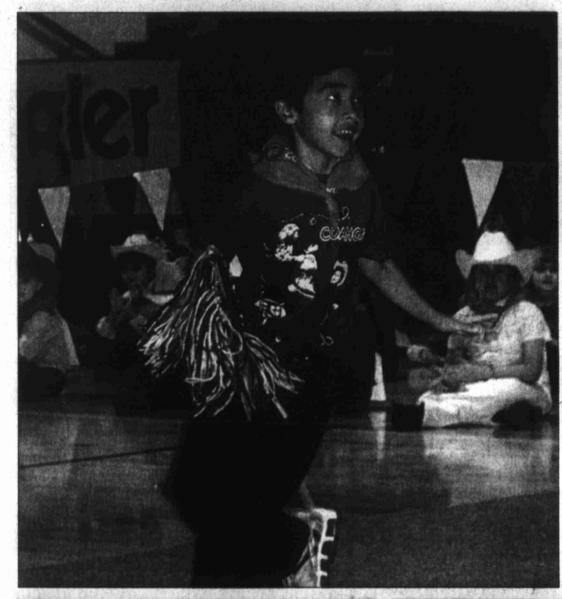


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By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer COAHOMA — Make no mistake about it, Coahoma Elementary School is serious about rodeo. School officials and staff, joined by a slew of professional and amateur rodeo competitors, took part in the 29th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday morning,



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins From left, Noel Gutierrez takes a spin on his bareback stickhorse; above, Savannah Sumrall prepares to carry the American Flag into the arena; below, the Coahoma Kindergarten choral group sings rodeo-related songs; below left, this young and mischlevous rodeo clown makes a mad dash through the rodeo arena knocking over polls — most likely at the urging of world renown rodeo clown Quall Dobbs. spotlight for their eightsecond shot at fame and fortune.

"I've been involved with the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo for about 20 years now," said Pam Carlile, part of the school staff that helped organize and put on the rodeo. "It's grown larger and larger every year. More acts are coming from year to year.

"My daughter was in the very first kindergarten rodeo, and it was outside on the ground, near the old elementary. It was really small back then. They had stick horses, but it wasn't anything like it is now. It's turned into something like a real rodeo now."

Anyone uttering the word "rodeo" in the city of Coahoma can rest assured one name will soon come up, and that's world famous — and infamous — rodeo clown Quail Dobbs.

Dobbs, who helped organize the very first Coahoma Kindergarten

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Grab your stuff for the flea market

Spring Clean' scheduled April 21 in the Big Spring Mall parking lot

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Is it time to get rid that old fishing equipment that has been collecting dust^b for years? What about that computer you garaged after buying a new one last year?

The Third Annual Spring Clean Community-Wide Flea Market might be just the place to get rid of some items that have been hanging around too long. Or maybe you'd like to

introduce your expertise at scroll sawing, needlepoint or painting with the rest of the world — for a fee, of course.

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

offer your wares for sale.

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

Rental fees are \$25 for a 10x10 space, \$45 for a 12x12 space and \$65 for a 24x12 space.

Once you secure your See MARKET, Page 3A

booth space, you can sell anything you'd like — at least anything that is of a "family" nature. No firearms or tobacco, please. Items can be old or new, manufactured or homemade, trash or treasure.

Those who rent booth space will be hawking their wares

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Obituaries

Pauline Stewart Ford



Pauline Stewart Ford, 91, of Coahoma, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church and the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Jerry

Berry, pastor of Kelview Heights Baptist Church of Midland, officiating.

She was born July 14, 1915, in Calhoun County, Ala., and married Bill Ford Sr. on Sept. 7, 1935, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1978.

Pauline was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed arts and crafts and displayed them in many shows. She also enjoyed charcoal sketching and was an excellent seamtress, having made many quilts. She was involved with the Senior Citizens groups in both Sand Springs and Coahoma.

Pauline was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma and had taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Sammie Buchanan of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Billie Jr. and Vickie Ford of Midland; four grandchildren, Sammie Don Buchanan Jr. and wife Paris of Cedar Creek, Vickie Engel and husband Todd of San Angelo, Tom Ford and wife Sandi of Abbottsford, B.C., and Kim Thomason and husband Paul of Midland; 10 great grandchildren, Rae Buchanan, Amy Engel, Aly Engel, Will Thomason, Brett Thomason, Meagan Thomason, Luke Thomason, Paxton Ford, Karissa Ford and Alexis Ford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two infant daughters, JoAnn and Judy Beth Ford; one sister, Oma Lewis; and three brothers, John V. Stewart, Gordon Perry Stewart Jr. and Eugene Stewart.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma 79511 or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Stella Mae Barnard

Stella Mae Barnard, 93, of Rockwall, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, March 30, 2007, in a Rockwall nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-28-33. Bonus Ball: 12. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

• BOBBY LEE HUTCHESON, 24, of 106 Algerita, was arrested Thursday on eight local warrants.

• TRACIE WILSON, 45, transient, was arrested Thursday on a local citation.

• **ROBERT LEE AIKINS**, 43, transient, was arrested Thursday on a local citation and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

JOHN DAVID MOON, 45, of Arkansas, was arrested Thursday on a local citation.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.

