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Sales tax rebates stumble

Big Spring eclipses \$1M mark but numbers are off from a year ago

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

For the second straight month, Big Spring witnessed a decline in safes tax rebates, a less-thandesirable start for 2007.

The city took in \$368,558.67 this month, 4.98 percent less than the \$387,877.23 received in March 2006. That comes on the heels of an 8.47 decline percent February. For the young year, Big Spring was able to eclipse the million dollar mark, however, accumulating \$1,283,500.92 for three months. That, too, is running behind last year's total at this time by just 1.39 percent.

The figures come from the State Comptroller's Office and do not indicate an accurate report of actual monthly rebates, as some businesses file quarterly and by other methods. They do, however, indicate a fairly good comparison, particularly year-to-year.

As a standard, monthto-month comparisons are even less accurate for smaller communities.

Rebates comparing March 2007 to March 2006.

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which witnessed a whopping 70 percent increase comparing February to February, enjoyed a 10.64 percent increase March, comparing the 2007 monthly total of \$5,585.26 to the 2006 monthly rebate of \$5,048.02. For the year, home of the Kindergarden Rodeo has pulled in \$23,902.27, up 47.71 percent when compared to the first three months of 2006.

Meanwhile, Forsan suffered an about face. After enjoying a 44.09 percent increase in February, the community witnessed a drop of 49.61 percent this month. That's comparing this month's rebates of \$6,493.12 to March 2006 rebates of \$12,887.40. For

Coahoma, for instance, See REBATES, Page 3A

Powwow, and how!



Above, from left, siblings Michelle, Elena and Carlos Black get some coloring time in before the start of the Big Spring **Powwow at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At** right, drummers and dancers signal the start of the third annual event.

HERALD photos/Steve Reaga



Porter attends Silver Congress session

Special to the Herald

Pat Porter of Big Spring was one of 13 Texas delegates to attend the 10th anniversary session of the National Silver Haired Congress held Feb. 24-28 at the Hilton Mark Center in Alexandria, Va.

Porter and her Texas colleagues were the largest delegation at the

The theme for this year's meeting

was: "Proud to be an American!" The NSHC is a non-partisan, nonprofit grassroots organization, composed of Silver Senators and Silver

Representatives all 60 years of age or older, who educate the public advocate on behalf of America's seniors with the U.S. Congress. This year delegates from 25 states debated and voted on more than 70 resolutions submitted to six legislative issues committees. The top five resolutions will be presented to Congress and the president as grassroots input into legislation and programs for America's seniors.

The Top Five Resolutions were: Establish a National

Background Registry for health

2. Increase funding for the Older Americans Act

3. Reject privatization of Social Security

Amend the Medicare Modernization Act to allow negotiations for lowest prescription cost

and close the coverage gap. 5. Mandatory geriatric education

for tax supported medical schools. The No. 1 issue addressed a longstanding need to create a national 'Background Check and Registry of

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A&M SCHOLARSHIPS

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 school year.

Scholarship application deadlines are April 2 for Howard County graduating high school seniors and June 1 for enrolled college students.

Applications can be printed from the scholarship application link at the A&M

Club's Web site: clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm. Applications should be mailed to Jerry Foresyth, 2909 MacAuslan, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, contact Diana Newton at 263-4204 or 816-4331.

RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP

The American Business Club (AMBUCS) of Big Spring will hold its 44th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup March 23-25 at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Professional snake handlers will educate and entertain the public. The event includes a free arts and crafts

fair and flea market. Hours will be 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6

p.m. Sunday. Tickets to the Rattlesnake Roundup are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 4-11 and will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the AMBUCS

HOSPITAL INFECTIONS



Health and state officials are trying to combat a deadly problem.

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Obituaries

Donald W. McKee



Donald W. McKee, 75, of Big Spring died on Saturday, March 17, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

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

He was born on July 6, 1931, in Bell County and married Jeannine Banta on July 4, 1953, in Lamesa.

Mr. McKee moved to Big Spring in 1953 and had worked at Webb Air Force Base as an aircraft mechanic. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1949 to December 1952. He was very involved in American Legion Post 506 and served as adjutant. He liked fishing and sports and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannine McKee of Big Spring; one daughter, Carolyn Barber of San Angelo; two sons, Donald W. McKee Jr. and wife, Nancy, and Ronald McKee and wife, SueAnn, all of San Angelo; one brother. Doc Shropshire and wife, Shirley, of Abilene: one sister, Francis Slatton of New Mexico; five grandchildren, Monica Elrod and husband, Jake, of Waxahachie, Mandy Wheeler and husband, Josh, of Lubbock and Ross McKee, Ryanne McKee and Luke Barber, all of San Angelo; one great-grandson, Hunter Elrod of Waxahachie; and numerous other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the American Legion Post 506 of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to the American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Hwy 80, Big Spring 79720 or the charity of your choice.

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

Paid obituary

Marcus Chavera

Marcus Chavera, 52, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 18, 2007, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-8 4.15 pro, 411 confra cd to 225,

TUESDAY

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- · RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.
- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or nonalcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of

Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Main. Service refused.

TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of

Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC. · TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 7000 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to

· MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of

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

Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. · GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2700 block of S.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Gail

Highway. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

· AARON WAYNE HENSLEY, 22, of 2608 Cherokee, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants and charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief.

· DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ, 20, of 1003 N.W. Second, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• HENRY T. FRANCO, 42, of 207 N.W. 10th Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault Class C family violence (two counts).

· ROSHANDA E. BETHANY, 27, of 2607 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• LEVI PATRICK CARTER, 28, of 1905 Wasson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of resisting arrest.

• KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 43, of 509 Goliad, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a charge of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• TYSON DIONE SMITH, 26, of 1506 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and two local warrants.

· CHARLENE R. STEAGALD, 28, of 405 Washington, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

· LONNIE RAY GRAY JR., 27, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on charges of burglary of a building and possession of drug paraphernalia.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

 RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

 POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 500 block of

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20. VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was

reported in the 1200 block of Stanford. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Mittel.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the

ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 500 block

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

- in the 3000 block of Highway 80. - in the 900 block of Lamesa.

- in the 2100 block of Monticello.

- in the 1800 block of Hearn. - in the 800 block of FM 700.

· AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report. • MICHAEL ALLEN RICHTER, 32, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of failure to appear -

motion for enforcement. · PEDRO CHRISTOPHER CARRILLO, 21, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of a

controlled substance. CRYSTAL ANN BURCHETT, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of violation of proba-

tion - evading arrest or detention and violation of probation - driving while intoxicated. ROBERT EDWARD BAKER JR., 33, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on a charge of hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.

· MIRANDA NICOLE HOLDMAN, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of filing a false statement for property or cred-

 RAY CARL MCGEE JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention, displaying an expired registration, failure to appear (three counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts).

 GABRIEL LEE BARRAZA, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection.

 JASON KYLE LISTON, 28, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

 ALBERT ARNOLD, 52, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug parapher-DAVID MARGARITO MORENO, 30, was arrested

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ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. SANDY RALPH DAVES, 24, was arrested Sunday by a local constable on a charge of bondsman off bond

for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Bulletin Board

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

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

 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

 Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

· Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

· Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• 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, 703 W. Third St.

Weather

Today — .Mostly cloudy. Patchy fog in the morning. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tonight — .Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mpn.

Tuesday — .Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — . Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — . Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night — . Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the Thursday — . Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance

of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Thursday night — . Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-31-38-40-41. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$60 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-22-28-29-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 7-5-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 8-4-4

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Dedication of new Texas A&M facility today

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Texas A&M University plans to expand enrollment at its Qatar engineering school and begin a graduate program this fall with the opening of a new building, officials said.

Dignitaries including former President George H.W. Bush and Texas Gov. Rick Perry traveled to the Middle East for the Monday dedication of the 595,000square-foot Texas A&M University at Qatar facility.

A&M-Qatar, which has been sharing space with another university since the program's start in 2003, offers undergraduate degrees in chemical, electrical, mechanical and petroleum engineering.

Desi Burns Porter, assistant director of public affairs at A&M-Qatar, said the building cost an estimated \$142

The Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development paid for the new building, which is located at a 2,500-acre site in Doha known as Education City.

Richardson begins tour for support in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — At the start of a tour to try to capture the support of neighboring Texans, Democratic presidential hopeful and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said Sunday that, if elected, he would work to raise the country's image around the world while improving wages and health care availability at home.

"I can get bipartisan support. I can bring Democrats and Republicans together. I can bring nations together," Richardson, a former congressman, ambassador and energy secretary in the Clinton administration, told a small group of mainly Spanish language media

With planned stops in San Antonio, Abilene and Austin this week, Richardson is trying to capture the support of neighboring Texas for several reasons. The state would have a better say in selecting presidential nominees if lawmakers move up the primary to Feb. 5. Texas also offers Richardson, the son of a Mexican mother and American father, a potential base of support in its growing Latino population.

Chris Bell joins Washington lobbying firm

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Democratic congressman and gubernatorial candidate Chris Bell will start a new job Monday with the Washington, D.C.-based lobbying firm Patton Boggs.

