



Health Fair booth signups end Friday

Chamber gets ready for annual 'checkup'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Time's up! Well, almost. According to Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the local Chamber, Friday is the last opportunity businesses and organizations have to get in on the 2007 Health Fair.

"Our 10 feet by 10 feet booth spaces will be available for \$100 until the close of business at 5 p.m. Friday," said ValVerde.



ValVerde

After the deadline, there will be no booth space available for the annual event, set for April 14. The booths include a skirted table, two chairs, a trash can and a sign with the vendor's name.

ValVerde said this year's health fair — which carries the theme

"Good Health, Now and for Our Future" — will focus a great deal on screenings and other preventive tests to help keep people healthy, now and in the future.

"It's so important that people know what's happening with their bodies," said ValVerde. "These tests and screenings can be very important in catching problems early, before they become major problems or even life threatening."

Long lines for screenings that may have been discouraging for area residents attending the 2006 health fair may be a welcome absence this year, according to ValVerde.

"We had lines so long you couldn't see the end of them last year," she said. "This year, we'll have more than one booth doing screenings for the



The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be at the 2007 Health Fair, set for April 14 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Different sort of fair set Saturday at Post Office

From staff reports

The Big Spring Post Office will extend its hours during a "Passport Fair" Saturday, opening from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to help all citizens meet the new State Department and Department of Homeland Security requirements.

"Extended hours on a Saturday will offer those customers who can not leave work during the week an opportunity to apply for a U.S. passport and meet the requirements set by the Department of State," Postmaster Gary Crittenden said.

"It is currently taking up to 10 weeks for normal processing, that is, to apply, submit and get the passport back to the traveler," Crittenden added. "The process can be shortened to approximately four weeks for an expedited fee of \$60."

A passport or other secure accepted document will be required for all air and sea travelers crossing any international border and borders to and from Mexico and Canada.

"As a trusted provider and a partner of the State, we are preparing to make it easier and more convenient for customers," Crittenden explained.

For those applying for the first time, they will need to:

- Apply in person. Minors under 14 must also apply in person with both parent/guardian.
- Complete application Form DS-11 (available at

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Scott looking forward to new venture

Says she will remain with United Way until new director is ready to take over

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Cynthia Scott is stepping aside as executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County to enter into private business — one that would seem to be a good fit. She's going into the promotion business.

"It just seemed like a good time. A friend of mine, Kim Howell, and I have always done a lot of things together and we've decided to form a business called F.I.S.H., which stands for Fresh Ideas by Scott and Howell," said Scott.

"We're going to try to do everything an ad agency does. We'll do graphics, logos, news letters, ad campaigns, coordinate special events and the like. And we're going to offer specialty products, like pens, golf balls and mugs," she added.

The local United Way board is currently accepting applications



Scott

for an executive director. Experience with the United Way is preferred, but education and related skills will be considered.

"I plan on staying around as long as it takes. If they hire someone with experience, that's great. If they hire someone who is not familiar with United Way, I will stay on and help train them. I want to make sure United Way has another successful campaign and continues with the momentum we have going," said Scott. "I will be here until they are totally trained."

Scott said she plans to continue her ties with the United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

"I have loved this job. I am still going to be supporting them and helping them raise money," she

Annual Meeting is Tuesday, RSVP requested by Monday

HERALD staff report

Interested in learning more about United Way? Maybe you are already involved. At any rate, you are invited to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Annual Meeting, set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

"We're glad to have anyone attend, we just need to know in advance so we will know how much food to prepare," said Cynthia Scott, executive director. "We are encouraging volun-

teers, companies and individuals who have donated and of course board members." Barbecue and the trimmings will be the meal. There is no charge.

Final totals for the recent campaign will be announced, volunteers and outgoing board members will be recognized and officers and new board members will be installed at the meeting.

Those who plan to partake of the meal are asked to RSVP by Monday. Call 267-5201 to make reservations. Attire will be casual.

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Local artist's works still on display at museum

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area residents planning to take in the Heritage Museum exhibit featuring local artist Sheree Moates will have to get a move on, as the display will close little more than a week.

"We had the reception for Sheree and the opening of the display the first part of March," said Museum Director Nancy Raney. "And some folks think that's it and

"It's great for the museum because we want to showcase how much talent there is in Big Spring. There are so many talented artists and it's such a great community, and we want to celebrate that."

—Nancy Raney, museum director

it's over, but it's not. We still have the collection on display, and we're really hoping area residents will come out and show their support for our local talent."

Raney, who has been with the museum for many years, said exhibits focusing on local artists are one of her favorite things at the local historical hot-spot.

"It's great for the museum because we want to showcase how much talent there is in Big Spring," said Raney. "There are so many talented artists and it's such a great community, and we want to celebrate that. We want them to have a place for them to come and display their art so everyone can see it."

Paintings aren't the only artwork Moates has on display.

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Obituaries

Woodie Brown Howell Jr.



Woodie Brown Howell Jr., 47, of Timberton, N.M., a former resident of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at his residence. He was cremated and a private service will be held at a later date.

He was born Sept. 15, 1959, in Snyder to Nelta Lois Shannon of Oklahoma and Woodie Brown Howell of Trent. He was raised all his life in Big Spring until joining the U.S. Army in 1977. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., until his honorable discharge in 1980. He re-enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1993 and was again honorably discharged in 1996.

He held various law enforcement positions until finally coming home in 1988 to work as a deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Office where he was employed until 1994. While employed with the sheriff's office, he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice through the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a crossover degree in sociology. He then worked for Cornell Corrections and was elected Howard County Constable for Precinct 1 in 2000 and served until 2001 when he moved to New Mexico.

He was licensed as a Texas master peace officer, Texas advanced jailer, firearms and jail instructor, chemical dependency counselor, HIV and AIDS counselor, hostage negotiation team assistant leader, board certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor, certified compulsive gambling counselor, clinical supervisor, U.S. Army-trained alcohol and drug abuse counselor and U.S. Army Equal Opportunity representative.

He had many interests. He was a 33rd degree Master Mason. He was a Shriner and member of the Scottish Rite order of the Knights Templar. He was the past master of the Coahoma Lodge No. 992 in 1994-95. He was involved in many civic organizations and past member of the Coahoma Lion's Club, Big Spring Rotary Club, Lions, Toastmasters and Optimist clubs. He was an avid marksman, hunter and fisherman who loved to be outdoors.

He is survived by one son, Shane Edward Howell, 14, of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine L. Howell, and both parents.

Paid obituary

Ronnie Freeman

Ronnie Freeman, 49, of Big Spring died Friday, March 23, 2007, at Carlsbad Medical Center in Carlsbad, N.M. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Eddy Pitchford, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born May 17, 1957, in Levelland to Retha and Leo Freeman. He was a self employed artist, specializing in painting.

He is survived by three children, Jody Freeman of Ralls, Shawnee Freeman of Levelland and Lindsey Freeman of Abilene; mother, Retha Southwood of Big Spring; one brother, Tommie Freeman and his wife Ann of Snyder; one sister, Diane Dow and her husband Ron of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Freeman; and one sister, Dorinda Freeman.

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

Birt Allison Jr.

Birt Allison Jr. of McKinney, 85, formerly of Big Spring and McAlester, Okla., died Sunday, March 18, 2007, in McKinney. Memorial services will be held at Brumley-Mills Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday with Terry Allison and the Rev. Carl Allison officiating.

Birt was born Dec. 18, 1921, in Hartshorne, Okla., to Birt Sr. and Callie L. (Yeager) Allison.

