and Karleigh Marie Moore, second.

In the 3- to 5-year-olds Nathan (males): Schneider, first, and Mathew Hernandez, second. Three years to 5 years (females): Sunny Kuykendall, Rayanne first, and Trinity Tidwell,

second. The 6- to 8-year-old female winners were: Tandance Gilliam, first, and Andrea Kelli Paul, second. In the co-ed division for 9 years to 12 years, Zackery Gilliam placed first and Cheyenne

Registration fees, spectator fees and participant photographs went toward the Relay for Life effort.

Galloway finished sec-

ond.

Winners will be recognized at the Relay for Life event and can be present to pass out balloons to the cancer survivors during "First Lap by Survivors." All winners must have a guardian or parent present when they pass out balloons.

"Mind, Body and Soul" raised \$10,000 last year for Relay for Life. They were the second highest contributors to the effort that raised \$163,533 for the American Cancer Society.

"Many businesses and volunteers helped make this pageant a success,' Billington said.

Team members assisting with the pageant were Jacque Moore, Dianna Valdez, Sara Marquez, and Todd Leslie Kuykendall, Debbie Vernon, Bobbie Hanson, Sue Marquez, Melanie Martin, Kay Anderson, Ron and Martha Long, Richardson, Helen Shirley Davis and Andrea Winn.

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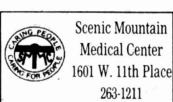
PRAYER

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Medical Center; Frank Long, 2002 Big Spring Chamber Area Commerce farmer of the year; and Robert H. Moore III, 118th District Court Judge.

Also speaking are Murray Murphy, retiring Big Spring Independent School District superintendent; the Rev. Sam Segundo, minister of Family Faith Victory Center; Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director; Lonnie Smith, Big Spring chief of police; and the Rev. Michael Willard, minister of Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

The annual National Day of Prayer was established by law in 1952. For more information visit

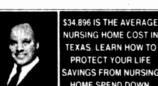




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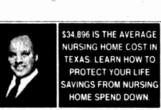
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TRIAL Continued from Page 1A deputies chose to write down.' Natarajan, The taped interview, in which Rodriguez was often openly tearful, gave the jury an idea of Rodriguez's demeanor,

"They'll get to compare that with the demeanor of Melanie Castaneda," he said. "That was the point Wasson Road District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson played Castaneda's taped statement earlier in the day. Although the quality of tape was poor, Castaneda presented deputies her side of the story with less emotion than did Rodriguez.

pleaded Castaneda guilty to first-degree murder earlier this year and was sentenced to 60 years in prison. She did not testify in person Tuesday.

Richard added.

to bring out."

The prosecution rested its case Tuesday after-

After telling the jury in his opening statement that Rodriguez — who was 15 on July 29 when the murder was committed — and Castaneda, 17, formed and carried out a plot to strangle and kill Patton for his car, Wilkerson presented several witnesses to corroborate the claim.

"I have to say that it was a good day for the state," Wilkerson said after court adjourned for the day. "The testimony went exactly as we wanted it to and we're pleased with the conclusion of testimony at the end of the day today."

attorney Defense Richard maintained in his opening statement that Rodriguez is not guilty of capital murder.

"The main point is that this is not a capital murder case," he said. "The evidence is going to show that Melanie is the one who gave the signals (to kill Patton). Tommy didn't want to do it."

The prosecution called 12 witnesses, including farmer local Andy Burchas, Big Spring Police Lt. Terry

Chamness, Police Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons; Police ID Tech Wayne Jones, Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Rachal Horton, pathologist Dr. Sridhar Sheriff's Investigator Jay Fryar, Deputy Pat Carter, Ishmael Briseno, Michael Zubiate, John Stilwell and retired Justice of the car. Peace Marilyn Carson.

Burchas said he discovered Patton's body hidden in a stand of mesquite trees 3 1/2 miles south of Rockhouse Road.

Jones said he collected evidence and took pictures at the scene, photographing the body, evidence of drag marks and shoe prints. The shoe prints were identified as consistent with those belonging the to Rodriguez and Castaneda, he said.

Jones said he also photographed Patton's car, found in Forsan, but was unable to process the vehicle for fingerprints and trace evidence because the interior was completely soaked, including about an inch and a half of standing water in the floorboard.

Horton said she helped secure the perimeter around the area where the body was discovered. She also helped secure another scene about half a mile away where a 6foot section of rope believed to be the murder weapon - was discovered.

Natarajan, a pathologist with the Texas Tech University Health Science Center, performed the autopsy and said Patton's death was caused by strangulation with a ligature, or rope. The pathologist said Patton had clear ligature marks on his neck and petechial hemorrhaging, both indications of strangulation. Other injuries, including scratches on Patton's back, were likely the result of his being araggea.

Natarajan said Patton was in poor health and that it would have likely taken a healthy teenager less than a minute to strangle him to death.



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The pathologist received the rope found near the crime scene along with Patton's body, and said it was consistent with the ligature marks found on the victim's neck.

Carter responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in Forsan, which turned out to be Patton's

Briseno, a friend of Rodriguez, testified that Rodriguez called him the night of July 29 and said he had just gotten a car. Rodriguez asked Briseno to paint the vehicle with a mural — flames or another type of design.

Zubiate, another friend, said Rodriguez offered to sell him the car for \$500. also Zubiate Rodriguez confessed the murder to him. "He asked, 'Can I trust

you?" Zubiate said. "Can I really trust you?' Then he told me he had killed a man." Stilwell said Rodriguez

also confessed the murder to him.

"He told me he killed that guy," Stilwell said. "He told me the name but I can't remember it. I didn't believe him. He didn't sound serious about it. It

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sounded like he was talking to me like any other day.'

If found guilty of capital murder, Rodriguez will automatically receive life in prison. While he said he would argue against it, Wilkerson said lesser included offenses, such as regular first-degree murder, might be available for the jury to consider.

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OUR VIEWS

Vote and help shape the quality of life in our county

o matter where you live in Howard County, there is an election going on Saturday. Voters go to the polls to determine who will be their next representative in U.S. Congress, local school districts and cities.

A few of the elections are limited to a portion of residents only. Most apparent are the elections involving Big Spring Independent School District trustee races and city of Big Spring council races. In those, citizens must live within a specific district before they can cast a ballot. In many other elections, candidates are "at-large," and citizens throughout the school district or city can partic-

That's also the case in the election to fill a vacated position in U.S. Congressional District : 19. Everyone with a valid voter registration certificate in Howard County can cast a ballot in : that race.

Some citizens have already voted, but not many, according to early voting, which ended Tuesday. Thousands and thousands of eligible voters in the county have yet to cast a ballot in either the school, council or congressional races.

