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# Damage assessment begins

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer  
Partial operations at the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery could resume as soon as two months, according to company officials, as clean-up from the explosion that ripped through the facility Monday morning continues.  
Jeff D. Morris, Alon's president and chief executive officer, said his compa-

ny is rerouting resources to maintain its current obligations while investigators continue efforts to determine what caused the blaze.  
"We are developing contingency supply plans for our customers and expect

**"Based on our preliminary assessment, our goal is to resume partial operations in approximately two months."**



to have those in place in the next few days," said Morris. "We are also in the process of developing an operating plan for repairing the facility and bringing the refinery back into operation as soon as possible. Based

on our preliminary assessment, our goal is to resume partial operations in approximately two months.  
"The company has property damage and business interruption insurance in place which we believe will be adequate to address the damages associated with this incident," he added.  
An explosion ripped through the Big

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**Black History show slated for Thursday**  
Free admission  
Herald Staff Report

Black History and its impact on all races will be the theme for "The History of Black History," set for 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Auditorium.  
Admission is free. Everyone is invited.  
About 30 McKinney high school students and community members will be taking part in the show, which will feature individuals performing as famous singers at the legendary Apollo Theater. Others will give poetry readings, political speeches and perform step dances and pantomime, according to event coordinator Carletta McKinney, Black Affairs program manager for FCI Big Spring.  
"It's going to be educational and it's going to be fun. The purpose of the program is to enlighten and educate not only high school students, but community members about the importance of Black History Month," said McKinney. "I encourage everyone to find out more about African American history because knowledge is power."



Classrooms at Washington Elementary open to the outside, a security concern that local school officials hope to address with the construction of a new elementary campus. Voters will decide whether to approve the new construction May 10.

## Security at Bauer, Washington cited as need for new elementary

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer  
There are several reasons Big Spring Independent School District officials want to close Washington and Bauer elementary schools.  
For the principals of those two campuses, the reason that trumps all others is

security.  
BSISD voters will decide on May 10 whether to approve a \$34 million bond issue to finance construction of a new elementary campus and renovations and repairs at the high school.  
If the bond is approved, Bauer and Washington would close, Moss, Kentwood and

Marcy elementaries would be converted to house students in kindergarten and first grades and the new campus would be home for students in grades 2 through 4.  
Both Bauer and Washington were rated as obsolete by a pair of outside studies com-

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**Sweetwater pegged as location for Tenaska plant**  
Operation would employ more than 100 permanent workers

**By BEN BARKLEY**  
Sweetwater Reporter  
Tenaska Inc. is developing a site near Sweetwater upon which to construct a technologically advanced coal-fueled electric generating station able to capture up to 90 percent of the carbon dioxide that would otherwise enter the atmosphere.  
The carbon dioxide would be sold for use in enhancing oil production in the Permian Basin, resulting in geologic storage.  
An air permit application, the first formal step in gaining approval to build the plant, was filed Tuesday with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), according to David Fiorelli, president and CEO of Tenaska's Business Development Group, headquartered in Arlington.  
The proposed construction site is a 1,919-acre tract east of Sweetwater and north of Interstate 20 in Nolan County.  
The question is why Sweetwater for this new trailblazing technology.  
"We like Texas as a state," said Bill Braudt, Tenaska's general manager of business development. "The site is just perfect."  
The 1,900 acres is more than enough for the company and like

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**AHA LUNCHEON, GALA**  
The American Heart Association Go Red For Women Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club.  
Dr. Susan Roberts will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tables may be reserved for groups.  
Saturday, the AHA will hold a "sock hop" gala beginning at 8 p.m. at the country club. Activities include wining and dining, dancing and bidding on auction items.  
Admission is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. For more information and to make reservations for either or both AHA activities, call Amanda Cole Calvio at 267-1353.

**DENTAL FAIR SATURDAY**  
Proper dental hygiene is not only necessary, it can be fun.  
That's the message officials with the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department will be stressing when they host their annual Children's Dental Fair from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the department's clinic in the Horace Garrett Building on the HC campus.  
Dental hygiene instructors and students will be on hand for educational games, treats and door prizes.  
In addition, children can bring their old toothbrushes in for a free replacement, sponsors said.  
For more information, call 264-5143.

**OASIS ADDITION MEETING**  
County residents in the Oasis Addition opposing the use of an old oil well in that area for disposal of oil and gas waste will be holding a community meeting Thursday in hopes of staving off the project, lead by Abilene-based Kemper Operating Company.  
The community meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Methodist Church, located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.  
Concerned citizens as well as representatives of Kemper Operating Company are planning to attend the meeting.  
Kemper owner William Kemper said residents' fears are understandable, but unfounded.

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

#### THURSDAY

Big Spring softball, Forsan softball and Coahoma softball at West Texas Classic in Midland in tournament play through Feb. 23.

Coahoma baseball at Sonora Tournament through Feb. 23.

#### FRIDAY

Big Spring baseball at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Tahoka, 7 p.m.

### Big Spring Steers win baseball opener over Central

The Big Spring Steers won its opener, 7-1, over San Angelo Central's Bobcats Tuesday in San Angelo.

Big Spring was powered by the pitching performance of Matt Ritchey.

Nathan Doportto knocked in three RBIs for the Steers, who had runners score in four consecutive innings. Kaegan Hunt and Rance Terry each knocked in one run.

Big Spring visits Sweetwater Friday with first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m.

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W - Matt Ritchey (1-0)

L - Warren (0-1)

2B - BSHS: Kaegan Hunt, Nathan Doportto.

RBI - Doportto 3, Hunt, Rance Terry.

### Big Spring Girls Softball registration held every Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins registration for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman.

Girls ages 4 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible to play.

A Subsequent sign-up dates will be held March 1.

Fee is \$45 with a \$5 discount for a second child.

Anyone with questions can call Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

### Big Spring Country Club schedules 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Saturday and Sunday.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days. Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday. The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

# Coahoma stifled by Wall

## Bulldogettes shut down, 37-26

By JONATHAN HULL  
Herald Sports Editor

ABILENE — Heading into Tuesday night's Class 2A regional quarterfinals girls basketball playoff game at Cooper High School in Abilene, Coahoma Bulldogettes' Head Coach Chris Sumrall noted that the Wall Lady Hawks should be the toughest challenge the Bulldogettes had faced all season.

It appears his summation was correct as Coahoma was eliminated from the postseason, 37-26.

"They had some big kids that could match up with our big kids," Sumrall said. "It was a battle of wills. They just did a better job defensively."

Wall trailed by 2, 17-15, at intermission, but quickly took over the game in the second half, scoring the first eight points of the period for a 23-17 advantage with 2:01 left to play.

Defensively, the Lady Hawks started to shut Coahoma down, giving up only two points while forcing nine turnovers in the third period. Wall's Paige Weishuhn and Carly Kellermeier were not intimidated by Coahoma's 6-5 post Heather Sheppard, consistently denying any entry pass inside to her.

"The turnovers hurt us," Sumrall said, "but our inability to get anything going in our

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## Bulldogs' rally falls short, 51-45

By JONATHAN HULL  
Herald Sports Editor

ABILENE — Basketball games aren't played on paper. A reminder of that fact was given Tuesday night at Cooper High School in Abilene when the 12th-ranked Coahoma Bulldogs fell to the Wall Hawks in the bi-district round of the Class 2A boys basketball playoffs, 51-45.

The outcome is considered an upset by most since the Bulldogs are state ranked, but that fact never appeared to bother the Hawks, who opened the game scoring 10 unanswered points.

However, Coahoma battled back in the first period, outscoring Wall 12-3 through the rest of

the opening stanza. However, that comeback turned out to be one of many instances the Bulldogs would try to dig themselves out of a hole, only to come up a point or two short of overtaking Wall for the lead.

"I take the blame for this loss," Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols said. "I wasn't sure how Wall would attack us early. That is my fault. We fought hard, though. I am very proud of this team's effort. This loss isn't going to diminish what we did this year. We had a great season still."

Wall led 26-23 at intermission and extended that advantage to 7

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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Whitney Kellermeier pulls down a rebound in the Lady Bearkats 56-35 win over Sterling City Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, setting up a return trip to the regional tournament in Fort Worth for Garden City.

# Lady Bearkats rip Sterling City, 56-35

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

In this David vs. Goliath rematch, David never stood a chance.

Garden City's Lady Kats used their pronounced height advantage to full advantage, cruising to a 56-35 victory over the Sterling City Lady Eagles in a Class 1A regional quarterfinal basketball playoff game in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday night.

Two of the tallest Lady Kats — sophomore Morgan Schwartz and senior Whitney Kellermeier — led all scorers with 17 and 15 points, respectively. Darcy Musick paced Sterling City with 14 points.

With the victory, Garden City is now two wins away from a return trip to the State Class 1A girls' tournament. The Lady Kats (28-5) advance to the Region II-1A tournament, which begins Friday in Fort Worth.

