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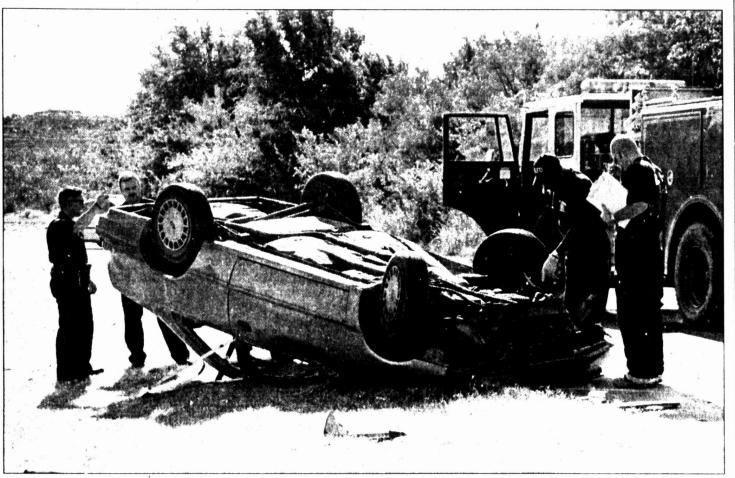
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11TH PLACE EXTENSION MISHAP



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency personnel examine the scene of this rollover automobile accident on East 11th Place Extension Tuesday morning. According to officials at the scene, the blue sedan was traveling east when it struck a Howard County Road Department mower. The driver was treated for minor injuries and transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. No other injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

A&M Club auction set Saturday

Annual event raises scholarship monies for Texas A&M-bound students

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Maroon will be the color of choice Saturday as the Howard County

which takes a community effort.

Items up for bid will be on display "We would not be here beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Big without all the support- Spring County Club with the auc-ers in this town," she tion to follow at 6:30 p.m. Newton said. "We really are pro- said hors d'oeuvres will be served moting a community and the event is open to the public. Included in the auction are a trip for two to the Masters practice rounds in April 2007; a Florida trip that includes a week in a condominium owned by local Aggie dogooders Mike and Jeanne Niklasch at Treasure Island; an Earl Campbell autographed jersey; and a

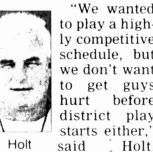
Steers pick up Wylie, S-water; tickets on sale

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring head football coach Tim Holt wanted to play a highly competitive schedule this fall, but not so tough that his team might be beat up before District 4-4A action begins.

The solution, it seems, was to take Odessa Permian off the schedule.



"This schedule doesn't have Odessa High and Permian scheduled in back-to-back Fridays.

The Steers will still play Odessa High this season, but instead of Permian and Lubbock High, Big Spring will challenge Class 3A powers Sweetwater and Abilene Wylie.

"There are no pushovers on this year's schedule," said Holt.

2006 BSHS Varsity football

S1 Odessa High H S8 SA Central Н S15 Hereford S22 A. Wylie S29 Sweetwater Andrews O13 Plainview* O20 Open Frenship Estacado

Note: All games begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Nov. 3 game 4 Estacado, which the p.m.

iar foe Hereford Sept. 1. and Abilene Wylie Sept 22. This year's homecom ing game will be played - 29 again-Sept. Sweetwater and th nondistrict same played on the against longtime river Andrews.

"We have a chance to go to both Wylie and Andrews and play

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A&M Club prepares for its annual scholarship auction.

"Maroon (garb) is not a requirement," Diana Newton, A&M Club auction and scholarship coordinator, said with a laugh. "We take all school colors. We're non-discriminatory."

And that's because the annual auction is about helping area youth receive an education, Newton said,

spirit and supporting <> our young people. That's how this got started."

Sports memorabilia autographed by profes-Newton sional athletes, luxurious trips and a pair of

round-trip Southwest Airlines Tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. will all be up for bid.

See AUCTION, Page 3

The rest of the schedule is very similar to last year's. The Steers begin the regular season at Stadium Memorial against Odessa High Sept. 1 and then host San Angelo Central Sept. 8.

Big Spring then hits the road for two straight games. It will play familfront of packums," said He going to have high level to win nondistrict games. This is a situation where we could go 0.5 or 5.0. "Wylie and Sweetwater

See FOOTBALL

City puts final touches on \$32.2 million budget

"We hate to have to

pass through a water rate

increase

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer The administrative staff

pass on any kind of for the city of Big Spring increases to our put the finishing touches on a \$32.2 million budget citizens because we for 2006-2007, and the city understand they are council gave its nod of approval during a budget on a tight budget and workshop Tuesday night. having trouble paying The budget — which manages to come in their bills." approximately \$346,000 below expected revenues -Gary Fuqua on the decision to for the fiscal year – provides for a number of improvements to city facilities, including Thangars at the McMahonprogram for the city Wrinkle Airpark and an water department.

automatic meter reading

news" seemed to be overshadowed by an impending water rate increase that's expected to be passed along to city customers.

"We recently met with John Grant (CRMWD general manager) who told us due to salary and benefit increases, as well as the cost of electricity, water costs are going up," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. "He said CRMWD is looking at two different options. The first is for the rate increase to be passed through to the city

However, the "good See **CITY**, Page 3

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen pores over the 2006-2007 budget during a special bud get work session Tuesday night at the city council chambers. The council gave the go ahead for a \$32.2 million budget during the meeting.



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Forsan ISD employees look to get wage increases

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School District teachers will likely see significant pay raises this coming school year, school officials said.

FISD trustees tentatively approved a salary schedule for the 2006-07 school year that will result in teachers receiving raises of between \$3,300 and \$4,000, Superintendent Randy

Johnson said. 'This is a pretty healthy

adjustment to the salary schedule, and it feels pretty good to be able to do that," Johnson said. "If the board gives (final) approval, everybody in the district will see a healthy increase in their

salary. Aside from their normal "step" pay increase, teachers will receive an additional \$2,500 this year, thanks to trators a \$2,000 hike. raises mandated by recent Educational

state legislation.

And, on top of that, FISD officials will tack on an additional percentage that will result in district teachers making, on average, about \$4,400 above state minimums, Johnson said.

Teachers won't be the only ones receiving raises this year. Trustees earlier gave tentative approval to a salary plan that will give adminisaides

receive a 3 percent pay raise and other district employees will receive raises as well Johnson said

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lion budget. If all goes to plan, this will mark the first time in three years that trustees adopt a balanced budget, Johnson said.

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Obituaries

Josh Williamson



Josh Williamson, 21, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, July 16, 2006, in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Life Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 18, 1985, in Plattsburgh, N.Y. to Olga and Willie

Williamson. Josh was a mechanic at Max's Automotive. He loved working on cars. Josh also loved helping other people, even strangers, and had planned on being a police officer in order to help his community. Josh was a life time resident of Abilene.

He is survived by his parents, Kenneth Lee "Willie" Williamson of Abilene and Olga Williamson of San Antonio; a brother, Jason Lennon Williamson of Dallas; a sister, Kendra Nicole Williamson of Dallas; grandparents, Armando and Josepha Salgado of Big Spring; grandmother, Peggy H. Williamson of Temple; several aunts and uncles, Armando Salgado, Jr. and his wife Susan, Margie Sumner and her husband Bobby, and Becky Salgado, all of Big Spring, David A. Williamson of Temple, and Linda Taylor of Troy; cousins, Robert Sumner and his wife Jovena Sumner and their daughter Joslyn Sumner, Mandy Salgado, Adrianna Alcantar and her daughter Hailey Salgado. Samantha Alcantar and her son Brandon Rodriguez, Daniela Alcantar, Shelby Salgado, Zoie Salgado, Zack Salgado, Joey Taylor, Michael Taylor, Mathew Williamson and Beth Williamson.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jason Lennon Williamson and a cousin, Brandon Sumner.

Pallbearers will be Carter Martin, Robert Jumner, Armando Salgado, Jr., David Williamson, A.J. Ontiveros, Eddie Browder and Cody Slatton.

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

Stewart L. 'Andy' Anderson Stewart L. "Andy" Anderson, 74, of Big Spring, died



on Monday, July 17, 2006, in the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Clydell Chapman, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Odessa, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 25, 1932, in Kirby, Wyo. He married Sharon Kirkpatrick

September 3, 1959 in Casper, Wyo. She preceded him in death on Aug. 4, 1999.

Stewart served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received a Purple Heart. He then returned to Wyoming and worked for Conoco. He came to Big Spring in 1965 with Conoco and made this his home. He retired in 1985. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include two sons, John Anderson, of Big Spring, and James "Jim" Anderson and daughter-inlaw Ronda Anderson, of Cypress; a daughter, Colleen Barton and son-in-law, Mike, of Big Spring. He is also survived by four grandchildren; one sister, Rose Dye; and several nieces and nephews.

Elfa S. Cantrell

Elfa S. Cantrell, 92, of Early, formerly of Big Spring, died on Monday, July 17, 2006 in a Brownwood nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006 at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1913, in Aleman, and married Ray H. Cantrell Aug. 28, 1949 in Priddy. He preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1981.

