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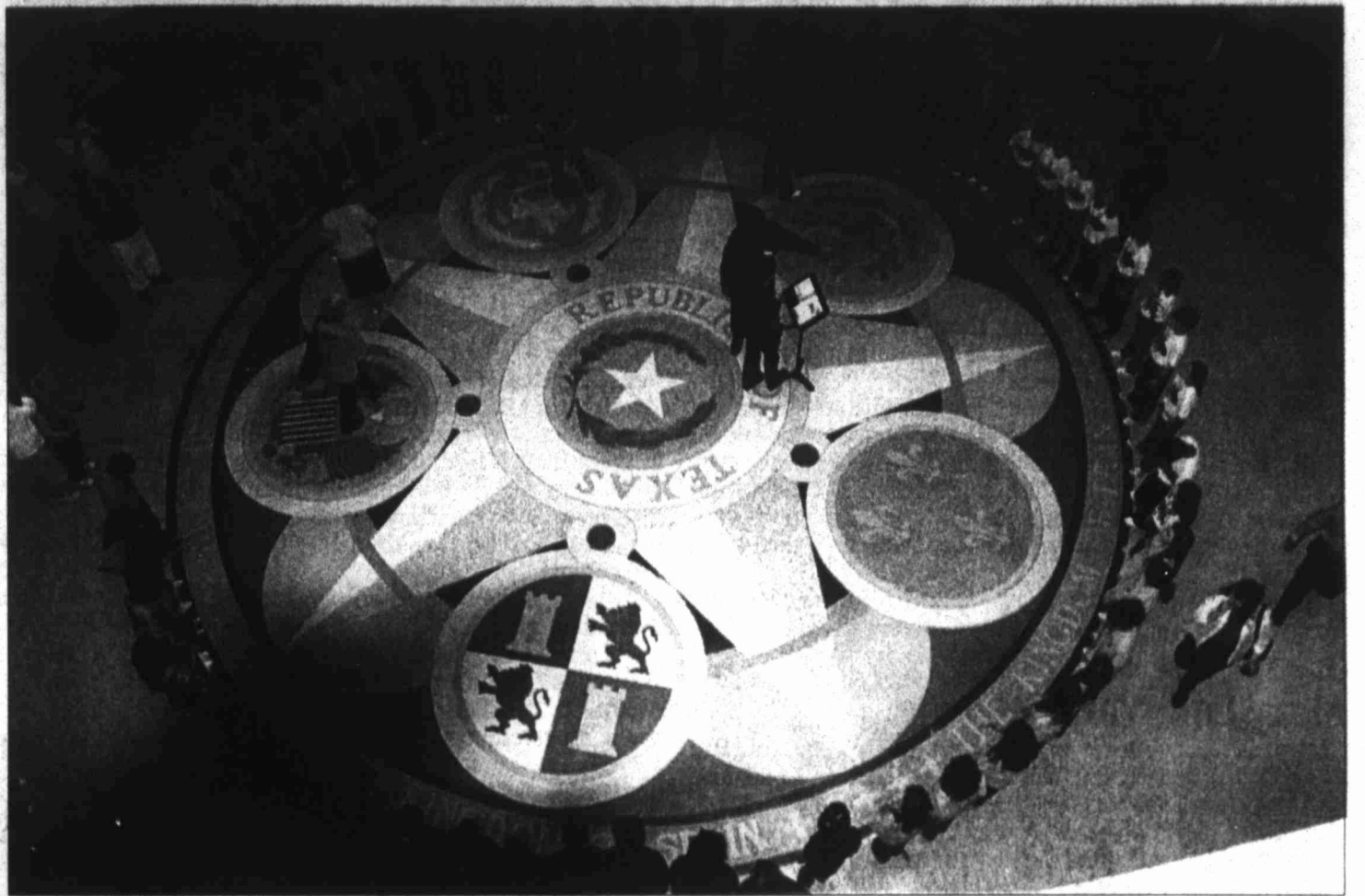
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Our day in Austin

*Big Spring area
residents show up
in force at state capitol*



By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Howard County residents seemingly brought everything with them for Big Spring Day in Austin Wednesday.

They brought numbers, as in about 250 area residents who descended on the grounds of the Texas Capitol.

They brought music, in the form of a children's choir composed of fourth graders from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools who performed under the Capitol Rotunda.

They brought the always-popular Blue Bell Ice Cream giveaway, which was a big hit with visitors and passersby.

And they even brought beautiful weather.

In all, it made for what officials deemed a highly



HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

More than 250 Howard County residents descended upon the Texas Capitol Wednesday as part of Big Spring Day in Austin. In the photos above and at left, a children's choir composed of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan fourth graders perform in the Capitol Rotunda. In the photo at right, State Sen. Kel Seliger, right, talks with Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, left, and others during lunch on the Capitol grounds.

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CANCER RESEARCH

Here's good news locally, as the Crossroads area gears up for the annual Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society in May.

Lawmakers filed legislation Wednesday that would invest up to \$300 million a year to fund a wide range of cancer research initiatives in Texas.

The plan would have to go before Texas voters in November to determine whether the state could borrow against bonds to fund the Cancer Research Institute of Texas. An estimated 35,000 Texans die of cancer every year, and 85,000 new cases are diagnosed.

GAMBLING IN TEXAS?

AUSTIN (AP) — Two high-profile senators are joining forces to propose a plan for legalizing casino gambling and sending some of the profits to help Texans pay for college tuition.

Republican Sen. John Carona of Dallas and Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston are to announce more details today about their proposal to legalize a limited number of "destination resort casinos" across the state and video slot machines at race tracks. Texas Gaming Association lobbyist Chris Shields said casino supporters will be trying to educate Texans that the "footprint" of gambling in the state already exists, and it's large.

GOING ON TONIGHT

There's lots going on in Big Spring this evening. Some of the activities are:

- Local artist Sheree Moates will open her exhibit at the Heritage Museum with a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees convenes at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.
- Vietnam veteran Vicki Scott, Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month, will be recognized in a public reception at 6 p.m. in the museum's Briefing Room.
- The National Weather Service will hold a free SkyWarn class from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers.

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Obituaries

Mary Ann Andrews



Mary Ann Andrews, 59, of Richmond, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, in Richmond. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 12, 1947, in Amarillo to Lillie and Raymond Andrews. She graduated from Valta Reeves Cosmetology and Hair Dressing School. She then worked as a hairdresser. She had been a nurses aide at all of the Big Spring nursing homes. She also was a truck driver with her husband, Bill Frost. She later became a street evangelist, ministering to the homeless.

She is survived by three sons, Robin Hood and his wife Trina of Oklahoma City, James Douglas Hood of Memphis and Gary Ray Engelson Jr., of Dillwyn, Va.; her mother Lillie "Candy" Andrews of Big Spring; one sister Sharon Dunne and her husband James of North Richland Hills; one brother Ray Andrews Jr. of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and her longtime companion Jim Sweeny of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her father Raymond Andrews; husband Bill Frost; one grandson Austin Tyler Engelson; and one brother Lonnie Lee Andrews. Pallbearers will be James Dunne, J.J. Dunne, Marvin Watson, Doug Hood and Robin Hood. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Andrews and Dick Clifton.

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

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Mary Lou White Digby



Mary Lou White Digby, 83, of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2007, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born July 23, 1923, in Rockhill and married Raymond Elliott Digby on Sept. 18, 1940, in Stanton.