Sterling City ended its season with a 15-18 record.

The Lady Kats had dispatched district 11-1A foe Sterling City twice already this season, but if the Lady Eagles had any hopes of the third time being the charm, Garden City quickly quashed those dreams.

The Lady Kats used their height advantage and a suffocating defense to push to a 19-point lead at halftime.

Garden City did most of its

damage with a trapping defense that forced 12 turnovers and limited the Lady Eagles to a paltry 3 of 14 from the field in the first half.

On the other end of the court, the Lady Kats used their height advantage — five players are 5-foot-10 or taller — to consistently force the ball inside for short-range shots.

And it was more of the same in the second half, as Garden City never let the Lady Eagles within 15 points the rest of the way.

The combination of height and aggressive defense has been a winning one for Garden City all year and the script ended no differently Tuesday night.

"I thought the girls came out and executed early on defense," Garden City Head Coach Brent Kirkland said. "Our pressure caused some turnovers and got us some good looks at the basket on offense."

And Schwartz was quick to credit her smaller teammates.

"Our guards execute as well as the post players," she said. "They do a great job of getting the ball to the open player."

Despite having beaten Sterling City twice, players said there was zero chance of overlooking the Lady Eagles this time around.

"We knew they'd come out ready to fight," Garden City

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# Bufs stampede past Iraan, 52-43

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — If next basketball season's district play goes as well as Tuesday night did for the Forsan Buffaloes, then a few more league championships should be in order.

Twelfth-ranked Forsan handled new basketball district rival Iraan in a bi-district playoff game in San Angelo, 52-43, setting up an area round contest against Plains at 6 p.m. Friday in Andrews.

The Buffs actually trailed by a point at intermission, but came out re-energized in the second half.

"We were sluggish in the first half," said Buffs Head Coach Terry McDonald. "We just played a lot smarter and executed our offense better in the second half. We came out of the locker room, moved the ball around and got into our transition game, too."

Forsan outcored Iraan 19-7 in the third period, giving the Buffs a 38-27 advantage heading into the final frame. Iraan put together a little run, but Forsan hit key free throws down the stretch to seal the deal.

"We shot 65 percent from the

foul line," McDonald raved. "That was very key for us late in the game and helped us win."

Adam Bailey led the Buffs with 16 points and was complimented by 13 points from Jeremy Robbins and 11 points from Cameron Parker. Blake Grantham chipped in eight points.

"We had really good, balanced scoring," McDonald noted. "It's nice to have three guys in double figures and another essentially there. Like I said, we did a really good job of moving the ball and spreading it around."

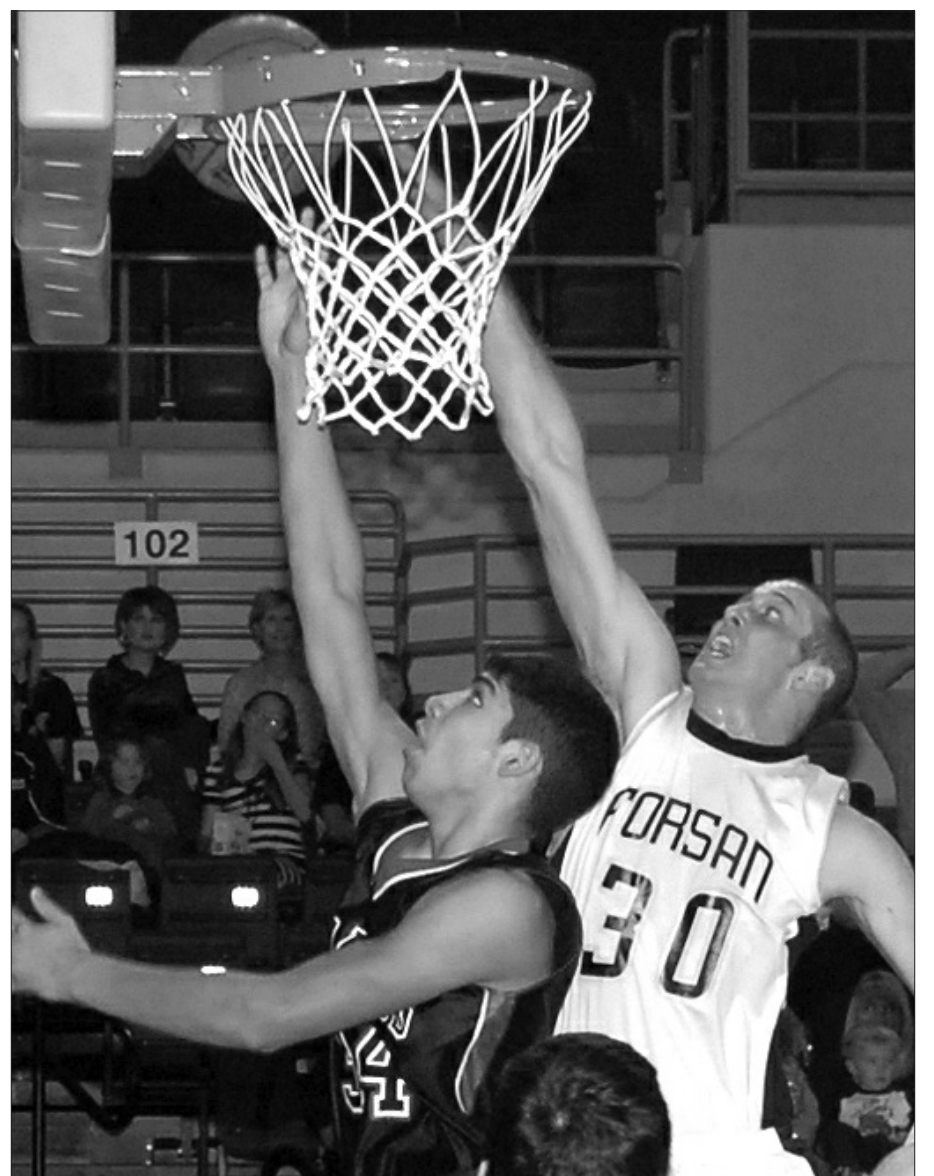
The win improves the Buffs to 22-4 as they prepare to face Plains Friday. The game serves as an opportunity for Forsan to see some athletes from a new rival in its football district as well as a chance to win an area title.

"We're getting to have a preview of our new opponents in both football and basketball for next year and that's nice," McDonald said.

Forsan 12 7 19 14—52

Iraan 7 13 7 16—43

Forsan (22-4): Adam Bailey 16, Jeremy Robbins 13, Cameron Parker 11, Blake Grantham 8, Alex Huckabee 4.



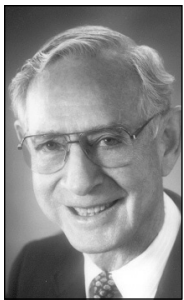
Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Adam Bailey (30) blocks the shot of a Sterling City player in the Buffaloes' 52-43 victory in the bi-district round of the Class 1A playoffs Tuesday night in San Angelo.

Obituaries

Police blotter

Gene McLaughlin



Services for Gene McLaughlin, 78, of Lubbock, formerly Ralls, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Ralls First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ryan Kuratko officiating. Burial will follow in the Ralls Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Gene passed away Feb. 18, 2008, at home under the care of hospice after being a three-time cancer survivor.

He was born Dec. 19, 1929 in Ralls to Marvin and Salome (Bledsoe) McLaughlin. He married Ramona Davidson on July 9, 1955.

Gene was chairman of the board and former president of Security Bank, Ralls and McLaughlin Bancshares. He was a member of the Ralls Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church in Ralls. He lived in Ralls most of his life, having farmed before beginning a 50-year banking career. He served on the Ralls City Council, held several offices in Rotary, and was active in many other civic organizations and activities. He served on the board of the Texas Bankers Association and was appointed to the Texas Judicial Council. He received many honors and recognitions for his service to the banking industry and the community.

He attended public schools in Ralls and graduated high school from Kemper Military Academy. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University, where he was a member of the Wrangler social club that became Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army, and received a Purple Heart in the Korean War.

Gene is survived by his wife, a son, Kirk, a granddaughter, Miranda, all of Lubbock; a brother, Ralph McLaughlin and wife Bilye of Big Spring; a sister, Ann Orr and husband John of Winfield, Ill.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arnett Ware.

Pallbearers will be Kelly Wing, Troy Stegemoeller, Jeff Rogers, Gary Miller, Mike Cary, Bob Lumpkin, Kyle Benson and John Steinmetz. Honorary pallbearers will be the Saturday morning breakfast group.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church in Ralls, P.O. Box 447 Ralls 79357.

www.adamsfuneral.com

*Paid obituary*

F.H. 'Hank' Williamson



F.H. "Hank" Williamson, 62, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, in a Midland nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Hank was born Aug. 3, 1945, in Duncan, Okla. He came to Big Spring in 1951 and served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966. He married Sandy Stives on July 4, 1967, in Big Spring.