Bell, who finished second to Texas Gov. Rick Perry in last year's election, will work to bring in clients and develop a public policy lobbying business in Texas for the firm.

"I decided this would be the best way to really play to my strengths," said Bell, who will keep his home in Houston and travel to Washington and Austin as need-

Bell, a former Houston city councilman, gained

attention as a freshman congressman. He filed the complaint that led the House Ethics Committee to admonish then-House Majority Leader Tom DeLay for ethics violations.

Bell, who argued for ethics reform during his guber-

natorial bid, said it won't be difficult to work as a lobbyist after emphasizing ethics. He described Patton Boggs as "a very ethical firm" and said he'll conduct himself properly.

Singer struck and killed on I-30 service road

ROYSE CITY (AP) — Country singer Buck Jones was struck and killed as he walked along an Interstate 30 service road after his vehicle blew a tire early Saturday, his promoter said Sunday.

The Department of Public Safety said Jones, of Nashville, Tenn., was struck from behind about 2:40 a.m. Saturday on the I-30 service road near Royse City.

Promoter and co-producer Billy Block said in a news release that Jones, 33, was walking along the road to look for a mile marker to help identify his location so that AAA could send assistance.

Chaddrick Hunter, of Royse City, was being held Sunday night in the Hunt County Jail in Greenville on an intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle charge. His bond was set at \$50,000.

Block said Jones and his guitarist Jon Byrd were on their way to Dublin to perform at a private party.

HPD officers who used Tasers not disciplined

HOUSTON (AP) — None of the Houston police officers who've fired Tasers most frequently have been reprimanded for unjustifiably using the stun gun, even though one-third of the suspects were never convicted of a crime, a newspaper reported.

A review by the Houston Chronicle found that nine HPD officers have fired their Tasers at at least six people since the City Council approved-the \$4.7 million purchase of the alternative weapons in November 2004.

The newspaper reviewed over 1,000 Taser incidents since December 2004.

The nine officers have shocked a combined 74 people during incidents that mostly stemmed from disturbances and traffic stops, but also included some violent assaults. Of that number, 23 were never convicted of crimes.

Police Chief Harold Hurtt defends the department's policy of monitoring Taser use, saying that a supervising officer is required to go to the scene when a subordinate uses a Taser.

"We review these incidents with a very critical eye because we know the public is going to hold us accountable," Hurtt said. "With Tasers we had added a tool that has assisted us in preventing injury and death to both officers and to citizens."

Officer Mark Jenkins, a 22-year HPD veteran, shocked seven people in two years. He said that if he didn't have the option of a Taser, he might have resorted to his firearm in two of those cases.

"I had just cause to use deadly force but was able to immobilize those suspects without them or any officers getting injured," Jenkins said.

State's foster care program has flaws

HOUSTON (AP) — Two years after lawmakers revamped the way Texas investigates child abuse cases, the state's Child Protective Services is facing a new challenge: overcrowding.

About 20,000 abused and neglected Texas children spend time in foster care each year. Since 2004, the population of abused children placed in temporary foster homes or facilities has risen by at least 29 percent, or 6,465 more children.

In January, at least 37 hard-to-place children slept in CPS offices, which are becoming makeshift dormitories. Of those, 32 spent a whole night, with the rest spending just a few hours before a home could be found. In one case, a child slept four nights in Dallasarea offices.

Nearly two dozen of the 32 stayed at the CPS children's waiting room on Chimney Rock, in Houston. On March 5, there were 13 children, including three babies, who slept in the waiting room while staff members kept watch.

Houston has more children staying overnight in the waiting room in part because most of the state's facilities for emotionally troubled youths are here. Once children are discharged, CPS must find foster homes for them, and they are not always immediately ready.

Man charged with capital murder in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) - A man has been charged with capital murder after he all gedly shot and killed a state game warden after a high-speed chase, the

Department of Public Safety said Sunday.
The charges were filed against James Freeman, 26, who was injured in the gunfight, QPS spokeswoman Lisa Block said.

Freeman was being held at the Harris County Jail. Block did not know if Freeman had been appointed an attorney yet.

According to DPS, Freeman led Justin Hurst and another warden, along with deputies from the Wharton County Sheriff's Department, on a chase after he was suspected of hunting illegally from a roadside. Hurst was shot and killed on Saturday, his 34th birthday, when the chase ended with an exchange of gunfire.

Maj. Rolly Correa, a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said 16 game wardens have been killed in the line of duty since 1919. Wharton County is southwest of Houston.

Staff injuries at troubled TYC facilities rising

AUSTIN (AP) — Juvenile prison guards with the troubled Texas Youth Commission, which is embroiled in scandal amid inmate claims of sexual and physical abuse, are themselves filing a surge of claims that they're getting hurt inside the facilities.

According to state records, TYC employees claim work-related injuries more than any state agency – including four times the rate of Department of Criminal Justice employees, who guard adult prison-

REBATES

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the year. Forsan has brought in \$21,021.12, or 8.56 percent below last year's total at this same time.

Witnessing a small increase but an increase nontheless was Abilene, which raked in \$2,379,217.85. Compared to the \$2,291,405.90 check received in March 2006, the Key City posted slight hike of 3.83 percent. Abilene has brought in \$8,465,099.80 for the year, up 4.41 percent.

Brownfield took a small hit, a negative 5.85 percent, comparing \$69,656.04 received this month to the \$73,991.04 received in March 2006. For the year, Brownfield has received \$250,102.173, and is behind last year's totals by 3.36 percent.

Colorado City received a substantial hike of 19.71 percent, comparing the \$35,708.83 the Mitchell County seat rang up this month to the \$29,827.95 it tucked away in March of 2006. For the first three months of 2007, Colorado received City has \$135,061.90, up 8.32 percent.

Fort Stockton took in \$139,951.09 this month, a scant 1.75percent increase when compared to the \$137,542.05 received in March 2006. For the year, the home of Paisano Pete has brought in \$486,320.35, up 9.74 percent.

Dawson County's

largest community, Lamesa, pulled in \$78,491.12 this month, up up 10.72 percent. 9.31 percent compared to in March 2006. So far for 2007, Lamesa has received \$282,276.36, up 9.79 percent.

Lubbock came close, but wasn't able to match last March's payments. The home of Texas Tech University received \$3,352,311.56, down just/ 0.48 percent when compared to the \$3,368,537.641 taken in during March For the year, Lubbock has pulled in \$12,075,708.64, up 4.15 percent.

Midland witnessed an increase of 7.34 percent, comparing \$2,271,173.76 received this month to the \$2,115,770.21 taken in for March 2006.

For the year, the Tall City has pulled in \$8,381,845.35,

the \$71,805.25 it received percent increase. The Ward County seat received \$114,261.63 this compared month \$90,596.51 a year ago. For 2007, Monahans has taken in \$363,575.89, up 20.65 percent.

Odessa received \$1,511,893.13 this month, a 9.75 percent increase compared to the \$1,377,473.95 taken in a year earlier. For 2007, Odessa has received \$5,490,970.10, up a healthy 18.35 percent.

Pecos roped a 3.61 percent increase in rebates this month, comparing reciepts of \$81,912.51 to \$ 79,057.61 a year ago. For the expanse of 2007, the Reeves County seat has posted \$270,741.65, up

10.65 percent.

Chalking a 4.15 percent decrease comparing last Monahans posted a 26.12 March to the present was San Angelo. The city received \$1,343,493.32 this month and \$1,401,746.53 in March 2006. for the year, the home of Angelo State University and a Howard College campus has received \$4,711,492.38, up 4.06 percent.

Snyder, of white buffalo fame, witnessed the slimmest of increases — 0.07 percent — when comparing this March's rebates of \$151,331.75 to last March's rebates of \$151,218.97. For the year, the Scurry County seat has received \$524,848.35, an increase of 5.88 percent.

Stanton continued to suffer through tough times, bringing in just

\$14,585.21 this month compared to \$23,327.20 for March 2006. For the first three months of 2007, the home of Old Sorehead Trade Days as brought in \$52,482.21, a decrease of 34.76 percent.

And finally, Sweetwater, home of the "World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup, held last weekend, avoided being snakebit. The County Nolan received \$177,567.98, just 1.81 percent more than the \$174,394.77 it took in during March 2006. For the year, Sweetwater has taken in \$655,902.72. That's up 2.8 percent.

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Caregivers." Health Current safeguards have been inadequate. Such a national registry would help to prevent abuse of patients by elderly past offenders who move out of state to avoid detection.

The Older Americans Act was reauthorized by Congress in 2006 at a slightly reduced level from 2005. The second recommendation is to provide a 10 percent increase in OAA federal funding for new programs such as Choices Independence" and

Elder Justice." The third priority resolution urges Congress and the President to reject the concept of privatization of Social Security. .

Celebrating 10 years of NSHC service, Silver Sen. Bea Bacon from Kansas was honored as the founding chair (1997-99) and one of the original organizers. Other past chairs recognized were the late Jeanne Tippett of Illinois

(2000-01) and Homer Lear of Texas (2001-2005), as well as current NSHC Chair Wally Daeley of Montana (2006-08).