These elections are important. The men and women who are elected Saturday will be our representatives in matters of education and federal and government. The decisions they make will shape our future and our children's' future. That's a task they've agreed to do by filing as can-

We encourage all eligible Howard County citizens to take the time to vote. Whether it be the congressional district, city or education board, these elections help to shape the quality of life in our county.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring Beautiful is grateful for very successful Trash-Off held April 5 in Big Spring and the surrounding area. Thanks to the businesses that made our hot dog lunch.

Atmos Energy, Big Spring Collision, Janell Davis, Allan Guthrie, Pamela Guidry, Shelby Simmons, the Spade and Hoe Garden Club and Kate Irons. Area volun-

teers included the Hank Williamsons, the Robert Ragans, (Silver Heels) and the Guthries' of Coahoma.

We netted 22,900 of trash and had more than 400 volunteers, about 100 more joined us last year. New participants were As always, the Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, KBST and KBYG were invaluable in the clean-up putting together.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we be embraced by your unconditional love.

Amen

Stan the man, rememberances from a fan

t was a four-day odyssey of artistry in rhythm. I was a freshman at Baylor and my buddy Wes from Chicago had made me a Stan Kenton fan. He had a 45 rpm record changer and every night we put on

a stack of Kenton records and listened closely and talked about the music. We knew the names of all the guys in the band. When Stan Kenton

played a concert on the Baylor campus on a Thursday night, Wes and I were at the concert hall early in the afternoon, acting like jazz musicians ourselves. I wore a beret and a Mr.

B shirt and an overcoat. I guess we really looked the part because stage hands setting up the stage asked us how we wanted the chairs. We told him where the

pets, the saxes and so on. When Stan and the band members started to arrive, we quickly made ourselves available for any errands Stan the Man might want

trombones should go, the trum-

Sure enough, he handed us a twenty dollar bill and asked us to go to Baylor drug and get a sandwich for Candido, the bongo and conga drum player. We were thrilled to be doing something for Stan. We encouraged the person on the grill at Baylor to hurry, that we were on a mission for Stan Kenton. We made it back to the auditorium in record time.

The band was on a Texas tour and would be in Fort Worth Friday night, San Antonio Saturday night and Houston Sunday night. We decided to go to all of his appearances.

In Fort Worth, we went to the Worth Hotel where the band was staying.

In the lobby we visited with Frank Diorio, Kenton's stage manager. He asked us to take him to the Casino, where the band was playing for a dance. We were thrilled beyond words to accommodate him.

Saturday night in San Antonio we sat in a big concert hall and heard the music we loved.

It was around noon on Sunday, while Wes and I were traveling to Houston, that we got behind a Lincoln with New York plates. We wondered if that might be Kenton.

We passed that Lincoln and sure enough, it was Stan. He saw us and waved. We were ecstatic. In Houston we were feeling pretty good and went backstage and visited with June Christy, Kenton's vocalist and other mem-

old friends. I'm a Kenton fan to this day. One of the proudest moments I've ever had was doing an interview with Stan Kenton for Monitor, the weekend show on NBC radio. Ed McMahon, the announcer for Monitor at the time, promoted the interview the week leading up to the weekend broadcast. During NBC Radio News on the hour, the network ran a spot saying something about my interviewing Stan

bers of the band. By now we were

on Monitor next weekend. I interviewed him while working in Des Moines, where Stan played a dance. My wife and I went. Hardly anybody danced. They crowded around the stage to hear the music.

The biggest thrill with Stan came when he played a concert in Big Spring. He came over to my house and we sat on our deck and visited.

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The way a capitalist system works

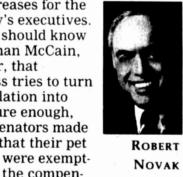
-"I lost another tooth. I'm looking

into investing it in the stock market

to really get a bigger bang for my buck."

en. John McCain's original proposal was straightforward. With taxpayers bailing out the nation's airlines, he called on the federal gov-

ernment to prohibit pay increases for the industry's executives. Nobody should know better than McCain, however, that Congress tries to turn all legislation into pork. Sure enough, senior senators made certain that their pet airlines were exempt-





sation restriction. Indeed, lawmakers are so brazen that what they once dared only behind closed doors is now perpetrated over national television. On April 11, on C-SPAN, three powerful Senate appropriators exempted favored airlines from the restrictions. For all the bluster about cracking down on corporate greed, only 12 airline executives are affected by the one-year moratorium on higher pay. Many others enjoy massive increases in compensation that result in seven-fig-

The broader question is what in the world Congress is doing with any kind of wage controls at the executive level. With most U.S. airlines in desperate condition following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, carriers were trying to prevent a brain drain of valued executives departing for greener pastures. That is a subtlety politicians in Washington are ill equipped to handle.

McCain's ire was aroused late in March when it was revealed that Delta Air Lines CEO Leo Mullin, fighting hard for the new federal bailout, had his compensation

boosted to \$12.9 million at the same time as the company was losing \$1.3 billion. The demand to cap executive pay was irresistible.

Since 70 airlines will share in the \$2.3 billion of new federal aid (usually, but incorrectly, listed at \$3.1 billion), the early presumption was that the McCain limitation would apply to all executives. But things don't work that way on Capitol Hill. The slicing down began at once. Purely domestic airlines were exempted by the **House Appropriations Committee** in what was interpreted as a friendly gesture toward Southwest Airlines and its influential CEO, Herbert D. Kelleher.

The nationally televised Senate-House conference of April 11 continued limiting the cap. Senate Democratic Whip Harry Reid of Nevada wondered whether America West could be exempted. America West CEO W. Douglas Parker's \$550,000 basic income has swollen to \$2,537,650 total compensation. (Reid was to be the honored guest April 17 at the opening of America West's new reservation center in Reno but did not appear for unexplained reasons.)

Reid's wishes were granted. Senate Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens of Alaska next succeeded in exempting Alaska Airlines. Finally, Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, second ranking **Democrat on the Appropriations** Committee, threw out Hawaiian and Aloha.

To the uninitiated, limiting the pay cap to transpacific and transatlantic carriers resulted from impromptu interaction between three Senate old bulls. To savvy lobbyists, it was all orchestrated in advance.

Only the Big Six airlines – American, United, Delta, U.S.

Airways, Northwest and Continental - now were covered, and only the top five executives from each company. But this was soon trimmed to the top two for a grand total of 12 covered execu-

That exempts Delta chief financial officer M. Michele Burns, whose base salary of \$560,000 has ballooned to \$3,062,910. Also exempted is Jeff A. Smisek, Continental executive vice president, who has gone from \$540,000 to \$2,987,860. And the exempted Southwest's Kelleher surpassed Delta's Mullin when he realized \$13,943,075 last year in exercising stock options. Highly profitable Southwest, incidentally, shares significantly in the bailout.

