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Jose Enriquez, an officer with Big Spring's Animal Control, discusses the new annex to the municipal animal shelter with local residents Rita Brown and Olga Fernandez during an open house last week. Construction of the annex was funded by a 2006 bond election.

BSISD tries one stop registration

Kindergarten signups will be held at the coliseum

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are planning a "one-stop" approach to kindergarten registration this spring.

In a switch from previous years, BSISD will take a centralized approach to registering kindergarteners for the coming school year.

Instead of having parents go to the individual campuses to register their children, the district will have a city-wide registration from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. April 23 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 and reside within the BSISD boundaries may be registered during the event, said Vickie Cheyne, PIEMS coordinator for the school district.

Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security card, proof of residency (such as a utility bill) and the parent/guardian's driver's license.

"We thought we'd have all the parents come

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College art department has full slate of activities

Herald staff report

Howard College Art Department is hosting several activities for students and the community, including shows and sales as well as workshops.

The Big Spring High School Student Art Show is currently on display in the Gallery Hallway of Hall Centers for the Arts. The artwork is open to public viewing from 8 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. A closing reception is planned for the students, their families, teacher Judy Tereletsky and the public from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 in the Hallway. Refreshments will be served.

Earth Day will be celebrated on campus April 20 with the showing of National Geographic's "Strange Days on Planet Earth," narrated by

actor Edward Norton. The showing will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hall Auditorium. There will be leaflets, green door prizes and free Howard College Earth Day T-shirts to the first 50 people attending. The shirts were designed by art director Stacey Slaten and general studies secretary Cynthia Weeks.

An Art Club was founded this semester at Howard Col-

lege and the club's first event will be a ceramic art sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 4-6. The public will be able to peruse a wide variety of glazed ceramic art pieces from mugs to bowls to decorative sculpture, plates and teapots at lower prices than professional or manufactured products, according to Slaten.

"Each piece is completely handcrafted and beautifully

produced," said Slaten.

Proceeds will go toward the student artists and the Art Club.

There's more. Big Spring Art Association will hold its Area Art Show May 2-9 in the Hall Center for the Arts Gallery Hallway. Public viewing will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day of the

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Youngsters to get plenty of eggscitement this weekend

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Take hundreds of children and thousands of Easter Eggs, mix them together and you have a trio of holiday activities in this area.

Three community wide Easter Egg hunts are scheduled for this weekend, giving area children plenty of bang for their egg-hunting buck.

The Texas State Veterans' Home on N. Highway 87 will be first off the line as staff and residents are putting the final touches on the facility's sixth annual egg hunt.

More than 50,000 eggs will be up for grabs for area

FRIDAY

• 2 p.m., Laman Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Easter Egg Hunt for children 0-12, inflatable rides, face painting.

SATURDAY

• 10 a.m. Big Spring VA Medical Center. Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages, Easter Bunny, refreshments.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Church of the Nazarene Community Easter Egg Hunt for children 2-10 at Comanche Trail Park. Easter Egg Hunt, inflatables, hot dogs.

youngsters, said Sandy Martinez, activities director for the state home.

Martinez said the fun is expected to start at 2 p.m., and will feature three separate

hunts for children ages 3 or younger, 4 to 7 years of age and 8 years to 12 years.

"It's basically the same age groups that we used during last year's hunt," said Martinez. "We had some unexpected cold weather during last year's hunt, but we still managed to draw quite a group of children and their parents. If the weather cooperates with us this year, I expect we'll have even more. We're really looking forward to it."

A pair of inflatable rides have been added to this year's event, said Martinez, which will include things like face

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Obituaries

Thomas Quisenberry

Thomas "Tom" Quisenberry, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends following the vigil service from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tom was born April 3, 1943, in Buffalo, Mo., to Mary and William Quisenberry. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy. Tom received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Tom married Ruth Koelzer Aug. 30, 1975, in Thoreau, N.M. They moved to Big Spring in December 1975 and he began work at Bob Brock Ford at that time. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Tom is survived by his wife: Ruth Quisenberry of Big Spring; two sons: Jacob Quisenberry of Laurel, Md., and Matt Quisenberry and his wife Tricia of The Colony; four granddaughters: Justice, Ashtyn, Brooke and McKenna Quisenberry, all of The Colony; and one brother: Carl Quisenberry and his wife Patti of Buffalo, Mo.

Pallbearers will be Gary Parker, Matt Fleharty, Don Belew, Larry Chandler, D. J. Alviar and Ismael Rubio.

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

Paid obituary

Pauline Porch

Pauline Porch, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2009, at the College Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. The family will receive guests Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pauline was born March 4, 1929, in Ackerly and grew up in Lamesa. She married the love of her life Charles Ray Porch April 4, 1953, in Lovington, N.M.

She has been a member of College Baptist Church since 1966 and was the secretary and treasurer for the Hannah Sunday School Class for many years. She was a great grandma and 'Me-Me' to her grandchildren and always put others first. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Charles Ray Porch; daughter, Marjorie Hall and her husband Dave of Joplin, Mo.; son, Michael Ray Porch and wife Renae of Allen; four grandchildren, Scott Von Moss, Gena Lyn Vowels, Evan Ray Porch, and one grandson on the way; and five great-grandchildren.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

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

Paid obituary

Ann H. Davenport

Ann H. "Tennie" Davenport, 72, of Dunwoody, Ga., formerly of Big Spring, died April 8, 2009.

Mrs. Davenport was very active with the Girl Scouts of America and had been a leader for the past several years. She also loved photography.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, John Davenport; daughters Debbie Vaughan of Smyrna, S.C., and Lynne Vaughan of Dunwoody; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brothers Jack Richbourg of Conroe and Jerry Richbourg of Kerrville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the United Methodist Children's Home, 500 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030.

Funeral services will be held in Atlanta, Ga., Friday, April 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Chamblee First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at H.M. Patterson and Son, Arlington Chapel, 173 Allen Road, Sandy Springs, Ga.

Paid obituary

Frank Edwards

Frank Edwards, 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 9, 2009, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

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Police blotter

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

- MATTHEW CANTU, 27, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- STEVEN URIBE, 33, of 909 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- CODY NALL, 25, of 1001 E. 14th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 700 block of 13th St.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Robin.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 45 inmates at the time of this report.

- RAMON IGLESIAS ALVEAR, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, driving while intoxicated and bail jumping - failure to appear.
- TERESA LYNNE CHRISTON, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - more than four grams, less than 28 grams.
- LUAN LERMA, 21, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.
- BERNARDO FRAUSTO PEREZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and three miscellaneous charges.
- CLARA RAMIREZ RANGEL, age not provided, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ASHLEY SMITH, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance - more than three grams and less than 28 grams, no driver's license, speeding and failure to appear.
- ABEL TORRES, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3500 block of Hillside Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Junior Class will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts at Wal-Mart beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday. This is a fund-raiser for the Junior-Senior Prom. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

• A retirement ceremony for Coahoma Mayor Bill Read will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 in the Signal Mountain room at the First Bank of West Texas' Coahoma office. The public is invited.

• The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3188 American Legion Post 506 will be sponsoring a fund-raiser for Lee Karwedsky, a young boy with Muscular Dystrophy, in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a handicap-accessible van. For more information, contact Vonda Wrye at 816-1261.

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Call 263-3869 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 43-39-15-20-9-28.
Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$10 million
Winning number purchased in Houston.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-31-18-4-20.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-3-8. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-0. Sum It Up: 12.

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News in Brief

U.S. warship reaches waters next to American captain held hostage in lifeboat by Somali pirates

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A U.S. destroyer on Thursday reached the waters where Somali pirates held the American captain of a hijacked cargo ship that was later retaken by the crew in an hours-long high seas drama.

The pirates took Capt. Richard Phillips as a hostage as they escaped into a lifeboat Wednesday in the first such attack on American sailors in around 200 years.

Kevin Speers, a spokesman for the ship company Maersk, told AP Radio that the USS Bainbridge had arrived off the Horn of Africa near where the pirates were floating near the Maersk Alabama.

The Bainbridge was among several U.S. ships that had been patrolling in the region when the 17,000-ton U.S.-flagged cargo ship and its 20 crew were captured Wednesday.