• PURCHASING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.

• POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 900 block of 12th Street.

- in the 3200 block of Drexel.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.

• ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

- in the 400 block of Edwards.

- in the 2600 block of Dow.

Sheriff's report

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

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

• JARROD LEE MEJIA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **KAYLA DENISE HORTON**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information.

tion for failure to identify - giving false information. • EDUARDO ESPINO RIOS, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no driver's license,

speeding and no liability insurance.

• **ROBERT KENNETH BARRETT**, 22, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.



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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of N.E. Broadway. One person was transported to SMMC! • MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of E. 14th

Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Bulletin Board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Friday, March 30, 2007

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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

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

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

• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

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

• Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Take Note

• A MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND has been set up at State National Bank for Phyllis Jones, who will undergo a bone marrow transplant in Dallas on April 8. Phyllis has worked at Elrod's for the past three years. Her husband, Jerry, works at Higginbotham-Bartlett. Your prayers and financial support are appreciated by the family.

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

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

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Prize: \$900,000

Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-8-32-37. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$14,643.

Winning tickets sold in: New Ulm, Adkins.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-1

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• 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.



• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Ave. B in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 5200 block of Wasson Road. Service refused.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont. Fire was out upon arrival.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills. Fire was out upon arrival.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the west 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Warmer. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

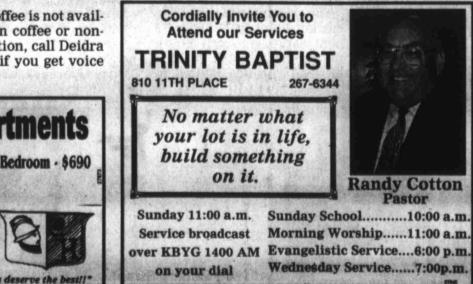
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.



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

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



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Rodeo nearly three decades ago, has since retired from rodeo clowning, but said he looks forward to slathering on the makeup and donning the curious clothes for the event each year.

for me," said Dobbs with a laugh. "It's really grown since it started. One of the school teachers from up north moved here, and she wanted to have a rodeo. So I said, 'Why not?' We got together and helped put it on. It was an outdoor rodeo, to start off with. We had it over in front of where the old elementary building used to be. Of course, since then we've moved into the gymnasium, and it's been here ever since.

LOCAL/STATE

You're never too old to "clown around" If you're world renowned rodeo clown Quall Dobbs, as the retired bull fighter takes a round on a stickhorse during the 29th annual Coahoma **Kindergarten Rodeo** Thursday morning. **Dobbs was just one** of many professional and amateur rodeo competitors who showed up to help with the event.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenking

rodeo go way back, said

it's important to keep

events like the Coahoma

rodeo going so children in

West Texas don't lose

touch with the culture

"I think it's very impor-

tant, especially in our

part of the country," said

Nix. "Rodeo has played a

big part in Texas, and

West Texas especially.

The Big Spring Rodeo is

going on 74 years now,

and some of these kids

could go on to ride and

rope, riding bulls or even

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ranching. Rodeo is a good

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someone who hasn't been

involved with the annual

event for more than a

decade. Coahoma gradu-

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of Fame inductee Wacey

Cathey said it's the

younger generation that's

lot of class to it."

they come from.

House prohibits vouchers, approves \$150 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House tentatively approved a two-year state budget early Friday, making two major concessions to teachers in the process.

Lawmakers spent 17 hours Thursday bickering over how billions of taxpayer dollars should be divvied up on state services, before approving the measure by a 132-16 vote. The 16 dissenters were Democrats.

The 2008-09 budget amounts to about \$6,400 for every Texan. Most of the money, which comes primarily from sales taxes, is spent on education. Dollars also are spent on things like health care, prisons and courts.

The \$150.1 billion spending plan is a slight increase over the current budget. More Democrats in the Republican-

controlled House this year flexed their legislative muscle in a couple of surprise moves. They joined dissenting Republicans in a 90-56 vote to divert millions of dollars away from a new teacher incentive pay program in favor of about an \$800 pay raise for all teachers, librarians, counselors and nurses. Soon after, the House voted 129-8 to prohibit any state education dollars from being spent on school vouchers.

Both issues have been Republican policy staples in recent years.

Dallas Republican Rep. Dan Branch said he was disappointed in the vote, but cautioned that the legislative process was not over.

"It's a long process," he said. "We'll see what happens in the Senate.'

"This is the 29th time

"It's the teachers who really do this each year. I just have to show up.

favorite part is the grand entry. All these little kids riding these stickhorses. and there's so much color and action. You have to love that."

They do a great job. My

Another mainstay for the event is local country music legend Jody Nix, who lends his voice and musical talents to the event each year.

"They ask me to come back each year and sing a little bit, to be a part of it," said Nix. "It's always a lot of fun to be here with the kids and to watch them. This really is a great deal for the community, going on 29 years now. I'm just happy they keep asking me back.