Bob Blancato, executive

director of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and a consultant from Washington, D.C., and other 1997 charter members talked about how the organization got started. By providing NSHC members an opportunity to interact with their peers and the U.S. Congress, the NSHC has had a significant impact on national aging policy legislation. and Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act in 2000 and 2006 and appointment of 32 NSHC members as delegates to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging are examples of how the organization has helped promote the quality of life for

America's seniors. Many NSHC members at the meeting are part of what has become known as the "greatest generation," including 12 World War' II veterans and the founder of the Rosie the

Riveter Association. These folks also played a major role in producing the tidal wave of baby boomers that is about to hit the shores of our systems and infrastructure. Veterans from all wars and periods were also recognized.

The NSHC expressed its deep respect and gratitude for the brave men and women currently serving in the armed forces with a proclamation that was unanimously approved. The organization wanted them to know that the NSHC will use its influence in support of providing all the necessary resources needed on the battlefield and on the home front until they are safely in their homes.

Barbara Kennelly, president and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, addressed the group. She urged members to contact Congress and recommend that pending crisis in Social Security, Medicare and healthcare remain on the front burner.

Dallas Silver Sen. Knudson of North Dakota coordinated the celebration and Silver Rep. Hannah Timmons of South Carolina was acting chair for the session.

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OUR VIEWS

Be cautious now as school bells are again ringing

t's amazing that in the few short days children are out of classes for spring break, too many of us seem to forget what we need to do when driving near schools. Yes, school is back in session throughout the Crossroads area and we all need to be prepared.

Sure, we're all busy.

That's especially true for those who must make arrangements for getting children to school in the morning and back home again in the afternoon. For those of us who work, it can be a harried time. We're balancing their schedule with ours, trying to get to work, then maybe taking a quick afternoon break so we can rush to the school and pick up the children and deliver them to a relative's house, daycare or home.

We've all been outside the school building when the final bells rings. It is a beehive of activity, with children scampering everywhere and cars lined up waiting. Obviously, HUTCHISON the potential for an accident is increased. Fortunately, however, there have been few of those over the years.

That's because most of us observe the speed limits in school zones and are aware of the potential danger.

Here are some important points to remem-

• Slow down. Always obey the speed limit when traveling through neighborhoods and

• Be attentive. Watch for children gathering near bus stop and walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.

· Remain alert. Hurried children may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important that we can afford to put our young people at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your power and love for us is great, Lord, thank You for Your help in our lives.

This war not worth the cost

These numbers are as astound-

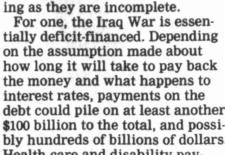
ongress will soon consider another \$100 billion for this year in additional war spending requested by the Bush administration. If it acquiesces, the total tab for the Iraq War will hit nearly half a trillion dollars.

Half a trillion dollars. This sum gets more real when we think about it at the state, city or household level: For Pennsylvania taxpayers, it means \$17.4 billion. For taxpayers in Kansas, it's \$3.6 billion. Every household would face an average bill of \$4,100. With

spending running at a rate of \$11 million per hour comes another question: Is the Iraq War worth it? The war's cost is more than just

a dollar figure. It represents lost opportunities. Every dollar spent on destruction can't be invested in our future. Just imagine: For what the government has spent so far, we could have provided health care coverage for all uninsured children since the War began four years ago this month; and granted four-year scholarships (tuition and fees) to a public university for all of this year's graduating seniors; and built half a million affordable housing units; and fully funded the amount the Coast Guard estimated is needed for port security; and tripled the federal commitment to renewable energy and energy conservation. There still would be enough money left over

to cut this year's budget deficit in



\$100 billion to the total, and possibly hundreds of billions of dollars. Health care and disability payments for veterans who have been seriously wounded in the war will also run into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Our children, and possibly their children, will end up paying for all of this.

Aside from the financial costs, the human costs are immense. More than 3,100 U.S. soldiers have been killed so far. And the Bush administration wants to put more troops in harm's way. As it is, the average monthly number of soldiers dying in combat is much higher than when the war began. Another 23,000 U.S. soldiers have been wounded in action with yet another 25,000 suffering from diseases and accidents that all too often co-exist with war.

The Iraqis have fared much

A study published in the respected medical journal, "The Lancet," estimated that hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have died. Plus, there are around two million Iraqis who are now refugees, driven from their homes due to conflict, many of whom are residing in Syria and Jordan. And hundreds of thousands of displaced Iraqis have fled their homes and towns for other areas of Iraq.

If only we could claim the cause

of national security. Yet, the most ironic cost of the War is national security. It has alienated enemies and allies alike. To have true security in this globalized world, we must work hand in hand with our allies to fight our enemies. Instead, we have strained most of those relationships. Worse still is that we have encouraged backlash against our country. The ranks of those willing to commit violence against us and our allies has surely grown.

Luckily, there is an alternative. Security experts are about to release the 4th annual Unified Security Budget for the United States which shows the best of all worlds: less spending on war, more spending on prevention and security at home, and with dollars still left over to address other priorities. These are real answers to real problems. Our leaders just need the political will to use them.

We have arrived at a critical juncture. Regardless of whether we supported the war before it started or we thought it a bad idea, we all must work together to bring it to a swift end and work for a peaceful tomorrow.

And we haven't even mentioned what the administration wants for next year: another \$142 billion for more war.

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GOP has fallen into bad hands

nn Coulter - she's that skinny blonde with the long hair and spooky eyes — makes her living calling people names. Liberal people, mainly, but she has other targets. Of the 9/11 widows of the victims of the Twin Towers attack she's said:

"I've never seen people enjoying their husbands' deaths so much. And by the way, how do we know their husbands weren't planning to divorce those harpies?"

You get the idea. She is the snowmobile of Conservative Republican politics -

KAUL loud, raucous and polluting. She upheld that reputation in a recent speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference (the most important Conservative conference of the year).

As she neared the end of her "analysis" of Democratic presidential candidates, she said:

"I was going to have a few comments on the other Democratic presidential candidate, John Edwards, but it turns out that you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot,' so I'm kind of at an impasse.

The line got a good laugh and some applause from the conservatives but not much of a rise from the press, which largely ignored it. But as word of the performance seeped out so did outrage. Edwards complained, Democrats complained, Republicans complained; even the Republican presidential candidates complained.

"Wildly inappropriate," John McCain called her comments.

She responded (on Fox News, naturally) by saying that "the word I used has nothing to do with sexual preference. It is a schoolyard taunt.' Oh. I guess it's OK then.

But the issue here isn't Ann Coulter. She is what she is. The real question is: Why were those people laughing? What in the world has happened to Republican Conservatives? Remember when the GOP was the party of nice people? When it was made up of men who wore white shoes in the summer and women who wore hats indoors?

Now its core is made up of lamebrained right-wingers who squirm with delight as a professional character assassin berates their political enemies with "school yard taunts."

The Coulter incident is just a minor symbol of what's happening

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Of far more moment is the scandal over the way we're treating our wounded and maimed service people on their return to us. A series of scathing articles in

the "Washington Post" has revealed shocking conditions in the rehabilitation facilities of our nation's military and veterans hospitals. The returning vets have been

subjected to rat- and cockroachinfested housing, inadequate counseling and an all-but impenetrable bureaucracy that resists providing any care at all.

eral years ago, but not until the

"Post" got after it did it spark the

The story isn't new; it was reported in "Slate" magazine sev-

national indignation we now witness. The public is mad, Congress is mad, the Pentagon is mad and, by golly, even Dick Cheney is mad.

"We're going to fix the problems at Walter Reed, period," he said, stamping his little foot. You have to wonder who he thinks has been in charge for the past six years.

The story is being reported as one of incompetence and it is that, but it's also about political corruption. Much of the administrative work at Walter Reed has been outsourced to companies with political connections. And they haven't done the job; they've merely cashed the checks.

The sad fact is that we really don't give a damn about what happens to our troops. If we did somebody would have been paying attention to our damaged soldiers. at least as much attention as has been paid to Anna Nicole Smith.

We think supporting the troops means putting a little sticker on our cars saying, "Support the Troops."

Tell that to a young woman trying to learn to walk on her artificial legs while a rat skitters across the room or to the young man whose head injury has left him half-blind and befuddled as he tries to find his way to his rehab session, unaided.

This is another shameful chapter in a shameful war.

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arents, does your child's nose always seem to be stopped up? Did you know that this could affect the way they look, even as an adult?

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breathing through the nose? Often their mouth will be open slightly because it's easier for them to breathe that way. There is a connection

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between mouth breathing and improper development of the bones of the face. So, does the breathing pattern cause the long face or does the long face cause the breathing problem? The answer is both.

So which came first, the chicken or the egg? Actually, in this case, the continual breathing problem can in fact cause the bones of the face to grow differently. How does this occur?

When a young child continually mouth breathes, the jaw rotates downward to open the mouth. Over the years, this causes the jaw joint to actually grow differently, resulting in the jaw growing more downward and less forward.

