



Laptop issue recharged?

□ BSISD trustees to reconsider computers for high school teachers, students

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are hopeful that an extra month of data-gathering will mean good news for a proposal to purchase

laptop computers for high school teachers and students next school year.

School district trustees will take another look at the plan when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school

board room.

If the school board gives its approval, BSISD will institute the laptop program in the 2007-2008 school year.

Officials have touted the plan because they claim it will help improve student performance,

particularly among students from lower-income households.

However, uncertainty and resistance in some quarters led trustees to table the \$1.4 million plan during their February board meeting to allow officials time to receive input from par-

ents and to visit school districts that have already instituted a similar program.

The parent survey proved to be a shot in the arm to the plan's proponents. BSISD

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Filings

Tompkins joins council hopefuls

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer



Tompkins

With less than a week left to file for area city elections, several candidates have thrown their hats in the political ring.

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council drew a third candidate this week, as local financial services professional Troy Tompkins filed to run in the May 12 contest.

Tompkins will face former Big Spring City Council member Woody Jumper, who previously served in

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Trustee quits FISD election

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It was "two steps forward, one step back," as far as filings for area school board elections are concerned.

Two new candidates announced for the elections, which will be held May 12, but one incumbent reversed course and withdrew his candidacy.

Allen McDowell, president of the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees, decided to remove his name from the ballot.

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McDowell



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
This piece of inspirational artwork by local artist Sheree Moates is part of an exhibit currently on display at the Heritage Museum. Below, Moates straightens a painting in her collection in preparation for the Thursday opening of the exhibit, which will run until April 7.

'God inspired'

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum will be alive this month with the work and color of a resident artist, as local painter Sheree Moates prepares to open an exhibit including paintings and photography Thursday.

The exhibit will open with a chance to meet Moates Thursday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with prints and original artwork for sale. The exhibit is expected to run until April 7.

Moates' paintings range in styles and subjects from local skylines and sunsets to religious and inspirational themes. And while the mediums used — paint, canvas and other materials — may be similar from one subject to the next, the local artist said how she develops the ideas is very different.

"In painting inspirational themes, it's strictly God inspired," said Moates. "And what I mean by that is I never know when it's going to hap-

pen. All of a sudden there's just a picture in my head... When it first started happening I called my mother and asked her what was wrong with me. She told me it sounded like a vision, but I don't think that's what it was. I think God was giving me something, and I still feel like he's doing something with my paintings.

"I've drawn on table cloths, church bulletins and envelopes. I've just been in places where I had to find paper because I had no idea it was going to come to me then.



People may think that's weird or stupid, but that's how the inspirational pieces come.

Moates, who was recently accepted to the Oil Painters of America, said the inspiration for her other pieces usually come from real life situations and landscapes, whether they reside 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

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Mall sells

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

The Big Spring Mall has a new owner, according to manager Danielle Ramirez, who made the announcement this morning.

Raj Hadav, a buyer from the San Francisco Bay area in California, has purchased the mall for an undisclosed amount, Ramirez said in a press release. The acquisition was through Paul Johnson Realtors of Abilene. According to Ramirez, the contract proposal was processed some 60 days ago and signed Monday.

"Not only will this be a plus for the existing mall merchants, it will be a

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SkyWarn class set Thursday

Herald Staff Report

The Howard County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting a SkyWarn class from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring City Council Chambers.

The training is open to the public.

The purpose of the class is to prepare citizens for severe weather, a key to protecting communities. Pat Vesper, meteorologist for the National Weather Service, will be conducting the presentation.

There is no cost to attend the training class.

For more information, contact Lt. Terry Chamness at 264-2561.

Council chambers are at 307 E. Fourth.

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Obituaries

Mary Ann Andrews



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

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

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

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Andrews; husband, Bill Frost; one grandson; and one brother.

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

Dwain Bond

Dwain Bond, 64, of Big Spring died Monday, March 5, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born March 16, 1942, in Decatur to Virginia and Ralph Bond. He moved to Big Spring 10 years ago from Abilene. He served in the National Guard. He had a bachelor's degree in geology from Texas Tech and was in the oil business for a number of years. He was a professional musician. His hobbies were writing and Civil War re-enactments.

He is survived by his wife, Aree "Koko" McNalley of Big Spring; two daughters, Lara Nabers and husband, Matt and Kirsten Deiley and husband, Nick, all of San Antonio; one son, Chris Bond of Seattle; one brother, Wendell Bond and wife, Susan of Denver; four grandchildren; and two step-sons, Grant McNalley of Abilene and James McNalley of Big Spring.

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

Marie Eason



Marie Eason, 99, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Mountain View Lodge. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley and the Rev. Jeff Davison, pastors of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 10, 1907, in Olso, Norway to Trina and Otto Engebretsen. She moved to the U.S. in 1927. She lived in Illinois, Kentucky and then moved to Big Spring in 1947. She married Carl S. Eason Oct. 1, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in June 1991. She spent her life in retail sales and businesses, including furniture, antiques, jewelry and clothing. She had worked at Zales and was a partner in Fashion Pants in the Highland Mall. She owned Tom Boy downtown for over 30 years. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Bebe Permenter and her husband, Vernon of Big Spring; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one grandson.

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Take Note

• **MY WAY, A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA**, will be held at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. March tonight and Wednesday.

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

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

• **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.

Herbie 'Herb' McCain



Herbie "Herb" McCain, 63, of Colorado City, passed away Monday, March 5, 2007, in Midland. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Herb was born May 7, 1943, to I.W. and Anna McCain in Stamford. He married Patricia Lowry on May 7, 1988, in Mart. Herb was a native West Texan. He graduated from Sweetwater High School. He made a career in tire sales in West Texas, making many friends over the years. He loved fishing, camping and woodworking. He especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Herb had a kind and loving spirit, evidenced by teaching all of his children to drive. He was a very loving and dedicated husband. He will be missed greatly.

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

He was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 3917 W. Wall St., Midland 79703.

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

Paid obituary

Martha Thomason Arons

Martha Thomason Arons, 72, of Big Spring, formerly of Prairie Hill, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007, at the Mount Antioch Cemetery in Prairie Hill with the Rev. Fred Sain, officiating.

She was born Aug. 9, 1934, in Prairie Hill and married Marvin Arons Sept. 12, 1952, in Prairie Hill. He preceded her in death Nov. 15, 1999.

She grew up and attended school in Prairie Hill. She worked for insurance companies as a senior adjuster for many years before retiring. She lived in Big Spring for the past nine years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Gary Arons of San Antonio; one daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Rondel Brock of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and one brother, Albert Dwain Thomason of Prairie Hill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Mary L. Digby

Mary L. Digby, 83, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 35-30-19-26-12.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$34,625.

Winning tickets sold in: El Paso, R&S Drive Inn Grocery, 3520 N. Copia St.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-6

Police blotter

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

• **RONNIE FREEMAN**, 49, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **GEORGE L. LUEVANOS**, 25, of 111 E. 16th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering the official discharge of an officer's duties.

• **EARNEST CLARK**, 66, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ**, 62, of 508.5 Father Delaney, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CARLA PINEDA**, 21, of 1512 Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.

• **MIGUEL CALIXTO**, 18, of 3007 Collins Road, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• **ROBBIN LYNN BARNES JR.**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• **CHRISTINE MICHELLE BEAM**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, failure to identify - giving false information and violation of parole - blue warrant.

• **TERESA MORGAN**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and theft.

• **ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO**, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and possession of a controlled substance.

• **JESUS HERNANDEZ**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **KENNETH ALAN POTTER**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.

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

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Lancaster. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Alice. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• 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.

• Alon USA Big Spring Refinery Citizens Advisory Panel meeting has been postponed until April.

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

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BSISD

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Superintendent Michael Downes said 84 percent of the 507 respondents voted in favor of the laptop purchase. "The survey shows that parents recognize the importance of securing the best education possible for their children," said Downes, who has long touted the value of the program. Downes said a team of high school administrators and teachers recently visited

Floydada ISD, which provides laptops for all students in grades 6 through 12. Officials from Floydada will be on hand Thursday night to answer trustees' questions on the subject. Also Thursday, trustees will likely approve a lease agreement with Howard College concerning the use of Memorial Stadium. The district is looking at the possibility of building a track at the stadium, but first must have a lease agreement in place before beginning construction at the facility,

which is owned by the college. College trustees approved the lease at their Feb. 26 meeting. Trustees also will consider: • A possible real estate transaction and teacher contracts during an executive session. • Bids for athletic supplies and equipment. • Board policy updates. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com.

Expert: Big Bopper died instantly

BEAUMONT (AP) — J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson suffered massive fractures and likely died immediately in the 1959 plane crash that also killed early rock 'n' rollers Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens, a forensic anthropologist said Tuesday after exhuming the body. The performer's son, Jay Richardson, hired Dr. Bill Bass, a well-known forensic anthropologist, to look at the remains. There have been rumors a gun might have been fired on board the plane and that the Big Bopper might have survived the crash and died

trying to get help. "There was no indication of foul play," Bass said. "There are fractures from head to toe. Massive fractures. ... (He) died immediately. He didn't crawl away. He didn't walk away from the plane." The rock 'n' roll stars' plane crashed after taking off from Mason City, Iowa, on Feb. 3, 1959. Jay Richardson, who performs in tribute shows as "The Big Bopper Jr.," didn't know his father, who gained fame with the hit "Chantilly Lace." His mother was pregnant with him when his father died.

MALL

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boost for the city of Big Spring and the economy as well," predicted the mall manager.

