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April 6, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:

GROUD

50°-53°

BRIEFLY

TONIGHT TOMORROW

Deadline extended for Razzmatazz

The entry deadline for the Relay Rascal

Razzmatazz, a chil-

dren's pageant hosted

by Big Spring State

Hospital's Relay for

Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul," has been

Money raised during

the April 17 pageant

will go towards the

Society's Relay for Life

The age groups are 0-

months, 2-3 years, 4-5

years, 6-8 years and 9-12

years of age. Entry

forms are due Friday,

with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms are

available from the Big

Spring Area Chamber

of Commerce, 215 W.

According to project

coordinators. Children

Third Street.

Cancer

13-23

extended to Friday.

fund-raising drive.

12 months,

American

70°-73°

TUESDAY

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Rain and lightning may have dimmed a candle light vigil for adult and child victims last Thursday, but the elements didn't extinguished the flame.

The vigil, organized by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas and Victim Services, has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the First Baptist Church chapel.

"We've moved the vigil indoors to accommodate our Texas weather," said Linda Perez; assistant director of Victim Services.

Will be held at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church chapel.

Candle light vigil rescheduled for April 22

"We want to give everyone the opportunity to come out and support victims of crime. This is meant to create awareness in the community."

Lightning and rain postponed the ceremony Thursday night but didn't deter almost 40 people from heading out to the Heart of the City Park to participate.

"I was thrilled so many people were willing to brave the weather, but unfortunately the

lightning was to a point we were concerned about safety," said CASA Volunteer Coordinator Donna Mezera.

During the traditional outdoor service, more than 600 luminaries are lit to represent the adult and children victims both organizations serve.

"Each of these luminaries are placed inside a paper bag that has a silhouette; a boy for boys, a girl for girls and a woman and man for adults," Mezera said in an earlier Herald article.

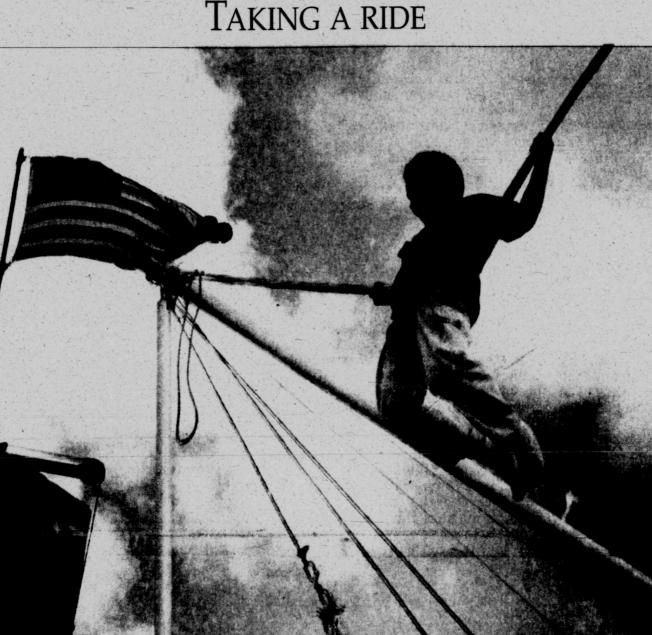
Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will read

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Neighborhood **Training Center**

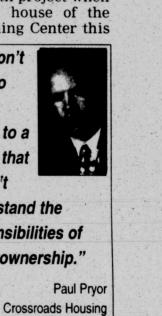
Crossroads Housing Development officials will show off the culmination of an eight-month project when they host an open house of the Neighborhood Training Center this month.





open house set By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer



for 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 16, at the **Crossroads Housing Development**

"We're hopeful that Texas Sen. Kel

Seliger will be here, and officials

from the Texas Department of

Housing will be attending the

Made possible through several

building, 201 NE Seventh.

event," Pryor said.

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Canceling election order

for Big Spring ISD Dist. 7

seat on agenda Thursday

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Big Spring Independent

School District board will

consider canceling the

order of election for the

May District 7 race

Furgueron, board vice

president, is uncontested

in the single-member

District 7 race, ensuring

Voters in two of the

BSISD single-member dis-

tricts will have a chance

to head to the polls as

each district has two can-

didates each seeking

Big Spring native Ricky

A. Robertson, a petroleum

his return to office.

Staff Writer

Thursday.

Candidate

who participate in the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz will also have time to attend and participate in the Health Fair.

THIS WEEKEND

noon.

American Profile

Hometown Hero: Amy Mossett, an American Indian of Mandan and Hidatsa origin, travels the country re-enacting the life of Sacajawea, the young native guide who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition on its westward journey in 1805. Mossett, of New Town, N.D., (pop. 1,367) has spent 15 years researching Sacajawea and is dedicated to portraying an accurate historical picture of the young Indian woman and tribal life during the period.

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HERALD photo /Thomas lenkins Old Sorehead Trade Days isn't just for adults, as 9-year-old Fernando Delgado of Big Spring takes a ride in the sky on one of the many amusement "rides" at the event. Delgado is a student at Bauer-Magnet School. Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton is held several times a year. Delgado had his fun last Saturday after-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The members of Re-Creation entertain the patients at the VA Medical Center Monday with songs and dance. This volunteer group of young people tour VA hospitals across the nation. Their efforts are made possible with support from the Bowlers to Veterans Links, the Elks National Service Commission, the Re-Creation Forces and the Veterans Fund.

Five killed along

I-20 detour near

Flood warnings remained in

effect today across South Texas,

where more rain was possible

after weather-related traffic fatalities and the death toll across the

town of Pecos

By The Associated Press

Texas drenched; death toll rises across border

border from the high water continued to rise.

A number of counties in South Texas were on the watch for possible flooding from the slow-moving storm system.

The National Weather Service early Tuesday and roads into two had flood warnings in effect into today in a triangle roughly formed by San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Laredo.

Throughout West and South Texas, residents battled high waters and hail storms. A portion of a grocery store roof col- Texas early Monday on a detour See RAINS, Page 3A

miles southwest of San Antonio, after 8 inches to a foot of hail blanketed the region on Sunday. Flooding forced closure of U.S. 377 at the U.S. 277 intersection Del Rio subdivisions were becoming impassible, said Jennifer Norton, a Val Verde County sheriff's dispatcher. Flooding was also reported at Loma Alta.

office.

Five people were killed in West

lapsed in Crystal City, about 80 route forced by a bridge washout on Interstate 20 near Pecos. while the death toll from a flash flood hitting the Mexican border city of Piedras Negras has risen to more than two dozen.

The weather-related fatalities in West Texas occurred in a fourvehicle wreck early Monday on U.S. Hwy. 285 in southeastern Reeves County, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

5:15 p.m. Thursday, **Big Spring High** School board room

planner Steve Jeter for the District 6 seat. Trustee Kent Sharp, whose term expires this year, opted not to run. He is the Republican nominee challenging incumbent Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, for Laney's seat in the Texas House.

In the District 5 race, long-time Big Spring educator Liz Lowery is in a race against two-term Incumbent Mike Dawson, board president.

In other business,

engineer consultant, will See BSISD, Page 5A square off with financial

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BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Obituaries

Bertha Bedford-Montgomery

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Bertha Bedford-Montgomery, 92, of Midland, died on Monday, April 5, 2004, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1911, in Wendom, marrying Ray Daniel Bedford, who preceded her in death in February of 1985. She later married O.B. Montgomery, who preceded her in death in September of 2003.

A memorial service will be held in Abilene at a later date. As she requested,

Bertha's body has been donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Helen Bedford of Midland; five grandchildren, SFC. Donald Bedford of Midland, James Bedford of Denver, Colo., William Bedford of Midland, Ricky Daw of Bentonville, Ark., and Vicky Kerr of Abilene: 15 great grandchildren, and 12 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, daughters, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, 79701

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

Paid obituary

Carl A. Benson



Carl A. Benson, 87, of Midland, passed away Monday, April 5, 2004.

He was born May 15, 1916, in Frazeysburg, Ohio. He grew up there and graduated from high school in 1934 and from Ohio State University in 1938.

He went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company as a Petroleum Engineer. His first assignment was in a district near Emporia, Kan. There he met Dolly Rodee. They were married June 15, 1940, and

lived in South Arkansas until World War II began.