Another result of the mouth being continually slightly open is that the tongue does not rest in the roof of the mouth. The tongue is a very powerful orthodontic and orthopedic force. Proper tongue position is necessary for proper tooth position and proper growth of the palate.

Results are often a long, narrow palate with flared upper front teeth.

When the palate is narrow, the nasal passages also tend to be narrower and more easily clogged. Thus the "vicious cycle" is completed. Even as adults, these folks are more prone to constant blocked nasal passages due to their constricted

Now doesn't heredity provide the main input into facial development? Yes, but it's not the only factor. If the child's genes say "short, round face." then no noticeable damage will likely be seen. If the child's genes already say "normal," or worse, "long, narrow face," then mouth breathing may have a big negative effect.

In summary, if your child is always stuffed up, talk to your child's physician. Don't worry about an occasional cold or sinus infection. The

constant problems are usually allergy related. Reduce allergy producing things in the house (including smoking). See an allergy doctor if you need to, but try not to let the problem continue if at all possible.

Also, a dentist trained in orthodontics can easily expand a growing child's palate and help redirect the direction of jaw growth. Addressing the problems during the years of growth is critical. Once growth is complete, surgery is usually needed to help correct the problems.

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring at 1500 Scurry. He is currently president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics.

Deadly germs take grim toll in hospitals

By JAN JARVIS

McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH - The week before Christmas was filled with excitement for 6-year-old Macenzie and her mother, Lacie Simmons.

757 was crashing

with no survivors.

That's how many

They decorated the tree, shopped and put an inflatable snow globe in the yard.

The festive mood ended abruptly Dec. 20 when people die from Simmons hospital-acquired collapsed in the hallway infections." of her parents' Grand Dorrine DeChant, whose father Prairie home. When **EMTs** the arrived,

Macenzie clung to her mother.

"I just need to take care of my mom," she repeated as she patted her mother's arm. It was the last time she saw her mother alive.

"Her blood pressure bottomed out, her heart failed and that was it," said Lacie's mother, Renee Simmons.

Within 26 hours, Lacie Simmons was dead. A preliminary autopsy showed that an infection killed her. Back surgery three weeks earlier had hardly slowed the single mother.

But her parents believe she picked up the infection after surgery to fuse two discs in her spine.

Anyone who goes into the hospital could end up the same way as Lacie, who was just 28 and healthy, Simmons said.

"It's a crapshoot," she said.

Each year, an estimated 2 million patients — 1 in 20 people — get a serious infection while hospitalized on an out patient or inpatient basis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 90,000 of these patients die, most often from infections acquired through intravenous tubes, catheters and ventilators. Treating them costs the country more than \$4.5 billion a

year. Infections lurking in the nation's hospitals have been a well-kept secret for years because information is not publicly said Lisa reported, McGiffert, director of Consumers Union's Stop Infection Hospital Campaign in Austin.

"People need to under-

stand that hospitals are full of bacteria," she said. "It lives in the environment, and nurses and doctors carry that bacteria from patient to patient."

Many hospitals already collect data and are trying to address

infection "Imagine if a Boeing rates with prevention programs. At least 39 every day of the year

states have introduced legislation pushing hospitals to pubhicly disclose how many patients get serious infections died of a hospital-acquired said.

Texas, In Republican Rep. state Joe Straus introduced a

bill in the new legislative session to require reporting of methicillin-resis-"staphylococcus aureus," or MRSA, which can cause deadly staph infections.

The Advisory Panel on Health-Care Associated Infections' recommendations focus on creating a reporting system that reduces infection rates, said Joel Ballew, director of government affairs for Texas Health Resources, a faith-based healthcare provider. The recommendations also seek to educonsumers and reduce healthcare costs.

"Hopefully, it's a winwin for everyone," Ballew

State Sen. Jane Nelson and state Reps. Yvonne Davis and Dianne Delisi have filed bills that follow recommendations. Their proposals call for a mandatory, phased-in reporting system, with central line bloodstream infections, surgical sites and respiratory infections measured first.

The last thing a sick person needs is another



Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT photo/R. Jenna Jacob

Dorrine DeChant shows family photographs at her Fort Worth home. Her father, Thomas DeChant, died last year in San Antonio after getting a hospital-acquired infection. He initially went in for gastric bleeding.

illness, which is why it's so important that steps are taken to minimize exposure to infections, Nelson said.

'We don't want people to be afraid to go to the hospital when they need to because they're afraid they'll come out sicker than when they went in," she said.

Four years after drug companies starting massproducing penicillin in 1943, microbes that could resist it started cropping up, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

In the 1970s, the problem worsened as soldiers returning from Vietnam brought home penicillinresistant gonorrhea. Since then, overuse of antibiotics led to a growing list of drug-resistant organisms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates

that, today, 70 percent of the bacteria that cause hospital infections are resistant to at least one antibiotic.

One of the biggest threats is the staph infection MRSA. Nearly threefourths of patients' rooms are contaminated with the bacteria that cause it, according Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths, or RID, an advocacy group. A healthcare worker need only touch a contaminated cabinet or bedrail to spread the infection to the next person. White coats, stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs can also carry bacteria.

Myron Skinner, retired Texas pathologist, got a staph infection after heart surgery in 2006.

Skinner was a robust 81year-old who had spent a month traveling through Europe before coming home to have surgery. Skinner and his wife, Jane, expected him to recover without complications.

"When he went through the doors to surgery, I never thought I would not have another trip to Europe — and neither did he," Jane Skinner said. "He was as chipper as he could be."

A week after surgery, his lungs filled with fluid and staph pneumonia set in, Skinner said. Doctors tried at least seven antibiotics before he died six weeks later.

Watchdog groups have taken a close look at how the nation's hospitals got so sick. The biggest culprit: lack of hygiene.

While CDC guidelines call for health professionals to clean their hands between patients and

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wear a mask, sterile gown and gloves while inserting an IV, in reality, it happens less than 50 percent of the time, according to the National Quality Forum.

"It's something our mothers taught us, but people get busy and don't realize they haven't washed their hands," said Dr. William Sutker, director of medical education for Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Hand-washing could prevent 20,000 patient deaths each year, according to the CDC.

"We can't get rid of all infections just by washing our hands every time, but that will help, McGiffert said.

Jean Czajkowski's 80vear-old mother developed several infections after gallbladder surgery in 2005. Czajkowski said she watched a nurse insert a catheter in her mother, then touch monitors, bedrails and other objects throughout the room, all while wearing the same pair of contaminated gloves.

"I think the gloves give people a false sense of security," Czajkowski. "The mentality of the healthcare professional seems to be that if they are protecting themselves with the gloves, they do not have to worry about what they touch and contaminate for the next patient, doctor, visitor or nurse.'

Most hospitals collect infection data, but few report the results to a regulatory agency, accreditation board or the public, according to Consumers Union.

Since 1970, the CDC has had a voluntary reporting program. More recently, Hospital Compare, a Web site created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, asked hospitals to provide data on quality control measures, such as the use of preventative antibiotics before surgery. But consumers say the data are often dated and of limited

Consumers don't know what they're getting into until they're hospitalized, said Dorrine DeChant.

When her father, Tom DeChant, a 78-year-old retired postal worker, was admitted to a San Antonio hospital for the treatment of gastric bleeding, he expected to be released within a few days. But as the days turned to weeks and he grew more lethargic, it became clear something was terribly wrong.

On June 12, six weeks after DeChant was hospitalized, he died. After DeChant's death, his family learned the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease had gotten into the hospital's water system, infecting him and others.

Since then, Dorrine DeChant has pushed for legislation to require public reporting by hospitals. She sees the proposed legislation as a good start.

"Imagine if a Boeing 757 was crashing every day of the year with no survivors," DeChant said. "That's how many people from hospitalacquired infections.'

What is needed is a mandatory reporting system that is useful to consumers, McGiffert said. Hospitals are keen on pushing for process measures - such as the number of patients given antibiotics before surgery - when what they should be measuring is whether those processes work, she said.

"What people want to see is how likely it is I will get an infection at

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How to reduce your risk of getting an infection in a hospital:

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- treating you. - Ask that the diaphragm of the stethoscope be
- wiped with alcohol before use. - If you need a central line catheter, ask your doctor about one that is antibiotic-impregnated or silverchlorhexidine coated to reduce infections.
- If you need surgery, choose a surgeon with a low infection rate. Surgeons know their rate of infection for various procedures. If a surgeon refuses to tell you, consider choosing someone else.
- Three to five days before surgery, shower daily with 4 percent chlorhexidine soap, available through pharmacies.
- Ask your surgeon to have you tested for "staphylococcus aureus" at least a week before you are hospitalized.
- Stop smoking well in advance of your surgery. Patients who smoke are three times as likely to develop a surgical site infection as nonsmokers.
- On the day of surgery, remind your doctor that you may need an antibiotic one hour before the first incision.
- Ask that you be kept warm during surgery. Patients who are kept warm resist infection better. Special blankets, hats, booties and warmed IV liquids can help.
- Do not shave the surgical site. If hair must be removed, ask that clippers be used.
- Ask that your surgeon limit the number of people in the operating room.
- Ask your doctor about monitoring your glucose levels continuously during and after surgery, especially if you are having cardiac surgery. The stress of surgery often makes glucose levels spike erratically. When blood glucose levels are controlled to stay at 80-110 mg/unit, heart patients resist infection better.
- Avoid a urinary tract catheter if possible. Ask for a diaper or bedpan instead.
- If you must have an IV, make sure that it is inserted and removed under clean conditions and changed every three to four days. Alert hospital staff if any redness appears.
- If you are planning to have a cesarean section take the same precautions as you would for any surgery. Women who have cesarean sections are 10 times more at risk for infection that those who give birth vaginally.

