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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Forsan to hold concert Thursday

The six-time award winning Forsan High School Band will present its last concert of the year at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium.

American Legion sets Saturday fish fry

The American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry fund-raiser Saturday from noon until 3 p.m.

Plates are \$7 a piece and delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carry out is also available. For more information, call 263-2084.

Boy Scout signup slated for Thursday

The Boy Scouts of America is holding a roundup Thursday for boys in grades kindergarten through sixth to sign up for summer activities.

The event will be held at Goliad School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. For more information call David O'Neill at 263-3407.

THIS WEEKEND



Women such as Jolee Lautaret, Tonya Stevenson, and Kristen Vold are breaking ground in the male-dominated sport of rodeo, thanks to predecessors and mentors such as Mildred Farris, Florence Youree, and Jan Youren.

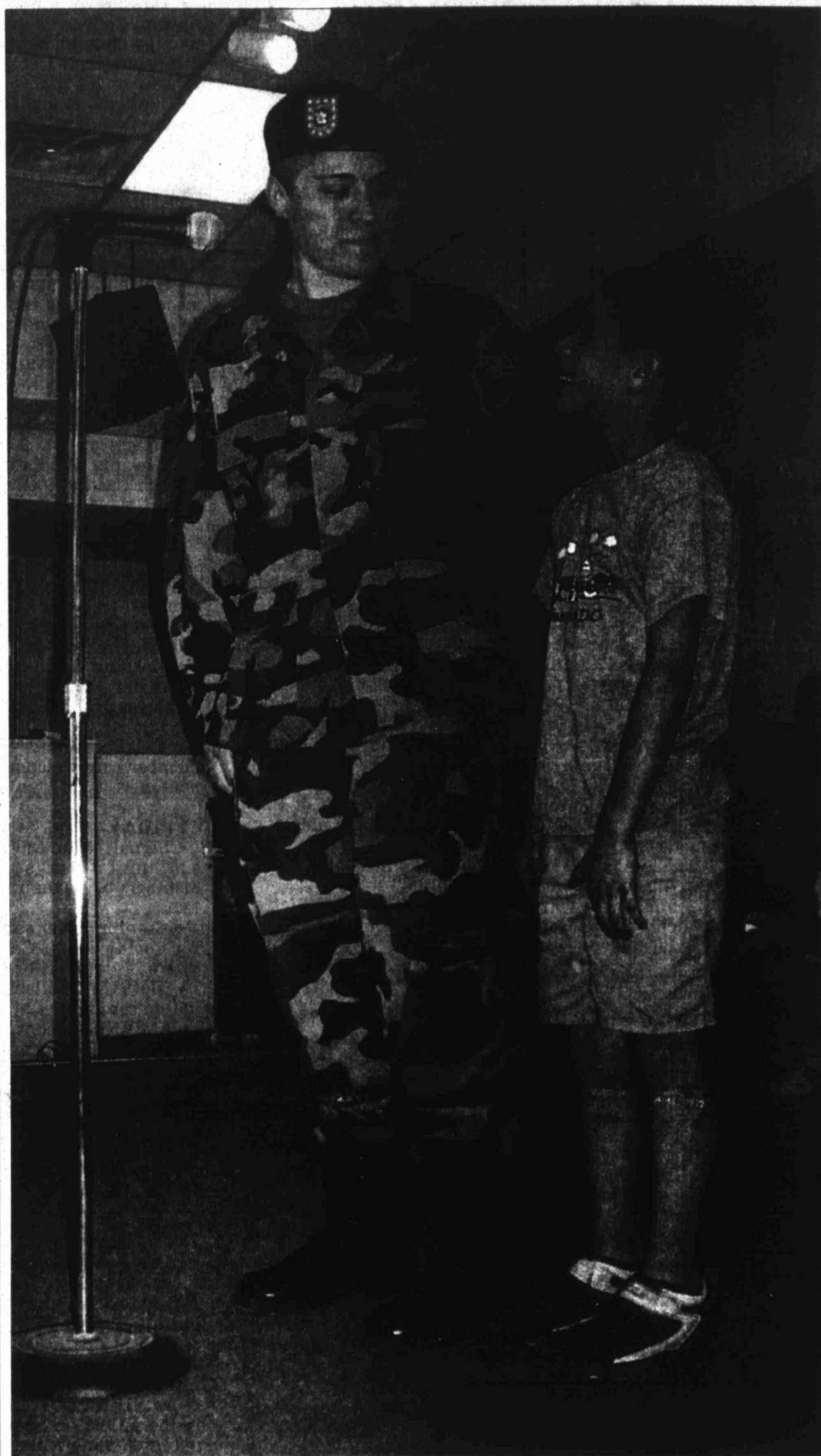
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Newly graduated Army Private Samantha Castro visited Moss Elementary, the school attended by her younger brother, Taylor, to talk to the children about the military and what it's like to go through basic training. Castro recently graduated from basic training held at Fort Jackson, located in Columbia, S.C.

Pony Express ready to ride again

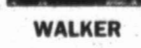
By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Time is running out for those that want to take part in the annual Pony Express West ride, as riders and event organizers prepare to hit the dusty trail leading to Jal, N.M., on Friday.

The Pony Express ride, which will begin in Big Spring on Friday and end in Jal Saturday, promises to be a great deal of fun, according to local event coordinator and Howard County Sheriff's Posse secretary T.J. Walker.

Anyone who needs to mail a letter can become part of the historic event.

"We're going to ride on Highway 176 all the way to Eunice, N.M. We're going to spend the night on a ranch in Andrews. The horses are going to get the best treatment and Class A quarters, while the riders sleep in the horse trailers or on the ground," she added with a laugh.



WALKER

Mail will be carried with the riders, Walker explained, with a special Pony Express stamp and normal U.S. postage stamp attached. Anyone wishing to mail an envelope through the historic ride can purchase stamps at Brenda's Bar-B-Que; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Office; Nacho's Mexican Restaurant; Big Spring Herald; KBST Radio; Howard County Feed Store; Howard County Sheriff's Office; Forsan High

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BSISD to recognize out-going trustee, handle routine agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will say farewell to one of their members Thursday.

Board Secretary Kent Sharp, whose at-large term expires this year, will step down after the meeting.

"Kent is not afraid to ask the tough questions and I have appreciated his focus on programmatic and fiscal accountability," said Superintendent

Michael Downes. "I wish him the best of luck in his efforts to run for the House of Representatives."

Sharp is the Republican nominee for the state representative seat currently held by Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

Sharp will be recognized at the beginning of the board meeting which will be held at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

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Local student arrested after threatening to shoot others

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring police officers arrested a 12-year-old Big Spring Junior High School student on a charge of making terroristic threats Tuesday after he allegedly threatened to shoot some of his fellow students.

"The male student allegedly told a couple of other kids he was mad at them and he was going to bring a gun up to school and shoot them," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information offi-

cer for the Big Spring Police Department. "The child was taken into custody, transported to the police station and then taken to juvenile probation."

Normal procedure when such cases are reported, BSJH Principal Ben Neel said, calls for an investigation and informing the student's parents.

"If the investigation proves valid, then the law steps in and it becomes, by law, mandatory

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DOG DAYS

Council, Animal board to try and work out solution

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While the specifics are still up in the air, the Big Spring City Council agreed on one thing during its Tuesday night meeting:

There is a serious dog problem in the city.

Council members discussed tethering and chaining dogs, as well as the problems that have recently been seen concerning dogs at large and what several council members described as "breed specific" problems.

While no easy answer to the current problems concerning chained or tethered dogs could be had, Mayor Russ McEwen said it's most certainly a problem in Big Spring and it will be addressed.

"It's an important issue that we really

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Council OKs \$200 per year, per team local ball field use

Despite disagreeing, mayor swaps vote to allow passage

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Thanks to a last-minute decision by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, area softball enthusiasts won't have to wait two weeks for the fees the city charges to the local leagues to be reduced.

The city council voted 6-1 in favor of changing the fee structure for softball leagues' use of the municipal fields, which is currently set at \$25 per player, to a new \$200 per team rate. McEwen was the lone dissenter during the vote

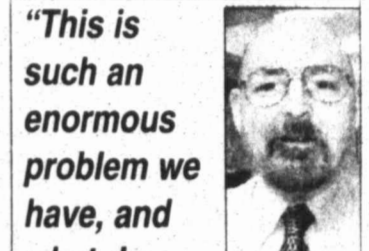
which, because the matter was set on the agenda as an emergency reading, would require approval again at the next council meeting.

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Mayor Russ McEwen



Woody Jumper

"This is such an enormous problem we have, and what do you do about it? Not only the tethering of dogs... but also dogs at large. Vicious dogs."