Survivors include a son, Terry Allison of Carrollton; a daughter, Janet Allison of Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Walter Allison of Bartlesville, Okla., and Carl Allison of West Monroe, La.; three sisters, Betty Hiatt of Weatherford, Gerri Mills of Burlington, Vt., and Barbara Watson of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Lois Davis Allison.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Brumley-Mills Funeral Home of McAlester, Okla.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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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:

- **TRACIE LYNN WILSON**, 44, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of soliciting in a roadway.
- **JARROD LEE MEJIA**, 26, of 609 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ASSAULT** causing bodily injury was reported in the 1200 block of Main.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of 18th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of 18th Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, more than \$500, less than \$1,500, was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE** was reported in the 900 block of Lamesa.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED** was reported in the 200 block of Settles.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 100 block of 18th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MARCUS EMORY STURGILL**, 17, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **NINA JUANITA GAMBOA**, 25, theft of property by check, more than \$20, less than \$500, arrested by DPS.
- **CESAR CHAVEZ ROMERO**, 23, failure to appear, arrested by HCSO.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 5500 block of N. U.S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5200 block of Sterling Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

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

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• 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.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the 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

- The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. RSVP to 267-1449 or 213-4452
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the north-east after midnight.

Friday...Showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 90 percent.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 80.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs around 70.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-20-28-30-49.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$69 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-8-22-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-0-1

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Word Bytes

U.K. rejects demand to admit trespassing; U.N. chief meets with Iran's foreign minister

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Britain on Thursday rejected a demand by Iran's foreign minister that it admit its 15 sailors and marines entered Iranian waters in order to resolve a standoff over their capture.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon held talks with Iran's foreign minister in the Saudi capital, and Ban's spokeswoman said the detention of the Britons was among the topics they were discussing.

Ban's spokeswoman, Soung-Ah Choi, said the U.N. secretary-general was addressing a number of issues in the talks and that the detention of the Britons was among them. She would not give immediate details on the talks, which were still ongoing.

Ban and Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki were both attending a summit of Arab leaders in the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

A day earlier, Mottaki said Britain should admit its Royal Navy crew was in Iranian waters off the Iraqi coast when they were seized last week. It was the first time Tehran has raised a possible way

to resolve the stand-off, but Britain quickly rejected any admission.

Witnesses: 2 copters drop several bombs near stronghold in Somalia's capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Helicopters dropped several bombs Thursday near an insurgent stronghold in Somalia's capital, just hours after a gunbattle killed at least six people, witnesses said.

"Two helicopters flew over us. One was making a surveillance and the other one was dropping several bombs," said Qoje Omar Gesey, a resident of the capital. He said the bombs fell near a former market in northern Mogadishu.

Earlier Thursday, at least six people were killed in a fresh skirmish between Ethiopian troops supporting the fragile Somali government and insurgents, residents said. The dead were believed to be civilians.

Khalid Mohamed Arabey, who lives near the Mogadishu stadium in the south, said the Ethiopian troops met with stiff resistance from a dozen gunmen, who used rocket propelled

grenades, mortars and machine-guns. The Ethiopians responded with artillery and tank shells.

Somalia has seen little more than anarchy for more than a decade. The government, with crucial support from Ethiopian troops, only months ago toppled an Islamic militia that had controlled Mogadishu.

Prosecutors fired for not supporting Bush priorities, former Gonzales aide says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight federal prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, a standard that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' former chief of staff says is legitimate.

Kyle Sampson, who quit earlier this month over the furor, disputed Democratic charges that the firings were a purge by intimidation and a warning to the remaining prosecutors to fall in line. Nor, he said, were the prosecutors dismissed to interfere with corruption investigations.

"To my knowledge, nothing of the sort occurred here," Sampson said in remarks prepared

for delivery Thursday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Democrats viewed his testimony as key to finding the answers to the political question and a second, investigative query: Did Gonzales and the Justice Department provide misleading accounts of the run-up to the firings?

The answer to the second question is yes, according to a Justice Department letter accompanying new documents released hours before Sampson's appearance.

Fire breaks out at high-rise residences; 1 dies leaping from an upper level

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Flames consumed an upper floor of a high-rise residence late Wednesday, and one person jumped from the 20-story building, authorities said.

Witnesses said the person jumped from one of the upper floors, said fire Capt. Jim Arvizu. The death was under investigation.

The fire began on the 18th floor of Galaxy Towers about 9:30 p.m., Arvizu said. It was not immediately known whether flames spread to

other floors.

"I know we made a good stop on the fire," Arvizu said. "I see a big scorch mark extending to the top of the 20-story building."

About 70 firefighters responded to the scene, evacuating an unknown number of residents.

Legendary black aviators to receive Congressional Medals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six decades after completing their World War II mission and coming home to a country that discriminated against them because they were black, the Tuskegee Airmen are getting high honors from Congress.

That gratitude will be expressed Thursday when the legendary black aviators will receive a Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. The award is the most prestigious Congress can offer.

"It's never too late for your country to say that you've done a great job for us," Ret. Col. Elmer D. Jones, 89, of Arlington, Va., said in an interview. Jones was a maintenance officer during the war.

President Bush, members of Congress and other dignitaries are expected to join some 300

airmen, widows and relatives.

Minnesota Guardsman, bride exchange vows across 6,000 miles via video teleconference

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — When it came time for a Minnesota National Guardsman to kiss the bride, she was about 6,000 miles away. But that didn't matter Wednesday, as Spc. Abraham Rhode and Amanda Hart used video teleconferencing to be joined as husband and wife.

"When we said our vows, that's when we became one," Hart said after the short ceremony. "It was pretty exciting, overwhelming."

Hart said Rhode was supposed to come home from Iraq this month and help her plan their August wedding. But when his deployment was extended — and they learned there was a baby on the way — they decided to exchange vows over a video connection.

Nationwide, video teleconferencing has been used to virtually bring soldiers home, even if just for a moment, to experience life-changing events.

HEALTH

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more popular tests, so we're hoping we can cut down on the wait times."

Among the screenings slated for the fair are blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, pulse/oxygen, weight, fluoride treats for kids and DNA kits for kids.

"We're also going to have several speakers coming in to make pre-

sentations," said ValVerde. "Kim Shafer, RN, FNP, with Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be presenting teen topics for teens and their parents, including information on sexually transmitted diseases and other things."

"Valerie Reyna, who is with the Crisis Center in Odessa, will be talking about Internet safety and date violence, as well. We'll also have demonstrations from the local

Dance Gallery and Americkick. The United Blood Services Blood Mobile will also be on-site for fair-goers that want to donate blood."

The fair is slated for 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at 263-7641 or visit 215 W. Third Street.

Sponsors for the event include Alon USA, Caring

Heats — Home Health, Interim Healthcare, Parkview Nursing and Parkplace Retirement, St. Joseph's Home Health, H-E-B, the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic, Big Spring Physical Therapy, Mountain View Lodge and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

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Fred J. Cole, Sr., 63, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ronnie Freeman, 49, died Friday. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

MUSEUM

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"Some of my photography is here, as well," said Moates. "It was someone else's idea for me to put the photography in the exhibit. When we're on vacation, I'm not just doing the tourist thing with my camera. I'm also looking for paintings. And I can't very well take my easel, my paints and everything else on the

plane for a vacation, so I take photos.

"I'm somewhere with my family, but stuff is always going on in my head, and I'm always looking for things to paint. I take those pictures back and paint from them. I also do sketches and write myself notes on them for later saying what the light is doing, that way I can remember it when I get ready to paint."

Moates, who was recent-

ly accepted to the Oil Painters of America, said the inspiration for her other pieces usually comes from real life situations and landscapes, whether they are in Texas or abroad.

"I've studied with Mr. (Dalhart) Windberg for about 20 years now, and we've been to California, several places in Colorado, Arkansas and several places in Texas," said Moates. "Those types of paintings come from

me actually sitting at the place. I start the painting right there, although I almost never finish it on location. I'll take pictures of it and go back to the studio and finish it."

For more information on the Heritage Museum and other exhibits, call 267-8255.

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post offices), but it is important not to sign it.

• Proof of U.S. citizenship (one of the following: a previous U.S. passport; certified U.S. birth certificate; Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship).