SOURCE: Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths

that hospital," McGiffert infection acquired in a said. "Measuring processes doesn't translate into reducing infections."

Public reporting of infection rates has a dual benefit, said Star West, Hospital Texas Association's director of policy analysis.

"It gives hospitals an incentive to get infection rates down," she said. "But it also gives consumers information on which hospitals have the highest infection rates."

Most hospitals already keep tabs on the most serious infections, said Dr. Joseph Prosser, vice president and chief quality officer for Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital. Less serious ones are managed and treated, but not tracked as much.

"We apply our resources to those truly life-threatening infections - such as bloodstream or pneumonia — that clearly have a much greater risk of death," he said.

Infection rates can vary from one hospital to another, making it difficult to compare medical facilities that treat many patients with compromised immune systems and conditions that make them vulnerable with those that do not, said Dr. Ken Smithson, vice president of research at VHA, a national healthcare alliance.

Consumers need to understand that not every

hospital is preventable, he said.

"Someone with a bullet wound is mostly likely to have an infection, and it's no slam on the hospital," Smithson said. "What is important is to subtract out cases that are not preventable so we can get an idea of what is preventable."

Pennsylvania, the first state to require public reporting, found that in 2005 an average of 1.2 per 1.000 patients got infections while hospitalized. Of the 19,154 patients who got sick, 2,478 died.

It's still too early to tell how effective this kind of public reporting will be, anecdotally, but, Pennsylvania is doing more to prevent infections than states without laws, McGiffert said.

Pennsylvania is getting patients off ventilators quickly, using urinary catheters less and deploying rapid response teams at the first sign of a patient's decline.

Advocates are encouraging hospitals nationwide to test patients for MRSA.

Testing is especially important because MRSA can be found outside of hospitals. It commonly appears as painful swollen skin infections. In 2003, the CDC found that 12 percent of people with MRSA had no contact with a hospital before the infection.

Information on MRSA is

collected and given back to hospitals to alert them to increases in the infection, said Susan McBride, vice president of data initiative at the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council.

"It's showing up in healthy athletes, in hot yoga studios and day-care centers." she said. "It's anywhere, anytime you have a lot of people in close proximity.'

Lately staph infections rates have been pretty flat in hospitals, which means people are bringing them into medical facilities. McBride said.

Infections can be prevented through education, common sense and techniques that are clinically proven to be effective, McGiffert said.

"We can save a lot of lives pretty easily, if hospitals would just get right down to it," she said.

Some hospitals are trying to do just that by emphasizing hand-washing and other measures.

At Baylor, alcohol foam dispensers make handwashing more conve-Sutker nient. said. Patients are also given cards encouraging them to ask their doctor about hand-washing.

Following these steps not only saves lives, it can save money.

The average additional cost for treating a patient who gets an infection is more than \$15,000, according to Consumers Union.

Hospitals are really working to turn things around, Prosser said. "There's a great deal of

focus on doing the right thing for the right patient at the right time," he said. Such efforts may have

come too late for Lacie Simmons, but her family hopes to spare others of the same fate. "She was young, she was healthy," said her

mother, Renee Simmons. "This should not have happened."

Buffalo Tales: Forsan prom this weekend

orsan students will attend the prom, A Night in Paris, this weekend at the Senior Citizens Center on base. The prom will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday with picture taking by Bruce Schooler slated from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

After- prom will be held in the high school gym and cafeteria, beginning at 1 a.m. and sponsored by Forsan junior and senior parents. Doors will be locked at 1:30 a.m. until 5 a.m. Breakfast will be served by Forsan Baptist Church at 4:30 a.m..

The One-Act Play community performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Zone One-Act Play Contest will be held at Forsan on Thursday. Those schools progressing to district competition will return to Forsan the next week.

Forsan Principal Keith Stone and his wife, social studies teacher Erin

Stone, left Tuesday for China where they will proceed with the adoption of their daughter, Jaci Li. They should return March 29.

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The track team participated in the Eldorado High School track meet on March 10. Jace Sandridge finished second in the 100 meters and fourth in the 200.

Dillon Walker won the junior varsity boys' 3,200 meters and the sprint relay team composed of Adam Bailey, Skylier Sandridge, Jeremy Freitag and Jase Sandridge finished third.

In the girls' division, Amanda Longorio was first in the discus and second in the shot put. Kassi Wash placed fifth in the 800 meters, while Kelsey Jones was fourth in the triple jump. Jolinda finished fourth in the 100 meters, Shelby Jones was second in the pole vault and the sprint relay team of Jolinda Flores, Shelby Jones, Kelsey Jones and Belinda Strong placed fourth.

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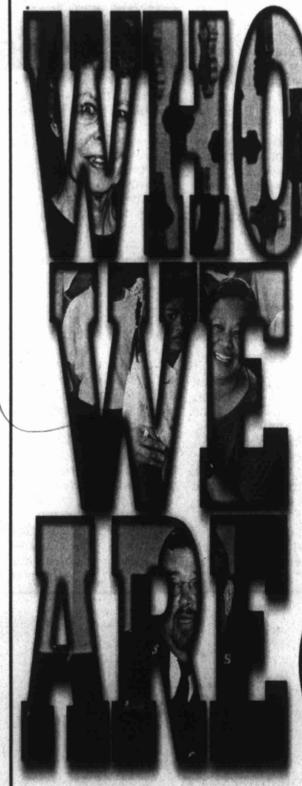
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The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. today at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

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The West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament has been scheduled for April 21-22 at Comanche Trail Park.

The tournament will be three rounds of 27 holes.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each division and player packages will be provided for the first 100 entrants.

Entry fees are \$50 for the open division, \$45 for the open master division, \$35 for the amateur master division, \$30 for the women's division, \$40 for the advanced division, \$30 for the amateur division, \$20 for novices and \$10 or juniors (under 16).

On Friday, a random draw doubles event is scheduled, as is a Lake and par 9s event. Entry fees are \$10 per person.

Those wishing to enter the ace pot will pay a \$5 fee.

For more information, contact Greg Brooks at 432-58-5076.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a ment on March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round on Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all play-

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

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day. Entry fee is \$60.

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

Tim Siegel slates Tennis Camps

Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21.

The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels. Siegel has been Director of the TTU Tennis Camps since

For additional information, contact Mr. Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

Mavericks dump Pistons, 92-88

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, including n the second half, to elp Dallas take a 92-8 win over the

The win ended a ve-game win streak or the Pistons.

Aggies move on to Sweet 1

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Acie Law was there when Texas A&M hit bottom, wallowing through a winless Big 12 season three years ago, often wondering if he'd made a mistake by choosing to play for the perennially underachieving Aggies.

Law stayed, and vindication came in the jubilation after the Aggies' 72-69 win over Louisville in the second round of the South Regional on Saturday, when the senior point guard dubbed "Captain Clutch" for his cool demeanor under pressure finally

Seconds after his 26 points helped send the Aggies to the round of 16 for the first time in 27 years, Law screamed while he hugged his teammates at midcourt. They'll next play the winner of Sunday's game between Nevada and Memphis.

"It's an amazing feeling. I don't have any words to describe it," Law said. "It's huge for this pro-

A program that finally received the breakthrough victory it has been looking for under third-year coach Billy Gillispie.

It wasn't easy. Then again, it never really is for the Aggies (27-

Texas A&M had to overcome a career-high 31 points from Louisville's Edgar Sosa and a raucous Rupp Arena crowd, most of whom made the 80-mile trip east to see the resurgent Cardinals (24-10) try to make it back to the final 16 for the second time in three years.

In the end, however, Sosa simply ran out of magic. After making 15 straight free throws, he missed two with 29.8 seconds left and the Cardinals trailing by

Sosa had another chance after Texas A&M's Joseph Jones missed a pair of free throws, but his deep 3-pointer hit the back of the rim and the ball made its way into the hands of Law.

Law calmly made both free throws with 1.7 seconds left to

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USC dashes Texas' hopes By EDDIE PELLS **AP National Writer** The talk coming in was about star freshman Kevin Durant, how far he could take Texas and whether he'd stay in college once the season was

over. The talk going out was

Southern about California, the team that put an unceremonious end to Durant's season and is taking a surprising trip to the regional semi-

SPOKANE, Wash. -

finals.

Nick Young led USC with 22 points Sunday in an 87-68 runaway over the Longhorns, a loss that left Durant - the frontrunner for national player of the year — with a decision to make two weeks earlier than he'd hoped.