Having been commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in the U.S. Army from Ohio State ROTC, he was called to duty in February, 1942. He was assigned to the Ninth Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division, then stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. He served 30 months in the European Theater during World War II and was discharged a captain in March, 1946.

Carl rejoined Phillips Petroleum Company in Minden, La. He was transferred to Phillips Headquarters in Bartlesville, Okla., in 1949, and to the Big Spring District Office in 1951. The next transfer was to Midland in 1965 and he moved his family to stand times Midland in June, 1965.

He retired from Phillips Feb. 1, 1980, after 42-1/2 years of service and continued to make Midland home. past president of the Jacksboro Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, and his parents and two sisters, Maureen Trantham and Jodie Goodman.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Pattie and Bob Pope of Naperville, Ill.; a son and daughter-inlaw, David L. and Christy Nations of Acton; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro has charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Mae "Rusty" Stuyvesant

Dorothy Mae "Rusty" Stuyvesant, 83, of Greenville, Pa., died Sunday, April 4, 2004. at UPMC Horizon Hospital following an extended illness. A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Adamsville Presbyterian Church, located in Adamsville, Pa., with the Rev. Dr. Mearl Henley, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Rocky Glen Cemetery.

She was born to the late Edward "E.J." Jones and Stella Debruler in Burlington, N.C., on Jan. 17, 1921. She married Herman "Herky" Stuyvesant on April 16, 1946.

She was a loan secretary at First National Bank of Mercer County for 27 years, retiring in 1983. Mrs. Stuyvesant was also a member of Adamsville Presbyterian Church and a 1938 graduate of Burlington High School.

She is survived by her son, Bruce W. "Skip" Stuyvesant and wife Dawn of New Cumberland, Pa.; a sister, Undine Kernodle and husband Alan of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and three sisters. Memorial contributions can be made to The Memorial and Honor Program at St. Judes Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1942.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Andrew H. Osborne III Funeral Home in Greenville, Pa. Condolences can be posted online at www.osbornefuneralhome.com

Wallace "Wally" Richardson

Wallace "Wally" Richardson, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday morning, April 4, 2004, at the Texas Veterans Home in Big Spring. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Kermit Cemetery with Rev. Henry Freund, pastor of the Community Church of Kermit, officiating. Military honors will be provided by VFW Post 4372 of Odessa.

Mr. Richardson was born At 22, 1922, in Okmulgee, Okla. He was the son of Henry Clarence Richardson and Ada Lee Daniels Richardson. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy in the Pacific. He was a Methodist and a member of Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Post 2013.

He is survived by one brother, Wayne Richardson of Kermit; one niece and; five nephews.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

• REBECCA GARZA, 25, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants.

• BRANDON EDWARDS, 18, of 809 E. 16th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRYON PAYNE, 18, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Johnson.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUB-STANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.

Sheriff's report

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

SHANA RENEE ROBBINS, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, speeding, violation of a promise to appear, bailsman off of bond for driving while license suspended and issuance of a bad check/theft.

 MARCUS MARTINEZ ARMENDAREZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance-more. than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

 LYNDELL BURL KNOX II, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a sentencing for a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass and possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.

• TAMMY K. SILEN, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.

 CHRISTOPHER LEE PARTRIDGE, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on sentencing for possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less and criminal trespass.

 QUINCY ODELL BELL, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance-more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

 JERRICK DELOVA STRAUGHTER, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of no fishing license and a violation of a promise to appear.

· BOBBY JOE HUTCHESON, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

 PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license suspended and bailsman off of bond for harboring a runaway child.

 JESSE CASTRUITO DELEON, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

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Carl and Dolly traveled extensively throughout the world during the 80s and early 90s. Then "home" became the best journey of all. Carl continued to enjoy his family, golf, reading and spectator sports. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Keystone Sunday School Class.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Josephine Benson; three sisters; and one brother, all of Ohio.

He is survived by Dolly, his wife of nearly 64 years; a son, Carl A. Benson Jr. and wife, Carol, of Richardson: a daughter. Sally Benson Papasan and husband, Randal, of Midland; four granddaughters, Catheryn and husband, Carlos Orihuela, of Memphis, Tenn., Courtney Benson of Dallas, Pamela and husband, Brian Garza, of Tucson, Ariz., and Amber and Randi Jo Papasan, of Midland; great grandchildren, Michael Avery and Nina Catheryn Orihuela, of Memphis, Tenn., Michael and Ashley Hamilton of Tucson, Ariz., Orion and Coryn Garza of Tucson, Ariz.,; several nieces and nephews in Ohio; and his devoted and caring friend, Marvin Dunn.

The Benson family gratefully thanks all the staff and volunteers of Hospice of Midland for their dedicated care and support of Carl and his family during his lengthy illness.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Edwards and the Rev. Larry Bailey officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

Paid obituary

Lemual Albert "Lem" Nations

Lemual Albert "Lem" Nations, 80, of Naperville, Ill., and a native of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Naperville. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jacksboro with the Rev. Howell Martin officiating. Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mr. Nations was born on Dec. 31, 1923, in Big Spring, the son of Clyde and Bessie Lee Hendricks Nations. He married Mary Joyce Mims on Feb. 27, 1946, in Big Spring.

He was a retired superintendent of the Jacksboro Independent School District. He had been a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksboro and a past president of the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce and



Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Light winds.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Light winds becoming west around 10 mph in the late morning.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Friday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Saturday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance

of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday and sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30

percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the upper 40s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Correction

In the description of a picture that appeared Wednesday, Rocky B. Armstead was incorrectly identified as a warrant officer in the Navy. Armstead served in the Army.



Lotterv

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-22-24-26. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$45,518. Winning ticket sold in: Corpus Christi. Matching four of five: 138. Prize: \$148. Matching three of five: 4,779. Prize: \$10. Matching two of five: 48,930. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-9

Take note

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, April 6 2004

LOCAL

SLIP SLIDING AWAY



Stanton Elementary second-grader Jordan Hale takes a headlong plunge down the inflatable slide at the Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton.

VIGIL

and the

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two proclamations at the beginning of the vigil, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and

Guest speakers for the evening are expected to be Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat, whose daughter was brutally killed about 13 years ago by a neighto heighten awareness of

Month.

Services Executive Director Shann Thomas, **Big Spring Police Chief** Lonnie Smith and Howard County Sheriff Dale L. Walker.

As part of the ceremony,

been specifically trained to perform a rape exam, log evidence, testify and deal with the emotions of a person who has been raped.

Debbie Jensen of CASA bor. The couple now work the first class of Howard will read a letter written County SANE (sexual by one of the children Lyndel Moody at 263-7331,

RAINS

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The two-lane highway was used as a detour for eastbound traffic on I-20 after a bridge over the normally dry Salt Draw was washed away Sunday evening by fast-moving water that had broken an upstream dam earlier in the day.

Two semi-trailers and a pickup truck were involved in the fatal collisions, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

The dead included tractor-trailer rig driver Melinda O'Brien, 43, of Passengers Spring. Marielena Martinez Garcia, 18, Ermilio Maya Lujan and Marco Antonio Camacho, who was from Zinapecuaro, Michoacan, Mexico, were all pronounced dead by Reeves County Justice of the Peace Jim Riley. DPS Trooper Richard Crum said only Camacho's hometown had been identified, but that the other Spanish-surnamed victims were also from Mexico.

Three others — Marcelo Castillo Reyes, 23, Jose Canizal Padilla, 28, and Jessica Guerara Cruz, 16, all of Mexico - were listed in stable condition Monday night at Reeves County Hospital.

Riley also pronounced pickup driver Paul Wesley "Wes" Wilkins, 26, of Kermit, dead at the scene about 20 miles

H-E-B Grocery is sponsoring the event. The Girl Scouts of Big Spring and Young Life have volunteered to build and light the luminaries.

Contact Staff Writer

southeast of Pecos.

Meanwhile, residents in the tiny town of Toyah were returning Monday to assess flood damage, which included homes and storage buildings. A Saturday night thunderstorm dropped about 8 inches of rain on the city of 100 in a two-hour period.

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"This is a poor little town, and unless we get help, I don't know what we'll do," Mayor pro tem Diana Tollett said in Tuesday editions of the Odessa American.

