MONDAY

April 26, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 58°-60° 82°-83°

BRIEFLY



Hunt continues

The search continues in the Herald's "Spring Treasure Hunt."

As of Monday morning the plastic egg containing the certificate redeemable for the gold and enamel butterfly egg pendant has not been found.

Clues to the treasure's location are availabe at participating sponsors listed in the advertisement on Page 6A in today's edition of the Herald.

Remember, each sponsoring business different clues each weekday.

And, by the way, the clues do get a little easier each day.

Cossacks rally

A fund-raiser for Relay for Life by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is set for Saturday beginning at noon. Food, music and raffles are some of the events planned. Cost is \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples. The club is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

Bake sale slated

Canterbury Retirement Home has set a Relay for Life fundraising bake sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, May 3, at 1700 Lancaster.

Donated items of baked goods requested. Call 263-1265.

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Gas rates, adult softball league fees before council again

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A proposed Atmos rate increase and consideration of fees charged to local softball leagues top the bill for Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting.

Controversy over fees charged by the city to local adult softball leagues surfaced during the April 13 council meeting when council member Woody Jumper explained he had been approached by players on the

were very concerned about the hike in fees last year for the industrial and church leagues," said Jumper. "They told me the \$25 per person was way out of reach because a lot of people had as many as two or three family members playing, and you're only looking at 10 to 12 weeks for the season."

Before the \$25 per player fee was instituted teams were being charged a flat rate, explained Jumper, and according to several former league members and offi-

"Several people came to me and cials, the \$25 per player fee forced both the local Church League and Industrial League to. fold.

> "There is no church league right now," said Former Church League member Mark Tissue during the meeting. "It was mainly the cost that caused it to collapse. Most of the managers were having a hard enough time to collect the fees needed to pay the umpires and by balls and that sort of thing, so when the \$25 per player came up most of them said their guys just didn't See COUNCIL, Page 3A

have the money.'

The reduncil is expected to entertain a possible change back to the flat rate per team system, with rates expected to be somewhere around \$200 per team.

Tissue said a change in rates that benefits the players and teams could possibly bring the Church League back.

"I can see it bringing the league back to an extent," said Tissue. "It will take some time to get it built up again. Two years

'Flavors' another big success

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features editor

From hummus to brisket, salmon to armadillo eggs to wedding cake, the annual Heritage Museum fundraiser, Flavors of West Texas, offered big bites suitable for every pallet.

"This is like eating at a fine restaurant, with this great food and beautiful scenery. I am thoroughly impressed with the entire event. This is my first year, and I plan on coming again," said Howard County sheriff's deputy Scott Ginnetti, who attended the event with his wife Priscilla and cousins Lisa, Adam, Ian and Kaylee Acosta.

"I ate quail for the first time, and it was delicious," Priscilla Ginnetti said.

Lisa Acosta, an employee with Blue Bell Creameries, brought the family to the event. This was the first time any of them had attend-

"I like the food and the varieties are great. It is really good to have things like this in our community," Acosta said.

Ushering in its 12th year as the primary fund-raiser for the museum, Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney said the event was a grand success.

"Everyone had a great time and a lot of fun," she said.

Bill Gilbert, a Big Spring State Hospital retired bachelor, said he enjoys the event and sampling the My different foods.

"This is my second year to Johnson said. attend. It is really nice to all the good food here at a good price," Gilbert said.

And Jennifer Johnson of



Marsha McNew, director of the Hawk's Nest Cafe at Howard College, along with her son Steven Boren, serves flavored cappuccino coffee SAturday to Mike Burrow during the Flavors of West Texas fund-raiser for the Heritage Museum.

Odessa drove over to attend the cake," Conlin said. event.

"This is my third year to come. grandmother, McChristian, has the salsa table,"

Conlin said that while this was his first time to attend, he may come back each year.

"This had a lot of good food. I Midland and Chris Conlin of especially liked the H-E-B wedding See FLAVORS, Page 1A

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen prepared hummus, a mideastern dish with tunini and bonza

"This is a healthy, veggie dish. I call it mid-eastern Texas," Jensen

Everyone who attended said one

'Rock the Block' turns out to be a major success

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite some rather about, the Salvation Army "Rock

the Block" Concert managed to draw more than 400 people Saturday afternoon.

Having been moved from its original date of March 20 because

forecasted rain in the area, the concert went off in fine fashion, bringing a definite sigh of relief from project coordinator Salvation Army Capt.

Russ Keeney. "We made it," Keeney laughed. "It's here and we're doing great. The kids are loving it and we've got some great music going on. I'd estimated we've had about 350 to 400 people come out so far."

Keeney said the reaction

of gratitude he and his staff received from those in attendance was amazing. So amazing, in fact, menacing clouds lurking that the idea of making "Rock the Block" into an annual event

> "I think it's great for the community. It's very important to let people know they are appreciated."

xxxx McIntosh, parent

about. "They seem really appreciative for said Keeney. "In fact, I've had a bunch of people come up to me and

is already be

thrown

you for doing this. This just says that you really are thankful for the community.'

"Some people say this costs a lot of money, and it does, but they can rest assured because our Home League and Men's Club have done fund raisers for this and it's not costing the Salvation Army a thing. It all came through fund raising."

Among the bands playing the concert were The



HERALD photo/Thomas Jeni Washington Elementary second grader Shalea Menefield gets ready for another trip through the obstacle course during Saturday's Salvation Army "Rock the Block" concert.

group out of Lamesa. According to spokesperson, they're not afraid to be one of the few artists in their genre.

'We don't mind being the only ones," said Shorts, one of The Chosen's rap artists. "We've been together about six years now and

Chosen, a Christian rap we put an album out about two years ago. We'll their be playing at a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission event in Austin next month as well.

"With so many negative messages out there in rap music, we wanted to do

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Young **Eagles**

Children invited to participate in aviation activity

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area youth will get the chance to "fly like an eagle" Saturday, as the Hangar 25 Air Museum and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagle program team up to bring the world of aviation to Big Spring.

Hangar 25 Museum Administrator Rhonda Campbell said a chance meeting set the ball in motion for the Midland-Odessa chapter of the Young Eagle Flights to come to the Crossroads area, matching the museum's needs with those of the EAA.

"We were having our elevator here at the museum checked out," said Campbell. "I was visiting with the lady that checked it out, and it turned out she was the coordinator for the Midland-Odessa chapter of the Young Eagles.

"She was telling me about the program and the Young Eagles flight, and how they had one last year but it didn't go over very well, probably because of the lack of advertisement and things like that. I thought to myself this is exactly what we at Hangar 25 were looking for.'