"I have a sour taste in my mouth from ending the season like this,' Durant said, while conceding he still hasn't thought much about next

As he often has this season, Durant led everyone with 30 points and added nine rebounds for fourthseeded Texas (25-10).

But he hardly dominated this East Regional game. It was hard to after the Longhorns fell behind by 17 early in the second half and played a desperation game of catch-up the rest of the way.

Keeping Durant from going wild, especially early, and minimizing the damage that guards D.J. Augustin and A.J.

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Forsan eighth grader BraShara Brown and her horse Lucky round a barrel during the Junior High Regional Finals Rodeo in Fort Stockton. Brown finished second and advances to the Junior High State Finals Rodeo set for May in Gonzales.

BraShara Brown heading to State Finals Rodeo ride

From staff reports

BraShara Brown, an eighth grader at Forsan, has qualified for the Junior High School State Finals Rodeo, scheduled for May in Gonzales, following her performance at the regional finals rodeo in Fort Stockton.

Brown entered the regional finals having already taking a win in the Fort Stockton arena when she rode her horse Lefty to first place in a Tex-Mex Barrel Racing

Association event. She finished the gift from Fulton. season second in money winnings in the Tex-Mex Association. She had also earned a \$350 novice division belt buckle earlier in the season on Lefty.

In the regional finals, Brown finished out of the top spot by just one-thousandth of a second.

Brown has been competing on Lefty for two years. She got the horse from Joe Kirk Fulton's Quien Sabe Ranch.

She is also currently training an new horse, Leader, which was a

Leader is a seven-eighths full brother to the world champion barrel racing winner and she says she has high hopes for the 3-year-old gelding.

Brown gives much of the credit for her success to Jimmy Taylor and his daughter, Kristy, for the guidance and support they've given her.

"They (the Taylors) have really helped me stay the correct track and helped me start winning," she explained.

Top women's teams win openers

By The Associated Press

Duke's 37-point win was a squeaker compared to the other top-seeded teams' first-round games in the NCAA women's tournament.

Connecticut, Tennessee and North Carolina beat their 16thseeded foes by an average of 48.3 points. And, of the four No. 1s, only Duke failed to double up its opponent, beating Holy Cross 81-44 on Sunday.

"As the game went along, I felt like we got a little bit better on both ends of the floor, which was really the purpose of this game - it was just to get the kinks out and get our legs back under us," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors

The Volunteers didn't look like world beaters early against Drake, leading just 13-9 nearly 12 minutes into the game and 21-14

half.

Tennessee (29-3) then went on a remarkable 34-0 run that lasted nearly 13 minutes and didn't end until midway through the second half when the Vols pushed their lead to 55-14 before Drake's Monique Jones made two free throws with 10:36 remaining.

"The sleeping giant awoke at halftime," Drake coach Amy Stephens said.

Tennessee, the top seed in the Dayton Regional, went on to a 76-37 victory at Pittsburgh.

"At the half, someone said, 'What's the deal? What's wrong?" coach Pat Summitt said. "It's postseason play. They came out and matched our intensity. ... At least we executed well in the second half."

Earlier Sunday in the same arena, North Carolina - the top seed in the Dallas Regional -

with 2:21 remaining in the first seize a 24-4 lead over another No. 16 seed, Prairie View A&M, en route to a 95-38 win.

> Connecticut rudely welcomed UMBC to Hartford with an 82-33 rout in a Fresno Regional game.

"When it looks good, it looks really good," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said. "At the same time ... there is a big disparity in talent between who we had on the floor and who (UMBC coach) Phil (Stern) had on the floor."

Two highly ranked teams -Tennessee and Rutgers, seeded fourth in the Greensboro Regional — advanced to secondround matches in which they'll essentially be the road team. Tennessee will play Pittsburgh on its home court on Tuesday; Rutgers draws Michigan State at East Lansing.

"I'll still get fined. I'm sure the NCAA people are somewhere needed fewer than 5 minutes to here," Rutgers coach C. Vivian

Stringer said. "One of these days, I'm going to say a lot of things. But right now, in my capacity, I'm happy to play Michigan State. I'm excited. My team is excited. It doesn't matter where we play."

Greensboro Regional Duke 81,

Holy Cross 44

At Raleigh, N.C., Abby Waner hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 of her 26 points during an overwhelming first half for Duke.

Alison Bales had 13 points, and Joy Cheek and Carrem Gay added 10 apiece for the Blue Devils (31-1), who never trailed and looked nothing like the listless team that was upset by inspired North Carolina State two weeks ago in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

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Temple 64,

At Raleigh, N.C., Lady Comfort scored the goahead basket and Fatima Maddox hit four clinching free throws to help Temple rally from a fourpoint deficit in the final 2 1/2 minutes.

Maddox scored 18 points for the eighth-seeded Owls (25-7), Comfort added 15 points, while Kamesha Hairston shook off a bad first half and finished with 12.

Vanderbilt 62. **Delaware State 47**

At East Lansing, Mich., Christina Wirth scored 17 points to lead a balanced Vanderbilt attack, and the Commodores pulled away in the second half.

Vanderbilt led 43-40 with about 8:50 remaining, but clutch 3-point shooting and inside power helped the secondseeded Commodores (28-5) take control.

Bowling Green 70, **Oklahoma State 66**

At East Lansing, Mich., Bowling Green won an NCAA tournament game for the first time since 1989, and it wasn't easy.

The Falcons, who had lost six consecutive open-

ing-round games, got a layup by Ali Mann to go ahead 62-60 with less than 2 minutes to play. Mann's pass to Kate Achter for a Bowling layup gave Green a 64-60 lead, and the Falcons (30-3) hit enough free throws to hang on for the win.

Michigan State 69, **Delaware 58**

At East Lansing, Mich., Allyssa DeHaan had 13 points as part of a balanced offense to lead fifthseeded Michigan State

first half with an 8-0 run, going ahead 1:25 before halftime and didn't trail again. Tyresa Smith scored 19, Chrissy Fisher had 13 and Kyle DeHaven added 12 points for Delaware (26-6).

Rutgers 77, **East Carolina 34**

At East Lansing, Mich., Matee Ajavon scored 20 points and Kia Vaughn had 14 points and seven rebounds to for Rutgers.

The Scarlet Knights (23-8) went on a 13-0 run to lead 31-12 with 7:24 left in the first half and never looked back.

Fresno Regional North Carolina State 84, **Robert Morris 52**

Raleigh, N.C.,

Marquetta Dickens scored a career-high 25 points and North Carolina State (24-9) resumed its late-season surge, giving Hall of Fame coach Kay Yow and the Wolfpack their first NCAA victory in six years.

Chinata Nesbit scored 20 points to lead the 13thseeded Colonials (24-8), who shot 26 percent in the first half to fall behind 44-

Baylor 68,

Chattanooga 55

At Raleigh, N.C., Jessica The Spartans closed the Morrow scored 13 points and led the decisive run for the fifth-seeded Bears.

> Angela Tisdale and Bernice Mosby added 12 apiece for Baylor (26-7), which never trailed and advanced to the second round for the fourth straight year.

Southern Conference player of the year and tournament MVP Alex Anderson had 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead Chattanooga (25-8), but shot just 7-for-23.

Wisconsin-Green Bay 59, New Mexico 52

At Hartford, Conn., Nicole Soulis scored 15 points and ninth-seeded Bay Wisconsin-Green opened the second half with a 20-5 spurt to extend their winning streak to 26

The Phoenix (29-3), down 29-26 at the break, extended the lead to 46-34 on Soulis' baseline floater midway through the second half. Amanda Popp finished with 14 points and Natalie Berglin added

Connecticut 82. **UMBC 33**

At Hartford, Conn., Renee Montgomery scored 19 points, Charde Houston added 15 and topseeded UConn cruised into the second round.

UMBC managed to stay close at 29-20, but UConn (30-3) ended the half with a 12-0 run and scored the first nine points of the second half.

Brittnie Hughes had nine points to lead the Retrievers (16-17).

Dallas Regional Notre Dame 62, California 59

At Pittsburgh, Tulyah Gaines made two free throws with 16.5 seconds remaining after Notre Dame's Charel Allen scored a key basket and set up another, and the Fighting Irish rallied to victory.

The eighth-seeded Irish (20-11) relied on Allen's 13 and Melissa points Lechlitner's 12 to move on to the second round.

Oden of Ohio State doesn't, Durant will likely be the top pick - his perimeter skills giving him a chance to succeed right away while he fills out that skinny, 225pound frame.

But this won't follow the Carmelo Anthony story of 2003 - when 'Melo led Syracuse to a championship as a freshman and decided he'd done all he could at this level. "He's a great player.

he's a great guy," Augustin said. "I don't know what he's going to do. Whatever he does, I'll be happy for him."

While that drama plays out, USC is thinking about the present, hoping to continue an unexpected run in a season played in memory of teammate Ryan Francis. Francis, the USC point guard, was gunned down in a driveby shooting last year in home state Louisiana.

days, who led the Aggies to a place that seemed like just a dream three years ago.

"Coach told us that we were fine and to keep grinding it out," said A&MTexas guard Dominique Kirk, who scored 21 points.

