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**WEDNESDAY**

April 7, 2004

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



**PARTLY CLOUDY**

TONIGHT TOMORROW  
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**BRIEFLY**

**Deadline extended for Razzmatazz**

The entry deadline for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul," has been extended to Friday.

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 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. Third Street.

According to project coordinators, Children who participate in the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz will also have time to attend and participate in the Health Fair.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**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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**County already receives half as much rain as it did in 2003**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

If it seems like we've gotten more rainfall than normal this year, it isn't just your imagination.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Howard County area has received 7.43 inches of rainfall for this year, more than half the amount recorded for the entire year of 2003.

"It should have a very favorable impact, especially if it continues to rain for another month or so," said USDA Engineering Technician Charles Yates. "The cotton plants should be able to get a good start and make a

*"We usually get the majority of the big rains in May or June, so to be this far ahead this early is really good."*



Charles Yates, USDA engineering technician

stand through the season. If we don't get any more rain this year, there should be enough moisture in the soil profile to last until June."

While the encouraging pace rainfall has set

in 2004 has many area farmers looking for a more productive growing season, Yates said we're not out of the woods yet.

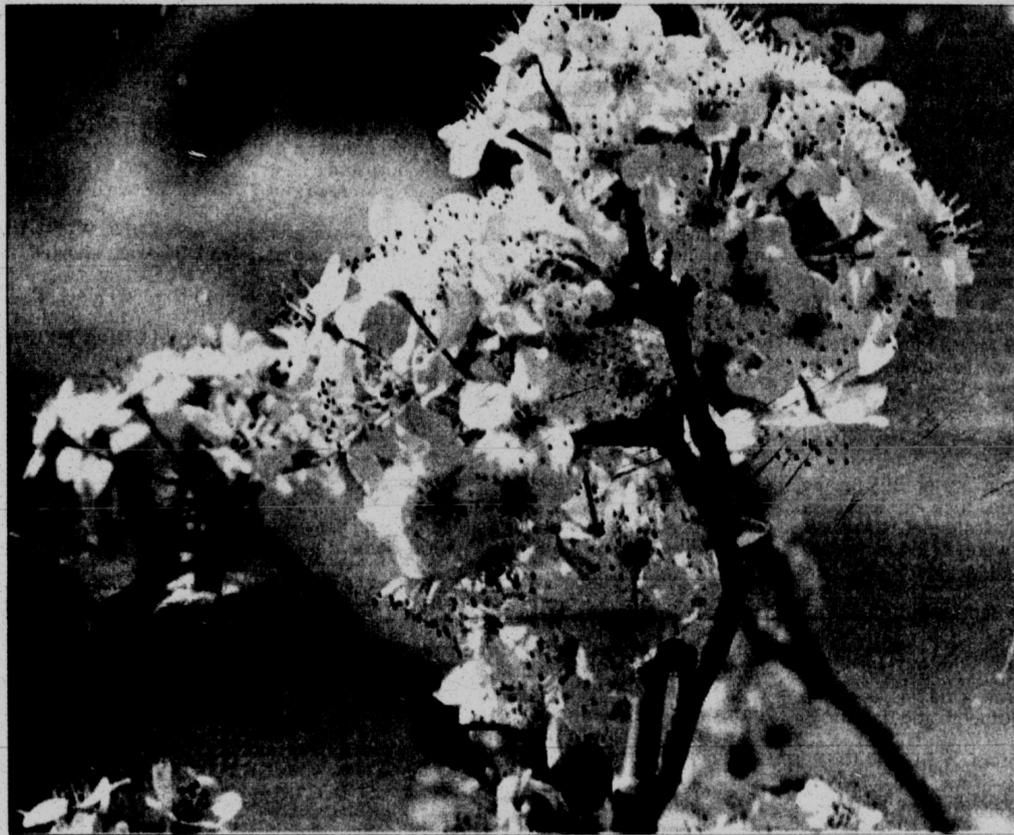
"You need moisture at the surface to help the seeds germinate," said Yates. "That's essential. Once the plants take root, however, they will be able to tap into the moisture that we've received up to this point."

Howard County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater said area farmers will still need more rain around planting time, but for now the season is really looking up.

"Things are looking great right now," said Yeater. "We're going to need some more rain

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**SPRING BLOSSOMS**



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Spring is in the air, and more importantly, it's on the trees. As the cloudy weather subsides, it looks like it will be clear sailing only until Thursday evening, when the weather forecast calls for yet another chance of thunderstorms. The Big Spring area has already received more than half as much rain in 2004 as it did in all of 2003.

**SCHOOLS**

**Perry says he plans to call session**

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday he expects to call lawmakers back to Austin this month to come up with a plan to pay for public schools while maintaining job growth and lowering property taxes for homeowners.



PERRY

Perry has been meeting this week with business groups around the state to discuss a proposal he calls a "constitutionally linked" property tax. The idea is to charge residential and commercial property owners different tax rates, but to link them so one could not be significantly higher than the other.

"Business leaders that I have talked to are very supportive of the constitutionally linked" proper-

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**Oncor cautions, avoid any downed power lines**

HERALD Staff Report

*"Treat any downed line as a power line initially and call 9-1-1 or the Oncor emergency phone number in the phone book."*



Paul Folger, Oncor operations manager

As strong winds blow stormy weather across the Crossroads area this spring, Oncor representatives remind the public that when coming across downed lines, take extra precaution.

"Electrical equipment that is open to the elements can get some pretty rough treatment during Texas storms," said Oncor town operations manager Paul Folger. "Trees being blown into power lines are a major cause of service interruptions and spring winds bring some safety concerns, too."

When coming across any down line — cable, power or phone — be cautious and stay away, Folger said.

"Treat any down line as a power line initially and call 9-1-1 or the Oncor emergency phone number in the phone book," Folger said.

Also, don't touch any object that comes in contact with a downed line, including tree limbs, Folger warned.

If a power line falls across your vehicle, stay put until help arrives because your tires

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*Community Sunrise Service to celebrate resurrection*

**6:45 a.m. Sunday, Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, all denominations**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

On Easter Sunday, area residents will have the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with a Community Sunrise Service at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

One of the many local church officials coordinating the ser-

vice, Jim Wright of First United Methodist Church said the non-denominational service will offer something for everyone.

"We've been doing the Sunrise Service for about three years now, and we plan to continue it in the future," said Wright. "Everything will get started at 6:45 a.m. with the Mt. Bethel

Youth Choir, who will be singing to get everyone together. Local Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney will open the service with a prayer, after which the Trinity Baptist Sanctuary Choir will sing.

"We have a number of local pastors lined up to speak during the service, including Dennis

Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church; Michael Willard, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church; Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church; and Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center."

Wright said the service will be

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**Police investigate attempted arson at Wagon Wheel**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is currently investigating an attempted arson that occurred at the Wagon Wheel Drive In last week.

According to Roger Sweatt, public information officer for the Police Department, the incident occurred sometime between 8:35

p.m. on Thursday, April 1, and 7:45 a.m. on Friday, April 2.

"The reason we can't better determine the time the fire was set is because it actually went out on its own before it caused any serious damage," said Sweatt. "Someone put trash, mainly paper towels, between the screen and a window on the building and then lit it. We're not sure if it was the pressure

from the screen or not, but for some reason the fire went out before it really caught."

Sweatt said no one was injured in the incident and the fire caused minimal damage.

Local Crimestoppers is asking for anyone with information on this attempted arson to come forward. Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for infor-

mation leading to the arrest and indictment of anyone committing a felony.

For the Crimestoppers hotline, call 263-TIPS (263-8477) or 264-TIPS (264-8477). Callers will remain anonymous.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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## Obituaries

## Jarrell Barbee



Jarrell Barbee, 71, of Midway, died Tuesday morning, April 6, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

Funeral Service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Coahoma with the Rev. Ricky Carstensen of Wheeler and the Rev. Wanda Hill of Coahoma officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 13, 1933, in Howard County. He was the son of William Walter Barbee and Abbie Leona Graham Barbee. He married Lorene Burns on May 24, 1955, in Stanton. He worked at Cosden for more than 30 years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and a member of the Sand Springs Lions Club. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Quarter Masters Corps in Germany.

He is survived by his wife Lorene Barbee of Midway; two daughters, Amy Choate of Coahoma and Polly Campbell and her husband Jay of Merkel; four sons, Michael J. Barbee of Irving, Tim Barbee and his wife Mona of Arlington, David Barbee and his wife Tabitha of Elbow and Neal Barbee of Coahoma; two brothers, Charles Barbee and his wife Rebecca of Big Spring and his twin brother Darrell Barbee and his wife Jane of Burleson; nine grandchildren, Chad Winn, April Choate, Melanie and Justin Barbee, Corey Green, Rachel and Devin Barbee and Lane and Trent Campbell; a number of nieces and nephews and a number of great nieces and great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jim Wright, David Elmore, John Keller, Neal Squires, Tim Ballard, Bobby Henson and Larry Nix.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Marshall Day, John Henry Day, Don McKinney, Harvey Hocker, J. D. Robertson, Bill Bates and James Barr.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Lions Camp, P. O. Box 290247, Kerrville, 78029-0247 or Coahoma United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511 or other favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Harvey Thompson



Harvey Thompson, 32, of Big Spring, formerly of Temple, died on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at his residence. Graveside funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dean Thomas, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on March 17, 1972, in Big Spring.