Mary was raised in Coahoma. She owned and operated Mary's Cafe for several years, and then worked and retired from Montgomery Wards. She and R.E. moved to Odessa for five years, returning to Big Spring upon R.E.'s retirement. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years Raymond Elliott Digby of Big Spring; five daughters, Iwana Huckabee and husband Jim, Vera Rhoads and husband Gordon, all of Chandler, Sandra Powers and husband Gary of Cecilia, Kent., Linda McCartney and husband Buster, and Kay Grigg, all of Big Spring; two sons-in-law Dub Grigg and Gus Phernetton, both of Big Spring; 21 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Raymond Austin and Lusindy White; two daughters Lavita Digby and Eddie Lou Phernetton; one grandson Greg Turner; two great-grandchildren Libby Schattel and Cody Gammons; four brothers D.A. White, R.A. White, Roland White and Jake White; and one sister Bertie Stocks.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-5, Midland 79701 or to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Dr., Suite 220 E, Midland 79705.

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

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Sheriff's report

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.

- DOMINGO GUERRA JR., 54, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

- CARLA MICHELLE PINEDA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

- RALPH DENNIS KENNEDY, 58, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Herbie 'Herb' McCain



Herbie "Herb" McCain, 63, of Colorado City, passed away Monday, March 5, 2007, in Midland. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Herb was born May 7, 1943, to I.W. and Anna McCain in Stamford. He married Patricia Lowry May 7, 1988, in Mar.

Herb was a native West Texan. He graduated from Sweetwater High School. He made a career in tire sales in West Texas, making many friends over the years. He loved fishing, camping and woodworking. He especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Herb had a kind and loving spirit, evidenced by teaching all of his children to drive. He was a very loving and dedicated husband. He will be missed greatly.

Survivors include his wife Tricia of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law Mike and Carol McCain of Conroe; a son and daughter-in-law Curtis and Dawn McCain of Allen; a son and daughter-in-law Kyle and Darla McCain of Quinlan; a daughter and son-in-law Tammy and Stacey Ream of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law J.W. and Kasey Heath of Vernon; a daughter Jennifer Heath of Midland; a sister and brother-in-law Andrea and Bill Booth of Vacaville, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law Becky and Pat Lara of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother and sister-in-law Rocky and Judy Brooks of Abilene; one niece; four nephews; 16 grandchildren; and one grand niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Daddy Don Brooks.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 3917 W. Wall St., Midland 79703.

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

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Don Farley

Don Farley, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lisa Karen Cawthon

Lisa Karen Cawthon, 46, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- LEONARD ANTHONY AGUINAGA, 18, of 4314 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on six local warrants.

- GEORGE WILLIAM KOSTELAZ, 47, of 411 Edwards, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

- RICARDO LOYA, 22, of 609 W. 16th Street, was arrested Wednesday on eight local warrants.

- JULIAN PARRAS RAMIREZ, 41, of 800 N. Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of no driver's license.

- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 800 block of 18th Street.

- FORGERY was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Eighth Street.
 - in the 2500 block of Ent.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Edwards. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

- TRAUMA was reported near the 178 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to the VAMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

- GRASS FIRE was reported in the area of N.W. Second Street.

Take Note

- IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH will have Stations of the Cross Friday at 6 p.m. A Fish Fry in the church hall. Plates are \$5 per adults and \$2.50 per child.

- BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN at the first United Methodist Church upstairs choral rehearsal room. The rehearsals are for the April 21 concert and will feature spiritual music and Mozart.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Alon USA Big Spring Refinery Citizens Advisory Panel meeting at 5:30 p.m. has been postponed until April.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum will recognize its Veteran of the Month, Vicki Scott, during a reception at 6 p.m. in the Briefing Room. The public is invited.

- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.

- The National Weather Service will hold a free SkyWarn class at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council chambers.

- 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 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

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 in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

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

- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

- 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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-16-18-24-31-36.

Number matching six of six: none.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$53 million.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-22-27-35.

Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-7-0.

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ONE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Emergency responders remove a Howard County woman from her pickup Wednesday afternoon following a one-vehicle accident on South Highway 87 approximately one mile outside Big Spring. According to officials on the scene, the driver was traveling south when a tire blowout caused the vehicle to leave the roadway and strike a utility pole, shearing it off at its base. The driver of the vehicle, Rose Armstead, suffered only minor injuries in the crash, according to officials.

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins



Glasscock robotics team tops at TCEA contest

Special to the Herald

The Texas Computer Education Association has announced that the Glasscock County Junior High School robotics team won first place in the eighth annual TCEA Robotics Inventions, Division II contest in Austin.

Team members include Hayden Halfmann, Ian Schaefer, Brian Hirt and Brittany Schniers. The robot from Glasscock County was named the RAT, using Robotic Applicator Technology. It

modeled a method of chemical application by a robot that was controlled by a base computer.

The TCEA Robotics contest is held in conjunction with the organization's annual convention and exposition, in which thousands of educators attend to participate in professional development and view the latest in educational technology projects.

At the Robotics contest, participating students from Texas elementary and secondary schools design, collaborate, plan,

redesign, construct, create, assemble, invent, reinvent, write, present and compete to see who has developed the smartest robot. The contests vary based on strategies that involve speed, accuracy, sensing objects and light. A programmable robot is limited only to the imagination of its inventor.

Robotics Division I includes high school students and Division II includes middle school students and there are two types of contests in each of the two divisions.

The Arena contests consist of students competing in a prescribed problem contest. The double-elimination contest goes eight rounds to determine the winning teams. In the Inventions contests, students use marketing, programming, writing, constructing and presentation skills to find a solution for a problem of their choice.

More than 13,000 people attended the TCEA convention from Feb. 5 through 9 at the Austin Convention Center, officials said.

Graves files for Forsan trustee spot

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

It didn't take long for a void in the Forsan Independent School District trustee candidate election to get filled.

Big Spring firefighter Glenn Graves filed Wednesday to give the school district two candidates again for two at-large trustee seats that go before voters in May.

Graves joins incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall as candidates for the posts. Board President Allen McDowell had indicated he would seek re-election, but decided just days ago to remove his name from consideration.

Anyone wishing to file as a candidate in the Fisd election — one of several in the area — has until March 12 to do so. If Kuykendall and Graves remain unopposed, trustees will likely cancel the election and automatically seat the two candidates on the board. It's common practice among school districts and other entities to save the expense of having an election.

Of course, entities cannot do that in cases where there are contested races — case in point, Stanton and Big Spring.

Stanton ISD has a three-man race for District 5 as incumbent Terry Shanks is being challenged by Darren Patrick and Dr. Pablo Teveni. Currently, Daniel Ramos is the only candidate to have filed for the other post up for election, District 1.

In Big Spring, Terri Myrick and incumbent Mike Dawson will vie for the District 5 school board seat. Other incumbents up for re-election — District 6 representative Ricky Robertson and District 7 representative Phil Furqueron — are unopposed.

Incumbents Sissy Franklin and James

White have filed for re-election to the Coahoma ISD school board. No other candidates have emerged in that race.

Incumbent Michelle Zant has filed for re-election to the Sands Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees. At-large seats currently held by Zant and Stan Blaggrave are to be contested.

Those entities will all hold their elections on the same day, May 12.

Howard College will hold no trustee election in May, but will bring a \$21.6 million bond proposal to voters. College trustees voted in late February to seek the bond, which would pay for building renovations and utility upgrades.

Glasscock County and Grady public school districts will hold their elections in November.

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CHS academic team fares well

Coahoma High School students fared well at a recent academic meet at Post High School.

Simon Stolarczyk placed first in Science, Chemistry and Mathematics and was second in Number Sense.

He teamed with Regan New and Logan Stone to win the Science team competition, while he, William Reilly and Teryn Bibb placed first in Mathematics team competition.

In speech competition, Megan Conley advanced to the semifinals in prose reading, Chris Weihert and KaySea Spiller advanced to the semis in persuasive speaking and Amy Holleman made the semifinals in informative speaking.

Other CHS results at the meet included:

- Current events — Reilly, fifth place; and New, sixth place.
- Science — New, third place.