"I love all of it," said Nix with a laugh. "There's no one part of the kindergarten rodeo you can't enjoy. All of the excitement and watching the kids, and you have the atmosphere of a real live rodeo." Nix, whose roots in really taking an interest

ng days. "We're hoping to help

Those interested in booth space can pick up an application at the Big Spring Area Chamber of commerce, 215 W. Third, or online at www.keep-November to enhance the bigspringbeautiful.org

"Any kind of garage projects sale stuff, crafts and food items can be sold. We include the Don't Mess invite church groups, Relay For Life groups, coming up April 14, Make other organizations and, A Difference Day in the of course, individuals, to join in the fun," said Brumley.

in the sport.

"My kids were in the kindergarten rodeo about the time it started," said Cathey, named to the **Professional Bull Riders** Ring of Honor. "It's a lot of fun watching the whole deal. It's good for the kids, and they enjoy it. Seems like everyone enjoys it.

"It's really good for them to learn about rodeo at such an early age. They know the different events, and with so many events and bull riding stuff being

televised, even the little "I've worked in the school kids know the bulls and the riders. They keep up with it better than most of the older people do."

And while the rodeo features the talents of the students, it was Coahoma Elementary School Patricia Principal Bennett who was named honorary rodeo queen, an honor the modest administrator said surprised her.

"Surely there has to be someone else," said Bennett with a laugh.

district since the Coahoma V Kindergarten Rodeo got its start, so I've been a part of this for a long time. My favorite part is the clowns. The little ones that act like rodeo clowns, they're so cute and they all do such an incredible job."

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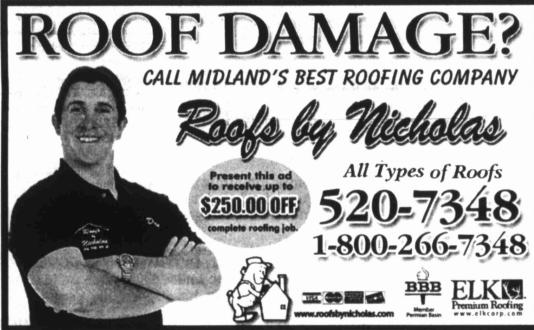
Prayer to the Virgin Mary Pray nine Hail Mary's during nine days with a lit candle and ask for three favors, one economic, two impossible and on the eighth day publish. On the ninth, let the candle be consumed. Even without faith they shall be fulfilled M.R.

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Ronnie Freeman, 49, died Friday, March 23, 2007. Graveside Services were at 11:00 AM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



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in front of a steady flow of shoppers and will be helping an organization that

benefits Big Spring. "Funds raise are used for local projects that Keep Big Spring Beautiful selects to participate in," Brumley. "For said instance, one was the light posts and benches project around the courthouse. We've heard really good comments about that.

cation efforts in conjunction with the city," she added, referring to the city's successful bond issue, passed by voters in

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OPINION

BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, March 30, 2007



"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Bill McCielian

News Editor

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Ron Midkiff Publisher John A. Moseley Managing Editor

OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

· American Business Clubs of Big Spring for another great Rattlesnake Roundup. We had a great time browsing through the arts and crafts fair before watching the "Texas Snake Man" Jackie Bibby and others do their magic with the slithery reptiles.

• Caleb Wigington, who raised more than \$1,400 to benefit St. Judge's Children's Hospital. Not bad for a 6-year-old, huh?

• Brint Ryan, whose pledge to renovate the Settles Hotel — backed by his wallet — reassured many of us. We share the same dreams — a better quality of life for all in our community.

· Coahoma Elementary School students, teachers, staff and administration, on a wonderful 29th-Stickhorse Rodeo. Thanks too, to Quail and his sidekicks, Jody, Wacey, Ben, the Howard College Rodeo Team and Coach Greg Kernick. Great job, folks.

The governor strikes ou

exas Gov. Rick Perry is having a rough legislative session because he's not been minding his ABCs. He's losing personal credibility and expending his meager political capital, way short of the mandate he boasts. Perry is also inciting political rebellion among

Texas Republicans since his re-election last year because he hasn't yet learned or doesn't remember some pesky letters of the alphabet, like HPV, TXU, TYC and CHIP. The ones he couldn't afford to forget, though, but very ones he did, are GOP.

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knowing the ABCs of politics, but even sadder is making current adversaries out of former allies. Perry is not a rookie to this sport. He should know the rules of and how to play the "favors beget returns" game. Minimally, he should hang with the home team, the players who re-elected him, albeit by the slimmest of margins. In Texas, political loyalties run with the branch of government, not party affiliation. The executive has never trumped the legislature, and Perry failed to play the deferential, dutiful governor to the legislative branch this time out. He's been going downhill ever since this year's session opened.

In February, Perry issued an executive order mandating the HPV vaccine for 6th grade girls. After much public disapproval, the House, angry over such unilateral action and the usurpation of their legislative authority, approved a bill that would rescind it. Strike one.

ADDRESSES

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Next, Perry fast-tracked the permitting process for TXU Energy's coal-fired power plants. Then in February, a state district court declared his order unconstitutional. Strike two.

Further, after allegations of sexual abuse at the Texas Youth **Commission broke about early** March, and after the Senate voted to fire its board, all of the Perryappointed members recently resigned. He now wants to hire a special master to oversee the restructuring of the agency, but lawmakers are insisting he appoint a conservator. A conservator's powers and duties are outlined in state law, presumably for accountability reasons, outside the governor's scope of power. **Depending on Texas' Attorney General Greg Abbott's decision** about appointing a special master, the TYC mess could be a third strike.