Few details of the acquisition have been released, but Ramirez said the buyer plans to "invest in some well-needed renovations and cosmetic improvements." "One of the first big changes I think people

will see is that the entire parking lot will be resealed and re-stripped. I am not sure when that will take place, but I know it is a priority," she said this morning. Ramirez also said that Paul Johnson would be

working to help generate more tenants. "I am absolutely thrilled to be working with Paul Johnson and his associates," she said. "I am looking forward to this new business endeavor and I am certain this will

be prosperous for everyone." The 129,539-square-foot mall was built in 1982 and has a variety of tenants, including Beall's, Sears, Hallmark, Blum's Jewelers, a movie theater, restaurants and more.

The sale follows the announcement in January that Beall's would begin an 8,000-square-foot expansion. That work has since begun and is expected to be completed in April or early May.

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The withdrawal of McDowell, a member of the FISD board since 2001, leaves incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall as the only declared candidate for one of the two at-large seats, Administration Secretary Judy Park said. Elsewhere, Stanton ISD

will have a contested race for at least one of the two single-member districts up for election this year. Dr. Pablo Teveni has declared his candidacy for the District 5 election, a seat currently held by Terry Shanks. Also filing in District 5 is Darren Patrick. Daniel Ramos is the only candidate to date to file for Stanton's District 1 election, officials said.

Elsewhere, candidate status is unchanged. • In Big Spring, Terri Myrick and incumbent Mike Dawson will vie for the District 5 school board seat. Other incumbents up for re-election — District 6's Ricky Robertson and District 7's Phil Furqueron — are currently unopposed. • Incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White have filed for re-

election to the Coahoma ISD school board. No other candidates have emerged in that race, officials said. • Incumbent Michelle Zant has filed for re-election to the Sands Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees. At-large seats currently held by Zant and Stan Blagrove are to be contested in May. Glasscock County and

Grady school districts will hold their elections in November. Persons interested in running in the May 12 elections have until 5 p.m. Monday to file at their respective school business offices. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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District 2, and local resident David Scott, who is the manager of Smith's Transmissions in Big Spring. They are hoping to replace incumbent Joann Knox, who announced she will not seek re-election. The race for the may-

oral seat in Big Spring has stalled at three candidates over the past week. Incumbent Russ McEwen has filed for re-election, while challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks will try to unseat the long-time mayor. The city of Coahoma saw its first challenger this week, as Coahoma

Independent School District employee Odis Franklin filed his candidacy for one of a pair of at-large seats on Coahoma's city council. All three incumbents have filed to run for re-election in Coahoma — council members David Elmore and Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read. The city of Stanton saw its second filing since

Feb. 12, as incumbent Steven Villa announced this week he will seek re-election. Council member Tommy Haislip has also filed to run for re-election, but neither seat has drawn a challenger at this time. March 12 is the last day to file. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

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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." Moates said the exhibit will also include several pieces of her photography, a by-product of her constant need to paint what she sees. "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 pic-

tures 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." And while selling one of her works is certainly rewarding, Moates said it's not the part of painting that keeps her with brush in hand. "God working in me is the most rewarding part of what I do," said Moates. "I've painted for a long time. I colored in crayons and coloring books ever since I was a kid, but when God started giving me pictures in my head to paint, that made it special. With the other pictures, if someone likes it, they will take it home. The inspirational art is different. I have a whole file of letters and thank you cards from people I don't even know. Someone sent a print of

one of these to them or they saw it somewhere, and they're telling me how it changed their lives. That's the most rewarding thing." Museum Director Nancy Rainey said she's excited to have a local talent on display. "It's great for the museum because we want to showcase how much talent there is in Big Spring," said Rainey. "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." For more information on the Heritage Museum and other exhibits, call 267-8255.

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Pa, Great Granny &
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We're Proud
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"Megan"
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Good Luck
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"THE BEST
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EVER"
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Best Of Luck!
Love,
Mom, Dad And Alfonso



You Girls Rock
We are very proud
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We Love You,
Larry & Mama Di
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Stevi,
"Wind It Up"
Straight to the top!
We ♥ you very much
and are very proud
of you. Good Luck
♥ Dad & Mom



Good Luck Chloe!
We are very
proud of you.
Love You,
Mom & Dad



Stevi,
GET IT GIRL...
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We Know You Can Do It
We Love You Very Much,
Granny, NaNa &
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Good Luck
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Good Luck and Lots Of Love To
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FROM MOM AND DAD



Alyssa,
You Are Awesome!
We Love You!
Larry & Mom



Abigial and Destiny
Good Luck In Dallas. Wishing
you the best of luck in
Danzation Competition.
I Love You,
"Ampa" Tyky




Good Luck Danzation!
YOU ROCK
Love, The Preclados



You're awesome Bai, keep showing of your
moves, we're proud of you.
Love Kara, Fatboy
Papa's proud of you Bailee, Congratulations!
Go get em Bai,
Love Teana, Tommy, The Girls
Way to go Bailee. Mimi Love You.
Good Luck Bailee.
We are very proud of you! Dance strong and proud.
We Love You Mom, Dad & Landon
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Dance Your Heart Out
Chloe!
Love You Bunches,
Amy, Guy Will,
& Zadi Kate Zant

Ale,
We will be thinking about you from Panama
★ ★ Love,
Tiyo & Tita

Miss Stevi,
Thank you for your patience & continued encouragement
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Love, Chloe



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Love,
Mary, Chrissie, Jim
and JB

Lots Of Love From Nacogdoches
Kinsey

We're Proud Of You
Little Gran and Grandpa

Miss Stevi,
Thank you for everything you've done for us. Let's do what we love to do.
"DANCE"
From all of us at Danzation

Good Luck Lizzie

I Love You Mom

Good Luck Megan

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My Little Dancer
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Love Mimi


Best Of Luck Patricia & Alesha
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Always Terri, Tony & Lucas

Good Luck Patricia, Stevi & Alesha
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Grandparents & Lee

Elle
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Dance ~ Dance ~ Dance
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We Love You,
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You have grown into two beautiful young ladies. Good luck at Competition.

We Love You,
Mom & Dad

Patricia,
The best of luck in Dallas & Lubbock Competitions. Dance Your Heart Out.
You Are The Best!

Love,
Mom


Alyssa,
We are very proud of you and we love you!
Poppa & Granny

Good Luck To The 2007 Danzation Girls
From All Of Us At The Big Spring Herald

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OUR VIEWS

It's time to get Health Fair 2007 booths lined up

It has oft been noted that nothing is as important as one's health. Adages on the subject abound. And for good reason, because anything else, with the exception of one's spiritual condition, pales in comparison.

Unfortunately, far too many of us fall woefully short of being conscientious when it comes to making sure we're in good health.

We're too busy, we believe, to schedule a doctor's appointment for a check up. Worse still, in some cases we ignore symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions.

That's why it's important that we all make plans to take advantage of free health screenings that will be offered on April 14 at Health Fair 2007.

Doors to Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day and there will be numerous booths supplying free screenings and information.

The theme for this year's fair is "Good Health - Now and For Our Future." Booth spaces are now available. The 10x10 booths are \$80 if paid for by March 23, or \$100 if paid March 24 through the deadline of March 30.

Corporate sponsors for the fair to date include Alon USA, Caring Hearts Home Health, H-E-B, Interim Healthcare, St. Joseph's Home Health, Parkview Nursing/Parkplace Retirement Living, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic/Big Spring Physical Therapy, the Big Spring Herald and radio stations KBST and KBYG.

United Blood Services will have its mobile unit on hand, and the partial list of screenings available include: blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, Pulse/Ox testing and weight. Fluoride treatment for children will also be available, as well DNA identification kits for children.

We encourage everyone - from our community's healthcare professionals to the average man, woman or child on the street - to make plans to be involved that weekend and pay a little attention to healthy living.

It just might be the best and most important fun you've ever had.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are our heavenly coach, Lord, may we pay attention to Your words.

Amen

The Democrats' secret weapon

She is just about the best thing that could have ever happened to the Democratic Party, the reason why they may retake the White House in 2008, the person who will finally make most Americans see just how destructive conservative extremists can be for this country.

No, it's not Hillary Clinton.

It's Ann Coulter, the fire-breathing, mean-spirited, race-baiting, gay-bashing, hate speech specialist and darling of conservative extremists.

Every time this pathetic right-wing commentator opens her mouth, she spews industrial quantities of waste - and her vile rhetoric becomes a free commercial for Democrats.

No one is more qualified to discourage moderate voters who might be considering supporting Republican candidates. She is a one-person voter registration drive for Democrats. If she continues as a self-appointed spokesperson for conservatives, she will bury the Republican Party.

Some call her ignorant, a bimbo, misinformed and not very bright. But nothing could be further from the truth. Her inflammatory remarks are never accidental and misspoken. They are quite deliberate.

If she was doing it out of ignorance, one could argue that the

poor woman doesn't know any better. But this is a conniving, calculating, self-absorbed Fascist who will say anything outrageous just to get back under the spotlight.

In her most recent attempt to draw attention to herself, Coulter, addressing the Conservative Political Action Conference last week, viciously attacked Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards.

Coulter said she was going to talk about Edwards, "but it turns out you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot.'"

Although the classless remark has been condemned by both Democrats and Republicans, it was received with laughter, cheers and applause at the conference. It says a lot about that particular audience, and how they are willing to take down the Republican Party for the sake of promoting their warped principles of bigotry and intolerance.

Coulter promotes herself as a liberal-basher, but she is the best secret weapon in the liberal arsenal.

And what is best is that the idiots who support her don't even realize that she is burying them.

This bitter hateronger is making a career out of creating controversy. This is the same heartless creature who, in her latest book, blasted some 9/11 windows: "These self-obsessed women seem genuinely unaware that 9/11 was an attack on our nation and acted as if the terrorist attack only happened to them - I've never seen

people enjoying their husbands' death so much."