• Proof of identity (one

of the following: Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship; current, valid driver's license; or a government or military ID card. Minors must present evidence of identity.

• Two identical passport photos. Photos will be provided at the post office. However, if taken at another location, the photos must be 2x2 inches in size; taken within the

past six months; color preferred; full-face, front view; with a plain white or off-white background; and normal street attire, no hats or headgear.

Crittenden noted that the post office will offer passport photo service for an additional \$15 which

can be paid with cash, check, money order or credit or debit card.

Passport fees are \$97 for those ages 16 and older, and \$82 for those 15 and younger.

The post office is located at 501 S Main Street.

SCOTT

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and are trying to meet those needs. I have the warmest regards for United Way and the people. Of course, it is the people who make up United Way.

"I always thought Big

Spring had the most generous people, and my five years in United Way have proven to me that is the case," she added.

Scott said she hopes to have the new business up and running by the end of April, but stressed that she will continue serving United Way until her successor is in place and comfortable.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Ice cream comes in many flavors. Some people prefer vanilla or chocolate; others prefer something fancier. Some people eat ice cream with fruit and nut toppings; others eat it plain. Some people like to eat ice cream out of a cone; others prefer a dish. Many people change their ice cream preference from day to day.
Life is full of many flavors. Some people enjoy sports; others prefer academics. Some people like animals; others prefer card games. Some people want adventure; others prefer relaxation. Some people are outgoing; others are shy. Many people change their preferences from day to day.
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OUR VIEWS

Make your plans for flea market to benefit KBSB

Good causes and good bargains ... it doesn't get any better than that in the minds of most people. And making a little money off items that seem to be cluttering up your garage or storage room.

That's right, it is time to get rid of all those things that have been collecting dust for years, because the Third Annual Spring Clean Community-Wide Flea Market will be just the place to do it.

The community-wide flea market is set for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Big Spring Mall parking lot, and you are invited to offer your wares for sale.

"There's still time to secure booth space," assured Barbara Brumley, chairman of the flea market for Keep Big Spring Beautiful, the organization hosting the event.

Rental fees are \$25 for a 10x10 space, \$45 for a 12x12 space and \$65 for a 24x12 space. And those renting booth space can sell anything they'd like — with the exceptions of firearms or tobacco. Items can be old or new, manufactured or homemade, trash or treasure.

Those who rent booth space will be hawking their wares in front of a steadily flow of shoppers and will be helping an organization that benefits Big Spring. Funds raised are used for Keep Big Spring Beautiful's local projects — like the lightposts and benches project around the courthouse.

KBSB officials say they hope to help with downtown beautification efforts in conjunction with the city.

Annual projects addressed by the group include the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, coming up April 14, Make A Difference Day in the fall, the Love Our Lake Cleanup at Comanche Trail Park, e-waste collection days and tree planting days.

Those interested in booth space can pick up an application at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third, or online at www.keepbigspringbeautiful.org. And those needing additional information can call 263-8233 or 213-5293.

We here at the *Herald* encourage church groups, Relay For Life teams, service organizations and interested individuals, to help KBSB make the flea market a success.

And for those who feel they don't have items to sell, be sure to drop by the mall parking lot on April 21 and take advantage of the bargains.

Which ever group you fall into, you'll be helping yourself and the entire community at the same time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we go along with all Your plans, Lord, for our life.
Amen

Sen. Hagel's reckless rhetoric

INO (Republican in Name Only) Sen. Chuck Hagel boldly suggests (without being bold enough directly to identify with the sentiment) that some congressmen are considering impeachment proceedings against President Bush because he is flouting Congress and the public on Iraq. Hagel needs to be pressed on this.

Hagel has been dogging Bush for months, if not years, over Iraq, and now he is actually doing the antiwar Democrats' bidding on it.

"Any president who says, 'I don't care' or 'I will not respond to what the people of this country are saying about Iraq or anything else' or 'I don't care what Congress does, I am going to proceed' — if a president really believes that, then there are ways to deal with that," said Hagel on ABC's "This Week."

You would think that a person who has made it to the United States Senate would have at least a rudimentary understanding of our constitutional government.

You would assume he would have grasped that impeachment is a remedy to remove a president (or other officer) for the commission of high crimes and misdemeanors.

While "high crimes and misdemeanors" is a term of art, it most certainly does not encompass presidential action, which, though legal and constitutional, is not popular with the American people or a majority of Congress.

So isn't it enormously ironic that Hagel is hinting that Congress might impeach the president essentially for abusing his constitutional authority when by taking that action Congress would

be grossly abusing its constitutional authority?

If a plebiscitary democracy is what the framers of our Constitution intended, they could have saved themselves a lot of trouble and paper, not to mention the extensive studies they undertook leading them to the conclusion that a constitutional republic — not a pure democracy — offered the best chance for securing the blessings of liberty and prosperity for America.

Indeed one of the main reasons our nation has flourished and survived is precisely that it never purported to be a pure democracy or anything remotely resembling it. If the democratic ideals of the French philosophers had prevailed with America's constitutional architects, our experiment in constitutional governance would have long since terminated.

For Sen. Hagel to imply that the president serves at the pleasure of Congress and the people (a la the British system) betrays a startling misapprehension of our unique form of government. And this man is actually considering a run for the presidency — on the Republican ticket, no less?

But, for the sake of further discussion, let's move beyond Hagel's fundamental misunderstanding of American civics. Since his main complaint against the president seems to be that he is not marching to the commands of Congress or the people, isn't it interesting that without a fortuneteller or divining rod we can't even be sure what those commands are?

If public opinion surveys were to be binding on the president, which ones should he heed? (Where are those silly computer polls candidate Ross Perot promised when you need them?) But if we voters are supposed to be the collective commander in

chief, perhaps we should forfeit our franchise as well for vacillating and sending mixed signals to the president on Iraq.

Indeed if congressmen want to impeach the president for not following their dictates, perhaps they should first tender their own resignations for the same reason. That is, Democrats claim they were elected to majority control in 2006 with a mandate to end the war in Iraq, and yet, without grotesque bribes from the public treasury they can't even muster a majority to pass a resolution to enforce their "mandate."

Someone needs to deliver Sen. Hagel and his like-minded congressional colleagues a memo explaining that the president is commander in chief and that he cannot be fired either by Congress or the people in the absence of committing high crimes and misdemeanors, which involve monumentally more than policy disagreements with the legislative branch. If anything, it is certain congressmen, not the president, who are exceeding their constitutional authority by attempting to usurp the president's lawful power as commander in chief.

Populist politicians are fond of congratulating themselves for attempting to implement the public's will, but it was just such demagogues the Framers had in mind when they installed safeguards in our constitutional framework to prevent a mobocracy.

Sen. Hagel owes the people, who he claims to represent, an apology for his reckless rhetoric.

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DAVID LIMBAUGH



John's and Elizabeth's decision

There's only one reason a man with a wife with incurable breast cancer and two small children at home should be running off to run for president.

Not because he wants the job, or even because she wants it for him.

Because she wants it for them.

Of course, the obvious explanation for why a man whose wife's cancer recurs would keep running is that he's too ambitious to give it up.

After all, presidential candidates never see their wives anyway. Why let it interfere with a campaign that is going well enough? We're used to political marriages that put family second to ambition.

But I don't think that's it in John Edwards' case. First of all, it's not true. He was willing to give it up. Second of all, he didn't have to give it up forever, just for this time, against two very strong contenders no less.

The easiest thing for John Edwards the ambitious would-be president to do would be to go home and take care of his wife, and run in four or eight years as the sympathetic widower — or bet-

ter yet, the husband of a survivor. At 53, he has time. It's what people would expect him to do, what many who know him expected him to do. It would serve his ambition just fine. The person it doesn't serve very well is Elizabeth.