Lastly, the House is set to debate and vote on a bill (at this writing) restoring the 2003 budget cuts made to CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, which knocked some 200,000 needy children off state insurance rolls. The bill has broad bipartisan support and will probably pass. Strike four?

A, B, C, D and Perry is O-U-T. So back to kindergarten for Perry, to learn - or review how not to cross compatriots on the political playground, lest he become a lame duck with 3 1/2years left of his second full term and another legislative session in two years through which to waddle.

Maybe Perry has a Napoleonic complex for which he needs a dose of Dr. Phil's pop-pseudo-therapy. His present strategy of "mano a mano" — Perry against the politicos - certainly doesn't seem to be

working. Democrats won't defend him - not after his double-crossing four years ago by hooking up with Tom DeLay on congressional redistricting. And Republicans are calling Perry down from the pulpit--"Whoa there Bubba, you just think you're in charge." They are not so subtly reminding him that historically, a Texas governor doesn't have much influence and even less authority, and there's no need to change now. In a defeat for Perry's dictatorial delusions, the Republicans are calling him on the carpet for his power-grabbing policies.

The governor's mansion must be a lonely place without friends and with plenty of foes, which is probably why Perry, who is suspected of harboring vice presidential aspirations, recently hit the low road to the Middle East, allegedly on a fact-finding trip. Fortuitous timing, indeed, but he did know when to say "when," when being absent from Austin could be to his advantage?

It's not cowardice: it's convenience. It's coincidence, Perry's staff wants us to believe. And then there are some wetlands in West Texas for sale, cheap.

It's easier to ask forgiveness than permission, and Perry had better start begging if he wants to revive his governorship from the political dead.

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center, on attaining "Quality Respiratory Care Recognition" under a national program designed to ensure the safety of patients. Congratulations!

• First Church of God and their new pastor, Dr. Stephen Walls, his wife Lupe, 10-year-old son and two grandchildren. The reverend will begin his service to the church Sunday. May God bless you all.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Four years of fighting and fraud

he nation observed the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq last week. I don't know how it was at your house, but our ceremony was very low key — no party hats, no gifts, just a few patriotic songs. ("Let's Kick the Kaiser in the Can" is a family favorite).

President George W. Bush used the occasion to issue a warning to Congress on the perils of cutting our losses in the war.

"It can be tempting to look at the challenges in Iraq and conclude our best option is to pack up and go home," he said in a brief

address to the nation. "That may be satisfying in the short run, but I believe the consequences would be devastating."

And Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a separate appearance, said that getting rid of Saddam Hussein had been "worth the sacrifice."

"Nothing of value is ever won unless there is sacrifice," she said on "Good Morning America."

Which is true, particularly when others are making the sacrifice.

I, a mildly affluent citizen firmly rooted in the middle class, have not been called upon to make a single sacrifice in this conflict. During World War II, I dragged my little red wagon around the neighborhood collecting scrap paper to help the war effort. Korea found me in the Naval Reserve.

learning Morse code. But this time...nothing. Zilch. My taxes haven't even gone up.

That's my kind of sacrifice. President Bush, when asked about the lack of general sacrifice in this war, said Americans ...sacrifice peace of mind when they see the terrible images of violence on TV every night.

Well sure, if they watch "24" or "The Sopranos." But if they watch the news? Not so much.

Someone clocked the war coverage on the major networks' nightly news shows for the week of Feb. 5 recently. ABC and NBC were tied with 14 minutes each on the war. CBS spent four minutes on it.

That sound you hear is Edward R. Murrow rolling over in his grave.

Opponents of the war turned out thousands strong in Washington to protest it. They were confronted by counter-protestors, fewer thousands strong, who yelled bumper sticker slogans at them. "America, Love it or Leave it," that sort of thing.

Oddly enough, the protestors seemed to be largely from a class of people like me, who had paid no discernible price for this war. The counter-protestors, on the other hand, were largely war veterans and other members of the class that has borne virtually its entire burden. Go figure.

I don't mean to make light of the sacrifices of this war. The ones who have sacrificed have sacrificed mightily. More than 3,200 American men and women have been killed, another 24,000 wounded, many of them grievously. No one knows how many have been damaged psychologically by his or her experience, but it's many. That's no joke.

But the cynicism with which this administration took us to war and the ineptitude and corruption that have marked the conduct of it make it difficult to evade bitter irony when discussing it.

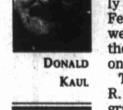
When I hear the president or one of his cabinet officers talk about this war, I feel as though I'm listening to a space alien. We don't speak the same language.