Mrs. Cantrell lived in Big Spring from 1949 until moving to Early in 2001. She taught school in Shive, Priddy, and Big Spring.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran in Big Spring.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Opal Schrank of Hamilton; six nieces; 10 great nieces and nephews; and 11 great-great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Bruno and Lyedia Schrank; three brothers, Norman, Raymond, and Victor Schrank, and a sister-in-law, Cleone Schrank.

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

Gerald Loyd Merrick

Gerald Loyd Merrick, 64, of Decatur, died Monday, July 17, 2006, in Decatur. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

David Hart

David Hart, 100, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

• PRISCILLA LOVE, 23, of 613 McEwen, was arrested Monday on Howard and Lynn County warrants.

• AMANDA PRICE, 24, of 1204 College, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• MELISSA AGUILAR, 21, of 2305 Austin, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant.

• LANA MUNOZ, 43, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested Monday on charges of evading arrest and resisting arrest.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamar.

- in the 1200 block of 11th place.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Runnels.

Sheriff's report

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Heraid news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, three brothers, and an infant child.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460; or to the Disabled American Veterans, 807 W. Maine Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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

Take Note

• THE ACKERLY WIND ENERGY PROJECT is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Pal's Corner in Ackerly. All landowners are invited and encouraged to attend.

• THE MITCHELL COUNTY REUNION will be held Sept. 30 in the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 W. Second St. Reservations may be made with the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, at 325 728-3403. The speaker will be Elsie Ann (F.amsdell) Scaife, a former Mitchell County resident and a member of the 1944 graduating class.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information

• SANDS-ACKERLY EX-STUDENTS HOMECOMING 2006 will be Sept. 30. The committee is in the process of updating address files. Contact Dorothy Rogers at 1608 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, or call 432 399-4312. We need correct maining addresses for the homecoming letters. We would also like to have ex-teachers' addresses.



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

• EUGENE MORENO ZAPATA, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• LANA RUTH MUNOZ, 43, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• MELISSA AGUILAR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3600 block of East 11th Place. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of East 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Central. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of East 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. Cne person was transported to SMMC.

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Big Spring Independent School District Announces SUBSTITUTE ORIENTATION

For All Teacher and Paraprofessional Substitutes*

July 19, 2006 6:00 P.M. Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria

Demonstration and instructions on how to use the new Automated Substitute System for 2006-2007 presented by AESOP.

*Attendance to orientation session required before being placed on 2006-2007 substitute list.

Find It In Big Spring First!

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Not as hot. Highs in the

lower 90s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. .Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-16-25-27-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$29,586. Winning tickets sold in: McAllen. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-7-9

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A&M legends Ted Nugent, Billy Gibbons and others. the 2006-2007 school year "We'll have a blast," to Ashton Evans, pre-med aid Newton. "I want these kids to know our community supports them so when they are looking for a place to

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AUCTION

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in full, amounting to

\$229,700. "The second option,

which he said they are

leaning more toward, is a

partial rate increase that

would be in part paid for

through their Water Rate

Stabilization Fund, which

Fuqua said Option I

would translate into a 12-

cent per gallon increase

for city water customers,

totaling \$2.59 per 1,000

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\$1.20 on the average water

bill of 10,000 gallons.

Option II, however, would

mean a 7-cent per gallon

water hike, bringing the

charge to \$2.54 per 1,000

gallons, translating into a

70-cent hike for a 10,000

"We hate to have to pass

on any kind of increases

to our citizens because we

understand they are on a

tight budget and having

trouble paying their

bills," said Fuqua. "Their

(CRMWD) electrical rates

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The council also dis-

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the adoption of pets from

the municipal animal

"We talked to the people

from the local Humane

Society to get some idea

how many animals they

are able to adopt out,"

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adopt approximately 20 to

30 dogs each month.

Councilwoman

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Crystal Wingert, kinesiology; Haley Caldwell, biology (pre-med); Jarrod Price, engineering. pre- grateful for everyone's petuity. law; Jessica New, busi- generous contributions. It

Thornton, chemical engineering.

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aerospace engineering; agriculture; and Trey donated over \$175,000 to investing in the education Texas A&M University, endowing six scholarships that will live in per-

"With the community's **ness**; K.K. Kellar, busi- is the result of everyones support - as well as the ness - finance; Ragan continuous support that efforts of many volunteers

FOOTBALL

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are both good teams and Hereford has always played Big Spring tough in the past."

The Steers start district play this year on the road against Plainview Oct. 13. They host Frenship Oct. 27, travel to Estacado Nov. 3 and host Lake View Nov. 10. Big Spring's open week comes eight weeks into the season as the Steers do not play Friday, Oct. 20.

"We're hopeful that things go well this year," said Holt.

Big Spring's first competitive action will take place Aug. 25 in a scrimmage against Pampa. The location for that game has not yet been decided.

Steer fans may purchase season tickets at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

Previous season ticket holders can now purchase tickets through Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Tickets will sold to the general public beginning Aug. 14 and can be purchased through Aug. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information concerning tickets, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

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For more information on the auction, contact Newton at 263-4204.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

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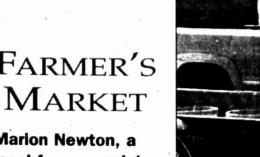
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Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Marion Newton, a local farmer, weighs some hot peppers during last Saturday morning's West **Texas Producers** and Farmer's Market. Newton was just one of several local producers that participate in the market, which is held at 7 a.m. on Saturdays and **Tuesdays through** October. The market is at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

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cats that are adoptable pass that along to the citican find good homes. This is something we're going "The council doesn't to look at.' like to do it either, but it

Also among the items given the nod by the council during Tuesday's meeting are:

• \$26,000 for playground equipment for Birdwell Lane Park.

• \$326,163 in cost of living and merit pay scale zens," said Fuqua. "I'm raises.

• \$200,000 for the city's to get some more playwater line replacement program.

• Several expenditures for the Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical including Services, \$28,500 for field data software, a pair of defibrillators at \$22,000 and a new van-style ambulance for \$70,000.

• \$40,000 for the construction of a stone bring in a balanced budchapel at the municipal cemetery.

• \$23,500 to match a \$211,500 grant from said Fuqua. "They are TxDOT for runways and currently at their maxiairfield lighting at mum capacity, which McMahon-Wrinkle they stay at most of the Airpark; \$100,000 to time, of 132 dogs and 62 match a \$150,000 grant from TxDOT for the construction of new aircraft hangars.

"We're going to be look-• \$160,000 for five new ing at some ways for our police vehicles. animal shelter to work

• \$240,000 for repairs with the Humane Society and rehabilitation of



Thomas Jenkins at 263equipment at water treat-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail Fuqua said the city at citydesk@bigspringher-

approximately \$32.6 million in revenues, making the \$32.2 million budget FISD

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\$1.50 per \$100 valuation. Maintenance and operation will take up \$1.37 of the tax rate, with the rest devoted to debt service.

The budget and tax rate will be formally adopted following a public hearing Aug. 14, Johnson said.

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at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Josh Williamson, 21, died Sunday. Funeral aervices will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Life Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. David Hart. 100. died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSION'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN **REGULAR SESSION JULY TERM 2006**

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 10th day of July, 2006, at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for June, 2006, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$5,959,141.85,

Ben Lockhart, County Judge Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1 Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2 W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3 Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Ben Lockhart, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 10th day of July, 2006.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 10TH DAY OF July 2006, and recorded on the 10th day of July, A.D. 2006.

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Contact Staff Writer

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BIG SPRING HERALD Wednesday, July 19, 2006

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army fan drive still needs our help

with the triple-digit temperatures that have baked us nere in the again County this week, we are once again are upon us. It's that time in July and August when it gets so hot in West Texas that all you seem to want to do is to find a cool, shady spot and be as inactive as possible.

Unfortunately, there are those in our community that have to resort to just that - finding a spot out of the sun - in order to deal with these oppressive temperatures. But there is certainly question as to just how cool that shade really is.

As a matter of fact, too many people in the Crossroads area suffer due to a lack of air conditioning at this time of year.

The Salvation Army is doing its best to help with its annual fan drive, but it still needs our help.

The fan drive — an effort to get some heat relief to as many people as possible, particularly the elderly and newly born — is well under way.

And while Salvation Army officers say public response to the need of those less fortunate is increasing, donations are still falling short of t's the kind of loony anti-And surely, most of them speak Hispanic attitude that shows English. how the immigration debate

Just because we choose to speak in our native language among our is turning this country into a friends and relatives doesn't mean we don't speak English. It certainly doesn't mean we don't realize that carries the same name as the the importance of learning English to get ahead in this country.

Talking about signs of prejudice

Most Latinos who don't speak English will tell you that they would like to learn it - ASAP.

That's why English courses all over the nation are overrun with students and why many are so strained that they have waiting lists.

Those who argue that Latinos "need to learn English" are showing more ignorance than those who don't speak the language!

Of course, Lonegan is no ignoramus. He only uses insecure people who are threatened by a language and culture they don't understand.

He is one of those politicians who has turned immigrant bashing into a sport. If he is not a racist, he certainly plays with racial politics, constantly trying to appeal to a segment of American society that fears foreigners, particularly Latinos. He plays on the fears of those who wrongly believe that Latinos have some kind of hidden agenda to "take over."