This presidential campaign isn't just his dream, it's theirs. This may be the strongest marriage on public display in some time. My bet is, she convinced him.

The question facing John Edwards was easy because he has more chances, but Elizabeth Edwards faced a harder one. Do you give up the one chance you may ever have for the dream that was theirs because of cancer?

Cancer changes everything, as Leroy Sievers' wonderful blog for NPR, www.npr.org/blogs/mycancer, highlights every day. But the ultimate challenge it poses is to keep living. I read Leroy's blog because the people there are so alive and so wise about the gift of life.

John and Elizabeth have a dream, and they're going for it. And why shouldn't they? Because cancer may limit her days? So they can go home and have everyone wait for her to die so her husband can get back to politics? Living with cancer is about living, not dying. It's a reason to go for it, not give up. To live more, not

less. At least that's my guess as to what she thought, what he thought, why they're going forward instead of going home. This is a stay-at-home mother making a stand for not staying home.

The question is: Will the country let them? Will they treat him as a candidate, or a man who should be home with his sick wife? Will they take her appeals as an endorsement of her husband's qualifications, or proof of his single-minded ambition?

At another time, it might have been different. But you'd be hard-pressed to find an American family that hasn't been touched by cancer, faced its own version of the Edwards saga. It's not just easy to relate, it's too easy. Even so, it all depends on what people think is really going on with John and Elizabeth; not so much how sick she is, but whether this is really what she wants and whether she can convince people of that.

In other words, it depends on Elizabeth Edwards, one of the smartest women I know.

I don't blame John Edwards for not wanting to give up the chance to run for president with her by his side.

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THE UNEXPECTED:

Aveo's rich-look interior shocker from a small car

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

"Holy smoke. Those are nice materials."

It's about the last thing I expected to think or say when I stepped into the \$15,610 2007 Chevrolet Aveo LT sedan, but it's the latest sign of how the vehicles GM sells in America are benefiting from the company's global development and man-

ufacturing process.

The upholstery and trim are not real leather and wood, but they look and feel better than the substitutes GM hung on luxury-wannabe models from Buick and GMC just a couple of years ago.

In fact, the subcompact had a richer look than the interiors of some vehicles priced thousands of dollars higher than GM's building today.



Chevrolet's 2007 Aveo LT Sedan

This is partly due to the fact that the car is built in low-cost South Korea, but more because it was developed for sale in 120 countries around the world — including countries like China, where the subcompact is practically a luxury item — not just as Chevrolet's U.S. entry model.

Historically, GM's North American brands thought of small cars as cheap cars — cheap looks and feel, specifically. It's not so much that they couldn't afford to put

attractive materials inside woeful little cars like the Korean-made Pontiac Le Mans compact. It just never occurred to Detroit-based executives to invest a few extra pennies and a moment's thought to cars they dismissed as econoboxes.

"The Aveo is a mid-level vehicle in some markets where we sell it," said Cheryl Catton, Chevrolet marketing director for cars and small utility vehicles. "The refinement of the vehicle is much greater than many people

expect. When we sat down and decided how to position the car globally, everybody agreed that amazing substance at an affordable price is what Chevrolet is all about."

The stylish and roomy Aveo hatchback gets the ritzy interior when a new model goes on sale next year as a 2009 model.

Despite its virtues, the Aveo's interior could use some work. The gaps between some pieces are bigger than they should be, and a couple of pieces of plain plastic are

reminders of the days when GM dismissed little cars.

It's a very welcoming environment, though, and it sets a high standard for the engineers and designers working on other GM vehicles.

If a \$15,610 Chevy can look this good, they'd better knock me out with the next \$25,000 sedan or \$35,000 SUV they introduce.

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Senate approves war spending bill forcing Iraq troop withdrawal, despite veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats ignored a veto threat and pushed through a bill Thursday requiring President Bush to start withdrawing troops from "the civil war in Iraq," dealing a rare, sharp rebuke to a wartime commander in chief.

In a mostly party line 51-47 vote, the Senate signed off on a bill providing \$122 billion to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also orders Bush to begin withdrawing troops within 120 days of passage while setting a nonbinding goal of ending combat operations by March 31, 2008.

The vote came shortly after Bush invited all House Republicans to the White House to appear with him in a sort of pep rally to bolster his position in the continuing war policy fight.

"We stand united in saying loud and clear that when we've got a troop in harm's way, we expect that troop to be fully funded," Bush said, surrounded by Republicans on the North Portico, "and we got commanders making tough decisions on the ground, we expect there to be no strings on our commanders."

"We expect the Congress to be wise about how they spend the people's money," he said.

The Senate vote marked its boldest challenge yet to the administration's handling of a war, now in its fifth year, that has cost the lives of more than 3,200 American troops and more than \$350 billion. In a show of support for the president, most Republicans opposed the measure, unwilling to back a troop withdrawal

schedule despite the conflict's widespread unpopularity.

"Surely this will embolden the enemy and it will not help our troops in any way," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

Forty-eight Democrats and independent Bernard Sanders of Vermont were joined by two Republicans, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Gordon Smith of Oregon, in voting for the measure. Opposed were 46 Republicans and Connecticut independent Joseph Lieberman.

Sens. Mike Enzi, R-Wy., and Tim Johnson, D-S.D., did not vote.

The House, also run by Democrats, narrowly passed similar legislation last week. Party leaders seem determined that the final bill negotiated between the two chambers will demand some

sort of timetable for winding down the war — setting them on course for a veto showdown with the president.

"We've spoken the words the American people wanted us to speak," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "There must be a change of direction in the war in Iraq, the civil war in Iraq."

"The Senate and the House have held together and done what we've done," he told reporters. "It's now in his corner to do what he wants to do."

In a letter to Bush, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Reid had said earlier: "This Congress is taking the responsible course and responding to needs that have been ignored by your administration and the prior Congress."

White House spokes-

woman Dana Perino said the president respects the role of Congress — and Congress should respect his.

"I think the founders of our nation had great foresight in realizing that it would be better to have one commander in chief managing a war, rather than 535 generals on Capitol Hill trying to do the same thing," she said. "They're mandating failure here."

The legislation represents the Senate's first, bold challenge of Bush's war policies since Democrats took control of Congress in January. With Senate rules allowing the minority party to insist on 60 votes to pass any bill and Democrats holding only a narrow majority, Reid previously had been unable to push through resolutions critical of the war.

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Officials agree to Texas Youth Commission czar

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials reached a major compromise aimed at fixing the troubled juvenile prison system on Wednesday, putting the agency into a conservatorship for now and allowing a single executive to take it over later.

The plan would involve permanently abolishing Texas Youth Commission's board and replacing it with a juvenile prison czar. A much less powerful advisory council would be established as well.

Jay Kimbrough has been promoted from special master to conserva-

tor, Gov. Rick Perry said. He will serve until the end of the legislative session in May, when officials hope to find a new conservator who eventually will become the agency's new chief.

"We are all focused on taking the necessary steps to reform the agency," Perry said.

The Texas Youth Commission has been in turmoil since late February, when a two-year-old investigation into allegations of sexual abuse of inmates and a possible cover-up by TYC officials were reported in the media.

Since then, the board and several top staffers have resigned, and the supervisor of the juvenile lockup in Marlin was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of lying to investigators.

Early this month, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Kimbrough to oversee a sweeping investigation of the system and coordinated the hiring of a new acting executive director to implement the special master's recommendations.

Lawmakers had loudly protested Perry's decision to appoint a special master because that position

is not defined in state law. They said that could leave the state vulnerable to arguments by defense attorneys representing clients charged under evidence Kimbrough unearthed.

State law, however, gives conservators a wide range of powers, including the authority to hire and fire employees for any reason.

Kimbrough said he plans to immediately fire the 111 TYC employees with felony convictions on their records. He said he also will make the superintendents of TYC facilities and other top

officials reapply for their jobs.