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By Eddy Pitchford

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OUR VIEWS

Local Scouts in need of our financial help

We have oft noted in this space that good causes abound in our community. We never really run out of them. Sometimes, however, some stick out like a sore thumb, so to speak, demanding our attention. Such is the case with annual fund raising drive currently under way by the Friends of Scouting.

One need only look at the Scout oath — On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight — to know that the influence made by Boy Scouts in any community is immeasurable.

After all, if the youth in our community are presented with strong moral values, a sense of family and the appreciation of helping others, it makes sense that our entire community will grow in the same direction.

In other words, we all benefit.

And that's why we're asking our readers to consider helping the 650 or so young men in our area who are a part of Scouting.

"There are three primary ways we influence our youth — character building, physical and mental fitness and citizenship training," notes Hays Stripling, financial chairman for Friends of Scouting. "This program prepares young men to live up to and fulfill their Scout oath."

While the Scouts receive some funding from the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, it isn't nearly enough to meet the needs of the more than 600 young men and their 200 Scout leaders involved in our area's 44 units.

The Scouts participate in a number of community activities, including the annual Scouting For Food drive, which last weekend helped replenish food stocks for the Salvation Army and Isaiah 58.

Friends of Scouting will continue their fund drive through March 31. To make a donation, send them to Stripling at 613 Edwards in Big Spring, or to the Boy Scout Center at 610 Scurry.

Remember, making a contribution to help the boys and young men of our community continue their involvement in Scouting is nothing short of an investment in the community's future.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your love for us, Lord, is limitless. May our love for You be the same.

Amen

Democrats racing for a defeat

I hope those who dismissed the consequences of a Democratic takeover in Congress last November are beginning to see the error of their ways. With each passing day the Democratic leadership is becoming more extreme and urgent in undermining America's cause in Iraq.

President Bush's 21,000-troop surge is well underway, and its accompanying strategy to secure Baghdad proceeds apace. Now, more than ever, our troops need our moral and spiritual support. Now, more than ever, Democrats — and a disturbing number of Republicans — are withdrawing it. Their actions are unconscionable.

Two weeks ago, we saw their failed resolution denouncing the build-up of American troops in Iraq. Over the weekend, they tried again, unsuccessfully.

On Friday, the House passed such a resolution by a comfortable vote of 246-182. But when Senate Republicans succeeded in blocking the resolution in the Senate, Democrats threw a tantrum, saying Republicans were stifling debate.

Why is it so hard for these people to tell the truth? Republicans didn't shut down debate. They did the opposite. They refused to allow cloture on the resolution because Democrats refused to allow consideration of other proposals. It is their way or the highway.

Republicans were quite willing to allow a vote on the Democrats' resolution if Democrats would have permitted a vote on the Republican's resolution pledging not to de-fund the troops in Iraq. But Democrats refused because the GOP resolution would have

compelled Democrats to take a more meaningful stand and prevented them from having it both ways on the issue.

So far, Democrats have positioned themselves as winners if the surge doesn't work, but protected themselves if it does by stopping short of cutting off funds. But a vote on the GOP resolution would have forced their hand: getting them on the record on the funding issue.

If they voted for the resolution, they would infuriate the base. If they voted against it, it would be much harder for them to pretend they support the troops. That's why it was projected to draw the grudging support of some 75 Democrats. They had to block a vote on it.

Voting for a resolution pledging not to withdraw funding would also show the abject meaninglessness of their resolution opposing the surge. There is no greater dagger to the heart of self-important politicians than to be exposed as insignificant.

Unfortunately for us, these politicians are significant, and so are their disgraceful actions. Despite their semantic gyrations, they are undermining the troops and America's war effort. You don't support the troops by sabotaging their mission and strategy — a strategy designed by the general in charge no less, whose appointment as commander of the coalition forces in Iraq they just unanimously approved. You don't support the troops by continually giving verbal comfort to the enemy. You don't support the troops by lobbying for their and America's defeat.

If you are still unconvinced these antiwar politicians are damaging the war effort by their words alone, just wait. In their mounting frustration, they may soon go beyond mere words.

Congressman Murtha has threatened to push a shameful series of "slow-bleed" measures to accomplish indirectly what he can't achieve directly: our immediate withdrawal.

Senate Democrats said they would pursue means other than nonbinding resolutions to change Iraq policy. Sen. Chuck Schumer said that Democrats would be relentless in their campaign to end the Iraq war. "There will be resolution after resolution, amendment after amendment. Just like in the days of Vietnam, the pressure will mount. And the vast majority of our troops will have to be taken out of harm's way."

Not to be outdone, Hillary Clinton, recognizing the futility of her latest effort to appease the foaming base because she refused an outright apology for her Iraq war vote, threw it a slab of red meat this time, calling for a 90-day deadline to begin a troop withdrawal. Hillary also threatened to put some teeth in the proposal, saying if the "redeployment" doesn't start in 90 days, Congress should "revoke authorization for this war."

The world's smartest women watched Sen. Obama being heckled for suggesting the less drastic, though no less arbitrary withdrawal deadline of March 2008. She was not about to miss a chance to leapfrog over the hapless neophyte to the farthest reaches of the left lane.

Democrats deny they have a plan for America's defeat in Iraq. They're correct. They have many such plans, and they're in competition with each other to see who can get it done the quickest. Elections matter.

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DAVID LIMBAUGH



The really sad case of Scooter Libby

What took so long? Ten days to figure out that Scooter Libby lied to the FBI and the grand jury when he said he learned about Valerie Plame, CIA operative and wife of war critic Joseph Wilson, from Tim Russert and not Dick Cheney?

Ten days to figure out that no, Libby did not confuse the vice president with the moderator of "Meet the Press"?

The evidence was hardly equivocal. Eight witnesses, including an under-secretary of state, two CIA officials, two top Cheney aides, two reporters and former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer, testified that they discussed Valerie Plame by name with Libby in the month before her identity was made public. A juror said they concluded that Libby was told about Plame nine times, and that Vice President Cheney literally dictated to him what he wanted said to destroy Wilson's credibility, and to whom.

Could a guy who was smart enough to be the vice president's chief of staff and national security adviser really have forgotten all that?

Could a jury really have reasonable doubt as to whether he did? This was not a hard case. It was

not a close case. In many respects, it was not a particularly sympathetic case. "Top White House aide hides behind first amendment in campaign to destroy critic" is not exactly a storyline that invites a jury to resist an easy conviction. Libby didn't testify because he basically had nothing to say in his defense.

So why did it take the jury so long to reach a verdict?

The answer, from the jury itself, is that they weren't eager to convict someone they themselves saw as the "fall guy" in the operation. According to Denis Collins, who spoke for the jury, "We asked ourselves, what is HE doing here? Where is Rove, and all these other guys? ... He was the fall guy."

Technically, of course, that's not the case. Technically, Libby wasn't the fall guy, but the fool, the one who made the mistake of trying to cover up the White House attack on Plame and Wilson, of actually lying about it, rather than taking the fifth or claiming he couldn't remember, which would not have gotten him into trouble. Legally, the reason the other guys weren't there and Libby was is that they didn't get caught lying and he did.

But there was a reason Libby felt the need to cover up. It may not have been a crime to out Valerie Plame in order to destroy her husband, but it is hardly the sort of move that speaks well for the administration behind it. Libby

lied because what his boss told him to do was wrong and he did it anyway. It may have been defensible in a court of law, but it must have seemed to him, with reason, to be politically indefensible.

So Libby tried to protect himself and his team, for which he will go to prison — his life ruined — and they will go to dinner and pledge to put the whole thing behind them. His bosses will claim sadness, not gratitude. The only statement out of the White House was that Mr. Bush "was saddened for Scooter Libby and his family."