In fact, Mullin, whose pay raise launched the congressional exercise in dictating compensation, was not able to bank anything like the much advertised \$12.9 million. He actually received \$2,196,188, with the additional \$10 million estimated to be realized over the next decade.

Congressional passion over executive pay was surpassed by American Airlines labor unions, which protested bonuses granted to executives. American CEO Donald J. Carty (whose bonus was \$1.1 million) prostrated himself Monday in canceling bonuses, abjectly apologizing to employees and union leaders, and promising to be "a better person." The bonuses, approved by an independent board of directors, were an attempt to stem the flow of 14 officers plus many senior managers from American to more lucrative industries over the past 18 months. That's the way the capitalist system works, when it is free from quirky congressional intervention.

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contests is Saturday, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria. Only residents of Districts 2 and 6 will be allowed to vote for candidates in their district. In District 2, incumbent

Oscar Garcia is facing challengers "Woody" Jumper, Manuel

and Ramirez Gamboa Jr. District 6 incumbent Greg Biddison is challenged by Ronnie Carter and Frances Billalba-McKiski.

In the congressional race, 908 people turned out to the Howard County Courthouse to vote, while 29 people mailed in bal-

Saturday, county residents wishing to vote in the House of Representatives showdown will go to a voting

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fund-raisers such as "Denim and Diamonds," and delivered flowers and candy for Valentine's Day.

WIND

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The damage was mostly structural in nature.

"We got all the computers out in time," Stewart

Winds, reported up to 65 miles an hour, ripped through Howard County while a large thunderstorm left 0.27 inches of rain in the county, said Todd Lindley, forecaster with the National Weather Service Midland.

"The storm came out of the northwest corner of Howard County and headed southeast," Lindley said. "The winds were the main threat."

building, which houses a

"Star Retardation fourth grade class, unusable. Administrators are using the school's library

Knowledge and Skills testing which continues today for most of the

repairs where being completed Tuesday.

portable to be back to full use by Thursday.

Today's weather is

to temporarily house the 16 to 17 students. According to George Martin, Moss Elementary principal, the inconvenience didn't disrupt Texas Assessment of

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Precinct 3 voting will be at Goliad Intermediate Republican; Richard School and Precinct 4 vot-"Chip" Peterson, Thomas ers will go to the Big Libertarian; Spring High School cafe-Flournoy, Constitution; Randy Neugebauer, Republican; Stace Williams, Republican; David R. Langston, Republican; E.L. "Ed'

> West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Volunteer Judy Jarmes will be recognized as the Rookie of the Year. She logged more than 202 hours this past year.

and the students have The luncheon is being provided outstanding serheld in conjunction with vice and contributed to National Volunteer Week.

Jamie Berryhill, Republican; Vickie Sutton, Republican; and Donald May, Republican.

In the likely event that no congressional recieves at least 50 percent of the votes, a runoff election will be held.

Voters in both city and federal elections should bring their voter registration card or another form of identification with

Independent: them to the polls. Picture ID is not required.

For more information about the city race, contact City Secretary Peggy Walker at 264-2514. For more information about the congressional contest. contact County Clerk Donna Wright at 264-2213.

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ABILENE (AP) — The smoke burned Kris Leija's lungs. He could feel the heat from the flames licking at the apartment complex. He didn't care about himself, just the children who needed his help.

He didn't hesitate to become a rescuer even with the possibility that police might recognize him as a probation violator. They did, and after a few television interviews to describe his Sunday morning heroics, Leija finds himself sitting in the Taylor County **Detention** Center.

"I didn't even think about myself," Leija said Tuesday in the visitors' area of the jail. "I thought about the victims who lived there. I didn't care about what happened to me.

"I felt like God put me there for a reason." If he had it to do over, Leija said he would change

nothing.

Senators: Check overseas, firsdt

Senators: commission needed to study overseas mil-

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress needs an independent analysis of its overseas military installations before it begins to consider closing any U.S. domestic bases, two U.S. senators said Tuesday.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., want Congress to create an independent overseas base commission and introduced legislation Tuesday to create the panel. The commission would evaluate overseas military bases for one year and issue recommendations to Congress, much like what will be done in 2005 for domestic military installations.

"As we looked at the 2005 (base closings) round it became very clear we needed to have the information about overseas bases, about training constraints, about whether we are in the right location for the threats of the times, before we decide what bases should stay open and what should be closed in the United States," Hutchison said.

Hutchison is chairman of the Senate Appropriations military construction subcommittee and Feinstein is the ranking Democrat.

Hutchison said the proposed military construction budget for 2004 is \$1 billion and more than 70 percent of that is in Europe and Korea: She said President Bush's 2004 budget request includes \$174 million for a base in South Korea and \$284 million for Germany, which is part of \$500 million overall he's requested for

Senate signs off on budget bill

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Senate on Tuesday signed off on a \$117.7 billion budget bill that trims spending to education, public safety and other areas,

while slightly increasing funding to health and human services.

The 2004-05 proposed spending plan provoked passionate discussion in the 31-member Senate, but the bill passed 26-5 without the divisive debate the House engaged in when it OK'd its budget two weeks ago. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he was proud of the

bipartisan effort. "We've focused on maintaining our core, essential

services," he said.

Five Democrats voted against the bill and some supporters had reservations about how lawmakers dealt with a \$9.9 billion shortfall. Republican Bill Ratliff, an influential senator from

Mount Pleasant, said he voted for the bill "with a very heavy heart because I don't think it's worthy of the great state of Texas.' He said he was prepared to stay in session until the

end of this fiscal year Aug. 31 to force the House to

pass a tax bill to fund what he called critical needs. The regular session ends June 2. "I think we could have done better if the Senate had been willing to stand shoulder to shoulder and say we will not accept this," said Ratliff, the former lieutenant governor. "I wish I could say I'm proud of this

product. I can't say that." Dewhurst said a tax bill is "DOA."

School finance overhaul eminent

A school finance overhaul in Texas seems eminent. The House on Tuesday gave tentative approval to a bill repealing the state's school finance law, while GOP Speaker Tom Craddick announced a select committee of 23 House members to look for a permanent and equitable school finance solution.

The legislation OK'd Tuesday would repeal so-called Robin Hood by 2005, giving schools an additional \$1.2 billion in funding to share while lawmakers figure out a new system. Many lawmakers, including the Republican leadership, campaigned on ridding the state of the divisive Robin Hood.

The House debated a measure by Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, that would allow universities to substantially increase undergraduate tuition right away while laying plans for full tuition deregulation

The bill is a priority of Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Tuition flexibility is a needed tool," Morrison said. She and other backers of the bill said the cost of higher education in Texas continues to be a bargain, and that universities don't need to be restricted by a rigid, statewide tuition price structure.