Phillips' family was gathered at his Vermont farmhouse, anxiously watching news reports and taking telephone calls from the U.S. State Department to learn if he would be freed.

U.S. military has limited ability to prevent or respond to surge of Somali piracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The seizure of an American crew and cargo demonstrates the limits of U.S. military power in an international cops-and-robbers chase along a huge, lawless stretch of African coastline.

The outcome for the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama and its crew off the coast of Somalia was still unclear early Thursday. The crew had retaken control of the cargo ship from a band of pirates, but the captain was still held by the attackers in one of the ship's lifeboats.

"We're deeply concerned and we're following it very closely," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said. "More generally, the world must come together to end the scourge of piracy."

President Barack Obama was closely following

the pirate-hostage drama, the first of its kind in modern history involving a U.S. crew, said Denis McDonough, a senior foreign policy adviser at the White House.

"We have watched with alarm the increasing threat of piracy," McDonough said. "The administration has an intense interest in the security of navigation."

Suicide bomber kills 4 policemen, 1 child in southern Afghanistan, police official says

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber on foot attacked a police drug eradication unit in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing four officers and a child and wounding seven other officers, police said.

The attacker struck the patrol in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, a major drug-producing area, said Kamal Uddin, the deputy provincial police chief.

Two police vehicles and three shops were damaged in the explosion, Uddin said. He initially said five policemen were killed, but later said one of those killed was a child.

A spokesman for the Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast in a phone call to an Associated Press reporter in southern Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of opium, the main ingredient in heroin. The Afghan opium trade accounts for 90 percent of worldwide production. The U.N. estimated last year that up to \$500 million from the illegal drug trade flows to Taliban fighters and criminal groups.

Trying to re-engage with Iran is one step forward, one step backward for U.S. diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts by the Obama administration to re-engage with Iran advanced a step and skidded backward all in the same day, underscoring the difficulties the new president faces as he tries to improve U.S. relations with its longtime foe.

First, administration officials said U.S. diplomats would attend group talks with Iran over its suspect nuclear program. That would be a major departure from President George W. Bush's policy of isolation from a nation it once deemed to be evil.

But then Iranian authorities announced that detained American journalist Roxana Saberi had been charged with spying for the U.S. and would be put on trial next week. Washington has appealed for her release since she was detained more than two months ago.

For a generation, the official exchanges between the U.S. and Iran have largely been limited to talks over security in Iraq and Afghanistan. Diplomatic relations had ended in the wake of the 1979 Islamic Revolution and subsequent hostage-taking at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

As a presidential candidate, Barack Obama said he was willing to open direct talks with Iran.

North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament appoints Kim Jong Il to a third term as leader

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament appointed Kim Jong Il to a third term Thursday as leader of one of the world's most reclusive nations, buoyed by a rocket launch heralded in state media as "historic" but assailed elsewhere as provocative.

State media said lawmakers approved Kim as chairman of the powerful National Defense Commission at the opening session of the new parliament, an appointment that under the constitution makes him the nation's top leader.

But there was no confirmation in a noon (0300 GMT) broadcast on state TV that Kim himself was presiding over the session in what would be his first major public appearance since reportedly suffering a stroke last August.

Kim, 67, fell out of sight in mid-August. He failed to attend a milestone 60th anniversary parade in September, a no-show that sparked concerns about his health and fears of a succession crisis in the nuclear-armed nation. Pyongyang denies he was ill.

Kim re-emerged in state media in early October.

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to Garrett Coliseum instead of having them go to the different campuses," Cheyne said. "This way, we can try to get it done all in one day."

Officials with the Texas Department of State Health Services will also be on hand

(from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) to provide immunizations, Cheyne said.

She noted that the change came about because the district is trying to streamline the registration process.

"We thought this would be more efficient," Cheyne said. "Also, the district is analyzing whether to change the attendance zones for each

campus, so we thought this approach would be less confusing for everyone."

Because of the possibility that attendance zones might change next school year, parents will not be able to definitely learn which campus their child will be attending in September, Cheyne said. Parents will learn their child's campus prior to the

beginning of the next school year.

BSISD has seen an upsurge in kindergarten enrollment the past few years and Cheyne sees no reason for that to change anytime soon.

"If we have a good response (April 23), I think that will give us a good indication of what our enrollment numbers will be," she said. "How-

ever, I have to no reason to anticipate a downturn in those numbers."

For more information on the registration process, call the school district's central office at 264-3600.

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event except Sunday.

Finally, in conjunction with the Continuing Education Department, the art department will hold

two glazing workshops. These workshops will be for participants to glaze ceramic items of their choice using painting techniques.

Any skill level and experience are accepted; beginners are welcome. The workshops are a

one-night happening with a scheduled time a few days later to pick up the artwork.

Participants can choose two to three pieces from a wide variety of bisqueware (non-glazed ceramic pieces) produced by the

art department. These include bowls, mugs, cups, teapots, plates, animals, decorative items, sculptures and seasonal items.

The cost for each workshop is \$35 to cover instruction, materials and firing costs. The first

workshop will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 26. The second will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Both workshops will pick up their work from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

For more information

on any of these activities, call 264-5115.

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painting and other children's activities.

For more information on the Community Easter Egg Hunt, contact the Veterans Home at 268-8387.

A pair of hunts are scheduled for Saturday, one an annual tradition and the other a relative newcomer.

First Church of the Nazarene will host a community wide Easter egg hunt beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday near the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

Calvary Callender, pastor of the local church, said the community Easter egg hunt is a love offering from the religious group, and hopes it will help change the way some people think of church.

"We're basically trying to change the culture, and this Easter egg hunt is a big part of

that," said Callender. "A lot of people see church and religious groups as self-serving entities that want people to dress and act a certain way. This Easter egg hunt is just one way of showing the community and our culture that's what we're about."

The hunt will feature a festive atmosphere, according to Callender, including face painting and inflatable rides.

"It's an Easter carnival type atmosphere," said Callender. "The hunt is open to children two years to 10 years old, and they will be broken up into to groups based on their ages."

And while the Easter festivities certainly favor children, Callender said he and other event organizers wanted to

make sure the adults weren't forgotten.

"We're going to be serving hot dogs and drinks through 1 p.m. for all of the moms and dads, and other adults in attendance," said Callender. "We want them to know we appreciate them, as well. There's no admission fee or anything like that. Everything is free. This is our way of showing our love for the people in our community."

For more information on the Easter activities, contact the church at 267-7015.

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will be the site for that facility's fifth annual Easter egg hunt, scheduled for 10 a.m. at the lawn in front of the hospital.

Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the VA, said the Easter Bunny will be on hand and cookies will be

available in the lobby of the hospital.

No one has counted just how many eggs will be available for young hunters, but Hanslik assured they would number in the thousands.

Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins contributed to this report.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Many people consider Easter Sunday a special time to honor Jesus. They seek meaningful ways to celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, understanding the gospel message revolves around the cross and empty tomb.

The importance of the gospel cannot be overstated. The apostle Paul described the second coming of Jesus by writing that he will return, "in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

What about you? As attention is drawn to the death and resurrection of Jesus, make certain that you respond in obedience. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptisms into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

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OTHER VIEWS

Tougher gun laws must be part of solution

The figures from a Mexican army raid on a stash house used by a drug cartel in Reynosa are staggering. Express-News investigative reporter Todd Bensman recently revealed that the November operation uncovered 540 rifles, 500,000 rounds of ammunition and 165 hand grenades, along with other military ordnance.

Gangs don't have armories like that. Militias do. And this one, one of countless others in Mexico was sitting right across the Rio Grande from McAllen.

Here's another shocking figure. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was able to trace the serial numbers from 383 of the rifles seized in Reynosa. Eighty percent of them were purchased from licensed firearms dealers in Texas.

Mexican instability is an American problem. Violence south of the border can easily spread to violence on this side of the border.

Moreover, the American appetite for illicit drugs is fueling the narco wars in Mexico. And guns purchased in Texas and illegally transported across the border are arming the cartels.

State Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, has introduced a measure that would raise the penalty for unlawfully carrying a weapon or transporting prohibited weapons across the border, unauthorized use of another person's motor vehicle while crossing the border and harboring a fugitive with the intent to cross the border.