The jury did its job, which was to determine only whether Libby lied. But doing its job required them to judge a guy they didn't think was ultimately responsible — as opposed to the ones who are.

In many respects, the Bush administration is lucky. The fall guy has fallen. The special prosecutor has said there will be no further indictments. The Democrats may crow for a day or two, but the story is over.

The real crime here is the way the Bush administration manipulates the press and the press lets itself be manipulated, but there's no law against that. And no one is going to get punished for it. Poor Scooter. He just didn't understand that there really was no reason to lie.

Sad is right.

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M5's Byzantine electronics make befuddling BMW

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News
The King Bee — BMW's dark, chiseled M5 — still stings.

But in this excessively electronic age, this four-door flyer also chirps, chimes and beeps at random, seemingly communing with distant satellites. That can be hard on a hick from Texas.

Think of the M5 as your strange, conflicted nephew Klaus, the one who runs with the wind, moves like a dancer, bench-presses 300 pounds and speaks in tongues — when he's not playing with live wires.

For a week recently, I had a striking metallic cinnamon-colored M5, one of the first available with a six-speed manual transmission. I'm still puzzling over this highly desirable car.

You probably know many of the M5's details. Sure, it has that odd, slab-sided styling and the universally reviled iDrive computer system that can make the simple act of searching for a radio station a three-click affair. Who cares, I thought. The car has suspension, brakes and steering infused with sinew and silk — a world-class German platform so good it can make any driver look like a hero.

Moreover, under the hood, it boasts a 5-liter V-10 with 500 horsepower and an astounding 8,200-rpm red line. Throw in a great stance, dazzling 19-inch wheels and big, sinister-looking twin-tip exhausts, and I should still be in Mexico with the M5, hiding out from

BMW's detectives.

So why did I give it back? What's wrong with me, doctor?

Here's a clue: This \$97,590 sedan is a great car compromised, I think, by way too many layers of electronics.

On the first night I took possession of the M5, I drove home with no radio. It was tuned to stations in California, where the car had recently been assigned, and I hadn't had time to read the owner's manual. I couldn't change the settings.

iDrive is the troll that guards most of the M5's functions. It operates through a tidy screen on the Bimmer's stylish dash and a chunky knob on the console that you use to wander through myriad menus, clicking on functions you want.

The system is supposed to reduce dashboard clutter and allow more electronic features than would be possible if each had manual controls.

But I was more than a little cheesed when I discovered the morning after I got the car that not only did I need to set the radio through iDrive, I also had to scroll and click on the horsepower I wanted.

Think about that for a minute, fellow gearheads. There's more.

Every time you turn the 500-horsepower engine off, it defaults for "safety" reasons to 400 horsepower, said Vincent Kung, a BMW spokesman.

Every morning, you can count on pushing buttons or scrolling and clicking with uDrive/iRide to summon all of the 500 horses you paid for.

For me, that proved to be a six-step function. I



The 2007 M5 from BMW

was 2-for-4 — once I ended up in some obscure lighting menu, and the other time I think I might have launched a small missile somewhere in Nebraska. Sorry about that, Ohio.

After I managed to slip by the troll a few times, however, I came to love the car in motion. At this lofty level, BMWs don't bounce or clunk. They bound over surface imperfections, never losing their balance or composure.

Push the M5 hard, and it always seems muscular and fluid, with no lean or harshness. Add in nicely weighted steering and brakes that can stop your heart, and you realize you are probably sitting near greatness.

The interior is certainly

not a bad place to reside. My M5 had simple black leather seats and door panels accented by a curvaceous, hooded dash and handsome brushed-aluminum trim and diagonal door handles.

I just never really warmed to the hot engine. Five hundred horses ought to be a wild, rolling party — with a leering Paris and what's-her-name and that other People cover girl riding in the back, cop cars in pursuit.

Unfortunately, while sophisticated and serious, the engine has no low-end torque. Starts from a full stop are 2,000- to 3,000-rpm affairs, and you'll need to spin the motor to 5,000 before it really awakens.

Thankfully, there's a strong surge of power from there to 8,000, but it never seemed quite enough — and never really felt like 500 horsepower.

Don't get me wrong. The car is fast, zipping to 60 mph in less than five seconds and capable of a 162-mph top end. It just doesn't feel it — though don't count on any more than 12 miles per gallon in town.

Maybe the M5 is just too fine a wine for my beer palate.

One night, for example, I pulled around a slow-moving Lincoln, passing it easily on the right.

The Bimmer beeped at me.

I was nowhere near the old Town Car, and there

were no readouts on the dash or the cursed computer screen, so I don't know what it was trying to tell me. Later, it chimed at me in traffic, followed by more beeps. I responded with a hand signal of my own.

One morning after a drive punctuated by a series of mysterious beeps and chimes, my 5-year-old granddaughter looked back at the M5 as we walked across a grocery-store parking lot.

"Poppy, is your car alive?" she asked.

I'm not sure. But sometimes I don't think it liked me very much.

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Relay Rascal Razzmatazz raises more than \$600

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring-area children and their parents raised more than \$600 for cancer research during Big Spring State Hospital's Relay For Life team's Relay Rascal Razzmatazz children's pageant.

The children, aged newborn to 12 years, dressed in their "Sunday best" and appeared on stage at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium Feb. 24 during the Razzmatazz's fifth year.

"Each child was a winner in our book," Relay organizer Linda Billington said. "They were gorgeous."

Children answered questions posed by Emcee Lisa Brooks, who has hosted the pageant for the fifth consecutive year. The short question-and-answer session allowed children to develop stage presence and confidence, Billington said.

"It gives each participant an opportunity to present themselves on stage in a low-key atmosphere with family and friends present. This pageant helps boost a child's self-esteem and gives them practice being on stage."

Winners were announced in each age category:

Girls, 0-12 months: Kaylee Kinsey, daughter of Ashley Kinsey, first place; Cambree Wright, daughter of Adela Garflas and Ethan Wright, second place.

Boys, 0-12 months: Kameron Jackman, son of

Devon Jackman, first place.

Girls, 12-23 months: Kadie Richbourg, daughter of Casey and Becky Richbourg, first place; R'Lonie Cole, daughter of Shayna Sherman, second place.

Girls, 2-3 years: Feliziti Martinez, daughter of Linda Martinez, first place; Lillie Riley, daughter of Jacqueline Riley, second place.

Boys, 2-3 years: Bryson Kinsey, son of Paul and Brandy Kinsey, first place; Sa-Quan Fizer, son of Steve and Desiree

Fizer, second place.

Girls, 4-5 years: Karleigh Moore, daughter of Michael and Jacque Moore, first place.

Girls, 6-8 years: Kelee White, daughter of Marie White, first place; Jaci Aguilar, daughter of Raul and Christy Aguilar, second place.

Boys, 6-8 years: Jordan Dunn, son of Juanita Valdez, first place; Aaron Juarez, son of Debbie Ramirez, second place.

Each child received a certificate, participation ribbon and coupon for a free ice cream cone, com-

pliments of Sonic Drive-In on Gregg Street.

Schooler Photography provided professional photography services and donated a portion of their proceeds to the Relay for Life Team — Mind, Body and Soul.

Green plants donated by A Timeless Design, Dakota's Flowers and Gifts and Faye's Flowers were presented to Schooler Photography and each of the judges.

All proceeds from Relay Rascal Razzmatazz are forwarded to the Big Spring State Hospital

Relay For Life team. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life event is held each May in communities raising money to fight cancer in their region. Teams compete in a race to raise the most money for the charity.

Relay Rascal Razzmatazz is just one of many events that members of the hospital team conduct to raise money for their team.