*Opponents claimed the measure would strap middleclass families with higher tuition costs and that thousands of students would be diverted away from colleges and universities.

They also argued that it's an attempt to turn the state's two flagship universities — the University of Texas and Texas A&M _ into higher-priced "elitist" institutions.

"That is all this bill is about ... to create two Harvards in Texas, or whatever they want to call it," said Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Port Arthur. "Let's slow down, take a look at the effects and consequences.

Student groups oppose the bill. Leaders of the flagship universities favor it.

Gay foster parents bill halted

A bill that would have banned gay people from being foster parents has been stopped in its tracks.

Rep. Kenny Marchant, chairman of the Republicandominated House State Affairs Committee, said Monday that the measure doesn't have the support needed to pass.

That's good news for folks like Ken Lambrecht and Ken Stein who plan to adopt their 2-year-old foster

"She's not being raised by two gay men, but two wonderful families," Stein said.

Marchant said compelling testimony by bill opponents was a factor in trashing the bill, along with the \$15.7 million price tag.

Randall Ellis, the executive director for the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said he will continue to work against the bill filed by Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, until May 12, the last day a bill can be voted out of a committee.

Enron Broadband indictments

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal grand jury has reportedly named at least five former Enron Broadband employees in a sealed indictment that focuses on the failed energy trading company's Internet business.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle that the indictment was handed up in federal court on Tuesday.

John Kroger and Ben Campbell, Enron Task Force prosecutors who have led the investigation into the Houston-based company's Internet business, brought grand jurors before U.S. Magistrate Marcia Crone.

The sources who spoke on condition of anonymity have previously indicated the specific charges would probably be largely in connection with statements made at a meeting with analysts in 2000 and could include insider trading, stock fraud and money laun-

The Chronicle reported Wednesday that government prosecutors were also expected to seek a superseding indictment this week against former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, which could mean more charges or defendants, or both. Fastow was first indicted almost six months ago on 78 counts of fraud, money laundering and obstruction of justice relating to a series of side partnerships.

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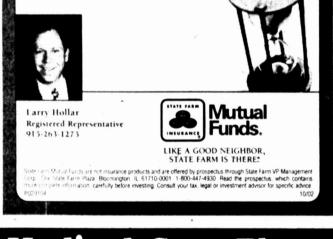
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HOB P). Do you have someone in your office that loves to whine? Do you work with the public in a stressful area? If this is the case, then "Dealing with People You Can't Stand," (158.2 BRI R) by Rick Brinkman, is the book for you. Brinkman begins with 10 specific behaviors that represent people at their worst: Whiner, the grenade, the

yes person and it goes on from there. How do you survive in such a situation? Brinkman gives you specific goals and action steps in dealing with these characters. If you want to diffuse difficult people and situations, then this book will certainly give you excellent techniques in coping with and ultimately changing their behavior.

"Lost Languages" (411.09 ROB A) and "Illustrated Hieroglyphics Handbook" (411 SCH R) are two of the most interesting books I have looked at in awhile. The first book deals with un-deciphered ancient scripts that have yet to be broken. The greatest mystery is the Indus script that is found on copper tablets, excavated in Pakistan and India. If it was deciphered, then the history of Indus River civilization would shed new light on the origins of our Indo-European ancestors. What do hieroglyphic pictures mean? In "Illustrated

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Are you buying or selling a house? "The Complete Book of Home Inspections" (643.12 BEC N) will be most helpful to either one. Norman Becker, P.E. will take you step by step through the inspection process. From the proper tools needed, inspection of roof and roof-mounted structures, basements, floors, walls and mechanicals, Becker will walk you through the whole procedure. He has included inspection forms that the homeowner could use to "pre-inspect" his or her home to discover any potential problems before putting the house on the market.

Do you need a new hobby? How about stained glass? The library has received two new books upon that very subject. "Stained Glass in an Afternoon," (748.5028 PAY V) by Vickie Payne, and "Simple Glass Crafts," (748 LEV M) by Marthe Le Van, can get you started. Another great hobby is quilting. Karol Kavaya, in "Quilting 20 Fresh and Fabulous Projects," (746.46 KAV K) has quick and easy projects to make in a weekend. Projects range from bibs

Have the kids all gotten married or gone off to school and you have forgotten how to cook just for the two of you? Check out "Cooking for Two," (641.561 BET H) published by Better Homes and Gardens, for some fresh ideas. Then make something chocolate from "Hershey's Chocolate for Every Season" (641.6374 MER B). How about "Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread" or "Cinnamon Sour-Cream Cake?" Just be sure to bring some by the library for the staff to sample! I made the Aprico-White Chocolate-Oatmeal cook-

they were scrumptious. On the morning of June 30, 1908, a comet nucleus or stony asteroid weighing 100,000 metric tons exploded four miles above the remote Siberian region of Tunguska with a force hundreds of times greater than the blast that destroyed Hiroshima. Eighty-four years later, American astronomer Roy Gallant was invited by the Russian Academy of Sciences to participate in its annual Tunguska Expedition. Gallant was the first American to take part in the Russian

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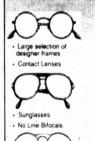
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and writing about meteorite impact sites around the globe. Read his newest book: "Meteorite Hunter: The Search for Siberian Meteorite Craters" (523.5109 GAL R); it is a fascinating journey to the major meteorite sites of the wild and desolate Russian interior.

We have gotten such a lot of new non-fiction books that I have prepared a list of them that you can find in the New Book Binder at the front desk.

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Texas outslug Blue Jays, 16-11

TORONTO (AP) - Blue Jays fans paid \$1 for tickets and saw a lot of runs scored — just not enough for Toronto to win.

Juan Gonzalez and Carl Everett each homered twice to lead the Texas Rangers over the Blue Jays 16-11 Tuesday night in front of a crowd of 48,097, the largest since opening day.

The fans turned out at SkyDome after the Blue Jays offered the cheap seats in an effort to show Toronto remains vibrant despite SARS.

"It was good to see the people come out. Unfortunately, we didn't give them a win," said Blue Jays starter Mark Hendrickson, who allowed five runs and five hits in just 2 2-3 innings.

Alex Rodriguez and Todd Greene also homered for the Rangers, who have won a franchise-record nine straight against Toronto.

Greene, a former Blue Jays player, said it was nice to see such a large crowd.

"I had no doubt the fans would come out to support their city. I love Toronto. I enjoyed playing here and I had no concerns coming here," Greene said.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the first off Hendrickson (1-4), and his three-run shot off Jeff Tam in the sixth gave Texas a 12-4 lead. Gonzalez has eight homers this season, and 45 career multihomer games.

