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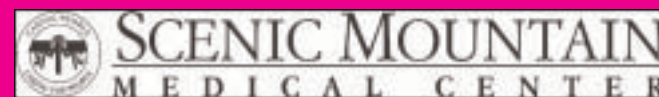
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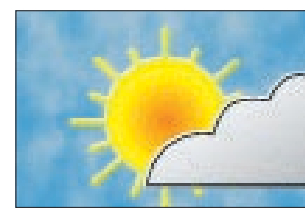
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Relay For Life attracts families because so many families are affected by cancer. The Clark family is one of these. Pictured are, from left to right, bottom row, Joe Clark and Kay Clark, and top row, Gwen Kincheloe, Jessica Rubio and Kim Rubio.

Relay For Life is family affair

Relay For Life is a family matter because cancer involves the whole family. The primary reason the Joe Clark family became active in the Howard Glasscock Relay is that Kay Clark lost four aunts to the disease, Joe lost an uncle and a grandmother; daughter Kim Rubio's father-in-law was a victim, and daughter Gwen Kincheloe's husband Bob was himself a victim.

"When it affects you personally, it's hard not to be involved," asserts Kay, who, with Joe, serves as hospitality chair for the local event. After coming to Big Spring in 1969, Kay became a member of the American Cancer Society board, and still serves as secretary. That connection evolved into her position on the Relay committee, one she has held ever since. It was natural to bring the rest of her family into the group.



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Gwen, the credentialing and privileging coordinator at the Big Spring VA Hospital, has manned the first aid tent at Relay since the second year of the event. Her duties there include finding volunteer doctors and nurses to be on hand during the overnight event, getting donations of equipment from bandages to wheelchairs, and overseeing the first aid station.

The coordinating of that aspect of Relay is not unlike her job, which involves assuring that any worker requiring certification at the hospital has a valid and up-to-date license. This year, in addition, Gwen will aid with the important work of helping with blood donors to the nationwide CPS3 program, a program to learn more about cancer from a 20-year study of people ages 30 to 65.

The younger Clark daughter, Kim, who works as a dispatcher for the Big Spring Police Department, started participating in Relay in 1998, then was asked to chair the food and beverage committee the following year. She felt especially compelled to work

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Tax rebates up 11 percent

After two months of declining months, city sees upswing

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

After two months of declining slates tax rebates, Big Spring experienced a double-digit increase in April, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

The city had witnessed declines of 8.47 percent in February and 4.98 percent in March. However, Bing Spring took in \$387,962.67 this month, 11.17 percent more than the \$348,963.53 received in April 2006. For the young year, Big Spring has received \$1,671,463.59, up a scant

1.25 percent over the first four months of 2006.

The figures come from the State Comptroller's Office and do not indicate an accurate report of actual monthly rebates, as some businesses file quarterly and by other methods. They do, however, indicate a fairly good comparison, particularly year-to-year.

Coahoma received \$6,380.41 this month, down 9.05 percent compared to the \$7,015.70 taken in for April 2006. For the year, Coahoma has received \$30,282.68, up a hefty 30.54 percent.

Forsan, on a rollercoaster ride with back-to-back months of a plus 44.09 percent for February and a negative 49.61 percent in March, calmed down a bit by taking in a plus 11.22 percent in rebates. That's comparing \$6,466.55 this month to \$5,814.01 for April 2006. For the year, Forsan has brought in \$27,487.67, or 4.56 percent below last year's total at this same time.

Abilene raked in \$2,547,199.90 this month. Compared to the \$2,245,945.17 check received in

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COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Sophia Casey assists a customer at her booth during the annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Community Flea Market, which was held Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

Bee safe, fire marshal warns

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Recent colder weather may have slowed down bees on the local front, but local officials are warning area residents to watch out for hives and swarms as they begin their spring cleaning.

"We haven't had a single call so far this season," said Big Spring Fire



Condray

However, as the weather continues to warm up, we know we'll see activity,

especially as people get outdoors and start cleaning and banging around."

Condray said prevention is the key to safety when bees, whether they are of the more territorial Africanized variety or your everyday honey bees, are nearby.

"If they are resting in

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Moore review on city agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to give final approval to a resolution setting new restrictions and requirements on the board of directors for Moore Development Tuesday, moving forward with an effort to increase council oversight of the economic development corporation.

The council unanimously approved three restrictions for the economic development board during its March 27 meeting, and then approved first reading of the measure April 10.

The first restriction requires the Big Spring City Council to take the minutes of Moore Board meetings off its consent agenda, where it has been approved routinely for years, and examined and voted on independently.



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BLOOD DRIVES

United Blood Services is asking Howard County residents to consider donating blood. Upcoming drives in this area include the following:

— Monday, April 23, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Hillcrest Baptist Church Child Development Center.

— Friday, April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Container.

— Tuesday, May 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Big Spring High School.

— Monday, May 21, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.

— Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Howard College.

IMMUNIZATION WEEK

The Department of State Health Services will celebrate National Immunization Week from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today through Wednesday.

The Health Department is located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B in the College Park Shopping Center. National Immunization Week promotes the benefits of immunizations and the importance of vaccinating children by age 2. Through Wednesday, children will receive a bag of goodies and ice cream provided by Blue Bell. Immunizations will be free. Parents, bring your immunization record or a note from school. For more information, call 263-9775.

TORNADO HITS CACTUS

CACTUS (AP) — Downed power lines, flattened houses and roads littered with debris kept most residents from returning home Sunday in this rural Panhandle town hit hardest by an apparent group of tornadoes.

Officials said at least 14 people were injured, including one critically, during severe storms late Saturday that knocked out power to about 20,000 customers in the region.

About 50 people were still unaccounted for in Cactus on Sunday, Moore County Judge Rowdy Rhoades said. He believes all of them are safe and likely evacuated after hearing tornado sirens.



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IN BRIEF

Forsan schedules date for banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7, at the high school.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must be purchased by Thursday, May 3.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 a.m.

Howard to host Region V tourney

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held May 5-6.

The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-19.

Cancer scramble set for April 28-29

The 2007 Cancer Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Players can form their own teams for the 4-person scramble or be assigned to a team. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second- and third-place teams in each flight. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Third-year pro Watney wins Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, La. — Third-year PGA Tour pro Nick Watney was in New Orleans, with all of its renowned restaurants, and ate at a fast food restaurant for dinner.

On a Saturday night. Maybe now that he's taking home nearly \$1.1 million in prize money for winning the Zurich Classic, the lanky, clean-cut 25-year-old will treat himself to fancier fare. Or maybe not.

"I think I'll be the same person, but I get to play The Masters and go to Kapalua (Hawaii) to start the year, so I'm very excited," Watney said Sunday evening, shortly after his 3-under 69 on a tough TPC Louisiana course gave him a three-stroke victory over Ken Duke.

Watney had never tasted victory on the tour before he arrived here. He had never even led an event after three rounds.

Bulldogettes face Hawley in playoff tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

And now it comes down to one game.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will take on Hawley's Lady Bearcats to determine the District 5-2A softball championship at 6 p.m. tonight in Snyder.

While both teams are headed to the Class 2A playoffs, having finished the regular season with 11-1 marks in district play, postseason seeding and the league's championship will be decided by tonight's showdown.

The district champion will receive a bye in the opening round of the playoffs, while the loser of tonight's game will enter playoffs as the second-place team in the district and take on the third-place team from District 6-2A in bi-district play.

The Bulldogettes closed out the regular season in impressive fashion Saturday afternoon, blasting Anson's Lady Tigers, 19-1, in a game shortened to just five innings by the 10-run rule.

The Bulldogettes jumped on top early, scoring 14 runs in the top of the first inning — more than

enough damage to make it a short day.

Senior Ami Martinez chalked up the pitching win, going the distance, giving up one run in the bottom of the second inning, while scattering three Anson hits.

She truck out five and walked one batter.

Offensively, the Bulldogettes pounded out 20 hits, Krista Kerby (3-for-4), Shelbi Paige (2-for-2), Janice Gonzales (2-for-4), Laci Sterling (3-for-4), Martinez (2-for-4) and Alex Moore (2-for-2) leading the way. They also capi-

talized on three Anson errors.

The win improved the Bulldogettes' record to 22-5 on the season gave them the 11-1 mark in district competition.

The Bulldogettes' lone district loss was a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Lady Bearcats in Hawley — the first district loss ever suffered by Coahoma in more than a decade of softball play.

However, the Bulldogettes returned the favor a couple of weeks later when the Lady Bearcats arrived to play in Coahoma and left smarting from an identical 3-0 whipping.

Warriors shock Mavs in Game 1

Golden State continues its win string

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Mavericks coach Avery Johnson spent days insisting he was going to counter the Golden State Warriors' small-ball attack by relying on his centers.

Warriors coach Don Nelson knew better than to believe him.

Prepared for Dallas' small lineup, Golden State handled it in the playoff opener just as well as it did in the regular season. The Warriors won 97-85 Sunday night, stretching their mastery over the Mavs to six straight games.

"It was really a super win for our team," Nelson said. "We don't expect to be world champs at the end of the playoffs, but every time we play in a high-intensity game like these are going to be, we gain experience."

Golden State's small defenders swarmed Dirk Nowitzki and pestered him into a 4-for-16 performance, and Baron Davis led the offense with 33 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists. He scored 19 points in the third quarter, holding off Dallas' best surge of the night.

"We knew if we could keep it close we could have a chance," he said. "This win gives us a lot of confidence, but (Dallas) has been to the championship and one loss is not going to affect them."