"I have seen and heard enough," Kimbrough said. "We want a fresh start, and we're going to have a fresh start."

Until Wednesday, Perry had bristled at lawmakers' request that he put the TYC into a conservatorship. Likewise, lawmakers had balked at Perry's suggestion to abolish the board and put a single commissioner in charge of the agency.

But on Wednesday, a variety of legislative leaders said they agreed a prison czar is the best course of action.

Democratic Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, who previously rejected the idea of a single commissioner, said he would sponsor legislation changing the agency's structure.

"The fact of the matter is it's time now to put a conservator in," Perry said when asked why he changed his mind. "This is the right thing to do at the right time."

Also Wednesday, parents, TYC employees and community activists packed a legislative committee room for a public hearing on the agency's problems.

Storms spawn tornadoes across Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO (AP) — At least three people were injured in the Texas Panhandle as storms that brought winds up to 70 mph, hail and rain, spawned several tornadoes.

National Weather Service officials in the Panhandle said numerous tornadoes touched down Wednesday night. While many of the tornadoes were in areas so rural that no damage was

reported, others caused damage to homes, downed power lines and uprooted trees. Survey teams were set to go out today to get an official count on the number of tornadoes.

The storm system extended from the Panhandle to south of the Midland-Odessa area in West Texas.

Up to baseball-sized hail and heavy rains hit Hemphill County, said Jose Garcia, a National

Weather Service meteorologist in Amarillo.

Two homes were damaged in rural Hemphill County, two trucks were turned over and some work trailers on oilfields were blown around, said sheriff's office dispatcher Ronnie Moore.

A person in one of the oilfield trailers about 13 miles southwest of Canadian was injured and was taken to the hospital, said Moore, who did not

have any details on the injury.

Also near there, two big rigs were blown over on highway 60, but there were no reported injuries, he said.

But two people were injured when three tractor-trailers got wrapped together by a possible tornado on Interstate 40 near Groom, said Barbie Reid, communications operator for Texas Department of Public Safety in

Childress. Both were taken to an Amarillo hospital.

She said that about five homes were damaged in the town of McLean, located just off Interstate 40 in the Panhandle.

A tornado that went through Caprock Canyons State Park was on the ground for about 20 minutes, said Justin Weaver, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Lubbock.

At least three homes were evacuated as a precaution as a creek continued to rise in the small town of Darrouzett in Lipscomb County in the far northeastern corner of the Panhandle, said sheriff's office dispatcher Jay Johnston.

Authorities in Oklahoma said that two people were killed in Beaver County in a possible tornado in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

State briefs

Committee adopts proposal for early primary

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas primary elections would be moved up a month to the first Tuesday in February under legislation unanimously approved by a House committee Wednesday.

The measure's supporters hope the earlier primaries will give Texas voters more influence in each party's nomination for president.

"When we hold our primary in March, we have very little influence or impact upon the party's nominee," said Democratic Rep. Helen Giddings of Dallas, one of the legislation's writers. "Right now, presidential primaries are like spectator sports for Texas. We are at the game but we are on the sidelines, and you can't put points on the board from the sidelines."

The bill still must be approved by the full House and Senate. House Speaker Tom Craddick has said the measure has support in that chamber.

Republicans and Democrats endorsed the proposal, which would make the 2008 primary elections Feb. 5. Under current law, primary elections are held on the first Tuesday of March.

The legislation also would move the primary runoff date from the second Tuesday in April to the second Tuesday in March.

Several other big states, including California and Florida, also are considering moving their primaries to Feb. 5 in 2008. The effect could be replacing the old Super Tuesday in March with a new slate of impact primaries a month sooner.

Nowak reports to Corpus Christi air station

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Lisa Nowak, the former astronaut accused of trying to kidnap a rival for a space shuttle pilot's affections, has reported for duty at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

On Wednesday, the Navy captain was told of her duties and processed with base administration officials, said Lt. Sean Robertson, spokesman for the Chief of Naval Air Training. Nowak then returned to Houston, where the mother of three lives.

"She checked in like anybody would check in for their first day of work," Robertson told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for its Thursday editions. "She had to check in with various departments. She had to make sure everyone has her in the system."

Robertson said Nowak will start her duties as curriculum development worker for the Chief of Naval Air Training no later than the end of April. He said he did not know whether Nowak would live in Corpus Christi or Houston. He said that decision would be up to her.

Corpus Christi is about 220 miles northeast of

Houston.

Nowak was fired from NASA about a month after her Feb. 5 arrest. Police say she drove from Houston to Florida to confront Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman in an Orlando airport parking lot and then pepper-sprayed her. Shipman, who was dating astronaut Bill Oefelein, was able to get away.

Police reported finding a BB gun, steel mallet, knife and rubber tubing in Nowak's car.

Nowak's trial is scheduled to begin in July on charges of attempted kidnapping, burglary with assault and battery. She has entered a not guilty plea.

Traveling preacher shot to death in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Police are investigating the shooting death of a 56-year-old man who was shot in the face Wednesday when two men wearing red bandannas ransacked his home.

Police said that Lee Perry O'Neal's wife, Annette, suffered minor injuries. The shooting was reported just after 2 a.m.

"She said he tried to charge at them. When they started struggling, she ran to the phone to call 911, and she heard the shots," Annette's sister, Jean Lewis, told KHOU television station.

The television station reported that O'Neal was a traveling preacher originally from New Orleans who fled to Houston after Hurricane Rita destroyed his home in Beaumont.

The suspects stole O'Neal's vehicle, which was later recovered.

3 dead in multi-story office building fire in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Three people died and at least six were injured Wednesday afternoon when a fire broke out in a six-story office building in northeast Houston, fire officials said. The injured included at least three firefighters.

District Fire Chief T.J. Dowdy said firefighters found the three bodies on the building's fifth floor.

The fire broke out at the end of the business day and flames could be seen coming out of the building's top floors. Heavy smoke blanketed a nearby 10-lane freeway during the busy evening rush hour.

Television footage showed fire personnel guiding people down ladders placed against the structure and a firefighter on a stretcher being put in an ambulance as the flames broke through the glass.

Roy Anderson and Larry Gill, who work at Rail Crew Express on the sixth floor, says they were outside the building when they heard an explosion and then glass shattering.

They say a person driving by ran into the building and manually pulled the fire alarm, while they called authorities. Both say before then, the fire alarms hadn't sounded and the sprinklers hadn't gone off.

Jim Jimenez, owner of J Systems on the fourth floor, smelled smoke and then saw the fire from the building's atrium. He left and saw the fire raging as he looked back, Jimenez said.

"It looked like the entire suite was on fire. It just took seconds," he said.

There was no word yet on what started the blaze, but the fire was contained to the fifth and sixth floors, Dowdy said.

The six injured were believed to be suffering from smoke inhalation, Dowdy said.

An engineering firm and several medical clinics are listed as tenants in the building.

Boxer Property Management Corp., which manages the building, declined to comment on Wednesday and said a statement would be issued Thursday.

The company's Web site lists office space for rent at the address.

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

When the distribution is wild, anything can happen, and this deal from a club duplicate provides ample proof.

At the table where the auction shown occurred, North opened with a weak two-heart bid, and South leaped to five clubs, hoping to shut the opponents out. But West was not in the least intimidated and bid five diamonds.

North, with two aces and a club honor, understandably pushed on to six clubs. Again West refused to be silenced, and when six diamonds got back to South, he decided to bid one more for luck.

Seven clubs could have been set

two tricks, but after the diamond lead, it proved to be unbeatable! Declarer won the ace of diamonds, crossed to the club king and cashed the king of hearts. When West showed out and could not trump, the hand was an open book.

South overtook the queen of hearts with the ace and led the ten of hearts for a ruffing finesse against East's jack. After East covered and declarer ruffed, dummy was re-entered with the queen of clubs, and South discarded both of his spades on the 9-8 of hearts as East helplessly followed suit. Plus 2,330 for North-South!