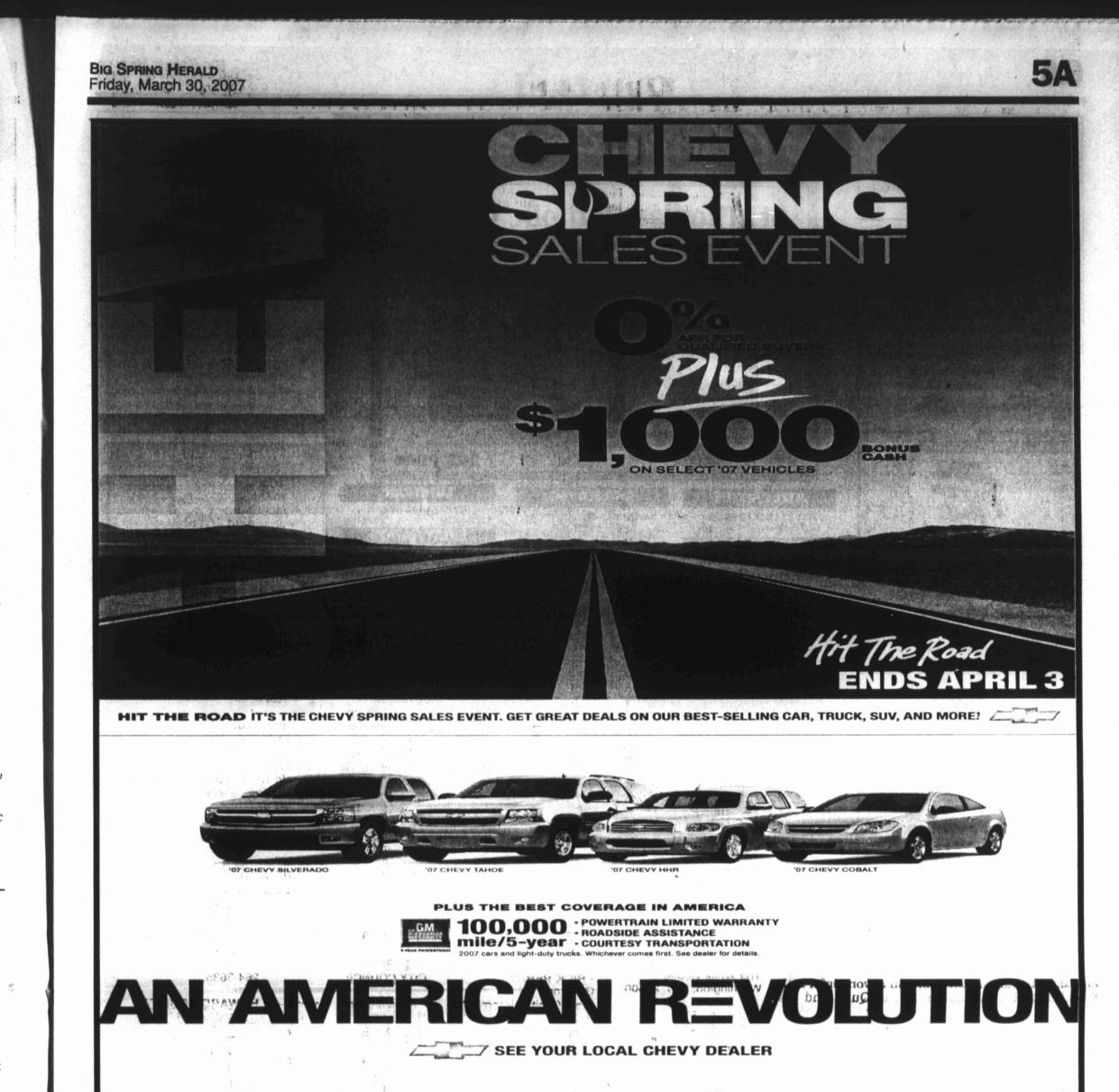
In trying to explain away his low popularity ratings, Mr. Bush said, "We've got a fantastic economy here in the United States but yet when you think about the psychology of the country, it is somewhat down because of the war."

What fantastic economy is he talking about? Wall Street? Yeah, that's great, but Main Street is hurting. And it's not just the war we're down about, Mr. President, it's Hurricane Katrina and Abu Ghraib and the Walter Reed hospital scandal and the outing of Valerie Plame and the firing of the district attorneys and the relentless lies that come out of the White House daily.

Other than that, Mr. President, everything is going great. Happy anniversary.

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We will also hold special mid-day services Monday through Friday, April 2-6. These informal gatherings will be held in Garrett Hall and will feature a light meal and a special video message and discussion. We will begin the meal at noon and be finished with the discussion before 1 p.m.

Holy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m. April 5. This service will be held in the sanctuary and will include Holy Communion and scripture lessons that provide an extended meditation on the death of Christ.

Easter Sunday's schedule includes sunrise service at the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park, Easter breakfast and worship service in Garrett Hall at 8:15 a.m., Sunday school classes and regular service of worship at 10:50 a.m.

At this very special time we ask for continued prayers for our pastor and his young family as he fights his battle with cancer.

First United Methodist Church's buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring. Come join us.

Life Church

Celebrate with us on Easter Sunday, April 8, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1, Dying to Live

Sunday, April 8, Reason for a Resurrection. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

Baptist Church

The congregation of Birdwell Lane Baptist

for the sole purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ and being a blessing to you and your family. Services are infromal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching and a friendly atmosphere. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided.