Lonegan has even threatened to organize a boycott against the restaurant chain. And he has the gall to call the billboard "divisive" - as if his race-baiting behavior was unifying people. Isn't he being much more divisive by pitting bigots against Latinos, by creating a controversy where there was none?

Yet this time, Lonegan's attempt to stand on a cheap soapbox has rightfully earned him mostly ridicule. There has been a backlash to his most recent outbursts, rating him anywhere between ridiculous and idiotic, and calling him anything from a bigot to a clown.

Even some diehard Latino Republicans, who normally follow the party line even on immigration issues, are having a hard time justifying Bogota's attack on

the Spanish language. Even they are arguing that everyone knows English is the nation's primary language and that there is no reason to feel threatened by Spanish.

"As a lifetime Republican, it shames me that so-called members of my party are once again making incendiary remarks," wrote one Latino in a widely distributed email letter blasting Lonegan for using the media "to further setback the advances our party has made in its efforts to be more inclusive."

Lonegan insists he is not a racist and says he would demand that the billboard be removed if it was in any language other than English - a clear reflection of how some Americans would like to shut out the rest of the world. He says he has the First Amendment right to come out against the billboard. Apparently, he believes the Constitution gives him the right to censure.

Foreign language publications, radio and television - and its advertising - have flourished in this country for quite a long time. But if it were up to Lonegan and his cohorts, they would be banned. Both McDonald's and the bill-

board company, CBS Outdoor, have emphatically refused to take the billboard down, for which they should be commended.

Civil-rights lawyers have warned that if Lonegan is attempting to use his authority as mayor to persuade McDonald's to take the billboard down, he is not only abusing his authority, but potentially violating our right to free speech. It's really a sad and extreme

demonstration of the anti-Latino climate that has been sweeping the nation. Instead of celebrating our diver-

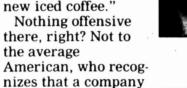
sity, some people choose to fight it. Instead of appreciating the value of living in a multiracial, multicultural and multilingual society, some people want the rest of us to be as racially, socially and linguistically impaired as they are.

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JOANN KNOX — Home:

"Un frente helado se aproxima," the sign cafe helado." English translation: "A cold MIGUEL

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mote its products in whatever lan-

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whatever audience it wants to tar-

But to the mayor and a majority

of the council in Bogota, the bill-

Latinos don't need to learn how to

Excuse me? Where does it say

that? Only a xenophobic schizo-

phrenic could come up with that

If you go to a foreign country

and you see advertising signs in

English, do they discourage you

from learning that country's lan-

Yet that's the argument Mayor

Steve Lonegan and four members

of the Bogota council are making.

Only two council members voted

against writing McDonald's a let-

Never mind the fact that by try-

ing to censure the sign, they are

attacking the First Amendment

the fact they are showing their

prejudice against.a fifth of the

town's population. According to

the 2000 census, of Bogota's 8,249

residents, 21 percent are Latinos.

right to free speech. Never mind

ter demanding the billboard's

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capital of Colombia – Bogota –

McDonald's a letter protesting

against a Spanish-language bill-

board promoting the restaurant's

the city council has sent

new iced-coffee drink.

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In a northern New Jersey town

demand.

"We need all the help we can get this year," Capt. Russ Keeney said. "Just the other day I went and bought every box fan Wal-Mart had on its shelves and they're already gone. There really is a big need out there this year."

So, once again we're asking that if you have a good, serviceable fan you're not using this summer, or if you'd like to help someone less fortunate, please consider the Salvation Army's effort. New fans or fans in good condition are needed.

Or, if you'd rather send a monetary donation, that's fine — Capts. Russ and Linda Kenney will be more than glad to take that money and purchase fans for those in need. The Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239.

Those in need of fans can apply for assistance at the Salvation Army Office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch at noon.

We all complain about the summer heat, especially when the temperatures get to 100-plus degrees, even if all we're doing is getting from our air-conditioned offices to our air-conditioned homes in our air-conditioned vehicles.

It's difficult to imagine a young child or an elderly shut-in struggling to endure it without at least the relief a fan can provide.

We here at the Herald ask all of those who can to please open your hearts and pocketbooks and help with this effort.

In doing so, you may be doing more than simply helping someone live a little more comfortably.

You could very well be saving a life.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

May we break our earthly routine with heavenly prayers.

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This motel is a real 'winner'

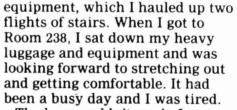
traveled to Kingsville to do some filming and interviewing on King Ranch. Tom Arcand was with me doing the video work. We arrived in Kingsville around 8 p.m. and checked into the first decent motel we found. It was a recognized

upscale national chain; in fact it had been voted the best motel of the year within the chain. We asked for two rooms. The clerk said she had two rooms,

next door to each other. She told me I was in Room 238 and Tom was in Room 223.

sheet of paper with details about the rate, etc and asked me to initial it and sign it, which I did without taking much notice of it. She then handed me the little envelope with a plastic key card and a voucher for breakfast.

When Tom finished with his check in, we got our luggage and equipment and went to our rooms. At least Tom did. I was loaded up with all my luggage and recording



The key wouldn't work. I must have shoved that card in that lock 25 times. I noticed a light was on inside the room. I loaded up all my stuff; trudged down two flights of stairs with it, put it in the car, then hiked the 200 yards to the office. She gave me another key.

I dragged myself back across the parking lot, up the stairs (this time without my stuff. I left it in the car) and tried to open the door to 238 with that card. It wouldn't work. Back to the office. I told the girl behind the counter I thought maybe someone was in that room. since the light was on. She called it and sure enough, it was occupied.

I asked for another room. She said she could put me in Room 117. Just about that time a woman came through the door and said she couldn't get her key to work in Room 117.

Wow!

Now it was getting interesting. The girl behind the counter

called the maintenance person, who was gone somewhere. She called someone else and that person was gone also.

I remembered the piece of paper she had given me earlier. I got it out. It indicated I had been assigned to Room 222, next to Tom. She gave me the key to 222 and it worked. I got my stuff and was all set for a relaxing evening. I called my wife by cell phone because the phone hadn't been activated yet. I tried calling the front desk, but got no answer. I turned off the light and went to sleep.

I got up at my usual early hour a little after 5 and turned on the TV. It wouldn't work. All I got was video static. I went to the lobby to check my email. The computer wouldn't work.

Tom came over and we went to the restaurant for breakfast. Tom ordered the "Eye Opener," the top item on the menu. The waiter told us that was the only item on the menu that was not covered by the breakfast voucher. Tom said he would pay extra to get the "Eye **Opener**.'

Next time I'm spending the night in Kingsville I'll stay somewhere else.

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BIG SPRING HERALD Wednesday, July 19, 2006

NATION/WORLD

Doctor, 2 nurses accused of killing patients after Katrina

By RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS High on the seventh floor of Memorial Medical Center, some of the city's sickest patients lay in wet, sweaty sheets, drifting in and out of consciousness.

In the hours before the last of the hospital's patients were evacuated, one of Hurricane Katrina's most uncomfortable decisions had to be made: What would happen to those too sick to be moved?

According to a monthslong investigation by the state's attorney general, a doctor and two nurses "pretended that maybe they were God" and put to death four patients using a lethal injection of drugs, after determining that the four were either too ill or too incapacitated to be transported.

The deceased, who ranged in age from 61 to 90 years old. would have survived Katrina had they not been administered the lethal doses, Louisiana Attorney General Charles C. Foti said.

On Tuesday, a doctor and two nurses were booked with being murder" - a charge that carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

The arrest of Dr. Anna Pou, and nurses Cheri Landry and Lori Budo, brings to an end months of speculation about socalled "mercy killings" at Memorial. Although attorneys for the three insist no crime took place, the three women are the first medical professionals charged in a 10-month-long criminal investigation into whether many of New Orleans' sick and elderly were abandoned or put out of their misery in the days after the storm.

Foti, who late last year subpoenaed more than 70 employees of the hospital, warned that there will likely be more arrests and more victims identified: "This case is not over vet," he said. And he stressed: "This is not euthanasia. This is homicide.'

At least 34 patients died at the eight-story, 317-bed hospital, which became a death trap as temperatures soared past 100 degrees and floodwaters cut off access to the building in the

In court papers, state investigators said Pou told a nurse executive three days after the hurricane that the patients still awaiting evacuation would probably not survive and that a 'decision had been made to administer lethal doses" to them. According to Foti, Pou and the others filled syringes with a deadly combination of morphine and a sedative, called Versed, carefully flushing water into the patient's IV to ensure that the drugs fully entered the bodies of the sick.

According to court papers, tissue samples taken from the dead at Memorial tested positive for morphine and Versed, and the amount of Versed present was found to be higher than the usual therapeutic dose. Medical records reviewed by investigators also showed that none of the four patients was taking either of the two drugs as part of their routine care.

Foti said the combination of the two drugs "guarantees they are going to die," but he added that authorities could not deter-

"a principal to second-degree chaotic days following Katrina. mine which of the defendants actually administered the fatal drugs in each case.

> According to an affidavit filed by an investigator for the state. some of the patients experienced pain. A hospital director witnessed one of the nurses injecting a 90-year-old patient. As she did, the patient said: "That burns."