Mr. Williamson was a self-employed contractor for many years. He enjoyed whittling and playing the guitar. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Hank loved being with his family and his grandchildren. He was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Williamson of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Joe Zant of Vealmoor and Amy and Tom Webber of Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elizabeth and Bob Miller of Seymour and Janice and Tom Reeves of Christoval; six grandchildren, Carlie, Zachary, Seth, and Cade, all of Big Spring, Zane of Odessa, and Skyler of Vealmoor; and one great-granddaughter, Katie of Big Spring.

Mr. Williamson was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Hattie Williamson and one brother, Russell Williamson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720 or to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

Barbara Ann Cordes

Barbara Ann Cordes, 73, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Wayne Frost, of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating.

She was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Idabel, Okla., and had been a resident of Big Spring since the mid 1950s. Mrs. Cordes was a Lutheran.

Survivors include one son, Jim Cordes of Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Jessie Johnston

Jessie Johnston, 85, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Elaine Merrick Waddill

Elaine Merrick Waddill, 81, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at the Home Hospice House in Odessa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Hazel Aaron

Hazel Aaron, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in an Odessa nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Francisco Alcantar

Francisco Alcantar, 69, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Father Delaney. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Lows 38 to 43. NortheastWinds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph becoming west around 10 mph after midnight.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

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Number matching five of five: 1.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-7-1. Sum It Up: 13.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-3. Sum It Up: 15.

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by the start of the fourth period. An early basket in the final frame put Coahoma down by 9, 42-33.

However, Coahoma had one last run left. The Bulldogs embarked on an 8-0 run, cutting the deficit to 1, 42-41, with 4:51 remaining in the game. However, a timely 3-pointer by Wall's Denver Lewallen ended the Coahoma rally and the Bulldogs never recovered.

Wall held a decisive advantage on the boards, outrebounding the Bulldogs, 39-25. Caleb Usry had a game-high 12 rebounds and also led all scorers with 20 points. Five of Usry's boards came on the offensive end.

He was complimented by Logan Dodds, who hit three 3-pointers and was eight of nine at the foul line in a 19-point performance. Dodds also had seven rebounds and three steals.

Only Colter Morgan hit double figures for the Bulldogs, finishing with 17 points, eight rebounds and a game-high four blocks.

Morgan was the key cog in the Bulldogs' near comeback, scoring eight of his 17 points and collecting five boards in the final period.

Josh Paniagua had five steals and Matthew Tatum finished with eight points and five rebounds before fouling out in the fourth. Jovi Paniagua and Cody Sheppard had seven points apiece. Sheppard added six boards and

three blocks.

Coahoma loses four seniors from this year's 21-7 squad — Morgan, Tatum, Logan Stone and Jovi Paniagua.

"Most of these seniors have been with the program since the seventh grade," Nichols said. "It takes a lot to be that dedicated. They've worked hard and I'm very proud of them."

Coahoma 12 11 10 12—45

Wall 13 13 14 11—51

Coahoma (21-7): Josh Paniagua 4, Colter Morgan 17, Logan Stone 2, Matthew Tatum 8, Jovi Paniagua 7, Cody Sheppard 7.

Wall: Denver Lewallen 8, Logan Dodds 19, Brandon Willmon 4, Caleb Usry 20.

**COAHOMA**

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high-low offense is what got us beat. They did a great job of defending us, though. Give Wall a lot of credit."

Wall led 26-19 heading into the final stanza and opened the fourth period on an 11-0 run, extending its advantage to 37-22 with 1:45 left to play. Coahoma made only two field goals in the final frame with more than six minutes elapsing between the two buckets.

Weishuhn led the Lady Hawks with 10 points and

added four rebounds and two steals. Kellermeier had five rebounds and four steals to compliment her six points.

Sheppard paced Coahoma with 10 points, nine boards and two blocks. Wall was able to hold Bulldogettes' leading scorer Laci Sterling to six points and two rebounds. Janice Gonzales sank two 3-pointers on her way to an eight-point performance.

The Bulldogettes finish

the season 29-6 and say goodbye to several key senior members, including Sheppard, guard Janice Gonzales and forward Christie Rich.

"Our seniors have done a tremendous job all year," Sumrall said.

Coahoma 10 7 2 7—26

Wall 7 8 11 11—37

Coahoma (29-6): Heather Sheppard 10, Laci Sterling 6, Janice Gonzales 8, Veronica Cortez 2.

Wall: Paige Weishuhn 10, Sally Huggins 7, Hilary Adam 7, Devon Wilde 7, Carly Kellermeier 6.

**GC**

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senior Brittney Chudej said. "We beat them twice already, but we knew they weren't just going to lay down and let us beat them."

Garden City's first-round opponent at the regional tournament has not been determined, but coach and players alike were more concerned with playing well in Fort Worth than who'd they face.

"We're just going down there and see what happens and enjoy the ride," Kirkland said.

"I would say it's been more exciting this year, because it's my senior season," Chudej said. "Any game could be my

last."

"Getting to the regional tournament is a big accomplishment," fellow senior Kellermeier said. "But if we don't get back to state, it will be a bit of a disappointment, because we have high expectations for ourselves."

Sterling City 4 7 13 11—35

Garden City 11 19 13 13—56

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Tale of the Two Missing Queens**

North dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ K 5 4 2  
♥ A 7  
♦ K 6  
♣ K 8 7 4 3

**WEST**

♠ 10 8  
♥ Q J 9 8 3 2  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ Q 5

**EAST**

♠ Q J 9 6 3  
♥ 10 6 5  
♦ 8 2  
♣ 10 9 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A 7  
♥ K 4  
♦ A J 9 7 5 3  
♣ A J 2

The bidding:  
North 1♣ Pass  
East 1♦ Pass  
South 3♦ Pass  
West 4♦ Pass  
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at six diamonds and West leads the queen of hearts, which you take with the king. How would you play the hand?

The outcome seems to depend on two finesses — one in diamonds, the other in clubs. If either finesse wins and the trumps are divided normally, 12 tricks become certain.

As it happens, both finesses, if attempted, lose. But when the hand was played, declarer found a different line of play that did not depend

entirely on the location of the minor-suit queens.

At trick two, he led a diamond to the king and returned a diamond to the jack, losing to the queen. After West exited with a heart to dummy's ace, South led a spade to the ace and cashed the ace of trumps, dummy discarding a club and East a spade.

Declarer next led a spade to dummy's king and ruffed a spade, taking particular notice of West's failure to follow suit. He then cashed his last two trumps, discarding two more clubs from dummy and retaining dummy's last spade. East's last three cards at this point consisted of the queen of spades and 10-9 of clubs.

South now led a low club to dummy's king and a low club back, East producing first the nine and then the ten. Ordinarily, declarer would have finessed the jack and gone down two, but since East's last card was known to be a spade, a finesse could not possibly succeed. So South played the ace, caught the queen and thus made the slam.

The key to South's success lay in his playing three rounds of spades to force the defenders to reveal their distribution in that suit. Nothing could be lost by investigating the spade situation, but there was much to be gained by trying to get a more precise picture of the unseen hands.

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**Wilder named Permian Basin Engineer of Year**

MIDLAND — The Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers will present its Engineer of the Year award Friday during the annual Engineers' Week banquet. The recipient is John Wilder, a senior electrical engineer with HPF Consultants, Inc. in Midland.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club.

Wilder obtained a bachelor of science degree at Oklahoma State University. He has been with HPF Consultants for about five years, and works in power

distribution and control. He has coordinated the regional junior high school mathematics competition MATHCOUNTS the past three years, and serves as advisor to the winning contestants. University of Texas-Permian Basin President Dr. David Watts will be guest speaker. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and English from UT Austin.

Members planning to attend should register in advance by logging on to [www.tspe-pb.org](http://www.tspe-pb.org) and click on Events. They may use either a credit card or Pay Pal account, or bring a check to the banquet. Tickets are \$25 per person.

**ALON**

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Spring Refinery at approximately 8:15 a.m. Monday, sending a shock wave through the surrounding communities. At least one Big Spring business has been shut down due to structural concerns caused by the blast, while several others suffered damages, including blown-out windows and doors.

Five injuries were reported as a result of the explosion, according to Blake Lewis, spokesperson for Alon USA., including one Alon employee, a trio of contractors and a motorist who was struck by debris while traveling on Interstate Highway 20.

Alon officials said Wednesday the contractors injured in the blast have been released from medical care, while the Alon employee who suffered burns — identified by the Associated Press as Paul Berringer — is being treated and is believed to be in stable condition.

An Alon employee, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Monday the cause of the explosion was a propylene tank leak that could not be stopped, causing a mist-like vapor to gather in the refinery. According to the witness, the vapor got into a cracker heater and an alkaline unit, causing both to explode simultaneously.

According to official reports from the Israeli-owned company, the cause of the explosion — which they confirmed did occur in the area around the propylene splitter unit — has not been determined.