Sunday revival service times are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Services Monday and Wednesday nights are at 7 p.m. Tuesday revival services begin at 9 a.m. with breakfast, followed by special music and special speakers from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served. There will be no evening services on Tuesday.

or a ride to church, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

East Fourth Street **Baptist Church**

Sunday, The East Fourth Street Baptist Church choir will present their Easter musical, "Nail Scarred Hands." It will be at the 11 a.m. service. Comments will be given by Dan Shadix.

First Christian Church

Holy Weeks observances begin this Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. with a processional of children carrying palms into worship. Guest artist Kelila Slate from Montrose, Colo., along with Mollie Walker from Big Spring, will provide special music for the morning's worship.



First Church of God

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Walls will be preaching his first sermon as the new pastor of the First Church of God at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Walls, his wife Lupe, 10-year-old son Alfred, and two small grandchildren arrived in Big Spring last week, coming from Virginia following the church's unanimous vote to call him as pastor.

"The Walls family loves this area and is so excited to be here and we are extremely happy to have them," said the Rev. Jerry Kolb, who has served as the church's interim pastor.

Walls has pastored churches in several Southern states and has been director of numerous state youth camps, as well as being active in civic organizations where ever he has pastored.

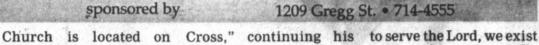
With three degrees in theology, including a doctorate from a Baptist seminary, he is an ordained minister of the Church of God with genral agencies in Anderson, Ind. He went into the ministry full-time 15 years ago following a successful career in sales management.

The First Church of God is located at the corner of 21st and S. Main streets and warmly welcomes all who wish to attend. The church has no formal membership and extends fellowship to all believers.

The Rev. McIntosh's sermon, "We Think We Know," based on Luke 19:20-40, will explore the landscape of the holy week events. Sunday school elasses for youth and adults begin at 9:30 a.m.

Ken Maundy Thursday in many faith traditions, there will be a Service of Tenebrae starting at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the service is

On Thursday, known as See CHURCH, Page 9A



Salem Baptist Church meets each Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service and young people's church at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. Nursery service is available.

Salem Baptist Church

Wednesday evening services are held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

The next fifth Sunday sing is April 29. We will also be dedicating our new remodeled sanctuary at that time. Please join us for an evening of fellowship beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact the church at 394-4655. Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Colorado Old City Highway and Salem Road. The Rev. Monroe Teeters is pastor.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Palm Liturgy and

Holy Eucharist will be observed at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

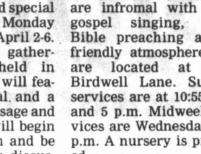
First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minster, will speak on text taken from Luke 23:1-49 at the worship service at 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday. Everyone will join the processional to place palm fronds on the cross at the front of the sanctuary. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" will be held at 10:35 a.m.

On Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., Rick Ufford Chase, who was moderator of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. from 2004-



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The church is starting a spring revival Sunday, April 1, through Wednesday, April 4.

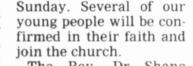
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2006, will be the guest speaker. He is one of the youngest moderators in the history of the church. He worked with border ministry in Arizona and peacemaking projects. Guests have been invited from surrounding churches in the Presbytery for "Conversations Rick." He will also speak Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. A light supper will be provided Sunday. On Wednesday, regular Bible study will be held at 5:17 p.m. and at 6 p.m. there will be choir practice. On Thursday, Maundy Thursday ser-

vice and communion will be held at 6 p.m. and on Friday, the Good Friday Tennebrae service scheduled for 6 p.m. Easter Sunday morning

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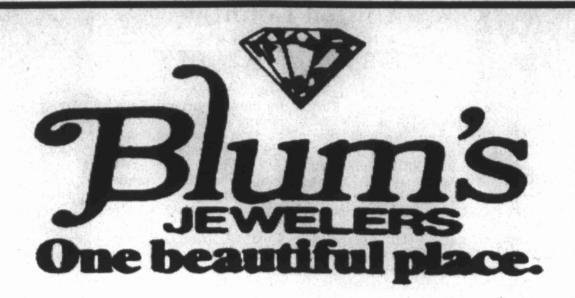
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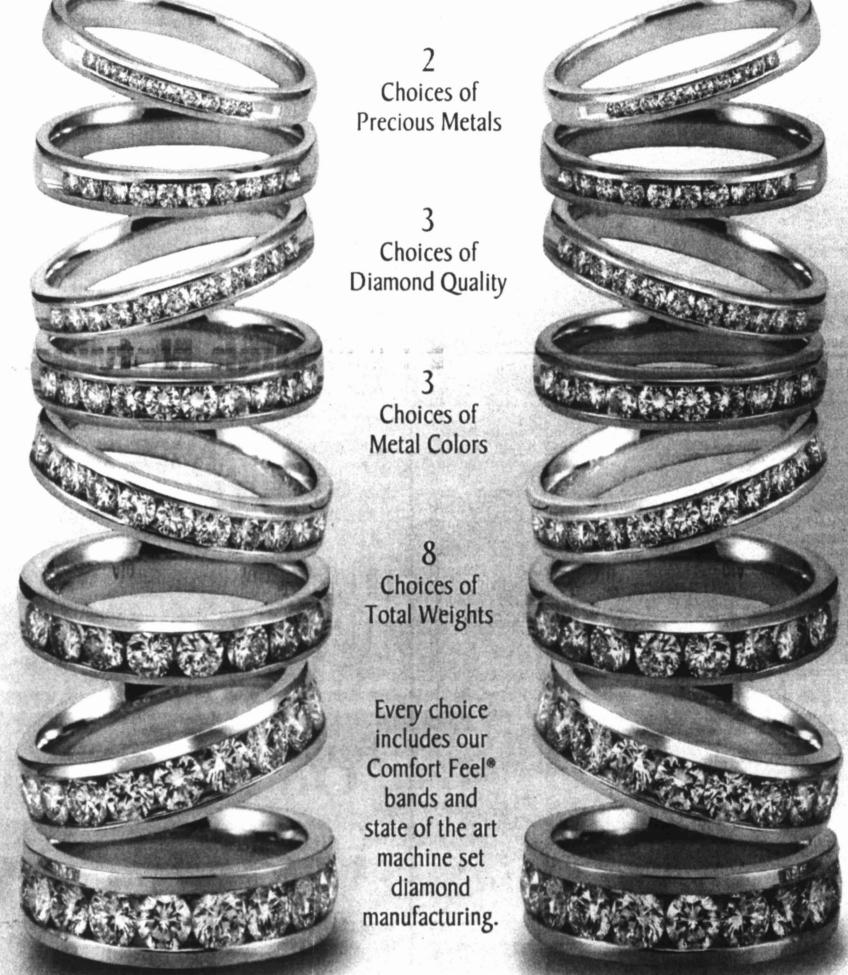