Campbell said the museum's involvement in the event is pretty well limited to the realm of facilitator, but she hopes the Young Eagles Flight will have a much needed impact on local youth.

"All we're really doing is facilitating the event,' said Campbell. "The Young Eagles Flight and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) are handling the flights and the pilots. The airpark (McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark) is helping out as well, letting them do the flying here and giving them a discount on the fuel.

"The pilots that come in donate their time, planes fuel. There's absolutely no charge to the children that participate. As the museum we're trying to support that, so we told them if they can take care of all of that, we can get the word out and let people know what's going to happen with this.

"We thought this would be a wonderful way to reach out to the kids and get them thinking about

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Carol Leifeste Hammond

Carol Leifeste Hammond passed away on April 22, 2004, following a two-year battle with lung cancer.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Hammond, step-son C.D. Hammond, sister Darlene Dennis and her husband Mike Dennis, niece Molly Mitchell of Lake Tahoe, Calif., aunt Alene Gilbert of Big Spring, cousins Lori Shortes of Austin, John Gilbert of Dallas, Joyce Dvoran of Santa Monica, Calif., as well as many dear and loving friends who have devoted countless hours of support and encouragement during her illness.

Carol was a former resident of Big Spring and a 1969 graduate of Big Spring High School. She moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1971 and graduated from Georgia State University with a business management degree.

Upon graduation from Georgia State University, Carol obtained a certified public accountant license and worked for several major accounting firms. She then established a very successful CPA firm, Hammond & Company, in Atlanta.

Carol was past president of the Atlanta Business Women's Association and was active in numerous professional organizations. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Faith Life Fellowship. Carol's remains will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Life Fellowship, 5710 Spalding Drive, Norcross, Ga., 30092 (770-729-0108) in memory of Carol Hammond. McDonald & Son Funeral Home and Crematory of

Cummings, Ga. is in charge of arrangements.

Paid Obituary

Lovetta Sandell Dodson

Lovetta Sandell Dodson, 84, a longtime resident of Taylor County, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at an Abilene medical center. Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. today at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith in Abilene with Dr. Steven G. Williams officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

She was born in Buffalo Gap on March 4, 1920, Georgie Ann (McCollum) and Lanie Buena Sandell. She married Roy Clarence Dodson on Dec. 24, 1938, in Tuscola, and moved to Abilene in 1946.

She was a homemaker and a charter member of Brook Hollow Christian Church.

She was preceded by her husband on May 15, 1985,

and her parents. Survivors include a son, Dwain Dodson and wife, Dana, of Taylor Mill, Ky.; a daughter, Cathy Richardson and husband, Jack, of Big Spring; and six

Arrangements were under the direction of Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene.

Grace Hernandez Sosa

Grace "Chita" Hernandez Sosa, 69, of Odessa, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Medical Center Hospital. Rosary is today at 7 p.m. in the Odessa Funeral Home Chapel. Mass is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Uecker officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery.

She was born April 16, 1935, in Big Spring to Jose and Petra R. Hernandez. She married Manuel P. Sosa Nov. 20, 1950.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jose Hernandez Jr., and two sisters, Manuela Nunez and Magdalena Hernandez.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel P. Sosa of Odessa; two sons, Manuel Sosa Jr. and his wife. Alicia and Ricky Sosa and his wife, Rachel, all of Odessa; four daughters, Rosie Garcia, Olivia Muro and her husband, Jesus, Celia "Bobbie" Hueta, Deborah Sosa Llanez and her husband Jesse, all of Odessa; four brothers, Esquievel Hernandez of Big Spring, Genaro Hernandez of Odessa, Theodore "Chololo" Hernandez of Big Spring, Isidero Hernandez of Albequeque, N.M.; four sisters, Frances "Kika" Parras of Big Spring,

Urgent news for people who have used

Scientists report that elevated manganese exposure from welding rod fumes has been associated with Parkinsonism (like Parkinson's disease) and manganism. Symptoms include shakiness, distorted facial expression, loss of equilibrium, decreased hand agility, difficulty walking, joint pain, loss of short term memory, slurred/slow speech, stiffness in muscles and tremors. If you have experienced any of these problems, call us today toll free at 1-800-THB-EAGLE for a free consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

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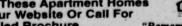
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Julia Cruz of Fort Worth, Lorenzo "Leche" Paradez of Greely, Colo., and Josefina "Pina" Hernandez of Plainview; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchil-

Services are under the direction of Odessa Funeral

Dorothy Fowler

Dorothy Fowler, 92, of Big Spring died at 10:25 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004, at Marcy House following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Onita Fields

Onita Fields, 93, of Big Spring died at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

La Rue Rankin

La Rue Rankin, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today: LISA KAREN CAWTHON, 43, of 3809 Old Colorado City Highway was being held at the city jail Sunday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• PRISCILLA ANN OBALLE, 24, of 1000 Goliad was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

 JOHNNY PAUL PANTOJA, 32, of 811 Debra Lane was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and on a parole warrant.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 39, of Colorado City was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

PATRICIA LABELLE EDWARDS, 42, of Coahoma, was being held at the city jail Saturday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office. · JAMES RYAN VILLANUEVA, 18, of 2613

Chanute was arrested Saturday on a charge of racing on the highway. • BRITTANY LIZZETTE ANDERSON, 17, of 2802

McCauslan was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption. • DAVID SHAWN MENDEZ, 17, of 220 Brooksheer

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 KOBY CHANCE JACKSON, 18, of 3217 Fenn was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption, third or more.

• PHILIP MICHAEL PADRON, 18, of 8708 Gillem was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption, third or more.

• JOSHUA ALLEN NOBEL, 17, of 3716 Hatch was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram; minor in consumption; and failure to identify.

· CARLOS SOTO JR., 18, of 407 Vealmoor was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption; possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram and on traffic warrants.

• MITCHELL MAXWELL GUITERREZ, 17, of 1208 E. 16th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.

 JENNIFER WELLS, 17, of 1312 Lexington was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consump-

• NICHOLAS JOSEPH HORAVATICH, 29, of 2504 Cindy Lane was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C family violence.

• NORMA VALENZUELA, 42, of 2509 Seminole was arrested Sunday on a charge of Class C family vio-· JOSHUA VALENZUELA, 17, of 2509 Seminole was

arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• BEN TORRES, 33, of 601 E. 18th was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph early in the evening becoming light.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. Light winds becoming south around 10 mph in the after-

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

· Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

 Parents Who Care senior parents meeting for the After Prom Party is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Vassar accounting building adjacent to The Master's Touch. All parents of Big Spring High School seniors are asked to attend. Donations are being accepted for prizes to be given to the seniors during the party. Call Prissy Stanley at 263-1265.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628. · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

 Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

 Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 08-18-25-31-36. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$37,000,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 06-11-21-26-28.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: \$12,512.