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Obituaries

Opal Wilkerson



Opal Wilkerson, 88, owner of Herman's Restaurant and Miss Royale Dress Shop, died on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. R. T. Havener, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Johnny Cartrite of DeSoto. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born July 31, 1915, in Vernon, and married Herman L. Wilkerson on Oct. 10, 1931, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 1984.

In 1938, she and Herman began Wilkerson Trucking Company and were primarily engaged in hauling cattle for 22 years.

In 1960, they opened their first restaurant which was located on Main Street next to the old First National Bank building. In 1978, they opened Herman's Restaurant at 1601 Gregg. Opal retired in 1995, but Herman's is still operated by her son, Homer and daughter-in-law, Stina.

Opal bought the Miss Royale Dress Shop in 1969 and her daughter, Evelyn and son-in-law, Everett Bender, operate it.

A member of the First Assembly of God Church, she was very active in her church, teaching the high school class and later the adult class.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Homer and Stina Wilkerson; her daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Everett Bender; her grandson and his wife, Hardy and Stefanie Wilkerson; two great grandsons, Heath Wilkerson and Jared Wilkerson, all of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her closest friend and sister-in-law, Opal Mealer, along with a loving, caring family of in-laws.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Lou, on Nov. 18, 1937; three sisters, Delphia Simpson in 1968, Vera Scott in 1974 and Jewel Briggs in 1978 and one brother, Austin Clark in 1989.

Pallbearers will be Gerald Cox, Burl Dennis, Dale Young, Marvin Watson, Ismael Munoz and Grover Cleveland. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Phipps, Clinton Harrison and Buddy Andrews.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third Street, Big Spring, 79720, or to First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster, Big Spring, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Oscar Cagle

Oscar Cagle, 94, of Woodward, Okla., a former Big Spring resident, died Monday, May 10, 2004, in the Woodward Regional Hospital. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Elmwood Cemetery, Woodward, Okla., with the Rev. Tony Barros officiating.

Oscar Thomas Cagle was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Erick, Okla. He was the son of Granville Lee and Rowena Gibson Cagle. The family moved to Bethany where Oscar attended and graduated from Bethany High School. Oscar attended Oklahoma A&M, now known as Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater, for two years.

Oscar was inducted into the Army Air Force on Oct. 9, 1940, in Oklahoma City and was honorably discharged on Sept. 11, 1945. He met Effie Lee Scott and they married on April 28, 1945, in Frederick, Okla. They made their home in Wicket.

In 1945 they moved to Big Spring where Oscar was employed by the Cabot Company. Oscar and Effie moved to Woodward in May of 1985, and have lived there since. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 2000.

Oscar attended the First Baptist Church of Woodward. He was a member of the Woodward Masonic Lodge No. 189 and the Woodward V.F.W. Post No. 1335. Oscar loved to travel and never missed a military reunion, where he was proud to be the eldest living former member of his unit.

Oscar is survived by his brother, Roy, of Woodward, Okla.; one niece, Marla Cagle Dugger and her husband, Tim, of Enid, Okla.; and several other great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Connie Lee, two nephews, Mike and Mark Cagle; and one sister-in-law, Odessa Cagle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Billings Funeral Home. Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.com

Paid obituary

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

Elsie Geneva Morton

Mrs. Elsie Geneva Morton, 73, of Colorado City died Monday in a local care center. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Westbrook First Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Morton was born to Jerry Hubert and Mary Etta Dodd Cottongame on Oct. 4, 1930, in Navarre County. She married Austin Glenrose Morton on Oct. 2, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Westbrook and was active at the Wallace Center.

She is survived by one daughter, Debra and her husband, Richard Purser, of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Angela Watkins of San Angelo and Christopher Gammons of Big Spring; four great grandchildren, Jace Purser of Big Spring; Ashly White of San Angelo, Taylor White of San Angelo and Annie Metcalf of Big Spring; one brother, Jackie Cottongame of Big Spring; two sisters, Betty Brumley of Colorado City, and Sharon White of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Paid obituary

Charles Gray

Charles Gray, 58, of Midland died on Friday, May 7, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2004, at the Goodwill Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Randy Ransom officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1945, in Artesia, N.M. and married Margaret Graves on Aug. 18, 1991, in Midland. He was a member of St. Ann's Spiritualist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Gray of Midland; two daughters, LaKyrone Michelle Head of Dallas, and Kamille Lashaun Hawkins of Dallas; one stepdaughter, Summer Straker of Midland; one sister, Jimell Harvey of Artesia, N.M.; six stepsisters, Jacqueline Riptoe of Waco, Margie Walker of San Antonio, Lovie Wilson of Dallas, Bonnie Lee Davis of Waco, Nancy Livingston and Patricia Ann Moseley, both of E. St. Louis, Mo.; two stepbrothers, Lonnie Gray of San Antonio and Donald Edwards of E. St. Louis, Mo; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Child Welfare Board, 901 W. Wall, Midland, 79701.

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

Ruth Eubanks

Ruth Eubanks, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-21-24-35. Bonus Ball: 26.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$225,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-18-25-32-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-0

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- JENNY JUAREZ, 19, of 1010 Second Street, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- IRMA CANO DAWSON, 42, of 910 Fourth Street, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
- DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER, 35, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DERECK VAUGHN CHURCHWELL, 19, of 2917 Macauslan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- CLINTON AARON MUSE, 53, of 700 Ohio Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of an alcoholic beverage in a city park.
- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 46, of 307 Applegate Drive, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BILLY RAY MCCABE, 41, of Tow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- A senior driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for books. Call 267-1268.
 - Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
 - Fibromyalgia Auto-Immune Support Group meets at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. This week's discussion is about practical ways for dealing with fatigue. For more information call Anna Marie Smith at 816-6556.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
 - American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
 - Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
 - Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main St.
 - Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
 - A senior driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for books. Call 267-1268.
 - SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf graduation ceremonies at 10 a.m.
 - 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.
 - Howard College graduation ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.
 - Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

Sheriff's report

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

- PAMMY SUE PUGA, 38, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.
- DANIEL PAUL LOPEZ, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of assault/family violence and interfering with an emergency call.
- JOHN WEST RUSK, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.
- DALTON WILL WHITE, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- AMBER RAY ALEXANDER, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of services-more than \$20 less than \$500.
- DAVID FRANKS, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle.
- ANITA CASTILLO DAVENPORT, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ JR., 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.
- BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE JR., 17, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant.
- DARRELL GAIL MILLER, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to stop and give information in an accident.
- ALEXANDER GUZMAN JR., 25, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

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McEwen said he found some recent actions on the part of the local softball teams alarming, comparing the cost many paid to play in a weekend tournament to the \$25 per player, per year price tag the city was charging.

"The entry fees for these locally held tournaments

was \$125 and \$185 per team," he said. "I called to see exactly what you get for that entry fee, and basically it's a weekend tournament and you're guaranteed two games. The youth tournaments I have found out cost upwards of \$350. We had people coming here and saying they couldn't afford \$250 to \$300 per year, but they can afford between \$185 to \$350 for a weekend? I don't under-

stand that."

Council member Stephanie Horton spoke up at that point in the meeting.

"I'm sure none of those teams were from the church league," said Horton.

McEwen responded by saying he didn't know for sure whether or not any of the teams participating in the tournament were members of the local

church league, but that didn't make the situation any more alarming to him.

"These teams are willing to spend that sort of money for a weekend tournament, but they say they can't pay \$25 per person when we're supplying ball fields for 18 to 20 games in a year? I find that alarming," said McEwen.

After moving through several different agenda

items following the vote, McEwen asked City Attorney Jean Shotts if there was any way to change his vote. Shotts explained that another vote could be taken if the mayor wanted to change his vote.

A second vote was taken on the emergency item, in which McEwen voted in favor of the \$200 per team fee for the leagues. McEwen said he did so because he felt it wasn't

fair to hold the matter up another two to four weeks on his opinion alone.

The fees were brought into the municipal spotlight several weeks ago when local adult softball league players and board members expressed their discontent over the level of maintenance the municipal fields have received, as well as the \$25 per player fee the city put into effect more than two years ago.

DOGS

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need to pay attention to," said McEwen. "It's so hard because as you heard tonight, you can't differentiate because of breed. I'd love to be able to do that, but with that being said, there are great rottweilers, and great pit bulls — they have a tendency toward certain aspects but it doesn't necessarily happen that way.

"This isn't a situation where we can say if we do away with tethering we have the problem solved. It's so much bigger than that. It's a gigantic question that has to do with the safety of people and their pets. We had people come to the podium tonight and say they are afraid to go for a walk or take their dogs for a walk. That's a problem. It has to be addressed and quite frankly there's no simple

solution. It's a complex problem, so you really have to deliberate and figure out the best way to take care of the problem."

After hearing testimony from several local residents opposing the chaining or tethering of dogs, the council agreed to meet with the Animal Control Committee during its first June meeting to hold a workshop and begin looking for an answer to the problem.