Like all pundits who have no good arguments to defend their positions, she resorts to mudslinging. With the sick divisive, insensitive ideals she represents, Coulter is obviously not capable of engaging in civil discourse. Instead, she mocks people in the most grotesque terms she can muster.

"And by the way, how do we know their husbands weren't planning to divorce these harpies?" she wrote about the 9/11 widows. "Now that their shelf life is dwindling, they'd better hurry up and appear in Playboy."

And then there are people who say that when Coulter does this, she's only joking - as if her hysterical rants could be dismissed as the work of a satirist or "political entertainer."

In fact, the only people she entertains are the ones who, like her, are particularly intolerant of certain groups of people. Many of her fans are the ones who would turn this country into another Nazi Germany.

And amazingly, this mindless intolerance is often promoted in the name of Christianity. Through her book, "Godless: The Church of Liberalism," Coulter sells herself as the champion of evangelical Americans.

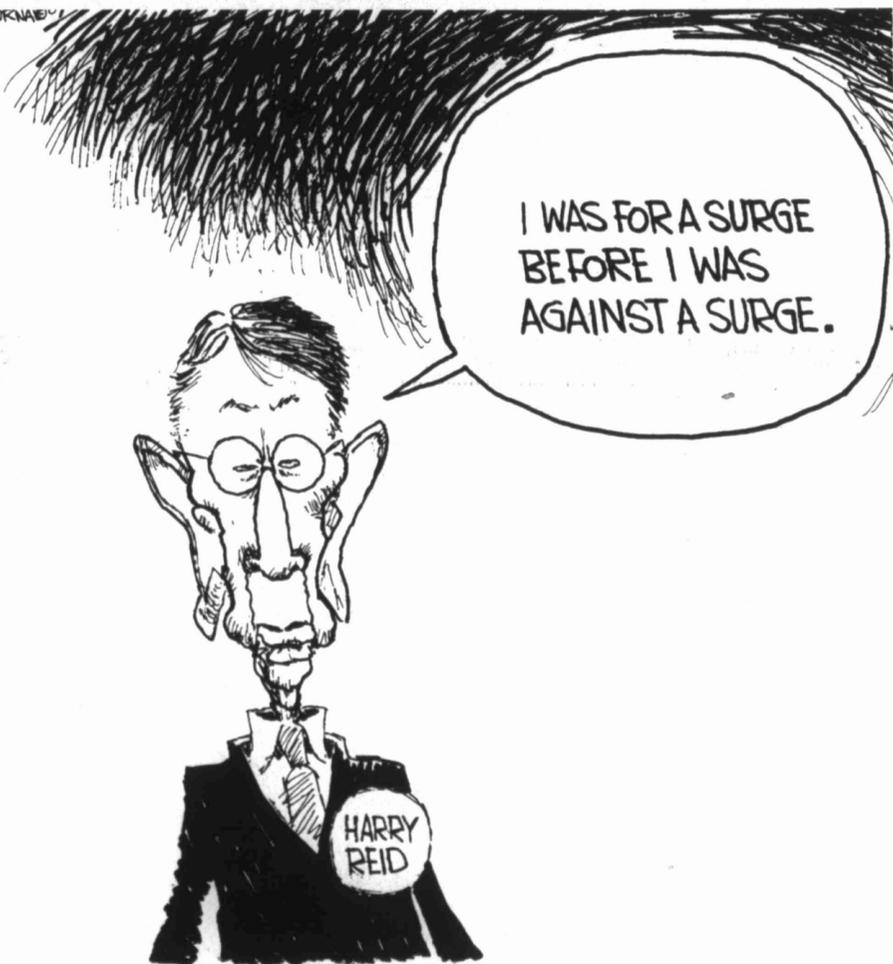
Yet, when she speaks, she sounds like the Antichrist.

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Getting the news from Qatar

A friend of mine, Dr. Nancy Allen, is spending three years teaching in the Middle Eastern country of Qatar. She was home recently and told me some things about that place.

"It is a peninsula off Saudi Arabia out into the Arabian Gulf," says Nancy. "The country is almost entirely Muslim. They have been so hospitable and made me feel so comfortable. In fact, this past Christmas was my first Christmas away from my family, so I tried to ignore it. Christmas Eve I went out with friends and when I got home, in front of my door was a completely decorated Christmas tree surrounded by presents."

Qatar is the richest country in the world due to the abundance of natural gas. Nancy says there are no bars in Qatar except in hotels. Non-Muslims can get a liquor license for \$400, which gives them the right to purchase liquor from

a heavily guarded store in the desert. The booze is for home consumption only.

Nancy says they are very careful as to who takes up residence in Qatar. She had to have a complete criminal and medical check and have a Qatar residency card before she could get her utilities turned on or apply for a driver's license.

Nancy teaches at the University of Qatar. One of the four wives of the Emir is very intent on improving the educational standards of the country, so Nancy is training teachers to assist in the educational reform. The University has a male side and a female side. The only classes that have both genders are in graduate school. Nancy says women have lots of opportunities in Qatar.

Camel races are a big deal in Qatar.

"Until two years ago, they used small boys to ride the camels in races," Nancy noted. "That is a dangerous situation and several jockeys were killed every year. The human rights people insisted they change that, so they now have robots that are strapped on

the camels. They're about two feet tall and have little whips. Camel owners ride in Land Rovers alongside the camels and work the controls."

Nancy lives in the capital city of Doha, which she says resembles Austin.

Doha has great malls, which have Starbucks, Dairy Queen and Toys R Us. A French company has put in a Wal-Mart type store. Everybody loves KFC.

The country has no dogs, no crime, no graffiti.

Nancy feels safe in Qatar and has never seen any violence.

Folks there eat lots of lamb. Mexican food is expensive. A meal will cost \$100.

The last two years has seen much new building in Doha. Under their robes, women wear the latest fashions.

Nancy says all the marriages are arranged and most all of them are among first cousins. It is a rare family that does not have a special needs child.

And, oh yes, you cannot leave the country without an exit visa, which takes up to three weeks to obtain.



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Science fiction fans unite! The library has just received more than a dozen new titles. Some are fill-ins on existing series and the others are stand-alone books. Look in the new book binder for all the titles.

Soft-cover books are easier to hold and when they are in large print, sometimes that is even better! Chet Cunningham, Randy Denmon, William W. Johnstone and Lauraine Paine are well known writers of western fiction. Several new books have just been received and processed and are now ready to be checked out.



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Many of you may watch ABC News and have heard of Bob Woodruff's injuries from an "improvised explosive device" while embedded with the military in Iraq. We have received the McNaughton edition "In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing" by Lee and Bob Woodruff (It may be found over in the new book section). This was one of the most anticipated books of the year. Lee Woodruff and her husband Bob share their never-before-told story of romance, resilience and survival following the tragedy that transformed their lives and gripped a nation. When an improvised explosive device went off near the tank he was riding in, both he

and his cameraman, Doug Vogt, were hit and Bob suffered a traumatic brain injury that nearly killed him. "In an Instant" is the frank and compelling account of how Bob and Lee's lives came together, were blown apart, and then were miraculously put together again.

Another selection from our leased book vendor is "Gerald R. Ford" by Douglas Brinkley. When Gerald R. Ford entered the White House in August 1974, he inherited a presidency tarnished by the Watergate scandal, the economy was in a recession, the Vietnam War was drawing to a close and he had taken office without having been elected. Most observers gave him little chance of success, especially after he pardoned Richard Nixon just a month into his presidency, an action that outraged many Americans, but which Ford thought was necessary to move the nation forward. Acclaimed historian Douglas Brinkley shows him to be a man of independent thought and conscience, who never allowed party loyalty to prevail over his sense of right and wrong. Brinkley draws on exclusive interviews with Ford and on previously unpublished documents (including a remarkable correspondence between Ford and Nixon stretching over four decades), fashioning a masterful reassessment of Gerald R. Ford's presidency and his underappreciated legacy to the nation.

On a more cheerful note, "I Killed: True Stories of the



Road from America's Top Comics" (792.702 SHY R) will make you think twice (possibly) before pursuing a career as a comedian. Chris Rock, Jay Leno, Ron White, Tim Allen, Joan Rivers, Brett Butler and many others tell of their life on the road. A very funny book.

In a review by David Pitt from Booklist comes the story of Mark Zupan. In 1993, after a night of hard drinking, 18-year-old Zupan curled up for a nap in the bed of his buddy's truck. A freak turn of events later, he was hurled out of the truck and into a canal, where he clung to life — and a tree — for 14 hours. Suddenly a quadriplegic (although with some movement in his arms and legs), the author faced a long and difficult recovery. "Gimp" (B ZUP M) is a

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memoir that chronicles his recovery and rise to fame as a superstar in the sport of quadriplegic rugby, also known as Murderball (and also the title of the award-winning documentary that featured Zupan). Like quadriplegic artist John Callahan's "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot," published in 1990, the book is alternately funny, biting, snarky, self-indulgent and moving. Despite the hardships Zupan has endured, he firmly believes he's a lucky guy,

and that optimistic attitude is what makes his memoir so enjoyable: it really is a story about success and tackling life on one's own terms. What life lesson have you learned? Is it not to slide into first base when playing in a cow pasture? Do you hold the door for the next person at the post office? Or do you cut off a tele-marketer with a curt "no, thanks?" As you know, it isn't easy being green and Kermit the Frog has some life lessons to impart to you in his newest book, "Before You Leap: A Frog's-Eye View of Life's Greatest Lessons" (158.1 KER F). He has a unique way of teaching you

about life, love and making the world a better place. Two very important precepts (from his book) are: Show respect to everyone and be happy with who you are. A great book.