Harvey was a soft spoken and kind-hearted man, who loved his children, being outdoors and fishing. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Ashli and Caitlin Thompson, both of Temple; one son, Blayton Thompson of Hooks; his mother, Zula Faye Thompson of Big Spring; two brothers, James Thompson of Tupelo, Okla., and Luther V. Thompson Jr. of Dallas; three sisters, Deena Gill of Vidor, Deanne Thompson of Washington, D.C., and Paula Heaton of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8, Midland 79701, or American Diabetes Association Inc., Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Take note

□ **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.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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## Jack Warren Fortney

Jack Warren Fortney, 82, of Hazelhurst, Ga., formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, in the Jeff Davis Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today, April 7, 2004, in the Miles Funeral Home Chapel in Hazelhurst, Ga.

Mr. Fortney was a native of Martinsburg, W. Va. He was an industrial engineer and a member of the Methodist Church in Brady. He was a World War II veteran and was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Fortney of Hazelhurst; three daughters, Candy Lacey and Penny Engard of Peachtree City and Annette Drawdy of Newnan; three sisters, Maxine Sloan of Chicago, Ill.; Betty Nigh of Pensacola, Fla., and Dorothy Brandt of Martinsburg, W. Va.; three brothers, James Fortney, Donald Fortney and Thomas Fortney, all of Martinsburg, W. Va.; two granddaughters; four grandsons; one great grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Miles Funeral Home in Georgia is in charge of arrangements.

## 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 were held at 10 a.m. today, April 7, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jacksboro with the Rev. Howell Martin officiating. Graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. today 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 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-in-law, David L. and Christy Nations of Acton; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro has charge of arrangements.

## Antonio Espindola

Antonio Espindola, 47, died Tuesday morning, April 6, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Blaz Armendarez

Blaz Armendarez, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday morning, April 6, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil Service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Other arrangements are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 7-15-19-25. Bonus Ball: 29.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$600,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-21-25-26.  
Number matching five of five: 1  
Prize per winner: \$40,208.  
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.  
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Light winds becoming east around 10 mph late in the afternoon.  
Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Friday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 50.  
Saturday...Mostly cloudy.

A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. Saturday night through Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

## TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

• "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

## Police blotter

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

• **ANGEL TORRES**, 19, of 4208 Parkway, was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants and a charge of assault.

• **DANNY FRANK WILSON**, 46, of 1305 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of class A assault.

• **PHILIP GARCIA**, 27, of 1409 Oriole, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest and driving while license suspended.

• **RANDY ALAN CYPERT**, 25, of 1311 Robin, was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1300 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 500 block of Donley.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **JOSHUA LEE DILLON**, 18, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and using a false driver's license or ID.

• **MELINDA M. MACHADO**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for issuance of a bad check.

• **DAVID WESTBROOK**, 30, was arrested Tuesday on charges of violation of a promise to appear and no fishing license.

• **DARREN HEFFINGTON**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended.

• **ALBERT MARTINEZ JR.**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of unlawful restraint, assault with intent to cause bodily injury, family violence-enhanced and injury to a child-family violence.

• **CURTIS WAYNE CULVER**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of speeding.

• **SAMUEL BAEZA LOPEZ**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of expired motor vehicle inspection certification, allowing a child ages 2-17 to ride unsecured, no fishing license and violation of a promise to appear.

• **MATILDE CORTEZ**, 59, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear and no fishing license.

• **CATHERINE ANN HALLMAN**, 63, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood. Arrest was made.

• **DOG BITE** was reported in the 3500 block of Webb Lane.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
8:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship

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## NEWS

## Demos won't

WASHINGTON — Democrats are pushing for a third medical malpractice reform bill, but opponents of the measure are warning that it could lead to a loss of access to care, a reduction in the number of doctors, and a loss of jobs.

"The ultimate goal is to get a bill passed that would allow the majority leadership to bring a bill to the Senate for practice legislation," said a Democratic spokesman.

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But Democrats are almost evenly split on saying that Republican donors in the race are the political action committee, why, of course.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Demos won't back down on lawsuit bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are trying for a third time to persuade Democrats to curb medical malpractice lawsuits and help alleviate what proponents of limits call a health care crisis.

"The ultimate victims are the patients who see their access to care, to that obstetricians, to that emergency room, to that trauma center, threatened and in some cases, that access totally disappearing," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said Tuesday as the Senate prepared for another vote on medical malpractice legislation.

Republicans on Wednesday will try to overcome a Democratic blockade on the medical malpractice legislation. Senate Republicans and President Bush have argued that the measure — which would set caps on damages — could help reduce unnecessary lawsuits that make it harder for doctors to practice. They've said the lawsuits drive up obstetricians' and gynecologists' insurance costs.

But Democrats have been refusing to allow the almost evenly divided Senate to debate the legislation, saying that Republicans are just playing up to their donors in the medical and insurance lobbies.

"I've never seen such special interest legislation," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "Instead of going about doing the people's business, we seem to be doing about the political action committees' business, and that's why, of course, nothing is getting done."

## Lutherans accused of allowing molester to join

MARSHALL (AP) — Jurors took less than 15 minutes last year to convict former Lutheran minister Gerald Patrick Thomas Jr. of sexually assaulting boys, then sentenced him to 397 years behind bars.

Now the question is whether the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its agencies should have done more to stop him.

In the same East Texas courtroom where Thomas was convicted, a jury was selected this week in a civil case brought by 14 victims of Thomas and their families. They claim the church groups failed to keep Thomas from the ministry despite warnings about his

behavior.

"These guys all knew what his record was," said the father of one victim suing the Chicago-based denomination, its Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and its Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, headquartered in Dallas. The Associated Press is withholding the father's name to protect his son's identity.

Reminiscent of complaints against the Roman Catholic hierarchy in recent years, the Thomas case is one of the most serious abuse lawsuits to hit a U.S. Protestant denomination.

## Officials urge restarting helicopter service

ODESSA (AP) — A West Texas hospital district's trustees have given unanimous support to continuing a regional medical helicopter service grounded after a tragic crash last month.

Medical Center Hospital is anticipating a resumption of CareStar air ambulance service by May or June in West Texas, hospital CEO William Webster said. He said a replacement helicopter and medical equipment are needed.

CareStar serves a 17-county region and averaged 50 flights a month, said Theron Park, assistant administrator for MCH's Center for Heart Disease. About a dozen CareStar crew members attended Tuesday's meeting of the Ector County Hospital District Board.

"We obviously want to move ahead as expeditiously as possible," Webster told the Odessa American in Wednesday's editions.

A CareStar helicopter crashed March 21 about 75 miles southwest of Odessa near Pyote, killing pilot Mickey Price, 46, of Dumas; paramedic Paul Lujan, 32, of Crane; 3-month-old patient Pedro Urias Modesto, of Ojinaga, Mexico; and his mother, AnaLilia Urias, 20.

## Cleanup efforts under way, victims buried

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico (AP) — Skies once filled with threatening clouds cleared and the cleanup of the destruction caused by flooding that killed 34 people got underway in this town on the U.S. border.

But even as hundreds began picking up the pieces of their damaged homes and water-logged belongings, many of their neighbors were burying loved ones.

Bulldozers rumbled through the streets and soldiers and city employees tossed debris into garbage trucks,

doing their best to pick through the rubble of toppled cars, demolished buildings and smashed furniture.

Torrential rain beginning Sunday night caused the Escondido River to overflow, triggering flash flooding that wiped out at least 100 homes and left thousands living in makeshift shelters.

Electricity had been restored to a portion of Villa de Fuente, the working class neighborhood hit hardest by the floods, said Marcela Aguirre, a spokeswoman for Piedras Negras, a town of 200,000 across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, Texas, some 150 miles southwest of San Antonio.

## Mexican authorities collar fugitive

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Mexican authorities confirm that they have arrested a Brownsville man wanted in the United States in an immigrant smuggling attempt that led to 19 deaths.

Victor Rodriguez, 57, was arrested March 29 in Matamoros by special investigators at the Agencia Federal de Investigacion, a division of the Mexican attorney general's office or PGR, a Mexican Attorney General's Office press release stated.

More than 70 immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic were being transported in a truck from the Rio Grande Valley to Houston when it was abandoned at a truck stop in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of Houston, on May 14.

Seventeen immigrants were found dead in the trailer, and two others later died. The victims, including a 5-year-old Mexican boy, died from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation.

In June, 14 people were named in a 58-count indictment alleged various counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants.

## Panel seeks to reduce underage drinking

AUSTIN (AP) — The state should crack down on underage drinking by creating stiffer penalties and restrictions for adults who encourage minors to drink, students and parents said at a Tuesday hearing.

Advocates of the tougher restrictions urged the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures to consider measures ranging from curbing alcohol advertising to restricting border access to Mexico for partying teenagers.

The committee oversees the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

## PERRY

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tax proposal, Perry said Tuesday, shortly after casting his early vote for the April 13 runoff election.

Lawmakers want to replace the share-the-wealth school finance

plan, which depends heavily on property tax revenue. The plan is known to some as Robin Hood because it collects money from property wealthy districts and redistributes it to poorer districts.

Perry has not publicly detailed his plan to replace Robin Hood, which has met with resis-

tance in the Legislature.

Perry defended his plan, saying criticisms have been "like a blind man trying to describe an elephant." Perry said he would lay out the plan soon.

Business leaders are leery of the plan, fearing they'll be responsible for a larger share of the tax load.

Texas Association of Business, the state's most influential business group, signed a letter last month opposing the idea. Several other business groups signed the letter.

Perry's plan does not include a significant new tax bill to replace the revenue that would be lost in tax cuts, but his office has floated allowing state-

taxed video lottery terminals at racetracks and an increase in the cigarette tax to fund education.

Perry is expected to call a special session to begin in mid-April, but he has said repeatedly that he won't convene a session until lawmakers have reached a consensus on how to overhaul Robin Hood. No consensus has

been reached on a specific plan.

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hosted by Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, and is open to the public.