In another instance, Pou told a hospital administrator that she was "under the impression that the patients were not aware of what was happening." That staffer corrected her, pointing out that one patient a 61-year-old man weighing 380 pounds and paralyzed appeared "conscious, awake and alert." So, according to the affidavit, she asked for the man to be sedated.

Those who knew Pou struggled to make sense of the arrest. Pou was handcuffed in her scrubs in front of her home late Monday night, according to her mother and her lawyer.

Pou, said Dr. Gregory Vorhoff, who was at the hospital during the storm, is "an extremely bright and capable

physician.

"I would never hesitate to have those nurses or Anna Pou take care of me or my family."

"Medicine was the most important thing in her life and I know she never ever did anything deliberately to hurt anyone," added Jeanette Pou, the doctor's mother, in a telephone interview.

News of the arrests was met with relief by the families of the dead.

Angela McManus was forced to leave her 70-year-old mother on the acute-care floor of Memorial Hospital Sept. 1 when police demanded relatives evacuate. McManus' mother was not among the four the doctor and nurses are accused of killing. But she said her mother, who was recovering from a blood infection, was fine when she left her — then mysteriously died the same day.

"I need some answers just to be able to function," said McManus.

"Euthanasia is something you do to a horse, or to an animal. When you do it to people, it's called murder."

Bush poised to veto stem-cell bill

By MARY DALRYMPLE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Bush readied the first veto of his presidency to stop legislation to ease limits on federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

The veto was expected as soon as the measure reaches his desk. White spokeswoman House Dana Perino said that was expected to happen about midday Wednesday, and that Bush would veto the measure as promised.

While both the GOP-run House' and Senate defied Bush in passing the measure to expand tederally funded embryonic stem

and fellow Republicans did not move Bush from his determination to reject the bill. However, lawmakers planned to try as soon as Bush issues the veto.

Nor was Bush swayed by two days of emotional debate in Congress, punctuated by stories of personal and family suffering, that plunked lawmakers into the intersection of politics, morality and science.

"The president believes strongly that for the purpose of research, it's inappropriate for the federal government to finance something that many people consider murder. He's

currently limiting federal- needed to override a veto. ly funded research to stem cell lines created before Aug. 9, 2001.

"I expect that the House will sustain the president's veto," said House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Disappointed lawmakers said they intended to keep pushing to lift the restrictions.

"The unfortunate part is, if the president does veto the bill, then it sets us back a year or so until we can finally pass a bill that will have the requisite supermajority to be able to become law," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. respond by changing bills "And that sets back to his liking.

The House last year fell 50 votes short of a veto-proof margin when it passed the same bill, 238-194.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a surgeon who pushed for expanding federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, said Bush in private conversation vowed not to let any more embryos be destroyed for research with federal money on his watch.

Bush has made 141 veto threats during his time in office, and the Republicans controlling Congress typically

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research, supporters do not appear to have the two-thirds vote margin needed to overnide such a veto

> Pleadings from celebrities, a former first lady

one of them," spokesman Tony Snow said.

Strong majorities in the House and Senate joined embryonic stem cell research another year or

The Senate voted 63-37 sentiments with most on Tuesday, four votes Americans and passed a short of the two-thirds bill that lifts restriction majority that would be

Bush's stand against stem cells is popular among conservative Republicans that the party will rely on in the congressional elections this fall.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) gets to leave," Feltman Germany and India were An eight-deck cruise said. liner carrying more than 1,000 Americans sailed out of Beirut's port Wednesday, the first mass U.S. evacuation from Lebanon since Israeli airstrikes started more than a week ago.

Dozens of Americans waved from the top decks of the Orient Queen as the luxury ship blew its horn

U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman waved back from the dock below. "We expect this to go on

for the next week until every American who has asked us for help to leave,

Many of those aboard were relieved to depart, after complaints of slow action by the United States compared to European countries that sent cruise ships, ferries and warships over the past three days to move out thousands.

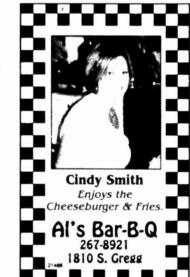
Just moments before the Orient Queen, a Greek vessel left Beirut carrying as many as 500 Europeans, ship owner ANEK Lines said. Denmark evacuated more than 4,000 of its citizens Wednesday; Australia, Belgium, Britain, Canada,

among nations either evacuating citizens or preparing to.

The Americans also stepped up evacuations Wednesday by military aircraft from their hilltop embassy. Four Chinook transport helicopters ferried 800 Americans from Beirut to nearby Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

The Chinooks can carry twice as many people as the Sea Stallion choppers that have carries evacuees for the past three days.

Despite the increased efforts, some expressed frustration.



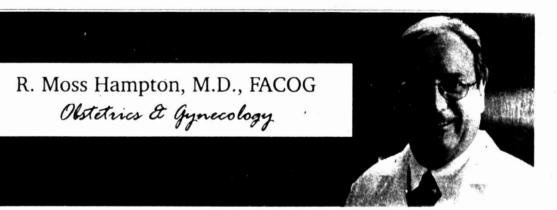
First, you must win the heart at trick one, because if declarer has the K-Q of clubs, he can score a heart. five diamonds and three clubs before your side regains the lead. Second you should not return a heart for a same reason.

Third, since partner needs to have the spade ace for the contract to be defeated, you must shift to a spade But you cannot lead just any spade. If you return a low spade and South has Q-x-x, as in the actual deal, he can make the contract by playing low from his hand.

To cater to this possibility

must return the spade jack South's queen. Regardless of how declarer chooses to proceed, he cannot stop you from collecting four spade tricks, and the contract is defeated.

Tomorrow: From the mailbox. C2006 King Features Syndicate Ind



The Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin

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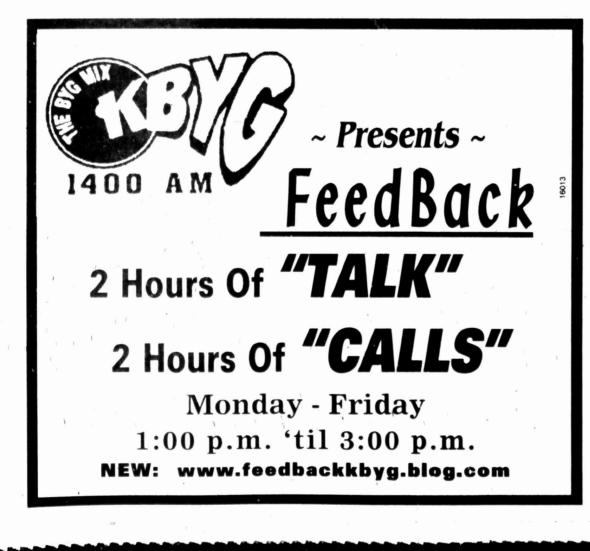
R. Moss Hampton, M.D., FACOG, as the Chairman for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed his specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. With 22 years of experience in women's health, his major fields of interest include general gynecology, menopausal management and surgical correction of pelvic organ prolapse. He has a research interest in pelvic pain.

Dr. Hampton is an outstanding addition to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is accepting patients in Odessa at the Texas Tech Health Center at Tanglewood, 4241 Tanglewood, Suite 201.



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Texas news briefs

AG Abbott: No state 'book' money for computers

AUSTIN (AP) — State funds for purchasing school textbooks cannot be used to buy laptops and other computer hardware, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled.

Abbott released his opinion Tuesday in response to questions raised by the State Board of Education after some lawmakers sought to shift funding from books to technology

According to the opinion, a textbook is not "computer hardware and other equipment." Rather, a textbook is what contains educational content, such as a book or computer software.

The state pays for textbooks out of the Permanent School Fund, which is managed by the State Board of Education, a 15-member elected board. The \$20 billion fund generates about \$800 million a year for textbooks and other instructional materials.

Board chairwoman Geraldine "Tincy" Miller praised the opinion.

Endangered falcons

reintroduced to West Texas habitat

VANHORN (AP) - After living in cardboard U-Haul boxes for two days, 28 endangered North American aplemado falcons got a glimpse of their new home in the rugged West Texas desert Tuesday.

Charping like hungry seagulls, the birds flapped their narrow wings and fluttered around the boxes lined with straw and the remains of Japanese quail. the snack their handlers fed them during the 1,360mile ride from Boise, Idaho, in the back of a minivan. Groups of the birds were lifted into small wooden boxes that will be home until they get their first shot at flight in about a week.

Part of the nearly two-decade-old Peregrine Fund plan to return the birds to their natural habitat, 126 aplomado falcons are to be released in about 10 West leases locations this year.

The fund started as an effort to replenish peregrine faicons.

24 horses discovered dead at Brazos County stable

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Veterinarians at Texas A&M University are trying to help determine what caused more than two dozen horses to die at a College Station stable.

Twenty-eight horses died within a 24-hour period between Sunday and Monday, said Brad Raphel, coowner of the Carousel Acres Equestrian Center and Stable. He said Tuesday that two-thirds of his personal herd of show horses was among those that died. The stable had 60 horses total, including some that were being boarded there.

Raphel and his wife, Beverly, first noticed something wrong with the horses Sunday afternoon. He said that tests were being conducted to find the cause of death the horses, but the deaths were likely not caused by anything contagious.