All these offenses would be upgraded to second-degree felonies.

Given the gravity of the situation in Mexico, those are appropriate changes to Texas law. But the more important issue doesn't have to do with state law or even federal law. It has to do with the manpower to enforce those laws.

Firearm tracing through the ATF's Project Gunrunner provides valuable information about the flow of weapons into Mexico. Unfortunately, southbound inspections by the Customs and Border Patrol to stop that flow is inappropriately funded as only a minor facet of border security.

That needs to change. Congress and the Obama administration need to put more emphasis on uncovering weapons transfers before they reach Mexico, and the administration is vowing to do so.

That's a necessary commitment. Tougher laws are only as effective as their enforcement. In the case of gunrunning, an ounce of prevention on the U.S. side could stop tons of weaponry from reaching the drug cartels and creating havoc on both sides of the border.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be too caught up in Your love, Lord, to worry about past problems.

Amen

A case of prosecutorial corruption

Corruption is a bad thing wherever you find it, and no profession or institution, from churches on Main Street to banks on Wall Street, is immune. You've got people who abuse the trust of shareholders and people who abuse the trust of voters; you've got cops who abuse their badges and professors who abuse their tenure. But in my book there is a special place by the devil's side for corrupt prosecutors.

We depend on prosecutors to pursue corruption, to punish it and not practice it. When they themselves become corrupt, the system breaks down altogether, as it did in the investigation and trial of Ted Stevens.

I'm not a fan of the long-serving Republican senator known for bringing home the goodies to Alaska. He was convicted on seven counts arising out of his failure to report some \$250,000 in goods and services on his Senate ethics form. Not to minimize that, but \$250,000 is chump change compared to what Stevens, who sponsored the bridge to nowhere, earmarked for Alaska.

But Stevens, like every defendant — Republican or Democrat, Christian or Muslim, corrupt or not — deserved a fair trial, in which the goal of the prosecutors is supposed to be justice not victory, in which the rules require that the government prove

its case and the defense test it. A critical aspect of that process is the government's obligation to disclose evidence in its possession to the defense, especially evidence that might be used by the defense to cross-examine key witnesses and undercut the government's case.

The Stevens prosecutors failed to do so. Repeatedly.

Judge Emmet Sullivan, not known as a left-leaning, defense-loving liberal, chastised the government, excluded evidence and tried to fashion remedies as he went along, all the while making clear his grave dismay with the prosecution. Stevens was convicted and lost his seat. New prosecutors were assigned to review the case. Those prosecutors found yet another example of evidentiary misconduct by the prosecutors, leading Attorney General Eric Holder to announce that the Justice Department would ask Sullivan to dismiss the case.

He did so on Tuesday, but not before giving prosecutors another lashing for having undermined his faith in the fairness of the system.

The question that interests me is not what happened to the career lawyers in the elite public integrity section, but why. The obligation to turn over evidence is something every prosecutor understands. Why not do it?

Some speculate the government was overwhelmed in dealing with Stevens' expensive and effective defense team, which opted for a speedy trial, further increasing the pressure on the government. There were tales of evidence boxes unopened and

unexamined as the trial was beginning.

But the straw that broke the camel's back, or Eric Holder's, was apparently the deliberate decision not to turn over notes of an interview with the man who was to be the government's key witness. Why?

I don't think for a minute — and no one has even suggested it — that anyone "paid off" these prosecutors to "get" Stevens. I don't think they stacked the deck against him because they were Democrats who supported his opponent, or because one of them had a personal grudge of some sort. I don't think they did it because they believed he was innocent and this was the only way to convict him. No, this particular form of corruption is insidious not because it reflects a rejection of the values of the job of being a prosecutor, but because, in its way, it is based on them.

I'm willing to bet money that when all the investigators are through (and the Court appointed its own investigator on Tuesday), the conclusion will be that the prosecutors were careless and sloppy and all of that — never underestimate the possibilities of incompetence everywhere — but that their greatest sin was their outsized desire to "win."

They believed Stevens had engaged in wrongdoing. They spent years investigating. They crossed the line not to convict an innocent man but a guilty one. It is the most common, and most insidious, form of prosecutorial corruption.

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Americans surrender in Havana

We don't hear them calling for Cuba's freedom or for at least a little less repression. We don't see them trying to meet with Cuban dissidents or making an effort to visit political prisoners. We don't see them seeking free elections. They are defenders of civil rights in the United States, but we don't hear them talking about the civil, human or voting rights of the Cuban people.

What we see are American politicians prancing around Havana and caving in to the world's oldest dictatorship. We see them embracing people who have blood on their hands.

Every time a new U.S. congressional delegation visits Cuba, we see American lawmakers surrendering the democratic principles they are supposed to stand for. It's repulsive!

Their double standards are blatant and shameless. They demand respect for human rights in countries ruled by right-wing despots, but they wear horse blinders when they ignore the atrocities of leftist dictators. These are the kind of "progressive leaders" who supported an embargo against Haiti and a boycott against South Africa, yet they want American tourists to bask in the sun of Cuban apartheid by staying in hotels, swimming at beaches, shopping at stores and eating in restaurants that are either off-limits or unaffordable for most Cubans.

The latest such delegation went to Cuba last week. After the lawmakers embarked on all the well-orchestrated tours of what the Cuban government wanted them to see, the head of the seven-member delegation of Democrats proclaimed that most of them are ready to cave in on all fronts. Without preconditions, they would have the United States establish diplomatic relations with the 50-year-long regime of the ruthless Castro brothers.

"Most of the members of our

delegation believe we need to actually normalize relations and then the details of what that means would follow," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., at a news conference in Havana. That has to go down as one of the most naive and irresponsible statements in recent history.

After decades trying to get the Castro regime to release the clenched grip that has been choking the Cuban people, Lee and her mostly African-American delegation would have us rely on the clearly nonexistent benevolence of the Castro brothers and their henchmen. If the lawmakers had bothered to meet with political prisoners, they would have found that many are black Cubans who would tell them horror stories about the racist policies of the Castro government.

Yet at this rate — and because they have such huge horse blinders on — soon we will see American politicians going to Cuba and apologizing for the United States' defending the cause of freedom!

With the American political pendulum clearly swinging to the left, a growing number of Democrats have been calling for lifting all sorts of U.S. sanctions against Cuba. But those who shamelessly would embrace the Cuban despots now also include some farm-state Republicans, who, in the interest of political expediency, shamefully have traded their historically strong posture against communism for the self-serving potential of selling rice and other agricultural products to Cuba.

The latest bipartisan effort to cave in to Havana was announced last week by a group of U.S. senators who proposed a bill that would allow most Americans to travel to Cuba, a policy that largely has been outlawed by the 47-year-long U.S. trade embargo against the communist island.

These naive, useful fools actually believe they can weaken the Castro regime by sending American tourists to Havana.

"The Cuban people certainly have heard the voice of the Castro brothers for many, many decades," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-

N.D., who is a co-sponsor of the bill, told reporters. "Having the opportunity to hear the voices of American tourists, I think, undermines the Castro regime."

Well, sir, you think wrong!

Tourists from all over the world have been going to Castro's Cuba for decades, and they have not helped the Cuban people become any freer. Dissidents still are humiliated and beaten by government-sponsored mobs. The media still are controlled totally by the regime. People are still afraid to speak freely, even with their own relatives and neighbors. Political prisoners still are held in some of the world's most inhumane dungeons for the simple "crime" of distributing books from a home library or for writing articles opposing government policies.

In fact, by benefiting from services and luxuries that are denied to the Cuban people, what tourists from around the world have done is hypocritically close their eyes to Cuban-style apartheid.

Without preconditions — without first getting the dictatorship to begin releasing its grip on the people — we would be allowing the Castro brothers to control American tourism and to use the extra cash to continue to finance the repression machine that keeps them in power.

But amazingly, that doesn't seem to be a concern for the naive American lawmakers who actually believe they are accomplishing something when they go on their revolutionary junkets in Havana and make concessions to dictators.

Even President Barack Obama, who favors lifting some Cuban sanctions, has come out in support of using the embargo as leverage to get some concessions toward democratic change.