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to manifest the emotional aspects of the passion story. It will be a somber service because the occasion is somber. The service will deal with the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events, and it will end in darkness, waiting until Easter morning to finish the story.

This year's service will consists of communion, prayer, special music and readings offered by 12 church members. Many who attend find this special service very moving, as well as discover a deeper joy on Easter morning.

On Saturday, April 7, children are invited to an Easter Egg hunt and hot dog picnic at the church starting at 4 p.m. Eggs will include an assortment of candies, as well as other surprises. There will be one service on Easter Sunday morning starting at 10:50 a.m.

Berea Family Fun Day

Berea Baptist Church is hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday. This is a day for the whole family and will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

The schedule will include activities for everyone from young donated. April orders will be

children through adults. Since spring weather in our area is unpredictable, we will just move inside if the weather happens to be messy. We will have such things as croquette, table games, football throw, volleyball, sack race, face painting, crafts, cookie baking and more. Dimples the Clown will join us Saturday afternoon.

A free lunch of hot dogs and drinks will be provided, along with other goodies. We invite you to join us on Saturday for a good family day.

Berea Baptist Church is located at 4204 Wasson Road in Big Spring. If you need transportation, please call 267-8438 and leave a message. Your call will be returned. If you have questions about the Fun Day, call Dwayne Wheat at 270-4328 or Bernadine Grissett at 935-4601.

Berea's Sunday schedule includes Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The Angel Food Ministries of North Birdwell UMC delivery day is Saturday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Please make note of the later time for delivery. Orders not picked up by 5 p.m. will be

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available at the time of delivery. Orders will also be taken Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 7, and Friday, April 13, at the church, located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. You may place your order, with cash payment, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

Plans are progressing for the addition to the church. The building fund is growing. The parking area has been extended to help accommodate the crowds on Angel Food delivery day. We hope to have that area paved and some concrete work done soon. If you would like to be a part of the growth of North Birdwell UMC, call 267-4082 for more information.

Preparations for Vacation Bible School, scheduled June 18-21, are being put into place. We are looking foward to an exciting week with the theme of "Life Off, Soaring to New Heights with God."

We invite you to attend Easter morning services beginning at 9:30 a.m. A special communion service will be held at that time. Sunday school classes for all ages will follow at 10:30 a.m. You are also invited to Wednesday Bible Study on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and United Methodist Women meetings on the second and fourth

Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are happy to welcome you to Spring Creek Fellowship where you make connections for life. Join us this Sunday and let us connect with you.

Fellowship begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. where we have classes for all ages.

Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with great music led by worship pastor Stan Hanes.

Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, will be preaching on the crucifixion of Jesus. Sunday night we will be learning about our spiritual gifts and will be having homemade ice cream and hot dogs in a churchwide fellowship.

Wednesday is a time for connecting at our potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m., when adult Bible study, yourth worship — led by youth pastor Chris Tucker — and children's choirs begin.

We will be having our Easter services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Easter Sunday.

You can reach us at 714-4584 or at www.springcreekfellowship-.org.

To get to the church, go down I-20 east to the Salem exit. Go under the overpass and turn back toward Big Spring. We are about 300 yards down the service road.

Anti-Mormon group gives away DVDs PHOENIX (AP) -

group opposed to The **Church of Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints distributed 18,000 copies of a film designed to sway Mormons to quit.

The DVDs of "Jesus Christ/Joseph Smith" were handed out in Mesa. Gilbert, Tempe, Snowflake, Taylor and Tucson, said Jim Robertson, executive director of Concerned Christians, an organization largely made up of former Mormons. The film contrasts the teachings of Jesus Christ and Latterday Saints founder Joseph Smith.