"As a personal note, I will not be organizing next year's event as my family will be moving to the San Angelo area due

to a transfer with my husband's employer," Billington said. "It saddens me to know I will not be involved with Razzmatazz next year. I dreamed up this event as a proud mom to show off my son Nicholas and raise money for Relay For Life."

"This fund-raiser has carried through for five years and I have all the confidence in the Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team. They are very generous and caring people who will do excellent next year."

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'New kid on the block' enjoying his first term

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Joe Heflin may be a self-described "new kid on the block," but he also says he's learning his way around the neighborhood.

Heflin, a Democrat from Crosbyton, is in the middle of his first term as Howard County's representative in the Texas House. While he admits he has a lot to learn, he's quick to add that he considers himself a fast learner.

Part of that confidence stems from years of experience in Crosby County government, but even more comes his stunning upset of Republican Jim Landtroop in the November general election.

Heflin said his victory in the election, in which he was greatly outspent by Landtroop and trailed in every poll leading up to the vote, convinced him that he was on the right track.

"That gave me great confidence," he said Wednesday. "We knew we

were gaining (on Landtroop), we just didn't know if we had enough time to overtake him ... It was a great victory. People have been coming up to me and saying, 'Hey, you're the guy who beat Landtroop,' or, 'You're the guy who took (former House Speaker Pete) Laney's seat.' A lot of people watched that election very closely."

Since assuming his duties in Austin, Heflin said he almost has to pinch himself sometimes to convince himself of his new station. Pointing at the red granite Texas Capitol building, he said, "Sometimes, I say, 'Wow, I get to go to work there every day.'"

As a freshman representative, Heflin admits to undergoing a learning curve, but says his fellow representatives have been very helpful in the process.

"One of the nice things is that the more veteran members will help you out and give you advice," Heflin said.

"Of course, they'll also give you a ribbing ... but

it's not a dog-eat-dog environment. We're all here to do our jobs as best as we can.

"It's a lot more fun than I thought it would be," he added. "I worried that it would be just day after day of commissioner's court meetings (Heflin was Crosby County judge for several years), but it's been a great deal of fun."

Heflin wasted little time getting noticed when he arrived on the job in January — one of his first actions was to file a bill calling for restoration of funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides medical insurance for children of low-income families.

CHIP funding has been significantly decreased in the past few years.

"That bill is going well," Heflin said. "It's currently in committee and there's about 20 other similar bills filed ... Those bills will probably be combined and I think it will fly through the House. We're going to restore CHIP coverage. There are a lot of kids in



First-term Rep. Joe Heflin, left, talks with Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes on the Capitol grounds Wednesday during Big Spring Area Day in Austin.

Texas who need it." Aside from pushing for restoration of CHIP funding, Heflin said his major goal is to ensure adequate

funding for community colleges in general, and Howard College in specific. "We need to make sure

that community colleges like Howard College receive the funding they need to remain viable institutions," he said.

State Sen. Seliger takes aim at testing, TYC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Big Spring's state senator thinks Texas schools should spend more time teaching and less time testing.

Kel Seliger, the Amarillo Republican starting his second session of the Texas Legislature as senator for District 31, thinks too much importance is placed on preparing public school students for state standardized tests

like the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and not enough on actual classroom instruction.

If he has his way, that situation will change soon.

One of his first acts during the current session of the legislature was to file a bill that would eliminate the TAKS and replace it with end of course tests.

At least two other bills have been filed by Seliger's colleagues that

would seriously restrict TAKS or eliminate it outright.

Whatever bill receives final approval is not the issue, Seliger said.

"By the end of this (legislative) session, I think we'll have a system in place other than TAKS," Seliger said Wednesday. "We need to make sure we're spending as much



Seliger

time teaching in the classroom as we are testing."

Elimination of the TAKS is just one of Seliger's goals during this session. Recent revelations of sexual abuse of prisoners at Texas Youth Commission facilities have also drawn his attention — and ire.

"I liken what's going on at TYC as a cross between 'Midnight Express' and 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,'" Seliger said. "It is absolutely horrible to learn what's been

going on at those facilities — and it's horrible to learn what hasn't been going on, like adequate investigation of the charges.

"There needs to be a total house-cleaning at TYC," he added. "We need to clean up the mess at TYC so that Texans can have an agency they're proud of."

Another goal for Seliger this session is passage of a budget that addresses major concerns such as education and public

health but is still "conservative" in its makeup, he said.

Seliger said some things have changed in his approach to business since his first session as a senator — but some things haven't.

"This is my second session, so I'm a little more familiar with the process," he said. "But even though I know what to expect a little more in three years in office, it hasn't dampened my enthusiasm at all."

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successful event in which area residents got to see their state representatives and, perhaps more importantly, state representatives got to see them.

Wednesday marked the sixth time Howard County residents have peacefully invaded the Capitol for Big Spring Day in Austin and officials said the event has become a hit with Capitol regulars as well as Big Springers.

"It has been my observation that we have created a special day at the Capitol," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "I've had

several people tell me that this is one of their favorite days ... They are very impressed with the numbers we bring from Howard County."

The event is more than just an opportunity for Big Spring to "wave the flag" in Austin.

Sparks "The importance of this is that it gives us a chance to come down (to Austin) and say that we care," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said. "I think that the wonderful turnout we have every other year is just incredible."

Sparks agreed that

Wednesday was more than just a social call on the part of area residents.

"The importance of this, particularly for Howard College, is that the people in Austin who will be making very important decisions about the college ... now know we exist. They can place faces with the names — and that makes a big difference."

The day began with Big Spring and Howard County officials being saluted in both the House of Representatives and Texas Senate. After that, the tables were turned, as fourth graders representing all three county public school systems serenaded Capitol workers and visitors at the base of

the building's massive Rotunda.

It was something the students are not likely to forget, officials said.

"Student participation in Big Spring Day in Austin is an unmatched opportunity for learning," said Michael Downes, superintendent for Big Spring schools. "You can look at all the photos you want back at the classroom, but that's nothing like actually being here."

The event concluded with a visit from Howard County's public servants in Austin — State Rep. Joe Heflin and State Sen. Kel Seliger — and the ice cream social, which attracted a large crowd to the hospitality tent just east of the Capitol build-

ing.

Lee George, president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said he was awed by local participation in the event.

"From the Senate floor, it was impressive to look up and see one whole side

of the gallery taken up (by Howard County residents)," George said.

"This is the sixth year for Big Spring Day in Austin and it's nice to see as much enthusiasm for it as there was in the first year — if not more."



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IN BRIEF

Powerlifting results for Coahoma HS

Regional Qualifiers: Girls division — Brittnee Nix, 97 lb. weight class, Sr. Placed 7th at the regional meet with a three-lift total of 440 lbs.

Chelsea Gonzales, 114 lb. weight class, Jr. Placed 2nd at the regional meet with a three-lift total of 575 lbs. Good enough to advance to the state meet in Killeen.

Boys division — Miguel Yanez, 123 lb. weight class, Sr. Qualified 6th in the region with

a 810 lb. total and Blaine Henderson, 132 lb. class, Jr. Qualified 3rd in the region with a 900 lb. total.

Jake McCain, 220 lb. class, Sr. Qualified 10th in the region with a 1160

lb. total and Corey Clanton, 220 lb. class, Sr. Qualified 11th (alternate) with a 1,110 lb. total.

Chelsea advances to the state meet which will be held in Killeen on March 17th.

The boys state meet will be held March 24 in Houston.

CGA organization meeting slated

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold an organizational meeting for the 2007 season at 7 p.m. today at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama.

For more information, call 264-7116.



X-Raven signs with arch rival

Jamal Lewis agreed to a one-year deal with the Cleveland Browns, a person within the NFL told The Associated Press. Lewis was released last week in a salary-cap move by Baltimore, which elected not to pay its career rushing leader a \$5 million roster bonus. He'll now try to boost the Browns, who were last in the league in rushing in 2006.