Yet by calling for diplomatic relations before Cuba and the United States settle their differences and by lifting the travel ban for American tourists, some American lawmakers actually believe they are breaking down walls. In fact, they are keeping the Cuban people behind the old iron curtain.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Give your undivided attention to the ones with whom you wish to bond. It's a favorable time to seal partnerships for business or pleasure. This full moon in Libra also offers an invitation to make your heart known to others, and in many cases to yourself at the same time. You may suddenly realize the source of your recent joy.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is way too much information to weed through. It's easy to get lost. Let your original plan be your rudder. Also, a family member will help to keep you grounded, perhaps a Taurus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll see people succeeding in ways you think you should. Remind yourself of your strengths. Write them down. You're different in key ways and will be most successful when you capitalize on those differences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are compelled to do that strange new thing, if for no other reason than because the people around you think it can't or shouldn't be done. Once you accomplish this, the others will wonder why they didn't do it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The duties before you seem less than thrilling. You probably won't be able to get out of it, so the thing to do is to go the other way. Muster up great enthusiasm and dive in with all of your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You lost something and now you will see a way to get it back. It's so wonderful to get a second chance and you'll be wiser, too. Once you have it in your hand again, it will be yours for good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's simply not enough for you to survive life's slights. You want to excel. You're intent on making your life a masterpiece. That's why you will put in extra work and pay special attention to the details.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your motivation may be low at first, but you'll feel more energized once you get going. Waste no time looking for a magic solution or a shortcut. Do the things you know you should do and you'll be successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You keep private matters a secret until you are ready to share. Because of this, there is an air of mystery around you. Some will poke and prod into your business because they just can't stand not knowing everything!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to have a dire need in order to deserve help. Ask for assistance from the obvious places. Then ask for more help from not-so-obvious places — for instance, angels and spirit guides.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You turn in the work that's expected of you, and there is still a feeling deep inside you that you are capable of more. Go the extra mile. It won't get you promoted, but it will build your character and your confidence.

20-Feb. 18). You are getting attention, though perhaps not the kind you would prefer. It's all positive. The important thing is that people notice you. Now all you have to do is decide what you want to be noticed for and hone that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have charm to spare, but don't waste it. Expand your social horizons through church, networking groups and community functions. Singles, consider a dating seminar.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is there a better relationship out there for me than the one I'm currently in? I'm a Leo and he's a Virgo. I'm also attracted to a Pisces. Would I have a better future with the Pisces? We seem to like many of the same things."

Leo and Virgo, and Leo and Pisces are both potentially wonderful combinations. Virgo offers a true friendship and a helpful partnership. Virgos are usually virgins or companion who do their best to

pull their weight in relationships. They understand relationships take effort and work, and Virgos are often more willing to figure out how to be a better partner even when things are going well. You see, it's in Virgo's blood to strive for constant improvement.

Pisces is a different kind of connection. He's soulful and you probably get a sense that destiny is on your side when you are with Pisces. Because of his sensitivity he notices things about you that

other people wouldn't and acknowledges your unique personhood, which feels good. You might consider, dear Leo, that you're not totally ready to be with only one person. Perhaps you should play the field a bit and worry less about whom you will ultimately wind up with.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Elle Fanning began her career playing the younger version of her older sister, Dakota. At 4 years old she booked her first role indepen-

dent of her sister and this Aries is well on her way to superstardom, too. She recently starred with Felicity Huffman in "Phoebe in Wonderland." Elle Fanning's sun, Mercury, Mars and Saturn are all in Aries, the sign of youthful energy.

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Regular prostate cancer check-ups increase early detection

Every three minutes a man in the United States is diagnosed with prostate cancer. Although the cause of prostate cancer is still unclear, regular testing can detect the disease, making it easier to treat and more likely to cure.

The prostate gland creates a fluid that is part of the formation of semen. About the size of a walnut, the prostate gland is located in front of the rectum, and physicians are able to feel it during a rectal examination. Prostate cancer has no symptoms in the early stages. When symptoms arise they can include:

- Dull pain in the lower pelvic area;
- Problems with urination, weakened urine flow, blood in the urine or semen;
- Painful ejaculation;
- Pain in the bones, lower torso and upper thighs; and
- Loss of appetite and weight.



DR.
SCOTT W.
BARCLAY

After age 50, the likelihood of a man being diagnosed with prostate cancer greatly increases. In fact, more than 70 percent of the prostate cancer cases are diagnosed in men over age 65.

Family history may also play a role in the risk of prostate cancer. A man's chance of being diagnosed doubles if his father or brother had the disease. If several family members have been diagnosed, the risk is even greater.

Race is another factor linked to prostate cancer diagnoses. Though it is not known why, African Americans are diagnosed 70 percent more often than white Americans, and diagnosis of African Americans usually occurs when the cancer is in a more advanced stage.

Typically, men should begin testing for prostate cancer at age 50. However, those who are at a higher risk should begin being tested as early as ages 40 to 45. Two tests are performed to check for prostate cancer, and men should have these tests done yearly. A prostate-specific

antigen (PSA) blood test will show the levels of PSA in a man's blood. PSA is made by the prostate gland. High PSA levels suggest that prostate cancer may be present. Sometimes though, men with normal PSA levels are diagnosed with the disease.

During the second test, a digital rectal examination (DRE), physicians are able to feel if the prostate is abnormal in some way, such as size or hardness.

Abnormalities in these tests do not automatically point to cancer. Often other benign conditions may be diagnosed, such as benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). BPH is a disease that causes the urethra to narrow and the prostate to enlarge, resulting in difficulty urinating. It is a misconception that BPH is related to prostate cancer: that is not true. There is no correlation between the two.

If a slow-growing tumor is found, sometimes a patient will have the option to forego surgery. However, a recent study found that when prostate cancer tumors are left untreated, they become dead-

Health Fair 2009 is coming

Be sure to visit the 2009 Big Spring Health Fair, Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College Campus. Along with its many other offerings, Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be providing 100 free PSA blood tests — so get there early!

lier after 15 years. A wide array of treatment options typical exists for early diagnosed prostate cancer though. Depending on the stage (where the cancer is located and how large a tumor it is), the treatment option can range from observation all the way to complete removal of the prostate.

In addition to screening, men can take precautions to prevent prostate cancer. One potential risk that can be controlled is diet. It is recommended that men eat at least five servings daily of healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Tomatoes of any kind (fresh, sauces, ketchup, etc.), pink grapefruit and watermelon are especially beneficial because they contain lycopenes, which are antioxidants, and have been

linked to prostate cancer prevention.

Prostate cancer affects more than 230,000 men each year, but regular testing and healthy eating habits are important tools to fight the disease. If you have questions or concerns about prostate cancer, contact your physician.

Dr. Scott Barclay recently joined the Family Medical Center team of physicians with a new office on the second floor of the Malone & Hogan Clinic, "Cornerstone Family & Sports Medicine." Dr. Barclay is a board-certified and experienced family practitioner and is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 264-6361 or visit www.BigSpringDoc.com for more information.

KBSB has internship grant available during the summer

Keep Big Spring Beautiful has announced a \$5,000 internship grant for the summer.

Funds for the grant are being donated by Jim Conlsey, a 1952 graduate of Big Spring High School, in honor of his father, Dan Conley.

Dan Conley, a longtime Big Spring educator who was involved in writing the BSHS song, served as band director and vocal music director in his early years with the Big Spring Independent School District.

The grant recipient must be a BSHS student or recent graduate who completes a project that improves, cleans up and/or beautifies an area within the city of Big Spring. The student will plan, organize and

supervise the project using some of the grant funds or otherwise donated materials and labor. The student will be required to keep pictorial and written documentation of the work as it progresses. The documentation will be consolidated into booklet form to be entered in a Keep Texas Beautiful state competition at a later date.

Entry forms are available from Shannon Stuteville at the Student Services offices at Big Spring High School. All entries must be returned to the Student Services Office by April 30.

For more information contact Keep Big Spring Beautiful member Janelle Davis at 267-5745.

Quake death toll rises to 279

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — This quake ravaged medieval city took a limping step toward normalcy Thursday as some shopkeepers reopened for business, three days after a deadly earthquake made the historic center uninhabitable and halted nearly all economic activity.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the death toll from Italy's worst quake in three decades had reached 279, including 20 children and teens. The government also has increased the sum allocated for emergency aid to €100 million (\$132.73 million) and Berlusconi said quake reconstruction will cost several billion euros.