Everett has nine homers this year, and 15 multihomer games. Gonzalez drove in a season-high five runs and Everett knocked in

"It's good to show the pitching we can score some runs," Everett

Rodriguez hit his 19th career homer at SkyDome, surpassing Jose Canseco for the most by a visiting player.

"This is one of my favorite stadiums. I think it's one of the best in baseball." Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez is 9-for-11 with nine RBIs in his last two games. He went 5-for-5 with six RBIs Sunday.

Francisco Cordero got four outs for his first save.

Toronto trailed 12-4 before scoring three runs in the seventh and four in the eighth.

Send-off ceremony slated for Lady Hawks

The Howard College Lady Hawks will get the grand treatment this afternoon when they depart for the 2003 Region V Tournament in Abilene.

Howard College officials announced Tuesday they would be staging a special send-off ceremony for the women's softball team beginning at 4 p.m. at the women's dorm.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to begin play in the Region V Tournament tomorrow morning against North Central Texas College of Gainesville. The game will start at 9 a.m.

Two to Tango





Big Spring seniors Ashley Smith (left) and Courtney Brock were the latest area high school standouts to agree to play in the All Americas Basketball Classic in July. The girls game will be held at 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on July 26.

Brock, Smith ready to power South in All Americas hoops

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Courtney Brock and Ashley Smith helped carry the Big Spring Lady Steers to within a whisper of the Class 4A state playoffs this past season. Now, they'd like to go one step farther and win a post-season

Brock and Smith will get their chance in July when the 2003 All Americas Basketball Classic tips off in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game, which is set for July 26, will bring together some of the area's top high school seniors as well as athletes from throughout the southwestern United States.

The two BSHS seniors were among the latest area players to announce their intentions to play for the South squad, which will be led by former Texas Tech standout and current Sterling City head coach Nikki

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"We're thrilled to have courtney and Ashley coming to play in the basketball game. They're both quality players who should be able to contribute a lot to the South," said All Americas vice president John Armstrong.

Stanton's Ashley Newell has also agreed to participate. Big Spring senior Krystle Long was also invited but may be unable to participate. Long relocated to Colorado at the end of the 2002 basketball season.

Brock and Smith, along with juniors LeKenya Wrightsil and Leina Braxton, starred this past year for the Lady Steers. Brock was among the team leaders in assists and averaged just under

eight points a game. Smith, a 6foot post, gave the Lady Steers a strong presence inside. She, too, averaged nearly eight points a game through the season under first-year head coach Gary Miller.

With Brock, Smith and Long in the lineup, the Lady Steers rolled to a fourth-place finish in the District 4-4A race, finishing behind only Estacado, Levelland and Frenship.

The All Americas Basketball Classic, now in its second year, is a part of the All Americas Bowl, an international six-man football all-star game featuring players from four countries. The all-star football will be played on July 26.

The All Americas basketball camp begins July 23 with the opening of practice. The boys teams will play Friday evening in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The girls will play at 1 p.m. on July 26.

IN BRIEF

BSHS physicals will be given in May

Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held in the first part of May.

Male and female doctors will be available. For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin

Sweetwater hoops classic set for May

at 264-3662.

The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 16-18. This tournament is for boys and girls in all age divisions.

The entry fee is \$185 for a guaranteed three games.

For more informacontact Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-

Bass club to host

annual event in May
The Big Spring Bass
Club will host its 13th Annual Open Bass Tournament on May 3 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

The tournament, which is set to run from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., will be headquartered at the Concho Park Store. The weighin site will be the boat ramp.

For more information contact, tournament coordinator Jerry Jones at 263-2366 or 263-4329 or via e-mail at bassman203@lycos.com

CJHS cheerleaders set to make debut

able to get its first glimpse of the Coahoma Junior High School cheerleaders Thursday when they debut at fundraiser.

The cheerleaders are sponsoring a \$5 barbecue dinner on May 1. The meal will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the CJHS gymnasium.

For more information contact, Neasa Iden at 399-4443 or 270-4743.

UTPB schedules June volleyball camps

University of Texas-Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicinea will be conducting three camps this summer for area spikers. The camps will be limited to 24 per session.

Students in grades 7-8 will workout June 9-13, while grades 9-10 meet from June 16-20. Junior and senior athletes will compete from July-18. For more information

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Rangers put Park on DL

ARLINGTON (AP) -Struggling right-hander Chan Ho Park was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday by the Texas Rangers because of a strained lower back.

The move was retroactive to Monday, a day after Park (1-3, 7.16 ERA) allowed five runs on four hits and five walks in four innings against the New York Yankees. He threw more balls than strikes (48-44) in the game the Rangers came back to win 10-7 after falling behind 5-4.

Rangers also recalled infielder Mike Lamb from Triple-A Oklahoma and called up infielder Donnie Sadler.

Catcher Chad Kreuter, signed by the Rangers during the offseason to be Park's personal catcher like he had been with the Los Angeles Dodgers.



Members of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf soccer team claimed a 6-4 exhibition win over the African Association squad of Texas Tech Saturday at the SWCID field.

Spurs hold off Suns' rally, take 3-2 lead in series

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even the Spurs don't know which San Antonio team will show up for Game 6 against Phoenix: the cohesive one that built a 24-point halftime lead in Game 5, or the clumsy one that almost squandered it.

The Spurs saw their advantage trimmed to six points with 1:49 left, but Tim Duncan made all six of his free throws in the final minute and

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San Antonio held on for a 94-82 win over Phoenix Tuesday to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

on Thursday. "There's no way they're going to

The next game will be in Phoenix

lay down for us," said Duncan, who scored 23 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the Spurs.

Game 5 was easy for the Spurs for the first two quarters.

They shot better than 50 percent from the floor and excelled at the free-throw line. On defense, they allowed the Suns only 10 baskets and outrebounded them 31-11.

The Suns, who wiped out big leads in their victories in Games 1 and 4, made the second half worth watching. They opened the third quarter with a 19-5 run that cut San Antonio's lead to 59-49.

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Parcells, Jones draft RB with final pick

IRVING (AP) - This time, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones waited until the end to do his trading in the NFL draft, and only then got a running back.

And Jones and new coach Bill Parcells seemed to co-exist well. Both are known to be powerful forces during the draft, and this was their first together.

Instead of trading down on the first day like a year ago, the Cowboys stuck with their No. 5 overall pick and took Kansas State cornerbackreturner Terence Newman on Saturday.

Newman's proven ability at cornerback, a position where the team needed help, plus his return skills overshadowed questions about nerve damage in his left shoulder and the fact he'll be 25 when the season begins, about two years older than the average first-rounder.

On Sunday, Cowboys traded their last pick, sending their second seventh-round pick (236th overall) to Detroit for running back Aveion Cason. Dallas, which has let NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith go. didn't take a running back with any of its seven picks.