Councilman Woody Jumpèr, who placed the matter on the agenda out of concern expressed by his constituents and other animal owners, said he was pleased with the result of the discussion.

"I'm very proud of the fact that the council is concerned about the safety of the people in Big Spring," said Jumpèr. "This is such an enormous problem we have, and what do you do about it? Not only the tethering

of dogs, keeping the inhumane aspect in the formula, but also dogs at large. Vicious dogs. What are we going to do to make this town safer, and that's what this workshop will be about."

A recommendation from the Animal Control Committee to ban the tethering or chaining of dogs in the city limits, which was originally put forth by the committee in August of 2003, was also a topic during the discussions.

McEwen took responsibility for the long period of time between the recommendation being made and Tuesday evening's discussion, citing the situation with the VA Medical Center as the cause of the delay.

"The time that the recommendation was made was the same time that the situation with the VA Medical Center came about," said McEwen,

speaking of a planned feasibility study to determine the viability of the local hospital. "I take full responsibility for it not being considered before now."

Animal Control Committee Chairperson Melanie Gambrell, who helped prepare and make the recommendation to the council nearly a year ago, said she's pleased to see the council step forward on the matter.

"I was pleased to see that it is in discussion," said Gambrell. "I'd like to see it go further and in more lengthy discussion. I was pleased when they talked about doing a workshop and actually bringing those of us on the committee in. This is what we do. Bringing in specialists or people that deal with this on a daily basis. I'm glad it's been brought to the public and we have a long way to go."

Council member Stephanie Horton said there is definitely a problem with dogs, specifically pit bulls, in her district that includes the northern and western areas of the community. She said although she can't prove it at this time, she's sure a number of the pit bull owners in her district are raising and training the animals to fight.

"When you have a pet that you love, you're not going to teach it to be vicious," said Horton. "Unfortunately we have people that do not have these animals for pets. They have these dogs to make money."

The council heard testimony from several citizens, including Cynthia Ybarra, who described a particular situation where a pit bull had gotten loose from its chain in her neighborhood, attacking two smaller dogs and traumatizing a child.

"I heard this horrible screaming from a small child," said Ybarra, who was obviously emotional in recollection of the event. "I went out my front door and I saw that my neighbor across the street was trying to scare a dog that had a smaller dog in its mouth. After that the pit bull ripped a small dog from the child's arms. The boy was covered in blood and it could very well have been his arm. That's the main reason that I'm here now."

"Because these dogs are chained in back yards and they can break those chains — they do it all of the time — that's a problem. Someone asked what would happen if a law was passed (banning tethering and chaining)? Would these people let these vicious dogs loose? I say it's that, or it's just a matter of time before it's going to be another pet, another child."

MAIL

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School Office; and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs Office, located in Coahoma. The stamps are \$2.04 each.

"We'll leave here (Big Spring) at 8:30 a.m.," said Walker. "We'll have U.S. mail that has two stamps on it. The first will be the special Pony Express stamp, which will be located in the lower left corner of the envelope, and the other will be a

normal U.S. postage stamp. The letters have to have both to go on the Pony Express ride."

Once the special stamp is affixed to the letters, they can be dropped off at the following locations: Brenda's Bar-B-Que; Big Spring Herald; KBST Radio; Howard County Sheriff's Office; Forsan High School Office; and Dobbs' office.

Letter pick up is slated for Thursday, with a stamp cancellation ceremony to follow at the Howard County Courthouse between 3

p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Pick up will be performed by Sheriff Dale Walker, who will go to each location on horseback to commemorate the historic event. All mail is scheduled to be picked up by noon Thursday. The public is invited to the cancellation ceremony and there will be souvenirs available for purchase.

"Red" Harmon Hann, general manager of KHOB 1390 AM radio in Hobbs, N.M., and organizer of the annual Pony Express West Ride, said the recreation of the ride is an

important part of West Texas heritage.

"We have to keep our heritage alive," he said. "That's the whole idea behind my station and my group. We want to keep the history alive and keep reminding people that we had a Pony Express. Out here in the West we did have settlers and we rode horses and that sort of thing."

"We want to keep the western heritage alive. That's what we have out here in Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Hobbs and the other areas.

Someday I would like to see a ride all the way from Austin to somewhere up in New Mexico."

Dale Walker wants to see the history of the event come alive, saying the western heritage and the history of the Pony Express is far too important to be lost forever.

"It's a good thing to be able to teach your kids," he said. "This is the way the mail started, and I think it's a good thing for our community to get involved in and get behind. It's good for our

local businesses because they will get some attention out of it, and just a fun event for everyone."

For more information contact T.J. Walker at 432-517-0361 or Dale Walker at 432-264-2244.

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Harvey Paul, 75, died Monday. Burial will be Thursday at Hermleigh, Texas. He will be in state Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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BSISD

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Saturday is election day for area school board of trustees and BSISD has two contested districts this year. In the District 5 race, incumbent Mike Dawson and Liz Lowery are vying for the seat while Steve Jeter and Ricky A. Robertson are running for the District 6 seat.

In other business, trustees will consider a

recommendation for the Big Spring Junior High School principal's position.

"The candidates interviewed all have campus administrative experience," Downes said. "They also have a strong background in discipline management as well as being leaders on their respective campuses."

After receiving a number of applicants from across the state, Downes along with a committee of teachers met with the top candidates this week.

If approved, the candidate will replace current Principal Ben Neel, who has been assigned to serve as the principal of the Alternative Education Program.

Trustees will also consider:

- A proposal from the Texas Association of School Boards to develop an employee compensation system.

- A \$20,000 grant from Moore Development for Big Spring to purchase a multi-passenger vehicle for the high school construction trades program.

- Bids for athletic supplies and equipment and a fleet vehicle.

- Adding the Duke University Talent Identification Program to the approved list of extra-

curricular activities.

- The 2004 media honor roll award.

Trustees will also consider financial and personnel matters and a change to a local policy.

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TREATS

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AEP (Alternative Education Program) placement," Neel said. "We report the incident to the police and leave the legalities of the situation to them."

The length of time such an offender spends in AEP, Neel said, will depend on a number of factors, including past disciplinary history.

The junior high administration keeps an open

door policy for students and teachers to report incidents, Neel said.

"We have students coming up here all day for various reasons so it's not unusual for them to come to the office or stop us in hall," Neel said. "Parents can call us from home. There are a number of avenues in which they can report something."

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OUR VIEWS

Mail your letter the old-fashioned way - Pony Express

Crossroads area folks can send a touch of the old west to friends and family in true fashion this weekend when the Pony Express West takes off from Big Spring on its way to Jal, N.M. In fact, there's still time to participate in the historic ride itself, if you'd like.

First things first, though.

Anyone who would like to have mail delivered by the Pony Express should purchase a Pony Express stamp as well as a normal U.S. postage stamp and affix them to a letter-sized envelope. Pony Express stamps are available at Brenda's Bar-B-Que; the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Office; Nacho's Mexican Restaurant; the *Big Spring Herald*; KBST Radio; Howard County Feed Store; Howard County Sheriff's Office; Forsan High School Office; and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs Office, located in Coahoma. The stamps are \$2.04 each.

Letters with postage can be delivered to Brenda's Bar-B-Que; the *Big Spring Herald*; KBST Radio; Howard County Sheriff's Office; Forsan High School Office or JP Quail Dobbs Office. Or, you can take them to the Howard County Courthouse between 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, where a special stamp cancellation ceremony will be held. There will be souvenirs for sale during the cancellation.

The ride itself will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday from the Howard County Sheriff's Posse Arena on the Andrews Highway. Everyone is invited to wish the riders well and send them off with a whoop and a holler.

To learn about joining the riders, call T.J. Walker at 432 517-0361.

Your letter or letters, affixed with the special cancellation and Pony Express stamp, will then be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service from Jal, N.M.

It's a great way to surprise a friend and to help out the Howard County Sheriff's Posse, since a small portion of the proceeds from the Pony Express stamps go to that organization.

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The winning ways of Jack-pot-Jan

Jan Bland's house in Mount Vernon is a mess. I don't mean it's not clean. I mean there are stacks of stuff all through the house. It looks kind of like she's getting ready to move. The stacks reflect a variety of interests. You could say the house is colorful.

"I guess you might say I'm colorful, too," says Jan. "I try to be."

She collects everything from antique dolls to live chickens. The colors of red, white and blue are on all kinds of things in her house.

"I'm very patriotic. My forefathers helped settle this country. They fought in the Revolutionary War. One of the wives was a spy and carried secret messages in the lining of her coat. My father served in World Wars I and II."

Jan is a student of both American and Texas history. She

earned BA and MA degrees after her sons left for college.

"I enjoyed it tremendously. I studied at the University of London, went to Madrid to the University of Spain, and to a girls' agricultural school in Florence, Italy.

Jan taught school 17 years. In her spare time she sold clothes at Canton's First Monday Trade Days.