In other playoff games it was: Phoenix 95, Los Angeles 87; Cleveland 97, Washington 82; and Denver 95, San Antonio 89.

The Mavericks bowed out of the playoffs last



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

With the ball in hand behind him, Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki looks for assistance on the floor against the Golden State Warriors' Matt Barnes in Game 1 of the NBA playoffs at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Sunday. Golden State took a 97-85 win, its sixth straight over the Mavs.

year with four straight losses to Miami in the NBA finals. This puts them on five-game post-season losing streak — and it means they've squandered the home-court advantage they earned by winning 67 games in the regular season, among the most in league history.

"Obviously the pressure is on us all the way," said Nowitzki, who had 14 points with 12 rebounds. "Nobody expects them to win. Shooting 35 percent on our home court won't get it done. We've got to get better shots and go from there."

Game 2 is in Dallas on Wednesday night. The intrigue already is building about whether

Johnson will go back to his usual lineup featuring big man Erick Dampier or if he'll keep trying to win with the smaller guys.

"We let it get away from us," said Devean George, who started in place of Dampier. "They do things a little different, but we'll figure it out. It looked like we had four days off. We took it too lightly. We didn't have much energy."

Golden State's victory wasn't as much of an upset as a No. 8 seed beating a No. 1 seed normally is. The Warriors went 3-0 against the Mavs this season and were 3-1 against them last year, when Nelson was finishing off his 10-year run in Dallas.

Nellie did his best

coaching in recent weeks, squeezing out a 9-1 finish to get Golden State into the playoffs for the first time in 13 years. Now the Warriors have their first playoff win since April 25, 1992, and their first playoff road win since May 8, 1991.

Stephen Jackson added 23 points and Jason Richardson scored 13 for Golden State.

Dallas' Josh Howard was 8-of-21 for 21 points with 13 rebounds. The Mavs got only four points off the bench, all from center DeSagana Diop. Jerry Stackhouse was 0-for-6 with five turnovers.

"It was one of those games you just want to forget," Stackhouse said. "We thought we'd handle

things better than we did."

Suns 95, Lakers 87

At Phoenix, Leandro Barbosa scored 19 points in the second half to spark Phoenix's comeback and Kobe Bryant went from awesome to awful.

Barbosa finished with 26 points, including 15 consecutive for Phoenix in one stretch, to match his career playoff scoring high. Amare Stoudemire, back in the postseason after missing last year's while recovering from two knee surgeries, added 23 points and 12 rebounds.

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Hawks split doubleheader with Midland College

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks earned a split with conference rival Midland College Friday afternoon at Jack Barber Field, losing the first game of the doubleheader, 3-1, before earning a 7-4 nightcap victory.

According to Howard skipper Britt Smith, Hawks starting pitcher Ryan Robinson threw well enough to win, but unfortunately Howard failed to produce enough runs to support Robinson's effort.

"We just didn't compete very well at the plate in the first game," Smith said. "He (Robinson) pitched well enough to win and we had opportunities offensively, but we just didn't get it done."

The Hawks surrendered runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings, scoring their lone run of the contest in the bottom of the seventh inning on a Cameron Monger home run.

Robinson took the loss, throwing a complete seven innings and surrendering three runs, two earned, off of six hits and four walks while striking out five Chaparrals.

At the plate, shortstop Tyler Ladendorf was 3-for-4 with three singles and two stolen bases. Also collecting hits were Jeff Ward, two singles; Matt Curry, a single; Alex Harrison, a single; and Monger, a home run.

In the second game, Howard jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and had some timely hitting as the game progressed, scoring three runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and two more runs in the seventh.

Midland was able to score a run in each of the third, fourth, fifth and eighth innings off of 10 hits and a Howard error.

The Hawks collected a total of 11 hits while Midland committed two errors.

Brett Hokr earned the victory in seven-and-two-thirds innings

of work, allowing four runs off nine hits and two walks while striking out five. Cole Lohden relieved in the eighth inning, surrendering a hit, before ending the inning with a strikeout. With two outs in the top of the ninth, Lohden gave way to Pedro Villarreal who recorded the final out to save the 7-4 Hawk victory.

Smith said the bullpen pitched better than it has been, but still made the game interesting.

"Even right then (eighth and ninth innings) we're walking the tightrope," Smith said. "We walked two guys in the ninth inning, to bring the tying run to the plate."

"I was on eggshells," she admitted.

Earning hits for the Hawks in the nightcap were Ladendorf, a single; Bryan, two singles; Curry, a single; Josh Riley, a single; Keith Martin, a single; Ward, a single; Harrison, a single; and Barret Lowenstein, two singles. Ladendorf had three stolen

bases on the day to increase his total to 62 for the season. Ladendorf leads the nation and is perfect in stolen bases, as he has yet to be thrown out this season.

As a team the Hawks are batting .392, which is fourth nationally.

"Our team average is still up there, we're getting 12-14 hits a game, we're just not stringing them together and putting them in the right spots," Smith said.

Smith said after New Mexico Junior College, which entered the weekend as the nation's No. 1 team, the conference race is heating up with Odessa College in second place and Midland College in third.

The WJCAC's fourth and final team could be any one of about six teams.

"For us every game is do or die," Smith said. "Mathematically we're still alive, but right now it's where we feel we need to win every game and we'll just see what happens."

Obituaries

Tony Torres

Tony Torres, 40, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 13, 2007, in Llano County. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Big Spring with Pastor Sammy Segundo of Family Faith Victory Center officiating.

He was born Feb. 10, 1967, and raised in Big Spring and had attended Howard College. He lived in Austin for the last seven years.

Survivors include his father, Sabas Torres of Coahoma; sister and brother-in-law, Cecilia and Randy Phillips of Big Spring; brother, Gilbert Armendarez; sister, Rosemary Armendarez, both of Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, Adam and Monica Ramirez of Dallas; sister and brother-in-law, Linda Glaister and husband John of Virginia; sister and brother-in-law, Gina and Mick Evangelista; sister, Mary Armendarez, all of California; an aunt and an uncle; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tony was preceded in death by his mother, Dora Nunez.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to your favorite charity in Tony's memory.

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

Jeannette Ware

Jeannette Ware, 92, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 21, 2007, in a Dallas nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 14, 1915, in Jamestown, N.Y. Mrs. Ware had lived in Big Spring from 1943 to 1983. She had worked for Pioneer Gas Company. She had served as past matron of Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star, and had been a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Louise Lammers.

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Virginia Evelyn Younger

Virginia E. Younger died in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 12, 2007, after a long bout with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Tulia Oct. 13, 1928, the daughter of William Henry Younger Jr. and Ida Viola Landis Younger. Viola and Virginia moved to Big Spring in 1964 and were longtime active members of the First Baptist Church. Virginia moved from Big Spring to Orlando in 1998 to live near her nephew, Dr. David Bradford.

Virginia became an active member of a WWI veteran's organization, rising to position of state president of the WWI Veteran's Auxiliary. She was a longtime member of the Big Spring post.

She is survived by her sister, Arline Bradford of San Antonio; twin nephews and two nieces.

Her ashes will be placed in the Rose Hill cemetery next to graves of her parents.

Helen F. Coomer

Helen F. Coomer, 81, of Abilene and formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 21, 2007. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope in Abilene. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Idalou Cemetery.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. West winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy. Highs around 80. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:

2-6-2

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: An activity log for Saturday, April 21, was not available at press time due to computer problems at the police department.

- **MICHAEL LEDFORD**, 28, of 213 Sandlin, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.

- **BRIANNA GRAHAM**, 27, of 1102 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

- **JAY LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 41, of 1205 Lloyd, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.

- **BRIAN M. ROBERTS**, 18, of 527 Scott, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

- **MICHAEL A. CARDONA**, 20, of 109 Algerita, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage, minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

- **RENE RODRIGUEZ**, 19, of 603 Steakly, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

- **SCHEMICKIA CROSBY**, 24, of 706.5 E. 13th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BRYON PATRICK PAYNE**, 21, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 44, of 602 E. 16th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MICHEAL CHAVEZ**, 28, of 807 Rosemont, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **MARCUS HATTENBACH**, 35, of 1806 E. 15th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1200 block of Austin.

- **POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.

- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg Street.

- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80..

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Main Street.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street. Service refused.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Runnels.

- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported near the intersection of 15th Street and Main Street.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Rock House Road and Cauble Road. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th Street. Service refused.

Take Note

- **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 WILL HOLD A FISH FRY** Saturday. Plates are \$8 each. Delivery will be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be held from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3208 W. Highway 80. Everyone is invited.

- **A RABIES CLINIC** will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Fire Station, sponsored by Debra Hill, DVM, of the Western Hill Animal Clinic. Shots are: Rabies, \$6; Booster, \$12; Bordetella, \$13; Parvo, \$8; Distemper, \$6; Feline CVR-C, \$15; and Feline CVR-C and Feline FELV, \$20.

MARCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING FLING LUAU CARNIVAL will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28. There will be all types of carnival booths, a 24-foot slide, jumping castle, food and much more. We'll be celebrating the end of TAKS testing and everyone is invited. Tickets will be sold at the door, four for \$1.

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TODAY

- 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.

- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

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

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.

- **REYNALDO CHAVERRIA JUAREZ**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and violation of parole - blue warrant.

- **ROBERT ALLEN WALKER**, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of aggravated assault with intent to cause serious bodily injury (two counts).

- **CODY SHANE LEFEVER**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of racing on highway.

- **ANTHONY LOY PITTS JR.**, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on indictments for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and bench warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (two counts).