In between Newman's pick and their draft-ending trade, the Cowboys tried to follow the pattern that worked so well a year before in a draft that produced five players that started last season for the Cowboys.

After their three picks including Saturday, potential starters Wisconsin center Al Johnson in the second round and Tennessee tight end Jason Witten in the third round, the Cowbovs added LSU linebacker Bradie James in the fourth round to start Sunday.

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Perfection: Watkins' performance is one for the ages

something every athlete sidelines in the universe wants every time they take center stage.

Unfortunately for athletes is a lot harder than eight of his season-high 79 it appears. There are so many intangibles involved — especially in a team sort — that even the professionals struggle and rarely reach perfection. It happens on occasion, but not real often.

What makes Alex Watkins' perfect game Friday afternoon against Pampa Lady Harvesters an amazing occurrence is the fact that the Big Spring High School sophomore has turned the trick twice in the last year. Even in an area like this known to be a baseball/softball hotbed,

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the feat is mind-boggling. Sometimes it even amazes those who sit and watch. In the 20 years yours truly has been covering sports in Alaska, Texas, Colorado, Kansas and Canada, Watkins' perfect game was a first for me. Somehow, it ranks right near the top of the memories the brain perspective, the 5-foot-10 has accumulated — ranking right up there with his feet, hop in the air watching former Houston and nearly kick the rim of Oilers defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan punch then land on his feet offensive coordinator again.

The perfect game. It's Kevin Gilbride on the in Astrodome.

Perhaps it's even more sport's special than watching 15-year-Dewayne Miles rack up old world touchdowns Silverton-in the 1995 state event, playoffs.

In the past 20 years, only thing thing comes to mind as being more remarkable. That being watching Petey Salaiz become only the second high school running back in the state to crack the 10,000-yard rushing barrier during his senior season. Salaiz, who graduated in 1996, finished his senior year with more than 3,000 yards.

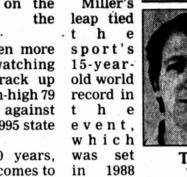
Speaking of memorable performances. Miller turned in an inspiring effort this past weekend at the Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska. The 15-year-old sophomore at Barrow High School tied the world record in the One-Foot High Kick by

reaching 114 inches. To put that into better miller can stand flat on a basketball goal — and

pool one last time next

If he didn't sign again,

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TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

age's Brian Randazzo at the Arctic Winter Games. The record was tied last year at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics by Point Hope's Jesse Frankson.

recent AMBUC Big Spring Relays went off an impressive effort by the BSHS staff.

First, there are the multitude of your athletes all scattered about, each with their own agenda, concerns and needs. Then there's volunteers to find and organize. Then, there's the concerns and needs of every other team attending.

The success by which the meet was run was due to one thing, according the Big Spring trainer Andy Rankin, the countless volunteers and sponsors who gave of their Staging a high school resources to make the track meet can be trying meet run without too experience for any coach. many hitches. Among the A fact that makes the businesses who helped

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Texans hope drafting

Charley Casserly says an sign, he enters the draft NFL team can't have too many quarterbacks. But year. what about third basemen?

Despite former agent in 2005. Michigan star Drew Henson's assertion last week that he's sticking with his baseball career and didn't want to be drafted, Houston selected the New York Yankees prospect in the round Sunday.

"I think with Drew Henson it's simple," Casserly said. "If Drew Henson came out when he was scheduled to, he certainly would have been a first-round pick."

Casserly said Henson might have been a top-10 or top-five pick in the 2001 draft had he not signed a \$17 million, sixyear contract with the New York Yankees. And, Casserly added, unidentified team told him moments after the pick that they would have taken Henson if Houston hadn't.

Last week, Henson was blunt when asked if he had left football behind, calling it a "stupid question" and implied that a team would be wasting a pick on him. Sunday, he declined to address his selection entirely.

"I am concentrating on baseball right now," Henson said through a Clippers Columbus spokesman.

However, the talk persists because Henson isn't distinguishing himself at New York's Class AAA affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, where he came into weekend hitting below .200 and averaging a strikeout per every three at-bats. Those stats are a contrast to his final year at Michigan, when he completed 61 percent of his passes for 2,146 vards, 18 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Henson himself has acknowledged the Texans might have taken him first in the 2002 draft instead of David Carr had Henson had a successful senior season Michigan.

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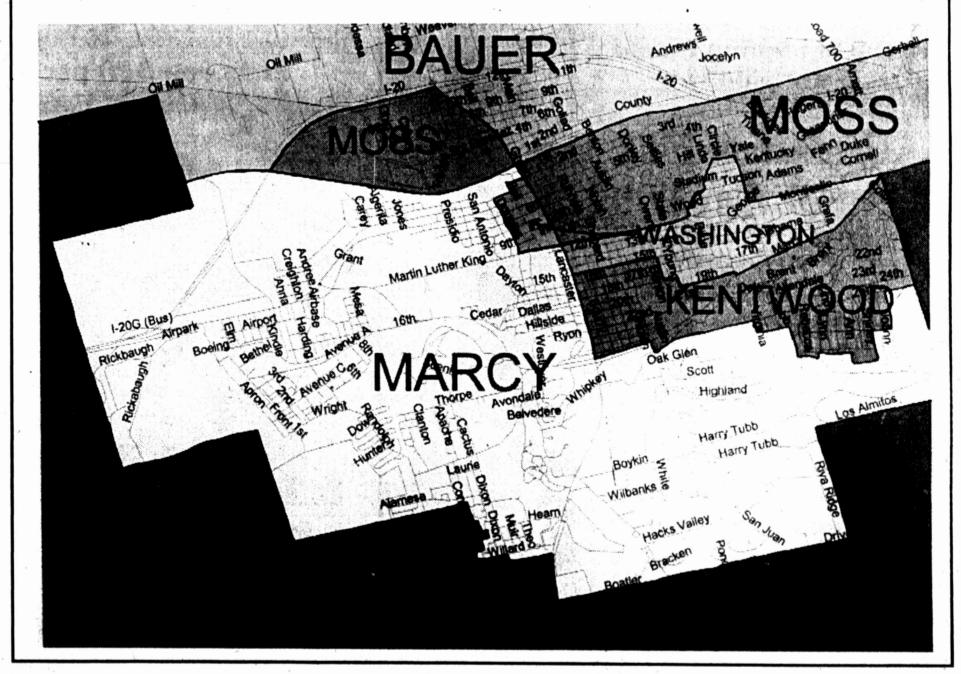
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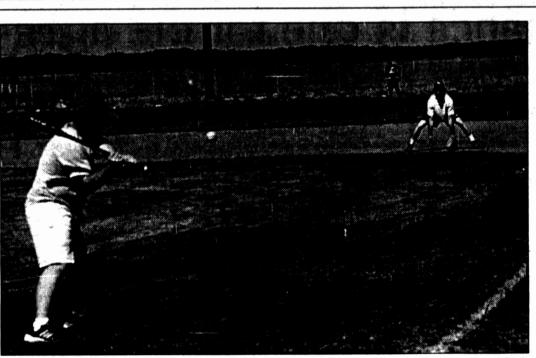
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The Coahoma Bulldogs went through fielding drills this week in an effort to prepare for the bi-district playoff series with Lubbock Roosevelt. The 3-game series begins Friday.