Winning tickets sold in: Spring, San Antonio and Rockport.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

Support groups

TUESDAY

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian basin will sponsor "Caregiving: Solutions, Support and Relief" from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, april 19 in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, 205 N. First St. in Coahoma. It is free and open to the pub-

THURSDAY

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

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

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Saturday blaze considered case of arson by Condray

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Arson has been ruled the cause of a structure fire that severely damaged an unoccupied building in the 500 block of Eighth Street on Saturday, according to the Big Spring Fire Marshal's Office.

"The case is still under investigation at this time, but I have ruled it as incendiary in nature," Marshal Carl Condray said this morn-

Condray was unable to provide a dollar estimate of the damage to the building, which was part of the old Big Spring Care nursing home facility. He said roughly onethird of the structure was severely damaged.

"The building is roughly 22,000 square feet and square received direct fire damage," he said.

Firefighters with four engines and one medical unit responded to the

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call of a structure fire at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at 502 E. Eighth St. and spent about two hours quelling the blaze.

"Our biggest problem was site access, getting enough of our lines up to site because it was up on a hill," said Condray, who added the building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. "Also the severe vandalism to the building — there were so many busted out windows it left a tremendous air source."

Condray added the building is a hang out for area youths and warns that everyone needs to stay away from the site which is now a crime scene.

"It will not be tolerated," he said. "It's not a safe place to be and it's illegal to hang out there.'

Anyone with information about the fire is encouraged to call police at 263-2550 or Condray's office at 264-2305.

Cigarette tax increase eyed for school money

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN - It takes smoker Linda Martinez only a split second to voice her opinion about the governor's proposed \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase.

"I'll pay it," said Martinez, a 54-year-old Austin woman who has smoked for 35 years. "Plain and simple - nicotine is an addictive drug, and just like any addict on the street, we are addicted."

"I'd rather pay it on the cigarettes than on the house taxes," Martinez added.

Those views may resonate with some Texas legislators who returned to the Capitol last week for a special legislative session. Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the session, he said, to reduce Texans' property taxes while eliminating the state's share-the-wealth education funding system, known to some as Robin Hood.

One Perry proposal to

get registration taken

replace lost property tax buy cigarettes." revenue is a \$1 increase in the state's cigarette tax, to \$1.41 per pack.

advocates Health applaud the plan. Along with generating revenue, they say, it could help control health care costs by reducing smoking.

"People don't like taxes, but this is one that does have a good public health benefit and certainly fits well with some of the state's goals, certainly on education and on health," said Kelly Headrick, a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society's Texas division.

But the tobacco industry claims raising the tax would send smokers to neighboring states, Mexico or onto the Internet, or lead to illegal

cigarette smuggling. "That obviously threatens legitimate retailers and wholesalers in the state of Texas," said Jamie Drogin, spokeswoman for Philip Morris USA. "As the cigarettes get more expensive, consumers seek out alternative venues from which to

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Young Eagle. Their name

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Opponents say the increase would impose a larger burden on the poor. They also say it would be a dwindling and unpredictable revenue source because of continuing declines in the number of smokers, even as education costs rise.

Texans Investing in Healthy Families, a coalition pushing for the cigarette tax increase, contends the higher prices would convince an estimated 179,000 adult smokers to quit and would decrease youth smoking.

As part of the proposed tax increase, the coalition wants a nickel of the increase dedicated to antismoking programs.

Perry estimates his cigarette tax proposal would generate \$2.4 billion over the coming three fiscal years. He says the tax would be a reliable money source because his estimate factors in the probability that some people will stop smoking.

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ed at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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what's possible.

"The real frustration is 5:30 p.m. in the City

human services side of things if people quit smoking," he said. "I'd love to see people quit smoking."

The increase would give Texas one of the highest cigarette taxes in the nation. Texas is currently

New Jersey has the highest state tax at \$2.05 per pack. In New York City, smokers must pay \$3 a pack because the state and city each tax at \$1.50 per pack. Tobaccoproducing states like Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina have the lowest taxes, at a nickel or less per pack.

Already several bills calling for a cigarette tax have been filed by Texas legislators of both parties.

The state comptroller's office has estimated the tax would generate \$1.5 billion over a two-year budget period, close to the estimate by Perry's office.

That projection factors in some "tax avoidance," a reference to smokers who would try to buy cigarettes out of state, said Headrick.

that. When we lost Webb, we really lost that avenue, and that's something we hope to bring back with Hangar 25."

For more information, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

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Campbell said registration for the event can be completed at the museum, located on the airpark flight line, the day of the event, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 1 - or ahead of time depending on the availability of the children's' guardians.

"This is for children 8 to 17 years old, and they need to be sure to come in with their legal guardian so they can take care of the necessary forms," she said. "If there's a problem having their guardian here the day of the flight, they can come in early with them and

than 60 West Texas cities.

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and a coalition of more the reason we formed the coalition.

"It's a very technical that began in September and difficult matter that we had to look into, and it's easy to get confused, but our consultant led us through it and helped us a great deal. I'm just glad it worked out for both parties."

Mayor Russ McEwen didn't share Fugua's positive attitude following the rate negotiations, saying the lack of trust and honesty Atmos has demonstrated is extremely dis-

turbing. "It's going to take a different way of doing business," said McEwen. "We're always going to be in a position where we don't trust them, and therefore we're going to have to find out. If we go in and find out they are playing it straight and this is how much they really need, then over a

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OTHER VIEWS

Vandals need to pay for their mindless deeds

indless. No other word more aptly describes the crime of vandalism - the act of damaging, defacing or destroying someone else's

We see vandalism in this community on an almost daily basis — windows of homes or automobiles broken, graffitti painted on overpasses, buildings and other public structures...

In fact, it's so common that we seem almost anesthesized by it. Seeing it on passing and never giving it a thought ... until it comes home to strike us personally.

For those of us who make our living here at the Herald, the senselessness of vandalism not to mention the anger and frustration created by the acts of vandals - came to roost late last week when someone decided to deface our building using a spray paint can.

One can't help but wonder what prompts someone to vandalize another's property.

Perhaps it's jealousy. Maybe anger. It could even be what those who commit such acts consider simply a prank.

But vandalism is simply a property crime. And like all crimes, there is simply no justification for its commission.

And those who would commit such acts need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Today, we can only hope all vandals that plague our community can be apprehended by local law enforcement personnel and made to pay for their actions.

That would simply be justice.

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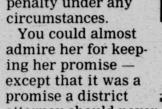
by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we have a problem, please send us your knowledge.