"It was not expensive clothes. It was clothes primarily for school teachers and people who worked, fun kind of things. In two days I used to sell \$28,000 dollars worth of clothes. I did go down there to have a good time, but I was a walkin' talkin' machine."

She worked at Canton 25 years. Jan spent her extra money on gaming boats in Bossier City, Louisiana. Last year was a good year.

"I went three times in April and won four jackpots which totaled \$27,747. I had played blackjack all day long with a hundred dollars and I was only \$45 dollars ahead, so I decided I'd better go play the

slots a little if I was going to win some money. I just walked up to a machine, did not sit down, and put a hundred dollar bill in. It was a \$10 machine and I pressed the button once and that was \$20 and I pressed it again and that was \$40 and then I hit \$19,600."

Thirty minutes later, she was at another slot machine on the opposite side of the ship.

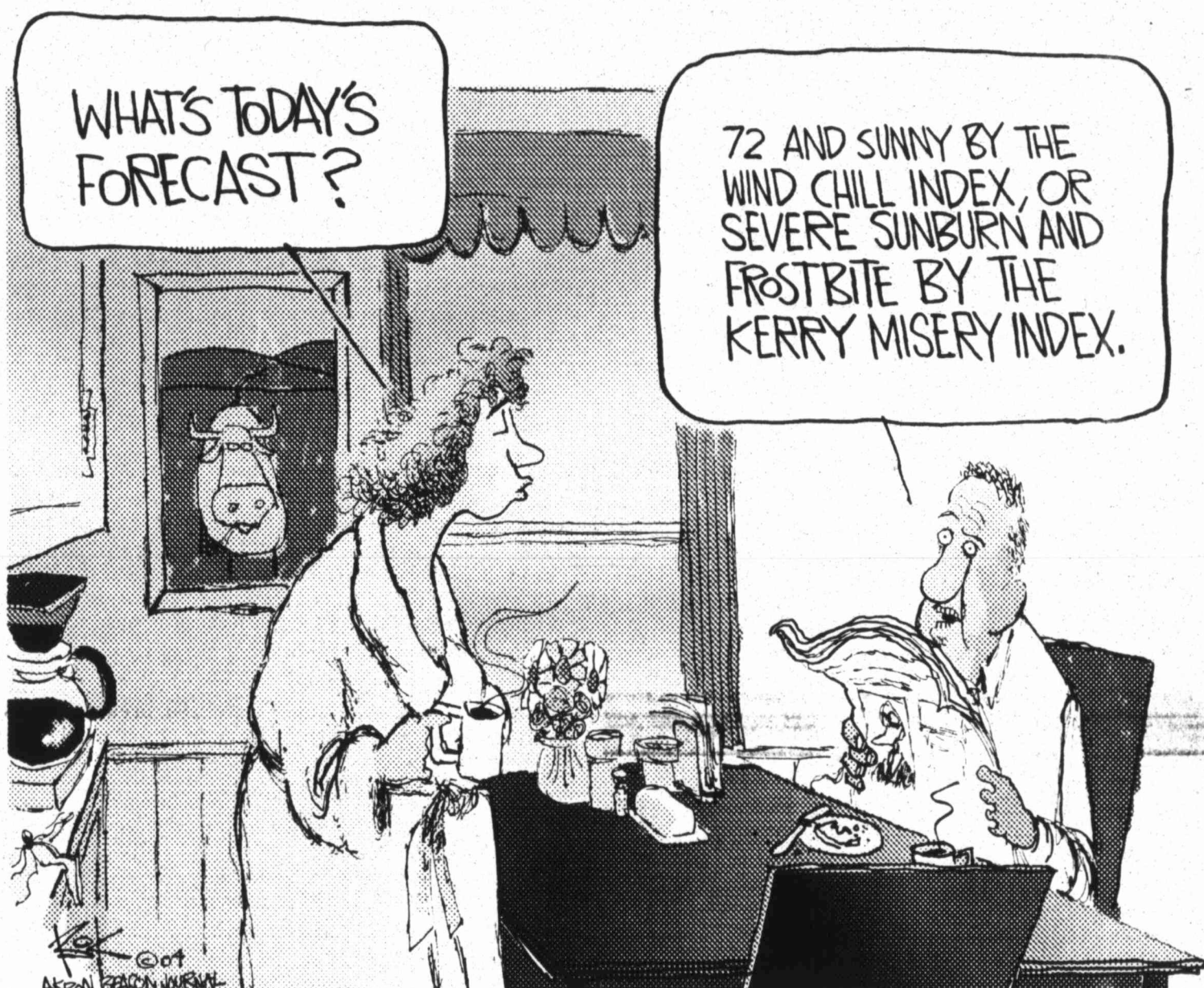
"I played that machine and hit \$2,800. I had a lot to show for 30 minutes of playing. Then I went back to Bossier City when Willie Nelson was there and hit the jackpot again. On that machine where I won the \$19,000, I've hit three other jackpots on that same machine."

When someone wins a jackpot, the casino takes a picture of the player standing by the slot machine, which shows the amount won. Jan has stacks of those pictures. She giggles when she shows them to guests.

"I'm pretty lucky. Everybody wants to go with me. People will ask me if they can touch me for good luck."



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Let's tear down Abu Ghraib

Toward the end of an interview with Bob Woodward, President Bush explained what he thought would be

the big story of Woodward's book, "Plan of Attack." The story, Bush said, isn't how he makes decisions, but: "To me, the big news is America has changed how you fight and win war, and therefore makes it easier to keep peace in the long run." Bush was referring to a new U.S. resolve to win the war with Iraq — but with historically low civilian casualties, even if it meant coalition troops would sustain higher casualties.

Now, this war is being undermined by the most dangerous combination known to man: cruelty and stupidity. I refer of course to the gratuitous humiliation, sexual abuse and torture of detainees in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison by U.S. troops so cretinous that they photographed their crimes for souvenirs. (In addition, authorities are investigating possible homicides of Iraqi detainees, although it is too early to tell where those investigations will lead.)

Thousands of American troops have put their lives on the line to liberate a country of strangers. Their sacrifice should not be overshadowed by the antics of a handful of thugs and fools. A New York Times story about victim Hayder Sabbar Abd suggests the damage to America's reputation on the Arab street may not suffer as much as some pundits predict. As horrific as Abd's experience was, Abd had expected to be murdered (something that hap-

pened frequently when Abu Ghraib operated under Saddam Hussein). Abd, who said he was wrongly held and has been released from detention, didn't demand vengeance. Instead, he said that most U.S. troops had treated him well and that he wanted to be compensated and would not refuse an offer to move to America.

That's good. But what kind of country would America be if our government did nothing to punish criminal behavior by U.S. troops sent to do good abroad? Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey called the prison episodes a sign of "a complete breakdown of discipline." But the ritual humiliation of prisoners — in the absence of any intelligence imperative, but just for the kick of hurting others — also shows a breakdown of decency and an absolute erosion of the social pact.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld argues that the military had responded appropriately to the prison-abuse allegations before "60 Minutes II" aired the damning photographs. Rumsfeld is right: The brass began investigations into the abuses immediately. It should be noted that probes were ordered before the media got wind of this story.

But Rumsfeld is wrong to think that the military has done enough. A decision to reach plea agreements with soldiers involved with detainee abuses at Camp Bucca in May 2003 — the worst punishment was a less-than-honorable discharge — may have sent the wrong message. The hapless Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of Iraqi detention centers, told Maj. Gen Antonio Taguba — as he was preparing a report requested early in the year, before the story broke

— "the system communicated to soldiers (who mistreat detainees), the worst that's gonna happen is, you're gonna go home."

Yesterday, Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who is now in charge of detainee camps, invited the Red Cross to keep a close eye on Abu Ghraib to ensure that conditions improve.

Here's a better suggestion: Tear it down.

The Taguba report also notes that the detention camps are overcrowded — and that many prisoners should not have been detained or now merit release. The jails are understaffed, and it doesn't help that they don't separate insurgents from career criminals.

It's a recipe for disaster.

Besides, it's bad juju to set up house in a one-time torture/assassination factory. Put impressionable minds in that madhouse, and they might get bad ideas. Continuing to use Abu Ghraib to incarcerate Iraqis sent the wrong message. What, if anything, were they thinking?

Washington has to act. There will be a probe, and there will be trials, as there should be. But there also should be some permanent deconstruction in Iraq.

The French tore down the Bastille. Let Iraqi civilians, led by Hayder Sabbar Abd and the children of Hussein's slain opponents, join with U.S. troops who worked in Abu Ghraib and tear down the house of woe.