'Dogs will open 2A playoffs against Lubbock Roosevelt

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs are going to get another shot at the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles — this time, on the baseball field.

Coahoma is scheduled to open a bestof-3 playoff series against Lubbock Roosevelt Friday afternoon at the Lamesa High School field. The final two games, if needed, of the Class 2A bi-district playoff series will be played on Saturday.

The Bulldogs head into the showdown showcasing a deceiving 12-9 record. The Bulldogs, the District 3-2A runner-ups, faced several large opponents this season and outslugged Colorado City in their final loop outing by a 14-11 margin.

Senior catcher Billy-Bob Walker leads the CHS attack along with shortstop/pitcher Kelby Kemper and Sam

Roosevelt, which ended the Bulldogs' basketball playoff run earlier this year in the bi-district round, comes into the series with a 22-5 mark for the year.

The Coahoma Lady Bulldogettes will also open the 2003 playoffs this week by facing Grape Creek in the area

The two teams are scheduled to play at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Lee High School.

Grape Creek, which lost to Coahoma last year in the playoffs, by a 5-3 mark earned the right to face the Bulldogettes by downing Fort Hancock, 11-0, last Friday.

Bass club will host its annual tourney this weekend at Ivie

The Big Spring Bass Club will host its 13th Open Bass Annual Tournament on May 3 at Lake O.H. **Iv**ie:

The tournament, which is set to run from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., will be headquartered at the Concho Park Store. The weigh-in site will be the boat ramp.

The tournament, which benefits the club's Kid's Tournament and Families

in Need, will hand out more than \$3,000 in prize money, including \$1,200 to the first-place finisher. The angler landing the

biggest bass will receive \$360. The second-largest fish landed will earn its angler a \$200 prize.

For more information about the Big Spring Bass Club or the upcoming tournament, persons can contact BSBC president and tournament coordinator Jerry Jones at (915) 263-2366 or 263-4329 or via e-mail bassman203@lycos.com.



Lehtinen's two goals power Stars to 1st win over Ducks

were looking as if they might never lose. They knew better.

Jere Lehtinen scored twice, and Marty Turco stopped 31 shots Monday night as the Dallas Stars defeated Anaheim 2-1 in their Western Conference semifinal series.

The Ducks still lead the best-of-seven series 2-1, with Game 4 set for tonight.

"It's a tough loss, for sure. But we didn't think we were going to win 16 Anaheim's straight," Keith Carney said after the Ducks lost for the first time in seven playoff games.

"We knew there was going to be some adversi-

 The Mighty Ducks and this was just a little stumbling block for us. But we'll get back on our horse on Wednesday."

> While pleased with the outcome, Dallas coach Dave Tippett wasn't happy with the Stars' performance in Game 3.

"We did not play nearly as good as the first We have a series now." he games," he said. "It's said.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) ty through the playoffs. funny how this game goes sometime."

The Ducks Stanley Cup champion Detroit in the opening series and then won the first two against Dallas.

Ducks' coach Mike Babcock said the Stars simply won Game 3.

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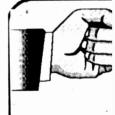
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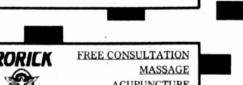
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gry - hungry for a hearty lunch, a fat raise and a beefy promotion. And hungry for s w e e t words,



Joyce Jillson

juicy kisses and a bigger piece of the proverbial pie. The smarter ones will figure out that providing some of life's niceties for others is the best way to get them in your own life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A tortoise-and-haretype race is featured at work. Though it's diffi-

cult for you, speedy fire sign that you are, take the winning role in this game, and be more careful with choices made along the way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Keep an ear out for a new financial opportunity. What's cool, lucrative and timely will be discussed in appropriately hushed tones, since everyone wants to be part of the first wave (i.e. the ones who make the big money).

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Family members have demands, though nobody will actually be "demanding" but rather "implying," "suggesting" "urging." and, later, You're in tune to what when others mean they're not bold enough

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to say what they mean. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Relationships come in all shape and sounds. Be mindful not to judge someone else's main attraction. What works for others might seem like living in Hades to you, but it takes all kinds. Interfering won't

help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The most profound limits self-imposed are change your mind-set. Even when people get on your nerves, you are sweet. Tonight, you've got a way of making up for lost time and will be effective with friends or clients from the past.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(April 30). It's simply too easy to succeed this year, but it never was supposed to be as hard as you were making it. In May, you leap up to a new career level by taking added job responsibility. Long hours on the job can leave a loved one feeling ignored. July is all about love for singles and couples alike. Best signs for new relationships are Gemini and Pisces. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 12, 6, 18 and 3.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feel slightly out of control? Wait it out, and it will pass by the afternoon. Besides, there are new sources of inspiration that can be tapped when you release the need to command everything. Not everything should be predictable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone's passiveaggressive action could have you going when you want to stay. No! You've got the bright ideas, so take charge! Show the boss you care, and appreciation soon comes to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stop pursuing a new love. Leave space, and this person will come to you. It's nice to know you're wanted and needed. Though family members may still be in a dispute over money, you've moved into neutral territory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You owe it to vourself to forgive and forget. It may seem absurd to say, "Don't take it personally." But much of what has happened had to do with your partner's earlier life, and you had nothing to do with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know just what to say and how to say it, probably due to recent reading materials. Continue to stay current. Lively conversations keep a relationship fresh

the verbal showdown.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When what's out there doesn't appeal to you, check inside. You may be harboring some guilt or anger that's keeping you from accepting pretty things into your life. The stars are perfect for purging.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When things go wrong, only the weak will complain about it. Without a word, you get busy. Relying on others hinders your ability to tap into your own resources. This will be true both at work and at play.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: After graduating from college, I moved from Canada to the United States, where I met my husband. My has always family enjoyed my husband's company and, until recently, liked him very