- **MICHAEL EARNEST MCCORMICK**, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.

- **SHONI HILDEBRAND**, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **GEORGE WILLIAM KOSTELAZ**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

- **WILLIS JAMES DUVALL JR.**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **JAMES WARREN TIPTON III**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

- **LUIS ADOLFO PENA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIQUEZ**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- **SHANNON BOUDREAUX**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **ELI EDWARD REYES**, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ELIODORO REYES**, 54, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

- **BRIAN MICHAEL ROBERTS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **BRIANNA MICHELLE GUAJARDO**, 57, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- **SCHEMICKIA MARIE CROSBY**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **MICHAEL JORDAN CHAVEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **GUERRERO OLIVAS JR.**, 24, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- **BRIAN ANDRES GUERRA**, 45, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- **ANTONIO JOE FLORES**, 26, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **DAVID HELLUMS**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive - giving false information, bondsman off bond for theft by check, forgery - counterfeiting and theft by check.

- **JEREMY JOHN MILLER**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

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Rangers rally in eighth for 4-3 win over Ahtletics

By DAVID JIMENEZ
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Not even an injury to closer Eric Gagne could darken the mood of Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington.

After struggling with runners in scoring position all game, Hank Blalock hit a two-run single and the Rangers scored three runs in the eighth to rally past the Oakland Athletics 4-3 Sunday.

Gagne got one out in the ninth before leaving with a strained right hip. He landed awkwardly after throwing a pitch to Oakland's Mark Ellis. He eventually limped off the field and Akinori Otsuka came into the game.

"Nothing is going to dampen

our spirits," Washington said. "It's definitely a concern when you see your closer acting up on the mound. Thank God it was nothing with his arm and nothing in his back."

Washington said Gagne is day to day and his status will be reevaluated Monday.

The 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner pitched in only 14 games in 2005 before having right elbow surgery that ended his season. He pitched in just two games last season before having season-ending back surgery.

"It's frustrating," said Gagne, who signed a one-year deal with Texas in the offseason. "As long it's not my arm or my back, I'm not really worried. It's something I can deal with."

Gagne's injury might have been tougher to swallow had the Rangers not come back from a 3-1 deficit in the eighth.

Blalock's third hit of the game came on an 0-2 pitch from Oakland closer Huston Street with the bases loaded. It was Street's first blown save in five opportunities.

Before Blalock's hit, the Rangers were 1-for-14 with runners in scoring position. Texas had come into the game hitting just .227 as a team.

"It has been tough for a lot of us," Blalock said. "We're real optimistic it will turn around. It has been good to get these low-run wins."

Kenny Lofton led off the eighth with a single and Frank Catalanotto doubled against

Justin Duchscherer (1-1), who then struck out Michael Young and walked Mark Teixeira to load the bases. Duchscherer walked Sammy Sosa to force in a run, and Street came into the game with Blalock coming to the plate.

Blalock then poked a single to right field on a pitch that was low and away.

"I don't think I could have put it in a much better spot," Street said. "It's one of those situations where you have to give him credit."

Willie Eyre (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 shutout innings to get the win and Otsuka got two outs for his second save.

Shannon Stewart hit a two-run homer in the fifth to give Oakland a 3-1 lead. It was his

second of the season.

Chad Gaudin struck out a career-high seven in six innings for the A's. He gave up one run and four hits to lower his ERA to 1.85. After Nelson Cruz doubled in the second, Gaudin did not allow another hit before he was replaced by Alan Embree.

"I was struggling with my command a little bit," Gaudin said. "But I settled down and started getting ahead of hitters."

Rangers starter Robinson Tejeda gave up three runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out six and walked none.

Tejeda breezed through the first three innings, allowing only one hit and striking out three.

Bonds, Pujols and Howard blast home runs in wins

By The Associated Press

Barry Bonds and Albert Pujols had key homers in their teams' narrow victories. Ryan Howard's drive was an encouraging sign for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Three of baseball's best sluggers went deep Sunday, with Bonds hitting No. 740 to move within 15 of Hank Aaron's career record. Bonds connected for the second consecutive game and Matt Cain tossed a three-hitter in the San Francisco Giants' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's awesome for him to be swinging it like he's swinging it," Cain said.

At Chicago, Pujols hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and Scott Rolen had a career-best five hits to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 12-9.

"The ball was blowing out of the park. You don't have to kill the ball to go out," said Pujols, who cleared the bleachers in left-center with his long drive off Ryan Dempster.

In Cincinnati, Howard returned from a few days off looking healthy and ready to break out of his April slump. The NL MVP homered in his first game back from an injury to help Freddy Garcia earn his first National League victory, and the Phillies beat the Reds 9-3.

Howard, who missed the last three games with a sprained ligament just below his left knee, hit a sacrifice fly, drew a walk,

struck out and flied out to center field before hitting his second homer of the season, a 410-foot, two-run shot to center in the ninth.

"I felt good," Howard said. "I hit in the cage the last couple of days but the real test was getting out on the field for nine innings. Hitting the ball to center field is where you want to be."

In other NL games Sunday, it was: Atlanta 9, New York Mets 6; Milwaukee 4, Houston 3; Florida 12, Washington 6; Colorado 4, San Diego 2; and Pittsburgh 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 5.

Cain (1-1) struck out four in his third career complete game and first since a one-hitter last May 21 at Oakland. With two outs in the fourth inning, Bonds sent the first pitch from Yusmeiro Petit (0-1) into the seats in the right-field arcade for his sixth homer of the season.

At Wrigley Field, Preston Wilson singled to start the 10th against Dempster (0-1). One out later, David Eckstein singled off Aramis Ramirez's glove at third. Pujols then a drove a long homer to center field, his fifth of the season.

The Cubs tied it in the ninth on Mark DeRosa's two-out, two-run bloop single off closer Jason Istringhausen (1-0). It was Istringhausen's first blown save in five chances.

Garcia (1-1), who was acquired from the White Sox in December, went five innings in Cincinnati in his second start since



MCT photo/Jose M. Osorio/Chicago Tribune
St. Louis' Albert Pujols watches his three-run home run leave the infield in the 10th inning against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago Sunday.

opening the season on the disabled list with tendinitis. He allowed four hits and two runs.

Reds right-hander Matt Belisle (2-1) gave up eight hits and four runs in five innings.

Braves 9, Mets 6

At New York, Kelly Johnson started the day with a home run against Tom Glavine and finished off the Mets with another homer off Aaron Heilman (1-2).

Johnson homered on the first pitch of the game, then hit a tiebreaking, three-run drive in the eighth inning for Atlanta.

A sellout crowd of 55,671 came out on a sunny spring afternoon to watch Glavine face John Smoltz, his golfing buddy and former teammate. Jose Reyes' three-run triple in the sixth put the Mets ahead, but Edgar Renteria erased a 6-3 deficit in the seventh with a three-run homer off Scott Schoeneweis.

Ex-Met Tyler Yates (1-0) pitched a perfect seventh and Bob Wickman got three outs for his sixth save.

Smoltz allowed six runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. Glavine went six for the Mets.

Brewers 4, Astros 3

At Milwaukee, Dave Bush pitched into the ninth inning in another strong performance against Houston.

Bush (2-1) allowed three

runs and five hits in eight-plus innings to improve to 3-0 in his career against the Astros. He struck out seven and walked one.

Bush came out for the ninth inning but couldn't record an out, allowing Lance Berkman's RBI double before he was replaced by Francisco Cordero. Morgan Ensberg hit a run-scoring single with one out, and Adam Everett walked with the bases loaded to get the Astros within one.

NBA

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Bryant scored 39 points for Los Angeles, but only 11 in the second half. The NBA's scoring champ was 1-for-10 shooting in the fourth quarter, when Phoenix pulled away.

Steve Nash had 20 points and 10 assists and Shawn Marion 16 points and 16 rebounds for a Phoenix team struggled mightily until Barbosa provide a spark, highlighted by a 31-footer at the third-quarter buzzer that cut the Lakers' lead to 77-74 entering the fourth.

Cavaliers 97, Wizards 82

At Cleveland, LeBron James stayed in the game despite a sprained ankle and scored 23 points,

Larry Hughes added 27 and Cleveland beat injury-depleted Washington in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series.

James rolled his left ankle in the third quarter but refused to come out, adding nine rebounds and seven assists in 44 minutes.

The Cavs figured to blow through their second straight first-round matchup with the Wizards, who were missing All-Stars Gilbert Arenas (knee surgery) and Caron Butler (broken hand).

However, Antawn Jamison scored 28 points and Jarvis Hayes 18 for Washington, which was still within 10 points with more than seven minutes remaining.

The Cavs moved their offensive attack inside

and 7-foot-3 center Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored seven straight points to help Cleveland push its lead to 89-74 with five minutes left.

Ilgauskas, who was bothered by a sore ankle when the Cavs beat the Wizards in a tight six-game series a year ago, scored 11 of his 16 points in the fourth.

James appeared as if his second postseason as a pro might be in jeopardy when he crumpled to the floor with 8:03 left in the third.

On a drive to the basket, James rose for floater from about 10 feet. At about the same time the ball went in, James came down on Etan Thomas' right foot, twisting his ankle. The injury looked severe and James spent nearly a minute on the floor staring at the ceil-

ing. James popped up, though, and walked to the bench with hardly a limp.

Nuggets 95, Spurs 89

At San Antonio, The high-scoring duo of Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson provided the offense and Denver was tough defensively, too.