The extent of the damage is still being evaluated, but an initial assessment showed that the propylene recovery unit was destroyed and equipment in the alkylation and gas concentration units were damaged in the fire, according to reports from Alon USA.

David Wiessman, Alon's executive chairman and chairman of Alon Israel Oil Company Ltd., the Company's majority shareholder, said, "The entire board of directors and Alon Israel stand behind the company and its management team and will support them as they take all necessary actions to resume operations at the refinery."

Alon markets gasoline and diesel products under the Fina brand name and is a leading producer of asphalt. Alon also operates more than 300 convenience stores in West Texas and New Mexico primarily under the 7-Eleven and FINA brand names and supplies motor fuels to these stores from the Big Spring refinery.

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**PLANT**

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many Texans, Tenaska officials and employees are 'green people.'

"This is a wonderful site," he added.

The project would provide a significant boost to the local economy. Tenaska will invest more than \$2 billion in construction. The total cost of the project is more than \$3 billion. It will provide up to 2,000 jobs at peak construction and more than 100 permanent jobs during operation.

The final decision to proceed with the project will be made in 2009 based on a number of factors, including local, state and federal incentives; final project cost estimates; and projected market prices for electricity and carbon dioxide. Current estimates of these factors make the project appear to be economically feasible.

"It is exciting to see this innovation coming to West Texas," said State Sen. Robert Duncan. "Tenaska's approach to energy generation through the capture of 90 percent of carbon dioxide and reduced water consumption is unique, and we West Texans pride ourselves on seeking new ways to achieve better results. We expect a strong partnership with Tenaska that will revolutionize this industry."

Speaking to a group of Sweetwater business leaders Tuesday, Braudt said, "The benefits of this proposed plant are many. It will provide a source of badly needed, environmentally sound electric generating capacity. This plant will use abundant and relatively low-cost coal and help keep Texas electricity prices in check."

Tenaska is working with Sweetwater area officials to determine the feasibility of the project and to provide accurate and timely information to Nolan County residents.

"This power plant would be an enormous benefit to

Sweetwater, Nolan County and West Texas," said Texas Rep. Susan King. "Along with jobs and increased energy production, we would have a facility that is on the cutting edge of environmentally conscious technology. This type of project demonstrates the spirit and willingness of the Big Country to take the lead in working toward a brighter future. We look forward to working with Tenaska on this project."

Helen Manroe, Tenaska manager of business development, meeting with Nolan County leaders, pointed out that the Tenaska Trailblazer Energy Center's captured carbon dioxide "will make a major contribution to the Sweetwater and West Texas economies."

"The carbon dioxide produced and captured by this project will enable Texas to increase oil production and thus reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil," she added.

In fact, Tenaska's proposed facility will be the first of its kind and has many people looking forward to the future.

"This is going to surprise people," said Dr. Greg Kinkel, Tenaska's vice president for environmental affairs. "Tenaska has a good record when it comes to environmental issues."

Braudt said some people will oppose the plant, but with all of the information it has, the facility will be environmentally friendly.

"Tenaska is encouraged by the positive response it has received from the Sweetwater and Nolan County leadership," Manroe said.

"Nolan County is home to more wind turbines than any other place in the United States," said Nolan County Judge Tim Fambrough. "The Tenaska Trailblazer Energy Center builds on this area's reputation as a location for progressive, environmentally responsible electric generation. We are delighted to welcome Tenaska to our community."

If built, the plant would be the first new conventional coal-fueled power plant, other than small research projects, to capture and provide for storage carbon dioxide, considered by many to be a greenhouse gas that contributes to global climate change.

As such, it would be a first-of-its-kind breakthrough in environmentally responsible electricity production that has been sought by Texas civic and business leaders, environmentalists and energy consumers.

The carbon dioxide would be captured and transported via pipeline to oil fields in the Permian Basin where it would be used in enhanced oil recovery and stored in the Basin's geologic formation. Carbon dioxide has been used to increase oil production in West Texas for more than 30 years. The volume of carbon dioxide expected to be sold to oil producers could be used to recover enough oil to add more than \$1 billion a year of oil production to the Texas economy.

The approximately 600-megawatt plant would provide enough electricity to power about 600,000 homes. Construction could begin in late 2009 and be completed in 2014.

Tenaska is a privately held energy company, based in Omaha, Neb., that develops, constructs, owns and operates generating plants. The company has developed four generating plants in Texas and continues to own and operate two, Tenaska Frontier Generating Station near Shiro and Tenaska Gateway Generating Station near Mt. Enterprise. A third plant, the Tenaska Kiamichi Generating Station near Kiowa, Okla., also supplies electricity into Texas. Tenaska's power marketing company, Tenaska Power Services Co., is based in Arlington, along with Tenaska's Business Development Group.

Ben Barkley is the publisher of the Sweetwater Reporter.

**BSISD**

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missioned by the school districts.

And on the issue of campus security both campuses received exceedingly low marks.

When the schools opened — Bauer in 1930 and Washington in 1951 — school security was not the important issue it is today.

Times, unfortunately, have changed. A spate of shootings and other security issues at school

across the nation have alerted educators to the need to tighten campus security.

The problem is particularly acute at Bauer and Washington, those schools' principals say.

"Most schools have their main office near the front of the schools; ours is right in the middle," Washington Principal Ruben Cervantes said. "Anyone can walk right in and we wouldn't know it."



Cervantes

Washington's security problems are compounded by the fact that all classrooms open to the outside, meaning there is little anyone can do to keep unwanted persons from entering those rooms.

"We have a fence around the property, but anyone could jump that," Cervantes said.

Bauer has two wings of classrooms that open to the outside and Principal Wenda Christopher said



Christopher

security concerns are acute on her campus.

"During a recent disaster drill, it was brought to my attention how easy someone could enter a classroom," Christopher said. "The rooms are very

accessible to outsiders."

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**Big Spring High School first baseman Kelly Sage takes a swing in recent Lady Steers softball action. The Lady Steers found themselves on the short end of an 8-0 shutout vs. Midland Lee Tuesday.**

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

# Lady Steers find little to cheer about in loss

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

**BIG SPRING** — In the game of softball, two of the most important keys to success are the ability to play rock solid defense and get timely hitting at the plate.

The Big Spring Lady Steers got neither as the Midland Lee Lady Rebels executed when the opportunity presented itself, walking away with the 8-0 shut out at Lady Steer Park.

The Lady Rebels wasted little time getting the bagel off the scoreboard as Stephanie Rendon scored off a Tesleigh Stone triple in the top of the first. Rendon had reached second thanks to a double earlier in the inning.

Lady Steer hurler Kenzie Hunt was able to quell the rally, however, as she was able to induce a lazy pop fly to third baseman Jillian Valle.

Things settled down from there as both pitchers were able to keep the hitters off balance, resulting in a combined nine strikeouts.

The Lady Rebels broke through again in the fourth, scoring two more runs. Again it was Rendon stirring the action for Midland, singling to start things off.

After a Stone sacrifice put a runner at second with no one out, Stephanie Avelar singled to center and an errant throw by the Lady Steers

put Big Spring in a tight spot with two runners in scoring position and only one out.

Hunt looked as if she was going to be able to wiggle her way out of it when she struck out the next batter. However, Darlen Manuz made the Lady Steers pay, driving Hunt's next pitch into right center, scoring both Rendon and Stone to put the Lady Rebs up 3-0 after four innings of play.

Midland put the game away in the top of the seventh, scoring five unearned runs in the stanza to put the hometown girls away.

After Hunt retired the first two batters of the inning, Whittney Kuhrt doubled off the left field wall.

Kuhrt scored one batter later as Brooke Mulloy drove a pitch to right that Jacklyn Porras misplayed, allowing Mulloy to reach second as Kurht scored.

Mulloy scored one batter later as Rendon struck again, pounding the ball deep into the outfield for a single.

The Lady Rebs were not done, however, as Stone took advantage of a BSHS fielding error, which allowed Stone to reach first, putting runners on first and second with two outs.

Avelar wasted little time taking advantage of the situation, driving a Hunt pitch to the left field wall scoring both Rendon

and Stone with a double.

Grunley made sure the Lady Rebs didn't leave any ducks on the pond, slapping a single into right to end the scoring for Midland.

Big Spring looked as if they might try and mount a rally in the bottom of the inning after Valle drove a ball deep off the left field wall for a single. However, that was as far as she was able to advance as Grunley shut down the next two batters on easy infield popups to secure the win.

"I think this was a hard game for us today," Lady Steers Head Coach Jennifer Reyes said. "Friday was a bad weather day and we couldn't play our game Saturday and then with what happened yesterday at the refinery we just haven't been able to put in the time needed."

"I think we just lost our concentration in the seventh," Reyes said.

"We just weren't as into this game as we needed to be and that all came out in that last inning."

Hunt ended the evening striking out seven while only giving up three earned runs in seven innings of work.