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Nine injured in Keller day care bus wreck

KELLER (AP) — Seven children in a day care school bus, the bus' driver and the driver of a car were injured Tuesday when their vehicles collided, Keller police said.

Witnesses told investigators that the woman driving the car appeared to have run a red light at an intersection. The 14-seat bus ended up on its side.

The nine victims were transported to Fort Worth-area hospitals. Their conditions weren't immediately released.

Seven kindergarten-aged children were taken to Cook Children's Medical Center. Four of the seven were treated and released, William Perryman, the owner of the Primrose School of Keller said in a news release. Three were admitted to the hospital, medical center spokeswoman Winifred King said.

The two adults were taken to Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital, Keller police Lt. Brenda Slovak said. She did not know their conditions.

The bus was carrying the students to the school at the time of the accident, Merryman said.

Fire forces evacuations in Bandera County

BANDERA COUNTY (AP) — Residents of about 15 homes were forced to evacuate Tuesday afternoon as a wind-swept fire moved through portions of Bandera County in the Texas Hill Country.

Traci Weaver of the Texas Forest Service said no structures were lost in the 200-acre fire just south of Medina. The terrain, heavy growth of junipers and dry, windy weather challenged firefighters, who had the blaze 50 percent contained by late afternoon as winds began to subside, Weaver said.

Firefighters also contained a 200-acre fire reported in Jasper County in East Texas.

Teen survives 28 hours in Gulf; 2 boaters die

GALVESTON (AP) — A 13-year-old Houston teenager was able to survive after a boat sank in the Gulf of Mexico because those with him did all they could to keep him out of the chilly water, U.S. Coast Guard officials said Tuesday.

Two people died after the boat became disabled and sank Sunday about 10 miles south of Galveston. Searchers were looking for another person.

"For that little boy to survive is a strong indication that his family members did everything possible to ensure that he at least had a fighting chance at survival," Petty Officer Adam Eggers said in a story in Tuesday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle.

"Folks who have been doing this a long time think that there were some periods of time they were able to keep him out of the water."

Rescuers found Melquisedec Acevedo on Monday. He was clinging to a line from the partially submerged pleasure boat and to a body.

"I had to splash him to get him to realize I was there," Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Barhan said. "He was hypothermic and probably had a mild case of shock."

Eggers said the water temperature in the Gulf ranged from 58 to 62 degrees.

Melquisedec's father and two other men were also in the boat. The teen told Barhan that one person tried to swim to an oil rig.

Eggers said officials are waiting for family members to identify the bodies taken to the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office.

The four in the boat were on a fishing trip to celebrate the teen's birthday, the newspaper reported.

Jeffs' attorneys ask dismissal, venue change

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Attorneys for polygamist leader Warren Jeffs are seeking to have charges against him dismissed or have his trial moved to Salt Lake County, in motions filed Tuesday.

Jeffs, 51, is president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a sect of almost 10,000 who practice polygamy in arranged marriages. Jeffs is facing an April trial on state felony charges of rape as an accomplice for arranging and performing a 2001 marriage between a 14-year-old girl and her adult cousin.

In the motion to dismiss the charges, Jeffs' attorneys said prosecutors failed to prove during a preliminary hearing last year that Jeffs was aware that the girl objected to having sex with her husband.

On Tuesday, Jeffs' attorneys also filed for a change

of venue. Most members of the FLDS church live in the twin cities of Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah. Hildale is in Washington County, where Jeffs is being jailed and the trial is scheduled. The motion cites "the nature of the community in Washington County" along with the seriousness of the offense as reasons Jeff's trial should be moved.

The group also has a facility near Eldorado. His attorneys contend he's being prosecuted for his religion. A message left after hours for Jeffs' attorneys Tuesday was not immediately returned.

In another motion, Jeffs' attorneys say Utah's statute on rape as an accomplice is "unconstitutionally vague."

"Because of the sweeping application of the statute, prosecutors and courts may use it to discriminate against members of the defendant's religion, where marriage between young couples is common," the motion states.

Bill toughens intoxication assault penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee approved a measure that would enhance penalties for drunken drivers who hurt or kill public safety officials after hearing from the widows of two police officers.

The House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence voted 6-0 Tuesday to advance the bill to the full House.

Contract Bridge

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 ♣ J 10 4

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT
 Pass 3NT

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

To be a good player, you must acquire the habit of making assumptions. Often these assumptions will turn out to be wrong, but that doesn't mean it was wrong to make them; only by making assumptions can you put yourself in a position to win when it is possible to win.

Here is a typical case. Let's say you're East and partner leads the jack of hearts against three notrump. South wins with the queen and leads

a spade to dummy's jack. It doesn't matter when you take your ace; what does matter is what you play next.

It's easy to see — if you look at all four hands — that if you return a low diamond, your side can snatch four diamond tricks and put the contract down one. But if you don't return a low diamond at trick three — perhaps because you were taught not to lead away from a king, or always to return your partner's suit — declarer finishes with 10 tricks.

Regardless of what you might have been taught, however, the fact is that in this case you must assume West has the ace of diamonds to give yourself any chance of beating the contract.

To assume that South has the ace of diamonds — or to ignore entirely the question of who has the ace — and blindly return a heart would be giving up. It is obvious declarer will score at least nine tricks — four spades, two hearts (you can't be sure who has the king) and three clubs if you play "safe" and return a heart.

It is true that West must have somewhat more strength in diamonds than just four to the ace — he must have at least the jack with it — but this is merely an extension of the original assumption.

Tomorrow: How to deal with a damsel.
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House Bill 1212 would increase intoxication assault from a third-degree felony to a second-degree felony if a police officer or firefighter is injured. The prison sentence, now two to 10 years, would increase to two to 20 years. The maximum fine would remain \$10,000.

Intoxication manslaughter involving a police officer or firefighter would go from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony, which carries a prison sentence of five to 99 years and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Karen Freeto, whose husband Dwayne Freeto was killed when his Fort Worth police patrol car was struck by a drunken driver, said tougher penalties are justified for those who kill public safety officers.

"We all call 911 for help," Freeto said. "It's too dangerous for just anyone to do it."

State Rep. Paula Pierson, D-Arlington, the bill's sponsor, said a similar bill passed the House last session but died in the Senate after some lawmakers worried about burdening the prison system with longer sentences.

State Rep. Terri Hodge, D-Dallas, questioned whether longer sentences would cut down on drunken driving and called for more emphasis on treatment.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

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With a new season just around the corner, cookbook author Margaret Fox offers up five great ways to enjoy a fresh start to your day. Each is easy to make and combines healthful ingredients with delicious flavors. Plus, Our Picks and combining plants and containers.

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The Forgotten Refugees

Why does nobody care about the Jewish refugees from Arab lands?

The world is greatly concerned about the Arabs who fled the nascent state of Israel in 1948. But no mention is ever made of the Jewish refugees from Arab lands. Their history is as compelling and arguably more so than that of the Arab refugees from Israel.

What are the facts?

Jews in Arab countries. Jews have lived since Biblical times in what are now Arab countries. After the Roman conquest, Jews were dispersed, mostly to what are now the Arab countries of North Africa and the Middle East. Many Jews migrated to the Iberian peninsula — Spain and Portugal. They were expelled from those countries at the end of the 15th century. They mostly migrated to the Arab countries, where, by now, they have been living for almost 500 years, many Jews for over 2,000 years.

There is a myth that Jews had an easy life in Muslim/Arab countries. The opposite is the case. Jews under Islam were treated as second-class citizens and worse. The relationship was governed by a system of discrimination, intended to reduce the Jews in those Arab countries to conditions of humiliation, segregation and violence. They were excluded from society, from government, and from most professions. They were barely tolerated and often, under the slightest pretext or no pretext at all, were victimized by vicious violence.

When Israel declared its statehood in 1948, pogroms broke out across the entire Arab/Muslim world. Thousands died in this violence. Their homes and businesses were destroyed, their women violated. The vast majority of those Jews fled from where they had lived for centuries. They had to leave everything behind. Most of those who were able to escape found their way to the just-created state of Israel.

Over 850,000 Jews were driven from Arab countries, most of them in 1948, at the birth of Israel. Most of the remainder were chased out during or immediately following the Six-Day War in 1967, when, in fury about the disastrous defeat, the "Arab street" erupted and subjected its Jewish population to bloody pogroms. Israel received every one of those Jewish refugees from Arab countries with brotherly open arms; it housed, fed, and quickly integrated them into Israeli society. They and their descendants now make up more than one-half of the country's population.

Jewish refugees from the Arab countries are the forgotten refugees. The world, and especially of course the Arabs, claim compensation from Israel for the Arab refugees and insist on their return to what has been Israel for almost 60 years. The Jewish refugees from Arab countries, all Israelis now, have no desire to return to their ancient homelands, where they had been treated so shabbily and so brutally. But if there is to be any compensation, those forgotten Jewish refugees are certainly entitled to such compensation as much as the Arab refugees. Anything else would be an outrage and a great injustice.

Jews in Arab Countries

	1948	Now
Algeria	140,000	0
Egypt	75,000	100
Iraq	135,000	100
Lebanon	5,000	100
Libya	38,000	0
Morocco	265,000	5,700
Syria	30,000	100
Tunisia	105,000	1,500
Yemen	55,000	200

number has by now miraculously increased from their original 650,000 to 5 million, are seething with hatred toward Israel and provide the cadres of terrorists and suicide bombers.

The Palestinian refugees occupy a unique place in the concern of the world. Since 1947, there have been over 100 UN resolutions concerning the Palestinian refugees. But there has not been one single resolution addressing the horrible injustices done to the nearly one million Jewish refugees from the Arab states.