At another table, North again opened with two hearts, but this time South bid two notrump. West doubled, North redoubled to show a maximum and, for reasons best known to themselves, both South and West passed! After a diamond lead, declarer had no trouble collecting eight clubs, three hearts and the ace of diamonds for four redoubled overtricks. Plus 2,480!

At only one table did East-West find their spade fit. Here, East declared six spades doubled after a typically vigorous auction, and South led his singleton diamond. North won the ace and returned a diamond, but declarer, reading the situation perfectly, ruffed with the ace of spades, then led the spade eight and let it ride to pick up South's queen. Plus 1,660 for East-West!

It was indeed a wild night at the club.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Saturday, April 7 there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls.

The tournament is open to all age groups.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring teens baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players.

The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day.

Entry fee is \$60, plus a cart fee.

For additional information, contact Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Lady Kats and Bearkats win Garden City Invitational

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

STANTON — The 3rd annual Garden City Invitational Six-man Shootout Golf Tournament took place Wednesday and the Bearkats girl's and boy's golf teams were not gracious hosts.

Garden City swept the team competition and claimed top individual honors on the boy's side and the top four spots for the girls. Eric Hirt shot an 87 for the Bearkats and Kate Halfmann turned in a 95 for the Lady Kats, just clipping teammate and sister Brooke Halfmann by one stroke. Rounding out the top four spots for the Lady Kats was Mikela Baron (111) and Erin Hirt (112).

Eric Hirt and Sam Long led the Bearkats to victory with a 354 team total, 35 strokes better than second place Whitharral High School. The Garden City "black team" — GCHS entered two male teams — was led by Levi Schaefer (105) and Cole Schwartz (111) and placed third with a team total of 425.

"I was really proud of our kids' efforts today," Garden City coach Ken Hoskins said after the tournament. "It was extremely windy and the conditions for the tournament were difficult all day. I thought we battled hard to shoot the scores we did."

Following are team results for the tournament:

Boys — Garden City (Red) 354, Whitharral 389, Garden City (Black) 425, Borden County 436, Meadow 448, Ira 471.

Girls — Garden City 414, Borden County 486, Meadow 520.



The Garden City boy's golf team, pictured from left to right: Sam Long, Chase O'Brien, Coach Abney, Marcus Cook, Taylor Niehues and Eric Hirt. The Bearkats won the Garden City Invitational by 35 strokes.

Top individual honors:

Boys — Eric Hirt 87 (GC), Tell Rutledge 87 (WH), Sam Long 88 (GC), Marcus Cook 88 (GC), Jake Baker 88 (WH), Jacob Froman 90 (BC).

Girls — Kate Halfmann 95 (GC), Brooke Halfmann 96 (GC), Mikela Barton 111 (GC), Erin Hirt 112 (GC), Kate Wallace 113 (BC), Haylee Bingham 114 (MH).

Garden City High School will be held Tuesday at Big Spring Country Club and this will be the first district tournament of the season.

The next tournament for

Arkansas board member says Gillispie was contacted

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas was waiting to hear from Texas A&M's Billy Gillispie about the Razorbacks' opening for a head basketball coach, though media reports in Texas had the Aggies coach set to stay put.

Stanley Reed, the chairman of the University of Arkansas board of trustees, said Wednesday that Gillispie is a candidate for the job and there were others in the running. The position came open Monday when athletic director Frank Broyles fired Stan Heath after five years.

"I know we've tried to make contact with him," Reed said of Gillispie. "We're kind of waiting

on him to call us back."

But The Houston Chronicle, citing three unidentified officials close to the Texas A&M system, reported on its Web site Wednesday that Gillispie has reached an agreement on a new contract with A&M athletic director Bill Byrne.

"I talked to Coach Gillispie this morning and he told me that as far as he's concerned, he's the coach at Texas A&M," interim university president Eddie Davis told the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

"That's the end of the story for me."

Houston television station KRIV reported that Gillispie called Aggie's signee Nathan Walkup on Tuesday night to

assure him he wasn't leaving to take the Arkansas job.

Texas A&M spokesman Alan Cannon said Byrne had no comment on Gillispie and Arkansas.

Broyles said Tuesday that he had made an offer but wouldn't say to whom. "We could have a quick announcement ... or it could fall through. I've offered the job, and we're waiting to hear."

Gillispie, 47, took the Aggies to the NCAA tournament's third round this year. He has been at Texas A&M for three seasons, going 70-26 with a team that was 7-21 the season before he arrived.

Gillispie also coached at Texas-El Paso from 2002-04, going 6-24 in 2002-03 and 24-8 the following season.

Broyles said he has not talked to any coaches, but that "the one I'm trying to get knows I want him to have the job."

Reed said he believes money would not stand in the way of attracting a new coach.

"I think that's pretty well the consensus of the leadership," he said.

Heath led Kent State to the round of eight in the NCAA tournament in 2002, then took over at Arkansas that offseason after Nolan Richardson was fired. The Razorbacks missed the tournament in Heath's first three seasons but made it in 2006 and 2007, only to lose in the first round both years, to Bucknell last year and Southern California this year.

Houston Open should be filled with birdies

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HUMBLE — Stuart Appleby set a course record in the first round, broke 70 on all four days and finished 19-under-par to win last year's Houston Open.

He thinks he'll have to go even lower to lift the crystal trophy this time.

The Houston Open is back at the Tournament Course at Redstone that drew mixed reviews from the players in its debut a year ago.

The tournament was moved from late April to the week before the Masters and organizers have tried to mimic the conditions at Augusta, speeding up the greens, trimming the rough and shaving down slopes around water hazards.

However, unless a stiff south Texas breeze blows all weekend, Appleby thinks the tournament will look more like the Las Vegas Invitational than a major championship.

"If this course stays soft, it will be very easy, which is not Augusta," said Appleby, who hasn't

won since last year's event. "If it plays firm, fast and windy, it will make us think more Augusta thoughts."

Tournament officials were hoping the new date and their attempts to mirror Augusta would draw an A-list field.

Instead, most of the top players bypassed Houston and headed straight to the real thing, while the Houston Open was once again left without stars such as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and, now, even three-time champion Vijay Singh.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said the Houston Open was chosen as the event before Masters week because of the course's similarities to Augusta. It's slotted as the Masters warmup through 2012 and Finchem expects the fields to get better as the word gets out about the quality of the course.

"It's going to take another year or two for the impact of the golf course to sink in," Finchem said. "Though many of the big names stayed away, the new date lured many of

the international players who'll play at Augusta. Former Masters champions Jose Maria Olazabal and Bernhard Langer are here, along with Argentinian Angel Cabrera, Irishman Padraig Harrington and Englishman Lee Westwood.

The highest ranked player in this week's field is Adam Scott, who's trying to become the sixth Australian to win in Houston. Along with Appleby, and Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton, David Graham and Robert Allenby have also won the event.

Like Appleby, Scott thinks the Tournament Course is there for the taking this week. He projected the winning score at 20-under or better.

"I think there are going to be a lot of birdies this week," Scott said. "The wind is the only thing preventing it. But still, even if it's windy, it's going to be 20-under, something like that."

Appleby would still take the score he had last year.

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Astros make changes to roster

The Houston Astros placed pitcher Brandon Backe and catcher Hector Gimenez on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday.

Backe is rehabbing from right elbow reconstruction surgery, and Gimenez had shoulder surgery this month.

Houston also released minor league left-hander Kelly Wunsch. Outfielder Charlton Jimerson requested and was granted his release.

Texas beats Rice in baseball

Russell Moldenhauer went 2-for-3, including a key RBI in the fifth and a solo home run in the seventh, to help lead Texas to a 6-4 victory over Rice on Tuesday night.

The Longhorns have now defeated the Owls in 10 straight games.