After having our first child, we decided to move back to Canada, near my parents, so we could have some help looking after our son. In fact, we moved right around the cornér from their house. For the first few months, we spent a great deal of time together. Then my mother started complaining about little things that my husband does. She also repeated these negative remarks to our

extended family. My husband and I have had some problems over the years, and unfortunately, my mother has witnessed us bickering. Naturally, that added to the pot of ammo she has used against him. My husband feels the tension when we are in Mom's home, although he tries to act like there is nothing wrong, and he is very polite to her. The final straw was last week, when my husband's car broke down and we needed to borrow one of Mom's cars to get him to his job interview. She refused, saying she's "not doing any favors for

him.' I chose this man as my husband, and whether Mom likes him or not, I want her to accept us as a married couple. She has made it clear she is disappointed in my decision to stay with him and that I've "married a loser." After these comments, we had a terrible fight and haven't spoken for over a

I'm considering moving away, but it makes me sad to think my son will be missing his family. What should I do? — Too Close in Ontario

Dear Ontario: There's a reason for the saying "Familiarity breeds contempt." You don't have to move to another country. but it would help if you didn't live quite so close to Mom. She should not be witnessing everything that goes on between you



Annie's Mailbox

and your husband. A married couple's life

ought to be private. Tell Mom you are sorry if she does not approve of your husband, but you are sticking by him and you expect her to treat him with civility. Period.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Unintentional Felon in Texas" was written by me. I am the wife who allowed her husband to bring a drug-using friend into our home. I was arrested on a felony charge, even though I did not use any drugs. You gave me some words of encouragement, and I thought I'd tell you what

happened. The charges were bumped up to first-degree felony with the intent to deliver. My ex-husband pleaded no contest, but, thankfully, the charges against me were dropped. I could have spent a long time in prison. I am single again, felony-less, and I thank God every day for giving me a second chance. — No Felon in Texas

Dear Texas: Thanks for the update. We're glad to know justice prevailed.

Dear Annie: Many of my friends are graduating from different colleges on the same day, and many of my cousins are graduating from high school that same day. So is my younger brother. I love them all and don't want to miss a moment. but these graduations are spread out all over the state.

How can I pick one person's ceremony over another's without creating conflict? Your advice is greatly appreciated. — Torn over Lambskins

Dear Lambskins: Your brother's ceremony comes first, and your friends and cousins will understand. If you have time to attend another ceremony, select the one that is closest. As for the ones whose ceremonies you will miss, phone and give them your best wishes, along with your regrets.

Dear Annie: My husband has cancer and is in the last stages of the disease. We have been married 37 years, and I try to comfortable. It doesn't seem matter. Everything I do displeases him. He simply doesn't want me here. My husband never has a conversation with me. He stays in the bedroom all day and either reads or sleeps. It's as if he wants

me to be miserable, too. My husband has always been a caring person, but he has become distant and silent. I wish I could undo his disease and bring back the man he was. I barely know him now, and although it may sound terrible, I truly don't want to be around him any longer. My life has become unbearable. Please don't tell me to get counseling. I have no insurance and cannot afford it. Any other suggestions? -- We Live in **Texas**

Dear Texas: Your hus-

band is understandably depressed, and you are under tremendous strain as well. But he needs you now. There are some wonderful support organizations for those with cancer and their caregivers. Please contact the American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329, 1-800-ACS-2345 (1-800-227-2345) / (www.cancer.org) orAssociation of Cancer Online Resources at

www.acor.org. Dear Annie: boyfriend, "Donald," won't sleep with me, and I mean SLEEP. Sex is not a problem. In fact, it's great. But when it's time for bed, Donald walks over to the sofa and plumps up the pillow. It really bothers me. By the way, Donald is 51, and I am 35.

At first I thought I snored, kicked or stole the covers, but when I asked him, he insisted it has nothing to do with me. He said he simply is accustomed to sleeping alone. In the 20 years he was married, he traveled a lot on business and was only home four or five days a month. When he changed jobs, he worked days, and his ex-wife worked nights. They apparently never went to bed at the same time.

Donald says of allthe faults to be upset about, I sure picked a small one, and he can't figure out why I am mak? ing such an issue of it. Is there any way for him to understand that mydesire to share a bed each night is not so unusual? Except for this one problem, Donald makes me happier than I have ever been. Am I being selfish to want him to fall asleep next to me at night? --Sleeping Solo

California Dear Solo: You are not: being selfish, but it's obvious Donald is more comfortable having his own sleeping space. It would require a major. effort for him to adjust to sleeping with another person. Nonetheless, it's worth a try.

Can you afford to invest in a king-sized bed or a set of twins? Can you pull the sofa into the bedroom? Ask Donald to try some behavior modifica; tion, as a favor to you. If he sleeps in the same room with you every night for one month, he might get used to it. If it works, try sleeping in the same bed. If he is not willing to try, or if the experiment fails, you must decide how important this is to you. If the rest of your relationship is solid, this should not be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

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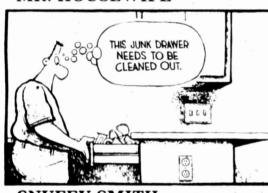








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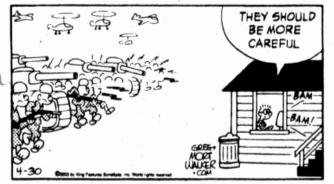
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) The Rock Bottom Remainders is one of the richest rock groups without a hit song _ but the band-mates have sold plenty of

The group is made up of successful authors who get together for one week each year to raise money for charity. Their motto is: "We play as good as Metallica writes novels.

Steve Martin moderated a discussion Friday with members of the band at UCLA's Royce Hall. Members include Amy Tan, Mitch Albom, Dave Barry, Kathi Kamen Goldmark, Scott Turow, Ridley Pearson, Roger Iles and Matt Groening.

Byrds co-founder Roger McGuinn is a special guest performer on this year's tour, which plays San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

The bandmates sat silently through many of Martin's questions _ not a huge surprise considering their joking tone.

"When you're in the middle of playing a song, what are you thinking?" Martin asked. "I mean, are you thinking about the song? Or are you thinking, 'I am so

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) James Taylor didn't have a guitar or even a microphone when he sang during the weekend, and he was backed up by Gov. Mike Easley and the Chapel Hill High School band. The song was "The Star-

Spangled Banner," and the occasion was a ceremony to unveil a sign naming a bridge in his honor. Taylor The "James

Bridge" sign will soon be posted where U.S. 15-501 South crosses · Morgan Creek. The award-winning singer and songwriter spent much of his childhood in Chapel Hill in a home near the creek, and the memories inspired his hit song "Copperline."

Taylor told the crowd of hundreds he felt strongly connected to the area, and he remembered waiting for the school bus and seeing a group of inmates chained together as they worked on the highway, while a truckload of chickens passed by.

"It was a different time," he said Saturday. "Things have gotten a lot better in many ways. Things have gotten more complicated, too.'

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