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Library News

From new insight into Jesus' twelve disciples to J. Edgar Hoover and Alexander Hamilton biographies

Howard County Library's new books offer variety of reading

If you were going to select 12 persons to aid you in a task, how would you choose them? Jesus began by walking by a lake. "Walk with me" he told them. They did so. John MacArthur, one of today's most respected Bible teachers, offers a new look at the twelve who followed Jesus. "Twelve Ordinary Men" (226.092 MAC J) is an extraordinary book well worth checking out and reading.

A couple of new biographies have come in. For you FBI junkies, a new biography on J. Edgar Hoover by Richard Hack. Title "Puppetmaster: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover" (B HOO J), it is a revealing look at the long-time director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT
Howard County Librarian

Another biography just received is on Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. Titled simply "Alexander Hamilton" (B HAM A) it is the story of an illegitimate orphan from the Caribbean who rose to become George Washington's aide-de-camp, Revolutionary War hero and author of the "Federalist Papers." This is a fascinating look at a long forgotten hero. Look on the new book shelf for these.

A neat reference book is "The Postcard Prize Guide: A Comprehensive Reference" (REF 741.683 MAS J) by J.L. Mashburn. The guide is compiled for the collector, dealer or people who have in their possession an accumulation of old postcards.

Glen Drumgoole is a critic who writes about Texas books and authors in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. A book that he has recommended is David Lindsey's "The Face of the Assassin" (F LIN D).

It features forensic artist Paul Bern who reconstructs the faces of violent crime victims. It really hits home when he is asked to reconstruct a face just like his. His twin, a CIA operative, was brutally murdered, and Paul is blackmailed into fulfilling his brother's mission. While I have not read this particular book, I have read others of Lindsey's and they are riveting.

More new fiction — "Emma Brown" (F BOY C) is by Clare Boylan. Before she died in 1855, Charlotte Bronte completed two chapters of a new novel with the working title "Emma." Boylan has constructed her own novel from this tantalizing fragment, in which a girl is deposited at a provincial boarding school under a cloud of mystery. The melodramatic plot revolves around the girl's search for her true identity. Boylan makes use of the characters introduced by Bronte and attempts to

borrow her "voice" by using lines from her letters. If you are a Bronte "purist" you may not care for it; however from what I can remember, Boylan hits the nail on the head in the writing of this book.

A couple of my favorite mystery writers are Lindsey Davis and Jo Dereske. Davis writes the Didius Falco mystery series. Falco is an informer in Rome during the reign of Vespasian. He is detailed to do the jobs that no one else wants to do.

In the latest book, "The Accusers," Falco is just back from Londinium (London) and takes on a case of suicide of a citizen. I really enjoy this series and hope you do too.

Jo Dereske writes the "Miss Zukas" series. Wilhelmina Zukas is a librarian of Lithuanian descent living in the state of Washington. She is the stereotypical librarian, but as you read the series, she starts letting go of her

long-held convictions. Look in the catalog for all of her books. A couple of titles are "Miss Zukas and the Raven's Dance" and "Final Notice."

Are you afraid or uncomfortable when talking to your children about (gulp) sex? The library has just received an excellent resource to assist you in this awkward and sometimes painful subject. "Everything You Never Wanted Your Kids to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid They Would Ask)" (649.65 RIC J) by Justin Richardson and Mark A. Schuster, is a guide for parents dealing with their kids' sexuality, but it is much more than that. It's a primer about human sexuality in general, and hence of interest to parents and non-parents alike.

Effortlessly mingling statistical data, anecdotal evidence, illuminating case studies and good, hard common sense, the book is marked by a calm, judicious tone as well as an openness to various

cultural backgrounds and points of view. The writing style alone sets the book ahead of the pack, managing as it does to combine humor, erudition and page-turning readability.

Another book that is not quite so detailed, but does cover about the same territory is "How To Talk to Your Child About Sex" (613.907 EYR L) by Linda and Richard Eyre.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 1 m. and closes one-half hour earlier than the library. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; phone number is 264-2260. Website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the catalog is on line; our e-mail address is howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.



Priscilla Savannah Smithie,

Big winner at All Star Kids Pageant

Priscilla Savannah Smithie, 4, competed in the 2004 All Star Kids Pageant in April and won All Star Beauty in age class 4-6; prettiest; first place portfolio; and model of the day.

She also won first runner-up in the talent competition for age class 4-12, where she sang the theme song from "Beauty and the Beast."

She brought home four

trophies, one crown and a medal.

Preslie is the daughter of Shannen and Angela Smithie and sister to Hartlie. Her grandparents are Jamie and Carla Collinsworth and Buddy and Beverly Smithie, all of Big Spring, and Bobby and Wilma Dennis of Fritch. Preslie has earned her way to compete in the national competition in Dallas in July.

Sixth annual conference on aging set for Thursday

The sixth annual West Texas Conference on Aging is Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Odessa College is hosting the sixth annual West Texas Conference on Aging in Deaderick Auditorium on the Odessa College campus. Admission is \$30 per person.

Updated information on ethics-related topics including case studies focused on living arrangements, patient care and professional issues will be provided for those involved in caring for an aging individual. Specific areas will also be addressed, such as the prevention and complications of Type 2 Diabetes.

Inspirational speaker Sidney Hurlbert will present, "Don't Wait for the Happy Bus to Come" and "The Power of Empathy and Enthusiasm." Hurlbert performs more than 200 presentations a year in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Other topics to be presented include the "Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and Private Guardianships Different Roles, Common Goals for the Incapacitated Adult," a lecture by local guest speakers Joana Agerton and Marlo Holbrooks.

For more information on the conference contact Vick Watson, director of allied health at 335-6539.

Senior Driver safety course offered

A senior driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday. There is a \$10 fee for books.

Most automobile insurance companies give a discount on premiums after the insured completes this course.

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These women are a rare breed indeed

Most people think of cowboys when they think of the rodeo. But, for a rare breed of women, competing in calf roping, bull riding and barrel racing is a passion to carry on an Old West cowgirl tradition. Plus, Our Picks and Strawberry pie.

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Coahoma elementary to host its spring concert

HERALD Staff Report

The Coahoma Elementary School Choir will host its spring concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the campus cafeteria.

"There are about 20 singers from each grade and this year's group is probably the best one we've ever had since I've been at Coahoma," said director Sandy Wallace. "We'll be singing a wide variety of musical styles from the Renaissance to modern jazz and ragtime, folk songs from Israel, South Africa and America as well as a spiritual and a German art song by Franz Schubert."

"The students have worked really hard to prepare this concert and we hope to have a large crowd in attendance," Wallace continued.

There is no admission fee. The singers are a select group of fourth, fifth and sixth graders who auditioned to take part in the choir.

The program will be repeated at 9 a.m. Friday for the elementary school student body and for anyone who cannot attend on Thursday evening.

Later that same day, the choir will travel to Big Spring for its annual mini-tour and will sing at the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club noon meeting held in the Howard College Tumbleweed Room and for the residents of Park Place.

Twisters derail train in Panhandle, damage Conroe buildings

By The Associated Press

A twister ripped through dozens of homes and businesses in Conroe, tearing roofs from some structures, and one tornado derailed a freight train in the Texas Panhandle.

The force of the twister knocked a slate roof from a Conroe hotel and embedded it into a car dealership's wall Tuesday afternoon, emergency workers said.

Employees of the Gullo Ford-Mercury dealership along Interstate 45 saw the tornado race across the west side of the freeway about 4:15 p.m.

"It seemed like it formed right in front of us with the swirling and stuff flying up in the air,"

Cindy Spears, a dealership employee, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

But the twister missed her car distributorship, instead damaging the Gullo Hass Toyota dealership across the freeway.

A medical professional building, motels, apartments, restaurants and a lumber yard were also damaged, said Conroe Fire Department Chief Tommy Bowen. A church's roof was also blown off.

Sixteen commercial properties and 18 houses were damaged, Bowen said. He said many trees were blown down, causing much of the damage.

No injuries were reported, said Bowen, although

emergency crews searched through rubble for any victims who may have become trapped.

A damage estimate was not yet available. Crews used a front-end loader and chain saws to move trees from roads to allow Emergency Medical Service and fire department personnel to reach the damaged sites.

Roofs of many homes in Conroe's Rivershire subdivision were damaged. Roofer Lewis Powell helped place plastic and plywood on the damaged roof of his house and

roofs of five other dwellings.

"Obviously, I'm there, so I had to make a quick response," Powell said, adding he got supplies late Tuesday afternoon from a roofing supply store that had already closed for the day. "When you got somebody in need, you do what you can for them."

Powell and neighbors placed plastic and plywood over holes in roofs of some homes to protect residents from the elements.

About 60,000 electrical

customers lost power at the peak of the storms because of lines knocked down by heavy winds, CenterPoint Energy reported.

A tornado derailed a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train, sending 15 empty coal cars and two locomotives off the tracks near the Panhandle town of Hartley, officials said.

One of the cars ended up about 300 to 400 feet away on U.S. Highway 385, about two miles south of Hartley, Hartley County Sheriff Franky Scott said.