In Piedras Negras, across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, at least 31 people were killed when the Escondido River swelled by 25 feet early Monday and swept through a working-class neighborhood of tinroofed shacks.

Seventy-five more people were reported missing, according to a local Red Cross official in the city of 200,000, but officials said late Monday that many of those had been accounted for. Hundreds were forced into shelters. Electric, water and gas service was cut in the area, and Mexico declared a state of emergency.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Wallace Richardson, 81, died Sunday. Military graveside Services will be at 3:00 PM Wednesday at the Kermit Cemetery Felipe Juarez, 75, died Sunday. Vigil Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 PM

Awareness month and another declaring Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Awareness

crime victims. Also expected to 'speak Mezera. are

program will be intro-Victim duced. These nurses have

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assault nurse examiners) served by the organiza- ext. 234, or by e-mail at tion and the Rev. Ken reporter@bigspringherald.com

Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive



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OPINION

BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, April 6, 2004

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Brianna Grady H pulled in honors at tl Interscholas 1A One-Ac Contest hel High School March 30. Receiving was Tayton Klondike F Klondike County H advanced to trict contest At the z cast memb Hannah Les Kyle Pinki Wilson Wallace County; Fra Ira; and Tre and Tayla I Klondike. Receiving mention w Carson and . Sands; Kels **Drew Swins** Terryn Auti Lacey Estes The Sands play was Emily" t Robinette a the story Faulkner. The play is od piece set Miss. The p around th affair be Southern n handsome n north. Cast memb Krista Bl Meredith W Rogers as Kandis Cars Tate, Chelsy Eulola Ho BSISD

Muddling along with lying leaders

raq. What. A. Mess. As Cousin Eddie Faulk used to say during Vietnam, "If those folks don't like what we're doin' for ëem, why don't they just

go back where they come from?" Eric Alterman sums up the position of the "We told you so" crowd thusly:

istration was not to

be trusted when it warned of the WMD

Going in without the United Nations is worse than not going in at all.

They were asleep at the switch pre-9/11 and have been trying to cover this up ever since. And they manipulated 9-11 as

a pretext for a long-planned invasion of Iraq.

power, particularly one as incompetently planned as this one, will likely create more enemies than friends and put the United States in a situation similar at times to Vietnam, and at other times, similar to Israel's occupation of Lebanon: both were disasters.

An invasion of Iraq will draw resources and attention away from the genuine perpetrators of the attack on us, and allow them to regroup for further attacks.

Passion of the Christ" will increase anti-Semitism worldwide."

talkingpointsmemo.com's Josh

ADDRESSES

. GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House

Washington, D.C.

JOHN CORNYN

U.S. Senator

President

Marshall calls "the hunky-dory crowd" is still telling us the electricity is back on and things are almost back up to where they were under Saddam Hyssein. There's a mark to aim for.

Look, I never root for bad things to happen, and maybe Moqtada Sadr has just set off a spasm of violence, not a real Shiite insurrection. As Marshall also notes, we expected Sunni opposition, but it doesn't make much sense for the Shiites to rise up now when all they have to do is sit back and wait. Maybe the Shiite outburst is just a reaction to Paul Bremer's incredibly dumb move in shutting down their newspaper. (Just for the record, occupiers purporting to bring democracy should never shut down newspapers.) If that's the case, why wasn't Sadr invited to the table and given a stake in the transition?

The "we told you so" crowd often points out we'd be a lot better off if anyone in the administration read history, usually citing the British occupation of Iraq. Hell, try Napoleon's occupation of Egypt — and he was an administrative genius who brought along a team of culturally sensitive advisers.

I like to think of myself as part of the "so what do we do now?" crowd, but it is like drinking gall. We could try what we clearly should have done from the beginning — put more boots on the ground. We've got 130,000 troops there now. (Remember when the Bushies told us it would be down to 30,000 by the end of last summer?) Gen. Eric Shinseki's "several hundred thousand" prediction looks more prescient all the time. The trouble with that scenario is

that it violates the First Rule of Holes (when you're in one, quit digging.) Second, it may be too late.

Then there's the old reliable, "Bug out now." I always liked Sen. Aiken's advice on how to get out of Vietnam: "in boats." Yep, it could be time to declare victory and go home. That seems to be President Bush's plan. He can just say, "Well, we took care of the weapons of mass destruction, so we're outta here."

As many others have pointed out, June 30 is just a ridiculous deadline. Even though we're not planning to withdraw on June 30, damned if I can see how we're going to hang onto what was supposed to be the great strategic advantage of this war. Those of you who follow neo-con thinking know this never was about weapons of mass destruction, it was supposed to give us a place to plonk ourselves down so we could restructure the entire region.

I suspect what we'll wind up doing is the inevitable "muddle along" until our leaders can lie us out more or less gracefully. (George W. Bush will admit he made a mistake the day the Cubs win the World Series.)

If I were John Kerry, I would be having such horrible nightmares about winning the election and actually having to ask an American soldier to be the last man to die for a mistake.

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Bonus: Mel Gibson's "The

OK, that's the bad news. What

candle light vigil esidents of our community provided a moving show of support for the victims of child abuse and violent crime last week when they braved a

"Congress shall make no law respecting an estab-

lishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exer-

cise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or

of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to

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Susanne Reed

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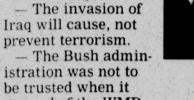
surprise thunderstorm to attend a ceremony sponsored by Victim Services of Big Spring and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) at Heart of the City Park.

While organizers were forced to postpone the ceremony – deciding that sitting on metal folding chairs under a metal pavilion in the midst of the storm's lightning display made little sense - it was clear there are a great many of us who believe it is indeed time to let a light of hope shine for victims.

All of you, and a great many more, we hope, will have a chance to take part in that ceremony on Thursday, April 22. This time, however, organizers have opted to be prepared for the possibility of inclement weather and will hold the ceremony in the sanctuary at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Bill McClellan News Editor threat.

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The more than 600 luminarias will be lit outside the church during the Light of Hope Ceremony.

The candle light vigil will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and H-E-B of Big Spring is again underwriting the event's expenses.

We encourage as many people as possible to attend the vigil and send a powerful message of hope to members of our community who have suffered as a victim of crime.

Please let those victims know they are not alone and that we care.

As we've previously noted, we'd expect nothing less for ourselves.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Good intentions no defense against terror

hortly after Spanish voters rewarded the terrorists responsible for the Madrid bombing that killed 191 people — by electing a Socialist prime minister despite polling that showed the ruling Popular Party winning before the attacks — the

thugs are back making threats. Unless Spain withdraws all Spanish troops in Iraq and Afghanistan "completely and immediately," a letter from a selfdescribed al Qaeda spokesman threatened, terrorists will turn Spain into an "inferno."

"This raises the stakes for Spain," noted Tucker Eskew, a former adviser to President Bush. "The gauntlet was thrown down in Madrid, and we'll see if (those in the new government) pick it up, or run from it and suffer the consequences." The letter, deemed "credible" by the Spanish Interior Ministry.

shows what happens when you give an inch to terror. The pressure didn't ease when Spanish voters switched political parties. The pressure increased and then spread so that nationals across the world live in fear of the next big attack.

Indeed, last week, NBC reported a new al Qaeda "Targets Inside Cities" list that suggested the priority in which human beings should be targeted: In order, they are Americans, British, Spanish, Australians, Canadians and Italians.

Even mild-mannered Canadians. eh?

But it figures, even if the Canadian government opposes the U.S. mission in Iraq and is not a member of the coalition. Canada sent troops to Afghanistan; it only takes one strike to earn a bull's eye.

The fact is, once it becomes legitimate for partisans to kill innocent civilians, anyone can land on the list. And it is folly to think that any group is exempt.

So Spanish voters could dethrone the party of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and still find a bomb on the high-traffic, high-speed Madrid-Seville rail line last week. Now, what if Madrid caves in to the withdrawal demand? Figure at the very least that ETA, the Basque terrorist organization, will issue its own do-or-die demands.

Last week also saw the release of a report that examined the security lapses that contributed to the Aug. 19, 2003, bombing of United Nations headquarters in Iraq that wounded 150 and killed 22, including the chief U.N. representative in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. The report blames U.N. officials who failed to secure the headquarters' perimeter and failed to have blast-resistant materials on the site's windows, corridors and glass doors.