"This is a non-denominational service and everyone in the community is invited," said Wright.

"It should last about an hour."

Also part of the Easter Holiday, Wright said First United Methodist Church will be holding its "Service of Darkness" Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

"Music for Thursday's service is going to be provided by the Big Spring Chamber Orchestra and the church's Chancel Choir," said Wright. "This is the

Tenebrae service, which is the Latin word for shadows, so the true translation would be Service of Shadows."

Wright said the service will take a look at the dark times leading up to the crucifixion of Christ.

"It was a very dark time," said Wright. "When the disciples gathered for the Last Supper,

Jesus gave them the New Covenant. A lot of them didn't know what it would mean."

For more information on the Sunrise Service and "Service of Darkness," contact First United Methodist Church at 267-6394.

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## RAIN

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during planting, which is generally the end of May and the first part of June, but the rains we've gotten recently will help assure we have the necessary subsoil moisture to get the plants up and growing."

Yeater agreed with Yates on the necessity of rains before and during planting, and although such rains last year caused headaches for many area farmers, it's much better to have it than to do without.

"Last year we had so much rain during the planting season that a lot of farmers had trouble getting in the fields to get their crops planted. Of course we were still happy to have it," he laughed. "Right now wheat is coming along nicely, and the moisture profile seems to be getting caught up, so it's shaping up to be a really good year."

Yates said the normal rainfall total for this time of the year is 2.27 inches, putting today's totals at three times that amount. Rainfall posted at the end of March in 2003 totaled

1.25 inches, falling well below expectations for that time period. Despite the slow start, 2003 managed to close out with 14.02 inches.

"With the first three months behind us, we're doing really well," said

Yates. "We haven't seen totals this good in a really long time. We usually get the majority of the big rains in May or June, so to be this far ahead this early is really good. If we continue to get the rainfall and then what we

expect in May and June, it should be a great year for the growers."

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OUR VIEWS

Symphony needs financial support for next season

It seems that it's almost every day we here at the Herald announce the need for donations for a worthy cause in our community. That's because a great many of the things we as a community take pride in and the things that make Big Spring a special place to live — Relay for Life, the United Way, Pops in the Park ... the list seems almost endless — are the result of local businesses and individuals opening their hearts and pocketbooks for a good cause.

Well, today there's another good cause that's in need of our community's financial support — the Big Spring Symphony.

The symphony has learned that it's going to receive \$10,000 less in grant funding for the 2004-2005 concert season, and that represents a significant shortfall when one considers the Big Spring Symphony Association's annual budget is less than \$60,000.

As a result, association members are at work now seeking sponsorships for the upcoming concert season.

Basically, there are two avenues available for those wishing to support the symphony — to make donations to support the entire concert season or to sponsor an individual concert.

Those able to contribute \$5,000 or more would join the list of the symphony's sustaining sponsors that include the Dora Roberts Foundation, the Texas Commission for the Arts and the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Benefactors for the concert season are those who can contribute \$1,000 to \$4,999. Patrons are donors of \$500 to \$999 and Sponsors are those who can contribute \$200 to \$499.

In addition, the association is offering individual concert sponsorships. A \$1,500 concert sponsorship provides the donor 20 tickets to the concert, recognition in media promotions, recognition during intermission and a full page in the center of the concert program. Donors of \$1,000 concert sponsorships receive 15 tickets, media recognition and a half page in the center section of the program; while concert sponsors providing \$500 receive 10 tickets and a quarter page in the program.

The 2004-2005 schedule calls for a season-opening concert in October with guest conductor John Giordano and guest pianist Peng Peng, a 10-year-old prodigy from China; a performance of Handel's "Messiah" in December; an appearance by guest pianist Dr. Cynthia Bauhof Williams in February; and the annual Choral Gala in April.

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One word is worth a thousand pictures

Rick Vanderpool has taken a thousand pictures of the word Texas. He focused his camera on the word found on everything from belt buckles to theater signs and everything in between.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Rick lives in Commerce and finds creative ways to make a living with his camera. He and his wife Judy own Prairie Rose studios located in downtown Commerce.

Rick takes pictures in black and white, enlarges them and Judy colors them. Their work is found in hospitals and office buildings all over the country. But that's only a part of what they do.

Rick bought a used pickup a few years ago. It had some 25 thousand miles on it then. He has proceeded to put nearly a quarter million miles on it. It is a small pickup, no back seat, a short bed. Rick loves that thing. He has figured out a way to curl his 6 feet two

inches frame into a sleeping position in the cab of the pickup. He stashes all his belongings on the floor and lies down.

What does he do with all those images of the word Texas? Plenty. He has put some of them on a poster and is working on creating a second one. He makes postcards, note cards, jigsaw puzzles and is working on developing fabric with the word Texas all over it. He's planning on coming out with a line of shirts and caps. He photographed the word Texas in every county in the state. All 254 of them. He found the word on buildings, manhole covers, vehicles, highway signs and just about every conceivable place.

Rick seems to be in constant motion. He and Judy are regulars at Canton's First Monday Trade Days. Their large booth is in a prime location and people stop by to look at the colorful merchandise.

Rick started his photographic odyssey in 1992 when he traveled all over the US taking pictures of cities named Columbus. He put together an exhibit of photographs

to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America in 1492. He didn't have any financial backing. He did it because he wanted to. So he sometimes sleeps in his pickup.

Now he's really got a tiger by the tail. Based on the popularity of his Texas poster, he is creating one for every state. He's already done about 30 states. For some, he travels to the states and does the photography. For others, he hires photographers to take pictures of their state name.

Rick has done other posters. He did one on Texas wildflowers. Another one has images of stars. He was surprised to discover how popular the star symbol is in Texas. He found it on government seals, in building rotundas, on sides of barns, just everywhere.

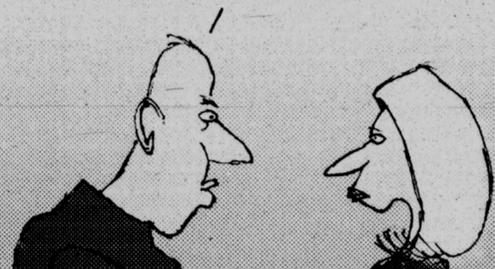
His latest poster is a montage of signs found on barbecue joints. He has become somewhat of an expert on barbecue. One day he and his grandson sampled bar-be-que in seven different places. He is keeping count of the ways BBQ is spelled.

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Kerry no long fears Dukakis' curse

By quietly naming John Sasso to be general election chairman of the Democratic National Committee, John Kerry has served notice that he is no longer afraid of the Michael Dukakis curse.



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Kerry does not exactly go out of his way to remind people he was Dukakis' lieutenant governor in Massachusetts. The official biography on Kerry's website says merely, "In 1984, after winning election as lieutenant governor in 1982, Kerry ran and was elected to serve in the United States Senate. ..."

You can't exactly blame Kerry for not mentioning Dukakis' name. The Dukakis 1988 presidential campaign is not considered one of the high points in Democratic history, and few in the party today want to be cursed as a "Dukakis liberal."

But by naming Sasso to a very important job at the DNC, Kerry is signaling he really isn't worried about labels or curses — because few people were as closely identified with Michael Dukakis as John Sasso.

Come with me down memory lane: In September 1987, Dukakis was running for president and Sasso was not only his campaign manager but a person Dukakis considered "like a brother."

One of Dukakis' chief rivals and a man neck-and-neck with him in fund raising was Joe Biden, senator from Delaware. Sasso found some dirt on Biden. At the Iowa State Fair, Biden used some of the same words in a speech that Neil Kinnock, leader of the British Labor Party, had previously used. It was not exactly

a felony, and Biden previously had given Kinnock credit. This time, Biden had merely forgotten the rule that if you steal from one person it's called plagiarism, and if you steal from many it's called research.

But when Sasso got his hands on a videotape of the Kinnock speech and a videotape of the Biden speech, Sasso figured he had a way of damaging Biden.

Sasso put the two tapes together on one tape and leaked the "attack video," as it came to be known, to The New York Times, NBC and the Des Moines Register. All three published the story. None revealed its source.

The story immediately snowballed. Other Biden character flaws were discovered (he had inflated his academic record and had insulted a voter in New Hampshire), and Biden withdrew from the race.

But one question still remained: Who had leaked the attack video? At first, Biden thought it was the Paul Simon campaign, and then suspicion turned to the Dick Gephardt campaign.

Eventually, attention turned to the Dukakis campaign. Here, Sasso made his fatal error. He denied being behind the Biden attack. And Dukakis denied it, too.

Eventually, Sasso went to Dukakis and came clean. Dukakis held a news conference and apologized, saying he had no idea that Sasso had done it. He was reluctant to fire Sasso, the most important figure in his campaign. But this just kept the snowball rolling, and Dukakis was forced to dump Sasso.

Sasso's departure from the campaign was a major blow, even though he would rejoin it after Dukakis' nomination. Some felt that without Sasso the campaign never went about the

essential task of establishing a clear and appealing persona for Dukakis (who seemed to lack one of his own).

But what had Sasso really done that was so terrible when he leaked the attack video?

There was ample precedent for digging dirt on opponents. The Republicans had a "truth squad" following Harry Truman around the country in 1948, leaping on his every word and reporting on its findings to reporters. And in 1968, the Republican National Committee tape-recorded every Hubert Humphrey speech and provided reporters with lists of what it considered inconsistencies and errors.

Today, campaigns make email accusations on a daily basis. Dirt is dug and served up to the press regularly.

But Sasso got bounced, not so much for what he did, but for not coming clean about it from the very beginning.

Soon afterward, U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., met with Dukakis. Dukakis was wooing congressmen, looking for their support.