Beheaded American civilian had been advised to leave Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American civilian who was beheaded in a grisly video posted on an al-Qaida-linked Web site had been warned to leave Iraq but refused, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The masked men who butchered him claimed they were angered by coalition abuses of Iraqi prisoners. The American captive identified himself as Nick Berg, 26, of West Chester, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. His body was found near a highway overpass in Baghdad on Saturday, the same day he was beheaded, a U.S. official said.

After pushing Berg to the floor, the men severed his head and held it up for the camera on the video posted Tuesday. It bore the title "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi shown slaughtering an American,"

referring to an associate of Osama bin Laden believed behind a wave of suicide bombings in Iraq.

It was unclear whether al-Zarqawi was shown in the video or simply ordered the execution. Al-Zarqawi also is sought in the assassination of a U.S. diplomat in Jordan in 2002. The United States has offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to his capture or killing.

The Bush administration said those who beheaded Berg would be hunted down and brought to justice.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family," White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan said. "It shows the true nature of the enemies of freedom. They have no regard for the lives of innocent men, women and children."

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- You must be able to attend camp June 4-6, 2004 either as a day camper or overnight camper. Transportation to and from Lubbock is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Provide physician exam form by May 24, 2004 as required by TTU)
- Camp fee will be paid, which includes meals, but does not include spending money for soft drinks, etc.
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C.G.A. announces scholarship
 The C.G.A. Association announced a scholarship to send your child to college.

The scholarship is for Saturday and the Big Spring Course. The tournament is a two-person, two-day event. The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

Mulligans available for \$5 apiece. There will be prizes for prizes on prizes to the pin. For more information, call Mendoza at Billy Pineda (after 7 p.m. Big Spring Course can be contacted at 264-2366.

Co-ed softball tournament

A benefit ball tournament will take place at Trail Park Saturday. Tickets are \$115 per church league. T-shirts will be sold for first three places.

For more information contact Fra 213-0992 or 432-466-1541 leave a message.

Sweetwater Classic

The four Sweetwater Classic Tournament held Friday and Sunday at Sweetwater.

This is for girls in age from 10 to through high school. The camp is \$18 for a guaranteed games.

For more information, contact Mike Hatle Sweetwater Commerce at 6757 for entrance.

San Angelo star classic

The 11th star classic tournament scheduled for in San Angelo.

The tournament features both men's and women's teams. The cost for per team, women's team. There is a maximum of 10 teams.

The men's team will be \$1,000 and Prize money given only if teams enter. The first place team given t-shirt. To enter, call 1-325-277-0628

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Astros vs. Mariners	6:40 p.m.	...
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IN BRIEF

C.G.A. announces scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced a golf tournament that could help send your child to college.

The scholarship tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Golf Course.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble at a cost of \$75 per person. The two-day tournament will be flighted after the first day.

Mulligans will also be available on both days for \$5 apiece.

There will be free food for players and prizes on holes closest to the pin.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116 (after 7 p.m.)

Big Spring Golf Course can be reached throughout the day at 264-2366.

Co-ed softball tourney announced

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will take place at Comanche Trail Park Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$115 per team and church league rules apply. Trophies and t-shirts will be awarded for first through third place.

For more information contact Frank at 432-213-0992 or Vanessa at 432-466-1541 (please leave a message).

Sweetwater Spring Classic date set

The fourth annual Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater.

This is for boys and girls in age divisions from 10 and under through high school varsity. The cost of the camp is \$185 per team for a guaranteed three games.

For more information, contact Tournament Chairman Mike Hatley or the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-658-6757 for entry forms.

San Angelo sets all-star classic date

The 11th annual all-star classic basketball tournament has been scheduled for May 22-23 in San Angelo.

The tournament will feature both a men's and women's division. The cost for men is \$175 per team, while a women's team cost \$75. There is a 10 player maximum for both divisions.

The men's first place team will be awarded \$1,000 and t-shirts. Prize money will be given only if 10 men's teams enter the tournament. The women's first place team will be given t-shirts.

To enter, call Chris at 1-325-277-0628.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
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Astro vs. Marlins, 6:40 p.m.		
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Event, Time	Station	1490
Astro vs. Marlins, 6:40 p.m.		
Friday		
Event, Time	Station	1490
Niners @ Tigs, 5:30 p.m.		



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring freshman Katy Abner fouls off a pitch at the plate last Friday against El Paso Irvin during the Lady Steers' 10-0 victory at the area championship game in Alpine. Abner eventually reached base on an infield hit and then stole second, third and home, respectively. Big Spring (31-4-1) takes on El Paso Chapin Thursday in the Regional Quarterfinals at Alpine, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

De ja vu: Big Spring heads back to Alpine

By JEFF LANE

Special to the HERALD
With the 2004 UIL state playoffs well underway, the Big Spring Lady Steers storm into the quarterfinal round to meet El Paso Chapin Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Alpine.

Originally the game was to be played in Pecos, but scheduling conflicts left Big Spring with its second choice of venue in Alpine. That may be a blessing in disguise after last week's win.

Big Spring (31-4-1) defeated El Paso Irvin, 10-0, last Friday in Alpine to advance to Thursday's game.

Junior Alex Watkins faced a total of 18 batters and allowed only two to reach base, one on an infield single and one being hit by a pitch.

Senior Whitney Hufford narrowly missed hitting for the cycle (single, double, triple, home run in the same game), while going four-for-four at the plate. Hufford gives the Lady Steers a tremendous lift this year after missing last year's playoffs due to injury.

"Alex, Erica and Whitney really stepped

up and showed tremendous leadership" said head coach Lea Daggett. "All of the girls played well. I was pleased with the effort."

The Lady Steers decided early on they would not select captains and instead have each team member be responsible for their part on the team. This situation caused the ladies to "really rely on each other and build trust" said Daggett, "They are a real tight bunch."

Daggett does not plan to alter his game plan for Chapin, who opened its softball program doors just a few years ago.

"They haven't been around for that long, but they have obviously done well considering they reached the quarters," added Daggett.

Chapin's pitcher, Christina Solis, is "pretty good early on" Daggett said, "But if we jump on her early her confidence will rattle."

Big Spring will show a similar lineup to the one it fielded last Friday. However, Kate Smiley will start this week in right field in place of freshman Amber Sides.

Regional Quarterfinal

Bulldogettes (14-12)
vs. Alpine
@MUGGS Field in Midland
Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Area Championship

Bulldogs (12-10)
vs. San Angelo
Grape Creek
@Sweetwater
Game one — Friday, 6 p.m.
Game two — Saturday, 11 a.m.
Game three — will follow game two (if needed)

REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL

Big Spring (31-4-1)
vs. El Paso Chapin @Alpine
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

1. Leina Braxton - second base
2. Erica Stewart - catcher
3. Whitney Hufford - shortstop
4. Alex Watkins - pitcher
5. Laura Olague - third base
6. Heather Vassar - first base
7. Chelsea Abner - centerfield
8. Kate Smiley - right field
9. Katy Abner - left field

Stewart — more than just a softball player

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

For the past 10-12 years softball has been apart of Erica Stewart's life. She played on Big Spring's high school team all four years and even played on different teams throughout the summer and into the fall.

But, come this fall, Stewart may be hanging up the cleats for good.

Why? No, she is not hurt. And yes, she still has undying love for the sport.

Stewart has just decided to look more to her future beyond softball. Her future this fall includes attending Southwestern College in Georgetown — where there is no softball program. "I wanted to go to a private school all along and after researching Southwestern I thought it was the school for me," said Stewart. "Visiting the school a couple times then just reassured me of my decision. It just felt like the right fit."

Stewart chose Southwestern, a primarily academics school, over several schools that offered softball scholarships and ultimately over Trinity University in San Antonio.

"She also liked Trinity a lot, but, in the end, Southwestern had what she wanted," said Tracey Stewart, Erica's father.

Among schools that offered her softball scholarships include Hardin Simmons University, Odessa College and UT-Dallas.

"It's been hard for Erica to give up softball, but Southwestern is exactly what she wanted," said Tracey. "She doesn't think that academics is more important than softball, but just feels the time spent playing softball might take away from her grades."

Erica plans to major in history and business with hopes of one day becoming a museum curator.

One major factor in choosing Southwestern was the fact that the president of the college has been a museum curator in the past and could be a valuable connection to Stewart in helping her get started.

"It will be nice to have a connection in my field and knowing that also played a huge factor in my decision," said Stewart.

Stewart's decision might have come as a surprise to father Tracey.



courtesy photo
Big Spring senior Erica Stewart won the Academic Achievement Award at the Lady Steers Athletic Banquet last Thursday. From left: Assistant softball coach Phillip Pearce, Stewart and head softball coach Lea Daggett smile big for the camera at the banquet

Tracey has been coaching Erica in the summer and fall leagues since she was about eight years old.