Some attention, if understated, was directed to the root of the lack of security: Many U.N. personnel thought that they would not be targets. And they adhered to the dangerous theory that they would be safer away from the protection of the U.S.-led coalition.

As the report noted, top U.N. officials "appeared to be blinded by a conviction that U.N. personnel and installations would not become a target of attack, despite clear warnings to the contrary ... It is, therefore, fair to say that this false sense of security was a state of mind that was shared by all the senior U.N. political and humanitarian staff in Iraq."

The worst of it is that the U.N. victims were good people trying to bring order and hope to a devastated people. Yet their senseless

deaths gave the forces of terror a victory as the United Nations pulled out international workers whom it determined it could not protect.

The lesson is clear: It is a mistake to believe that good intentions can protect anyone from terror. Good intentions only protect people in a rational universe. Good deeds can't protect do-gooders when the Taliban and al Qaeda have labeled aid workers as legitimate targets.

Being on the right side didn't protect the Red Cross from an October attack that killed 12. It can't protect the United Nations. It can't protect Spain. It can't protect U.S. troops and Iraqi forces who are trying to establish a free Iraq. It can't protect Muslims. It can't protect children.

The United Nations learned the hard way that it could distance itself from U.S. forces and only increase the danger.

Now, the Bush administration is pushing for an increased U.N. presence. In that the free world is terror's target, the United Nations would be a welcome ally, with a presence that might give peaceminded Iraqis some reassurance.

But the United Nations can prevail only if its leaders have a solid understanding of the enemy. Otherwise, there will be another attack, followed by another withdrawal.

Not understanding the mindless blood lust of terror and not being outraged at it are the surest ways of fueling the inferno.

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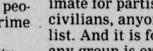
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Class 1A schools earn Area students shine at competition accolades for one-act

HERALD Staff Report

Brianna Pribyla of Grady High School pulled in best actress honors at the University Interscholastic League 9 1A One-Act Play Zone Contest held at Dawson High School on Tuesday, March 30.

Receiving Best Actor was Tayton McLaren of Klondike High School. Klondike and Borden County High School advanced to the UIL district contest in Jayton.

At the zone, all-star cast members included Hannah Lester of Sands; Kyle Pinkerton, John Tyler Wilson and Wallace of Borden County; Franki Biseno of Ira; and Trevor McLaren and Tayla Hightower of Klondike.

Receiving honorable mention were Kandis Carson and Jarrod Fry of Sands: Kelsey Tubb and Drew Swinson of Grady; Terryn Autry of Ira; and Lacey Estes of Klondike. The Sands High School play was "A Rose for Emily" by Joseph Robinette and based on the story by William Faulkner.

The play is a 1930 period piece set in Jefferson, Miss. The play revolves around the puzzling affair between a Southern maid and a handsome man from the north.

Cast members included Krista Blagrave as Meredith Wyatt, Trent Rogers as Dewey Nix, Kandis Carson as Elda Tate, Chelsy Ybarra as Eulola Holcomb and

Cevan Smithson as Reavis Quinton.

Also in the cast were James Reid as Will Cartwright, Dee Fryar as General Silas Chambers, Hannah Lester as Emily Grierson and Jarrod Fry as Homer Baron.

Understudies were Dan Campbell and Dannon Ramey. Crew members were Marlena Gomez, Tisha Lucio, Santos Ybarra and Samantha Peacock. Leigh Ann Fry and Michelle Hamlin directed the play.

Grady High School students performed "John Turner Davis" by Horton Foote.

The play was set in 1933 Harrison and is a tender story of a childless couple who become interested in a boy after his aunt and uncle, migrant workers, deserted him.

Cast members were Drew Swinson as John Turner Davis, Brent Madison as Paul. Brianna Pribyla as Hazel Whyte, Heather Hale as Inez, Jason Pribyla as Thurman Whyte, Kelsey Tubb as Miss Fanny Dee and Leland Pechecek as the sheriff.

Rounding out the cast were Mary Harryman as Miss Sarah, Josh Hinojosa as an old man, Justin Pribyla as a man, Megan Dotson as a woman, Jacob Meeks and Callie Harryman as river persons.

Crew Members were Nick Winford, Tyler Taylor Swinson, Woolfolk and Adam Cantu. The play was directed by Peggy Hale.

Earn spots on All-Star casts

HERALD Staff Report

Twelve area students earned special recognition at the University Interscholastic League 2-A Zone **One-Act Contest held at Crane High** School on Saturday, March 27.

Forsan High School's Kesha Christian earned Best Actress for her portrayal of a young girl on a cruise ship set in 1923.

Fellow castmate Rachel Clinton and Coahoma High School's Eric Barton were among those named to the all-star cast. Honorable mention all-star cast members included Matt Posey of Forsan, Sarah Collom and Stephanie McIntosh of Coahoma and Jonny Billett and Kourtney Graves of Stanton.

Coahoma students Chelsea Griffin, Seana Reilly, Rebecca McEndree and Jamie McCrea received best crew awards

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and Gay," earned alternate to the UIL district contest. Set in 1923 aboard a cruise ship,

the play revolves around two 19year-old girls, Cornelia Skinner and Emily Kimbrogh, played by Christen and Clinton.

Supporting cast members were Posey, Jonathan Gomez, Cory Reyna, Tim Ballard, Crystal McNew, Ruth Kaelin and Kyle Briggs.

Crew members were Candis Snowden, Casi Graves, AaRika Thixton and Levi Johnson. Jeremy Higginbotham served as the assistant director.

Tackling the tough topic of life after loss, Coahoma High School presented "Voices" by Richard Lortz.

The play revolves around a young couple, Robert and Claire Williams, played by Barton and Collom, who are trying to recover from the loss of their child, Jamie. The play is set during a blizzard in New England.

The cast also included Stephanie McIntosh as the ethereal mother, McCartney as the daughter and tation of "Our Hearts Were Young Jessica Garren Jernigan as the son.

Also included in the cast were Tasha Mitchell, Monique Garcia, Tamara, Bishop, Chelsea Watts and Jessica Pittman.

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Crew members were Griffin, Reilly, McEndree and McCrea. Kim Doss directed the play.

Also tackling a dramtic theme, the Stanton High School cast and crew presented "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose.

The plot revolves around 11 jurors who are convinced of the guilt of the accused, but the 12th juror has doubt. The jurors sift through the evidence, recreate the actual crime and come to surprising conclusions.

Cast members were Megan Cook as the foreman; Blake Anderson, Johnny Billett, Shelby Harp, Laura Teveni, Dex Allred, Kelita Bryand, Linsey Dugan, Savanah Smith, Stephanie Klein, Kourtney Graves, and Alex Shafer as jurors; and Bonnie Ramirez as the guard.

Crew members were Bobby Decker, Matthew Ireton, Jessica Stovall and Katie Van Curen. Alternates were Ashley Cox and Mary Klein. The play was directed by Jonama C. Myrick.





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 A budget amendment for funds from Austin Independent School District.

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Twisted Words and Phrases (1)

How Arab propaganda has managed to give new meaning to old words.

In the decades of the Arabs' unremitting struggle to fight the Jews to the death and to wipe Israel off the map, they have managed to introduce certain words and phrases into the consciousness of the world. These phrases are twisted and have in many cases come to convey the exact opposite of their actual meaning. Today, we examine two of those twisted concepts.

Terrorists and Freedom Fighters

Dishonor in the Muslim World

The Palestinians who blow themselves up and in so doing, succeed in killing and maiming as many innocent Jews as possible are described as "martyrs" and "freedom fighters" in the Arab world and even in much of the European press. But, for whatever purpose, the deliberate murder and mutilation of defenseless and innocent civilians can never be warranted by the common law of humanity and by accepted international standards of behavior and international law, even where the use of insurgent force may be understandable and even justified.

The subjugation of women in all Islamic countries is placidly accepted by most of the world. The most widespread of these abominations is that of female genital mutilation, a practice that invades the rights of women and their enjoyment of life in the most horrible way.

Another act of disgraceful repression of women in the Muslim world is the "protection of family honor." Under this concept, a woman who, for any reason at allincluding having been raped-is suspected of being or having been involved with a man who is not her husband,

And, surely, there must be . great doubt whether the insurgence of the Palestinians is justified at all. They have rejected all offers to settle their conflict and alleged grievances against Israel. The goal of the Palestinians is not to live peacefully and successfully alongside Israel, but rather to build a Muslim-Arab state on

the charred ruins of a dismembered Israel.