"I asked Dukakis the question that nobody else had asked him," Morrison said. "I asked, 'What would you have done if Sasso had come to you with the Biden tape?' And Dukakis said, 'I would have burned it.'"

"And right then," Morrison said, "I knew Mike Dukakis would never be president."

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# Comptroller: Texas foster system in crisis, needs overhaul

AUSTIN—(AP) A sewage-spewing outdoor toilet. Cold-water showers. A secret attic "seclusion" room where children can be locked inside. Yellowish frozen-milk.



STRAYHORN

Armed with large color photographs of those scenes, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn took aim at the state's foster care system Tuesday, saying it needs a "massive overhaul" to better serve the children in its custody.

"I am appalled at the conditions too many of our foster children must endure," she said. "I challenge any defender of the current status quo to put their child or their grandchild in some of the situations, some of the places

that I've seen, for one day, much less for a lifetime."

The comptroller released a lengthy report titled "Forgotten Children" resulting from a seven-month investigation by her office.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, which oversees foster care, responded by saying it has begun making changes.

"Obviously there are situations in the foster care system that we would like to improve, and we have taken steps to make improvements in the areas addressed by the comptroller's report," said spokesman Geoffrey Wool. "Things don't happen quickly when you're talking about major changes like the ones we are undergoing."

Strayhorn's criticism was particularly directed

at therapeutic camps and residential treatment centers, where foster children live as a group instead of with families. She added that there are many well-run treatment centers and foster care homes.

But some children had been moved to 30 or 40 foster care providers and have faced sexual, physical and emotional abuse or even death in the system, Strayhorn said.

At any one time there are 16,000 children in foster care in Texas. Of those, less than 100 are in therapeutic foster camps, Wool said.

Eighty percent of foster children live with individual families; others may be placed in group residential centers. Eighty-six percent of children who come into foster care are returned to their homes or adopted within

a year.

"We work toward reunification of children with their families," Wool said.

Strayhorn said she made 11 unannounced visits to foster care sites, in places she would not disclose, and that in all her staff made 26 visits.

Some conditions they saw amounted to "cruelty" and "endangering," Strayhorn said, but she said she did not personally file any complaints with state regulators or police. An aide to the comptroller later said some complaints were made to Department of Family and Protective Services licensing authorities, who then reported those complaints via the agency's complaint hotline.

No exact number of complaints lodged by the comptroller's office was

available.

The report makes 87 recommendations, including saving and redirecting \$193.9 million so that state enforcement staff can be beefed up. Much of the money would come over a five-year period from shifting state case worker jobs to outside, independent entities.

The report also recommends immediately removing children from "therapeutic camps," such as outdoor experience camps, that don't meet permanent licensing regulations. Another call for more accountability for psychotropic drugs administered to foster children.

## Elbow Elementary students win 3-2A meet

HERALD Staff Report

Elbow Elementary School earned first, Stanton Elementary finished second and Coahoma Elementary placed fourth in the University Interscholastic League District 3-2A elementary academic meet held Friday, March 26, in Forsan.

Six schools, including Crane, Seagraves and Colorado City, participated in the meet which was originally scheduled for Feb. 12 on the Forsan Junior High/High School campus but was postponed because of inclement weather.

Most of the events were held on the individual campuses because of the postponement, and the March 26 contest wrapped up the competition with the feature, story-telling and oral reading events.

Individual results:

Creative writing two: 2. Kayla Journigan, Coahoma; 3. Briana McCalley, Coahoma; 4. Savannah Neff, Coahoma; 5. Kassie O'Dell, Stanton; 6. Eindra Lwin, Forsan; Best Alternate, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Forsan.

Dictionary skills five: 1. Grayson Gray, Stanton; 2. Zane Herrin, Forsan; 3. Joshua Powell, Stanton; 4. Michael Mims, Forsan; 5. Jason Martinez, Coahoma; 6. Summer Peddy, Forsan; Best Alternate, Chase Pierce, Forsan.

Listening skills five: 2. Jason Martinez, Coahoma; 3. J.C. Johnson, Colorado City; 3 Marcus Campbell, Forsan; 5. Shelby Reid of Coahoma; 5. Cameron Churchwell, Forsan.

Maps, graphs and charts five: 1. Zane Herrin, Forsan; 2. Erin Grahman, Colorado City; 4. Joshua Powell, Stanton; 5. Regan Newsom, Forsan; Best Alternate, Amanda Arispe.

Number sense four: 3. Lee Hull, Stanton; 4 Alyssa Bonner, Colorado City.

Number sense five: 3. Erin Grahman, Colorado City; 4. Chris Madrid, Colorado City; 5. Daniel Hammond, Colorado City; Best Alternate, Regan Newsom, Forsan.

Oral reading four: 1. Jodi Jones, Forsan; 2. K'Leigh Wallis, Colorado City; 3. Selah Ramsey, Stanton; 5. Kaitlyn Hector, Coahoma; 6. Heather Kirby, Coahoma; Best Alternate, Amber Neighbors,

Forsan.

Oral reading five: 1. Sam Hopkins, Stanton; 2 Sarah Beddingfield, Colorado City; 3. Kevy O'Brien, Forsan; 4. Brandi Smith, Coahoma; 5. Alicia Perez, Stanton; 6. Macall Maddox, Colorado City; Best Alternate Jacob Robbins, Coahoma.

Ready writing three: 1. Alexis Armstrong, Forsan; 2. Julie Jimenez, Coahoma; 3. Morgan Luce, Coahoma; 4. Rachel Billett, Stanton; 5. Jesse Rose, Forsan; 6. Cole Long, Forsan; Best Alternate Tanner Ruiz, Coahoma.

Ready writing four: 1. Payton Parker, Forsan; 2. Justin Coker, Coahoma; 3. K'Leigh Wallis, Colorado City; 4. Alyssa Bonner, Colorado City; 5. Selah Ramsey, Stanton; Best Alternate, Cole Sneed, Coahoma.

Ready writing five: 1. Jacob Robbins, Coahoma; 2. Noelle Havens, Stanton; 4. Morgan Barker, Coahoma; 6. Kimberly Pfeuffer, Colorado City; Best Alternate, Tammy Jones, Stanton; Best Alternate, Rachel Barbee, Coahoma.

Spelling three: 1. Scott Smith, Stanton; 2. Cole Long, Forsan; 3. Case Ingram, Forsan; 5. Brittany Vasquez, Colorado City; 6. Vanna George, Colorado City; Best Alternate, Trevor Burchett, Forsan; Best Alternate, Shelby Rotan, Forsan; Best Alternate, Jacob Chappell, Stanton.

Spelling four: 3. Sidney Holdampf, Forsan; 3.

Jacob Nichols, Stanton; 6.

Spelling fifth: 1. Sam Hopkins, Stanton; 2. Nick Reyna, Colorado City; 3. Ashton Snellgrove, Stanton; 4. Riley Thompson, Coahoma; 5. Bailey Bryan, Stanton; 6. Cameron Churchwell, Forsan; Best Alternate, Spencer Cortez, Stanton.

Storytelling two: 1. Marissa Robinson, Colorado City; 2. Allison Burrola, Colorado City; 3. Tyler Evans, Forsan; 4. Bryson Dunn, Forsan; 5. Taybor Flores, Forsan; Best Alternate, Covan Davidson, Forsan.

Storytelling three: 1. Gabrielle Borel, Forsan; 2. Sebastian Turner, Colorado City; 3. Shelby Rotan, Forsan; 5. Destyne Gaona, Colorado City; 6. Blake Evans, Stanton; Best Alternate, Madison Churchwell, Forsan.

Team results: Art four: 1. Kara Hughey, Lindzey Roach and Hope Cimino, Forsan; 3. Miranda Reyna, Taylor Harris, Kalea Hubbard, Jason Rodriguez and Jeffery Hickson, Colorado City; 4. Ariella Moreno, Norma Najera and Selah Ramsey, Stanton; 5. Keveen Gilbert, Silvia Gonzalez and Marco Molina, Coahoma. Art contest five: 2. Koltan Self, Jacquelin Civello and Sterling Chaney, Forsan; 3. Jami Hale, Ashton Snellgrove, Christy Manuel and Neelle Havens, Stanton; 4. Nick Reyna, Kimberly Chaney, Erin Graham

and Ave Macedo, Colorado City; 5. Brittany Villareal, Maggie Pollock, Lane Gammons and Keaton Martin, Coahoma.

Music memory three: 1. Elizabeth Rhodes, Ali Knight, Tanner Ballard and Nicolas Emerson, Forsan; 2. Rachel Billett, Kyle Eckert, Jasmin Rangel and Scott Smith, Stanton; 3. Jose Nino, Will Barker, Dustin Fontana and Wendy Anderson, Coahoma; 4. Darian Lendermon, Olivia Franco, Whitney Ortiz and Marinea Lopez, Colorado City.

Music memory four: 1. Shayne Conaway, Jacob Nichols, Timothy Smith, Nicholas Nevarez and Lee Hull, Stanton; 2. Hope Rotan, Forsan; 5. Destyne Gaona, Colorado City; 6. Ashley Buzbee, Bethany Roach and Alexis Armstrong, Forsan; 3. Heather Hildebrand, Isaiah Salazar, Calvin Gibbs, Nikita Wageman, Alex Gonzales and Kenzie Moore, Coahoma; 5. Kristi Barnett, Jessica Hampton, Luran Meeks, Kalea Molina, Taylor Harris and Kody Wood, Colorado City.

Music memory five: 1. Sterling Chaney, Tim Davila, Jacquelin Civello, Nalani Province, Forsan; 2. Morgan Barker, Austin Rinard, Rachel Barbee, Aaron Gonzales, Coahoma; 3. Alex Alaniz, Noelle Havens, Sam Hopkins and Tammy Jones, Stanton; 5. Kaley Hill, Brittanie Styron, Katherine Hickson and Tiffanie Martinez, Colorado City.