"It was probably a shock to Tracey to hear her say that she didn't want to play softball anymore," said Big Spring head softball coach Lea Daggett, "but she is really dedicated to academics and this decision kind of

proves that. "I think it is a good decision, but, at the same time, I hate to see her leave something she has done and loved for so long."

Erica was an all-district catcher all four years at Big Spring. She was also a member of the Odessa Sting, which won the 16-and-under 'A' state title in

2002 and then took fifth in the 18-and-under bracket in 2003.

But their is more to Erica under her mask.

She is ranked in the top 10 of her senior class with a 3.98 grade point average. And, Erica scored a 28 on her ACT and a 1330 on the SAT.

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STEWART

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Her academic resume may be why Southwestern fits her best. Southwestern, after all, is the number one liberal arts school in Texas and 32nd best in the nation. Only one out of every eight applicants even get accepted into the school, said Tracey.

Erica, though, will miss everything about softball, including playing for her dad.

"I used to not think so, but I will miss playing for my dad in the summers," she said. "I will also miss being on a team and having that bond with my teammates."

Softball may be in Erica's future, but she is not sure at this time.

Right now, Southwestern has a club softball team like that of intramurals and may be getting a competitive soft-

ball program within the next couple of years, said Stewart.

"If they start up a program when I am here then I will most definitely try to play," she added.

Besides excelling on the softball field and in the classroom, Erica somehow finds time to write and her next order of business, after the softball season is over of course, is to finish a book for her dad.

"My parents always thought that I would go into English, but what I want to do doesn't involve English," said Stewart. "So, since I am not going into the field, the book is kind of a present to my dad in its place."

"It's halfway done and I hope to finish it before I leave for college."

Tracey added, "she is a gifted writer and I told her that I wanted a book before she left for school. She has put so much time in the book that I haven't

made her get a real job."

Erica does not have a job at this point of her life, but does a lot of umpiring on evenings throughout the week.

Daggett knows that no matter what Erica decides to do, she will be successful doing it.

"I am real proud of her," he said. "She will go on to be very successful because she works hard all the time."

Before the book gets to be finished, Erica will try to help the Big Spring Lady Steers achieve the ultimate goal of reaching the state tournament in Austin.

And, like everything else, she is succeeding.

Big Spring has reached the Regional Quarterfinals and will play Thursday in Alpine for a chance to advance one game closer to state.

Stewart is hitting over .400 this season at the plate, while starting at catcher in the field.

Guilty or not, Bryant hits for 42 in win over Spurs

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Playing basketball is a form of therapy for Kobe Bryant, especially after a day in court.

It's obviously doing wonders for his psyche. And for the Los Angeles Lakers.

After spending most of the last two days in a Colorado courtroom, Bryant scored 15 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night, leading the Lakers to a 98-90 victory over the San Antonio Spurs to even the Western Conference semifinals 2-2.

Shaquille O'Neal added 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who won by outscoring the Spurs 55-37 after halftime.

As dominant as O'Neal was for a second straight game, Bryant was the story.

"I don't see how he does it," O'Neal said. "He's a fabulous player, probably the best player that ever played the game, especially with all the stuff he's been going through. And it was a fabulous night for him, a memorable night."

Game 5 in the best-of-seven series will be Thursday night in San Antonio, and Game 6 is Saturday night at Staples Center.

Bryant pleaded not guilty to his sexual assault charge in Eagle,

Colo., on Tuesday afternoon, and arrived in plenty of time for the game and got in about an hour of sleep.

It was the fourth time he played a game following a day in court, including once in the Lakers' first-round series against Houston.

Bryant starred and his team won every time.

"It's very draining," he said of the process. "It feels good to step out on that basketball court, get up and down, compete. It is kind of like a psychiatrist, it takes your mind away from so many things."

Bryant shot 15-of-27, made 10 of 13 foul shots and added six rebounds and five assists.

"I can't say that I have," Bryant replied when asked if he had ever had a better playoff game.

"Kobe was phenomenal in that second half," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

"It was unbelievable," teammate Karl Malone said of Bryant's performance. "I have said it before, for what a young man like him went through and to continue and do what he does is pretty incredible."

The Spurs extended their winning streak to 17 games by winning the first two of this series at home before the Lakers did the same thing — exactly what happened when the teams met in

the conference semifinals last year.

"It is very similar," Spurs star Tim Duncan said. "Let's hope it continues."

The Spurs closed last year's series by winning Games 5 and 6.

Manu Ginobili led the Spurs with 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Duncan had 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Tony Parker added 18 points and eight assists, and Hedo Turkoglu had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Spurs.

"Hats off to Kobe and Shaq," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We just didn't have an answer for them. (Bryant) made some unbelievable shots — but he's an unbelievable player. It's not like it's an aberration."

Ginobili set up Malik Rose for a dunk and made a layup, moving the Spurs within three points early in the fourth quarter.

But O'Neal scored from underneath and Bryant made a 3-pointer and a twisting layup to make it 83-73.

The Spurs weren't closer than six points after that.

As in the first three games, the Lakers dominated the third quarter, outscoring the Spurs 31-16 for a 79-64 lead.

The Lakers finished with eight turnovers to the Spurs' 13.

THE ODESSA ROUGHNECKS AND BIG SPRING

The Odessa Roughnecks indoor arena football team has declared this Friday as Big Spring night at the arena.

The Roughnecks take on Amarillo at 7:30 p.m. and anyone who lives in Big Spring can attend the game for just \$7. Regular ticket prices are also available at the door for \$9.50.

There will also be a tailgating party before the game starting at 5:30 p.m. The Roughnecks are part of the Indoor Football League.

To pre-order tickets at the discounted rate, contact Roman Hines at 213-1011 no later than 6 p.m. Thursday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY **JOYCE JILLSON**

The Pisces moon and Taurus sun work together to bring spirituality to a basic level. Some people would define spirituality as how connected they feel to everything they come into contact with, and those people will characterize today as a spiritual high point. Water-sign influences conspire to turn up the emotions.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The key to forward motion is partnership. The more strategic the partnership, the more successful the venture. Those who have been multitasking to save time, be advised — focusing on one thing at a time is more effective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The deal isn't a deal until it's signed, and even then, there's a chance it could fall out. Make sure all parties are satisfied with the arrangement, or there will be trouble later. Don't let business get in the way of personal relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Talk to a qualified professional, and don't waste time with the others. If you're trying to make a sale, the real decision maker might not be obvious. Sell to everyone at the table instead of singling out one person.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being mature all of the time is so boring. Get silly! You can change your karma tonight by changing someone else's. Generosity shakes you out of your present state of mind and gives you a new reference on your own life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A little time to yourself puts you right with the world again. A strange coincidence is featured this afternoon. It's affirming to know that your actions truly do have an effect in the world whether or not you realize it all of the time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Talk about what you intend to do — especially in relationships. Your opinion makes someone elated or very disappointed, but you must speak up. Information or items of value are recovered when you clear a clutter pile.

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Dear Scared: Bullies tend to pick on kids they believe will not stand up for themselves. You need to report these kids to the principal, the school guidance counselor or to a sympathetic teacher. Don't do it alone. Talk to your parents first, and enlist their assistance. Let your friends know what you are doing and ask them to stand by you, for emotional as well as physical support.

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The problem is always his older sister's family. Sis and her husband are both working professionals, but somehow they are always short on money. The first time, they stiffed us on their share of the rent. The second time, we all paid the rent upfront and asked everyone to bring groceries. Sis and her husband brought a bag of rotten peaches and a gallon of apple juice. The third time, we said, "Every family is responsible for its own accommodations." His sister complained constantly about

the expense, and the husband drank heavily.

Their son is surly and has no respect for other people's belongings. The daughter is a spoiled brat. She showed up at our place every night at dinnertime and expected an invitation. We went along with it for two days, but on the third day, I told her we were busy and sent her home. Sis ran straight to Grandma, upsetting her terribly by crying that I was excluding her daughter from family activities.

I love celebrating Grandma's birthday with the entire family, but my stomach is already in knots contemplating this next trip. What can I do? — Aunt Anticipation

Dear Aunt: You cannot make Sis and her family better travel companions, so ignore them. Participate in the activities you enjoy, and if Sis or one of her children intrude on your personal time, do exactly what you did before — send them home. Be as tolerant as possible, but you don't have to humor Grandma to the point of being mistreated. If she chooses to become upset, don't get into an argument. Simply say, "Sorry, but we need a little privacy." Repeat as needed.

Dear Annie: "Ain't Sure in the Pacific" asked if his girlfriend's poor grammar is a good reason to think twice about getting serious. It is. I still cringe when my husband says things like, "I knowed it," and he doesn't appreciate being corrected. His poor grammar gets passed on to the children, too. — Should Have Been Wiser

Dear Wiser: Don't give up on the kids. Explain to them why their speech patterns matter, and correct them. Maybe some of it will rub off on Dad.