Stuart Appleby tees off on the fourth hole in a practice round. Last year he set the course record at the Houston Open.

Mavs get 60th victory, lose Nowitzki

(AP) — Coming off an unbeaten road trip and with their star player hurting, it would have been easy for the Dallas Mavericks to have a letdown against the lowly Milwaukee Bucks.

Instead, Dallas continued its strong play and rallied to win its eighth straight game — 60th of the season — with a 105-103 victory over the Bucks on Wednesday night.

"To talk about 60 is pretty impressive, especially the way we started," coach Avery Johnson said. "These types of games, we could easily lose, but they refuse to lose."

It is the third time the Mavericks have won 60 games, all in the last five seasons. The top team in the Western Conference has 11 games left in the regular season, which started with four straight losses.

"We just wanted to keep it going," Devin Harris said. "We had a great road trip, but there were a lot of hurdles tonight we had to overcome."

Dallas had its first 6-0 road trip in franchise history and was poised to continue its winning streak until Dirk Nowitzki went down with an ankle injury in the first half.

After Nowitzki got hurt with 3:42 left in the second quarter, the Bucks went on a 14-4 run to take a 62-54 halftime lead.

The Bucks were only the third team to score at least 60 against Dallas in the first half. The other times were back-to-back losses to Golden State and Phoenix earlier this month before the Mavericks' current winning streak.

In other NBA games, it was: Utah 108, Minnesota 102; New Jersey 118, Indiana 94; San Antonio 92, New Orleans 88; New York 97, Indiana 93; Toronto 96, Miami 83; Boston 103, Orlando 96, in double-overtime; Washington 111, Philadelphia 108; Charlotte 101, Atlanta 87; Seattle 100, Denver 97; and Houston 92, Los Angeles Clippers 87.

Nowitzki returned only briefly after halftime before leaving for good. He was walking around after the game and described the injury as "two bone spurs jamming together."

He was to get treatment Thursday, when the team has a day off from practice.

Jazz 108, Timberwolves 102

At Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Mehmet Okur added 23 points and 12 boards to help Utah beat Minnesota and clinch the Northwest Division title.

Deron Williams, who had 22 points and 14 assists, and Derek Fisher combined to make seven of eight free throws in the last 25 seconds to secure the victory.

Kevin Garnett scored 25 points to lead Minnesota.

Nets 118, Pacers 94

Rookie Josh Boone scored a career-high 22 points to lead host New Jersey.

Jermaine O'Neal, the Pacers' leading scorer, sat out the game with sprains of the left ankle and knee. Indiana could not overcome his loss, although Troy Murphy, who started in O'Neal's spot, had 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Spurs 92, Hornets 88

Tim Duncan scored 31 points, including his first 3-pointer of the season, to help San Antonio beat visiting New Orleans.

Brent Barry hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs rally for their fifth straight victory.

Chris Paul scored 20 points to lead six Hornets in double figures.

Nicks 97, Cavaliers 93

Eddy Curry scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, Stephon Marbury rattled in a clinching 3-pointer with 8.5 seconds left, and host New York snapped a four-game losing streak.

LeBron James scored 24 points for the Cavaliers.



MCT photo/Eric Menche/Philadelphia Inquirer
Mavericks' Jason Terry celebrates their 105-103 victory over Milwaukee at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia, Penn. Wednesday

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He missed two cuts this year and his best finish was a tie for 13th at Kapalua, where he's won three times.

"I haven't played any good all year," Appleby said. "I haven't moved with the herd, you know? Stuck out of the back with

the dog nipping at my heels. I've got to get moving some."

While the Houston Open was the highlight of Appleby's 2006, it kick-started Steve Stricker's campaign.

Stricker played only three tournaments before finishing third in Houston last year. He rode the momentum to top-10 finishes at the U.S. Open and PGA

Championship and finished the year with \$1.8 million in earnings, a career high.

"I just started feeling some good things in my swing," Stricker said. "I was working hard at home and feeling those good things and finally, I started to see it in some of the tournaments I was playing. It just kind of steamrolled."

Stricker and Appleby

were two of 53 players to finish under par last year.

Course architect Rees Jones, who oversaw the changes, hopes the

Tournament course isn't too easy. He said the alterations were done to force players to make more creative shots — like the

ones they'll face at Augusta.

"They're going to have to lob shots or pitch shots into slopes," Jones said.

Bowl-A-Rama bowling results

Men's Caprock
From March 19
The Veterans split with Tough As Nails, 4-4
WTP over Dyer Plumbing, 8-0
D&W Pump over Culligan, 8-0
Legend Operating over King Pins, 6-2
Parks Agency Insurance over Steamrollerz, 6-2
Farm Bureau over Four Wisemen, 4-4
BSI split with Four Wisemen, 4-4
High Score Individual Game, Jimmie Wood, 267
High Individual Series, Eddie Gonzales Jr. and Ray Kennedy, 721
High Handicap Game, Jacob Petrowski, 293
High Handicap Series, Eddie Gonzales Jr., 760
High Team Game, Four Wiseman, 301
High Handicap Team Game, King Pins, 1,012
High Team Series, The Veterans, 2,417
High Handicap Team Series, Legend Operating, 2,817
Standings
1. D&W Pump 58-22
2. Legend Operating 54-26
3. Jagerbombs 52-28
4. BSI 51-29
5. Farm Bureau 50-30
6. Culligan 46-34
7. Tough As Nails 44-36
8. King Pins 44-36
9. WTP 43-37
10. Four Wiseman 40-40
11. Steamrollerz 36-44
12. J-Force 33-47

13. The Veterans 32-48
14. Bob Brock Ford 26-54
15. Parks Agency Ins. 24-56
16. Dyer Plumbing 7-73

Men's Wednesday's Strikers
March 21 weekly results
Parks Road Runners over Wanna B's & Then Some, 6-2
Pepper & Salt split with Sharp Image, 4-4
The Crew over Trio Fuels, 6-2
NOCP over Vagasil, 8-0
High Individual Game, Sam Gonzales, 256
High Individual Series, Sam Gonzales, 652
High Handicap Individual Game, Sam Gonzales, 260
High Handicap Individual Series, Mike Ramirez, 686
High Team Game, Trio Fuels, 837
High Handicap Team Game, Trio Fuels, 922
High Team Series, Wanna B's & Then Some, 2,246
High Handicap Team Series, NOCP, 2,701
Standings
1. Wanna B's & Then Some 148-84
2. Trio Fuels 136-96
3. The Crew 125-107
4. Sharp Image 114-118
5. Pepper & Salt 106-126
6. Parks Road Runners, 106-126
7. Vagasil 103-129
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Legals

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 3:00 P.M., Thursday, April 12, 2007, for the purchase of **Pump Control Valves with Hydraulic Controller Systems.** At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. This project consists of supply and delivery of three 12-inch to 18-inch diameter Metal Seated, Rotary Cone Valves and Hydraulic Control Systems. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 during normal business hours. Inquiries regarding equipment specifications are to be directed to **Cole Walker, P.E., Coordinator of Engineering Services,** telephone (432)267-6341, email: cdw@crmwtd.org. #5291 March 15, 22 & 29, 2007

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The fire-sign energy that rules the day has a declaration to make: Confidence is power. It even gives you power over time. When you trust yourself, you move without hesitation, quickly and precisely. In this mode you maximize your moments. You can accomplish more in a confident 15 minutes than you could in an insecure 24 hours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like a triple espresso in your morning coffee, your enthusiasm takes you a long way in accomplishing professional goals. But personal goals having to do with your relationships require more sensitivity than



HOLIDAY MATHIS

turbo-power.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tune in to the subtle shift you're experiencing. You may feel like finally relinquishing a loss or forgiving someone for a past wrong. Allow these healthy expressions into your consciousness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When someone airs his dirty laundry, try to see it as a gift, not a gripe. You've been wondering what's been up, and now you know. It's hard to pass judgment until you're in another's shoes — a rule that works in both directions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The surest path to burnout is aggressively plugging away at a task without breathing in the world around you. Notice the weather of your own mind. A friendship desperately needs some TLC.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see yourself in other faces — maybe even in

the driver who honks his horn on the morning commute. But "angry you" has little use in today's schedule. You're happy to choose a different persona to wear today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're slightly disconnected from what others seem to think is important. Stop thinking so much, and start moving and touching. These physical acts support and ground your body as your priorities shift.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The more insistent you get, the harder it is to get your way. Unless you're a bully — and you're not — that's a lesson that will repeat until the energy pattern is done. Eventually your way dissolves into the way life is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like your relationships to change and grow. Just by being you, you unconsciously widen your partner's view.