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# What's new at the county library

The Howard County Library will be closed Friday and Saturday for Easter. We will reopen on Monday at 9 a.m.

Do you watch those infomercials on TV? One of the most ubiquitous (or obnoxious) is the one with Tony Little and his low impact Gazelle exercise machine. Little has now published a book that promises that within 28 days, by following his instructions (and probably purchasing his exercise equipment), you too, will have 6-pack abs. "One on One - A Complete 28-Day Body Sculpting and Weight Program" (613.71 LIT T), is according to one reviewer, "very reader-friendly. I found it to answer many of my questions in a simple, to-the-point manner. The exercises are challenging, and the pictures make them easy to follow. Tony's down to earth attitude is refreshing. This book encourages me to keep healthy!"

A really quirky book that I read about was about a man building a boat entirely out of wine

corks. It was reviewed in the Dallas Morning News sometime back in January. Anyway, I found it interesting and the library has purchased it. "Cork Boat" (797.109 POL J) is written by John Pollack. In the late 1990s, John Pollack was working as a Washington speechwriter when, frustrated by the cynicism and hypocrisy in Capitol Hill, he quit his job to pursue a boyhood dream: to build a boat made entirely of wine corks and take it on an epic journey. "Cork Boat" tells the story of Pollack's improbable quest. Overcoming one obstacle after another, he convinces skeptical bartenders to save their corks, corrals a brilliant but disorganized partner, and eventually cajoles more than one hundred volunteers who help build the boat until their fingers bleed. Ultimately, Pollack completes his vessel of 165,321 corks and sets sail on a fantastic voyage down the Douro River in Portugal, where the Cork Boat becomes a national sensation. In recounting these adventures, Pollack skillfully meanders through fascinating arcana, from the cork wars to the history of rubber bands (some 15,000 of which help hold his boat together). This is just a great, whimsical

read and I highly recommend it.

Are you contemplating retirement and wondering if you can really afford to retire? Fred Brock writes "Seniority" (a column for the New York Times) and he has written a down to earth book that debunks the myth that you must replace most of your pre-retirement income and that Social Security won't be there for you. In "Retire on Less Than You Think" (332.024 BRO F), Brock give you strategies and tools for achieving your personal retirement plans. There are worksheets that you can copy to help you work through your retirement plans.

Have you ever wondered how you will be remembered after your death? Larry King of CNN asked the rich and famous to write their obituary/epitaph and he has compiled them into a book. "Remember Me When I'm Gone" (992.073 KIN L) by Larry King, may be found in the New Book section.

The library has received some new books on tape. All are unabridged and ready for that spring trip to see the wildflowers down Llano way! BOTs received are: "3rd Degree," (7 hours) by James Patterson; Suzanne Brockman's "Over the Edge" (15

hours); "Demons," (7 hours) by Bill Pronzini; a new author - Julia Spencer-Fleming's "In the Bleak Midwinter" (13 hours); "True at First Light," (13 hours) by Ernest Hemingway; Dean Koontz's "By the Light of the Moon" (13 hours); and finally, Stephen King's "Desperation" (9 hours).

Some new mysteries: "The Jupiter Myth," by Lindsey Davis; Eric Wright's newest Charlie Salter mystery, "The Last Hand;" and "The Kill Fee," by Laura Van Wormer. Her character is Sally Harrington, an executive with DBS News. This is a fast-moving book; Carol Higgins Clark's "Popped" - a Regan Reilly mystery.

Southern life comes to the forefront with Margaret Maron's newest character, Amy Steadman. The book is "Last Lessons of Summer." Maron usually writes about Judge Deborah Knott. I wouldn't be surprised if the two characters don't meet up in an upcoming book.

A new mystery author is Barbara Colley. Her first book is "Polished Off," which takes place in New Orleans. These can be found in the Mystery section.

A biography of Alfred Hitchcock is in. "Alfred Hitchcock: A Life in

Darkness and Light" (B HIT A) by Patrick McGilligan has just arrived. "High Calling: The Courageous Life of Columbia Commander Rick Husband" (B HUS R) by his wife, Evelyn Husband with Donna Vanliere, has also arrived. These two can be found on the new book shelf.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The

internet/video room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes 30 minutes earlier than the library, which is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog is on line; our e-mail address is howardcountylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.



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## Topic: Weather Sayings

**Q: We've all heard the saying, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky at morning, sailor take warning." Is it accurate?**

A: The answer is usually yes, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. The red-sky reference may be the most famous of all weather sayings, and like many ancient proverbs, there is some science behind it.

"The saying goes back to observations made by sailors who had a clear 360-degree view of the horizon from their ships," she explains. "In the northern hemisphere, most weather patterns move from west to east, so if a sailor could see a red sunset to the west, it meant that skies were clear in that direction and that tomorrow would likely be a nice day with few clouds."

**Q: What's the science behind it?**

A: The red sky at night (sunset) is caused by the sun striking particles known as aerosols in the atmosphere, Curtiss adds. "But if a sunrise is reddish or rosy looking, and you can see clouds over the horizon, it might mean the good weather has passed and a storm system could move in. The saying goes back to biblical times and is even quoted in the book of

Matthew, who wrote: 'When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowring.' Various other mentions of the saying have occurred over the past 500 years, and in a book titled 'Weather Lore' written in 1893, the author wrote: 'Sky red in

the morning is a sailor's sure warning; sky red at night is the sailor's delight.' One version of the saying goes 'Evening red and morning gray, send the sailor on his way.'"

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## IN BRIEF

### Steers, Lady Steers play Andrews to

Big Spring's and Lady Steers rescheduled District 4-4A and softball game. Andrews Mustang Lady Mustangs today.

The games, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will begin with Lady Steers taking the field at 4 p.m. BSISD Softball game. The Steers will be at 4:30 p.m. at Steer Park.

### CGA to hold benefit tournament for

The Chicano Association of Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 10, at the Comanche Golf Course.

The tournament mat will be a four-ball scramble. Entry fee is \$20 per player. All players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information call Billy Pineda at 7116 after 7 p.m.

### Coahoma UGSA offering last cha

The Coahoma UGSA Girls Soccer Association will be holding last year's sign-ups for Division II and III players. No late fees start at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Soccer Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact assistant president Rob Robinson at 393-5600.

### Umpires needed Little League se

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should contact Jason Hester at 267-0800 or Don Booth at 6597.

### Mavericks knock Portland, 118-10

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Mavericks defeated Seattle SuperSonics 118-108 on Tuesday night.

With Antoine Walker logging extensive minutes at center, Hester scored 118 or more points for the sixth consecutive game.

Mavericks coach Nelson kept center Shawn Bradley, forward Fortson and Williams on the bench for most of the three quarters. Bryant entered the game late.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule Today	
Event, Time	7 p.m.
Sears vs. Seattle	7 p.m.
Thursday	
Event, Time	4:15 p.m.
Steers vs. Lake View	4:15 p.m.
Friday	
Event, Time	2 p.m.
Hawks vs. El Paso	2 p.m.
Saturday	
Event, Time	7 p.m.
Mavericks at Seattle	7 p.m.
Flowers vs. Argos	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	
Event, Time	12:40 p.m.
Astro vs. Brewers	12:40 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Steers, Lady Steers play Andrews today

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers have rescheduled their District 4-4A baseball and softball games with Andrews Mustangs and Lady Mustangs for today.

The games, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will begin with the Lady Steers taking the field at 4 p.m. at the BSISD Softball Complex. The Steers' game will be at 4:30 p.m. at Steer Park.

#### CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for Saturday, April 24, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble. Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m..

#### Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance sign-ups for Division I, II and III players with no late fees starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact association president Patric Robinson at 393-5622.

#### Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester at 264-7777 or Don Booth at 263-6597.

#### Mavericks knock off Portland, 118-108

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks hope they can win with a run-and-gun approach during the playoffs, when a premium is placed on the half-court game.

It's been working so far.

Michael Finley scored 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 23 and the Mavericks ran their winning streak to five games by beating the Seattle SuperSonics 118-108 on Tuesday night.

With Antoine Walker logging extensive minutes at center, Dallas scored 118 or more points for the sixth consecutive game.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson kept centers Shawn Bradley, Danny Fortson and Scott Williams on the bench for most of the first three quarters. Bradley entered the game late.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
Event	Time	Station
Spurs vs. Seattle	7 p.m.	1490
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Steers vs. Lake View	4:15 p.m.	1490
Friday		
Event	Time	Station
Hawks vs. El Paso	2 p.m.	1490
Saturday		
Event	Time	Station
Mavericks at Seattle	7 p.m.	1490
Rangers vs. Angels	6:30 p.m.	1490
Sunday		
Event	Time	Station
Astros at Brewers	12:40 p.m.	1490

# Steers rally to claim 4-4A golf title

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers claimed the District 4-4A golf championship Monday, erasing a three-stroke deficit after two rounds of play to take a 12-stroke victory over Andrews' Mustangs in the final round of district play at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

The Steers, who'd opened 4-4A play by fashioning an eight-stroke lead on their home course

at the Big Spring Country Club, saw Andrews take advantage of playing their home layout in the second round and post a two-day team total of 319-314, 633. Meanwhile, the Steers had a 311-325, 636 total after two rounds.

"We were kind of looking at it like major college sports teams do, we wanted to win at home and break even on the road," Steers coach Steve Ward noted. "We did just that. We won at home, slipped a little at

Andrews, but came back to win it in San Angelo."