It's San Francisco PD Blue

should come as no surprise that San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris isn't seeking the death penalty against a man charged with mur-

dering San Francisco police officer Isaac Espinoza on April 10. After all, Harris was elected after issuing an ironclad campaign promise not to seek the death penalty under any circumstances.



attorney should never have made. As Frank Jordan, former San Francisco police chief and mayor, noted, a D.A. needs a "safety valve" for extraordinary cases.

The pledge scratches any chance for a plea bargain for life without parole — the penalty Harris is seeking for defendant David Hill if he is found guilty for shooting and killing Espinoza as charged.

Worst of all, as Police Chief Heather Fong suggested when she sent a letter signed by eight deputy police chiefs and commanders that urged Harris to seek the death penalty, Harris' decision may poison the new D.A.'s relations with the SFPD.

City cops were thrilled when Harris ousted her predecessor, Terence "Fluffy" Hallinan, whom they perceived to be more interested in prosecuting cops than thugs. Their spirits were dampened, alas, when Harris announced she would not prosecute 124 anti-war protesters who illegally blocked streets impeding the rights of others to move about freely - including one defendant charged with

assaulting a police officer working a thankless job.

It seemed like a highly political read: spineless — decision. In the process, Harris dissed San Francisco police in arguing that the local constabulary had failed to meet the standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt (even though many protesters were caught live on videotape).

For her part, Harris could (and did) argue that she couldn't possibly win a capital sentence with a San Francisco jury. For backup, the D.A.'s office referred me to Jim Anderson with the Alameda County district attorney's office. Anderson cited Alameda County cop-killer cases in which prosecutors sought the death penalty, only to watch East Bay jurors (who are generally more conservative than San Francisco jurors) choose sentences of life without parole, life or, in one case, a lesser sentence for second-degree murder.

Privately, some law-and-order types admit that a San Francisco jury might acquit a defendant just to spare the guilty from the same sentence he so mercilessly imposed on Isaac Espinoza, 29, a father, husband and true believer of fighting crime.

On the other hand, Harris doesn't seem to understand that beat cops want to hear outrage from her. At times, she sounds as if she is angrier at her critics than at the shooter.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein won a standing ovation at Espinoza's funeral when she proclaimed that California voters reinstated the death penalty for cases such as this. Seeking life without parole instead of an execution doesn't cut it, or as Chief Fong wrote: "Our sense of justice cries out for this."

It's true, Bay Area juries don't seem to share the fury expressed by Feinstein and Fong. Like Harris, many San Franciscans are more interested in maintaining their purity by rejecting capital punishment than making S.F. cops feel that the public appreciates the

risks they assume on the job. Why is the death penalty appropriate when a police officer is killed? As Alameda prosecutor Anderson argued, the killing of a cop warrants extra outrage because "That's a class of people that makes society function." Hurt them, and you also hurt the city.

Of course, Anderson added, in San Francisco, cops are not

"regarded as first-class citizens." If residents choose to undervalue what SFPD officers do, it would be nice if the officers at least felt they had the unequivocal backing of city government.

Harris says she won't back down. She sees cops who appreciate the work she has done to increase prosecutions. Unlike her predecessor, she notes, she takes drug offenses seriously — which should count for something. "At some point, everyone is just going to have to agree to disagree and move forward because we've got a lot of work to do," said Harris.

Former Mayor Jordan had another take! "It shows courage to change your mind when you have extenuating circumstances like this. Do the right thing.'

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Republican's want to play hardball

enate Majority Leader Bill Frist is being urged by colleagues to threaten to close down the Senate for the rest of the year

unless Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle ends his disruptive tactics. In addition to men-

acing all judicial nominations, Daschle is now preventing legislation from being sent to Senate-House conferences to resolve differences in bills passed by both

Houses unless the outcome is guaranteed.

Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, and other conservatives want Frist to counter Daschle by bringing the business of the Senate to a halt. This would mean passing an omnibus appropriations bill and then awaiting the outcome of the elections. Democrats could not offer their pet amendments, but it also would prevent passage of a budget resolution and, therefore, kill any chance of making the Bush tax cuts permanent.

The word spread through Republican circles on Capitol Hill is that a runaway Democratic prosecutor in Texas may indict House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, creating upheaval in the GOP leadership.

DeLay is a Republican hero for orchestrating the off-year congressional redistricting that promises to produce six additional House seats for his party. However, District Attorney Ronnie Earle in Austin may bring an indictment against DeLay for alleged illegal cash payments in connection with the redistricting fight. That would force DeLay to step aside as majority leader at least temporarily.

DeLay predicts there will be no indictment, but concedes the old saw that a grand jury would indict a ham sandwich if the prosecutor so desires. Earle indicted Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in 1993 on trumped-up charges, but he dropped the case after the trial judge's ruling indicated that, in effect, there was no

Teresa Heinz Kerry, Sen. John Kerry's vivacious wife, was a major asset on the campaign trail during the primary elections but has run into backstage criticism since then — particularly in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. Kerry asked Rep. Bob Brady, master of ceremonies at the event, whether she could introduce Gov. Edward Rendell (who in turn would introduce the prospective Democratic presidential nominee). The candidate's wife then launched into a 10-minute speech about her early life in Mozambique and on the iniquities of George W. Bush, but forgot to introduce Rendell.

After the event concluded, Brady told a Kerry aide: "Next time you come to Philadelphia, leave her in Pittsburgh (Mrs. Kerry's hometown when she was married to the late Republican Sen. John Heinz)."

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) dropped sponsorship of a conference in Washington June 1-4, "Youth and Health: Generation on the Edge," that espouses left-wing causes after conservative Republican congressmen protested.

The Bush-bashing MoveOn.org, funded by billionaire investor George Soros, is one of the conference's presenters. Also included are the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). which does not qualify for federal family planning grants because it advocates abortion, and the proabortion United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The House Republican Study Committee last Wednesday drafted a letter to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson and AID administrator Andrew Natsios expressing "great concern and disappointment" over funding of the conference by their agencies.

The sudden interest in a political comeback by Republican former Gov. Buddy Roemer is threatening to deflate high GOP hopes for winning a U.S. Senate seat from Louisiana for the first time since Reconstruction.

Polls show Republican Rep. David Vitter leading Democratic Rep. Chris John, retiring Sen. John Breaux's handpicked successor, and Democratic State Treasurer John Kennedy. Roemer, an ex-Democrat who served a controversial hitch for governor (1988-1992), could change all that if he enters the race with better name identification than any other candidate.

In Louisiana's non-party free-forall election, Roemer and Vitter could divide up the Republican vote and lose to a Democrat. With Democrats strongly challenging Republican-held seats in Colorado, Oklahoma, Alaska and Illinois, Republicans may have to take Louisiana to keep control of the Senate.