When your sweetie feels pulled like taffy, go back to square one by establishing safety and trust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Figure out what the problem is at work. No, a female co-worker is not conspiring against you — she wants to help. Open your mind to other possibilities before speaking a conclusion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The value you attach to what you're giving others is relative to what you feel while you're giving. Give with an open hand and heart, and it's received as such. Avoid creating hidden costs in the exchange.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're bouncing off the energy of others this morning. When your partner helps you work through a perceived injustice, once again you realize politics is personal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your power isn't a mysterious sprite that comes and goes as it pleases, nor is it bound up in your father/mother complex. It's in your consistency. Anything you do repeatedly with intention is an act of power.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Sagittarius, and 2007 is supposed to be our year, but it's not turning out that way for me and other Sags: Anna Nicole Smith and Britney Spears. Astrologers say "think big," but I've been so busy trying to survive that I've forgotten how!"

I'm sorry you're having a hard time! Jupiter is in your sign this year, but he's accompanied by the longer passage of Pluto in Sagittarius. Jupiter brings big opportunities and blows closed doors wide open, while Pluto forces buried issues to the surface for healing, especially surrounding addictions, abuse and personal power. So you can see that if things have been careening out of control, as for Britney and tragically, Anna, "think big" is a toxic invitation. Sagittarians have been elected to clean the dredge, stopping at nothing short of total transformation! I have a feeling Pluto is the influence you're talking about when you mention survival. Think big again by remembering a time in your life when something

came together out of sheer luck. Hold that in mind. Jupiter is the planet of faith! Always remember: You are a unique product of your personal choices. The planets may guide your destiny, but you control it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Keri Russell is a fiery Aries who has put her spark into characters like Felicity and Lindsey Farris in "Mission: Impossible III." Aries have a special knack for physical feats, and Russell displays this through both dancing and fighting on the big screen. 2007 is one of her busiest years yet! She and other Aries born in '76 are working hard to push their careers to the next level.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: Yesterday, my husband's nephew sent him an invitation to view the online blog that he and his wife write. On the site, the wife had posted a photo of herself wearing scanty clothing. I am furious, but I don't think it's jealousy I'm experiencing — I think I feel disrespected.

This same woman likes to wear revealing outfits around the family. I wouldn't think of posting this type of photo of myself on the Internet, and I certainly wouldn't invite male members of the family to view it.

I think she is clearly an exhibitionist, and I have a bad feeling that the pair of them are getting some sort of sick pleasure from the wife exposing herself to the men of the family. Please tell me how to handle this. — Breast or Thigh?

Dear Thigh: People who post provocative photos of themselves on the Internet are indeed exhibitionists, and you are probably right that this couple enjoys the attention. They want you to be titillated or outraged. You handle this by asking your husband to ignore future requests to view this couple's online postings. If they ask what you thought of this one, say



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

neutrally, "It was OK," or "We don't really have time to look at blogs." When you don't react, it removes all the excitement for them. We hope they will grow up soon.

Dear Annie: Is it possible that alcohol affects some people in such a way that they remember almost nothing about how they behave?

My wife denies having any type of drinking problem, yet right now there is a near-empty box of beer in one closet, empty beer cans in the cupboards and two large empty wine bottles that weren't around a week ago.

Frequently there is some type of mess (broken glasses, for example) to clean up. She has no regrets or apologies for

her behavior. She becomes extremely defensive when I try to have even the smallest discussion on the subject. She has been seeing a therapist for eight years and recently started taking Prozac. She doesn't see anything wrong with adding extra pills to her daily prescribed intake and drinking to whatever extent she wants at the end of the day.

She very rarely shows anything but a smile and nice disposition. The kids laugh at her when she gets drunk because she behaves like a bobble-head doll. I feel sorry for her, but I'm reluctant to help because everything I've said so far has been firmly rejected. Any suggestions? — Married to the Bottle Head

Dear Married: It's quite possible your wife has no recollection of what she does when drunk. And combining booze with pills is truly dangerous. Her therapist should be informed immediately. Stop being "reluctant" to get involved. This is a serious addiction. Contact Al-Anon (al-anon.aa-teen.org) for family and friends of alcoholics. It's in the phone book.

Dear Annie: We recently got a new supervisor, and I'm not sure if some of his behavior is appropriate. For instance, when we were dealing with a recent problem, he sent a memo saying, "If we don't fix this, someone is going to be fired." On another occasion, concerns were raised regarding one of his proposals, and he replied, "If people don't like it, I'd be happy to write them a letter of recommendation."

We have a very professional and experienced staff, and these comments have people on edge. Should I just brush it off? Complain to our HR department? Start looking for other employment? — John

Dear John: Register a complaint with the HR department, and if your supervisor has a boss, speak to that person as well. An effective manager does not intimidate or threaten subordinates, and someone in authority should speak to your supervisor about his behavior.

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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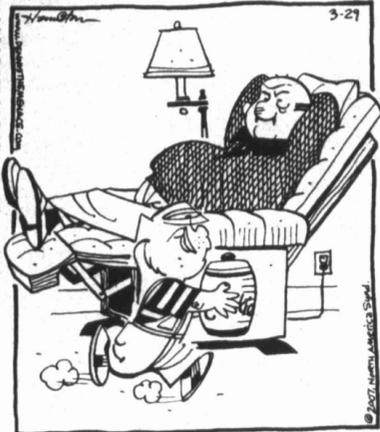
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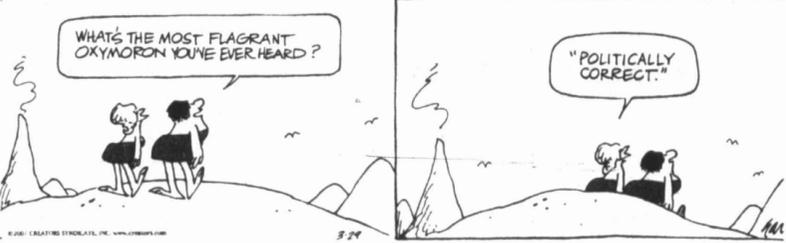
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 29, the 88th day of 2007. There are 277 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War. On this date: In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware. In 1847, victorious forces led by General Winfield Scott occupied the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulated. In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed the British North America Act (later known as the Constitution Act) to create the Dominion of Canada. In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began. In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.) In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on federal charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The charges were later dismissed.) Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 80. Author Judith Guest is 71. Former British Prime Minister John Major is 64. Comedian Eric Idle is 64. Composer Vangelis is 64. Singer Bobby Kimball (Toto) is 60. Actor Christopher Lawford is 52. Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas is 51. Actor Christopher Lambert is 50. Rock singer Perry Farrell

(Porno for Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 48. Comedian-actress Amy Sedaris is 46. Model Elle Macpherson is 44. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 40. Actress Lucy Lawless is 39. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 39. Country singer Brady Seals is 38. Tennis player Jennifer Capriati is 31. Thought for Today: "News is what a chap who doesn't care much about anything wants to read. And it's only news until he's read it. After that it's dead." - Evelyn Waugh, English author (1903-1966). © 2007 The Associated Press.

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