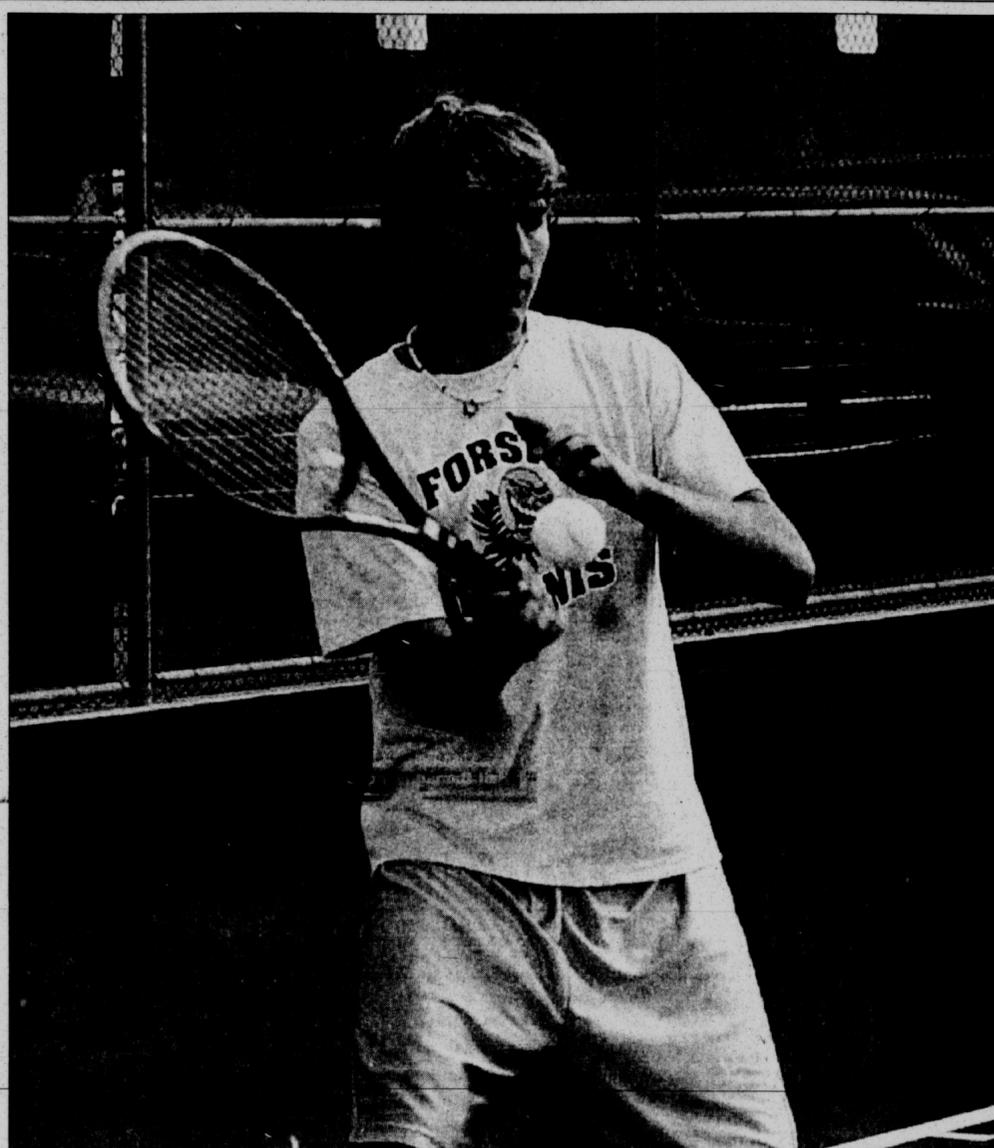
Indeed. The Steers, paced by Ryan Rodriguez's round of 73, fashioned a 318 on Tuesday, giving them a 954 team total, while Andrews soared to 333 over the final 18 holes and barely held off Frenship for runner-up honors and a berth in the Region I, Class 4A Tournament set for April 19-20 in San Angelo.

Frenship finished with a three-

round total of 968, but did have two individuals — Landon Woten and Steve Jones — qualify for regional tournament play.

In addition to Rodriguez's 73 — that earned him individual medalist honors with a three-day total of 72-78-73, 223 — Big Spring got rounds of 81 from both Ryan Wegman and Tommy Billalba, while Chance Cain had an 83 and Jace Williams posted an 84.

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Forsan High School junior Jonathan Wright returns a volley from a Seagraves opponent during Tuesday's district tennis tournament in Forsan. The tournament was postponed Monday due to weather.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## UConn women champs

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Both teams were No. 1 at the beginning, and now they're both on top at the end. For Connecticut, this was a basketball season like no other.

Two teams, two titles and one unprecedented feat.

The Connecticut women completed a championship sweep for the school and further enhanced their stature as the nation's dominant program by beating Tennessee 70-61 Tuesday night for their third straight NCAA title.

The night before, UConn defeated Georgia Tech in San Antonio to win the men's championship.

A Division I school had never before won both titles in the same season.

"We don't even understand the magnitude of our own win, let alone what both programs have accomplished in the same year," UConn's Maria Conlon said. "Hopefully in a couple of weeks, when we settle in, we'll understand how special this is."

"We watched the men's game together last night and we said there is no way we are going to miss the opportunity to make history."

Thanks to Diana Taurasi and a terrific supporting cast, the Huskies got it done. And they did it against the only other school that has won three straight titles, the program the Huskies have usurped to become the nation's best.

Tennessee won three in a row from 1996-98, but hasn't had a title since. Connecticut has won four since 2000 and has five overall, one short of Tennessee's record total. Four of the Huskies' championships have come with victories over

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## Giants spoil Pettitt's debut with Astros

By **MARK BABINECK**

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The near-capacity crowd paid to see a hometown boy make good. It didn't happen the way most of them had in mind.

Andy Pettitte was roughed up in his much-anticipated Astros debut. Instead, fellow Houston-area resident David Aardsma won in his first major league game as the San Francisco Giants prevailed 7-5 Tuesday night.

"It was terrible," Pettitte said after giving up six runs on 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings. "It was disappointing."

Pettitte gave up a single to Ray Durham on his very first pitch. At least the left-hander had no problems with Barry Bonds, who remained in fourth place on the all-time homer list, one behind godfather Willie Mays' 660.

In their first meeting, Pettitte got Bonds to hit into a double play and

pop out, then Bonds was doubled up after receiving an intentional walk.

Neifi Perez was a different story.

The light-hitting shortstop lined a three-run double in the fourth inning.

In the sixth, Perez scored after an RBI double to end the evening for Pettitte, who spent his first nine major league seasons with the New York Yankees before signing a three-year deal with his hometown team last

December.

Perez had been 1-for-7 against Pettitte before getting three straight hits off him Tuesday. Perez finished 4-for-4 with four RBIs as the Giants won for the second straight day.

"I faced him when I was in Kansas City, and when you get two strikes he likes to come with the (cut fastball) inside," Perez said. "I just tried to have a good swing, not hit the ball out of the park, and you saw the results."

## 'An advertisement for why every kid should go to college'

The parents knew little about basketball, and cared even less. Pius Okafor took his 8-year-old son, Emeka, to his first rec league game in Bartlesville, Okla., mostly because other kids played, too. Besides, he thought the fast-growing boy needed to burn some energy.

Although Pius struggled to follow the action at times, by the third game even he sensed his son had a gift. But he didn't leave war-ravaged

Nigeria behind, and work night and day in his new homeland, just to raise a basketball player. Pius and his wife, Celestina, had much grander plans.

"I made him understand academics went first," she said. "He would go to school, come home, take a nap, go play and study again. ... We had rules."

Thirteen years later, Emeka Okafor is the best player in college basketball, an academic All-American, and after Monday night, a national champion to boot. He will graduate from Connecticut with a 3.8 grade-point average and a degree in finance in just three years. Then he will take his brains and brawn to the NBA and become an instant millionaire.

"I don't think it's hit me yet," Okafor said. "When's practice tomorrow?"

As confetti swirled and the celebration of UConn's title continued on every side of him, coach Jim Calhoun looked back to where Okafor stood in a gaggle of his teammates, waiting for his chance to cut down a strand of the net.

"He's an advertisement," Calhoun said, "for why every kid should go to college."

The story of how Okafor wound up at a powerhouse like UConn has more to do with luck than basketball prowess. At the end of his four years at Bellaire High in Houston, Emeka was still a better student than athlete.

His top college choices were academic powerhouses like Stanford, Vanderbilt and Rice, but none of them had a scholarship to offer. Like a lot of coaches, Bob Knight thought enough of Okafor's potential to make a side trip to Houston the day after he got the Texas Tech job. Calhoun saw the same qualities and started recruiting the kid hard, but their first meeting didn't go smoothly.

The coach's heavy New England accent was tough for Okafor to decipher, and he had trouble following the fast-talking Irishman's pitch. Calhoun, meanwhile, was puzzled by a game the father and son played

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Tennessee in the title game. "Tennessee's been great for so long and as a little kid, that's the team everyone looked at and now, I think we made it," Taurasi said. "I think we're the top program out there. I don't care what anyone says anymore." Both Connecticut teams were No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason poll and each stumbled at times during the regular season before get-

ting it back together in the NCAA tournament. The women returned everyone from the team that beat Tennessee in last year's title game, so they were expected to win again. But there were many games when they hardly looked like champions. The Huskies blew a 20-point lead in a loss to Duke in early January and lost at Notre Dame 10 days later. Then they lost two of their last four regular-season games and didn't even make the finals of the Big East tournament.