There have been many millions of refugees in the wake of the Second World War. With only one exception, none of those refugee groups occupy the interest of the world and of the United Nations in a major way. That one exception are the Palestinian refugees. In fact, a special branch of the United Nations (UNWRA) exists only for the maintenance of those "refugees." In the almost sixty years of the existence of this agency it has cost many billions of dollars, most of it — you guessed it — contributed by the United States.

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Despite verdict, Libby fate uncertain, questions remain unanswered

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's conviction capped a four-year, politically charged investigation but did not seal Libby's fate or resolve some of the lingering questions in the CIA leak case.

Once the closest adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, Libby was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing an investigation into the leak of a CIA operative's identity. He was the highest-ranking White House official convicted in a government scandal since the Iran-Contra arms and money affair two decades ago.

The trial revealed Cheney's eagerness to discredit a war critic, the Bush administration's policies on talking to reporters and its strategies for dealing with a crisis.

But the case offered little new information about whether President Bush was involved or whether he authorized any leaks. Defense attorneys never delivered Cheney or Libby to the witness stand as promised to discuss the White House effort to undermine the credibility of former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, a campaign that resulted in the disclosure of his wife Valerie Plame's job at the CIA.

Libby's attorneys offered few details about a supposed White House conspiracy to protect Bush adviser Karl Rove from prosecution.

It also was never explained why former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who originally leaked Plame's identity, was never charged.

Now that Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald says his investigation is complete, those questions are likely to go unanswered. Nobody will be charged with actually leaking Plame's identity. Libby was convicted of lying to cover up his conversations about Plame.

"The results are actually sad," Fitzgerald told reporters after the federal jury's verdict. "It's sad that we had a situation where a high-level official person who worked in the office of the vice president obstructed justice and lied under oath. We wish that it had not happened, but it did."

Juror Denis Collins on Wednesday summed up the dilemma that he and his associates faced behind closed doors.

"There was a frustration that we were trying someone for telling a lie apparently about an event that never became important enough to file charges anywhere else," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I would hope that the message sent by

Libby guilty in CIA leak case

Former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby found guilty on four of five counts:

Guilty

One count

Obstruction of justice

Misled grand jury about how and when he learned Valerie Plame worked for the CIA

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Lying

Lied to FBI during interviews

Two counts

Perjury

Lied under oath to grand jury when testifying about conversations with reporters

Not guilty

One count

Lying



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this jury shouldn't be that big a message," he said.

Libby's fate remains unclear. He faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced June 5, but his federal sentencing guidelines are much lower. His

lawyers promised to ask for a new trial and said they'll ask that Libby remain free while any appeals are fought.

"We have every confidence Mr. Libby

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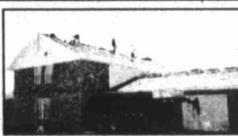


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Republicans in Congress could face new ethics probes

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — Republicans could face ethics investigations for contacting U.S. attorneys about pending cases, a jarring political development only four months after ethical lapses helped cost the GOP control of Congress.

Two veteran Republican lawmakers and a top GOP leadership aide contacted prosecutors who later were fired. All three denied wrongdoing. Democratic-run commit-

tees in both the House and Senate are investigating the firings of eight U.S. attorneys. Six of those prosecutors told Congress on Tuesday they felt pressured by the interventions.

The Senate ethics committee already is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the call by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., to a prosecutor in his state. The action was required once the committee received a complaint against Domenici from a congressional watchdog group.

The House's ethics panel has more discretion on starting an initial inquiry. But Majority Leader Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said there should be one. Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., contacted the same prosecutor as Domenici.

Edward Cassidy, a top aide to House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio and a former ethics committee staff member, contacted a prosecutor in Washington state. The Senate's ethics

manual says Senate offices should refrain from intervening in pending court actions "until the matter has reached a resolution in the courts." The House's version has similar warnings.

Cassidy's case presents a potential conflict for the senior Republican on the House ethics committee, Rep. Doc Hastings of Washington state. Cassidy was his top aide in his personal office and on the committee.

Hastings normally would play a crucial role

in the evenly divided committee, in deciding whether to begin an initial investigation and appointing an investigative subcommittee. He would not comment Tuesday on whether he planned to remove himself from any committee decisions.

Hoyer, a key architect of the Democrats' takeover of the House, expressed no reluctance to jump on the new Republican dilemma.

"When issues are raised in the public sphere, I

think the committee has a responsibility on its own, and I would hope they would do that," Hoyer told reporters.

Democrats made GOP ethical misdeeds a major issue in the fall campaign. They singled out former GOP Majority Leader Tom DeLay, the subject of several ethics probes, and were handed a pre-election scandal when it was disclosed that former Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., made advances to former male teenage pages.

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ultimately will be vindicated," defense attorney Theodore Wells said. He said Libby was "totally innocent and that he did not do anything wrong."

And then there's the lingering question of whether Bush will pardon Libby, as the president's father did in 1992 for former Reagan administration officials caught up in the scandal that grew out of arms sales to Iran and the diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., immediately called on

Bush not to pardon Libby. The White House wouldn't say what the president might do.

"I'm aware of no such request for a pardon," presidential spokeswoman Dana Perino said. "As is afforded to all Americans, there is a process that is followed in which to apply for a pardon. And I don't think that speculating on a wildly hypothetical situation at this time is appropriate."

In a written statement, Cheney called the verdict disappointing and said he was saddened for Libby and his family too. "As I have said before, Scooter has served our nation tirelessly and with great

distinction through many years of public service." The trial centered on several weeks in mid-2003, when Wilson began discussing publicly a report he drafted that contradicted a key Bush administration reason for invading Iraq. Cheney and Libby were eager to undercut Wilson, and several witnesses recalled discussing Wilson's wife with Libby.

Libby told investigators that he forgot all about those conversations and was surprised to learn

Plame worked for the CIA from NBC newsman Tim Russert. Fitzgerald said that was a convenient story concocted to shield Libby from prosecution for mishandling classified information. Russert testified they never discussed Plame.

Libby was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury to the grand jury and one count of lying to the FBI. He was acquitted of one count of lying to the FBI.

"We cannot tolerate per-

jury. Truth is what drives our judicial system. If people don't tell the truth, the system cannot work," Fitzgerald said outside court Tuesday. "Having a high-level official lie under oath is just something that can never be accepted."

Jurors decided Libby could simply not be

believed. It was not plausible, they said, that Libby forgot nine conversations about Plame.

"There were good managerial type people on this jury who took everything apart and put it in the right place," Collins said. "After that, it wasn't a matter of opinion. It was just there."

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Golf results from Sands Invitational

The Garden City Lady Kats golf team won the Sands Invitational at Lamesa Country Club behind Brooke Halfmann's round of 92.

The Lady Kats shot a team total of 443 to win the team championship and Brooke and Kate Halfman placed first and second in individual honors.

Mikela Barton contributed to the win by finishing in 5th place for the Lady Kats.

Grady finished second in the tournament by shooting a team total of 475.

Loop finished in third place by posting a team round of 544.

"I thought our girl's battled really hard," Garden City golf coach Ken Hoskins said. "We are off to a good start, but we have to get our game around 400 to compete in the district we compete in."

Tech holds off UNLV's rally in 7-6 victory

Reliever Collin Auten forced a groundout and struck out the final batter to stifle a UNLV rally and preserve a 7-6 Texas Tech win on Tuesday.

The Red Raiders (13-5) built up a lead with consistent scoring through the game.

Chris Hall went 3-for-3, scoring in the third and driving in a run in the fourth. Matt Smith added three RBIs for Texas Tech, including a two-run double in the third.

Trailing 4-0 in the fifth, UNLV (8-12) cut the deficit in half on an RBI single by Keith Smith and then a run-scoring groundout by Chris Bonnell.

The Red Raiders added runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. UNLV added two runs in the sixth.

Following a scoreless eighth inning, Texas Tech entered the ninth inning with a 7-4 lead.

Bonnell, who went 2-for-4, knocked in a two-run homer off reliever Paul Gonzalez. Auten was called in to work what turned out to be the final two batters.

Gonzalez (2-1) got the win, giving up two runs on three hits and three strikeouts in 3 1-3 innings. Auten picked up his fifth save.

Kevin Skogley (0-2) took the loss for the Rebels, giving up six earned runs on eight hits over six innings of work.

Roughnecks continue to improve team

Big Spring will get first look at the new indoor football team from Odessa

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Torrey Day, the Odessa wide receiver from last season, has returned to the Roughnecks after a brief stint with the Orlando Predators in the Arena Football League.

After helping the Roughnecks defeat the Corpus Christi Hammerheads 97-56, and scoring four touchdowns in the league championship game, Day was signed by the Predators to add some depth to their roster. In a press release the Predators said, that Day had a solid showing in the AFL, but that at this time his release was necessary.

One team's loss is another team's gain.

Last season Day scored nine touchdowns in the final three games of the season for the Roughnecks and Odessa's head coach Chris Williams said he is excited to have the talented player coming back.

"Getting Torrey is huge for the Roughnecks upcoming season," Williams said. "The fact that he was signed to an Arena League contract during the off-season shows that he has skills and talent. I think his time spent in training camp with the Predators will only make him better this season. Hopefully he will have an opportunity to play at the next level again and after another full season here in Odessa, he will be an even better prospect for teams at the next level in 2008."

The Roughnecks also said Day will be assisting with coaching the wide receivers — an opportunity that is being granted at his request. The move is to help prepare him for life after football and a possible coaching career.

Marc Saldana, a former indoor football quarterback and rookie coach for the expansion indoor team in Katy, said Odessa has done a great job of signing top players and that's why they are the defending champions.