Daniel Graham became the latest addition to the Denver Broncos, one of the most active teams so far this off-season.

The Broncos agreed Wednesday with the former New England tight end on a five-year, \$30 million deal that includes \$15 million guaranteed money.

Bearkats seek first state title in hoops



Garden City's Jake Schwartz elevates and shoots over defenders to help the Bearkats advance to the state tournament in Austin Friday night.

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Garden City and the basketball state tournament are starting to become friendly with each other.

For the first time ever the Garden City Lady Kats' earned a trip to Austin to participate in the state tournament on March 2. They went 1-1 at the tournament and made it to the state championship title game before losing to Nazareth. Now its the boys' turn to crash the party.

"We're all excited about going to Austin," Koby Abney, the Garden City boys basketball coach said. "We are going there to face a very athletic team and a team that prefers a different style of basketball than ours. It should make for a very interesting game."

The Bearkats (19-8) will take on Laneville (30-6) at the Frank Erwin Center for their first game at the state tournament. Laneville finished second in its own district, but is peaking at the right time and according to Coach Abney, will be a tough team to defeat.

Laneville is a team that likes to score in the 80s and Garden City prefers a contest that will be in the 40s.

"They want a fast-paced, up tempo game when they take the court," Abney said. "They would be thrilled if they score 80 plus points Friday night and if that happens we're going to lose. We have to play at our pace and play our style and our game if we want to be successful. We can't let them dictate the tempo of the game."

Junior Bo Eggenmeyer and

senior Jason Flores will draw the tough assignment on defense for the Bearkats — having to defend against Laneville's top two scorers, who both average in double figures. During the second half of the season Coach Abney has turned to Eggenmeyer on more than one

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occasion when the team has needed a defensive stop.

"Bo is going to do an excellent job for us, just like he did against Roby and Rankin," Abney explained. "He and Jason have both played very well and that is their role on this team. Taylor (Niehues) needs to score points for us and everyone knows that, but we're a team and everyone has a job to do. One job or role on this team is not more important than another and everyone on this team knows and understands that."

Niehues is the Bearkats' leading scorer and rebounder this season. He is averaging 18 points and seven rebounds and has made a high school career out of hitting clutch shots at the buzzer — one of which propelled the Bearkats past Sterling City at the final buzzer.

"There is no doubt that Niehues is our key offensive, but what we need to worry

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Hawks' soar into Region V Tournament with winning streak

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Howard College will once again travel to the Region V Basketball Tournament as the team to beat.

Despite being the No. 4 seed, the Hawks (24-6) are riding a seven game winning streak and have already beaten the No. 1 ranked team from the Northern Conference — Temple, 70-58, when the two teams played in December.

They finished the season strong by knocking off the top two ranked teams, South Plains College and Frank Phillips College, in their own conference. They defeated FPC at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 86-77, and then traveled to Levelland to upset SPC.

"I thought our guys played with a lot of heart

and played very aggressive against South Plains," Howard coach Mark Adams said. "There are some good teams in this tournament and they can all shoot the ball. This is still a work in progress, but I think we might be starting to peak at just the right time."

The Hawks have not played a game since Feb. 26, when Terrence Hill and Sean Watson led the team by scoring 23 and 22 points, respectively. Benson Akpan has led the team in rebounding this season and according to the coaching staff, Brandon Sampay has been the most consistent player this season.

Freshman Catrell Curry has hit big 3-pointers all season and Corey Almond is averaging over 10 points per game and shooting better than 43



The 2007 Howard Hawk men's basketball team. The Hawks finished the season 24-6 and will head to Belton to face top seeded Temple Friday night at 7 p.

percent from beyond the arc.

"We might be heading in as the fourth seeded team," Almond said, "but

we plan on leaving there as champions and heading to the national tournament in Kansas."

The 2007 Region V

Basketball Tournament

Schedule in Belton:

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Clemens enjoys game at Legends Field

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Roger Clemens hugged Joe Torre, spoke to George Steinbrenner and cheered for Andy Pettitte.

More than 10,000 people turned out to watch the Yankees play Cincinnati on Wednesday night. Only one of those fans, however, might actually help New York win the World Series this year, which is why it created such a stir when Clemens showed up.

The Rocket posed for pictures, signed autographs and worked an inning on the Yankees' telecast. He skipped answering the question that everyone is asking: Will he play again this season?

"To totally be honest, I hear everybody. I under-

stand. It's very flattering," he said. "There's days where I'm excited about it, maybe I should try it, and then three days later I'm thinking that there's no way. I don't know that I can put my body through that again."

"It's a huge commitment because as you get older, you want to continue to be able to stay injury-free and still you have a high expectation of playing," he said.

The 44-year-old Clemens has been discounting any talk that he'll play in the majors this season. But he at least acknowledged a time frame for making his choice.

When his agents "give me a call in early May, I'll have another decision to make," Clemens said.

Clemens spoke to Steinbrenner but did not

disclose that they talked about.

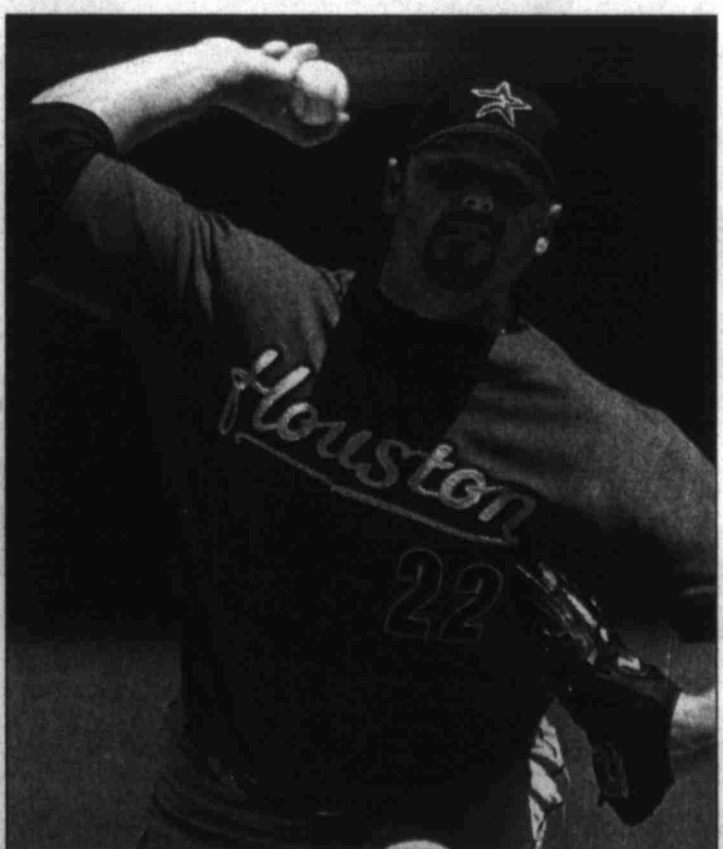
"I'll pass on that," he said. "It was good to see him."

Clemens repeated that if he played, it would for either Houston, Boston or the Yankees. The seven-time Cy Young winner returned to the hometown Astros last year for half a season, going 7-6 with a 2.30 ERA in 19 starts.

Clemens has been staying in shape, occasionally pitching batting practice for the Astros' minor leaguers — son Koby is one of them. Houston's camp is about two hours away, and Clemens decided to come over with Koby for a visit to see his pal Pettitte.

"Once I found out Andy was working a night

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MCT photo/Jose Carlos/Contra Costa Times
Roger Clemens throws against San Francisco Giants this past season. At this time Clemens has not determined whether or not he will return to baseball in 2007.