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Clockwise from top left, **Elbow Elementary** Kindergarten Rodeo clown Jeremy Brooks tries to help fellow clown Taylor Morin out of an interesting situation. The stick-horse rodeo was held Thursday in the school's gym. At top right, Bauer **Elementary students Mai** Gomez, left, Tonia Arista, Michael Williams and Bryce Green hang chains from the Relay for Life Links for a Cure program along the campus hall. The students sell links as a fund-raiser for the annual **American Cancer Society** event in May. Above right, **Kentwood Elementary School** third grade students from Connie Kennedy and Brenda Dunlap's classes dressed as famous historical characters and presented their biographies Friday in front of classmates and family members. Pictured are front left, Chelsey Parker, India Parker, back, Trent Thomas, Wesley Edwards and Hannah Spence. And above, Kentwood third grade students from Connie Kennedy and Brenda Dunlap's classes dressed up as well. Pictured are, front left, Tyler **Graves as George** Washington, Brady Weber as **Daniel Boone, Michael** Waight as John Hancock and, back, Mackenzie Wolf as

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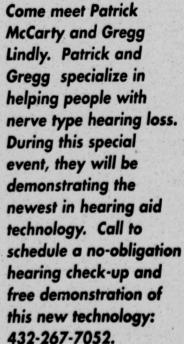
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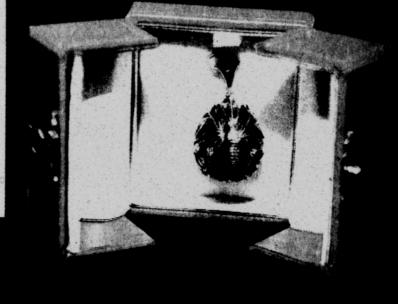
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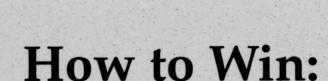
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventhgraders.

The clinics will take place today, as well as, Monday, May Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

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The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 rldaggett@esc18.net.

Texas Tech to hold softball camps

Texas Tech softball is holding two softball camps this summer.

The first camp will be an overnight/residents camp for 12-18 year olds from June 1-3.

The camp will cost \$260 for residents and \$200 for commuters.

The other will be a day camp for 6-8 and 9-12-year-olds July 12-14. The camp is \$90.

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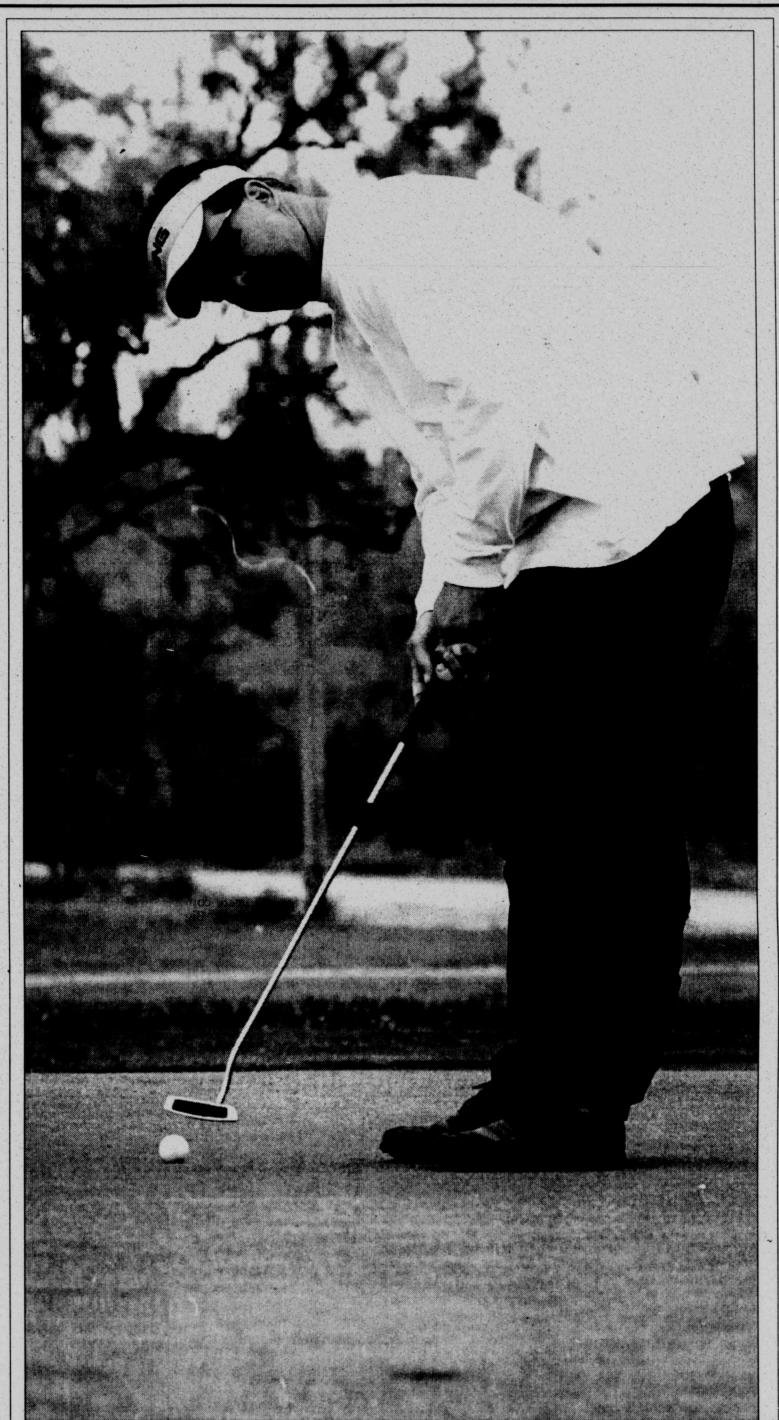
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Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East **Room of Dorthy Garrett** Coliseum.



Greg Moore watches his putt as it approaches the hole during a golf tournament Saturday put on by the Chicano Golf Association at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament benefited the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Dallas active in NFL draft

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING - The Dallas Cowboys had just five picks and plenty of needs when the NFL draft start-

When they finished Sunday after an active second day, the Cowboys had added nine players eight draft choices and a fullback acquired in one of four weekend trades and an extra No. 1 pick next year.

"Our goal was to get more than the five picks, and we did accomplish that," owner Jerry Jones said. "We think we've been able to have a chance to really improve our roster and address our needs."

Without a starter opposite last year's No. 1 pick, Terence Newman, the Cowboys took three cornerbacks among their five picks Sunday. Mario Edwards started every game for Dallas last season, but signed with Tampa Bay earlier this month.