Strong aftershocks overnight rattled residents — nearly 18,000 of whom are living in tent camps around the stricken region. An additional 10,000 have been put up in seaside hotels, out of the quake zone, and the Italian rail-

way provided heated sleeping cars at L'Aquila's main train station, where nearly 700 people spent the night.

New activity was evident across the city, as pharmacies, grocery stores, butchers, and hardware stores began operating.

Antonio Nardecchia opened up his family's meat stall selling roasted chickens and sausages just outside the crumbled walls of L'Aquila's historic center. The 32-year-old said business was slow.

"We opened up today to try to sell some meat before it spoils," Nardecchia said. "I don't see much of a future. It is not like everything is going to start again tomorrow."

A bakery in a one-story cement block building was a testament to survival amid semi-collapsed houses.

Inside, Evelina Cruciani, 59,

made sandwiches with thick slices of freshly-baked bread, ham and mozzarella cheese, and gave them to hungry aid workers or sold them to others less in need for € a piece.

She also sold a seasonal specialty, small loaves of sweet bread traditionally eaten on Easter Sunday with salami. "We need to keep tradition alive," Cruciani said resolutely. "L'Aquila must not die."

Because of the bakery's sturdy construction, Cruciani has been able to keep the doors open ever since Monday's 6.3-magnitude temblor, while the owners baked bread in ovens at a facility nearby.

Not everyone was able to escape the predawn temblor with their wallets, meaning some in the tent cities needed to rely on aid until they could get access to their belongings or bank accounts.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

The New Anti-Semitism

Who are its advocates? What are its goals?

The Holocaust, in which over six million Jews were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their enthusiastic collaborators, happened over 60 years ago. So terrific were the events that — even today, about two generations later — nobody would wish to identify himself with them. Yet, a new anti-Semitism is now rearing its head. It is important to be aware of it.

What are the facts?

Who are the new anti-Semites? The new anti-Semites do not publicly proclaim their desire to bring about a second Holocaust or to subject the Jews to mass murder or annihilation. The hatred is aimed against the state of Israel, which, according to the new anti-Semites, represents all that is evil in the world and which is the main violator of human rights and guilty of virtually every other abuse that can be conceived. This poison is now so widespread that a poll taken in Europe not too long ago found Israel to be the greatest menace to the peace of the world — far ahead of such murderous regimes as those of Iran or of North Korea.

The leaders and instigators of this new anti-Semitism are concentrated on the political left, its most active and vocal spokesmen being found in our prestige universities. Such is the anti-Zionist (anti-Semitic) focus of the left that, almost incomprehensibly, it includes a fair number of Jewish professors and other "intellectuals," not just here in the United States, but even in Israel itself.

Those on the extreme left call for the abolition of the State of Israel outright, although they do not tell us what they propose to do with the five million Israeli Jews. They would presumably be left to the tender mercies of the Arabs, who would, of course, have no greater joy than to emulate or perhaps even to "improve" on the Nazi model and to give "final solution(!)" to the Jewish problem" once and for all. That isn't going to happen, of course, not because anybody in the world would lift a finger to prevent it, but because, fortunately, Israel is a very strong and most capable nation.

A death wish for Israel. In deference to "world opinion" and also to the wishes of the United States, Israel has allowed itself to be pressured into innumerable concessions to those who are sworn to destroy it. But it seems clear that, when the chips are really down, a most decisive

response on the part of Israel can be expected. With the possible exception of Carthage during the Punic Wars, almost 2500 years ago, no country in the world, no country in recorded history, has ever been threatened with extinction. Israel is the one exception. Fueled by the extreme left, the "legitimacy" of Israel is a constant topic of discussion. The abolition of the "Zionist entity" gets serious attention, even in the hallowed halls of the United Nations.

Iran feverishly pursues the Holy Grail of atomic weapons. Its president has publicly declared — not once, but repeatedly — that Israel is a "tumor" that must be excised and that it must be wiped off the map of the world. Medium-range missiles (so far, fortunately without atomic warheads) are being paraded through the streets of Teheran, with signs attached to them, shamelessly giving their destination as Jerusalem. A few eyebrows are being raised around the world, but otherwise nothing is being done about it.

Because the memory of the Nazi Holocaust still lingers after all these years, the new anti-Semitism is disguised as the socially more acceptable "anti-Zionism." It is pursued and propagated by the radical left. Every leftist demonstration — be it about the war in Iraq, against globalization, or against whatever else — does inevitably include appeals against "Israeli subjugation of the Palestinians," the "occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel," or simply asks for the elimination of Israel. Sadly, quite a few Jews, having been saturated with leftism from their early years, participate in such demonstrations.

While the propagation of the new anti-Semitism by prestige universities started in Europe (mostly in England), it has found fertile ground in the universities of the United States. The active participation in the new anti-Semitism by the American clergy (beginning with the Presbyterians) is a scandalous reality.

Surely, not everybody who criticizes Israel is an anti-Semite. The actions of Israel, just as the actions of any other countries, are subject to examination and criticism. But the viciousness, volume and consistency of this criticism against Israel is such that it cannot be considered as anything but anti-Semitism — the new anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism. The foolish professors and the hypocritical preachers are besotted by their leftism and by their hatred against Israel and America. Overt vilification of America has to remain muted — it's somewhat dangerous to be too outspoken about it — but Israel, perceived as the satrap and the handmaiden of the United States in the Middle East, is an easy target. Nobody should be fooled. Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism in whichever way it may be disguised.

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SHS students compete at district academics meet

Special to the Herald

WINK — Stanton High School students competed at the District 1-1A Academics Meet in Wink recently.

Four SHS students qualified for the upcoming regional University Interscholastic League meet with their performance at the district level. They are Michael Church (number sense),

Josh Powell (computer applications), Caleb Ramsey (ready writing) and Kristen Graves (editorial writing).

The regional meet will be held at South Plains College in Levelland April 24.

Following are individual results from Stanton High School students competing in the district meet in Wink:

- Computer applications — Josh Powell,

second; Kristen Graves,

fourth.

- Editorial writing —

Kristen Graves, third.

- Mathematics —

Stephen Reyes, fourth;

Michael Church, sixth.

- Number sense —

Michael Church, second.

- Poetry interpretation —

Anna Smith, fourth.

- Ready writing —

Caleb Ramsey, third.

- Science — Ethan

Mauldin, sixth.

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Howard College's Miles Hamblin (left) slides safely into third as part of a double steal in a WJCAC game April 9 at Jack Barber Field. Hamblin has homered in five straight games for Howard.

Hawks roll WBU, improve to 36-0

Herald Staff Report

PLAINVIEW — With some key Western Junior College Athletic Conference games looming, the Howard College Hawks baseball team used a pair of games against Wayland Baptist University as tune ups.

The No. 1 Hawks remained perfect on the season, cruising to wins in both games, 11-4 and 12-1.

Howard treated both games as bullpen sessions on the mound. Six pitchers manned the rubber in the first game and four more threw in the second.

In Game 1, Anthony Collazo got the start and the win. Hunter Hill, Marvin Prestridge, David De La Chapelle and Burch Smith also saw action.

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Blazers beat Spurs, get playoff boost

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Brandon Roy walked out of the shower after what he called the biggest road win of his NBA career and proclaimed, "What's our road record? We're road warriors!"

Um, Brandon, it's 19-21 — but for the young Portland Trail Blazers, they can brag about this one.

Roy scored 26 points and Portland won in San Antonio for the first time since 2002 with a 95-83 victory, moving the Trail Blazers into a three-way tie with the Spurs and Houston for the third-best record in the West with just four games remaining.

Stuck among the bottom seeds in the playoff hunt for weeks, Portland has won six of seven to emerge as a serious contender for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs — where the Trail Blazers haven't been since 2003.

"We've been one of the toughest teams in the league, in April, and they needed a win," Roy said. "So we got to use it if we want it to be something special."

See **SPURS**, Page 11

Ramirez leads Cubs over Astros, 11-6

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Cubs manager Lou Piniella joked with Ted Lilly that he picked the right night to have a mediocre start.