Woods brings PGA Tour and learning center to nation's capital



MCT photo/George Bridges/KRT

PGA player Tiger Woods smiles at comments during a news conference Wednesday announcing the AT&T National Tournament. The tournament is benefitting the Tiger Woods Foundation and will be played in the Washington, D.C., area in July.

By DOUG FERGUSON

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods is bringing more than a golf tournament back to the nation's capital.

Along with his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 professional majors, Woods has quietly set a couple of goals for his work outside the ropes over the last couple of years.

One of them was to be the host of a PGA Tour event in the same way Nicklaus has the Memorial and Arnold Palmer has Bay Hill. The other was to expand his Tiger Woods Learning Center beyond the \$25 million facility that opened a year ago in Anaheim, Calif., and already has provided educational tools to more than 5,000 kids.

He knocked out both of them Wednesday in Washington.

Woods was officially announced as the host of the new AT&T National, which will be played the week of Fourth of July. The Tiger Woods Foundation will run the tournament and get charitable proceeds, and Woods said that money would go toward building

a new learning center in the Washington area.

"The last year or so, we've been looking up and down the Eastern seaboard for a new learning center," Woods said. "And then this opportunity fell into our laps. It makes sense to build it here, we just haven't had time to find a site yet."

The first step is to build a tournament.

The AT&T National replaces the International outside Denver, which shut down last month when tournament founder Jack Vickers couldn't find a sponsor, which he blamed in part on Woods not playing the event.

It will be played July 5-8, and Woods isn't sure if he will be able to play this year because his wife is expecting their first child. But while Palmer bought the Bay Hill Club and Nicklaus built his own course in his hometown outside Columbus, Ohio, Woods is establishing his tournament roots in Washington.

"That's our intent, to stay here and have this be our home event, hopefully for perpetuity," he said.

Woods becomes the youngest player to host a tournament. Bobby Jones was 32 when the Augusta

National Invitation — which later became the Masters — was held in 1934. Nicklaus was 36 when the Memorial was played for the first time. Palmer was 44 when he took over at Bay Hill, and Byron Nelson had been long retired when he gave his name to a tournament in Dallas.

"Not too many people are fortunate to have an opportunity like this," Woods said. "What Bobby Jones did for golf and starting the Masters, that won't be touched. As far as what Jack has done at the Memorial, or Arnold at Bay Hill or Mr. Nelson in Dallas, those have been true legends of the game. They made a tremendous

impact on our sport.

"I want to build something along that level," he said. "Obviously, with my competitive nature, I want it to be better."

First the tour has to secure a golf course.

All signs point toward Congressional Country Club for 2007 and 2008. The club is to vote on the tour's request over the next few weeks.

and Woods and Finchem openly lobbied members to approve it.

"Right now, the energy at Congressional is very, very positive and very supportive," Finchem said. "And we hope that carries over to the response from the overall membership."

HAWKS

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Friday, March 9, 2007

Game 1: McLennan Comm. College vs Midland College at 12:30 p.m.

Game 2: Frank Phillips College vs Collin County Comm. College at 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: South Plains College vs Southwestern Christian College at 5 p.m.

Game 4: Temple

College vs Howard College at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 2007.

Game 5: Game 1 Winner vs Game 2 Winner at 5 p.m.

Game 6: Game 3 Winner vs Game 4 Winner at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Championship Game 7: Game 5 Winner vs Game 6 Winner at 5 p.m.

First team listed will be the home team and will wear light jerseys.

KATS

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about is playing a patient, relaxed and smart game," Abney added. "Laneville is going to play a full-court, man-to-man pressure type of defense. What we're going to have to do is execute with defenders in our face.

How well we handle their pressure will go a long ways in determining who advances to the state championship game."

If the Bearkats can follow the path set by the Garden City girls, they might just be able to schedule another game in Austin for Saturday night. The state title game.

CLEMENS

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game, we were going to be here," Clemens said.

Clemens was with the Yankees from 1999-2003 and won two World Series championships with them. He spent the last three years in Houston with Pettitte.

"Roger is here? I didn't know that," Pettitte kid-

ded. Pettitte has been playing golf with Clemens and shortstop Derek Jeter had dinner with him Tuesday night.

"Baseball didn't come up," Jeter said. "He's got enough people asking him, so I didn't ask him."

But both former teammates said they thought Clemens would play this year.

"Do I think he is? Yes," Jeter said.

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♣ 9 7 6 5 4

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♣ A Q

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 1♠ North 3♥ East Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The simplest hands are sometimes the hardest ones to play correctly. Witness this deal where South was in four hearts and West led the queen of spades.

South won with the ace and led a trump to West's ace. West returned the jack of spades, and East ruffed dummy's king and returned a club. South finessed and lost the queen to

the king, and West cashed the ten of spades to put the contract down one.

Unlucky, you could say, but the unadulterated truth is that declarer botched the play. Before playing to the first trick, South should have considered what might happen if West had six spades for his one-spade overcall. He might then have seen the wisdom of taking the opening trick with dummy's king in order to prevent East from ruffing it later.

After winning with the king, he would next lead the king of hearts from dummy. West would take his ace and lead the jack of spades, but East would find himself in a helpless position. If he ruffed the spade, South would follow low from his hand, and his only other loser would be a club, thus making four hearts.

The hand illustrates, for the unperceptive time, why a declarer should not play quickly at trick one. That is the time when he should collect his thoughts, being careful to give consideration to the bidding by the opponents as well as the significance of the opening lead. He should then form a general plan of play and be prepared to alter it should any unexpected development occur.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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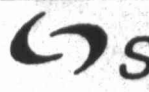

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In some ways it feels like Valentine's Day all over again. The vibes being passed between Venus and Jupiter are part of a mad flirtation that's making the rest of the planets blush. It's compounded by the seductive Scorpio moon, relentless in her quest for passionate, poetic romance. This makes for an amorous evening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're supported in handling unfinished business, especially that having to do with your family members. Nothing is preventing you from healing a relationship if that's what you truly desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You finally have the energy and the impulse to solve one of life's daily dilemmas. Amazingly, you don't even need to buy anything to do this. The resources you have are exactly the ones you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Superstitions can be positive if they help you feel powerful and in control of your situation. So put on those lucky socks or carry your favorite charm — whatever you believe will sway the fates to your side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Legals
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether cotton growers shall continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. This referendum will be the final referendum on continuation for the Permian Basin Zone. However, Texas Agriculture Code, §74.112 (f), provides that if 30 percent or more of eligible cotton growers in a zone present to the commissioner a petition calling for a referendum of the qualified voters on the proposition of discontinuing the program, the commissioner shall conduct a referendum for that purpose.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 20, 2007. All ballots cast by mail must be post-marked no later than April 12, 2007, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in the year 2006 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by March 12, 2007, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7553. #5255 February 23 & March 1 & 8, 2007

22). Sure, you may have initially been attracted to someone for purely superficial reasons. But now that those have been worked through, the real reason you're together reveals itself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Praise, admiration, a knowledge, they're nice and everything, but you still want someone to pay you for your ideas. Talent alone won't get you there. You also need an intention to make a living. Think of yourself as a pro.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things change. You'll be received with open arms by the very same person who wouldn't take your calls last week. Tonight, create the atmosphere that's a perfect match for the outcome you wish for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whether a decision is about love, family or business, it will impact your finances. With this in mind, review your financial responsibilities before you give a final answer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're anxious to do the right thing. Listen to all sides. The "right thing" means something different to everyone involved. Success might come from putting work first — temporarily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Turn over a cumbersome responsibility that's plaguing you to someone who would really like it. It's hard to believe, but such a person does exist!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe you could get things done all by yourself, but it's not as much fun. Others want to feel a part of the project, and you actually do them

a favor by including them not only in the fun, but in the work, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Overcome a communication impasse by trying a different approach. If you're not getting your calls returned, try sending an e-mail or fax — maybe even show up in person. Or take the Zen approach and drop it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Put your worries in a better perspective. Money is just money. Your real issue is your own priorities. If you can imagine something you'd rather be doing, then perhaps it's time to do that instead.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Usually you mention the mythology that ties into an astrological sign when the sun goes into that sign. But you seemed to skip this about Pisces this year. Can you write about the origin of Pisces? Why are we Pisces called fish?"