Iverson scored 29 of his 31 points after the first quarter and Anthony added 30 points for the sixth-seeded Nuggets, who entered the playoffs having won 10 of 11.

Nene added 13 points and 12 rebounds and Marcus Camby grabbed 10 boards for Denver. The big guys also made things difficult for Tim Duncan, who scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds for the Spurs.

Tony Parker led third-

seeded San Antonio with 19 points, followed by Michael Finley with 15 and Robert Horry with 14.

The Nuggets haven't won a playoff series since 1994 — when they beat

Seattle in a best-of-five to become the first No. 8 seed to knock out a No. 1. They won Game 1 in San Antonio two seasons ago, and proceeded to lose the next four.

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Saundra Bloom,
Elections Administrator
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DOCUMENT 00030 REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

1.1. **OWNER:** Coahoma Independent School District
600 North Main
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Mr. Jerry Johnson, Superintendent

1.2 **PROJECT:** Renovations and Additions to Coahoma Schools Coahoma I.S.D.
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1.4 **DESCRIPTION:** Coahoma Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for General Construction Work, including interior renovations, mechanical and electrical work for renovation and new construction of classrooms, library, offices, science labs, locker rooms, a fieldhouse, and other support spaces. Site work includes replacement of main sewer lines and construction of six tennis courts. (Refer Section 01010)

1.5 **BASIS OF PROPOSALS:** Coahoma Independent School District will be utilizing the competitive sealed proposals procurement method as authorized by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1 and further defined by Senate Bill 583 and Texas Education Code, Chapter 44, Subchapter B. The selection criteria used to evaluate each proposer's proposal will include the following:

A. Price - Base Proposal price.
B. Alternate(s) Pricing.
C. Resume of proposed job superintendent.
D. 3% List of potential items from proposer that could reduce the cost of work, but result in the same end product. List shall include suggestions of materials/assemblies, but no price.
E. 3% Insurance claims and litigation during the last 3 years.
F. 5% Construction time
G. 8% List of Subcontractors (turned in to Coahoma ISD within 1 hour of Proposal). A Dunn and Bradstreet Financial Statement will be considered in the subcontractor evaluation of the mechanical and electrical subcontractor.

H. 3% Contractor Phasing options which may shorten construction time or minimize disruptions to school operations without increasing proposal amount.

I. 3% Dunn and Bradstreet Credit Financial Statement for General Contractor.

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The budget for this project is approximately \$12,600,000.

Proposals shall be made on a stipulated sum basis, using the enclosed Proposal Form. Segregated bids will not be accepted.

1.6 **SUBMISSION:** Submit proposals as follows:

A. General: Prior to the proposal date and time, sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Proposers) may be sent to Mr. Jerry Johnson, at the address below. Proposals received prior to the time of proposal opening will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after the time set for opening will not be considered.

B. Address to: Coahoma Independent School District
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Attn: Mr. Jerry Johnson

C. Proposal Opening Location: Coahoma Independent School District
Administration Offices - Board Room
600 North Main
Coahoma, Texas 79511-0110

D. Proposal Date: May 31, 2007

E. Proposal Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time

1.7 **PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:**

A. Proposal Documents will be available beginning May 7, 2007.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When viewed from a higher perspective, an ego scrape feels less abrasive, more loving. It's a learning tool, shaping your soul into a more perfect shape. You like who you're becoming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone's given him or herself to you completely. Whether or not you recognize it, it's juiced your capacity to be fully engaged in your relationship. You feel as excited as Eve biting into the apple.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships take work — it's true. But hopefully it's the kind of work that doesn't feel like work. A micro-movement (a show of effort that takes five minutes or

less) is totally, thoroughly appreciated by your loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loved ones baffle you — annoy you even. Bring the focus back to you and what you need — you can provide that for yourself and thereby teach others how to treat you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Romantic longing is a lost art form. It's forged connections between the human and the divine, and delivered heroes home from war. Revive the lost art of longing — even if all you yearn for is a clean kitchen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An innocent flirtation leads to bigger questions about representing yourself authentically. People will respond to your naturally adorable self, but be aware of the signal you're sending out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things are about to get busy at work, so take this lull in the program to water the plants and observe the fishbowl. You're a collector of perfect experiences. Soon you have enough material for your own episode of "The Office."

A S T R O L O G I C A L QUESTIONS: "My birthday is Nov. 9, 1974, and I'm with a Cancer man, born July 12, 1968. I recently found out I was pregnant. We have been having issues in our relationship, mainly that I feel he doesn't want to spend any time with me. We don't live together. Granted, he has a lot going on in his life, but I still believe if you are in love with someone, you'd want to be with them and spend time with them. Is

this something I should invest my love and time in because things will get better, or should I just move on and learn to be a single mom all over again?"

You're absolutely right. You've obviously turned on your Scorpio truth-o-meter (every Scorpio has one), and it has saved you from wasting time and energy pining! If your boyfriend really loved you, he'd be by your side. So, he's afraid to commit. Don't pressure him. Pressure doesn't create love, only more stress. You're not wrong to ask for everything you need, but understand that this pregnancy will increase his distance. It sounds like you've been a single mother before, so if you have to do it solo, you can.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Barbra Streisand hit the big screen as a self-conscious comic beauty with a fabulous voice in the film "Funny Girl." Funny Fanny Brice proved beauty is more than skin deep. And for Taurus, beauty is also more than voice deep, but this sign can work magic with their fabulous pipes. Streisand is elusive, but she'll always return to the spotlight — her moon is in Leo, the sign of the entertainer.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I've been happily married for more than 10 years and have a toddler. I always knew that my husband occasionally watched pornographic videos on the Internet, and it never really bothered me. Now I think maybe I was wrong.

I discovered that last year, my husband created a free personal profile on an online dating site that is designed to meet women in our vicinity. Of course, I was crushed. Before I approached my husband, I checked our computer history to see what sites had been visited, what kind of e-mails he has been getting, and any other surprises. Fortunately, I found nothing except the fact that he did not answer any of the

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

responses to his profile.

I told my husband how hurt and disappointed I am. He claims that because the dating sites are free (unlike the porn sites), it's a convenient way to receive online sexy pictures of women. So for him, it's just free porn.

Am I insane to believe his reasoning? He hasn't lied to me (as far as I know) since we've been married. He apologized for his actions, deleted his profile and has been on his best behavior. He offered to go to marriage counseling and anything else to save our marriage. I haven't pushed the counseling thing because everything else in our marriage seems to be back to normal.

I haven't spoken about this to anyone. Am I doing the right thing? — Depressed and Disappointed

Dear Depressed: We actually believe your husband used the profile only to get free porn, but it eventually could have gotten out of hand, especially since the women were local, so it's good he stopped. We think you should take him up on his offer to get marriage counseling. It can help both of you understand and deal with this issue more completely and, we hope, regain your trust.

Legals

NOTIFICATION

Sealed proposals, address to Sandra Waggoner, Chief Financial Officer, Big Spring Independent School District, Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 for "Electrical Upgrades At Marcy, And Moss Schools" will be received up to and no later than 4:00 pm local time, May 7, 2007. At this time, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD Maintenance Office, 3600 East 11th Place Ext., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following Criteria may be used to determine the award of the contract:

- Price
- The qualification and reputation of proposer
- Quality of the contractor's proposal
- The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school district's needs.
- The Proposers past relationship with the school district.
- The technical aspects of goods and services in the proposal.
- The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
- Any other relevant factors that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor.

The Big Spring Independent School District has the right to reject any or all bids.

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Courtesy Photo
Scott McLaughlin performs the Southern melody "Come Away to the Skies" during St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Eastertide Offering Concert. The next concert will be held at 12:05 p.m. Thursday and will feature the Big Spring High School honor band.

RELAY

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and bring in her sons Jonathan and Jarred and young daughter Jessica when her husband Jessie's father succumbed to cancer.

Getting donations of food and drinks, volunteers to sell sodas, pizza and other food, taking back unused items after the event and cleaning up are some of the functions of Kim's Relay work.

"We've had really good luck getting people to donate," she says. "They are willing to give every year. When I call, they just ask 'How much?' and 'When and where do you want it?'"

The Clarks are both retirees, he from Fina and she from 25 years as

a bus driver for Big Spring Independent School District, but they are definitely not retired from working year 'round for Relay.

"We're determined to help, come what may. We believe there's a cure out there," says Kay, who adds that it has been a plus to have the whole family involved. "We see our grandson Lawson as a future committee person and Jessica has as many committee T-shirts as her mother and grandmother."

This family and many others will be at the 2007 Howard Glasscock Relay For Life at Blankenship Field on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19.

Nancy Koger is a regular contributor to the Big Spring Herald.

BEEES

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your yard, try to remove your pets and keep children out of the area until they move," said Condray. "Use caution when entering sheds or outbuildings where bees might be nesting. The same holds precautions hold true for wasp nests. Examine your yard and work areas before using lawn mowers and other power tools.

"Prevention is the key to bee safety," he added. "Start by educating yourself and children about how bees behave. Remove possible nesting sites from your property. Seal all openings that are an inch or larger in walls, chimneys and vents. Fine screening material 1/8 inch and smaller will prevent bees from entering an area.

"Most bees will not attack unless the hive is threatened. Therefore it is always the best course of practice to simply leave them alone. Usually, the swarm will move on in just a few days."

Condray said the swarms, sometimes appearing as a large "ball" of bees, is a natural reaction by the bees to find a new home. And while the appearance of these swarms may seem intimidating, chances are the insects will simply move on in a few days.