Lilly gave up five runs in five innings but it was good enough to earn the win in Chicago's 11-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Aramis Ramirez and Mike Arnot drove in four runs apiece. Kosuke Fukudome had four hits and scored a career-high four runs for Chicago, which won an opening series for the first time since it took two of three from the New York Mets to begin the 2003 season.

Piniella knows Lilly can pitch much better.

See **ASTROS**, Page 11

Mavs clinch

Win over Utah puts Dallas in NBA playoffs

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

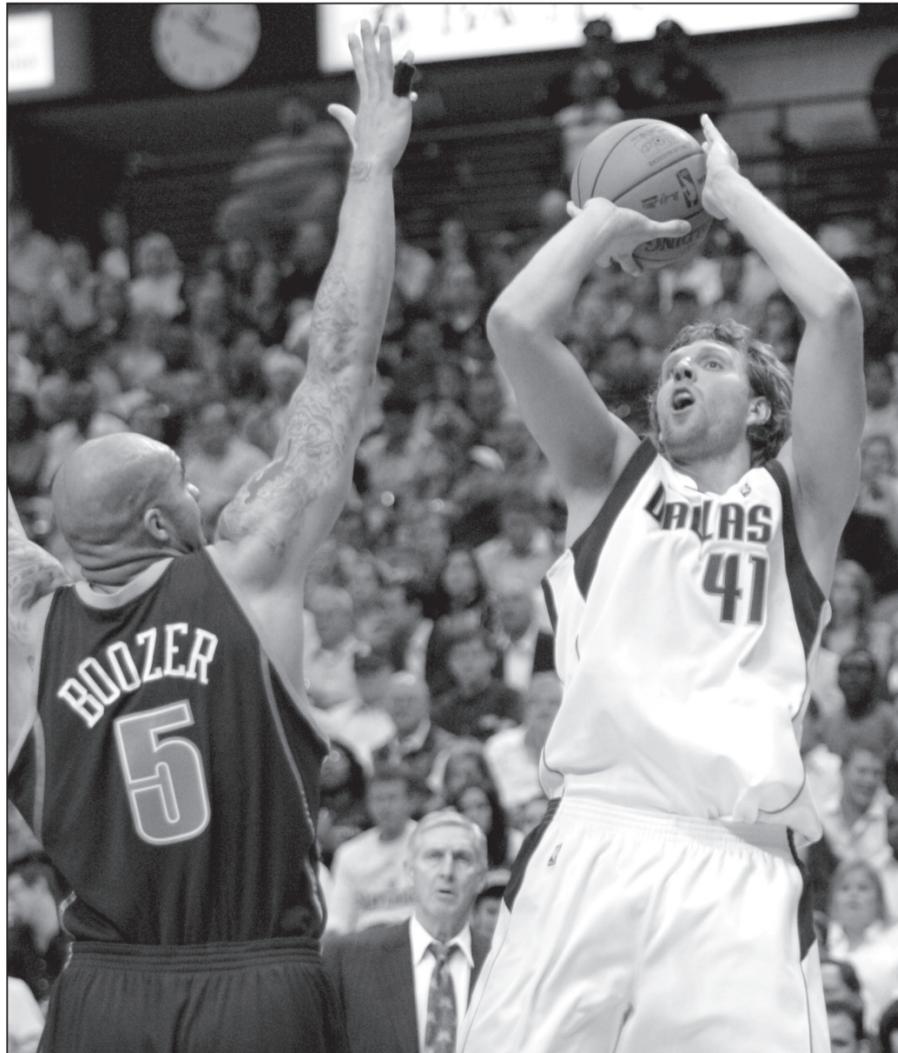
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — With their spot in the playoffs secured, now the Dallas Mavericks can work on trying to avoid a first-round series against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points, a dozen in a row at one point, and Josh Howard overcame a bloody nose and swollen eye to add 13 points and a career-high seven steals as the Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 130-101 on Wednesday night to clinch the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"If we continue to win, we have a real opportunity to move up," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "So that is the challenge."

See **MAVS**, Page 11



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks forward shoots over Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer in NBA action Wednesday in Dallas. The Mavericks defeated the Jazz, 130-101, clinching a spot in the NBA playoffs for a ninth consecutive season.

Andrus, Cruz carry Rangers past Indians

By DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus reached the majors so soon because the Texas Rangers thought he could help shore up their infield defense.

The rookie showed Wednesday night that he can hit a little, too.

Andrus hit his first career homer, and Nelson Cruz added

two solo shots and three RBIs to lead the Rangers past the Cleveland Indians 8-5.

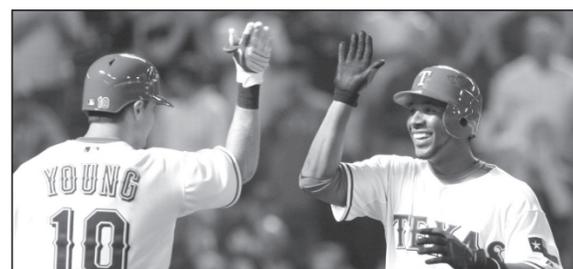
"I said that the kid was not going to be an out," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We've got nine guys in our lineup who can get you. Elvis is not going to hit many home runs. But every now and then, he's going to catch one."

The 20-year-old Andrus, who is

3-for-8 to start the season, was in Double-A last season and he got the shortstop job before the season started. Five-time All-Star Michael Young moved to third base to accommodate Andrus.

The rookie showed off his defense in the opener Monday by starting two double plays.

See **RANGERS**, Page 11



AP photo

Texas Rangers rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus celebrates after hitting a homer with teammate Michael Young in the Rangers' 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians Wednesday in Arlington.

Sports in brief

Notification from BSISD Athletic Dept. on athletes needing physicals

The Big Spring ISD Athletic Department is only accepting physical forms with the revised date of Jan. 6, 2009, as per UIL requirements.

All other forms will not be accepted, so parents need to be sure they have the correct form filled out when taking their child for a physical.

Physicals are required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade students and are due in the athletic trainer's office before the first day of practice of any sport.

No plans have been made to have mass physicals, so it is the parents' responsibility to take their child to a doctor of their choice.

Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registration and baseball tryouts April 18 at Roy Anderson Complex.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tryouts starting at 2 p.m.

Players must be within the age range of 13-15 years old.

If a child is currently 12 and turns 13 by April 30, he or she is eligible to play. A 15 year old must not turn 16 by April 30. Birth certificates are required to sign up.

Cost is \$90 per child with no fund raiser.

Anyone interested in coaching or for more information, contact Shelli Harrington at 264-6501 or e-mail her at soccermom077@yahoo.com.

For more information on sponsorship, contact Verna Davis at 267-8003 or 425-2325.

Golf tournament to benefit KBSB set for April 18

The fifth annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for April 18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

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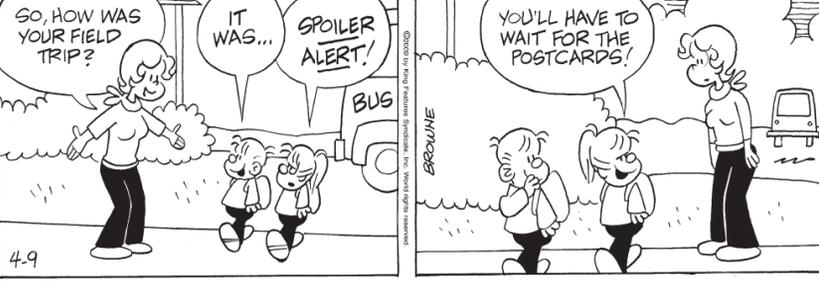
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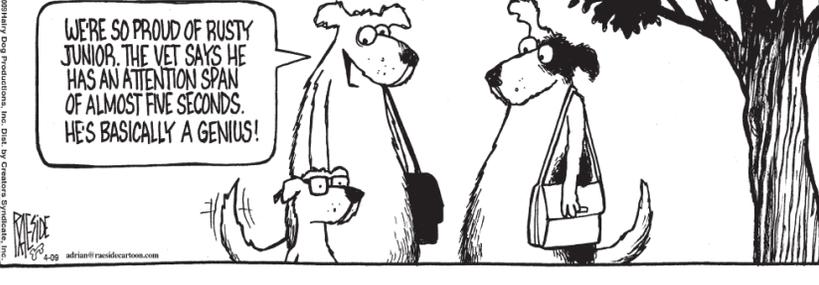
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Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 2009. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on April 9, 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

On this date: In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark.

and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March which claimed thousands of lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, American architect Frank Lloyd Wright died in Phoenix at age 91.