Ramos has pleaded guilty in federal court to an immigration violation.

Saucedo also faces 14 charges of aggravated assault on a public service with a deadly weapon, and has a trial scheduled in August.

2,000-plus attend free Los Lonely Boys show

SAN ANGELO (AP) — More than 2,000 fans of Los Lonely Boys braved the 96-degree heat Tuesday for the hometown band's CD release party.

Lines of people wrapped around the outside of the city's Wal-Mart to hear the band. Fans used umbrellas shield ťo *



start it than Courtesy photo/Alex Jones Brothers Henry, left, and Jojo Garza, better here in your hometown," known as Los Lonely Boys. guitarist

Henry Garza told the crowd. "This is where we are from, and this is from our hearts."

Los Lonely Boys also plan free shows at Wal-Marts in Dallas, Houston, and Chicago, bassist Jojo Garza said in a story in Wednesday's San Angelo Standard-Times.

Proceeds from food, drinks, and Los Lonely Boys' Tshirts sold at the concert benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Originally from Snyder, Los Lonely Boys live in San Angelo.

Woman sentenced to 10 years in human trafficking case

DALLAS (AP) - A Korean woman who admitted making illegal immigrant women pay off their smuggling debt through prostitution was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison.

Mi Na Malcolm, known as Sora, also was ordered to pay a \$460,000 fine.



She must forfeit a 2006 BMW, a 2004 Lexus, more than \$218,900 in cash, and electronic equipment, said U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper.

Malcolm, 38, pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy to hold or harbor illegal aliens for purposes of prostitution, harboring illegal aliens for commercial advantage and private financial gain, and bulk cash smuggling.

"Mi Na Malcolm preyed upon some of society's most vulnerable individuals - frightened runaways and illegal immigrants who are trapped in a cycle of violence, prostitution and forced labor," Roper said. "The sentence imposed upon Malcolm today should serve as a warning to all who would traffic in and harbor illegal aliens — you will be found and you will pay the price."

From late 2004 to mid-2005, Malcolm paid the smuggling debts of several Korean women who came to the country illegally.

She then had the women work off the debt at one of her three Dallas businesses - the Ruby Spa, the Venetian Body Work and the Palm Tree Relaxation.

The women worked six to seven days a week and many were required to be available for prostitution 24 hours per day, according to court documents.

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Authorities say Malcolm kept records of many of the women's earnings and payment of their debt. She charged them for rent and food.

Malcolm admitted monitoring the women's movements in person, through an escort and via video surveillance.



From California's redwood forest to Florida's

We've had the autopsies done and they think it was one of the toxins used to kill the weevils," Raphel said.

Man gets life sentence for shooting East Texas trooper

TYLER (AP) - A Mexican national was sentenced to 4 life terms in prison after pleading guilty to shooting a state frooper and firing on other officers during a car Chase.

Ramon Armando Ramos, 38, pleaded guilty Tuesday to 14 counts of aggravated assault on a public service with a deadly weapon for the March 22 gunfight.

District Court Judge Cynthia Stevens Kent, who issued the sentence, ruled that Ramos would serve two of the sentences consecutively, with the remainder served concurrently. He would be eligible for parole in 60 years.

Ramos and suspect Francisco Saucedo are accused of shooting Trooper Steven Stone of the Department of Public Safety after Stone pulled the suspects over and began handcuffing Ramos for marijuana possession.

The altercation was captured on a video camera in Stone's patrol car. Stone was shot at least three times, including in his chest and shoulder, and is still recovering.

Ramos and Saucedo fled the scene and exchanged gunfire with Tyler police officers during a car chase before police were able to stop Ramos' truck.

Smith County sheriff's Detective Noel Martin said three handguns and an assault rifle were confiscated from the truck. Both suspects were wearing body armor.

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Airman missing since WWII identified

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -A Texas airman missing in action since World War II was among nine identified and returned to their families for burial, the military announced Tuesday.

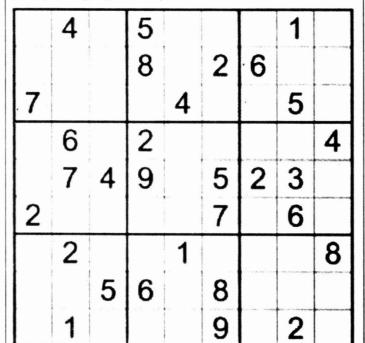
Technical Sgt. Raymond S. Cisneros, San Antonio, was buried in May with full military honors in Webster.

Cisneros and the other men were members of the Bombardment 63rd Squadron, 43 Bombardment Group. They disappeared in November 1943, when their B-24 crashed in the mountains of Papua New Guinea.



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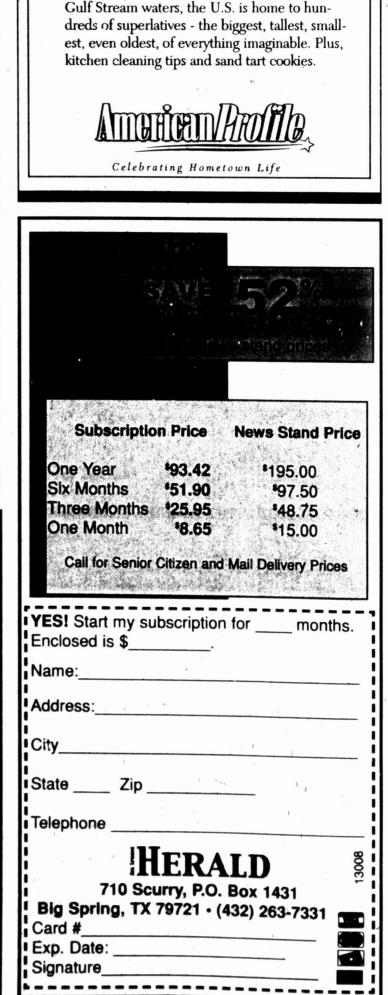
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White named to 2A first team all-state squad IN BRIEF

B.S. YoungLife sets Three others earn all-state honors for annual golf tourney efforts on diamond The seventh annual YoungLife golf tour-By TROY HYDE nament will take Sports Editor

place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club. The tourney will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day and diamond. costs \$75 plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome. The field is limited to 36

teams. The YoungLife Golf Classic benefits the YoungLife of Big Spring.

For more information or to enter, contact Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building. For more information or to register. contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

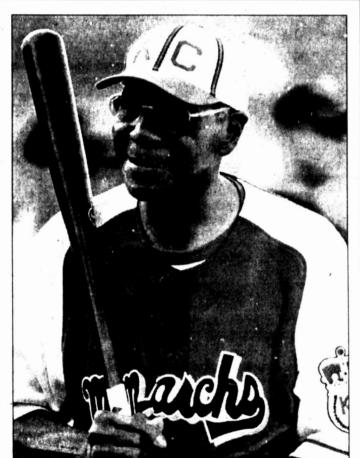
Softball tourney set

for later this month The first-ever Ball Busters co-ed softball tournament will take place at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park July 28-30. The entry fee is \$125 per team. There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded and Tshirts will also be given out as prizes. For more information. contact Jessica Dunn at 264-0816 or Amador Rios at 325-201-1365.

Sportswriter's Association. Junior Collin McMillan

and freshman Donnie Garcia also earned a spot on the Sportswriter's Four members of the Association all-state team. Coahoma baseball team McMillan was voted to the second team, while earned all-state honors

recently for their efforts Garcia was an honorable this past season on the mention selection. "It's great to get kids Senior Tad White was recognized to all-state teams," said Coahoma voted onto the Class 2A first team of the Texas head coach Brad Harman. "It's an honor for the kids High School Baseball Coaches Association and and for the baseball prowas named to the second gram here at Coahoma." White was the Bulldogs' team by the Texas



MCT photo/Mike Ransdell, Kansas City Star Buck O'Neil, 94, gets ready for his turn at the plate during the Northern League All Star Game Tuesday in

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ace on the hill this past season. He went 14-2 during the regular season and had a 1.65 earned run average and struck out 144 batters. He was named District 4-2A's MVP earlier this season. McMillan was one of

play in the field, said Harman.

"He made several big cial, too." plays in the field for us this year," said Harman. "He did well at the plate, but his defense alone got him an all-state honor."

Garcia carried the team's best average at the plate this year. He hit .440 with four home runs and 36 RBIs and also had 13 doubles and eight stolen bases in just his first high program when guys get school season.

"All three kids deserved Coahoma's best hitters, to be on the team," said but earned all-state hon- Harman. "I'm proud of all recognition."

ors more so because of his of them and getting Collin and Donnie back next year is going to be benefi-

The fourth all-state member this year for Coahoma was senior Cody Griffith. He earned academic all-state honors after a successful year on the field and in the classroom. He hit .368 this past season and had 10 doubles and 16 stolen bases.

"It says a lót about the recognized," said Harman. "I'm proud the guys are getting the

Padilla leads Texas past Jays

Big inning gets job done against Toronto

TORONTO (AP) - TheTexas Rangers finally put some offense together.