"Swarming is a natural occurrence and simply means that a hive has become too big for its housing and split up to seek new shelter," said Condray. "You may see them gathering in vacant lots and buildings. They are generally looking for some type of cover to provide them protection

from the heat and elements.

"They can form their own shelter by clustering up in a big ball with the queen in the middle. This is how they are often found when resting in trees and bushes. Most of the time they will stop for a few days of rest then move on to find proper quarters."

Condray said the best rule to follow if a swarm is encountered is also the simplest — stay away.

"As a general rule stay away from all honeybee swarms and colonies," said Condray. "If encountered, get away quickly and try to protect your face and eyes as much as possible. Take shelter in a car or building. Most importantly, don't stand and swat at the bees, as the rapid motions will cause them to sting.

"If stung, go to a safe area. Scrape the stinger out with your fingernail or something like a credit card or knife — don't squeeze it with tweezers, as this will release more venom. Wash the site with soap and water then apply ice to reduce swelling and discomfort. Seek medical treatment if you begin to experience difficulty breathing or have known allergies to insect stings."

While the "live and let live" is the best policy according to Condray, he said it's not always possible.

"If you feel that a hive must be eradicated contact a licensed exterminator for assistance," said Condray. "Call 911 if you witness an attack or experience multiple stings."

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REBATES

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April 2006, the Key City posted a hike of 13.41 percent. Abilene has brought in \$11,012,299.70 for the year, up 6.37 percent.

Brownfield enjoyed a 14.56 percent increase this month, comparing the \$71,730.52 received to the \$62,611.32 received in April 2006. For the year, Brownfield has received \$321,832.69, and is finally ahead of last year's totals — but just by 0.12 percent.

Colorado City received a small hike of 3.09 percent, comparing the \$34,279.62 the Mitchell County seat rang up this month to the \$33,250.87 it tucked away in April of 2006. For the first four months of 2007, Colorado City has received \$169,341.52, up 7.22 percent.

Fort Stockton took in \$141,912.64 this month, a substantial 22.44 percent increase when compared to the \$114,032.69 received

in April 2006. For the year, the home of Paisano Pete has brought in \$628,232.99, up 12.75 percent.

Dawson County's largest community, Lamesa, pulled in \$74,655.31 this month, up 20.10 percent compared to the \$62,155.91 it received in April 2006. So far for 2007, Lamesa has received \$356,931.67, up 11.8 percent.

Lubbock, home of Texas Tech University, received \$3,360,769.45, up 8.25 percent when compared to the \$3,104,529.59 taken in during April 2006. For the year, Lubbock has pulled in \$15,436,478.09, up 5.02 percent.

Midland witnessed an increase of 6.53 percent, comparing the \$2,270,129.36 received this month to the \$2,130,872.33 taken in for April 2006. For the year, the Tall City has pulled in \$10,651,974.71, up 9.8 percent.

Monahans slipped a bit, posting a 1.11 percent

decrease. The Ward County seat received \$96,452.32 this month compared to \$97,542.54 a year ago. For 2007, Monahans has taken in \$460,028.21, up 15.32 percent.

Odessa received \$1,590,440.57 this month, a 13.31 percent increase compared to the \$1,403,498.51 taken in a year earlier. For 2007, Odessa has received \$7,081,410.67, up a healthy 17.18 percent.

Pecos, home of the West of the Pecos Museum, archived a whopping 43.53 percent increase in rebates this month, comparing receipts of \$100,525.75 to \$70,035.55 a year ago. For the expanse of 2007, the Reeves County seat has posted \$371,267.40, up 17.97 percent.

Chalking a 12.67 percent increase comparing last April to the present was San Angelo. The city received \$1,338,777.55 this month and \$1,188,193.06 in April 2006. For the year,

the home of Angelo State University and a Howard College campus has received \$6,050,269.93, up 5.85 percent.

Snyder, of white buffalo fame, witnessed an 11.86 percent increase when comparing this April's rebates of \$142,990.49 to last April's rebates of \$127,827.22. For the year, the Scurry County seat has received \$667,838.84, an increase of 7.11 percent.

Stanton, which has suffered through the first three months of the year, broke free of the rut this month by pulling in \$20,380.33, a 27.31 increase over the \$16,008.40 received in April 2006. For the year, rebates are down for the Martin County seat by 24.46 percent.

And Sweetwater received \$182,303.42, up 5.39 percent compared to the \$172,968.05 the city took in during April 2006. For the year, Sweetwater has taken in \$838,206.14. That's up 3.36 percent.

CITY

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The second restriction requires the board to receive approval from the council before a check is made out for any non-budget item.

The third restriction requires a quorum of Moore Board members to meet with the council in an executive session quarterly to discuss what actions the board is taking. The first such meeting took place in an executive session during the council's April 10 meeting.

Moore Board President Larry McLellan said all three conditions are not only acceptable by the economic development group, but welcome.

"I think the dialogue with the council is a very good idea," said McLellan. "I believe it will only improve their job to respond to the community and our job a lot easier because they will know what we're doing. And that may have been an issue in the past, be it a small project or maybe it takes a large project to get us to this point and get the attention."

The matter was first brought to the council by Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup shortly after Moore Board decided to move forward with \$3 million in funding for the renovation of the Settles Hotel.

"I can't speak for everyone in the city, but I feel the public hands their funds to the Moore Board, and the Moore Board is appointed and they're not responsible to the public for that money," said Staulcup during a March meeting. "We (the city council) are elected, and we are responsible to the public.

"I'm not suggesting we tie Moore Board's hands... However, I'd challenge anyone to tell me and prove to me there has been any oversight of Moore Board by approving minutes... We're responsible to the public, and we can't discharge our duties adequately by looking at line items that don't tell us what happened during the meeting. It has to be that way for a reason, and I understand that. But it doesn't have to stop there."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to consider:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 9 of the City Code entitled "Prison Guards," "Qualifications," "Powers" and several others.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a pool operation agreement with YMCA.

- First reading of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to authorize the installation of "No Parking" signs to be erected on the south side of NW 11th Street in front of business.

- First reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the zoning ordinance of a zone change from single family 2 to light commercial of a portion of the 4-acre tract located at 1902 Martin Luther King Blvd., north of existing Knollwood Heights Apartments.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for an increase in the general fund budget to purchase a front mount mower for the parks department.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for an increase in the general fund budget to purchase a used forklift for the sanitation department.

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A public hearing concerning the zone change for a 4-acre tract located at 1902 Martin Luther King Blvd., north of existing Knollwood Heights Apartments, is also scheduled during the meeting.

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers, at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

New standard should be life without parole

He needs killing. For too long, our state has abided by this bit of Texas folk wisdom. Those who would kill need killing. In theory, the ultimate punishment is imposed for the most heinous of crimes. But in practice, the death penalty has not been applied flawlessly or fairly. About 2 percent of known murderers are sentenced to death, but the fate of the accused often hinges on disparate details unrelated to the crime committed.

Wealth, race and random luck play a role in determining whether a case ends in death.

Politics and geography can mean the difference between life in prison or lethal injection.

State-sanctioned death, it seems, is arbitrary. Some of the most infamous murderers of our time sit in prison while lesser offenders are sent to die.

The Green River Killer, Gary Ridgway, confessed to killing at least 48 women but struck a deal to spare his life.

Juries sentenced Terry Nichols, accessory to the Oklahoma City bombing, and Lee Boyd Malvo, the "D.C. sniper," to life in prison.

Eric Rudolph, who bombed an abortion clinic, and Dennis Rader, the BTK serial killer, accepted plea agreements to avoid death sentences.

Our justice system has developed a dual standard, alternately meting out the death penalty and life in prison in comparable cases. In fact, some who conspire to commit the same crime are punished quite differently. Consider the teenage trio convicted in the murder-for-hire of Fort Worth socialite Caren Koslow.

Stepdaughter Kristi Koslow masterminded the gruesome killing and recruited her boyfriend and an acquaintance to carry out her plan. She was sentenced to life in prison. Brian Salter agreed to testify against his girlfriend in exchange for a life sentence. Jeffrey Dillingham exercised his right to a fair trial and was sentenced to die. Mr. Dillingham sought clemency, claiming a disparity of punishment. His request was denied, and he was executed in 2000.

We need a consistent standard.

But as long as capital punishment remains an option, it will be viewed as the ultimate goal, and prosecutors will face pressure to meet that goal.

Justice demands a punishment that is fair yet revocable, one that provides a sense of finality while allowing for the fallibility of the system.

Life without parole meets that bar.

It's harsh. It's just. And it's final without being irreversible.

Call it a living death.

Thanks to a recent change in law, Texas juries now have the option of imposing life without parole in lieu of the death penalty.

Across the country, public sentiment has begun to shift as legislatures have given juries this option.

Last year, for the first time, Gallup Poll respondents favored life in prison without parole over the death penalty, if given the option.

DNA exonerations have raised the specter of executing an innocent man. Questions about lethal injection methodology and mounting evidence exposing the arbitrary application of the death penalty also have helped bolster support for life without parole.

Locking away murderers for life would save states millions of dollars on costly death penalty appeals. And there is growing support for life without parole and putting convicts to work to pay restitution to their victims' families.

Death does not provide an added level of justice. A prison sentence that does not allow for the possibility of parole accomplishes the same objectives: protecting society from violent criminals and ensuring that every day of a murderer's life is a miserable existence.

Our standards of punishment have evolved over time, from the gallows to firing squads, from the electric chair to lethal injection. Life without parole, essentially death by prison, should be the new standard.