The official website of the PNA (Palestinian National

Authority) does not show two states, only one-Israel is

eliminated altogether. Palestinian "insurgents," who resort

to terrorism and slaughter of innocent Israeli civilians will never acknowledge that a Jewish state, of any size and

wherever located, has any right to exist. They will fight to

the death and use any method and any weapon available to them to achieve their extremist and unattainable goals.

Those who murder and maim innocent civilians in

pursuit of their genocidal ends are not "martyrs" nor

"freedom fighters," nor even "militants" (as even the U.S.

press often calls them). They are common mass murderers

and terrorists, just as much as those who, for their own

twisted reasons, committed the September 11 atrocities,

"There can really be no peace with people who....encourage their children to blow themselves up in order to kill or to maim as many as possible of those who oppose their twisted ideas of religion and of patriotism."

is condemned to death, usually by stoning. The primary purpose of that savagery is to salvage what is considered the "family honor." "Honor killings" claim tens

Middle East and Africa. Nobody seems to care. There is no record that the U. N. or any other international body has done anything to interfere with those horrible practices.

similar demands were made on el-Rayashi's lover.

There can really be no peace with people whose beliefs are so different from Western concepts. There can be no peace with people who treat their women worse than cattle, kill them to save their "honor," and who mutilate them horribly in order to keep them sexually subjugated. And there can be no peace with people who, in the name of and for the purported glory of God, blow themselves up or encourage their children to blow themselves up in order to kill or to maim as many as possible of those whom they consider their mortal enemies and who oppose their twisted ideas of religion and patriotism.

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of thousands of female lives. every year throughout the Muslim countries of the

Leave it to the talent for genocidal innovation of Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organization, to have added a new macabre twist to this barbaric custom. In January, a woman named Ream Selah el-Rayashi blew herself up at the Erez checkpoint, the main passage between Gaza and Israel. The woman, mother of two children, had committed the grave offense of falling in love with a man other than her husband. When the affair was discovered, el-Rayashi was given the choice between a dishonorable death by stoning at the hands of her family or an honorable state of martyrdom by becoming a suicide bomber. She chose selfinflicted death and the murder and maiming of many innocent Jews, before dishonor. It is not surprising that no

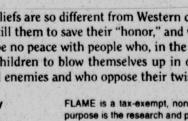
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Bush says he lacked info to prevent Sept. 11 attacks

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the attacks plans to meet soon footing and we went to war with Bush and Vice President against al-Qaida. And we're Dick Cheney in a joint private going to keep after them until session to determine whether anything could have been done to stop the attacks.

A date for the meeting has been set but neither the commission nor the White House has disclosed it. Bush said he looks forward to "sharing information with them."

"Let me just be very clear about this," he said. "Had we had the information that was to people hearing her," he said. necessary to stop an attack, I'd

the commission investigating enemy was going to fly airplanes into our buildings, we administration lacked the infor- would have done everything in

After the attacks, "this coun-The federal panel reviewing try immediately went on war they are brought to justice and America is secure," Bush told reporters while on a trip to North Carolina.

Bush also said National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice "knows exactly what took place and will lay out the facts" when she testifies Thursday before the 10-member bipartisan panel. "I'm looking forward Rice's testimony was assured

WASHINGTON - President have stopped the attack. ... If only after Bush changed course Bush said Monday he will tell we'd have known that the last week under pressure and decided to allow her to appear publicly and under oath. She met privately with the commission in February.

> The Bush administration had been uneasy that allowing a top aide to testify could set a precedent of summoning top aides before a congressional panel to provide sworn testimony. Such a move would inhibit the willingness of aides to provide the president with candid advice.

Commission spokesman Al Felzenberg said Monday the decision to let Rice testify might have been influenced by a 1945 photo the panel sent to the White House showing a top presidential aide appearing before a congressional panel to discuss policy advice.

The Nov. 22, 1945, New York commission on Monday were Times photograph shows Adm. William D. Leahy, chief of staff to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, appearing before the special congressional panel investigating the Pearl Harbor attacks.

Felzenberg said the commission's executive director, Philip Zelikow, faxed the photo the day before the White House reversed its position, showing the administration there was historical support for allowing a top presidential aide to testify under oath before a congressional panel.

"It deals with the historical precedent which the White House and we were concerned about," Felzenberg said. "You won't find a clearer case."

Meanwhile, lawyers for the

checking thousands of classified counterterrorism documents from the Clinton administration to determine if Bush's aides had improperly withheld them.

The Bush administration granted the commission access to the documents Friday after Bruce Lindsey, who was legal adviser to President Clinton, said officials didn't turn over all of Clinton's records to the panel.

The commission expects to know by Tuesday whether additional documents should be released, or if the material is, as Bush aides have said, is largely duplicative or nonresponsive to the commission's requests, Felzenberg said.

U.S. battle guerrillas around Fallujah ahead of operation to pacify city

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) end. U.S. troops battled guerrillas Tuesday on the edges of Fallujah, where hundreds of Marines and insurgency there.

The military reported more than 24 hours old.

was more violence in northern Baghdad in which three soldiers died Monday and Tuesday.

The U.S.-led coalition remained in a standoff with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose supporters and militias were responsible for clashes throughout the country over the week-

In a series of U.S. television interviews Tuesday, L. Paul Bremer, the top reported civilian administrator in American had been killed Iraqi troops have sur- Iraq, conceded not all was in Tuesday's fighting, but rounded one of Iraq's going smoothly as the that report could not most violent cities in an coalition approached a immediately be con- west of Baghdad, coinoperation to crush the June 30 handover of sov- firmed. ereignty to the Iraqis.

"We have problems, and two wounded in the But basically Iraq is on operation, which was track to realize the kind of Iraq that Iraqis want With the Marines and Americans want, engaged in fighting which is a democratic around Fallujah, there Iraq," Bremer said on ABC's "Good Morning America." But he said continuing

> disturbances would not affect the American handover schedule.

"June 30 is the date. We're going to stick to it," he said.

give details on the five dragging charred bodies of Najaf, in an alley near deaths, saying only that through the streets and the city's holiest shrine,

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two days brought to at American al-Sadr, who five Marines were killed there's no hiding that. least 614 the number of has built up a private Americans killed in Iraq militia, the al-Mahdi since the war began. The bulk of the coalition

force has remained on Fallujah's edge, apparently held at bay by tough resistance from anti-American fighters against Marine forays probing the outskirts.

American commanders have vowed to root out insurgents after last week's slaying and mutilation of four American The military did not civilians. Scenes of Iraqis

to a bridge Wednesday Witnesses raised revulsion in the United States and showed the depth of anti-U.S. sentiment in the city.

The assault on Fallujah, cides with a tougher U.S. The deaths in the past stand on the fiercely anti-Army.

U.S. officials have suggested they will move soon to arrest al-Sadr, who announced Tuesday he left a mosque in the city of Kufa, south of Baghdad, where he has been holed up since Sunday. He is surrounded by militiamen pledging to resist any attempt to capture him.

Al-Sadr moved to his office in the nearby city

they occurred in Anbar hanging two of them from according to a top aide, Sheik Qays al-Khaz'ali.

Asked if al-Sadr would resist if U.S. forces try to arrest him, al-Khaz'ali replied: "God forbid if this happens, al-Sayed will win martyrdom."

Al-Khaz'ali quoted al-Sadr as saying, "My fate will be either assassination or arrested."

In a statement released earlier, al-Sadr said he was moving to avoid bloodshed in a mosque. "I feared that the sanctity of a glorious and esteemed mosque would be violated by scum and evil people," he said. The Americans "will have no qualms to embark on such actions."

"I have pledged not to allow a drop of blood to be shed except my own," al-Sadr said. "I'm prepared to have my own blood shed for what is holy to me.'

Al-Sadr's militiamen clashed with coalition troops Sunday Baghdad and outside the city of Najaf, to the south, in fierce fighting that killed 61 people, including eight American soldiers. Clashes also broke out Monday in a northern Baghdad neighborhood.

The deaths of the three U.S. soldiers announced Tuesday occurred in a neighborhood near the scene of Monday's fighting, but the military did not release details.