Dallas got cornerbacks Bruce Thornton of Georgia (fourth round), Nathan Jones of Rutgers (seventh round) and **Jacques Reeves of Purdue** (seventh round) among their five picks Sunday.

The Cowboys also added Boston College tight end Sean Ryan (fifth round) and Northwestern Oklahoma quarterback Patrick Crayton (seventh round), who they list as a receiver and see as a kick returner.

Coach Bill Parcells has had success throughout his career with lateround picks.

On Saturday, Dallas had filled more pressing needs by picking Notre Dame running back Julius Jones and two offensive linemen: Southern California tackle Jacob Rogers and LSU guard Stephen Peterman.

No running backs were gone when the Cowboys came up in the first round. They instead traded the No. 22 overall pick to Buffalo for a fifthrounder Sunday and a No. 1 next year, then dropped 21 spots for

Howard clinches sixth straight regional berth

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team has qualified for the regional tournament for the sixth straight season despite still having two games to go on its regular season.

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two games with El Paso Saturday to secure the spot into regionals.

Howard College will West Texas, they will be against the number two through Saturday.

fied based on power num- in a doubleheader and nament and will then play at 10 a.m. bers, said Coach Derek results of those two games Thursday afternoon at 3 The Lady Hawks split for the regional tourna- West Texas would result 22-16 in conference play.

one or both games against lead to a first round game Abilene

The Lady Hawks quali- play at West Texas today seeded second in the tour- seed Thursday morning will determine seedings p.m. Two losses against all this year and they are in a three seed for region-

Howard is 31-18-2 over-

The regional tourna-If the Lady Hawks win als, which would then ment takes place in Thursday

Castilla, Kennedy too much for struggling Astros

Castilla set a franchise record with an RBI in his 10th straight game, Joe Kennedy pitched into the unbeaten and the Colorado Rockies avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Houston

Astros 4-1 Sunday. Kennedy (3-0) allowed a run and five hits, struck home by the Astros. out four and walked two in 61-3 innings. It was the

that he's won three consecutive starts.

Castilla had two hits and two RBIs to pass seventh inning to remain. Todd Helton, who drove May 6-15, 2001.

Mark Sweeney hit his first home run since June 13 for the Rockies, who have never been swept at

Kennedy outpitched

DENVER (AP) - Vinny second time in his career worked seven innings and intentionally gave up two runs and six hits.

Castilla and Jeromy Burnitz singled leading off the second inning. in a run in nine straight And Castilla scored on Charles Johnson's doubleplay grounder.

Miller tied it 1-all with a two-out single in the fifth inning. Morgan Ensberg doubled off the score- off single to Ausmus and board in right and after a sacrifice to Miller Wade Miller (2-2). Miller an out Brad Ausmus was before being taken out in run single to left field.

walked. Miller then singled to leftcenter scoring Ensberg. Kennedy then hit Craig Biggio with a pitch to load the bases but Adam Everett struck out.

Colorado regained the lead in the bottom half on Sweeney's home run to center.

Kennedy allowed a lead-

the seventh inning.

Tim Harikkala came in to get Biggio to ground out to third and Adam Everett to foul out to third.

Shawn Chacon pitched the ninth for his four save in five opportunities.

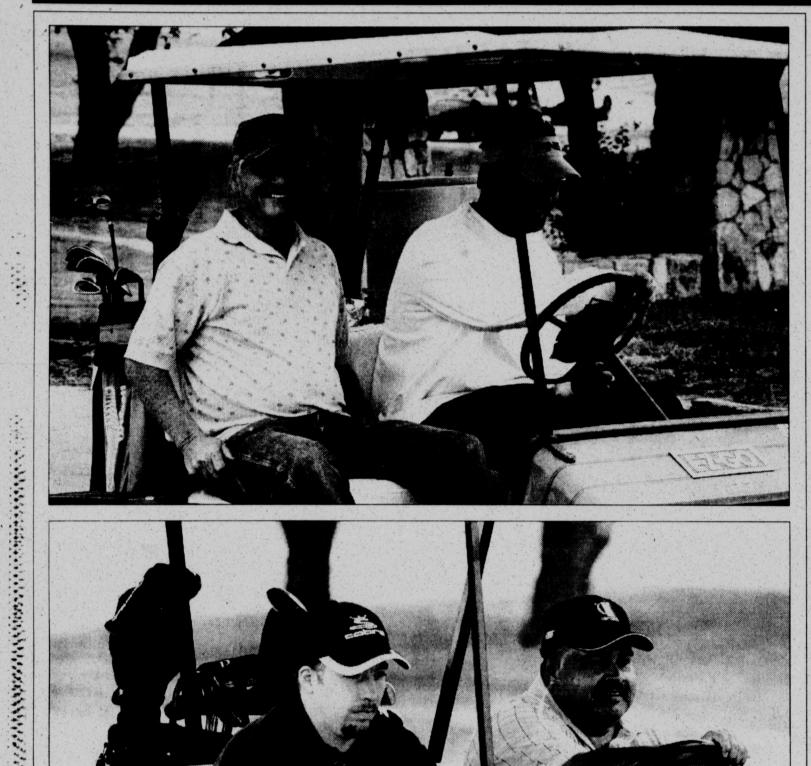
Royce Clayton walked and Helton doubled to start the eighth against Brad Lidge.

Castilla then hit a two-



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The Chicano Golf Association hosted a golf this past Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Above: George Moore, left, and Greg Moore drive off to seek their balls after teeing off Saturday afternoon. The father-son duo teamed up with Rich Hamilton, left, and Abe Juarez (below) to form a four-person best ball team.

Mavericks 'D' has been key against struggling Kings

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Something must be wrong with the Sacramento Kings.

There has to be a good explanation why a team that averaged 102.8 points per game this season scored just 83 and 79 the last two playoff games.

Maybe it's just bad aim. Or not passing enough, leading to players settling for bad shots.

It could even be bad luck.

Well, there is one other possibility. It just doesn't seem plausible.

Could the Dallas Mavericks really be playing good defense?

After all, the Mavericks allowed the second-most points in the league and hadn't held teams under 100 points in consecutive games in nearly six weeks.

They hadn't given up less than 90 in consecutive games since early December.

"That makes me feel good," Kings coach Rick Adelman said Sunday,

sarcastically. Sacramento's scoring woes are probably as much about what it is doing wrong as Dallas is Webber said Sunday.

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doing right.

Whether the Mavericks continue their surprising resolve when they don't have the ball, or whether the Kings can revert to their typical slick-passing, good-shooting form will go a long toward determining who wins this series.