THE MORNING NEWS
DALLAS

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A smile, a hug or a kind word, Lord, are moments of love given to others through Your love.

Amen

'Shooters' don't deserve attention

My heart goes out to those families and friends affected by the recent shootings in Blacksburg, Va. I visited Blacksburg a number of years ago. and while my stay was not but for a week, I found it a very nice, quiet community.

I can see why something like this would be devastating. The loss of life in a situation like this is just heart-breaking and wrong.

These young men and women were some of the brightest in the nation and had a bright future ahead of them. Their light has been snuffed out but their spirits live on.

The community and Virginia Tech will move on, but they will not be forgotten.

Sadly, this is nothing new. We have had shootings such as this over the years in all parts of the country. I saw on TV last evening where there have been shootings

in other countries, so we are not the only ones.

I suppose Congress and those against guns will make their move to rehash the issue of banning weapons in the United States.

I, for one, think this would be the wrong move.

Banning weapons is not the answer.

The shooter in this case could have gotten his weapon from someone on the streets. He did not have to go to a gun shop and make the purchase legally.

I am a firm believer in having the opportunity, if I so choose, to bear arms.

This is surely a difficult problem to solve. If we ban weapons, they say, then only the criminals will have guns.

Moreover, the citizens will not be able to defend themselves.

Call me paranoid if you want, but it seems to me we are losing our freedoms one step at a time.

Because of 9/11 we now have to watch what we can take on our persons when traveling by air. I think when it gets down to you not being able to carry on ink pens or keys or a flossing stick

because they may be used as a weapon, then it has gone too far.

I don't know the answers to the problems we are having but I feel strong about one thing. I think, after the initial reporting of the shooting, the shooter's name should never be mentioned again. Some want their "15 minutes of fame."

Just think, you can be immortalized by being a crazed shooter. Then when someone refers to a prior incident they always mention the shooter's name.

I think only the victims should be referred to by name.

The location, and what happened by name but not, ever, the shooter's name.

The shooter's name should die a shameful death. They should never be mentioned again.

Whether they are of sound mind, or not, whatever their deficiency was at the time of the shooting, it matters not.

When someone does this they deserve to be a non-person. Perhaps this will register in some future shooter's mind, they will not have any kind of recognition in this world.



Whistleblowers tortured in Iraq?

In 2002, while commiserating about government scandals, President George Bush reportedly joked about stringing whistleblowers up "by the thumbs. The same way we do with prisoners in Guantanamo!"

Ironically, a few years later Bush presided over military forces in Iraq that essentially tortured two U.S. citizens who had blown the whistle on their employer, who was illegally dealing arms and laundering money. The White House's decision to suspend the legal right of individuals to challenge their captivity resulted in one whistleblower enduring 97 days of inhumane treatment at the hands of U.S. military personnel within an Iraqi military prison.

The whistleblower, Donald Vance, is a 29-year-old veteran. Until his ordeal began, he had supported the war in Iraq. In fact, he voted twice for Bush. His compatriot, Norman Ertel, is also a veteran. He too supported the Iraqi War effort.

While working in Iraq as employees of Shield Group Security, Vance and Ertel noticed that company officials were holding meetings with seemingly unsavory characters. They suspected that their bosses were engaged in illegal arms dealing and contacted the FBI with their concerns. They became unpaid FBI informants, sending reports about a variety of activities. They were told to phone the Bureau the next time that they suspected that a cache of arms was actually present at the worksite. Soon after, Vance and Ertel were illegally held by the compa-

ny. The U.S. armed forces raided, ostensibly rescuing the men.

Vance and Ertel might have first thought their countrymen had rescued them. They were wrong. They were now held against their will and interrogated about what they had told the FBI. In fact, they have no idea why they were held because, with the suspension of one of the most precious and basic constitutional rights – the right to challenge one's confinement – jailors do not have to explain or justify their actions.

For reasons that remain mysterious, the U.S. military failed to act on Vance's and Ertel's credible claims of innocence. Even long after the F.B.I. confirmed that they had acted in the best interests of their government and were indeed whistleblowers working with law enforcement officials, U.S. forces continued to hold, interrogate, isolate, humiliate and mistreat them.

During their ordeal, the two men, both U.S. citizens, were held illegally without notification of their families, who suspected that they were dead. Vance's family futilely sought information from the U.S. Embassy and State Department. They frantically gathered cash in preparation for a potential ransom, while at the same time gathering information about how to send a body back to the United States.

Meanwhile, Vance took careful notes about his maltreatment, which he hid in his Bible. He spent long, agonizing nights in sometimes-frigid conditions trying to stay warm without the benefit of clothing or blankets. Both Vance and Ertel were denied food and water for extended periods. They were subjected to bright lights for hours on end. They had to endure blasts of heavy metal

and country music.

Inexplicably, Ertel was released after a month. Vance suffered three times as long, for 97 days. Neither man was allowed legal counsel, nor were they able to examine the evidence against them. Because he was a U.S. citizen, Vance was eventually given a hearing, but not allowed to look at exhibits the hearing examiners supposedly reviewed in rendering the decision to continue the confinement.

Both men suffered psychologically during and after their ordeals, as did their families. All of us must wonder what has become of our democracy if such events can happen to citizens who have risked their lives to serve their country. Their ordeal reminds us of the Vietnam War, when a general declared that we had to bomb a village in order to save it. Now, in our current war, we have compromised the rule of law, squandered the good will of patriots, and sacrificed basic human and constitutional rights in the name of bringing democracy to parts of the world that are barren of such ideals.

It is not funny for our elected leaders to speculate about terrorizing whistleblowers that leak, espouse or expose inconvenient truths. These truth-tellers exemplify the motto of greatness, of being all they can be, despite the crippling blindness and moral deficiencies of their supposed leaders.

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NUTRITION WISE

What to do with your picky eater

Helping children learn to enjoy a broad variety of healthful foods is a long-term goal for parents. Childhood development experts say that fear of trying new foods is typical of young children. Add to that the developmental need for independence and you have a recipe for power struggles at the table. "Picky eating" is common among children, but how parents handle it strongly influences its severity and duration.



KAREN COLLINS, MS, RD, CDN

Parents often lump together two distinct eating patterns identified by researchers of children. The first is neophobia, which refers to fear or anxiety over trying unfamiliar foods. Neophobia often peaks from ages 2 to 5, but it can also reflect an ongoing tendency. One study reports that 7-year-old girls with greater neophobia are more likely to have more generalized anxiety and to have mothers that don't enjoy trying new foods.

The second eating pattern is the "picky eater." Researchers reserve this term for children who resist even familiar foods. The picky eater seems to represent a learned behavior pattern. Parents may unintentionally increase their child's pickiness by their own picky eating habits, by offering a limited variety of foods and by reacting to children's normal neophobia in ways that reinforce eating problems. Fortunately, picky eating is often changeable with the right strategies.

Parents often add to their anxiety with unrealistic expectations of how much children should eat to stay healthy and grow. After about the age of 2, toddlers' growth rate slows dramatically. With a stomach only the size of their fist, toddlers don't need a lot of food at one time. They may eat widely varying amounts from day to day. In a group of fourth and fifth graders, for example, those who restricted their eating to a few "core" foods (including white bread, cold cereal, milk, burgers, potatoes and cookies) did about as well at meeting vitamin and mineral needs as children who based their eating around those core foods along with "new" foods. One reason for this similar intake probably relates to the children's frequent servings of fortified cereal, which is a key source of several vitamins and minerals.

According to experts on children's eating behavior, dislike of trying new foods is normal in toddlers. Parents can help their toddler gradually outgrow this fear by continuing to serve a variety of foods and eating and enjoying their own food. Studies show that parents often give up on a new food after presenting the food three to five times. Experts recommend exposing children to the food a minimum of 8 to 15 times, and children may need to taste a food many more times before they truly enjoy it. Very small portions make new foods less overwhelming.

Rejecting foods is a normal developmental step for children after initially eating anything offered when hungry. Rewarding kids for trying a new food interferes with their learning to like it. When parents let food acceptance turn into a power struggle, children's resulting frustration tends to increase picky habits. Instead, experts encourage this division of responsibility: parents and caregivers decide where and when eating will occur and what foods are offered; children decide how much they eat of each offering and may not ask for alternative foods.

Parents need to provide the right environment for eating removing distractions and teaching children they cannot get up and down to play during mealtime. Then, if parents understand and accept children's ability to choose an appropriate amount of food, kids should eventually grow out of food phobias and pickiness.

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) offers a Nutrition Hotline online at www.aicr.org or via phone 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-843-8114. This free service allows you to ask questions about diet, nutrition and cancer. A registered dietitian will respond to your e-mail or call, usually within three business days.

Tips to shed those extra pounds

HOUSTON — Resolving to shed a few extra pounds? You don't have to resort to a crash diet, say weight-loss experts at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Molly Gee, a nutritionist at BCM, suggests that a few simple guidelines can help you lose or manage your weight:

- Don't arrive hungry at restaurants or parties.
- At restaurants, split an entrée or order an appetizer as a main course.
- Eat less; talk more — leave food on your plate.
- Move more — take the stairs instead of escalators or elevators.
- Wear a pedometer to keep track of a goal of 10,000 steps per day.
- Get a buddy for lifestyle changes in diet and physical activity.
- Slow down your eating — use a salad fork or

chopsticks.

- Choose more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy foods.
- Lighten up on gravies, sauces, dressings and butter or margarine where fats hide.
- Set realistic goals for weight loss (for example, 0.5 lbs/week).