"When Coach G came here, he brought that family atmosphere," said senior Marlon Pompey. "We play as a team, do everything as a team, so I'm not surprised at all. It feels so great. It's just hard to describe.

North Carolina 95. **Prairie View 38**

At Pittsburgh, North Carolina knew this wouldn't be difficult, and it wasn't.

The Tar Heels (31-3) needed less than 4 minutes to open a 20-point lead and cruised after that behind 14 points each from Camille Little and Jessica Breland. Carolina also got 13 points each from star Ivory Latta and Rashanda McCants.

Prairie View (19-14), which lost 10 consecutive

games earlier this season, was making its first NCAA appearance.

Dayton Regional Mississippi 88, **TCU 74**

At Hartford, Conn. Armintie Price scored 21 points and Ole Miss forced 23 turnovers.

Mississippi (22-10) had 12 steals and used its fullcourt trapping defense to pull away late in the first half. Davis had 24 points and 12 rebounds for 10thseeded TCU (21-11).

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East dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH ◆A962 ♥K953 EAST WEST ♦ 10 ♥ 10 8 6 4 SOUTH ♦K543 ♥AJ **◆**AK75 The bidding: North West Dble Pass Pass Opening lead -two of diamonds.

This hand was played in 1981 at Montreux, Switzerland, by Andrzej Wilkosz, Polish star. It occurred in the European Championship and was widely regarded as the "Hand of the

He reached four spades as shown, and West led the diamond deuce. East won with the king and returned the three of clubs. It may appear that South must lose two spades and a club in addition to the diamond

already lost, but Wilkosz proceeded to make a series of plays that were so well timed that they could not have been improved upon had he seen the opponents' cards

He took the club three with the ace, ruffed a diamond and returned the three of hearts to his jack. When the finesse succeeded, he cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed the queen of diamonds and cashed dummy's king of hearts, producing this position:

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With six tricks already in the till, Wilkosz next led a club from dummy. East realized he could not gain by ruffing, so he discarded a diamond. Declarer won the club with the king, cashed the K-A of trumps and led the nine of hearts from dummy. Regardless of what East decided to do, Wilkosz could not be stopped from scoring one of his trumps for his 10th trick.

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Abrams could do was the key to the USC game plan. "Basically, there's nothing you can do against Durant," Young said. "You just focus on the

other two guys." Augustin was held to six points and five assists, while Abrams had 20 points and was the only other Longhorn in double

The fifth-seeded Trojans (25-11) also got 20 points from Daniel Hackett and 17 points and 14 rebounds from Taj Gibson — a 6freshman like Durant. USC won by playing smarter, more disciplined basketball, especially on the defensive end, and looking much more like a team in doing

A team with a very good leader in Young - the scrappy swingman who had every reason to believe he'd be a USC alum by the time secondyear coach Tim Floyd's rebuilding efforts took shape.

Turns out, the talent's there now, and next week, the Trojans will make only their second trip to the regional semis since 1979, where they'll play North Carolina in East Rutherford, N.J.

Not everyone was surprised.

"Going into the year, we said we weren't going to 27-point, eight-rebound sell this team short," opener against New Floyd said. "We had some Mexico State in which he players that could obvi- never quite looked in ously play for anybody in the country."

This is a long, athletic, relentless team, one that relegated Durant — brilliant as he was at times to the perimeter and dominated the middle.

USC put this game away early in the second half. after Texas had trimmed

a 15-point deficit to four. Lodrick Stewart worked

for and made an open 17footer. Young came back with a 3-pointer, then swatted Augustin's shot out of bounds on Texas' next possession. A few moments later, Young got an easy putback. He made two free throws, then forced a steal, filled the lane and took a pass from Gabe Pruitt for a slam.

By then, it was 48-33 and Texas was all but out of

Durant added this to a

But he couldn't do it all for the 'Horns, and it is now decision time for the 26-point, 11-rebound-agame star who will probably win several player-ofthe-year awards over the next few weeks.

If he chooses the NBA and fellow freshman Greg

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push the lead to three and when Sosa's halfcourt heave at the buzzer hit the top of the backboard the Aggies celebrated at midcourt.

Sosa, playing in his first NCAA tournament game, said he lost track of time during Louisville's penultimate possession and rushed the 25-foot shot. "I thought there was less

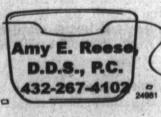
time than what it was." Sosa said. "I didn't know how far I was from the (3point) line but I definitely could have done something else.

The win helped ease the pain of Texas A&M's tough loss to LSU in the second round of last year's tournament, when the Tigers won it on a last-second 3-pointer.

"It's ironic, it's basically the same play LSU ran last year," Gillispie said. "One of them went in, one of them didn't. I guess it evened out."

Thanks mainly to Law doing what he always does: calming his teammates down in tight situations, then doing everything necessary to win.

Against the Cardinals it was finding an answer to



Sosa, the freshman point guard who did his best Law impression. While his teammates struggled, Sosa made several big shots and single-handedly pushed the Cardinals in front late in the second half on a barrage of 3pointers, free throws and twisting layups in traffic.

"We would have lost by 20 if he didn't step up, said Louisville coach Rick Pitino. Probably, but in the end

the ball ended up where it always seems to end up when the game is on the line for the Aggies, in Law's steady hands. The Aggies said before

the game they wouldn't be rattled by the pro-Louisville crowd. And though Texas A&M did seem to get rattled at points, they Aggies turned the ball over just three times in the second half.

"I knew coming in that I had to be strong with the ball," Law said. "We knew we'd have to stay away from turnovers."

Instead it was the young

Cardinals who frayed

under the pressure. Louisville turned it over three times in the final five minutes and couldn't find any flow offensively outside of Sosa.

Williams **Terrence** scored 17 points, but centers David Padgett and Derrick Caracter battled foul trouble all game. Padgett was scoreless in 18 minutes while Caracter finished with eight points but fouled out in just seven minutes of play.

Louisville made 5-of-18 3-pointers and shot 42 percent from the field. Even telling: more Louisville player finished with more than one assist.

"They have upperclassmen, we do not," Pitino said. "It's sort of like Rocky's last fight. He walked away all cut up, banged up. I'm very proud we can walk away with some dignity, knowing we got beat by a better basketball team down the stretch."

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This is the very last day of winter. You may have felt that spring has already sprung, but tomorrow is the official start of Aries, the sign of the spring lamb. Review the last few months

with a focus what you've let go. Something new is about to drop into the void, so it's best to be conscious of how you'd ideally like to fill it. ARIES

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But you have to admit it's

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can be boiled down to a few essential base notes: orange, rose and vanilla. Likewise, because you know your essence, you feel free to revel in the bouquet of delicious unknowns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A changing of the guards happens. Everyone knew this was coming. You're ready to re-examine your strategy for the future. Set new professional goals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You bump up against an old pattern. You don't have to wear it like an uncomfortable sweater. Changing your perception can be as easy as changing your clothes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no shortage of money in your household, though there may be a shortage of ideas. That's why you're so needed. Your creative furnace creates enough heat to power a whole city, so keep tapping

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You make an important decision about relationship. You feel what you feel - no need to justify or explain your logic. There's precious freedom in making friends with the truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Have you done this before? Perhaps. But at least now you have the benefit of experience to see you through. And the ending is totally up to you. The past has loosened its grip on

Dear Annie: I've been

married for six years and

have two wonderful young

children. My husband, 36,

playful father. He has a

wonderful job that has

enabled me to quit mine

and stay home with my

husband has a drug

marijuana every day, all

day, before work, after

work and during his

breaks. When he goes

without, he has mood

swings and screams and

shouts at the boys and me.

Our second bathroom has

been turned into his

personal smoke room. The

kids and I are not allowed

in, nor do we wish to use it,

since he makes no effort to

I knew about his habit

before we married, but we

were young and I thought

he would outgrow it. It is

getting harder to cover for

Daddy when he goes to the

bathroom every 30 minutes.

You wouldn't think he

would want this kind of

environment for his

children. He would never

volunteer to go to rehab. I

Dear Wife: An addict

must be willing to quit

before progress can be

made, and your husband

isn't there yet. Plus, this is

authorities find out, your

children could be removed

from your home. You may

need to ask your husband to

leave until he gets clean.

There are support groups

for families of drug addicts.

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21). The most rewarding habits have the highest payoffs, but you're the one who foots the bill. Give yourself a pat on the back for resisting the brazen siren of temptation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're moving onto higher ground, a feat only accomplished making friends with the ground beneath your feet. You know this terrain pretty darn well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been running around doing everything for everyone else. So leaving your house with your bed made is a minor domestic accomplishment. Think big -- don't bother with details.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're defending your stuff from outside forces, you're more likely to lose it. So stop worrying. You're entering a new era of abundance. It's more than what you have; it's what you're holding in mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The most beautiful things can happen while doing the same old thing, like laundry. Maybe you discover a few bucks in your jeans pocket; maybe you walk away feeling lighter.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries looking for a job. I've never had to do this before somehow I have always been able to land in the right situation and have a friend or reference that opened the doors for me. But now I'm really searching, and the bills are due at the end of the month. Any tips? People are depending on me!"