The confrontation with al-Sadr and the offensive against Fallujah appeared to be a tougher approach by U.S. forces ahead of the June 30 handover.

After Sunday's violence, Bremer canceled a trip to Washington this week, a Senate aide said Monday. No reason was given, the aide said.

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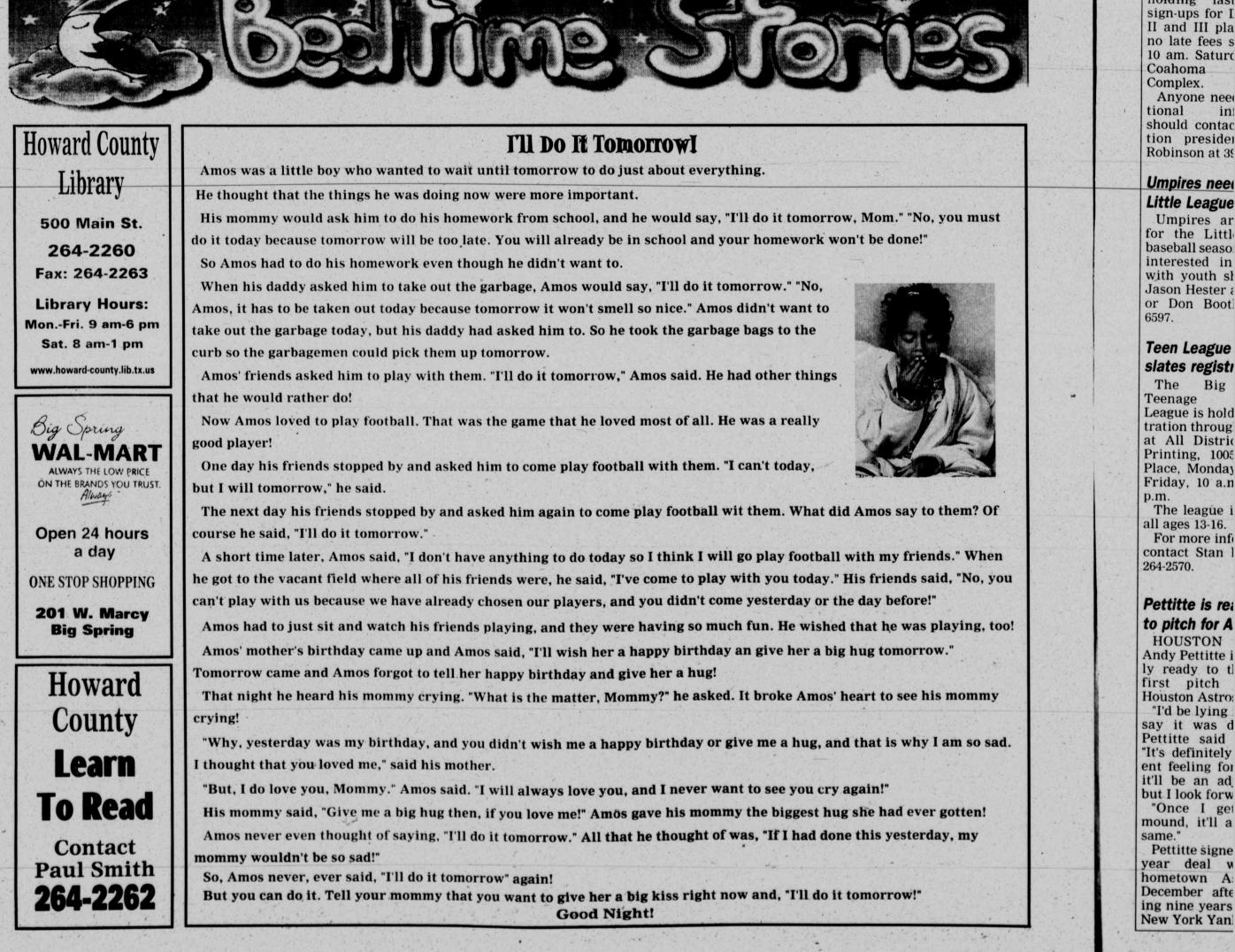
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IN BRIEF

Steers reschedule game with Andrews

Big Spring's Steers have rescheduled their District 4-4A baseball game with Andrews Mustangs as a result of and unplayable field at Steer Park.

The game, which was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today, will now be played at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Steer Park.

Bulldogettes suffer loss to SA Central

Coahoma's Bulldogettes out-hit San Angelo Central's Lady Bobcats Friday, but couldn't muster key hits when they needed them.

The result was a 5-0 loss at the hands of the Class 5A opponent that left Coahoma with an 8-9 season record.

Bulldogettes The return to District 3-2A play today, playing host to Colorado City's Lady Wolves at 7 p.m. Coahoma managed to pount out eight hits against Central pitching in the loss, while Kali Roberts and Ashle New limited the Lady Bobcats to just three hits and struck out 10. Unfortunately, the Lady Bobcats capitalized on a number of errors to take control of the scoreboard and the game.

Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance

By EDDIE PELLS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO – Dominating in the middle, relentless from outside and brilliant on the bench, Connecticut was a team built for a title.

Led by All-America center Emeka Okafor and stellar guard Ben Gordon, the Huskies and coach Jim Calhoun cashed in on the promise they showed all season, outclassing Georgia Tech 82-

game Monday night.

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Okafor finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, and Gordon scored 21 points and controlled the floor throughout. The Huskies took a big lead early, and despite a late, futile comeback attempt by the Yellow Jackets, they turned the second half into their own coronation.

"We just kind of immortalized ourselves," Gordon said. "We more. accomplished something great."

UConn claims title with win over Georgia Tech 73 in the national championship . The Huskies proved worthy of the hardest things you can do, their No. 1 preseason ranking. becoming the first team since the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats to open and close the season on top. There were six losses in between, including one to Georgia Tech in November.

At one point, they lost four of nine and looked like one of the country's biggest disappointments. Nobody's saying that any-

"Going wire-to-wire is one of See UCONN, Page 2B

and it wasn't just the beginning of the year for us," Calhoun said. "This wire-to-wire went September to April, and that's as hard as it gets.

This was Connecticut's second title in six seasons, and Calhoun joined Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski as the only active coaches with multiple championships.



Lady Hawk sophomore Monica Droz slides headlong into second base, barely beating the throw, during the third inning

of a game in Howard College's series with Odessa College. The Lady Hawks will be back in action this weekend, trav-

eling to Clarendon for a series of four games agains the Lady Bulldogs. Doubleheaders will begin at 1 p.m. Friday and

Bonds closes in on Willie's mark

A's edge Rangers to open season

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer OAKLAND, Calif. Rookie Bobby Crosby may still be hitless in the majors, but it hardly mattered after he scored the winning run on opening day.

Pinch-hitter Eric Byrnes hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth and the Oakland Athletics rallied for a 5-1 victory over the Texas Rangers in their season opener Monday night.

Erubiel Durazo and Crosby came home on Byrnes' big hit - a sign that these A's still have a flair for the dramatic even without departed MVP Miguel Tejada.

"I didn't get any hits, but when I scored that run I felt like I had five."

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Pettitte is ready to pitch for Astros

Houston Astros.

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HOUSTON (AP)

Andy Pettitte is certain-

ly ready to throw his

first pitch for the

"I'd be lying if I didn't

say it was different,"

Pettitte said Monday.

"It's definitely a differ-

ent feeling for me and

it'll be an adjustment,

but I look forward to it.

"Once I get to the

mound, it'll all be the

Pettitte signed a three-

year deal with his

hometown Astros in

December after spend-

ing nine years with the

New York Yankees.

By MARK BABINECK **Associated Press Writer** HOUSTON - Barry Bonds has always been

close to Willie Mays. He's never been closer to his godfather on baseball's career home run list than he is now.

Saturday.

Bonds hit his 659th home run Monday night - one behind Mays for third all time — in helping the San Francisco Giants begin the season with a 5-4 comeback victory over the Houston Astros.

Bonds said he feels no pressure as he bears down on his beloved godfather.

"I don't understand the word pressure," Bonds said. "How can you have pressure when you're

doing love?'

If Bonds can perform through the pressure of losing his father Bobby last year and dealing with an offseason filled with questions about steroids. catching Mays should be a piece of cake.