"Once we scored that first run we exhaled," Texas manager Buck Showalter said Tuesday night after Hank Blalock hit a go-ahead single in a five-run eighth inning and the Rangers rallied for a 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Texas scored just four runs in the previous four games, but they rallied from a 2-0 deficit by sending 10 batters to the plate in the eighth.

Mark Teixeira hit a twoout RBI single off Scott innings. He struck out Schoeneweis (2-1) and three and walked one. Blalock followed with a also off Schoeneweis.

tum going our way," Showalter said.

Showalter called Blalock's at-bat one of the biggest of the season.

"It was nice to get some clutch hits late in the game to get us rolling again," Blalock said.

Michael Young had three hits for the Rangers, who had lost their previous three games.

"You can put too much pressure on yourself. This team plays best when it's relaxed and we let things happen," the MVP of the All-Star game said.

Vicente Padilla (10-5) won his fourth straight start, allowing two runs and seven hits in seven

Padilla won four in a infive scoreless innings. two-run single to center, row for the first time since May 7-23, 2004, and Shea Hillenbrand Brad Wilkerson added a when he pitched for the missed the game. Glaus

After giving up the lead Schoeneweis looked like he took out his frustrations on an aluminum bat. He was playing with one after the game that had a huge dent in it.

"I blew the game. End of story. What do you want me to say? I blew the game. That's it,' Schoeneweis said before cutting the interview off.

The Blue Jays scored two runs in the first on Lyle Overbay's RBI single and when Padilla inexplicably threw to first on a slow roller by Bengie Molina instead of going home for a sure out, allowing Vernon Wells to score from third.

Toronto starter Shaun Marcum allowed one hit

Toronto's Troy Glaus

Oklahoma City group buys Seattle basketball teams

SEATTLE (AP) - Afrom group Oklahoma City has agreed to buy the Seattle NBA's SuperSonics and the WNBA's Seattle Storm.

The new owners have set a 12-month deadline to reach a new arena deal with Seattle officials something the previous owners didn't accomplish in two years. After that, the new owners gain the option to move the team to Oklahoma. The Basketball Club

of Seattle will sell the teams for \$350 million to the Professional Basketball Club LLC, headed by Oklahoma City businessman **Clay Bennett.**

Dallas' Davis fine, optimistic after two gunshot wounds

DALLAS (AP) Dallas Cowboys safety Keith Davis checked out of the hospital, recovering nicely from two gunshot wounds and optimistic about making the start of training camp late next week. Davis, 27, was shot in the head and thigh while driving on a Dallas highway early Sunday.

Kansas City, Mo. O'Nell became the oldest man ever to play professional baseball. He walked twice in the game.

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Rookie Marmol

pitches Cubs to

win over Houston

CHICAGO (AP) - Phil

Nevin hit a three-run

homer and rookie Carlos

Marmol allowed one run

over six innings to lead

the Chicago Cubs to a 4-2

victory over the Houston

The Cubs bounced back

from an embarrassing 13-

7 loss to the New York

Mets on Sunday night,

when they allowed 11

runs in the sixth inning.

Marmol (3-3) gave up

Ryan Dempster pitched

a scoreless ninth inning

for his 15th save in 20

Chris Burke homered

for the Astros, who have

The Cubs were trailing

1-0 in the fourth when

Michael Barrett led off

then hit a 2-2 fastball from

Houston starter Roy

Oswalt for his eighth

Nevin was traded to the

has a total of 17 homers

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Astros Tuesday night.

two-run single off Vinnie Philadelphia Phillies. Chulk to make it 5-2.

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Akinori Otsuka pitched

"We needed a big hit the ninth for his 19th save

has a sore right knee and. Hillenbrand is with his family because they adopted a child.

Landis retakes lead in France

Luxemborg's Schleck wins 15th stage of tour

L'ALPE D'HUEZ, France (AP) — American Floyd Landis reclaimed the Tour de France's overall lead Tuesday, taking back the yellow jersey after an uphill finish on the famed L'Alpe d'Huez.

The 15th stage, won by Luxembourg's Frank Schleck, was the first of three straight days of grueling Alpine treks, which are likely to identify the top contenders to win the first Tour of the post-Lance Armstrong era.

Landis, the Phonak team leader, finished 1 minute and 10 seconds behind Schleck. He took an overall lead of 10 seconds over Spain's Oscar Pereiro, who had held the yellow jersey and a lead of 1:29 over Landis since the 13th stage.

Landis said he'd taken a "gamble" Saturday by allowing former Phonak teammate Pereiro to claim the yellow jersey, which brings with it pressure to lead and places an extra burden on a rider's teammates.

Landis, a 30-year-old Pennsylvania native, had temporarily taken the race lead Thursday after the tougher of two days of climbs in the Pyrenees.

MCT photo/Nuccio DiNuzzo, Chicago Tribune Chicago Cubs' Ronny Cedeno, top, tries to tag Houston Astros' Chris Burke, who is safe after stealing second in the first inning. The Cubs defeated the Astros, 4-2, at Wrigley Field in Chicago, III., Tuesday.

Two outs later, Jacque games and has driven in four decisions, including off walk to Lance Jones singled and Nevin five runs.

> Barrett doubled down the line in left in the fifth. scoring Ronny Cedeno and giving the Cubs a 4-1 lead.

Cubs from the Texas Barrett is 12-for-26 life-Rangers on May 31, and time against Oswalt.

> Oswalt (6-7) has gone six straight starts without a win and has lost his last

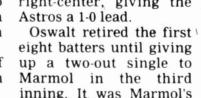
a loss to St. Louis in relief on July 8.

Marmol escaped trouble when he got Luke Scott to ground out in the sixth inning with runners on second and third.

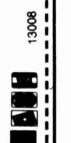
Burke homered off reliever Scott Williamson in the seventh.

Oswalt retired the first eight batters until giving inning. It was Marmol's

Berkman in the fourth inning and Aubrey Huff followed with a triple to right-center, giving the Astros a 1-0 lead.



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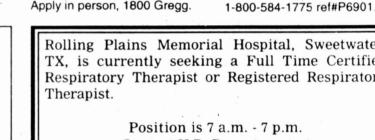
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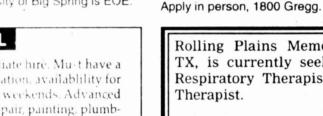
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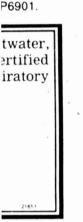
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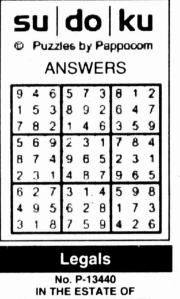
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Taurus moon is stubborn and hedonistic

are her good qualities. There is value in selfishness. Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone were truly HOLIDAY intent on fol-

bliss? Bitter resentment wouldn't exist, and passion would be a daily experience. It is lucky to find some small, selfish way to fully appreciate

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Enhancing your natural aptitude will bring you much more success than will struggling to be good at everything. Notice what you're doing well, and do that as much as possible today.

20). Friends may not need what they think they need. You see it differently. Helping others to take care of their own problems is far more admirable than going out of your way to "fix" things.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This is a bold day. It's as though you flip a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

switch inside yourself and turn your confidence "on." You could even talk in front of people without feeling nervous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid spending most of the day doing things that pay you instead of doing things that please you. When you follow your natural proclivities, you'll make more money in the end.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To stabilize your energy level, bring healthy snacks with you and drive past the fastfood. Tonight, restraint evaporates. You get caught up in the excitement of love. It's scary to be vulnerable, but you show your feelings anyway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Productivity is at a high. Also, you're so intuitive with loved ones that important communication can take place with minimal dialogue. This is eerily impressive to outsiders.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sibling or friend is competing with you in not so subtle ways. How irritating. Use this as an exercise in overlooking the small stuff. Remember that this attention is really a compliment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The strong urge to express your feelings means it's about time you did. It's not true that you've got nothing to lose, but some things should be lost. This creates a vacuum to pull in something better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Put financial and business affairs on automatic pilot today, and concentrate instead on the personal. Taking care of yourself means more than covering the basics. Go the extra mile — treat yourself like a star.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a freshness in People your image. who've known you forever take note. It's funny how thinking of yourself differently automatically changes your appearance. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March** 20). It seems that everyone would like to put you to work. The best boss is someone powerful who presents you in the best light. Your efforts will add up to something you can build on.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "My sister recently went to a channeler and asked questions about she learned. What credence can I give this information? Is it true? Some of it seemed very true, and that freaked me out. Where did the message actually come from?"