Celebrating garlic and scampi

By DANA JACOBI

Once upon a time, most Americans considered garlic repulsive and eating it barbaric. We also thought butter was great and that we could not overdo using it. That time, when today's equivalent of foodies were called "gourmet cooks," was not so long ago.

Garlic-loving gourmets in those days signaled devotion to the "stinking rose," a nickname we thought was clever, by serving chicken with forty cloves of garlic, a recipe we discovered in the *New York Times*, and rubbing the inside of a wooden salad bowl with a cut clove of garlic before tossing in the greens and croutons sautéed in garlicky butter.

Back then, at Italian restaurants where table clothes really were red-and-white checked and candles burned and cascaded their wax down straw-covered Chianti bottles, we indulged in garlic bread drenched in butter after reaching agreement with a date or friends to indulge collectively so that no one would be offended by garlic breath. In those days, we had no idea that garlic had blood thinning benefits or could help reduce our risk of cancer.

Today, we celebrate garlic combined with olive oil, not butter, for both its flavor and healthfulness and attend local garlic festivals, especially the most famous one that takes place each August in Gilroy, Calif.

But, since April 19 was National Garlic Day, you don't have to wait for summer to celebrate this wonderful bulb.

Scampi, one of the best ways to enjoy garlic, also has a national day devoted to it, April 29.

Traditionally made with butter, I use olive oil instead, plus a little garlic, and serve it with spinach.

Although I keep this quick sauté lean, I do add a bit of butter with the broth, which also gets infused with garlic flavor.

Good scampi needs something to soak up the great sauce.

So, instead of the garlic bread we once used, cooked brown rice does this nicely and much more healthfully.



Scampi with Spinach

1/4 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 Tbsp. dry white wine
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 1/2 tsp. minced garlic, divided
1/8 tsp. red pepper flakes, or to taste
4 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
One package (6 oz.) baby spinach, rinsed and shaken almost dry
1 lb. large shrimp (25-30), peeled and deveined
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 cups cooked brown rice
1 tsp. butter

In a measuring cup, combine the broth, wine, lemon juice, 2 teaspoons of the garlic and the red pepper. Set aside.

In a medium skillet, heat 2 teaspoons of the oil over medium-high heat. Add the spinach with some water still clinging to it. Mix in the remaining 1/2 teaspoon garlic. Cook, stirring constantly, until the spinach is just tender, about 2 minutes. Transfer the spinach to a bowl. Wipe out the pan with a

paper towel.

Return the pan to medium heat. Add the butter and remaining 2 teaspoons oil. Add the shrimp in one layer and cook 2 minutes. Turn and cook 2 minutes. Pour in the broth mixture and cook until the shrimp are white in the center, about 4 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat. Season mixture with salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, make a bed using 3/4 cup of the rice in the center of each of four dinner plates. Mound one fourth of the spinach in the center of the rice. Arrange one-quarter of the shrimp around the spinach. Spoon some of the pan sauce over the shrimp. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 285 calories, 9 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 28 g. carbohydrate, 23 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 300 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.



Nancy Cole demonstrates the Balance Check exercise at Body and Soul Gym.

An easy balancing act

By NANCY COLE

McClatchy Newspapers

Balancing our lives is tricky. Balancing our bodies can be a breeze. All we need are some simple tests:

Stand straight with your hands on your hips or by your sides. While looking forward, raise one knee until your thigh is parallel to the ground and your foot is next to your opposite knee. If you can hold this position for one minute, you're at a good basic starting point. While maintaining this position, extend your arms straight out and hold for a minute. If you pass this portion of the

test, your balance is satisfactory.

If you can stretch your arms out and lift one leg behind you for a minute and then switch sides and hold for another minute, your balance is very good.

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Please return registration packets to your child's teacher or campus office by Friday, April 27, 2007.

This will constitute registration for the 2007-2008 school year.

If you have questions, please contact the principal's office at your campus.

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Student Council members headed to state conference

Student Council members leave Thursday for State Student Council in Arlington. Courtney Holdampf, president; Clint Lockhart, vice president; and members Stephanie Williams, Alex Newsom, Keisha Roman, Michael Steelman and Aric Denton will attend the conference where they will receive recognition as a Sweepstakes Council. The group is sponsored by Jan Sims.



Courtesy photo
Courtney Holdampf, who placed second in number sense at the regional academic meet, will be competing at the State UIL Academic Contest on Friday, May 5.

Four members of Forsan's track teams have advanced to the regional track and field meet.

Adam Bailey, who was second in high 110-meter hurdles and fourth in high jump; Amanda Longorio, who was third in the shot put and fourth in discus, Shelby Jones, who was third in the pole vault, and Tori Gauer, who finished second in 400 meters, will be taking part in the regional meet at Abilene on Friday and Saturday.

Tennis players Courtney Holdampf, girls' singles; Caylie Eggleston and Kaylon Stanley, girls' doubles; and Seth Johnson, boys' singles, advanced to regional tournament play in Abilene this week.

Jake Moore advanced to the regional golf tournament in Abilene on Monday and Tuesday after finishing fourth overall in the medalist competition at the district tournament.

Courtney Holdampf will advance to the UIL State Academic Meet next week in number sense.

Also placing but not advancing were Jonathan Purcell, who was fifth in mathematics; members of the number sense team that placed second; the mathematics team that placed third; and the calculator team that was third. Susan Alexander coaches all three teams. Clint Lockhart placed fifth in informative speaking and Alex Newsom placed fifth in prose. Both are coached by Jan Sims.

The school board recognized regional qualifiers and their coaches at the board meeting last week, with Board President Allan McDowell presenting certificates to students and their sponsors. UIL participants will be recognized at a UIL banquet, Monday at La

Posada honoring both students and their parents.

The debate team will sell Krispy Kreme Donuts for \$6 a dozen next Friday at Wal-Mart to pay for summer debate camp. Those interested in placing an advance order should contact Tammy Lockhart or the high school office.

Forsan students attended the State Skills USA Contest in Corpus Christie. The chapter project of a deer blind won first place and is now on sale. Please contact Mr. Bagnall for addi-



Courtesy photo
Forsan's TSA members pose in front of their first-place deer blind. The deer blind is for sale and interested parties should contact the school. Front row, from left, are: Spencer Briggs, Jared Smith, Justin Wilson, Josh Daniels, Zach Herren and Zach Dykes. Back row: Aaron Johnson, Josh Hatfield, Cameron Parker, Adam Bailey, Aaron Hughes and John Williamson.

this week for the last game of the regular season.

The Lady Buff Softball Team drew a bye in the first round of playoff play. They will play a practice game Tuesday against Denver City in Lamesa at 5:30 p.m. The team will play either Ralls or New Deal in the second round of the playoffs.

Senior Spanish club members, sponsored by Consuelo Morales, went to San Antonio for a field trip last weekend.

High school students returned to their regular schedules on Monday following TAKS tests. The three weeks ends on Friday of this week.

The Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May 7. Interested parents



Courtesy photo
These Forsan students took first place in the Hangar 25 art contest. From left are: Jessica Villa, Troy Moore and Reymundo Martinez.

should contact the high school office for details.

The high school band will present its spring concert on Tuesday, May 8, and the junior high band's concert will be on Tuesday, May 15. The band trip to Dallas is scheduled for May 10-12.

Forsan High School joins with Big Spring High School in mourning the death of Colleen Slaughter, who had

taught 46 years. She spent 38 years at Big Spring and taught part time at Forsan for six years.



Buffalo Tales

tional information. Students assisting in the project were Josh Johnson, Adam Bailey, Josh Daniels, Aaron Hughes, Aaron Johnson, Zach Gilliam, Jarred Smith, Justin Wilson, Spencer Briggs, Cameron Parker and John Williamson.

Also winning individual awards were John Williamson, first, ranch hand bumper; Josh Johnson, first, coffee table; Josh Hatfield, first, coffee table; Zach Herrin, first, saddle rack; and Brantley Cahoon, third, end table.

The Forsan baseball team defeated Winters, 15-10, on April 13 with Adam Bailey hitting a home run. This brings the district record to 4-2. They played Eldorado on Friday evening, and Menard on Tuesday of

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♦ Q 6 2
♣ K 7 5 2

EAST
♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ J 8
♣ 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 6
♥ A 10 8
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ A J

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of clubs.

Here is a prime example of top-notch defense. The deal was played during the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in a match between Poland and Australia.

First, a word about the bidding by the Polish North-South pair. One notrump indicated 16 to 19 points, and two clubs asked South to bid his suits up the line. The two-diamond bid guaranteed four diamonds (possibly five), and the two- and three-notrump bids were both natural.

Dick Cummings, playing with Tim Seres, led a club, declarer win-

ning East's eight with the jack. The Polish South now led a spade to the queen, East playing the three, and returned a spade to the king and ace, as East followed with the deuce. East's high-low indicated four spades.

Having learned that declarer originally held four spades and at least four diamonds, Cummings now shifted to the deuce of hearts, a dangerous but necessary play. Declarer could not afford to win East's jack, and when East returned his fourth-best heart, the four, South had to refuse that trick also.

So Cummings, back on lead again after taking the heart king, once more had to find the crucial play necessary to defeat the contract. Had he followed the natural inclination to lead another heart at this point, South would have made the contract by playing the A-K and another diamond.

But Cummings by this time knew that declarer's original distribution was four spades, three hearts, four diamonds and therefore only two clubs. It followed that it was now safe to return the five of clubs, despite dummy's imposing Q-10-6, since South would be forced to win the trick with the ace.