"That's an awesome move by Odessa," Saldana, the Katy offensive coordinator said. "Moving from the field to the sidelines this season — I can appreciate the move Coach Williams made for Torrey. By allowing him to gain experience as a coach —

that will obviously help the transition stage for this player when he decides its time to retire. Players around the league notice those things from an organization and I commend them for making that move.

"We have some talented football players down here as well. We just signed James Temmer, a former Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman that played behind Nate Newton for a few years. We are looking forward to facing the Roughnecks and we're looking forward to the opportunity to play them. We want to play and beat the best in the league and that's definitely Odessa."

It is obvious that the teams

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Bill to be filed for steroid tests for Texas athletes

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas public high school athletes would face mandatory random steroid tests in order to play sports under a bill to be filed Wednesday in the Senate.

According to details in a draft summary of the bill, the testing program would select 30 percent of the approximately 1,300 public schools with athletic teams and test 3 percent of the athletes on those campuses.

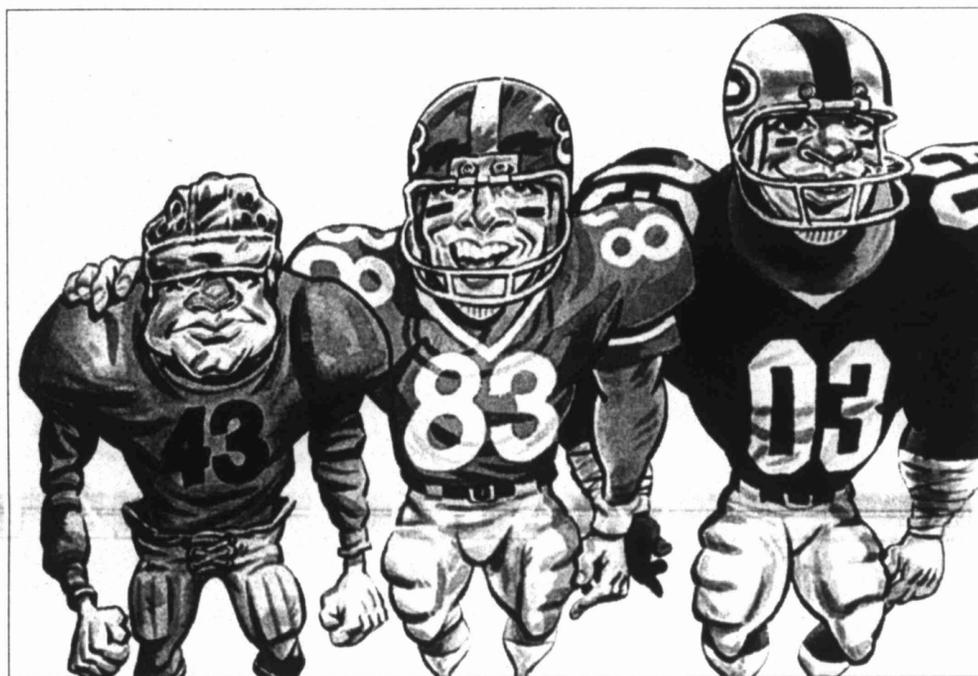
Athletes must agree to participate in the program before they are allowed to play and must submit to testing if selected.

Steroids testing is a major issue for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who introduced the idea last fall, and the bill is sponsored by Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston. It would require the University Interscholastic League, the governing body for Texas public school sports, to draw up the rules for the testing program.

The UIL would also decide what the punishment for a positive test and any appeals process might be. Janek said punishment should be severe, such as forcing athletes to sit out a year.

"If we can instill some doubt they may be caught they might not do it," Janek said.

The bill requires Testing must be done by a certified lab. Like drug testing in college and professional levels, a urine sample collected would be split in two. If a test on the first sample came



The illustration shows the evolution of the offensive lineman in football and shows how high school kids have gotten much larger since the 1960's.

back positive, the second sample would be tested to confirm the result.

Several details were unclear, such as how campuses would be selected and whether the testing would be season-long or done only during the postseason.

The program wouldn't be the first of its kind — New Jersey

started a limited testing program last fall — but it would likely be the largest.

Texas had 733,026 students participate in public school sports during the 2005-06 school year, more than any other state.

The New Jersey program only tests athletes who qualify for state championships. Dewhurst

said earlier this year he envisions a much broader program in Texas.

Steroid testing has drawn support from Don Hooton, who became an activist after his son Taylor committed suicide at the age of 17. Doctors said they

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Mavs pound Nets to win 16th straight

DALLAS (AP) — As if 16 wins in a row, 23 straight home wins and a clinched playoff berth weren't enough, Jason Terry provided something extra for one fan Tuesday night — a smooch.

Terry apologized for diving into an elderly woman by giving her a kiss after the play, then returned to help the Dallas Mavericks finish off a milestone-filled, 102-89 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

"I saw that she was dazed. I wanted to give her a kiss to wake her up," said Terry, who scored 24 points. "A little kiss never hurts anyone."

The franchise-best winning streaks have upped the Mavs' record to 51-9, enough to guarantee a spot in the playoffs even if they somehow don't win any of their final 22 games. They get the next four days off to savor what they've accomplished so far, even if they do their best to minimize it.

"My assistant called me today and said, 'Let's go for No. 16.' My kids are excited about it. But that's the only time we talk about it," coach Avery Johnson said. "Like (Jerry) Stackhouse says, our fans are more excited about it than we are."

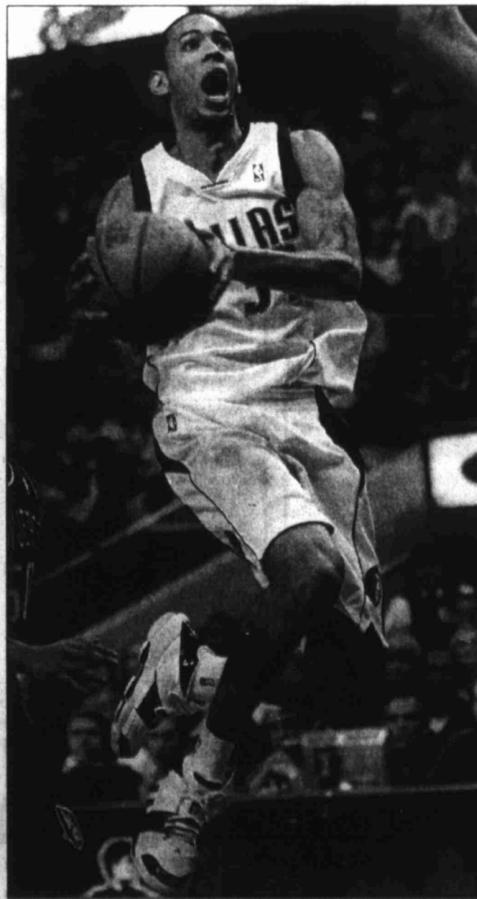
Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Erick Dampier had 14 rebounds and 12 points, including a tough put-back of a miss by Nowitzki that kept Dallas up 95-86 with a little over a minute left. The Mavs are now 15-1 when Dampier has at least 10 points.

"He was really active from start to finish," Johnson said.

Vince Carter scored 32 points to lead the Nets, who have dropped three straight.

They fell to 0-2 on a six-game road trip.

Carter was 10-of-25, with eight assists and six rebounds. He started 1-for-8, after missing his last 14 shots in his previous game.



Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT photo/Ron Jenkins
Dallas Mavericks' Devin Harris goes inside as New Jersey Nets' Eddie House (left) looks on during the first half at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Texas' Conradt wins No. 900

By MURRAY EVANS

Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Winning her 900th game as a coach wasn't what mattered most to Jody Conradt. Making sure Texas advanced to the Big 12 Conference tournament quarterfinals and kept alive its NCAA tournament hopes was the important thing.

Conradt became only the second Division I coach to record 900 career wins as the seventh-seeded Longhorns beat Missouri 70-57 Tuesday night in the tournament's first round, earning them a matchup with second-seeded and 11th-ranked Oklahoma on Wednesday.

Texas (18-13) entered the tournament having lost six of its previous seven, and Conradt joked after the game that during that stretch, she thought a lot of other coaches might reach 900 wins at the Longhorns' expense while she was stuck on 899.

"I don't know how many people are going to try to get 899," Conradt said. "That

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believe Taylor Hooton became depressed after he stopped using steroids.

"It's going to provide a meaningful deterrent for these kids," Hooton said, adding that testing should be conducted year round.

Punishment should include forcing athletes to sit out games if they test positive, Hooton said.

"Many of these kids are star players," Hooton said.

Texas lawmakers con-

sidered a testing program in 2005 but it failed when local school districts balked at the costs. Estimates for steroid tests range as high as \$200 per test.

Dewhurst has said he'd like to have the state pay for the tests, but it wasn't immediately clear Tuesday if that was in the bill.

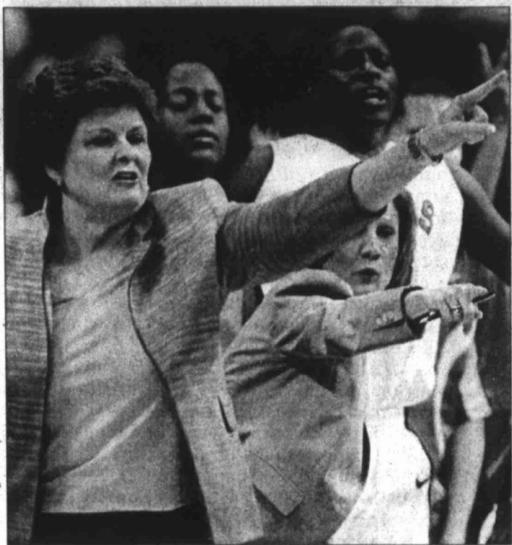
The bill also would require all middle school and high school coaches to complete a training program on the dangers of steroid use.