Once upon a Greek myth, the goddess Aphrodite and her son Eros were walking along a riverbank when they ran into a monstrous god called Typhon who was in a very bad mood and was, in fact, spitting fire. They got out of his way. They dove into the river, where they took the form of fish.

And because they didn't want to lose track of each other, they each held on to the end of a silver cord. They are now immortalized as the Northern Fish and Western Fish of Pisces. The constellation of Pisces looks like two little circles connected by a string, and that is where the idea probably came from.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: During 33 years of marriage, my husband seldom, if ever, removed his wedding ring. However, during the past four months, I've noticed it's off a lot more than it's on. I've discovered it in his jewelry box, the glove compartment of his car and, one day while doing laundry, it fell out of his shirt pocket. When I questioned him, he gave me vague responses like, "It felt loose," or "I took it off to do yard work." Like a foolish, trusting wife, I believed him.

The other day I ran into one of his co-workers. "Denise" is very attractive, and they have worked together for many years. I don't know her well, only enough to make casual conversation. However, when I saw her, she seemed uncomfortable and very ill at ease. Then my whole world collapsed around me. She said, "I'm sorry to hear you are getting divorced soon." I told her she must be confusing us with another couple and that our marriage is stable and intact. She looked like she was going to be ill and made some excuse about being in a hurry, and off she went.

Then it hit me. My husband must be having an affair with this woman. It explains everything. I need to confront my cheating husband because this is tearing me to shreds. I don't have a clue how to go about doing this. How do I begin? What do I say? My marriage is over, so please don't advise me to try counseling. The love and trust are gone. I just need to know how to bow out gracefully. — Still Devastated

Dear Devastated: We know the circumstantial evidence seems convincing, but be sure. Schedule a quiet, private moment

with your husband, when you are calm, and say, "I saw Denise the other day, and she told me you want a divorce. When were you going to tell me?" This should open up a conversation, although it may not be the one you want. We still recommend counseling — not necessarily to put your marriage back together, but to help you work through your anger and sense of betrayal so you can move forward. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I recently returned from a vacation where I visited a close friend whom I've known for a long time. While there, he told me he loved me. I have loved him for a few years, so I told him back. We spent the rest of the time there as a couple, but when I returned home, things changed. I think about him all the time, and he thinks of me, but how can there be a relationship if we are so far apart?

I have been considering moving to his city and have saved money for it. Is it worth relocating for love? Is it worth changing everything about life for one person? — Lost Between Places in British Columbia

Dear Lost: Well, yes, if you truly love him and believe you have a future together. This kind of commitment requires a leap of faith, and either you are willing to risk it for him or you aren't. It might help to plan another vacation soon to make sure you are both on the same page and still feel the same.

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

THURSDAY

Table with 24 columns representing different TV stations and their respective programming for Thursday. Columns include WFAA, KMD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLT, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, and SCIFI.

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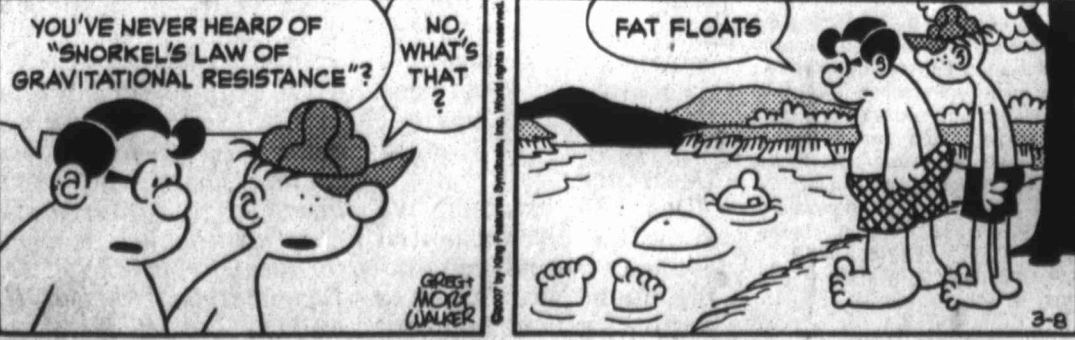
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 8, the 67th day of 2007. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 8, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclad CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) rammed and sank the USS Cumberland...

On this date: In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1782, the Gnadenhütten massacre took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in Petrograd.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule. In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam, about 3,500 Marines sent to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 71. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 68. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 64. Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 62. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 61. Pop singer Peggy March is 59. Baseball player Jim Rice is 54. Singer Gary Numan is 49. Actor Aidan Quinn is 48. Country musician Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 47. Actress Camryn Manheim is 46.

Actor Leon is 44. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 39. Actress Andrea Parker is 38. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 34. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 31. Actor James Van Der Beek is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 29. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 28.

Thought for Today: "If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935).

Answer to previous puzzle: A grid of words including IDEST, TARA, THOR, TIBIA, ALAS, WAXY, CRANKSHAFT, IBID, MEN, ERIN, INSIDE, STAT, OTTER, CREPE, ISAYSO, EELING, TREEFROG, LAIN, ARUBA, LAHR, TRAMPLED, STIGMA, ELAPSE, AMASS, RADIO, VANE, ALISTS, GIRL, ALP, BOAT, TURNSIGNAL, ANNE, EPIC, NITRO, TEAR, WINE, ESSAY.

Newsday Crossword

AN APPLE A DAY by Doug Peterson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Milkmaid's need 5 Alice or Roseanne 11 Wonderland drink 14 "¿Cómo _usted?" 15 Jumpy 16 Actor Kilmer 17 Comprehensive 19 _-Magnon 20 Get in the running 21 Natural-gas component 23 Collection agcy. 24 Total confusion 27 Objective 28 Skin-rejuvenating procedure 32 Intermision follower 35 Negligent 36 Pray, in Calais 37 Control-group dose 40 Brush up on 42 Metamorphosis stage 43 Lever with a blade 45 Useful quality 46 Source of misgivings 50 Strike a door, perhaps 51 Refuse 52 "What _bid?" 55 Feudal tenant 58 Undergrown 60 Skeleton starter 61 Where fission occurs

- 64 Wee toymaker 65 Silvery strands 66 Seaweed 67 Rink official 68 Odin's realm 69 Pale quaffs DOWN 1 Home Alone crook 2 Noted fur trader 3 List details 4 Desk accessory 5 Provide relief to 6 Trousers measurement 7 Holiday in Hanoi 8 Alphabetic trio 9 Grimm meanie 10 Block or health preceder 11 Equipment in a studio 12 Bring in 13 Botanical balm 18 Electronics whiz 22 Least square 25 Dressing ingredient 26 The Lion King villain 28 Droning insects 29 Fire-truck tool 30 Word on some euro coins 31 Fast season 32 PC programs, slangily 33 Whodunit game 34 Dwindles gradually

- 38 Shout to startle 39 Big lugs 41 Tony Blair's party 44 Vitamin-bottle no. 47 Peloponnesian city 48 Off-white color 49 Incalculable 52 Lagoon 53 Unruler 54 Creative sparks 55 Alter course 56 Drive-train component 57 Mementos from Maui 59 March Madness org. 62 Director Lee 63 Civil War insignia

Crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for the clues.