It's spring, your season, SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. and all things are new. SYNDICATE, INC.

Advice for those in need

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to rejoin the real world,

suggest he try Marijuana

anonymous.org) at 1-800-766-

Dear Annie: My son and

his wife provided me with a

summer. Ever since the

birth of this child, I've had

the feeling my son is not

the father. I was in the

hospital when the baby was

born and got to hold her

shortly after birth. It felt as

if I were holding a stranger.

There were none of the

emotions I felt the previous

year, when my daughter

provided me with a

The shape of this child's

eyes and feet bring to mind

children of

friend. Their feet have

widely separated toes, and

granddaughter. Before my

son and his wife moved into

their current house, they

lived next door to this

friend and her husband. I

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Annie's Mailbox •:

You're in the perfect place for creating your new life. Just as people are depending on you, people are also there to help you. Don't panic, or you'll restrict the flow of good luck that is your birthright. Stay calm and optimistic while you root yourself in the knowledge of what you're good at and what you have to offer an employer, and also the world at large. It will be very effective for you to create a sacred spring ritual in which you list your talents and read each thing on your list to yourself in a mirror, telling yourself how much you have to offer and imagining yourself happily giving of your talents to the person who will benefit the most, with ample amounts of money coming to you for your efforts.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Holly Hunter is a tenderhearted Pisces with an Aries moon. This is an incredible combination for an actress, lending the ability to really lose oneself in a role, playing the part both onstage and off. Aries, the god of war, offsets her small stature — but she'll use the soldier-like courage that this aspect brings to make a meaningful and award-winning film in 2008.

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husband fathered this child.

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up. Should I try and get a

DNA test done without

anyone knowing — just to

put my mind at ease? -

Dear Grandma: You are

jumping to conclusions

based on very little. Many

grandparents (even some

parents) do not feel a strong

emotional connection at

birth. And, often, the

features that make a child

look like Mom or Dad aren't

Whatever suspicions you

may have, we urge you to

put them out of your mind,

say nothing, do nothing and

try to love this child with

all your heart. Any attempt

to do otherwise could cause

relationship with your son.

Dear Annie: My husband

cannot resist looking at

pretty women. He has

walking with me so he can

I say this is rude and

hurtful. It damages my ego

as well. My husband sees

nothing wrong with it,

since he is "only looking."

Is there a time limit on how

long a guy should stare?

What do you think, Annie?

normal for a guy to glance

at an attractive woman, but

it is not acceptable to look

so long that his female

companion becomes upset

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Dear No Name: It's

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Talk About "In Your Face"

With the Dear Margo: breast augmentation coming up so often in your column, I could use some input on a situation in our family.

My husband has a brother with a live-in girlfriend. A few years ago, he confided in my husband that he just couldn't deal with her having small breasts, and at his urging, she was getting implants.

At the next family gathering, it was obvious that the procedure had, indeed, been done. As time went on, their investment in her chest apparently went unnoticed, so

began showing up at family events with less and less of her new assets covered. the family

Thanksgiving this year, she showed up in a see-through black lace top.

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Christmas, she wore couple of strips of cloth for a shirt that barely covered the tips of her now enormous

Now, the rest of us are wondering, what do they want from us? Why does she keep exposing more and more of herself to her boyfriend's family, for crying out loud? She's at a family event with children, including her own grandchildren, not a strip club! What are we supposed to do, congratulate them on their purchase? Ask them what make and model those babies are? It's getting to the point

that we are cringing at the thought of attending family get-togethers if it means having her expose herself to us again. Any ideas on how to deal with this? — Too Much Northern Exposure

Dear Too: I do have an idea: Give the lady what she wants. Instead of ignoring the new hooters, remark on them so she'll know you've noticed. You might say something like, "They are really lovely. And maybe, because of the youngsters, you might put more clothing on them?" Odds are she will then show up in a tight sweater, but if what she's looking for looking for is acknowledgement, the peep shows may end. -Margo,

experimentally When You Need To Say

It — and Mean It Dear Margo: I'm in a bit of a pickle. Well, not a pickle exactly, I'll let you decide I was dating this guy (who

was so incredibly wrong for me, it's a wonder I never saw it) for a year. We broke up. Actually, he dumped me, I, of course, was devastated. Well, a few months later, we started seeing each other again, but secretly, so my friends wouldn't find out and go

Well, my brain finally came out of hibernation and decided that this guy was completely toxic (Yaaaay me!) and I stopped seeing him, talking to him, told him we were through, etc.

A month ago, I met a really great guy with none of the obvious bad boy tendencies I usually like. We have been hanging out a lot, a complete he is gentleman and there are no games, just two people having fun together. Sounds perfect, right?

Well, the problem is that the Bad Boy has been trying to come around lately. He calls and e-mails and shows up at my hangouts. He also visits friends in my apartment complex, then stops by because he is "in the neighborhood.

I have told him that I just want to be friends, but he keeps coming around and trying to worm his way back into my life. I don't want to be mean or hurtful to him, but I want him to leave me the heck alone. How do I tell him in no

uncertain terms, politely, to scram? Or should I just not worry about being

polite and let him have an earful? — K.J. in L.A.

Dear K: I gather that you already told him, politely, to scram . . . and an earful is likely to be so much blahblah as far as he is concerned. Your drama reminds me of the old Dean Martin song, "Your lips tell me no-no, but there's yes-yes in your eyes.

Ignore him, hon, and play the reel in your head where decided he you decided he was "incredibly wrong" for you. Stop answering his calls and e-mails, and skip the "just wanting to be friends." That's not possible, or desirable. Margo, surgically
So What About the

Competition? Hi, Margo: I don't know if you've ever done this, but I

was curious about your opinion of what another advice columnist wrote. The question came from a man whose fiancee was moving to his city. Since all his friends would become her friends, he was asking whether or not to make it known to his fiancee all the

women he knows he has

slept with. columnist's suggestion was to gather all the women together with his intended and play a "game" in which he would ask them to guess what they think it is they all have in common. This would elicit numerous guesses, and then he would "reveal" the thing they had in common: him. Then he was pretty sure everyone would "chuckle."

I was absolutely floored. What do you think of this advice? — Bowled Over Dear Bowl: I think the

columnist was a man. Margo, intuitively Another Prince Charming

Dear Margo! I am married since I was 20 years, live in Europe and have two children (one 3-1/2-year-old and a newborn, 6 weeks old). My husband told me eight weeks ago that he had a love affair a few years ago, and I found out about a sexual affair not long ago.

assured me that although the first woman was "the love of his life" and his "soul mate," affair ended and that the sexual affair has also ended. He says the main reason was that I was too busy with the first child and always too tired for sex.

So he doesn't get enough sex and, of course, my body is not the same as four years ago. I just gave birth to a lovely baby girl, and we but my life is a mess.

How can I trust him anymore? He says that he still loves me and that he never intended to leave me or the girls. Should I leave him, or is there a way to start again — just for the sake of the kids?

I know I am not the first woman to experience such a betrayal, but that doesn't make it easier. I really don't know what to do. Heartsick

Dear Heart: What a guy. Two weeks before you deliver, he tells you about "the love of his life" who is his "soul mate," but . says that's over. Then there was that other little fling, but he didn't really care about her. Everything is your fault, of course, because you're tired from caring for his children . and your body isn't the same as it was four years ago. (Well, whose is?) I would think whether or

not this can be turned around into a functional, loving marriage depends on genuine contrition, gaining some understanding of how a faithful marriage works, and putting integrity before his libido selfishness. It would also depend on whether or not you are able to put the feeling of betrayal behind Given the ages of your

children, give it a little time to see how things progress. Do, however, tell him he is in a trial period. I think time will give you the answers you need. — Margo, tentatively

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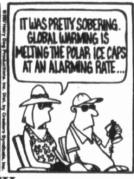
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 19, the 78th day of 2007. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the traditionally swallows return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 19, 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved

On this date:

In 1917, the Supreme Court, in Wilson v. New, upheld the eight-hour work day for railroad workers.

In 1918, Congress approved

Daylight-Saving Time. In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred

B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling. In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary from

ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 82. Actor-director Patrick McGoohan is 79. Theologian Hans Kung is 79. Jazz musician Ornette Coleman is 77. Author Philip Roth is 74. Actress Renee Taylor is 74. **Phyllis** Actress-singer Newman is 74. Actress Ursula Andress is 71. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 70. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 61. Actress Glenn Close is 60. Harvey Film producer Weinstein is 55. A

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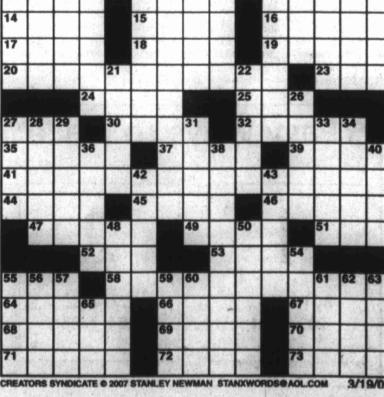
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