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might have been more unique."

Conradt is 900-306 in 38 seasons — four at Sam Houston State, three at Texas-Arlington and 31 at Texas. Among Division I coaches — male or female — she trails only



KRT photo/Louis DeLuca
Texas coach Jody Conradt won her 900th game Tuesday as the Lady Longhorns defeated Oklahoma State.

Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt, who has 941 wins entering the NCAA tournament.

Immediately after the game, the Longhorns surrounded Conradt in celebration as the milestone was announced over the public-address system at the Cox Convention Center. The Texas pep band followed with a rendition of "The Eyes of Texas."

"The last thing on my mind is 900 wins," Conradt said. "I didn't even remember it, because with this team, you have to think about the next possession. That's all you can focus on."

"But obviously, this was a big win because it extended our season, because we keep playing." Freshman Earnesia Williams — playing in her home state of Oklahoma — scored 17 points for Texas, which split a pair of regular-season games against

Oklahoma. Texas entered the week with an RPI of 31 and is hoping for an NCAA tournament bid despite its late-season slump.

"I think we feel an acute sense of urgency, especially me being a senior because it's my last go-around," Texas center Tiffany Jackson said.

Texas shot a season-best 60.5 percent from the field to take a 46-27 lead at the half and 10th-seeded Missouri (17-13) — despite a brief rally to open the second half — came no closer than 10 points the rest of the way. The Tigers had lost 79-77 in overtime to Texas during the regular season and are 1-14 all-time against the Longhorns.

"She's an unbelievable coach," Missouri coach Cindy Stein said of Conradt.

"Obviously, I wish she didn't have too many of those victories against us, but she's a great coach and a great asset to women's basketball."

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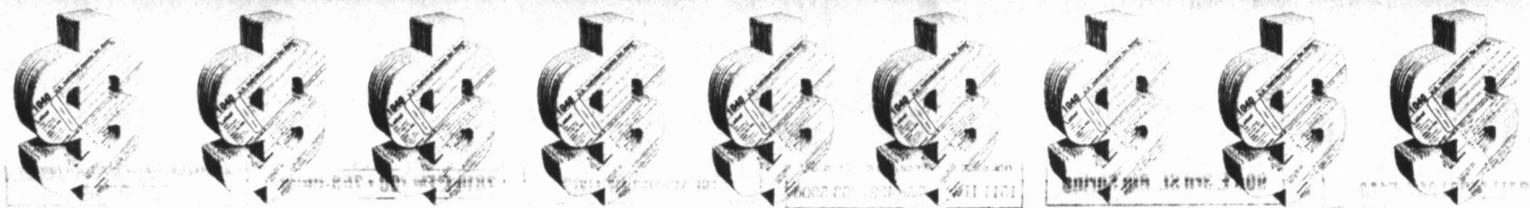
competing in the league have some very talented players. The Roughnecks' quarterback who was penciled in as the starter, Walter Washington, was recently signed to a contract by the Berlin Thunder NFL Europe and another wide receiver,

Joel Babb, is working out with the Kansas City Brigade in the AFL right now.

The Odessa Roughnecks will play their first home game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased this week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Herald, located at 710 Scurry.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
You may have an excuse for not getting something done, but it won't include Mercury.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

He's sick of being the scapegoat for lost documents, cars that don't run and bad cell phone reception. He goes direct and won't be retrograde again until mid-June. If you've been waiting to get your message across, this is your green light.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're done with circling around. The path to accomplishment is straightforward. Sensible instructions, followed exactly, add up to big results. It's remarkably easy — you'll wonder what took you so long.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're appreciative of what you have because you once tasted such adversity. You're glad to

know the difference. And you may even be glad for the negative experiences that helped you to be grateful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're reading people well. You understand emotional complexity — that laughter can cover sadness, and that joy sometimes has a somber face. This understanding makes you a favorite among wise people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're feeling sassy enough to do what you probably shouldn't and say what you normally wouldn't, and walk away with no regrets. A Scorpio person is your partner in mischief.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your actions reflect a personal policy, which is either unconscious or conscious. Observing a recent situation in this light makes you happy your policy is to be generous, even when you're not sure if that's the right thing to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever your prob-

lem, the solution is in taking a 180-degree turn from where you thought the solution was. Instead of fighting it, give in. Instead of proving yourself, humble yourself. Instead of talking it over, pray.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything is going pretty well for you compared to last year at this time. Give yourself a pat on the back. Tonight is perfect for renting movies about people whose families are more dysfunctional than yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get what you want, but not in the way you think you'll get it. Your job is to not worry about the "how" part and concentrate on the "what." A Capricorn person provides sound leadership and maybe even a loan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Boredom is easily turned around by hanging out with the celebrity of your group — wait, that's you! So get busy raising morale. A new

creative project, contest or game might be exactly what's needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A financial situation may force your hand. Make the hard decisions — you're ready. When you really take the risk, you'll no longer have to wonder "what if?"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you're busy enough trying to keep yourself afloat financially and emotionally, giving back to society is a theme in the back of your mind. Bring it to the front, though, and you'll be super-lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Welcome controversy. Friendships with people who don't agree with you are among your luckiest relationships. Somewhere between your differing points of view is a golden key, an "aha!" moment, a brilliant fix.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Can you help me with my singing career? I've always thought I was meant for the stage, but alas, I'm too old to try out

for "American Idol." What should I do? I was born April 25, 1957."

On the bright side, you don't have to worry about being criticized by mean old Simon, and you can bring your life experience to your work. Taurus rules the throat, and you have a natural ease and richness to your voice. Your Pisces moon lends a special talent: You know how to sing a song from someone else's point of view, almost like an acting exercise. This allows you to open up your repertoire to include a wide variety of works. But I advise you to stick with the more emotional songs, like lonely ballads and wistful melodies. As far as making money goes, this is strongly linked to your image this year. Knowing where you fit into the market place will help you get the going rate for your performances. I'm sure you're well aware that, in many cases, that rate is, well, FREE, but as long as there's a crowd, you've

got the potential to sell CDs. Your best months for recording on a budget and still getting a pro sound are next month, and again in October. Best of luck!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: It's a very Piscean concept to walk a mile in another person's moccasins — one that Pisces Ira Glass explores weekly on his National Public Radio show, "This American Life." Millions listen to Glass regularly and may feel they know him personally. Yet, he walks the streets as anonymously as the next guy. This could change this year as an on-camera show brings him another dimension of fame.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: After Hurricane Katrina, my sister and her 13-year-old son moved into my home. I notice that when my sister takes a shower, her son goes into the bathroom and talks to her. I am horrified by this and feel it is wrong. I know nothing sexual is going on, but still, it's inappropriate.

I confronted my sister, and she said I was just jealous because she and her son have such a close relationship. I told her I didn't want this to happen in my home ever again, but the very next day, the same thing occurred.

I then reported this behavior to Child Protective Services. My sister told the social worker that after she had surgery many months ago, her son began helping her with her showers because she couldn't do it alone. The social worker told my sister that I was causing problems and she and her son should consider moving out. What do you think? — Concerned Brother

Dear Brother: Of course your sister should not be showering with her 13-year-old son in the room, but your confrontational methods are not helping her reach this conclusion on her own. Instead, she becomes defensive. Sis needs to understand that it is not in her son's best interest for her to create such an intimate environment with a sexually developing boy who loves his mother. A caring parent puts her child's emotional needs first.

You cannot force your sister to stop doing this, nor, apparently, is enough going on for the authorities to step in. Please back off a bit and talk to her calmly, explaining why this is harmful. You also should work on being a father figure to your nephew, which will encourage him to develop a healthier relationship with his mother.

Dear Annie: Last March, my husband and I took a two-week holiday to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It was lovely except for one thing — spring break. I looked around in wonder as planeloads of college kids arrived. Who pays for these kids' vacations? If the answer is "their parents," shame on them! After the performances I saw at our hotel, I decided to enlighten these parents.

Was that your lovely daughter who was so drunk she passed out and



KATHY MITCHELL
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vomited in the hot tub and had to be pulled out by hotel security staff? Was it your son who was in such a drunken stupor that he had to be escorted to his room each time he entered the lobby? The bar staff will not serve alcohol to those who are too drunk, but their friends are happy to get them more booze. Bartenders also enforce rules about the number of drinks at a time, but nothing stops the kids from moving to the next bar.

Every year, kids die from alcohol poisoning, drunk girls get sexually assaulted and worse. All this comes as no surprise to me anymore. — California Adult

Dear Adult: Many college kids consider drunk-binges a rite of passage, and spring break tends to encourage such recklessness. Unfortunately, this behav-

ior isn't likely to stop, even though it is dangerous. We only hope kids who are planning to behave stupidly will have a sober friend around to watch out for them.

Dear Annie: I had to write after reading the letter from "Torrance, Calif.," who said women should stop taking men with them when they shop for clothes.

Once, after spending untold hours watching my girlfriend try on clothes and offering my reluctant opinion (you can't win, guys), I took the biggest dress I could find, put it over my clothes and asked if it made my butt look big. She never took me shopping again. — Bill

Dear Bill: We wouldn't take you either. Thanks for the laugh.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 33 wonderful years and recently moved to a very active retirement community.

My wife is a trim, attractive blonde bombshell who loves to dance, and she has joined three performing groups. The problem is, she attends women's dance classes four days a week and insists on wearing provocative clothing — tight tops and extremely short skirts with a flesh-colored leotard underneath. Wearing these out-

fits to class is one thing, but she is always stopping off for some errand before or after.