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# Kidd reintroduced in Dallas after 8-player trade with Nets

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

Associated Press Writer

**DALLAS** — Owner Mark Cuban said his Dallas Mavericks grew stagnant. Reigning MVP Dirk Nowitzki agreed.

Things changed Tuesday with the long-awaited arrival of All-Star point guard Jason Kidd in an eight-player trade with New Jersey that was discussed for weeks, scuttled once, reconfigured and finally approved by the NBA.

Now, the Mavericks get to see what became of the Kidd they took with the No. 2 pick 14 years ago, when they dreamed of winning a game here and there instead of a championship. Nowitzki gets the closest thing he's had to a running buddy since good friend Steve Nash left for Phoenix in 2004.

The Nets get a point guard 10 years younger than Kidd in Devin Harris, a functional center in DeSagana Diop and two first-round draft picks.

New Jersey also picked up swingman Maurice Ager, forward Trenton Hassell, retired forward Keith Van Horn and an extra \$3 million. Dallas' other pieces were forward Malik Allen and guard Antoine Wright.

"In any business there's lulls," said Cuban, who was a

Mavericks season ticker holder the last time Kidd was in Dallas. "Everybody was waiting for the postseason to start. You can't just say, 'OK, turn it on in the postseason.' I think Jason ... being that iconic All-Star will spark a lot of people."

That spark was gone in New Jersey, Nets president Rod Thorn said. He said as the Nets struggled this season, Kidd lost some of the intensity that defines him as a player, making the trade imperative.

Thorn said he first noticed it in December, an indirect reference to an incident in which Kidd sat out a game with a migraine, a move some considered a one-day walkout to force a trade.

"Over the course of time it became very evident that his heart wasn't in it," Thorn said. "The kind of player he is, if his heart's not in it then he's not the same player, and it became evident to me that his heart wasn't in it anymore. It just wasn't going to work."

The Mavericks were starting to wonder if their mix would work, particularly after a woe-filled two-game East Coast swing that included a blowout loss to Kidd and the Nets.

Cuban and Co. said recent events had nothing to do with the final decision, but their

message was clear. They think Kidd gives them the best chance to win a championship now, a preoccupation in Dallas after playoff collapses the past two seasons when titles were within reach.

"There's no bigger reward than to have that championship trophy in your hand," said Kidd, who lost in the NBA finals twice with the Nets. "That's why I'm here. Because Dallas has its eye on that prize."

Kidd wasn't the answer for a troubled Dallas franchise a decade ago, and he was shipped to Phoenix after 21/2 seasons. Five years later he was traded to the Nets, who went to back-to-back NBA finals in 2002-03.

New Jersey hasn't made a long playoff run since, and Kidd started talking trade a year ago, when he almost went to the Los Angeles Lakers. He went public with his latest trade demand last month.

"He's a once-in-a-lifetime type of guy to play with and coach," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "He's had an unbelievable impact on everyone in this organization and we wish him nothing but the best."

Cuban is essentially gambling that the 11/2 seasons he'll have Kidd, who turns 35 next month, is worth more than the 41/2 sea-

sons left with Harris running the offense.

Kidd, of course, is a proven commodity who is one triple-double shy of becoming just the third NBA player with 100. This year, he's averaging 11.3 points, 10.3 assists and 8.1 rebounds, while Harris is at 14.4 points.

Harris hasn't played since injuring his left ankle against Denver on Jan. 27. The Mavericks gave him a five-year contract worth roughly \$42 million before this season but decided they couldn't wait any longer.

"I think it's going to be great to know when somebody's open he's going to get the ball," Nowitzki said. "With me playing with Nash for so many years, some of the passes you just took for granted. Over the last couple of years, those looks just weren't there."

The original deal died last week when the Mavericks' Devean George blocked his involvement and Jerry Stackhouse's presence in the deal was muddled by plans to get him back to Dallas — within the rules, but frowned upon by the league nonetheless.

Van Horn and Hassell replaced George and Stackhouse, with Van Horn getting a big check from Cuban to come out of retirement simply

to make the numbers work. He's unlikely to play.

"It's been the most amazing, interesting trade we've ever done, and we've done some doozies here," Cuban said. "It's a little better basketball-wise. It's just a little bit more painful checkbook-wise."

This is the third big trade involving a Western Conference power as the teams prepare for the stretch run. Before the All-Star break, Shaquille O'Neal was dealt from Miami to Phoenix and Pau Gasol went from Memphis to the Lakers.

"We understand the competition is fierce, but we're not afraid of the competition," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said.

While the focus is on the new Kidd-Nowitzki pairing, there was plenty of talk Tuesday about how Josh Howard could flourish under Kidd. Howard has been settling for jump shots lately but might be more inclined to run the floor and try to get to the basket with Kidd in charge.

Kidd has already deferred to the Mavs' second-leading scorer. He's worn No. 5 throughout his career but didn't even ask Howard to change numbers. Kidd's trying to make the best of it, though.

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# AHA gala is a good time, good cause

Looking to have a little fun this weekend? How about a night of dining and dancing, maybe even a fund-raising auction? Well, if that sounds good, the Big Spring chapter of the American Heart Association may have just what you're looking for — a chance to not only have a good time, but benefit a good cause in the process.

The local AHA chapter is holding its annual gala Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club and everyone is invited.

The gala, "Sock Hop for Heart," is set for an 8 p.m. start, and will be an opportunity to "wine and dine" with friends, dance to music of the 1950s and 1960s and bid on an array of auction items.

The event is sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Parkplace Retirement, Parkview Nursing Home, State National Bank, H-E-B, Texas Stone Quarry, Home Realtors, St. Jude, Alon USA, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Haddad Urology Clinic and StarTek.

Admission is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple with all proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association. Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices or at J.M. Kai' and can also be purchased at the door.

Funds raised from the evening event go to help with research and education to prevent heart attack and stroke.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Amanda Cole Calvio at 267-1353.

So, block off Saturday night on your calendar, get your partner and a few of your friends together and head on out to the country club.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We might need to revamp our plans, Lord, to Your will.  
Amen*

# Yes, Truman a black history icon

This being Black History Month, I thought it would be a good time to talk about someone who should be recognized for his contribution to the progress of blacks — Harry S. Truman.

I know: You thought I was going to say Lyndon Baines Johnson. But before LBJ became the president it took to bring to fruition the goals of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil-rights leaders, there was Truman.

His 1948 executive order desegregating America's armed forces should be considered right along with the 1960s civil rights and voting rights acts as crucial to the progress of black people in this country.

Truman made a way for blacks to use the military as a means to advancement that private business didn't offer. Colin Powell, the first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was a legacy of Truman's order.

As were Powell's predecessors, including Gens. Roscoe Robinson Jr., Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., Vice Adm. Samuel L. Gravely Jr., and other black flag officers.

After Truman's order, thousands of black enlisted men and women who served in the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force returned to their hometowns determined to gain in civilian life some semblance of the unbiased opportunities the military had provided. Many became foot soldiers in the civil-rights movement.

Truman's act, when black people were still being denied the vote in the South, can't be dismissed as a calculation toward winning election to the office he assumed after FDR's death. It took political bravery to write off Southern Democrats who opposed any move

to treat blacks as equals.

Truman had signaled his intent in a June, 29, 1947, speech to the NAACP that deserves review today:

"It is my deep conviction that we have reached a turning point in the long history of our country's efforts to guarantee freedom and equality to all our citizens. Recent events in the United States and abroad have made us realize that it is more important today than ever before to ensure that all Americans enjoy these rights.

"When I say all Americans I mean all Americans. ...

"We must make the federal government a friendly, vigilant defender of the rights and equalities of all Americans. And again I mean all Americans. ...

"The only limit to an American's achievement should be his ability, his industry, and his character. These rewards for his effort should be determined only by those truly relevant qualities. ...

"There is no justifiable reason for discrimination because of ancestry, or religion, or race, or color.

"We must not tolerate such limitations on the freedom of any of our people and on their enjoyment of basic rights which every citizen in a truly democratic society must possess."

Strong words by a strong president who deserves to be included in any study of black history. That Truman typically isn't mentioned during Black History Month says something about the way those four weeks are traditionally observed.

Changing the emphasis from a celebration of personalities to a study of important events and ideas in black history would be a better approach.

Instead of just studying Crispus Attucks, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, etc., have students spend extra time on the "three-fifths clause" in

the Constitution, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Dred Scott decision, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Hayes-Tilden Compromise, the Niagara Movement, the Brown decision, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Do that and they will encounter plenty of historical personalities.

Taking such an approach would also make the study of black history more meaningful to those white students who barely hide their disdain for memorizing little nuggets like: Who was the inventor of the shoe last machine? That's right, Jan Matzeliger, a black.

I certainly understand why Black History Month (a promotion from the Negro History Week we observed when I was a child) came to be a time to look at the achievements of individual African-Americans.

After slavery and during segregation, black parents and teachers wanted to make sure their children knew they weren't inferior, that they had the ability to achieve anything. As evidence, they provided role models from American history.