Sacramento still leads 2going into Game 4 on Monday night.

"I hesitate to talk like we've actually accomplished anything," said Dallas assistant coach Del Harris, the team's defensive strategist. "To act like we've got all our problems solved would be overstating the case."

But they could be on to something.

Since Game 2, the Mavericks have been using a combination defense that mixes manto-man and zone.

They've also been drawing Sacramento's smaller players closer to the rim when the Kings are on defense.

That takes them out of rhythm once they get the

ball back. "Strategy is a defense as well, not just guys switching on a pick-and-roll," Sacramento star Chris

"Their strategy has been team takes something good. They've done a good job in their preparation."

The Kings have so many skilled shooters and passers that they can overcome most defensive obstacles.

Adelman is frustrated because his players have instead played Dallas' hands, especially in a 104-79 loss in Game 3

Saturday night. Sacramento had just 11 assists, by far its fewest this season.

Webber and Vlade Divac had one apiece and Brad Miller didn't have any; as a trio they aver-

age 14.2 assists per game. The Kings also committed 26 turnovers, three more than the first two

games combined. 'That tells me that do," Adelman said. "If a small lineup.

away, then something else should be there. We're really forcing the first thing. There are other options you can take. ... You give them credit, but you have to look at yourself, too."

In Game 3, Webber and Mike Bibby each scored 22 points. The rest of the club combined for 35.

"We're never going to be a great defensive team, but if we can limit their layups and contest their shots, that's our game," said Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, who has been mocked as "irk" because he has no 'D.'

It's also worth noting that Miller is playing with a sore elbow and Divac's minutes have offensively we weren't been kept way down doing what we needed to because of the Mavericks'

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Second Round 43. Julius Jones-Notre Dame (RB) 52. Jacob Rogers-USC (OT)

Third Round 83. Stephen Peterman-LSU (OG) **Fourth Round**

121. Bruce Thornton-Georgia (CB) **Fifth Round** 144. Sean Ryan-Boston College (TE)

Seventh Round 205. Nathan Jones-Rutgers (CB) 216. Patrick Crayton-NW Oklahoma State (WR) 223. Jacques Reeves-Purdue (CB)

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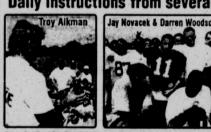
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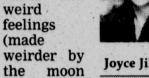
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void of course) when we can celebrate them? How? think Create art, philosophically, call your parents. Not knowing what's next can be wonderful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Unleash yourself from what might be. Your point of power is in the here and now, and lottery dreams aren't going to change that. Look at all of the people who win the lottery only to be broke in a year! List five goals, and go for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ideas seem to fall down from the sky onto your head. Go with the euphoria, and don't worry about the next step for a change. Today is gathering about information — do write it all down!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A walk around your town will teach you something — and you have something to teach, too. Resolve to build trust in the community, end racism or just spread a good vibe. Fabulous results come from the subtlest of gestures.

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garden, or wash the cars. There is always something to work on, and even if it's not your idea to begin with, you'll end up handling the bulk

of it. Connect with your gut feeling for an important decision tonight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Not many stick to their own rules as effectively as you have. Give yourself a pat on the back! Upcoming work projects will be a chance to show what you've got. Do some early planning to give yourself the edge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wishing can make it so, no matter how adamantly the practical part of you objects. Let your dream win. Close friends want you to help them pass the day. Avoid big crowds. Don't lend or spend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you don't have a mentor, get one! You need someone you trust enough to honestly share your insecurities and challenges. Family members need you to be very thoughtful. Tonight is all about listening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your journey is made easier if you choose to be more flexible. When you are versatile, you attract that are situations mutually beneficial. Everybody has to learn his or her own way, including you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What happens on the spur of the moment (especially when Taurus is around) is genius. A loan is approved. Just be sure you're doing this for the 22). Paint, dig in the right reason before you

accept the funds.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dynamite ideas mean nothing unless you act on one. You can better help others by not carrying their load and teaching them how to do it themselves. Romance is effortless with a Gemini, Leo or Scorpio.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Why show up to the same scene over and over when you could just as easily do something new? Explore. A success formula for love includes knowing when to pursue it and when to let it pass.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll say the right thing to the right people, but is it how you really feel? Strange happenings at work are really funny when you stop and think about it. If you were to write a memoir, you'd have plenty of material! ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I'm in a jam. My husband (a Virgo) and I (a Gemini) just bought our first house. Our neighbors have been terrific - up until now. New neighbors moved in last week, and they let us know right off that they are racists, and they may be neo-Nazis! When we ourselves, introduced they made racist comments, and they fly the Confederate flag! We've only lived here for six months, but should we move? These people are not unpleasant, but I'm offended by their ignorant and immature views."

That's a tough one. especially for your husband. Virgos have a hard time overlooking shortcomings people's

say, the weather. That's why you'll have to lead on this issue. As a Gemini, you can charm people even if they have a very different value system from yours. You don't have to become friends, but it would behoove you to keep things pleasant and very light. Make assumptions. Of course, don't engage your neighbors in conversation about political, religious or personal subjects. These people are at their core very fearful of the unknown, so making yourself known will help them relax and could lead them to having a more open view of the world.

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CELEBRITY PROFILES: Al Pacino has never wed, but he has always been married to his work. He has shown great tenacity throughout his career — a distinctly Taurus trait. Many years ago, not all of the crew "The working on Godfather" believed the young Pacino could pull off such a big role. Pacino, unfazed by the criticism, gave an performance amazing anyway.

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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have two daughters, ages 4 and 1. They have a cousin, "Jasmine," who is two months older than my voungest. Jasmine is a terror. Every time she is at our home, she bites, hits, throws toys and has tantrums. This girl bites so hard she draws blood, and last week, she hit my 4-year-old with a bucket.

Jasmine's mother (my sister-in-law) rarely reprimands her daughter. She insists the girls should play together, so she brings Jasmine to my home regularly. What's worse, she never brings diapers for Jasmine. She expects me to provide them. I don't mind doing it once in a while, but it's getting awfully old.

We're not made of money, and I'm tired of supplying the basics for a kid who bites and hurts my children. What should I do? — Bitten Twice in California

Dear Bitten Twice: Speak up. Jasmine needs to know her behavior is not going to be tolerated. and if her mother won't do it, then you must. When she is in your home, this little girl should know there are limits to her aggression. You have an obligation to protect your children from Jasming's attacks.

As for the diapers, simply tell your sister-inlaw from now on to please have extra diapers

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Legals



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

for Jasmine. Ask if she'd prefer to bring a few each time she comes, or if she'd rather leave an entire box at your house. If she "forgets," stop her at the door and say, "Sorry, we can't visit with Jasmine today. Let's reschedule."