My wife never notices the men staring at her. We are both very religious, and I feel it is inappropriate for her to dress like this in public. There are bad people in this world, and this type of "advertisement" makes me worry for her safety.

I've tried to let it go, but can't get past it. I can't even bring up the topic without creating a big disagreement. What do you suggest? — Isadora's Husband

Dear Husband: It is not unusual these days to see women running around in leotards and snug-fitting workout tops. Ask your wife to switch to black leotards and/or a longer skirt, which should help, but otherwise, leave it alone. If her religious beliefs aren't enough for additional modesty, there's not much you can do. Men may notice, but if she is in a public place, in broad daylight, with other people around, she is as safe as anywhere else, in any other clothing.

Dear Annie: I have three young children. My days are spent working, commuting, doing endless chores, taking care of pets, emptying the garbage, pitching in with laundry and dirty dishes, keeping the cars running,

paying bills, etc., helping the kids with homework, keeping them from maiming each other, and trying to get them to bed when my wife is working.

While I am thankful no one has health troubles, I am becoming burnt out. By the end of the day, my feet hurt, I'm out of patience and dead tired. Many chores and household maintenance go undone. For years. Exercise? No time. Sit down for a break? The kids are into trouble. Hire some help? No money for that.

How do other parents recharge? — Burnt Out

Dear Burnt Out: It's not unusual for working parents to get burnt out. Alter your expectations — there are some chores that simply won't get done until the children are in college, and it won't kill anyone. Do your children have regular duties around the house? Is there a relative who would baby-sit for a few hours? Can you exchange baby-sitting days with a neighbor? Are there after-school programs for your children? Readers? Your helpful suggestions are welcome.

Dear Annie: I recently had major surgery. Two weeks before, I let all my friends and family know the hospital where I would be, along with the address and phone number, and the cell phone of

the family member staying with me.

I was in the hospital two weeks, and in all that time, my closest friends did not visit, call or send a card. I've been ill for years, and everyone knew this surgery was a big deal to me. It hurts that my friends didn't reach out. I really could have used the support. Should I ask them flat out why they didn't call? I'm not sure how to bring it up. — Don't Know What To Say in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Yes, you should ask, or it's going to gnaw at you and taint the friendships, which sound fairly tenuous already. The next time you see them, say, "Nancy, I'm just wondering why you never called, visited or sent a card while I was in the hospital for two weeks. I could have used your support."

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The Spider

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

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11:30	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill	Letterman	Chocolate	Late Night	Security	CCM Ministers	Sign Off	Mega Builders (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invest.	Las Vegas (CC)	In Living Color	Phil of Future	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	Cracking Da	
12:30	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	Malcolm-Md.	Show	Chocolate	Late Night	Update/Israel	Update/Israel	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Wake of the Red	Star Trek: Voyager	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Comicview	Proud Family	Series of Poka	Gamernight	Twilight Zone	

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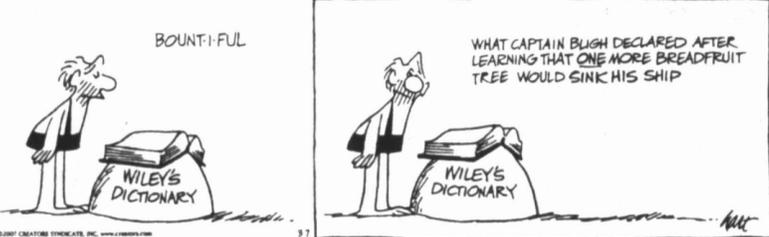
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 7, the 66th day of 2007. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place, between New York

and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

Birthdays: Comedian Alan Sues is 81. Photographer Lord Snowdon is 77. TV personality Willard

Scott is 73. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 69. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 67. Former Walt Disney Company chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 65. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 64. Actor John Heard is 61. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 61. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 61. Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 57. Football Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 55. Actor Bryan Cranston is 51. Actress Donna Murphy is 48. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Ivan Lendl is 47. Actor Bill Brochtrup is 44.

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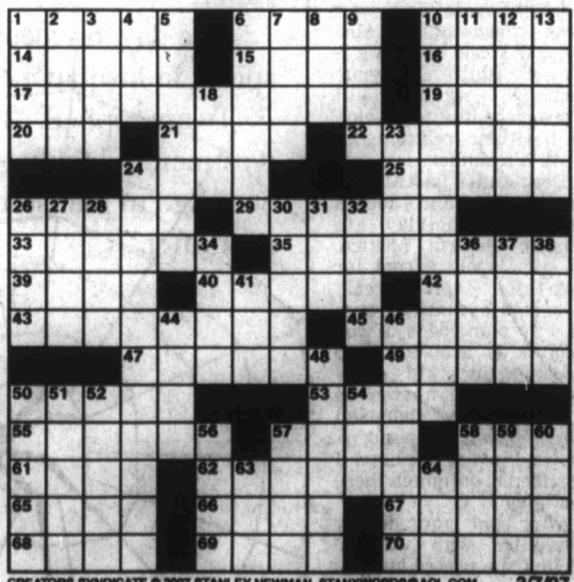
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| ACROSS | 58 Mont Blanc, e.g. | 7 Economist Greenspan | 37 Resistance units |
| 1 What "i.e." stands for | 61 Gravy holder | 8 TKO caller | 38 Mardi |
| 6 Scarlett's home | 62 Blinker | 9 Italian bubbly | 41 Bench-press unit |
| 10 Hammer-wielding god | 65 Green Gables name | 10 Bar garnish | 44 Secret scheme |
| 14 Leg bone | 66 DeMille work | 11 Convent attire | 46 Bikini wearer's mark |
| 15 Brewpub array | 67 Part of TNT | 12 Rust, for one | 48 Show clearly |
| 16 Like crayons | 68 Go like heck | 13 U-Haul rival | 50 Morocco's capital |
| 17 Auto-engine part | 69 Sommelier's selection | 18 Málaga Mrs. | 51 Without a date |
| 19 Footnote abbr. | 70 Addison and Steele piece | 23 Plane part | 52 Supreme Ross |
| 20 Barnyard cackler | | 24 PR person, perhaps | 54 <u>Gratia Artis</u> (MGM motto) |
| 21 Moran of <u>Happy Days</u> | DOWN | 26 Boston hoopster, for short | 56 Hobo fare |
| 22 Out of the rain | 1 Scratch target | 27 Bring up | 57 Cheshire Cat feature |
| 24 "Now!" in the OR | 2 <u>straits</u> (difficult position) | 28 Lamb alias | 58 Meal for an aardvark |
| 25 Riverbank frolicker | 3 Abba of Israel | 30 Some earrings whiz | 59 Zhivago's love |
| 26 Fancy flapjack | 4 Go astray | 32 Some Senate votes | 60 Artful dodge |
| 29 Parent's words after "because" | 5 Relax a bit | 34 Big bash | 63 News org. |
| 33 Fishing with pots | 6 Gaguin's 1890s home | 36 Indian music | 64 PX customers |
| 35 Arboreal croaker | | | |
| 39 Awake: awoken :: lie: <u> </u> | | | |
| 40 Island off Venezuela | | | |
| 42 Cowardly Lion player | | | |
| 43 Crushed underfoot | | | |
| 45 Reputation ruiner | | | |
| 47 Pass by | | | |
| 49 Pile up | | | |
| 50 Fred Allen's medium | | | |
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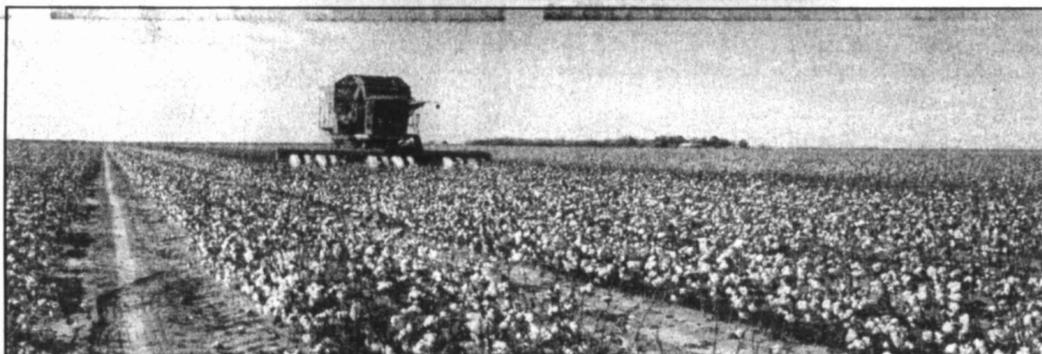
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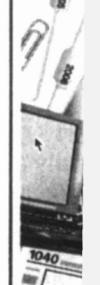
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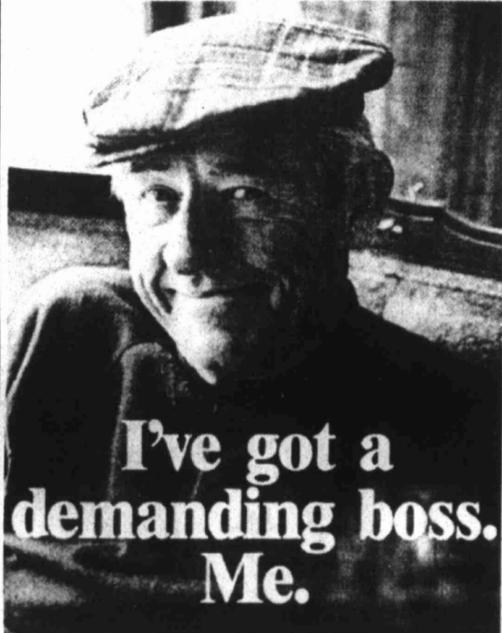
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