Bonds went 3-for-3 with a homer and two doubles against one of the NL's top pitchers in Roy Oswalt. His sixth opening day homer came in the eighth inning with two on and the Giants down 4-1. Oswalt, chosen over ex-

Yankees Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte to start the Astros' first game, stayed in after assuring manager Jimy Williams he was fine.

ing.

"It was just a dumb starter."

In other NL games, it was: Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 6; Chicago 7, Cincinnati 4; Pittsburgh started the ninth inning 2, Philadelphia 1; and San of the 4-4 game and gave Diego 8, Los Angeles 2.

None of the Astros were down on Oswalt after the game. After all, many of them have seen this before from Bonds.

"You're talking about maybe the greatest player of all time," Jeff Bagwell said. "I would say he amazes me, but I've seen this for a long time. I've always said he's the best One low-and-away fast- I've ever seen and he's the

something you ting and Oswalt was leav- to see in that situation."

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenki

One factor leading to Williams' decision: The pitch," Oswalt said. "You club broke camp without can't get beat that late in a left-hander in the the game when you're a bullpen to face a lefty like Bonds, so it was either Oswalt or another righty. The eventual loser was closer Octavio Dotel, who up the decisive run on a hit batsman, a bunt, a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly.

But this night belonged to Bonds, who can return to making headlines with his bat and not because his personal trainer was among four men indicted last month on charges of illegally supplying performance-enhancing drugs

Crosby said. "My heart's still pounding. ... I was telling the guys I don't need this my first night. I almost had a heart attack."

Crosby, the son of former major leaguer . Ed Crosby, has big shoes to fill as Tejada's replacement. He's handling everything well so far. though he'll certainly be relieved once he gets a hit. Crosby is 0-for-16 with the A's after appearing in 11 games last season.

Byrnes, who began the season on the bench after a breakout year in 2003, connected against Ron Mahay. Byrnes still has six stitches above his left eye from getting hit by a pitch Friday in an exhibition game in San Francisco.

"Every opportunity you get to go out there is a little bit of a campaign, so I definitely appreciate it," Byrnes said. "I just want to play. I've said it all along."

Jermaine Dye doubled and singled and drove in two runs for the two-time. defending AL West cham-

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Sudden death a tough loss to swallow at a major

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Len Mattiace spent four hours crafting one of the best closing rounds at the Masters, charging through the beefed up back nine at Augusta National for a 65 that put him into a playoff with Mike Weir.

All it took was a split second for him to realize his hopes for a green jacket were all but gone.

With one bad swing, Mattiace went from the middle of the 10th fairway to behind a pine tree left of the green. He wound up with a double bogey, a swift, sudden end to a major championship.

Too bad this wasn't the U.S. Open. He might have had 17 more holes to overcome his mistake. If it had been the British Open or the PGA Championship, Mattiace would have had at least two more holes to recover.

"Ideally, you'd like to think the more holes (in a playoff), the better," Mattiace said. "But that's the way it is at Augusta. And you know that going in."

The Masters got its first sudden-death playoff winner 25 years ago when Fuzzy Zoeller made a birdie on the second extra hole (No. 11) to beat Ed Sneed and Tom Watson.

The fifth and most recent happened last year. It was the first time a Masters playoff ended after only one extra hole, and Weir became the first player to win a sudden-death playoff at Augusta with a bogey.

"For me, sudden death worked to a three-hole playoff. out pretty well last year," Weir said. "And I think if you ask the players, they prefer it that way. Most players like to determine the champion on that final day and get it over with."

All four majors used to be decided by 18-hole playoffs in case of a tie, which many consider to be the purest and most equitable method to determine a winner.

The U.S. Open is the only major that still uses 18 holes of stroke play

The British Open changed to a four-hole aggregate playoff some 15 years ago. The PGA Championship, the first major to be decided by a sudden-death playoff in 1977, recently switched

The Masters is the only major decided by a format that is often unpredictable, usually dramatic, always packed with incredible tension and hardly ever allows for the slightest mistake.

Is that the best day to crown a major champion?

"It made me sick, just the difficulty that Lenny went through." Scott Hoch said. "But that's what can happen. Anyone can get lucky on one hole, or anyone can get unlucky."

Hoch falls into the second category. He was 30 inches away from winning the Masters in 1989, but he lipped out his parputt on No. 10, and Nick Faldo

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in the semifinals, led the team with 17 points and B.J. Elder had 14, but none of their points came easv

Tech didn't help itself with 12-for-21 shooting from the free-throw line. That might have kept things close a little longer, but there was a sense of inevitability. about this outcome.

"Maybe after a few of those shots didn't 'fall. maybe we tried to press a little bit," Hewitt said. "But that's natural. That's human nature. If things aren't working your way, you're going to try harder.

Despite the loss, the season can hardly be viewed as a disappointment for the Yellow Jackets. They were picked to finish seventh in the nine-team Atlantic Coast Conference and instead wound up making their first Final Four since 1990 and their first title game ever.

Tech also wound up with a win over UConn back in November, in the preseason NIT, a loss that dropped the Huskies out of the top spot in the poll and began some of the second-guessing.

Okafor was hurting back then. So much, in fact, he spent parts of the game flat on his back on the sideline.

That wasn't the case this time. Okafor was dominant, blocking two shots and altering dozens more. He was named the most outstanding player of the Final Four, a deserving award in his final game before graduating and the NBA.

It will be a major loss for the Huskies, but nobody will ever say Okafor & Co. didn't live up to their promise.

"When we're healthy we're the best team in America," Calhoun said. "Tonight, on April 5th, the year 2004, they proved

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beat him a birdie at No. 11.

Larry Mize falls into the first category.

The '87 Masters came down to Mize and Greg Norman, and the Shark seemingly had the advantage when Mize hit his approach well to the right of the 11th green. His 140foot chip was gaining steam when it dropped for birdie, the most spectacular conclusion to any major.

Norman, the only player to lose all four majors in a playoff, would like to see the formats change.

"If it's a major, it should be an 18-hole playoff, simple as that." Norman said. "You can go out there and perform well over 72

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pion A's. New Oakland closer Arthur Rhodes pitched the ninth for his first save, while Chad Bradford finished the eighth for the win.

Mark Teixeira hit a tworun homer in the seventh to give the Rangers a 4-3 lead. He had three RBIs. Michael Young added two hits and drove in a run after signing a four-year, \$10 million contract extension with the Rangers earlier in the day. Young is the new starter at shortstop after

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from a laboratory in the San Francisco area. All four have pleaded

innocent, and Bonds has denied using the substances. "I just wanted to play

doesn't get dark until 10 p.m. The Masters doesn't have that luxury. It's a

minor miracle that none

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Soriano was booed every

time he came to the plate

by the sellout crowd of

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"I think a sudden-death

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holes, then hit one bad of the five sudden-death playoffs have gone past the 11th hole, and Hoch Norman no longer qualrecalls there not being ifies to play in the enough light to go an Masters, and Augusta additional hole in 1989 National officials aren't had Faldo not made his putt.

Faldo won the next year. in a playoff with a par on No. 11 after Raymond The golfers play for four Floyd hit into the water. The only playoff Faldo lost in a major was the also think there is a lot of 1988 U.S. Open to Curtis Strange over 18 holes at The Country Club.

Still, sudden death is his least favorite playoff format for a major in the players' minds.

"Sudden death is very summer, and there are serious, isn't it?" Faldo places in Britain where it said. "I'm fortunate. I've come out on the right side of it. You've done an awful lot of good stuff for 72 holes to go home without a major. It's a tough

the lead. \$252 million man Alex

"I had an inning there Rodriguez was traded to the New York Yankees in where I couldn't get it to the plate," Rogers said. "I Alfonso Soriano, who couldn't get a feel. I was came to Texas in the Aall over the place a little Rod trade, reached base bit early. I had no clue three times but also made where my release point an error in his Rangers was and that made it debut. Because of his conmore difficult."

A's right-hander Tim Hudson was shaky in his third career opening day start. Hudson, a 16-game winner last season, gave up two runs and six hits in five innings, striking out three and walking

Bobby Kielty doubled and singled in his A's debut. Kielty batted .317 this spring and could be a

ing things about me when on the homer list. I know it's not right."