"Channeling" is a method that some psychics use to contact the so-called "other side." Typically, they go into a light trance and begin talking in a slightly different way (often with weird accent) as they impart information to those who ask for it. It's a curious thing indeed to witness those called channelers doing their thing. Your sister probably thought you would be too spooked by the experi- DICATE, INC.

odd. Furthermore, some faiths consider this way of communicating with the spirit realm to be dangerous, and participating in such activity goes against their belief system. In my own experience, different channelers have been sometimes accurate and sometimes not. As in friendships, love, doctors and psychics, I believe it is a matter cf matching the right people at the right time to create the right environment for solving the prob-

lems at hand. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rufus Wainwright recently wowed New York society with his sold-out Carnegie Hall set, an incarnation of Judy Garland's dynamic night there over 40 years ago. It's notable that Garland and Wainwright's astrome. Then she shared what ' logical charts both represent Mercury (communication) in Cancer (emotion). Pure emotion is what moves moonchildren like Wainwright to attempt such extremely ambitious endeavors.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

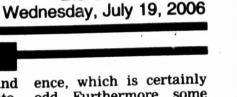
Dear Annie: My wife and I have two children a 6-year-old son and a 10month-old daughter. Our marriage was great for the first five years. Then, when our son was born, my wife began sleeping in his room. When our daughter was born, my wife moved into the baby's room and our son began sleeping with me. I've tried to get our son to sleep by himself in his own room, but my wife insists he stay in my bed. I don't think this is right. Here are some things my wife used to do but doesn't any longer: She used to kiss me in the morning and before we'd go to sleep at night. She used to say, I love you, I miss you, hug me, spend time with me. We used to cook and eat dinner together. What is wrong with my marriage? What am I to do? Concerned Husband Dear Husband: A certain amount of co-sleeping in the family bed is OK, but your wife has transferred all her love and affection to her children, leaving you out in the cold. She may have convinced herself that such devotion is good for the kids, but it is slowly draining the life out of your marriage, and you no longer have a healthy, balanced family dynamic. Ask your wife to go with you for some counseling. If she refuses, make an appointment for the two of you to visit the children's pediatrician so you can get another opinion sleeping about those arrangements. Dear Annie: I live in a suburban housing plan with small quarter-acre lots. I have a neighbor who allows her pets to run free around the neighborhood. Since our housing plan abuts a busy street, seven of her pets have been killed by oncoming traffic. She subsequently has buried these pets in her yard, turning it into a pet cemetery. Furthermore, after every pet dies, she gets one to replace it, so I

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the American Cancer tried to put money into Society and the American advertising for my pet-College of Obstetricians and-home-sitting busiand Gynecologists recog- ness, and I know I can be nize its use. Although very successful at it. Any many doctors stop admin- advice? - Confused in istering the Pap test to women after age 65, women aged 65-plus are at highest risk for developing and dying from cervical cancer. -L.K. in New York

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anticipate more pets being buried on her property.

This situation is really starting to freak me out. What can I do without ruining my relationship with my neighbors? -**Pittsburgh Suburbs**

Dear Pittsburgh: Does your suburb have any laws prohibiting the burial of pets in the back yard? Are there leash laws? Perhaps a citation from the police will wake her up. You also can report your neighbor (anonymously) to the local Humane Society. It is unconscionable for this woman to leave her pets unprotected where they are likely to be hit by cars.

Dear Annie: I read your column about medical tests for older women. While I applaud the valuable information you provided, you left out important information about the use of the human papillomavirus (HPV) test in combination with the Pap test for women 30 and older (those most at risk for cervical cancer).

Over the last 50 years, regular use of the Pap test has significantly reduced the number of American women who develop cervical cancer, but recent studies indicate it is accurate only 50 to 85 percent of the time. By routinely screening women age 30 and older for high risk HPV along with their Pap, as is approved by the FDA, we can substantially increase this accuracy.

Additionally, the HPV test is covered by most insurance companies, and

Dear L.K.: Thanks for the information. We also are keeping our eyes on the new vaccine for cervical cancer. It sounds as if it could save thousands of lives.

Dear Annie: I am currently pursuing a degree in teaching. I decided to do this slowly (it's been five years), because I wanted to stay home with my son. Also, I have never been truly sure that teaching is what I want to do. More importantly, I have bipolar disorder, and this may interfere with the job and the final stage in obtaining my degree.

I have been very stable emotionally for many years now. I take my medication and see my psychiatrist as scheduled. I do, however, still experience some mood swings, which my husband simply attributes to my monthly cycle.

I also have established a fairly successful part-time pet-and-home-sitting business. Annie, I love it. I enjoy being around the dogs, cats, birds, etc., and meeting new people. It makes me feel wonderful when these clients say they need me.

Here's my dilemma: I have this huge student loan to pay off, and I am slated to student-teach this coming fall. My husband believes I should finish my degree and while I run to two different schools for over 16 weeks, we'll somehow figure out a way to get our son to class. I feel like my head is going to explode!

I wanted to stop pursuing this degree a long time ago, but my husband pushed me to keep going, as being a teacher would be the only way to pay off

Dear Confused: It would be great if you could finish your degree since you are so close to completion. Also, your pet-and-homesitting business may not take off, and you will have teaching as a fallback position. However, we are not sure how well you will handle the stress. We recommend discussing this with your psychiatrist, who knows your capabilities and can help you determine the best course of action.

Dear Annie: My sister has run my mother's affairs for the past several years without me knowing exactly what she was doing. Mother had Alzheimer's and was incapable of making any decisions, so my sister did everything and let me know after the fact.

Mother has since passed, leaving her estate to be settled. I have asked my sister several times how and where money was being spent and have been told nothing. Now, I am being asked to sign a waiver giving up all interest in the matter. Am I wrong to ask how, when and why this money was spent? - R.N. in the Midwest

Dear R.N.: If your sister won't give you satisfactory answers, talk to the lawyer who handled your mother's estate and find out what stipulations were made in Mother's will and who is supposed to be in charge of the money. Don't sign anything until you get the answers you need.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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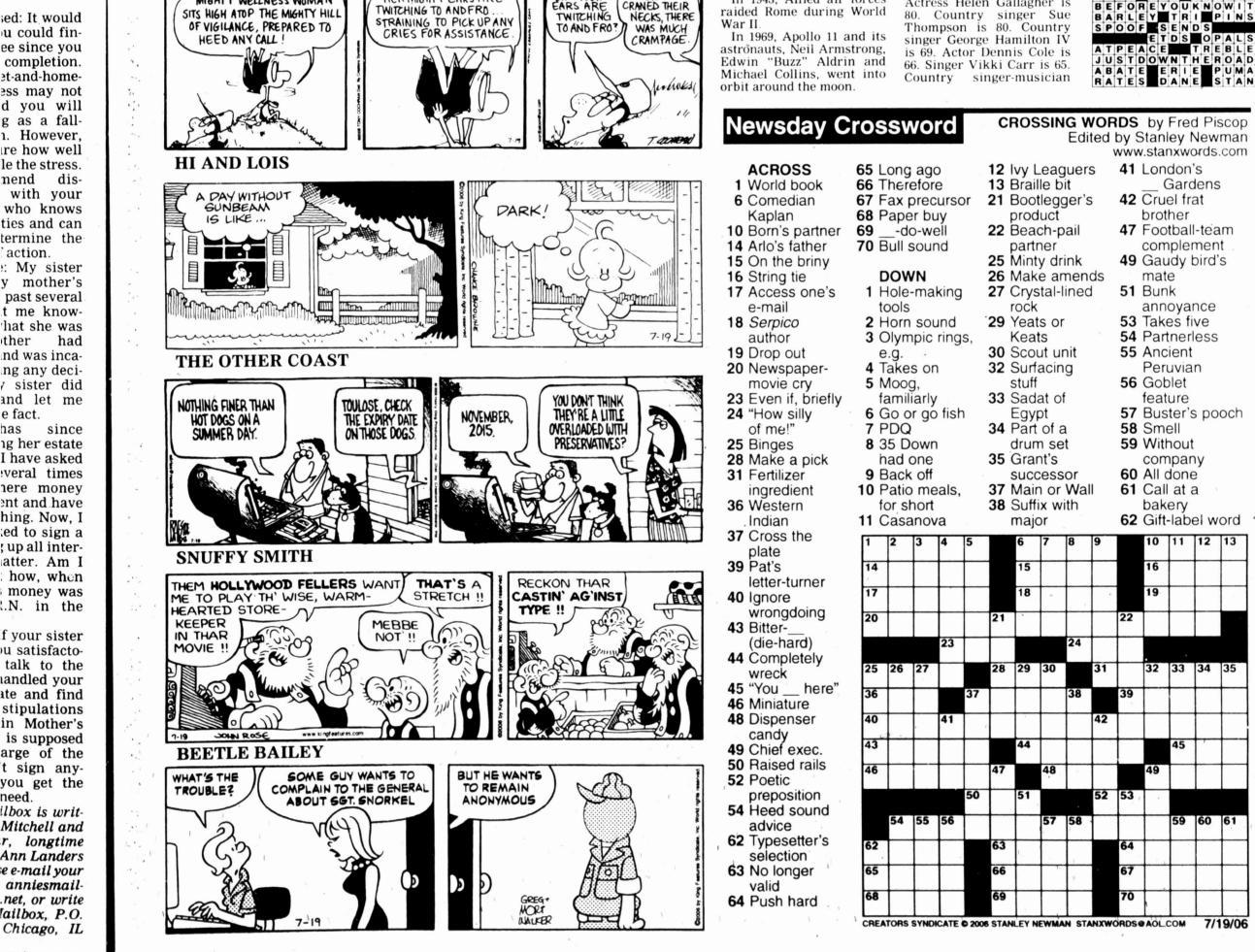
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Joke may net jail time

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A man's idea of a joke — putting a pet 6-foot boa constrictor in his mailbox to startle a mail carrier — could bring him jail time.

"It was an incredibly stupid practical joke that wasn't funny," said James R. Mell, 31, an auto mechanic from the Detroit suburb of Farmington Hills.