Four losses are enough to send the most optimistic UConn fan into a panic, but in the end, it didn't matter. Coach Geno Auriemma pushed all the right buttons in March and here they are in April — champions again. "Once the season ended, all we had to do was focus on three weekends in March and that became a real easy thing to do," Auriemma said. "Because the journey leading up to that was very, very, very difficult. Very difficult. "Because if you're the defending national champions, that's a lot different

team was fifth at 1,076. Frenship's "B" team was sixth at 1,103, while Big Spring's "B" team was seventh with a 1,119 total. The Big Spring "B" team was led by Jason Murphree's 91-84-80, 255 score. Jacob Castle added a 91-99-86, 276 score. David Welch finished at 98-91-98, 287; Collin Carroll had a 100-98-99, 294; and Seve Watson finished at 98-84-114, 308.

Shanna Zolman said. "We were excited." The Lady Vols got even more excited when they pulled to within two on Brittany Jackson's long 3-pointer midway through the second half. But on this night, Connecticut had too many answers, whether it was Taurasi making a double-pump layup on a baseline drive, Ann Strother hitting all three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point shot or Willnett

Crockett converting a huge three-point play to take the lead to seven with 3:01 left. "I thought we were going to come back, but every time we made a defensive mistake, Connecticut capitalized on it," Tennessee's Tasha Butts said. "We had too many breakdowns." Taurasi, the Final Four's outstanding player for the second straight year, led UConn with 17 points.

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Cain finished tied for fifth individually with a 77-83-83, 243 total.

Frenship's Woten finished 10 strokes off the medalist pace set by Rodriguez with a 233. Other team finishes saw Andrews' "B" team finish fourth with a 1,042 total, while Levelland's "A"

team was fifth at 1,076. Frenship's "B" team was sixth at 1,103, while Big Spring's "B" team was seventh with a 1,119 total. The Big Spring "B" team was led by Jason Murphree's 91-84-80, 255

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while he sat in their living room. "It took me a couple of minutes to figure out," Calhoun said. "They were competing in a game where they're naming streets, from all over the world, I think, and then spelling them, rapid-fire. His father is just like him." "Competitive," teammate Rashad Anderson said, finishing the thought. "Other than me, Emeka is the most competitive guy I've ever known. The one thing I do better than him is shoot 3-pointers and we've spent hours after practice going back and forth until he wins at least one. "I've met his dad, too,"

Anderson added, "and I'm pretty sure that's where he got most of it." Whatever the source, the rest of the college basketball world never quite found a way to cope. Okafor began drawing attention in the middle of last season, becoming faster and stronger as the games marched on, and by tournament time, he was arguably the most dominant force in the sport. But his progress this season wasn't an unbroken line. Like UConn, he began it saddled with expectations and then was hampered by back problems. With Okafor struggling, the Huskies lost to Georgia Tech in the Preseason NIT, and by the end of January, despite stringing together a 17-3 mark, he and his team were labeled disappointing. Then they

closed it out with a 14-1 run. "It was kind of stressful at points, but we just stayed with it and prevailed," Okafor said. Georgia Tech center Luke Schenscher knew only too well how that felt. "He's a great player. We knew that coming in," Schenscher said after battling Okafor in the post all night. "We tried a few things defensively, but he had his way with us." Okafor has been doing that with just about everybody he's come in contact with since childhood. Those he couldn't overpower, he simply charmed. "We always knew he'd be good at something, but who would have dreamed it would be basketball?" his father said. "I remember when he

was in the ninth grade at some tournament or other, and afterward, he was signing autographs for all these kids who weren't much younger than him." Then the elder Okafor looked back at the court, trying to find his son in the middle of the chaos. "Athletics were not very important growing up back home. We let Emeka continue on with it, because it made him happy. But who," he said, with a sweep of his arm, "could imagine it would lead to this?" With that, Pius Okafor rubbed his chin, took in the scene before him again and flashed a grin that seemed to say, "Only in America." Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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The Aries sun infuses us with the determination of children — intently

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Joyce Jillson

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're the best judge of character today, so don't listen to the gossips. Make your own mind up instead. There's a prize of sorts for being the first to recognize potential. This could be potential in a person, object or situation. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Dependable people sometimes don't come through for you, and irresponsible people sometimes do. Instead of making predictions, just see what life turns up. When you apply that famous flexibility to the situation, you'll be thrilled. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Do the work that

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

requires you to be super sharp in the morning — any later, and everything seems so hilarious it's hard to take work seriously. There's an intriguing message on your answering machine. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Sad stories are out there, circling, gaining gravity and unavoidable. Maybe all this drama is designed to help you expand your capacity to feel empathy. Some people around you attract trouble as a hobby. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being more emotionally in tune with others will actually make you smarter! When you're not caught up in healing riffs and making sure you haven't offended anyone, you've got more energy to put into thinking. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're feeling playful and a little fierce, too. You know the way cats play with a bird or a mouse for a while before deciding it would make a good snack? That's your approach to human relations now — uncharacteristic to be sure. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've got strengths that you're aware of and strengths that you're not aware of — the same goes for your faults. That's why it's good to keep a Gemini or Aquarius around to point out what you're not seeing. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The people who care about you and love you are eager to show you just how much today. Let them spoil you! Don't turn down a gift just because it makes you feel embarrassed. Trips to the seaside are lucky.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Communicating can be tricky, and there are many rules now. Luckily, you can appreciate it all today. You're like a universal remote control — you fit into any situation and control it with some well-timed button pushing. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Controversy is featured. How you weigh in to this conflict depends on where you choose to focus. Morality might be fixed for you, but it's different for every person. Try and tolerate what you don't entirely understand. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your priorities change, and the process can be disorienting. Getting lost along life's way can be a gift, too — it teaches you to rely on your faith. Because you hold onto passionate beliefs, a fire inside you creates a shining light. **ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am a newly single mom (Oct. 20, 1968). Even though I love my kids, I want very much to feel that I'm going somewhere in the bigger world outside my front door. I feel guilty for wanting to leave them and go to work again." With so much Libra in your chart, you need to be with adults as much as children, so it's not surprising that you long for a sense of progress and accomplishment outside of the family unit. Consider blending your need to take care of your children together with your need for personal/career development by starting a home business. Local classes teach all you need

to know. It's especially lucky to turn a hobby into a business. Financial help is easily found when you make a proposal in August. Between now and then, gather as much data as you can. Subscribe to magazines about entrepreneurs, and join the chamber of commerce in your community — it probably meets once a month. Choosing the right business will be key, but if you have enough choices in front of you, the right one rings out and you can feel it in every fiber of your being. You don't have to "leave" your children to go to work again. Your emotions will even out in the second week of May. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Russell Crowe is the star of "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World." What a perfect role for a sign that lives for challenge, and fights its way through life. As a new father, however, Crowe is likely to feel pulled in two directions at once: that of Aries the nurturer and that of the independent Aries. Aries make great rough-and-tumble dads. If you would like to write to Joyce Jillson, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com) and click on "Write the Author" on the Joyce Jillson page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Joyce Jillson and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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**Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: Recently, my 85-year-old mother had a biopsy done, and the doctors want to remove her breast. Mom already has had one breast removed and is in poor health. Mom also is suffering from some dementia and doesn't understand what is going on around her unless we catch her on a good day. I am not going to allow them to take her other breast. I don't believe major surgery will benefit her. I am mostly concerned about Mom's quality of life. My brother says he will go along with whatever I decide, but he's the one with power of attorney and he can override my decision. Am I right in wanting Mom to have dignity during whatever time she has left? — Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned: We spoke with Dr. Jeanne Wei, professor and executive vice chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging in Little Rock, Ark. She agrees with you 100 percent. If your mother is in a great deal of pain that cannot be managed by medication, surgery may become necessary, but surgery



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also can complicate other underlying conditions. According to Dr. Wei, the question any person in this type of situation should ask is, "Would these medical procedures improve my loved one's cognition and quality of life?" All of us would want nothing less. Discuss the options with your brother, and make sure he backs you up. Dear Annie: I'm a 50-year-old woman, and my boyfriend, "Jake," lives in Florida. Jake has been to my home five times, and I've visited him twice. We've taken several vacations together. The plan was for Jake to move here when he retires next year, but I'm not sure our relationship is the same any longer. He seems to be pulling away, but when I ask him about it, he says it's stress from his job. Jake and I wanted to buy a boat together. The last

time I visited him, we found the perfect one at a great price. Jake didn't have his retirement money, so I paid for the boat, but it is registered in Jake's name only. He has used it for fishing a few times and is supposed to ship the boat to my house soon. Now I'm concerned Jake will change his mind. I have the cancelled check for the purchase of the boat, and Jake signed a statement saying the boat belongs to me in case of his death. My question is, what if we break up and he decides not to ship the boat? Do I have any recourse, or am I out the money? — Worried in Chicago

Dear Worried: If Jake and the boat don't join you in Chicago, or if he refuses to reimburse you for the cost, you can take him to court. You stand an excellent chance of getting your money back, but you will have to consult a lawyer about the particulars. Before jumping to conclusions, however, it might be a good idea to give Jake the opportunity to make things right. We're hoping he comes through. Dear Annie: I came across this story on the Internet. I have no idea who wrote it, but it made me laugh, and I wanted to share it. — Janet in Texas

Dear Janet: Thanks for a good chuckle. Here's the story:

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school. "Yes," he replied. "When did you graduate?" I asked. He answered, "In 1959." "Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

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7 PM	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Mariana de la Noche	60 Minutes II (CC)	Prisionera	The Apprentice	Seinfeld (CC)	Update/Israel Jesse Lee	Secrets of the	Monster Garage (CC)	Movie: Star Trek II: The	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Movie: The Thirteenth	Giants at Houston	Quarterfinal Game 1 --	Law & Order: Special	Rekindled (CC)
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9 PM	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto	70s Show Raymond	70s Show Raymond	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight	News The Tonight	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Monster Garage (CC)	Movie: Conan	Season (CC)	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	NHL Hockey: Conference	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Trail Blazers	Karen Sisco (CC)	Ultraviolet (CC)
10 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Extra (CC)	En las Mejores Spin City	The Late Late Show	The Late Late Show	Al Rojo Vivo	Show (CC)	Highlander: The Final	N. McBride Joseph Good	Sign Off	RFK Assassination	Movie: Star Trek II: The Wrath of	Season (CC)	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Announced NHL 2Night	SportsCenter (CC)	The Dead Zone (CC)	
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"I DON'T CARE WHAT COWBOY BOB DOES. THE ONLY BAR YOU'RE GOING TO 'BELLY-UP TO' IS A BAR OF SOAP!"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"Those San Francisco players don't LOOK like giants."