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1983, the Space Shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1988, pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim hijackers who had seized a Kuwait Airways jetliner on April 5 killed one of their hostages as the plane sat on the ground in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Art Van Damme is 89. Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 83. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 77. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 76. Actress

Michael Learned is 70. Country

singer Margo Smith is 67. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 56. Actor Dennis Quaid is 55. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 54. Golfer Severiano Ballesteros is 52. Country musician Dave

Innis (Restless Heart) is 50. Actress-sports reporter Lisa Guerrero is 45. Actor Mark Pellegrino is 44. Actress-model

Paulina Porizkova is 44. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 43. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 40. Rock singer Gerard Way

(My Chemical Romance) is 32. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 30.

© 2009 The Associated Press. Football player Jeff Reed is 30. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 29. Actor Ryan Northcott is 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

TABS	KATE	ROME
ORAL	EMIT	AWASH
TINY	YOKO	FLUTE
OAK	SPRING	FEVER
VITAE	ALTERS	
BEADED	ACMES	
ADULT	SELES	JAY
RELY	CIGAR	CUBE
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| ACROSS | 56 Sum symbol | 7 Menachem's co-Nobelist | 37 Nashville music |
| 1 Verbal zinger | 58 "Funny!" | 8 Lived | 38 Use a chaise longue |
| 5 Fictional captain | 59 Unpleasant burden | 9 Reached a peak | 41 Freaks out |
| 9 Jai alai basket | 60 Pleasure vessel | 10 Sushi choice | 42 Base vehicle |
| 14 Toast topper | 61 Where the batter goes | 11 Good-for-nothing | 44 Wealth |
| 15 Unaccompanied | 62 Arrange | 12 "So long!" | 45 '60s UN leader |
| 16 Sideline athlete's program | 63 Partake of | 13 "Not on ___!" | 47 Barrel component |
| 17 Unaccompanied | 64 Annoyance | 21 Gulper's sound | 48 Native American craft |
| 18 Three-time Holyfield opponent | 65 Counting-out word | 22 Car-lot cars | 49 Complete reversal |
| 19 Handpicked | | 27 They're with us | 50 Full of pizzazz |
| 20 Get a new owner | | 28 Preserved with VHS | 51 Lieutenant: Abbr. |
| 23 14 Across, nutritionwise | | 29 Sty denizen | 52 Colorado tributary |
| 24 Clinton's instrument | | 30 Eternities | 54 Denny's rival |
| 25 Fabricator | | 31 Be indulgent | 55 Forfeit |
| 26 California, e.g. | | 32 Has papers for | 57 Word: Fr. |
| 28 Means of escape | | 33 Run amok | |
| 29 Detected | | 34 Trusted friends | |
| 32 Borneo beast | | 35 Summertime quest | |
| 35 "So long!" | | | |
| 36 Sag | | | |
| 37 Feline's defense | | | |
| 39 Lacks existence | | | |
| 40 "This is getting tiresome!" | | | |
| 42 James Gang name | | | |
| 43 First thing to do | | | |
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MAVS

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With four games left, Dallas matched the Jazz at 47-31 for seventh place and evened the season series. They are within a game of sixth-place New Orleans, which lost at home to Phoenix.

The Mavericks play their next two games against the Hornets, first in Dallas on Friday night before going to New Orleans on Sunday.

After Utah closed within 73-64 when Deron Williams made a free throw to convert a three-point play midway through the third, Nowitzki scored 12 consecutive points for the Mavs — and 15 of their last 18 in the quarter.

Utah never recovered, not that the Jazz threatened all that much

anyway.

The push for Dallas is to miss opening the playoffs in Los Angeles against Kobe Bryant's team. Dallas is 0-3 this season against the Lakers (62-16).

Since a 107-102 loss at 22-win Memphis on Friday night, the Mavericks have had their highest-scoring two-game stretch in more than five years. They won 140-116 Sunday against Phoenix, the team they eliminated from playoff contention by beating the Jazz.

Howard, who missed 12 of the previous 15 games with a sore left ankle, sustained a cut near his left eye and a bloody nose when he was popped in the face attempting a shot with four minutes left in the first quarter.

Howard didn't return until four minutes into the second quarter. He had to leave again early in the second half, but came back.

After Nowitzki's spurt to end the

third quarter that pushed Dallas in front by 19, he and Howard sat the rest of the game.

Jason Kidd had two of his 10 assists in the Nowitzki run. There was a near handoff in traffic that led to Nowitzki's 15-footer, then a couple of possessions later after Kidd moved into the lane with the help of a pick from Nowitzki, he kicked it back out to the 7-foot German for another long jumper.

Things were going so well for Nowitzki that his 3-pointer rattled off the rim, bounced high in the air and then fell through to close his run.

Erick Dampier had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Dallas, and backup guard J.J. Barea added 18 points with a season-high nine assists.

Williams scored 18 points to lead all five Utah starters in double figures, and also had 12 assists. Andrei Kirilenko had 17 points.

RANGERS

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Andrus homered off Rafael Betancourt in the sixth.

Ben Francisco homered for the Indians, who have been outscored 17-6 by Texas in the series.

Cruz led off the second inning with a home run off Fausto Carmona (0-1), who allowed six runs and seven hits in five innings. Cruz added another shot off reliever Rafael Perez in the seventh that landed in the second level of seats in left.

Vicente Padilla (1-0), the Rangers' win leader with 14 in 2008, allowed four hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings to help the Rangers open 2-0 for the first time since 2000. Frank Francisco pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save.

"It's always good to start with wins," Cruz said. "Since spring training, everybody has talked about being together and supporting one another."

SPURS

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The slumping Spurs, who have lost four of six, blew a 19-point lead in the first half and surrendered the season series to Portland 3-1.

Roger Mason had 18 points as the Spurs lost for the first time since

learning this week that Manu Ginobili will miss the playoffs because of an ankle injury.

Tim Duncan, bothered by aching knees since the All-Star break, scored four points in 24 minutes in his first back-to-back stint in nearly six weeks. He was put back in the game with 7:40 left with the Spurs down by seven, then was pulled after he appeared stiff while awkwardly reaching for a loose ball seconds later.

The Spurs had been holding out Duncan in back-to-backs since March, trying to keep the two-time MVP fresh for a postseason that figures to be even tougher now without Ginobili.

The Spurs are in danger of letting home-court advantage in the first round slip away after holding the second-best record in the West for most of the season.

San Antonio, which has another big West showdown Friday against

Utah.

Portland, meanwhile, is surging. One night after struggling early at Memphis, the Trail Blazers again came out flat in falling behind by 19 before storming back to wrap up a four-game road swing at 3-1. They also won in San Antonio for the first time in 12 tries.

It was the 50th win for Portland, a mark the Blazers haven't reached since 2002-03.

ASTROS

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"He's a little behind," Piniella said. "His location is not good. When he should be missing down, he's missing up in the zone. And today the wind was blowing out to left field and they got a hold of a few of them."

Lilly (1-0) allowed eight hits, struck out three and walked none.

"We're going to score a lot of runs, there's no doubt about it," he said. "But I don't know if we're going to score 11 every night. I want to be prepared when we don't and I need to limit the opposing club to two runs, or whatever is necessary to get the 'W.'"

Lance Berkman and Ivan Rodriguez connected for Houston, which finished with five homers. Jeff Keppinger, Kaz Matsui and Hunter Pence also went deep.

Chicago scored four runs in the first and second. Ramirez, Fontenot and Ryan Theriot had RBI singles and Derrek Lee doubled in a run in the first. Ramirez singled in a run in the second before Fontenot's three-run homer made it 8-0.

Brian Moehler (0-1) allowed seven runs and eight hits in just 1 2-3 innings, reinforcing concerns that the Astros' rotation is shaky behind ace Roy Oswalt.