Black children today still need to know they can do anything they set out to accomplish.

But that is done best with programs that look beyond the individuals who achieved mighty things to the circumstances under which those achievements were made.

One person who helped change the circumstances for blacks was Harry S. Truman, 33rd president, and in his own way a civil-rights leader.

He integrated the U.S. armed forces.

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# Parenting should top bad language

Were Elmo to start swearing at Big Bird on "Sesame Street," I might get a little concerned for the children of America. Jane Fonda using a particularly vulgar term for an intimate part of the female anatomy on the "Today" show, however, does not worry me in the least, and I'm pretty sure that America's youth remains largely unaffected.

Realistically, Fonda made a seemingly honest mistake as the term she used appears in the title of the section of a well-known play she would be performing. She didn't use the word as an insult, nor was she appearing in a segment likely to hold much interest for your average child.

The word, while crude and decidedly inappropriate for use in polite company, should not shock or horrify any normal adult. I'd rather not hear that particular term over a bowl of Lucky Charms in the morning, but like all adults, I've heard it before and don't need anyone to protect me from it.

As a parent and as a person, I also have no problem with adults on a television show speaking the way people actually speak, which tends to include some salty language. I'd prefer, however, if the

man sitting next to me and my son at Friendly's would stop swearing.

The major different in these two situations is that a parent has control over what television shows his child sees, but I have no control over a person in a public place who seems really angry at his Fishamajig. Admittedly, I've gotten quite upset at a Happy Ending Sundae and have wanted to curse out my patty melt, but I've managed to restrain myself due to the presence of young people.

At 4 years old, my son still considers calling me "stupid" the worst insult imaginable. While I hope he never comes up with anything worse, I'm pretty sure that despite my relatively PG-rated language and my best efforts at protecting his young ears, he's likely to pick up some coarser insults soon.

Completely protecting your children from hearing bad language would require isolating them entirely from society. Lock your child in the basement or chain him or her up in the attic, and you can guarantee the youngster only hears whatever words you share.

Of course, there's no guarantee that isolating your child from the world will protect him. Even though I've never been one to curse much, I tend to let the foul language fly when I experience unexpected physical pain. As a parent I try to make sure this

never happens in front of my son, but should I smash my finger with a hammer or unexpectedly scald myself with boiling water, some words may slip out that he should not hear.

Whether he learns those words from me, from kids at his daycare or by overhearing people in a restaurant, my son's exposure to foul language is inevitable. As a parent, you are responsible for educating your kids as to when and where certain words can be used and what words should pretty much never be said.

That's not to say that my son, or any other kid with decent parents, won't become fascinated with his newfound power to shock when he learns a certain word. My son told me, "Take your pants off so I can see your butt" the other day at the grocery store, and when I told him not to say that, he repeated it endlessly.

Still, in the end, an involved parent who teaches right from wrong usually wins out over anything Jane Fonda might say to Matt Lauer or anything that gets overheard on a street corner. I expect my son to use some foul language from time to time when he's older. I also expect he'll know when he can say certain things and when he has to grit his teeth and say "goshdarnit," or "oh, fudge."

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DANIEL KLINE

# Grady advances to regional tournament

**Herald Staff Report**

GAIL — Grady's Lady Wildcats are in the midst of their deepest basketball post-season run in school history, courtesy of a 49-39 victory over Whitharral Tuesday night at Borden County High School.

The win came without head coach Juan Rios on the bench, who was dealing with a family emergency. However, the Lady

Wildcats made sure their coach got the opportunity to manage at least one more game this season. That game will be in the regional tournament, no less, set to start Friday at the Texan Dome on the campus of South Plains College in Levelland.

Grady trailed 26-24 at intermission, but opened the second half with a 9-2 run, earning a 33-28 advantage. The Lady Wildcats' defensive pressure in the sec-

ond half was stifling, allowing Whitharral to convert just five field goals in the third and fourth periods.

Linsey Chavez had a game-high 18 points and was the spark plug for the pivotal third-period run. Chavez scored after a Whitharral turnover, igniting the run. Kenzie Madison sank a 3-pointer to give Grady a 31-28 lead it would never surrender. Whitharral didn't score in the

fourth period until the 2:30 mark and trailed by 12 by that point.

Eva Dyck complimented Chavez with 11 points and Madison added nine.

Grady faces McLean at 2:30 Friday in the second game of the Region I-A Tournament. A victory gives Grady the chance to face either fourth-ranked Follett or 18th-ranked district rival Wellman Union in the

regional final Saturday.

From there, Grady would advance to the state tournament.

Whitharral 11 15 5 8-39  
Grady 11 13 13 12-49

Whitharral (20-10): Kristen Castro 2, Katherine Albus 3, Aimee Quilantan 4, Meagan Paris 5, Monica Paris 11, Jacey Morris 14.

Grady (25-9): Eva Dyck 11, Meagan Blocker 2, Linsey Chavez 18, Kandace Schuelke 3, Samantha Rodriguez 6, Kenzie Madison 9.

# Spurs finally return home, beat Bobcats

**By ELIZABETH WHITE**

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs needed two quarters to shake off some rust from the All-Star break.

They may have been getting acclimated to their surroundings again, too.

Manu Ginobili scored 18 points and the Spurs beat the Charlotte Bobcats 85-65 Tuesday night in the defending NBA champions' first home game in more than three weeks.

"Post All-Star break blues," Spurs guard Damon Stoudamire said. "I think it happens a lot, but we were able to overcome it. In that third quarter we really did a good job of forcing tempo. We were getting stops the whole game, but we finally started hitting shots."

Michael Finley scored 14 points and Ime Udoka added 12 points and 10 rebounds in the Spurs' third straight victory.

Tim Duncan shot poorly, going just 2-of-12 from the field, but he had five blocks and 15 rebounds.

"He's a human being, so some nights he might not score as much as one would like," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "But his defense at the rim and

that sort of thing is always important to us. So he did what we wanted him to do."

Raymond Felton led Charlotte with 19 points, Jason Richardson added 13 and Nazr Mohammed scored 12. The Bobcats were outrebounded by San Antonio 54-38 and shot just 28 percent (22-of-78) from the field.

"We had a rough shooting night," Richardson said. "We didn't capitalize on the opportunity that was given to us. ... But that's the Spurs, they're the champions. They found a way to win the game."

Gerald Wallace, in his first game back since sitting out three with a right foot strain, had four points and nine rebounds for the Bobcats.

The Spurs were sloppy early, committing 18 turnovers in the first three quarters and 21 in the game. But they outscored Charlotte 31-16 in the decisive fourth period.

Still, it was clearly good to be home, where the Spurs have lost just five games this season. Tuesday was the team's first home game since going on a three-week, nine-game road trip.

The Spurs went 6-3 on the trip, an annual event that hap-

pens when the rodeo rolls into town and takes over the AT&T Center.

After a slow first half, both teams picked up the pace in the third quarter. A quick Spurs burst gave them a 44-34 lead off Stoudamire's 3-pointer with 9:38 to play in the period.

But the Bobcats answered right back with one of the night's highlights: Stoudamire turned over the ball, and Felton dished out a nifty over-the-back-pass to Richardson for a slam dunk that sent Ginobili skidding to the floor.

Felton followed with a 3 — after the Spurs turned over the ball yet again — to help Charlotte cut it to 44-39 with 6:28 to go.

The Spurs stopped the sloppiness and put together a modest run to open the fourth, grabbing a 67-55 lead on Bruce Bowen's corner 3-pointer with 8:18 to play. Duncan had three blocks in the last quarter.

Bowen hit another 3, this time from the wing, with 5:36 remaining to put San Antonio up by 18. The Spurs increased their advantage to as many as 23.

"We have to look at this as, 'It's the first game after the All-Star break,'" Felton said. "We

might have looked a little sluggish. Just chalk this one up and try to finish up the next 28 (games)."

Charlotte led 18-13 after one, the Spurs' lowest-scoring first quarter of the season. But San Antonio managed to take a 36-32 halftime lead.

Notes: Popovich said pregame that he might let G Tony Parker play a few minutes, but Parker instead sat out his ninth straight game with an inflamed left ankle. ... Felton got a technical foul in the fourth quarter, and Charlotte's Jeff McInnis picked one up in the first quarter. ... The Spurs celebrated the franchise's 35th anniversary with a halftime tribute. ... The Spurs won the season series 2-0. ... Charlotte's 65 points were the fewest scored by a Spurs opponent this season.

Rockets 93, Cavaliers 85

Rafer Alston scored 22 points, Yao Ming added 16 points and 14 rebounds, and Houston tied a team record with its ninth straight road win.

LeBron James, who won his second All-Star MVP in three years on Sunday in New Orleans, finished with 26 points, 13 rebounds and 11

assists for Cleveland. It was his fifth triple-double this season and career No. 15.