Accordingly, Cummings returned a club at trick six, and the unlucky Polish declarer finished down one, a victim of letter-perfect defense from the opposite side of the Earth.

Tomorrow: A question of priorities.
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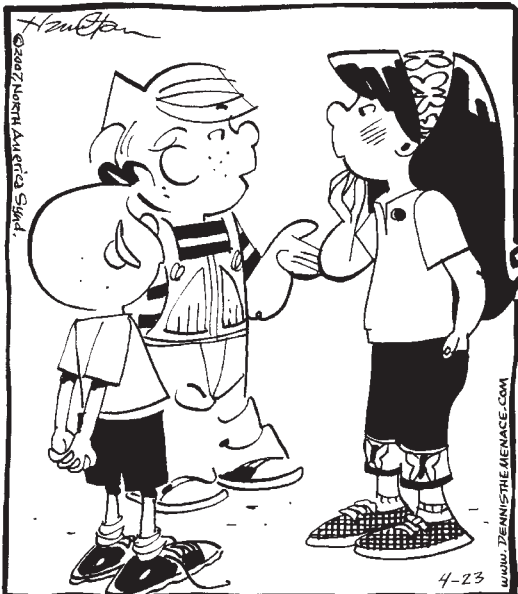
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Today's Highlight in History:

April 23, 1564, is believed to be the birthdate of English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare; he died 52 years later, also on April 23.

On this date:

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1896, the Vitascopes system for projecting movies onto a screen was publicly demonstrated in New York City.

In 1899, Russian-American author Vladimir Nabokov

was born in St. Petersburg. In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs, in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1985, Coca-Cola Co. announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke (negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version).

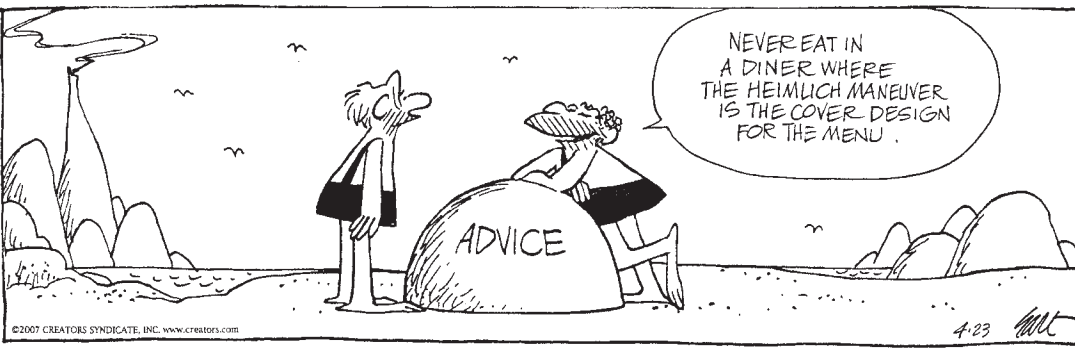
In 1987, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Conn., suddenly collapsed.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who'd confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 79.

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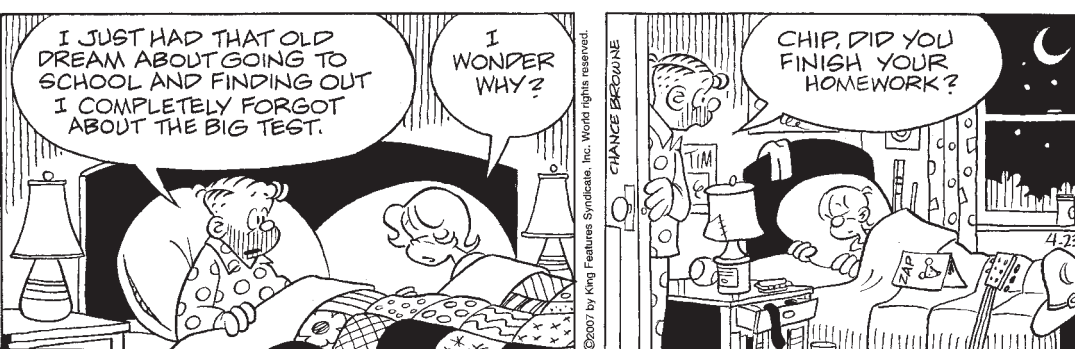
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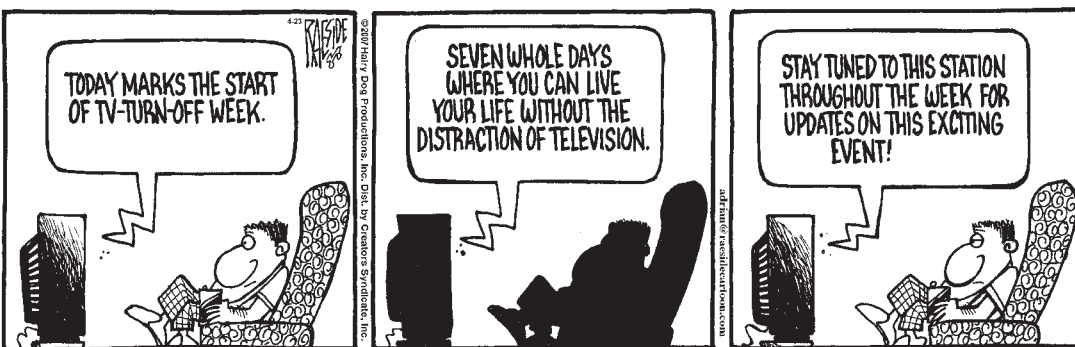
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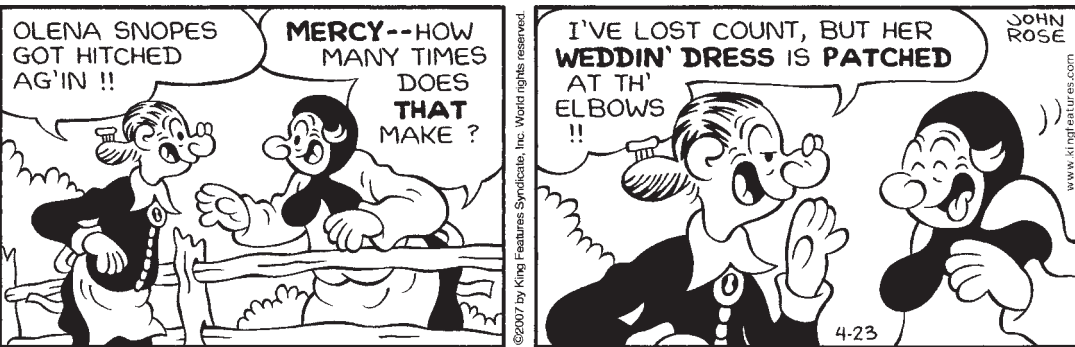
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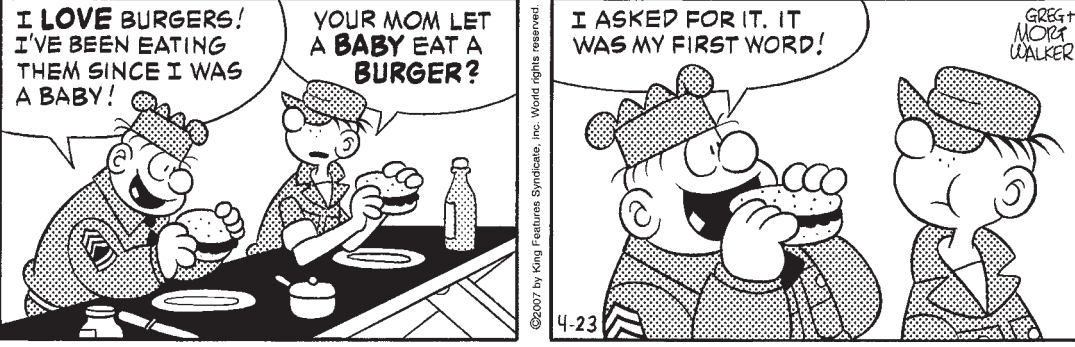
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- 20 Colonist
- 21 Brit's cavalry sword
- 22 Young men
- 23 Way galaxy
- 25 Makes a trade
- 27 Ali
- 28 Was in possession of
- 31 Backbone
- 32 Artist's cap
- 33 Poem of praise
- 34 Smooch
- 35 Minimum amount
- 36 Narrow valley
- 37 Frozen water
- 38 Up, on most maps
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- 41 Yours and mine
- 42 Elaborate meal
- 43 All set
- 44 Shortly
- 46 Reduce drastically, as prices
- 48 Arctic plains
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- 2 Woodwind instrument
- 3 Opening for a coin
- 4 Nuclear-treaty subjects
- 5 Monks' homes
- 6 Guided vacations
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- 11 Small, snug spaces
- 12 Etc., for one
- 13 Military installation
- 18 Marry secretly
- 21 Venetian-blind part
- 23 Wetland
- 24 Skeptic's remark
- 25 Cinnamon or ginger
- 26 Sarcastic remarks
- 27 Is victorious over
- 29 Skilled
- 30 Cozy rooms
- 31 Lose control on a slippery road
- 32 Fruit on a bush
- 35 Noisy
- 36 Mom and Dad's dads
- 38 Ark builder
- 39 Fragrant spring flower
- 42 ___ of July
- 44 English-class assignment
- 45 Pompous walk
- 46 Stretch across
- 47 Late-night TV host
- 49 Actress Hayworth
- 50 Perched on
- 51 Some paycheck IDs
- 53 Machine part
- 54 TV movie channel
- 55 Long period of time