"I just didn't have it tonight," Moehler said. "We battled back a little but I stunk up the place, bottom line."

He was replaced by Russ Ortiz, Houston's fifth starter who is working in long relief until his first scheduled start. He pitched three innings and allowed four hits and three runs.

"Russ threw the ball pretty well," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "He might have run out of gas a little. I might have stayed with him a little too long."

Keppinger and Berkman hit back-to-back homers to make it 8-2 in the third inning. Keppinger, who was acquired in a trade with Cincinnati a week ago and drove in the winning run on Tuesday, got his first start for Houston.

"Keppinger is going to do a lot of things for us this year," Cooper said. "He's a professional hitter."

Rodriguez's two-run shot to the Crawford Boxes in left field cut it to 8-4 in the fourth inning. But Ramirez doubled in Alfonso Soriano and Fukudome in the fifth to restore Chicago's six-run lead.

Ramirez went 4-for-6 and Fukudome also had a solo drive in the ninth.

"He's been working on his hitting, believe me, been working hard," Piniella said of Fukudome. "Today, my gosh. This is the best game he's had here in two years."

HAWKS

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Zach Neal was the winner of Game 2 as he got the starting nod. Dylan Cacciola, Kane Kimrey and Duncan McGee also pitched at least a frame in a game called after the fifth inning via the 10-run mercy rule.

Shining at the plate was catcher Miles Hamblin. Hamblin, who has committed to play at the University of Mississippi in the fall, has homered in the last five games, including one in both games of Tuesday's doubleheader.

He leads the Hawks with 12 home runs on the season and is second on the team in RBI with 48. He knocked in six runs Tuesday.

The Hawks pick up WJCAC play Friday with the first two games of a four-game series with New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. The series wraps Saturday with another doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. First pitch for both days is scheduled for noon.

Bryan Johns, Hamblin 3, Popescu, Caleb Nine 2, Calhoun, Davis 2; WBU - Russell Daniel, Parnell. SB: HC - Davis 3, Leftridge 3, Johns 2, Tommy Vukovich, Caleb Nine. LOB: HC 5, WBU 9.

Game 2
Howard 12, Wayland 1
HC 253 20-12 10 0
WBU 000 10-1 3 0

Zach Neal, Dylan Cacciola (2), Kane Kimrey (4), Duncan McGee (5) and Monk Kreder. Jason Kimzey, Steve Lookingbill (2) and Russell Daniel. W - Neal (8-0). L - Kimzey. 2B: HC - Nick Popescu 2, Tommy Vukovich. 3B: HC - Bryan Johns. HR: HC - Miles Hamblin, Joe Leftridge. RBI: HC - Vukovich 3, Popescu 2, Hamblin 3, Johns, Leftridge 3. SB: Caleb Nine 2, Vukovich, Hamblin. LOB: HC 6, WBU 4.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Oh, Those Computer Deals

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ —
♥ A Q 10 9
♦ A K 10 9 3
♣ A K 6 5

WEST
♠ K 10 4
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ 8 5
♣ J 10 8 2

EAST
♠ Q J 9 6 5 2
♥ —
♦ Q J 6
♣ Q 9 7 4

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

The bidding:
North East South West
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
5 NT Pass 6 ♣ Pass
7 ♥

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Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Nowadays, nearly all pair events at sectional and higher-rated tournaments use computer-generated hands, which allows the same hands to be played at hundreds of tables. But since the introduction of this practice in 1963, many players have complained that such deals are not "normal" — that is, the distribution of the cards is not in accordance with expected probabilities.
Nothing could be further from the truth, however. In fact, as has been demonstrated in dozens of test trials since the first computer began spewing out hands, the deals gener-

ated by its random program are more in keeping with mathematical expectations than those dealt by its less-than-perfect-shuffling human counterparts.
This is not to say, though, that the computer doesn't produce a real doozy every now and then. Today's deal, from a tournament some years ago, provided a challenging test in both the bidding and play.
North's five-notrump bid was the "grand slam force" agreeing on hearts as trump, and asked South to bid seven if he held two of the top three heart honors. In this case, where North knew his partner could not hold two such honors, the bid was designed to find out if South had the king. South's six-club response said that he didn't have two top honors, but he did have the ace or king, and North duly bid the grand slam.
West led a club to dummy's ace, and declarer cashed the heart ace, disclosing the 4-0 trump split. Unfazed, South continued with the club king, discarding a diamond, and then ruffed a club in his hand. A low heart to dummy's nine was followed by the A-K and another diamond, establishing dummy's 10-9 as declarer ruffed with the king.
The ace of spades was next cashed, South discarding dummy's last club, after which declarer led his remaining heart to dummy's ten. The queen of hearts then extracted West's jack, and the grand slam was home.
Oh, those computer deals!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Come Join Us In Celebration of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

East Side Baptist Church

1108 E. 6th
267-1915

Sunday • April 12th
Listen to the Easter Bunny tell
The Resurrection Story &
Special Music and Easter Message at 10:45 am

Celebre el dia de Pascua con Nosotros
Estudio Biblico
9:00 am
Adoración
10:00 am

Conferencias Biblicas del Permian Basin
Tema Central: La Juventud en Crisis
Sabado, Abril 11, 2009
de 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Habrá clases para todas las edades.
Los esperamos!

Iglesia de Cristo
11th Place and Birdwell Lane

Celebrate Easter With Us

First United Methodist Church

4th & Scurry
Big Spring, Texas

**Easter Sunday
April 12**

"Brand New Day - Brand New Life"

Traditional Worship - 8:30 am
Brunch - 9:30 am
Celebration Worship - 10:50 am

Where families grow in Christ



HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

267-1639 2000 W. FM 700

Pastor, Elwin Collom

EASTER SERVICES
AM Service • 11:00 A.M.
PM Service • 6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 11,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m.
Comanche Trail Park,
Old Settlers Pavilion

For children 2-10 years of age

**Games! Inflatable Bounce House!
Face Painting! Prize eggs!
Hot Dogs & Drinks!**

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE,
Sunday, 10 a.m.**

First Church of the Nazarene



1400 Lancaster
Big Spring, TX 79720

**Easter
Sunday**



Service

He Is Risen!



SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES:
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:30 AM
WORSHIP.....10:45 AM
EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00 PM

*Celebrate The Easter Miracle
At Our New Location*

501 N. Birdwell Lane #30 (432) 714-4584
Located at the College Park Center www.springcreekfellowship.org

Hours

Easter Services

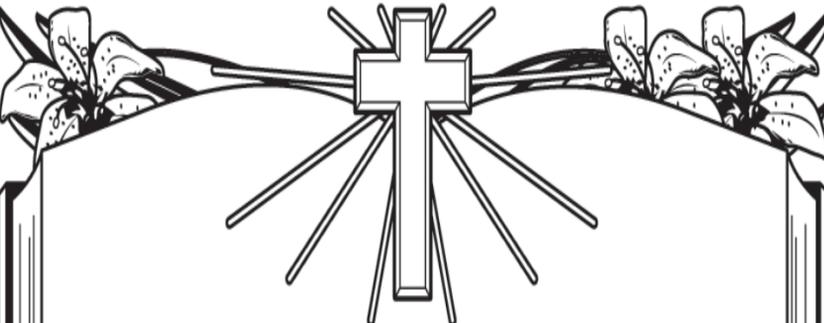
CHURCH BANQUET
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009 • 7:00 P.M.
Colorado City Civic Center
215 W. 2nd St., Colorado City, Tx.

EASTER PROGRAM
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009
11:00 A.M.

Join Us At The
House Of Hope Community Church
200 W. 17th St., Colorado City, Tx
Rev. Floyd Green, Jr., Pastor

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**Attend
The
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**Come Celebrate Easter
at
Trinity Baptist Church**

Hear the Choir
Sing The Cantata
"Amazing Grace - My Chains
Are Gone"

Hear the special
Easter sermon by
Pastor
Randy Cotton

Morning Worship
10:30 AM To 12:00 Noon

**810 E. 11th
Big Spring, TX.**

**HIS TOMB IS EMPTY -
HIS HOUSE
SHOULD BE FULL**



**JOYFUL
EASTER
WISHES**