Magic 103, Pistons 85

Rashard Lewis scored 20 points, reserve Keith Bogans added 19 and Orlando ended Detroit's 10-game winning streak.

Rodney Stuckey led the hosts with 16 points.

Jazz 119, Warriors 109

Deron Williams had 29 points and 12 assists, and Utah overcame a shaky first quarter to complete a sweep of the season series against the visiting Warriors.

All-Star Carlos Boozer had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur also had a double-double with 16 points and 10 boards. Andrei Kirilenko added 18 points for the Jazz, who have won 13 of 14.

Knicks 113, Wizards 100, OT

Zach Randolph had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Jamal Crawford added 21 points and the Knicks broke a franchise record by scoring 23 points in overtime.



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### Help Wanted

## Nursing

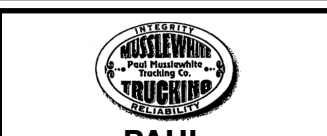
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Today brings a Virgo full-moon lunar eclipse, viewable from the Americas and parts of Europe. So, after clarifying the vicissitudes of your emotions, organizing life necessities, maintaining your health practices and solving our world problems in a teacup (phew!), reserve the nighttime for some phenomenal eclipse watching.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). No need to come on strong. Your influential personality requires no magnification. You get as much mileage from a well-timed pause and "that look" (you know what I'm talking about) as you would from a tirade.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your attention goes to the squeaky wheel, and love, as always, is your oilcan. Embrace the complainer in your midst. Addressing his or her issues straight on is the best thing you can do to create peace in your world.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You express yourself so beautifully that it's only fitting that you make a toast, introduction or sales pitch. You have special persuasive powers tonight. Confront the situation you've been avoiding.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your hopes may be a tad over-the-top. A small piece of fabulous news is still fabulous news. Accept everything good that comes your way as a sign of even better things to come.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not only about getting what you want but about wanting what you got.

Take a look around and give up a word of praise for every aspect of your life that's working beautifully. Pay tribute to the ones who help you.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You forgave a friend years ago, "no hard feelings" style. But for some reason, you're still hanging on to some of the hurt. It's time to truly let go. Talking it through with a neutral party will help.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here's a novel idea: Instead of over-promising (and under-delivering), why not under-promise (and over-deliver)? It's a stress-free way of making someone happy by giving them more than they were expecting.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have super powered concentration, and when you meditate, amazing things happen. Try it! There are so many things to meditate on "the colors of the rainbow, the smell of grass, the actual height of the sky".

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's dangerous to believe in something to the exclusion of all other pertinent information. This is a day to be more open and to see if two very different beliefs can't coexist in your world.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's too easy to become enslaved by the very things that are supposed to help you — computers, automated services, employees. Don't add anything new without giving it a good test first.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When in doubt, improvise. You can fly by the seat of your pants and wind up in the very same place as folks who are flying first class. Tonight features a mutual admiration situation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes — or, perhaps, usually — "Why?" is not such a good question. So stop asking it, and start asking, "How?" As in, "How can I make this work?" Or, "How can I start over with this?"

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I've noticed that since Saturn entered Virgo, more of my friends and family members of sun signs are having health problems. What is going on?"

Yes, Saturn is transiting through the sign of health and healing, and Saturn here reminds me of a bespectacled, ancient and wise physician, "Have you been getting your yearly check-ups? Exercising? Eating properly?" As we grow up and learn how to take care of ourselves, it's Saturn who teaches us that we can't escape certain laws: gravity and bi-annual visits to the dentist. This Earthy planet speaks in no uncertain terms to the tangible and veritable truths of being in a human body, i.e. aging and cavities. Yet there's a gentle reminder here that despite our very best efforts to stay healthy, our bodies will ultimately break down, and that's Saturn's law, too. Getting sick is not a sign of imperfection. As the serenity prayer, one of my favorite Virgo prayers, reminds, we need the courage to change what we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Saturn's transit through Virgo is an opportunity to design new health routines. The systems we put into place will serve our bodies for years to come!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Jennifer Love Hewitt is, of course, the Ghost Whisperer, which sounds like a strange occupation to most but is perfectly suited for the fishes, who often feel more at home in the spiritual over the material world. With two luminaries and three asteroids in Pisces, crossing over comes naturally for the actress, who says she's experienced the supernatural, personally.

# News in brief

## Cubans hope Raul Castro will adopt reforms after Fidel leaves presidency on his own terms

HAVANA (AP) — Now that Fidel Castro has retired, many Cubans are looking to his brother to let more people open businesses, own homes and even travel abroad. But it will probably fall to a new generation of leaders to ultimately fulfill or frustrate their dreams of prosperity.

During his 11½ years as acting president, 76-year-old Raul Castro has hinted at reform but made few major changes — a reticence many see as a sign of respect for his beloved, more doctrinaire older brother, who survived despite the efforts of 10 U.S. presidents to bring him down.

And while hoping that Raul and his likely No. 2, Carlos Lage, will advocate for change, they wonder how that will fly with Fidel, who stepped down but isn't going away.

"There has to be some change, more freedom with Raul," said Andres, 63, who like many Cubans wouldn't give his last name for fear of reprisal when talking about the Castro brothers. "The other one always nipped that off at the bud."

The resignation, announced Tuesday, should give Raul Castro the autonomy he lacked as the government's caretaker since Fidel was sidelined by intestinal surgery in July 2006.

## Obama and Clinton face off in Wisconsin, Hawaii as Democratic contest veers negative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton squared off in a scrappy Wisconsin primary and in laid-back Hawaii caucuses Tuesday, their struggle for the Democratic presidential nomination veering toward the negative.

Wisconsin offered 74 national convention delegates, and an early test of support in industrial states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania.

There were 20 delegates at stake in Hawaii, where neither Clinton nor Obama campaigned in person.

Obama began the night with 1,281 delegates in The Associated Press count, and Clinton with 1,218. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination at the party's national convention in Denver.

Independents cast about one-quarter of the ballots in the Wisconsin race between Obama and Clinton, and roughly 15 percent of the electorate were first-time voters, according to preliminary results from interviews at polling places. Obama has run well among independents in earlier primaries.

## Gen. Casey says possible suspension of Iraq troop cuts won't affect plans to shorten tours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers heading to war this summer are likely to see their tours shortened from 15 months to 12 months, even if troop cuts in Iraq are suspended in July as expected, the Army's top general said Tuesday.

Gen. George Casey said that while his forces are strained by nearly seven years at war, the Army can

maintain 15 combat brigades in battle for at least a couple of months after July while military commanders assess the situation in Iraq.

"Fifteen deployed brigades, for us, is sustainable for a bit longer, certainly enough to cover what I would think the length of this pause might be," said Casey, the Army's chief of staff.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, have both said they favor a suspension in troop cuts after July to assess security gains before more forces leave the country.

While neither Casey nor Petraeus will say how long that suspension may last,

## US military may attempt to shoot down wayward spy satellite as soon as Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attempt to blast a crippled U.S. spy satellite out of the sky using a Navy heat-seeking missile — possibly on Wednesday night — would be the first real-world use of this piece of the Pentagon's missile defense network. But that is not the mission for which it was intended.

The attempted shutdown, already approved by President Bush, is seen by some as blurring the lines between defending against a weapon like a long-range missile and targeting satellites in orbit.

The three-stage Navy missile, designated the SM-3, has chalked up a high rate of success in a series of tests since 2002 — in each case targeting a short- or medium-range ballistic missile, never a satellite. A hurry-up program to adapt the missile for this anti-satellite mission was completed in a matter of weeks; Navy officials say the changes will be reversed once this satellite is down.

The government issued notices to aviators and mariners to remain clear of a section of the Pacific beginning at 10:30 p.m. EST Wednesday, indicating the first window of opportunity to launch an SM-3 missile from a Navy cruiser, the USS Lake Erie, in an effort to hit the wayward satellite.

## Election setback diminishes Pakistan's Musharraf and could herald his downfall

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pervez Musharraf has survived combat as a career soldier and assassination attempts as president. Now the will of his own people has pushed him to the precipice.

A sweeping opposition win in elections has diminished the U.S.-backed leader's political standing as never before and many predict his days in power are numbered.

Musharraf has already given up his command of the army, and his rock-bottom popularity at home has diminished his effectiveness to his Western allies in the fight against Islamic extremism.

"I don't see him surviving. It is just a question of time," said Shafqat Mahmood, a political analyst who is a prominent commentator in Pakistani newspapers and television.

Monday's elections, in which the ruling party mustered just 15 percent of the vote, exposed how little support Musharraf has among Pakistan's 160 million people. Many are alarmed at rising Islamic militancy, weary of prolonged military rule and struggling with high food prices.

The parties of slain former prime minister Benazir Bhutto and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, whom Musharraf ousted in a 1999 coup, came close to winning the two-thirds majority needed to impeach the president. According to nearly complete official returns, Bhutto's party has 33.6 percent of National Assembly seats, and Sharif's 25.9 percent.