Dear Annie: Last summer, my extended family welcomed my cousin, "Trey," who was visiting from across the country. No one had seen him in 10 years, so we went out of our way to make him and his new wife, "Trixie," feel welcome.

The family hosted several gatherings so that everyone could see them, and several people rearranged weekend plans to be here. I was under the impression that everything went well, until I found a copy of Trey and Trixie's Christmas newsletter at my grandmother's house two weeks ago. In the newsletter, they refer to their visit overwhelming, although they did find my family "amusing." newsletter went on to slam their visit and make my family sound like a

bunch of hillbillies. I'm so mad I could spit nails. Trey and Trixie didn't lift a finger or pay for one thing while they visited. We treated them like royalty. I feel used and angry and want to confront them. Should I? Blue-Faced in Wisconsin

Dear Blue: You might feel better, but it won't achieve much else. Too bad Trey and Trixie thought they had to tear down the family in order to appear superior. It's a sign of insecurity. Considering how infrequently you see Trey, a confrontation isn't worth the ruckus. If you're still angry, you

can, of course, return the

newsletter with a note

saying, "I'm so sorry you

didn't enjoy your visit," but that's up to you. Dear Annie: Yesterday, my husband received a letter from an old girlfriend he dated in high school. Apparently, while cleaning, she came across a bracelet that my husband had given her 35 years ago. She thought

would like it. This seems strange to me. I have met this woman only once and don't have regular contact with her. Why would my daughter want a bracelet her father gave to some other woman 35 years ago? — The Wife in

our teenage daughter

North Carolina Dear Wife: This is somewhat unusual, but don't get your knickers in a twist. This woman has no use for the bracelet, nor does it carry any sentimental value that makes her want to hang on to it (a good thing). She thought it best to "return to sender," and figured the bracelet would be appropriate for a young woman your daughter's age. If you can get past your jealousy, let vou daughter wear it. If not, give it to charity.

Dear Annie: Last June. I lost my mother very unexpectedly. Four other family members also died this past year, and the last several months have

been filled with grief and sadness. My siblings and I continue to find strength in the support of our family and friends, although some days are better than others.

Last December. received what I thought was a Christmas card. However, when I opened it, I found a poem addressed to my family, and get this - it was signed from my mother "in heaven." I was so upset I could not even read the words. I called my sister and brother, and they, too, received the same cards. There was no return address. but whoever sent them knows all of us quite well because the contained many personal details. We were insulted and sickened.

I would like to say something to this person: I know you were wellintentioned, but your poems served as just another reminder that our mother is gone, and there is no comfort in that. It shocked us to see her name at the bottom of those cards. My mother never would have condoned such a thing.

Annie, please print this letter so others will think twice before doing something so hurtful. -Still Grieving Daughter

Dear Daughter: Some people have such poor judgment (and taste) that they don't realize such gestures are appreciated. A card or letter snould be signed only by the person who sent it, and the sender should have the decency to identify him- or herself. For shame.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"Mom's cookin' Dinner in a CRACKPOT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The game was called because of the ball on the roof."

AN ALP WITH TWO TUSKS AND A TRUNK.

HAGAR







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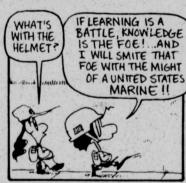
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HI AND LOIS





THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY







This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 26, the 117th day of 2004. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire killed at least 31 people and sent radioactivity into the atmosphere.

On this date: In 1607, an expedition of English colonists, including Captain John Smith, went ashore at Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent English settlement in

In 1785, American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti. In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of

the Western Hemisphere.

President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. In 1945, Marshal Henri

Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested. In 1961, Roger Maris of

the New York Yankees hit the first of a record 61 home runs in a single season.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania. In 1968, the United States

exploded beneath the Nevada desert a one-mega ton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Broadway musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 1989, actress-comedian Lucille Ball died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles at age 77.

Birthdays: Today's Actress-comedian Carol

Burnett is 71. Rhythm and blues singer Maurice Williams is 66. Songwritermusician Duane Eddy is 66. Singer Bobby Rydell is 62. Actress Claudine Auger is 62. Rock musician Gary Wright is 61. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 46. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 44. Actress Joan Chen is 43. Rock musician Chris Mars is 43. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 42. Actor Jet Li is 41. Rock musician Jimmy Stafford (Train) is 40. Actorcomedian Kevin James is 39. Actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 37. Country musician Joe Caverlee (Yankee Grey) is 36.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Italian noodles
- 6 Up in _ (outraged)
- 10 Closed
- 14 Very high
- grade
- 15 Prefix meaning "half"
- 16 Lion's hair
- 17 Legendary
- racehorse Verdi heroine
- 20 Retired plane:
- Abbr.
- "That's
- enough!" 22 Intense fear
- 24 Football great Starr
- Slant
- 26 Supermarket sections
- David Copperfield offering
- 32 Soup alternative
- The two together
- 34 Norway's largest city
- 35 Shah's land 36 Be boastful
- 37 Telephone letters
- 38 Kitchen
- feature
- 39 Regrets 40 Mini or maxi
- 41 Very popular 43 Adhere
- 44 Windshield
- coloring 45 Marvin of
- Motown 46 Group of four
- **49** Tow **50** Emulate 007

53 Black-and-

54 Term of

white treat

endearment

58 "My mistake!"

59 Play for time

61 Tree dwelling

62 Travel-guide

of song

listing

DOWN

1 Free ticket

2 Gorillas and

orangutans

3 Bed support

repeat . . ."

6 Necktie type

5 "Let me

BAKED GOODS by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

9 Take no

- action
- 10 Nobody's fool 11 Salon
- 57 Wristwatch part concern
 - 12 Loosen,
 - as a knot
- 60 Farmer's place 13 Pull apart
 - 18 Violins and violas: Abbr.
 - 23 Whitney or
 - Wallach
 - 24 Buckaroo's sleeping bag
 - 25 Bye-byes
 - 26 "Splish Splash"
 - singer
- 27 African 4 Clumsy vessel antelope
 - 28 Sounded
 - like Elsie 29 Gelatin garnish
- 7 Enlist again 30 Office worker 8 2001, to Cato 31 Legal wrong

emphatic assent 33 Not sharp

32 Enrique's

- 36 Pampered kid,
- perhaps
- 40 Chic 42 "Mamma __!"

43 Pepper

- partner 45 Visitor
- 46 Mary Lincoln,
- née
- 47 Lake north of Ohio
- 48 Greenish blue 49 Enlivens,
- with "up" 50 Petty quarrel
- 51 Heap 52 Cry out
- 55 Anguish 56 DDE's
- command