Mell put the snake in his mailbox July 7, The Detroit News reported.

"I thought it was funny. Looking back on it, it isn't, and it wasn't," he said.

On Monday, federal prosecutors charged Mell with obstructing the delivery of the U.S. mail. The charge carries a penalty of up to six months in prison.

Postal carrier Nakeema Anderson was making her rounds when she opened Mell's mailbox and found the snake, court records say.

"Anderson reported observing a white male in the driveway laughing," said a report from U.S. postal inspector Andrew Gottfried.

Mell wrote a letter apologizing to Anderson and said he hoped that would settle the matter.

The pet snake is not poisonous, does not bite and has tiny teeth.

"It will only strike at something that it can actually eat," Mell said.

A really dumb way to try and get help

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A driver stranded on a remote stretch of Australian highway tried to get help by playing dead in the middle of the road, a police officer said.

A woman who was driving with her two children spotted the man and had to swerve to avoid hitting him, said Doug Backhouse, a detective with the Western Australia state police.

"She drove around the body — which didn't move at all — and got to the nearest phone," Backhouse said.

Police arrived with an ambulance and found the man alive and well, but with car troubles.

"The best way he thought to get a vehicle to stop was to lay down in the middle of the road and pretend to be dead," Backhouse said, adding that the man didn't think anyone would stop if he were standing up.

Police said they told the man that lying in the road was "a stupid thing to do," but didn't charge him with any offense.

The incident occurred near Esperance, about 450 miles southeast of the state capital, Perth.

What's new at the library?

In this case, some 'old' favorites

t is vacation time and I have not had a chance to write a new column, so here are some recycled reviews from past columns.

These books are just as good as they were a year ago.

I am a fan of crime shows such as "American Justice," "Cold Case Files," etc. on A&E. A new favorite is "The Closer" with Kyra

Sedgewick on TNT. I have tired of all the CSI shows and love watching re-runs of "Law and Order" with Lenny Briscoe. Several books on forensic science or crime shows have

come in. The first is "Crime Scene: Ultimate Guide to Forensic Science," (363.25 PLA D) by David Platt.

Dorland Kindersley Publishing is well known for their Eyewitness Books for children. This is built along the same lines.

There are plenty of photos, easily understood explanations and case studies for each subject. Chapters on crime scenes, the victim, evidence analysis, the suspect, lethal agents and case studies are described. Excellent book.

"Crime Scene," (363.252 REA D) by Reader's Digest is perhaps a more scholarly book.

It takes a much more detailed look at crime scenes and the clues that are found there and written for a person who (how do I say this) reads at a higher level of sophistication.

Another volume that looks at crime from a different point of view is "What Would Sipowicz Do? Race, Rights and Redemption in NYPD Blue," (791.457 YEF G) edited by Glenn Yeffeth.

This takes an entertaining, intel-

ligent look at the culturally influential 11-year television run of NYPD Blue.

This is a collection of essays on topics ranging from the series' portrayal of race relations in New York City to Sipowicz's famously thorny demeanor.

We have received two Pulitzer Prize winning books: "1776," (973.3 MCC D) by David McCullough and "Gilead" (F ROB M) by Marilynne Robinson.

In "1776," esteemed historian David McCullough covers the military side of the momentous year of 1776 with insight and a gripping narrative.

He adds new scholarship and a fresh perspective to the beginning of the American Revolution.

McCullough writes vividly about the dismal conditions that troops on both sides had to endure, and he explores the importance of motivation and troop morale.

Some of the strongest passages in "1776" are the revealing and well-rounded portraits of the Georges on both sides of the Atlantic. King George III is given a thoughtful treatment by McCullough, who shows that the king considered the colonists to be petulant subjects without legitimate grievances.

George Washington lives up to his considerable reputation in these pages and McCullough relies on private correspondence to balance the man and the myth, revealing how deeply concerned Washington was about the Americans' chances for victory. McCullough has done a superb job.

In "Gilead," (F ROB M) Marilynne Robinson has written an amazing book. Robinson writes that the themes of forgiveness, jealously, love, grace, and faith are tightly woven into this story.

Incidents in the story take place

in rural Iowa and Kansas from the time of the Civil War through the 1950s.

It is a book should be read over and over. There is a quiet humor that often surfaces in the least expected places.

I only hope that those with a cynical nature do not give up on it during the first part; it takes a while to work through some of the early narrative and what some might consider religious rambling, but which provide the context for the confrontations that take place in the last third of the book.

A couple of paperbacks have been donated to the Library dealing with "urban legends."

An "urban legend" is a believable story that concerns a recent event and is told as actually happening.

With the Internet, they can circulate even faster. Usually when I get one of those stories, I go to www.snopes.com so that I can see if the story is true or just an urban legend. Many times, the story is false.

Jan Harold Brunvand is the author of two books on urban legends. The first is "The Vanishing Hitchhiker: American Urban Legends and Their Meanings," (398.209 BRUN J) and "The Choking Doberman and Other 'New' Urban Legends" (398.209 BRU J).

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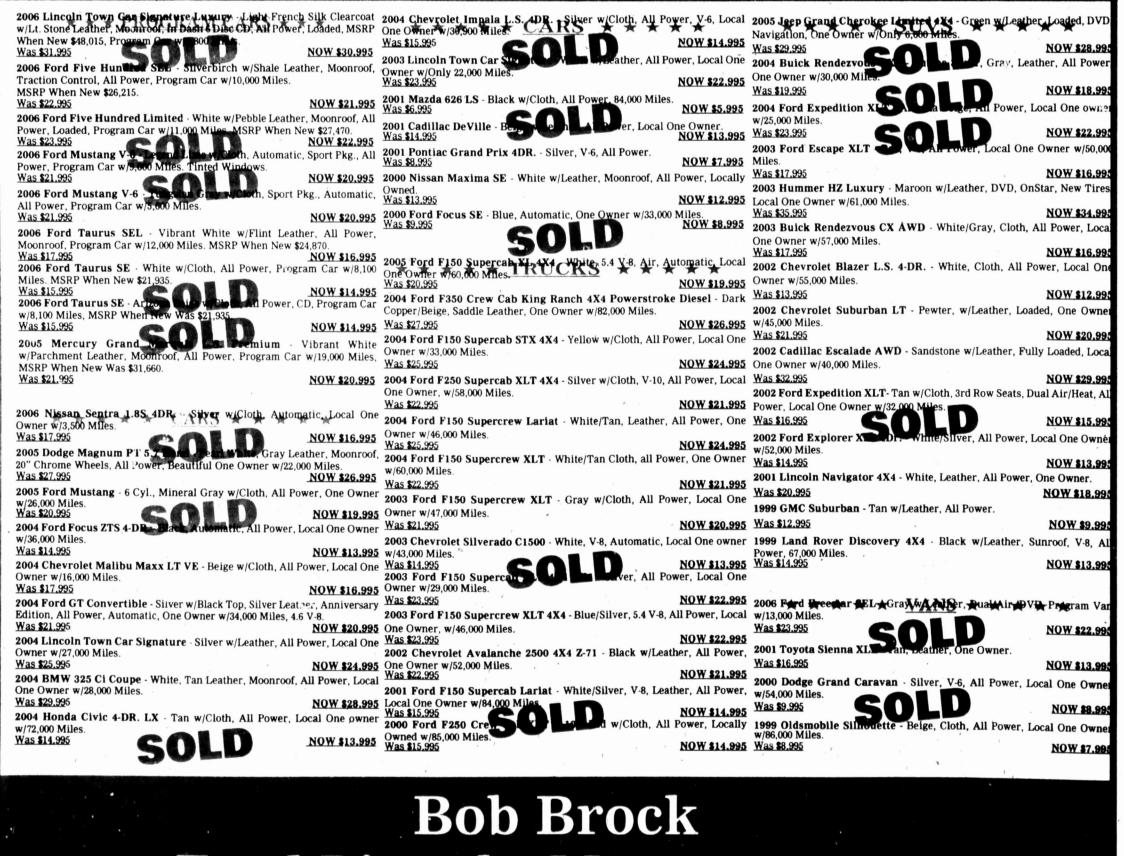
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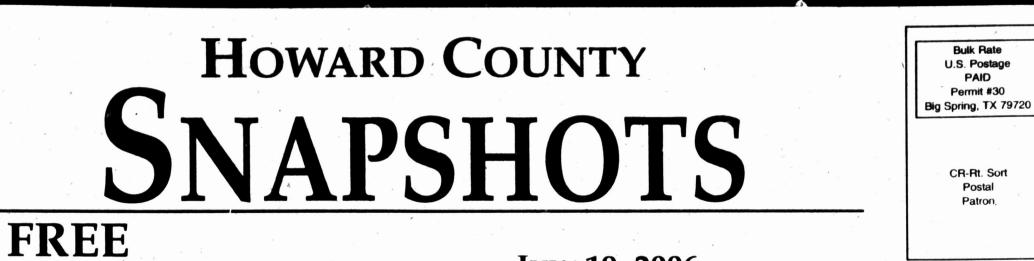
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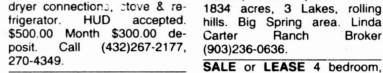
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