## Supreme Court rejects ACLU domestic spying lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court dealt a setback Tuesday to civil rights and privacy advocates who oppose the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping program.

The justices, without comment, turned down an appeal from the American Civil Liberties Union to let it pursue a lawsuit against the program that began shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The action underscored the difficulty of mounting a challenge to the eavesdropping, which remains classified and was confirmed by President Bush only after a newspaper article revealed its existence.

"It's very disturbing that the president's actions will go unremarked upon by the court," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the ACLU's national security project. "In our view, it shouldn't be left to executive branch officials alone to determine the limits."

The Terrorist Surveillance Program no longer exists, although the administration has maintained it was legal.

The ACLU sued on behalf of itself, other lawyers, reporters and scholars, arguing that the program was illegal and that they had been forced to alter how they communicate with foreigners who were likely to have been targets of the wiretapping.

## Former teacher sentenced to 6 years for sexual encounters with students

LAURENS, S.C. (AP) — A former middle school teacher was sent to prison for six years Tuesday for having sexual encounters with five teenage boys. Authorities said Allenna Ward, 24, met 14- and 15-year-old boys at the school where she taught as well as at a motel, a park and behind a restaurant.

"I apologize from the depths of my heart," Ward said in court.

Police began investigating last year after school officials found a note believed to have been written by Ward to one of the boys. Some of the victims were students at Bell Street Middle School in Clinton, where Ward taught. She was fired about a year ago.

Ward pleaded guilty in September to three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor and three lewd acts on a minor.

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# Why not check this out? At the library

Lots of non-fiction books have arrived at the library so please be on the lookout.

• **“McIlhenny’s Gold”** (338.766 ROT J) by Jeffery Rothfeder, chronicling the history of the first hot sauce.

At almost every café you will find a bottle of McIlhenny’s Tabasco hot sauce, but the story begins after the Civil War when Edmund McIlhenny found himself in a precarious position.



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The South’s economy was in shambles, Confederate money was worthless and he was forced to return to his wife’s destroyed sugar plantation home on Avery Island. To his surprise (so the story goes) he found that the hot peppers that he had planted had flourished. Being a far-seeing person, he chopped up some peppers, combined them with vinegar and salt and produced the first hot sauce.

• **“Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy”** (364.152 KRA D) by Donald Kraybill. Many of you remember the massacre of 10 Amish school girls at the Nickel Mines school. This Donald Kraybill book is both a history of the Amish people and a treatise on how forgiveness can trans-

form a community, a state and perhaps the whole country.

• **“The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court”** (347.732 TOO J). Jeffrey Toobin introduces us to the men and women who have served on the Court over the past two decades. Depending on your point of view, you will find some of the justices extremely likable and others enigmatic. You will also learn who the reliable liberal and conservative votes are and who tends to occupy the center. This is very interesting look at a very important part of our federal government. Toobin is the senior legal analyst for CNN.

• **“Ana’s Story: A Journey of Hope”** (362.196 BUS J) by Jenna Bush, daughter of U.S. President George W. Bush. Jenna Bush spent a year working with UNICEF in Latin America.

From the book sleeve you find that Ana’s life is a collection of bits and pieces of her past. Infected with HIV at birth, she’s unaware of many details of her early childhood and barely remembers her mother. Living with her strict grandmother, she learns how to keep secrets — secrets about her infection and about the abuse she endures at home. But after Ana falls in love and becomes pregnant at 17, she begins a journey of hope — a journey of protecting herself and others. She is living with HIV, not dying from it. Jenna Bush tells of

Ana’s struggle to break free from the cycle of abuse, silence and illness with passion and eloquence. But this is not just Ana’s story. It is also the story of many children around the world who are marginalized, neglected and mistreated. Some chapters are only a page long and is excellent for group discussion. Reluctant readers will find it easy to read and comprehend.

• **Reality Show: Inside the Last Great Television News War.”** This is a hard-hitting look at prime time news anchors. Authored by Howard Kurtz, the narrative reflects an extraordinary degree of access to such corporate chieftains as Jeff Zucker and Les Moonves, star correspondents, and the anchors

themselves.

Their goal: Create an on-screen persona that people will tune in to and trust. Yet they are faced with a graying, shrinking audience as younger viewers flock to Jon Stewart, whose influence on the real news-casts is palpable. Here is the untold story of what these journalistic celebrities think of their bosses, cable competitors, bloggers and each other.

• **“Be the Pack Leader.”** (636.708 MIL C) Cesar Millan is the “dog whisperer.” If you have bad dog, Cesar can help improve its behavior. “Be the Pack Leader” details that by using what Cesar calls “calm-assertive

energy” you will be able to achieve success in dealing with not only your pet but also with your family. After all, don’t we all want a “treat” to reward us?

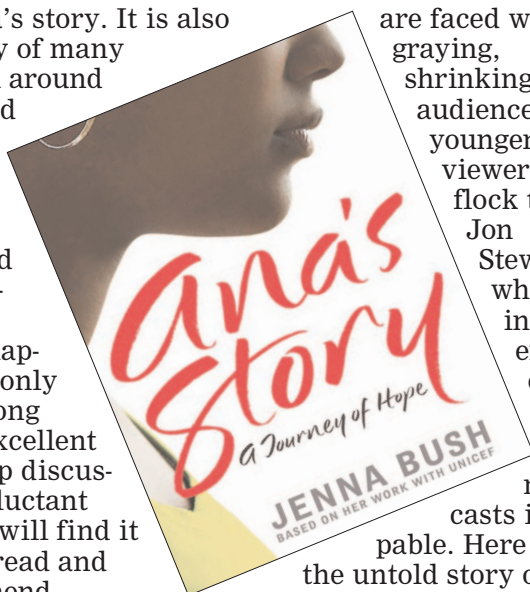
More non-fiction titles available for checkout are: **“You Can Run But You Can’t Hide”** (363.280 CHA D) by Duane “Dog” Chapman; **“Crop Circles: Signs, Wonders and Mysteries”** (YA 001.94 ALE S) by Steve and Karen Alexander; **“What on Earth Have I Done? Stories, Observations and Affirmations”** (814.54 FUL R) by Robert Fulghum; and **“Under the Gun: My Year Training the Iraqi Police”** (956.704 COL R) by Robert Cole.

Remember, every Monday, the AARP sponsored tax preparation service is here at the

library. Hours of service are 8 a.m. until noon. Please be aware the event takes place in the basement and you will enter at the glass door to the right of the main entrance. There is an elevator for those who need to take it down to the basement.

Howard County Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 p.m. Monday to Friday and it will close 12 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260 and the Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us)


*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*



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## Red Cross joins response to Alon blast

Special to the Herald

For the second time in little more than a week, the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas (ARC of SWTX) was part of the initial emergency management team to respond to a major disaster.

In recent days, fire fighters, law enforcement, and medical personnel were called to battle a wildfire north of Midland and an explosion at the Alon Refinery.

"It is the job of the Red Cross to provide immediate relief — shelter, food, clothing and other assistance," said Bob Rice, executive director of the local chapter. "In addition, our volunteers provide canteen support to all emergency personnel as they react to a disaster."

Within minutes of the explosion in Big Spring, Jimmie Birden, director of emergency services, received a call from the Emergency Management Regional Liaison Officer

requesting Red Cross assistance. "Calling and activating volunteers in the local area, Jimmie responded immediately," said Rice. "Preparing for the worst, these volunteers and chapter staff loaded food supplies and other materials in emergency response vehicles before leaving for Big Spring.

"Throughout the day, the local chapter coordinated with members of the emergency response teams," said Rice. "One of the services was to help feed emergency personnel. Together, with Walmart in Big Spring, our volunteers and staff prepared food for 300 meals. Big Spring SuperCenter Manager Tim Walsh, said 'We wanted to help.' It's this collaboration of businesses and the Red Cross that enables us to be most effective in time of disaster. Our chapter relies on the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations for financial and volunteer support."

Responding to major disasters is only one of the responsibilities of the Red Cross, according to Rice.

"Every time there is a residential fire, the local chapter is called to respond. The ARC of SWTX also plays a critical role in informing, educating and training children and adults about how to achieve and maintain healthier lifestyles."

Among the community and workplace courses taught by the American Red Cross are water safety, babysitting, CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator) training and first aid.

The local chapter's service to Armed Forces program functions as an emergency communication link between military personnel and their families. "Many times, the ARC of SWTX is part of the welcome home for service personnel returning from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan," explained Rice.



Courtesy photo

These Western Texas College Nursing students recently graduated from the program in Snyder and are eligible to take their state board examination. They are, front row, left to right: Tiffany Evans, Snyder; Joshua Kerns, Big Spring; and Monica Hernandez, Snyder; second row, left to right: Susan Barrios, Big Spring; Layne Froman, Gail; Leslie Gaona, Colorado City; Magdalena Harty, Hermleigh; Kim Lane, Snyder; and Melissa Rivera, Colorado City.



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