Bonds had Mays with Bonds' latest homer him throughout spring came in the same buildtraining for moral support. When Bonds hits ing where he tied Mark McGwire's single-season No. 661, Mays will present mark of 70 in 2001. Bonds his godson with the diawent on to set his own mond-augmented torch he carried ahead of the 2002 Once Bonds, 39, passes Olympics.

Mays, only Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron it's going to be a great pitched a perfect ninth for (755) will be ahead of him story," Bonds said. "You the save.

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one. The real thing should be to play 18 the next day."

Mark O'Meara prefers the four-hole playoff, which is how he won the '98 British Open.

But he says his Masters victory earlier that year was not much different from sudden death.

He was in a three-way tie coming to the 18th hole with Fred Couples in the final group, and with David Duval, who had finished earlier.

Couples missed the green and scrambled for par. O'Meara holed a 20foot birdie putt to win.

"A lot of things can happen on one hole in a playoff," O'Meará said. "But a lot of things can happen on the 72nd hole, too. The guy who hits the quality shots under the pressure usually wins."

big bat Oakland needs.

That is, along with Dye. Dye hit an RBI double to right in the first to get Oakland on the board, and he pumped his right fist when he stepped on the base. The A's are hoping for big things from Dye, their big-money right fielder, after his 2003 season was cut short by two injuries.

He hit .172 with four homers and 20 RBIs last season while battling two injuries, but had a teamleading 20 RBIs this spring.

"It's good to go out there and carry spring training into the first night," Dye said.

grow up admiring a man like him, and then you get to go out and play the same game. The greatest moment to me is to have my godfather say, 'Hey, you are a pretty good player."

Felix Rodriguez earned the win with a scoreless "When I write my book, eighth, and Matt Herges

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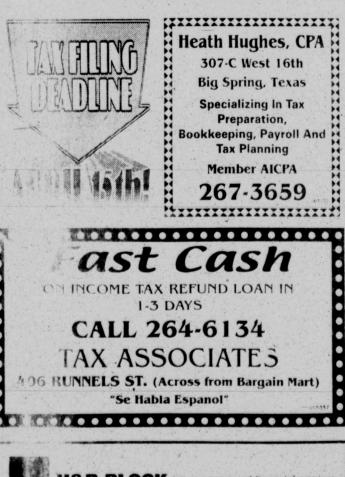
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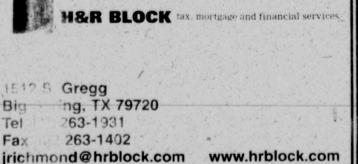
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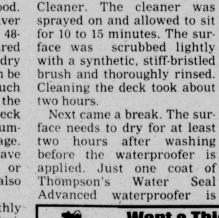
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Lewis and Clark's Wildlife Discoveries

Journey Through the Unknown

Two hundred years ago, on May 14, 1804, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and 31 other men who were mostly soldiers took off on an amazing journey. We call the whole group the Corps of Discovery.

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Discoveries

Lewis and Clark were awed by many sights, including large herds of wild animals and a land rich with trees, grasses and flowers.

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They also learned more about creatures already known to science. And Native Americans taught them many uses for plants and animals.



The Shoshone Indians showed the Corps of Discovery how to eat the root of the bitterroot. Lewis and Clark faced a difficult journey across the Bitterroot Mountains in the area of present-day Montana.

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The right men for the job

Preparation

Before the expedition, President

President Jefferson knew Lewis was a good scientist. The two men were both members of the leading scientific group in the country,the American

Philosophical Society. Many experts believe Lewis asked Clark, his friend from the Army, to co-captain the

William Clark expedition because he realized they each had different skills that would be needed.

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scientist, but he was very good with people and with planning. They made a good team.

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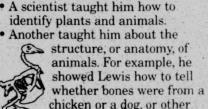
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One of the things that most amazed

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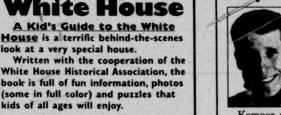
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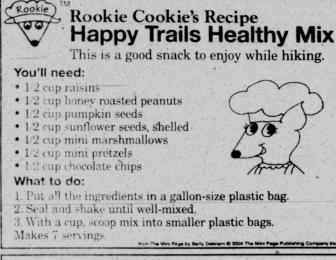


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in the U.S. for three years. While successful, the 27-year-old Kemper always strives to keep improving. He trains six or seven days a week and is currently





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"Buffy the Vampire Slaver." She has acted in other TV shows, including "He Honey, I'm Home" and "Angel." She has also starred in movies such as "George of the Jungle II" and the upcoming move The Long Shot.

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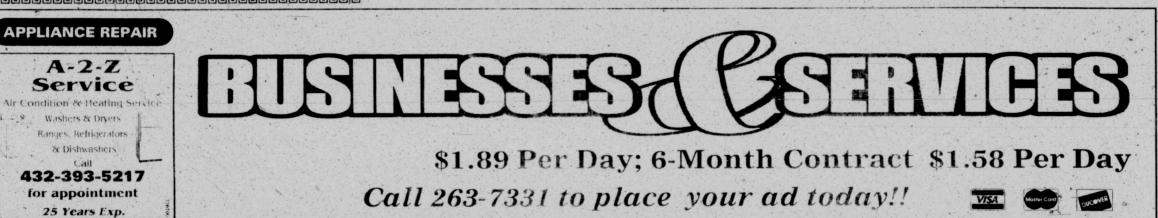
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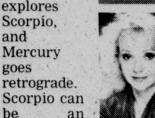
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON Passover begins, the moon



and your practical approach, you'll get through this workday with a smile on your face. Ponder this one: Why believe in statistics, by the way, when they can never predict the outcome for any one individual?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being a big thinker means looking at the big picture. That person who seems to live for the act of antagonizing you is actually the reason you get your best work accomplished - to "show 'em." A Cancer is a lucky contact. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Romance is the most challenging area because the harder we try to be loved, the less likely we are to make it happen. Consider giving up the battle and simply loving yourself for who you are right now, no changes necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Success key: Take into consideration who you are before you choose a plan to reach your goal. When you are honest, you realize what you are willing to do and what you could never do even to save your own life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Preventative maintenance is key. Ask your body, "How are you feeling?" and let it answer you. Obviously, having the right diet and fitness routine will not only improve your health, but it will improve your life."

healthy. Who are we to AQUARIUS (Jan. 20say what is real and what Feb. 18). You're thinking isn't, anyway? Miracles outside the box, and you'll prove the statistics CANCER (June 22-July wrong. Chances are, the 22). Today, you are the methods that other William Hung of the people use to stay on top zodiac. So what if it of things are not right for you're you. Get inventive. Make struggling in every area the most out of tonight's situation. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you are passionate, you've got something that many people don't. So no matter how this unreasonable obsession might be, you must pursue it. Maybe it's true that a certain area of study has little growth potential. To find out more about Joyce Jillson and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www .creators.com.



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applied to understanding traditions and rituals, a familiar story may emerge and grab our consciousness in a new way. If getting together with family, focus on what gives your family a

unique identity. ARIES (March 21-April 19). On this courageous day, some of you will be opening a business, starting up ba new romance or approaching your duties in a new way. Break your limited thinking, and give yourself permission to

become who you really Call are. (432)268-9874 or 213-2124. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of you feel like you're coming out of

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 97th day of 2004. There are 269 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.)

On this date: In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by

opened in Athens, Greece. Congress In 1917, approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1954, four weeks after being attacked on the air by Edward R. Murrow, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., delivered a filmed response on CBS' "See It Now" in which he charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

In 1992, science-fiction author Isaac Asimov died in New York at age 72.

In 1998, country singer Tammy Wynette died at her Nashville, Tenn., home at age 55.

The presidents of Rwanda

Five years ago: Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic declared a unilateral cease-fire in his campaign to crush rebels in Kosovo; Western leaders called the move a sham and pledged to press ahead with airstrikes.

One year ago: U.S. forces encircled and began flying into Baghdad's international airport. British forces in the south made their deep-est push into Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

Birthdays: Today's Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 75. Actor Ivan Dixon is 73. Country singer Merle Haggard is 67. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 67.

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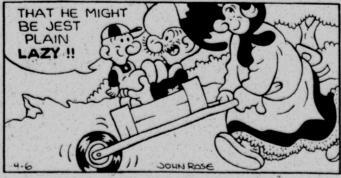


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