**HAGAR**

"YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT AS A VIKING, LUCKY EDDIE!"

"TOUGH GUYS DON'T DRINK THEIR BEER THROUGH A STRAW!"

slurp!

**BLONDIE**

BUMSTEAD, I NEED TO YELL AT TWITCHELL FOR LOSING AN ACCOUNT, BUT HE'S NOT HERE TODAY.

DO YOU MIND IF I YELL AT YOU INSTEAD?

I GUESS NOT...

BUT BEFORE YOU START, JUST REMEMBER, YOU OWE ME ONE

**WIZARD OF ID**

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ADVICE

**AGNES**

WHAT'S WRONG?

THESE SLEEPING PILLS SAY TAKE ONE EVERY TWO HOURS

SO?

HOW AM I GOING TO DO THAT?

ALARM CLOCKS ARE IN AISLE FIVE

**HI AND LOIS**

I READ A BOOK CALLED 'ALL ABOUT BIRDS'. NOW I AM AN EXPERT.

YOU CAN'T BE AN EXPERT AFTER READING JUST ONE BOOK.

EXCUSE ME... DID I SAY THE BOOK IS CALLED 'A BIT ABOUT BIRDS'? I DID NOT IT IS CALLED 'ALL ABOUT BIRDS'. NOT A LITTLE, NOT A SMIDGEN, NOT A TAD. ALL!

THEY CANNOT CALL IT AN 'ALL ABOUT' BOOK UNLESS IT HAS ALL AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE.

DID YOU READ THAT IN AN 'ALL ABOUT ALL ABOUT BOOKS' BOOK?

**THE OTHER COAST**

IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUNNY DOWN SOUTH THIS WINTER...

...YOUR RED BREAST LOOKS A LITTLE SUNBURNED

**SNUFFY SMITH**

WHAT THE...?

VICKY, CALL 911! THERE'S AN APE LOOSE IN OUR GARDEN!

RELAX, TOULOSE. IT'S THE DRUMMER FROM THE BAND NEXT DOOR.

I HATE TO THINK WHAT THE BASS PLAYER LOOKS LIKE.

**BETLE BAILEY**

PAW!! I SEEN A COW WE JEST GOT TO BUY!!

WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER COW, MAW!!

THEN AG'IN...

**GREEN MOUNTAIN WALKER**

OH, LOOK! AN OLD 5 1/4-INCH FLOPPY!

GIZMO'S SHOWING HIS GEEK FRIEND OUR C.D. EQUIPMENT

OH, LOOK, AN APPLE LISA! AND LOOK! A COMMODORE!

AND, LOOK...!

**This Date In History**

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, April 7, the 98th day of 2004. There are 268 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On April 7, 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

**On this date:**  
In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania. (Less than a week later, Italy annexed Albania.)

In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

In 1947, auto pioneer

Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

In 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general.

In 1964, IBM introduced its innovative System/360, the company's first line of compatible mainframe computers that gave customers the option of upgrading from lower-cost models to more powerful, expensive ones.

In 1966, the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

Ten years ago: Civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. In the months

that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.

Five years ago: Yugoslav authorities sealed off Kosovo's main border crossings, preventing ethnic Albanians from leaving as the wave of refugees approached the half-million mark.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor R.G. Armstrong is 87. Actor James Garner is 76. Country singer Cal Smith is 72. Actor Wayne Rogers is 71. Actor Ian Richardson is 70. Country singer Bobby Bare is 69. Rhythm and blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 67.

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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**Newsday Crossword**

**MIDDLE C'S** by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| <b>ACROSS</b>           | <b>DOWN</b>                      |
| 1 La-la lead-in         | 1 Neptune's spear                |
| 4 Beta                  | 2 Put a new bottom on            |
| 7 Cartwright patriarch  | 3 Buck's rack                    |
| 10 Poorly lit           | 4 Serengeti family               |
| 13 Stimp's pal          | 5 Men                            |
| 14 The R of PRNDL       | 6 ICU hookups                    |
| 16 Sail through         | 7 Pigtail                        |
| 17 Commuter's question  | 8 Think highly of                |
| 20 Rationed, with "out" | 9 Surfing site                   |
| 21 Fairway position     | 10 Bismarck resident             |
| 22 DMV datum            | 11 Arctic shore formation        |
| 23 Gold or silver       | 12 Chess pieces                  |
| 26 Busted, in a way     | 15 Slithery fish                 |
| 29 Sleuth Wolfe         | 18 Word form for "blood"         |
| 30 Pastels and such     | 19 Went gaga over                |
| 32 Team spirit          | 24 Kind of cop                   |
| 33 NFL six-pointers     | 25 Piece of land                 |
| 34 Sink feature         | 27 Iman, for one                 |
| 36 Al (pasta stye)      | 28 Poor grade                    |
| 37 Was victorious       | 31 Stadium decks                 |
| 39 Asian tribesman      | 34 Engraver Albrecht             |
| 42 Error's partner      | 35 Sam of The Piano              |
| 43 Mass vestment        | 37 Titan orbits it               |
| 46 As one               | 38 Belafonte refrain             |
| 48 Full of guile        | 39 Wine cask                     |
| 49 On the house         | 40 Angels' home                  |
| 50 Seven, in casinos    | 41 Of epic proportions           |
| 52 Goes ballistic       | 43 Arms supply                   |
| 54 Guffaw syllable      | 44 Time off                      |
| 55 Pen point            | 45 Improves upon                 |
| 57 Bikini blast         | 47 Cheers star                   |
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**Hillcrest Baptist Church**  
2000 W FM 700  
**April 11, 2004**  
6:30 AM Our Easter Celebration will start early as we participate in the Sunrise Services at the Amphitheater. (Bring a blanket, dress warm.)  
11:00 AM our Celebration Choir will be presenting an Easter Musical, *He's Alive*, during the morning worship service.  
6:30 PM We will conclude our Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus with a full service of praise and worship.  
*We cordially invite you to join us in our day of Easter Celebrations.*

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**14th & Main Church of Christ**  
Rick Cunningham, Pulpit Minister  
Scott Prather Youth/Educational Minister  
SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY.....9:00 AM  
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP.....10:00 AM  
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP.....6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS.....7:00 PM  
TUESDAY LADIES CLASS.....10:00 AM

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*Celebrate the 3 Holiest Days of the Christian Calendar.*  
On Holy Thursday, we re-experience Jesus' preaching, foot washing and His institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper.  
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**WED. APRIL 7TH SEDER MEAL** All Students Should Attend - 6 PM  
**THURS. APRIL 8TH HOLY THURSDAY** Washing Of The Feet - 7 PM  
**FRI. APRIL 9TH GOOD FRIDAY** No Mass Reenactment Of "The Passion" - 7 PM  
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MASS  
10:00 AM SACRED HEART  
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*What does Easter mean to you?*  
  
*If you're not quite sure we may have the answer you've been looking for.*  
Good Friday Service April 9th - Noon and 6 PM  
The Great Vigil of Easter April 10th - 9 PM  
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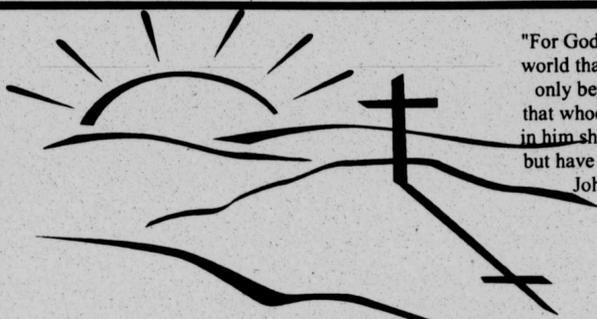
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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
8:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship

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**Come Celebrate Easter**  
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Hear the Choir Sing  
"They Say  
He Wore My Crown"

Hear the special  
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Pastor Randy Cotton

The Sunday School and  
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will be combined with services  
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**11th Place & Young**

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HIS HOUSE  
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**FOUND:** A ring, Kids Zone parking lot. Call to describe, (432)354-2522.

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**Easter Schedule Of Services**  
9:45 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m.

**Morning Worship**

**Hosted By:**

**1st United Methodist Church**

**SPEAKERS:**

• **Dennis Teeters, Pastor**  
*Meditation on the Triumphal Entry*

• **Michael Willard, Pastor**  
*Meditation On The Last Supper*

• **Kevin Parker, Pastor**  
*Meditation On The Crucifixion*

• **Sam Segundo, Pastor**  
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Matthew 22:37-39

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Twisted Words and Phrases (I)

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

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.

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, and who deserve the condemnation of all decent mankind.

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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Dishonor in the Muslim World

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 all—including having been raped—is suspected of being or having been involved with a man who is not her husband,

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

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.

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 self-inflicted death and the murder and maiming of many innocent Jews, before dishonor. It is not surprising that no similar demands were made on el-Rayashi's lover.

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