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DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip. Panel 1: Dennis and his friends talking. Panel 2: Dennis looking at a TV screen. Caption: "BEATS ME WHY THEY HAVE RERUNS. MOST OF THEM ARE BAD ENOUGH THE FIRST TIME." BC

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip. Panel 1: A man looking at a screen. Panel 2: A close-up of a hand. Caption: "Look, Daddy. Digital imaging."

HAGAR comic strip. Panel 1: Hagar in a castle. Panel 2: Hagar talking. Panel 3: Hagar talking. Panel 4: Hagar talking. Captions: "HELP!! I'M BEING FORCED INTO A LIFE OF DRUGGERY BY A NASTY MAN!", "SAY! AREN'T YOU THE SAME FAIR DANSEL I RESCUED TWO YEARS AGO FROM ANOTHER CASTLE?!", "THIS IS MY SECOND MARRIAGE."

BLONDIE comic strip. Panel 1: Blondie and Dagwood talking. Panel 2: Blondie playing violin. Panel 3: Blondie playing violin. Panel 4: Blondie playing violin. Captions: "I'M PLAYING A VIOLIN SOLO IN THE SCHOOL PLAY, MR. B.", "YOUR VIOLIN PLAYING MUST BE GETTING A LOT BETTER, ELMO... IF THEY WANT YOU TO PLAY A SOLO", "NO, IT'S JUST THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTS TO PLAY WITH ME."

WIZARD OF ID comic strip. Panel 1: Wizard and Id talking. Panel 2: Wizard and Id talking. Panel 3: Wizard and Id talking. Captions: "OUR TOWN WAS VERY RESOURCEFUL.", "HOW SO?", "THE HORSE THAT TURNED THE GRIST MILL DOUBLED AS THE MERRY-GO-ROUND."

AGNES comic strip. Panel 1: Agnes talking. Panel 2: Agnes talking. Panel 3: Agnes talking. Panel 4: Agnes talking. Captions: "TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY, TURNKEY", "REALLY?", "HOW OLD ARE YOU?", "### ### ###", "### ### ###", "### ### ###", "### ### ###".

HI AND LOIS comic strip. Panel 1: Lois talking. Panel 2: Lois talking. Panel 3: Lois talking. Panel 4: Lois talking. Captions: "AGNES... WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF MAINE?", "GEE... I DON'T KNOW. RIGHT NOW I HAVE MY HANDS FULL WRESTLING WITH THE CONCEPT OF GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE.", "AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THE IDEOLOGY OF THEOLOGY HAD ME PINNED, BUT LOGIC HELPED ME GET A LITTLE WIGGLE ROOM. IT'S BEEN QUITE A SOUL-SEARCHING BLOOD BATH.", "I NEED TO KNOW THE CAPITAL OF MAINE, AGNES.", "I'M SURE ONE OF THESE PAGANS IN HERE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP WITH YOUR WRESTLING MATCH."

THE OTHER COAST comic strip. Panel 1: Lois talking. Panel 2: Lois talking. Panel 3: Lois talking. Panel 4: Lois talking. Captions: "THE RATINGS ARE IN, SUNBEAM!", "YOU'RE THE MOST WATCHED REALITY SHOW ON THE PLANET!"

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip. Panel 1: Snuffy talking. Panel 2: Snuffy talking. Panel 3: Snuffy talking. Panel 4: Snuffy talking. Captions: "LISTEN TO THIS REVIEW: 'THE NEW GEE TARZ CD HAS A UNIQUE SOUND...'", "HE LOVES US!", "MADE WHEN I RAN THEIR CD THROUGH THE PAPER SHREDDER.", "GREAT. WE'RE BEING REPLACED BY MACHINE-GENERATED MUSIC."

BEETLE BAILEY comic strip. Panel 1: Beetle talking. Panel 2: Beetle talking. Panel 3: Beetle talking. Panel 4: Beetle talking. Captions: "I'M DOIN' AN INVESTIGATION, LOWEEZY !!", "I NEED SOMETHIN' THAT WOULD HAVE SNUFFY'S FINGERPRINTS ON IT !!", "WELL, YA WON'T FIND ENNYTHIN' OUT HERE, SHERIFF !!", "GIZMO HAS WORKED ALL MORNING TRYING TO INSTALL THAT NEW SYSTEM", "NOPE! DANG! -BY THIS- OOPS! STUPID@GIZMO!! HEY!!!", "HERE! WHEN YOU'VE TRIED EVERYTHING ELSE, TRY READING THE INSTRUCTIONS".

This Date In History
By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, May 12, the 133rd day of 2004. There are 233 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On May 12, 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.
On this date:
In 1820, the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, was born in Florence, Italy.
In 1870, Manitoba entered Confederation as a Canadian province.
In 1932, the body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.
In 1933, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration were established to provide help for the needy and farmers.
In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered.
In 1949, the Soviet Union announced an end to the Berlin Blockade.
In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters.
In 1978, the Commerce Department said hurricanes would no longer be given only female names.
In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who was trying to reach Pope John II.
Ten years ago: The Senate joined the House in passing a bill banning blockades, violence and threats against clinics where abortions were being performed.
British Labor Party leader John Smith died unexpectedly at age 55.
Five years ago: Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin announced he was leaving his post in July (he was succeeded by his deputy, Lawrence Summers).
Russian President Boris Yeltsin dismissed Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's Birthday:
Today's Birthdays:
Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 79. Critic John Simon is 79. Composer Burt Bacharach is 75. Talk show host Tom Snyder is 68. Comedian George Carlin is 67. Actress Millie Perkins is 66. Rhythm and blues singer Jayotis Washington is 63. Country singer Billy Swan is 62. Actress Linda Dano is 61. Musician Ian McLagan is 59.

Newsday Crossword
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1 Falls back ingredient
10 Stanley Gardner
14 Wife of Jacob
15 Window treatment
16 Ballgame spoiler
17 Vegas game
18 Show glee
20 Explore a reef
22 Cushy job
23 Literary miscellany
24 Muscle quivers
26 Old-time oath
28 Lugs along
31 Sketcher's need
35 From Here to Eternity venue
36 Warm-hearted
38 Entrap
39 Aroma
40 Opposing sides
42 Motion picture
43 Twosomes
45 Plumbing problem
46 Novelist Bagnold
47 Layers of rock
49 Divide fairly, perhaps
51 Corona
53 Evening: Fr.
54 Dian Fossey subject
57 Troubles, to Hamlet
59 Quiet corners
62 Show glee
65 Bator, Mongolia
67 Thus
68 Lamp dweller
69 Nautilus captain
70 Webbing
71 All through
72 Forest creature
DOWN
1 Yellowstone beast
2 Pollen distributors
3 Judge's seat
4 Show glee
5 Next (to)
6 Play about
7 Press down
8 Orchard product
9 Safe place
10 Be off
11 Elephant
12 Owner, maybe
13 Circus performer
13 Irish singer
19 Sharif and Khayyam
21 Cartoonist Keane
25 Was a double agent
27 Show glee
28 Mubarak predecessor
29 Cantata singers
30 Line of cliffs
32 New Orleans griddle
33 Sergeant Bilko
34 Riverbank growth
35 Fumblers word
37 Mideast VIPs
41 Pampered, in a way
44 Treat wood
48 Say without proof
50 Grande
52 Daily Planet reporter
54 Throat-clearing sound
55 Not tainted
56 Breakfast fare
58 Mail out
60 Swiss artist
61 Indistinguishable
63 "la la!"
64 Be positioned
66 Also not

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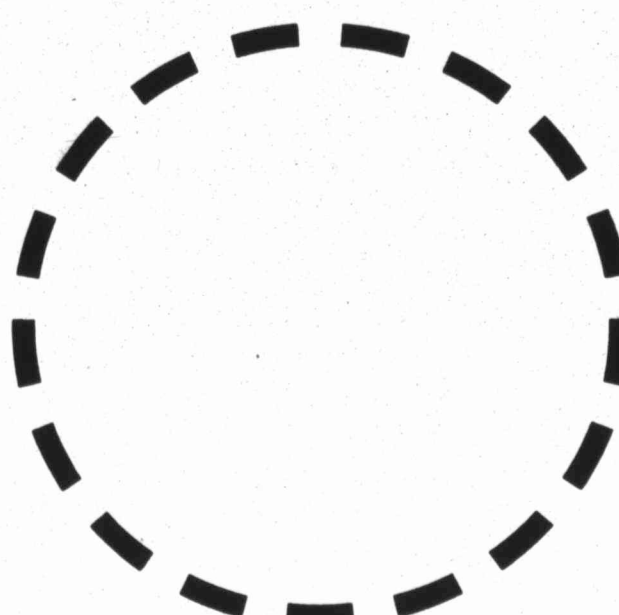
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