Smith, considered a prophet by Mormons, said God miraculously empowered him to translate the sacred Book of Mormon from golden plates. Smith revised and in his view corrected large sections of the Bible.

"We're not against the Mormon people," said Robertson. "If we hated the Mormons, we'd let them stew in their own juices."

Muslim woman sues Detroit judge for asking her to remove veil in court

By JEFF KAROUB

Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — A Muslim woman whose small-claims court case was dismissed after she refused to remove her veil sued the judge this week, saying her religious and civil rights were violated.

Ginnnah Muhammad, 42, of Detroit, says in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit that Judge Paul Paruk's request to remove her veil - and his decision to dismiss her case when she didn't - was unconstitutional based on her First Amendment right to practice her religion.

The claim against Paruk also cites a federal civil rights law in alleging that

courts because of her religion.

Muhammad wore a niqab — a scarf and veil that covers her head and face, leaving only the eyes visible – during the October hearing in Hamtramck, a city surrounded by Detroit.

She was contesting a \$2,750 charge from a rental-car company to repair a vehicle that she said thieves had broken into.

Paruk told her he needed to see her face to judge her truthfulness and gave her a choice: take off the veil while testifying or have the case dismissed. She kept it on.

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Muhammad was denied access to the claim seeking a judgment of \$2,000 against Muhammad. A hearing is set for April 18 before Paruk in Hamtramck's district court.

Muhammad's attorney, Nabih Ayad, said that she unsuccessfully sought to get a different judge to hear the case and that she and her client plan to ask him to remove himself from the case.

Metropolitan Detroit has one of the country's largest Muslim and Arab populations. The lawsuit says that because of that, others have either come before Paruk or will come before him. "Thus, future harm is imminent.'

"You should be able to be who you are Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. then filed a as long as you're not a criminal or hurt-

ing other people," said Muhammad, who converted to Islam when she was 10 and runs an aromatherapy business in suburban Detroit. "I want to make sure everyone across the board is able to practice their religion freely in a democratic society.'

Muhammad said she would have removed her veil before a female judge.

"The way I believe in Islam is that a woman is very virtuous," she said. "We should be covered when we come out. This protects me as well as other people. I believe that God wants me that way."

Michigan law has no rules on how judges should handle religious attire of people in court.

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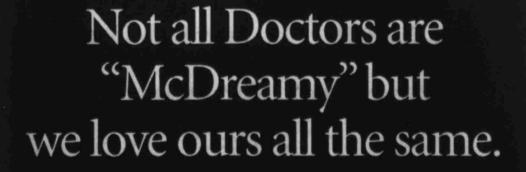
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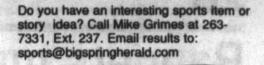
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IN BRIEF **Relay for Life** Volleyball Tourney

Saturday, April 7 there will be a volleyball tournament at the Goliad Gym for Relay for Life. Registration will start at 10 a.m. and the first game will be played at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per player and each team will consist of three boys and three girls. The tournament is open to all age groups.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring teens baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this year. If anyone is inter-ested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players. The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each

Entry fee is \$60. plus a cart fee. For additional information, contact Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Stanton edges Coahoma in golf

BIG HERALD

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports

Colorado City Record The Stanton Buffaloes didn't set the world on fire Wednesday afternoon at Wolf Creek Golf Links, but they did manage to turn up the heat just enough to edge out the Coahoma Bulldogs for the overall boys' team title at the Colorado City Invitational.

Stanton's top five golfers carded a score of 345 over 18 holes, besting Coahoma by five strokes. The Merkel Badgers finished third with a total of 357.

Stanton's Justin Hinojosa walked away with the top medalist honors. Despite high winds, with team scores of 417. Jr. - now a freshman at LHS he fired an 8-over-par 80 over the 18 holes. Merkel's Austin Hilburn was second with a score of 81, while Coahoma's Blake Cates was third at 83.

Colorado City, which did not field a team, was led during the tournament by Nathan McCright, Brian Toombs and Zach Pfeuffer. McCright shot a 90, while both Toombs and Pfeuffer finished with scores of 96. The Wolves' Kirk Leverton fired a 122, giving the CHS foursome a final mark of 404.

The Westbrook Wildcats and Loraine Bulldogs both finished

led the Wildcats with a mark of 94, while Michael Morton and Jordan Truelove finished at 109 and 114, respectively. Drake Thurman and Colton Nobles also played well, scoring 100 and 121. Kenny Esqivel led Loraine's squad with a 91, one stroke betthan senior Bivian ter Hermosillo Jr. Other Loraine golfers playing in the tournament were Jacob Sanchez (100), Justin Fountain (116), Alejandro Lopez (137), Mario Lopez (148) and Joel Bradley (157). Former Big Spring student Tommy Wells See STANTON, page 2B

Westbrook junior Tate Burleson shot a 134 in his first tournament.

> The Merkel Lady Badgers won the girls' team title with a mark of 443 - 11 strokes better than Stanton.

> Jordan Hammond turned in a slid effort for the Colorado City girls, turning in an 18-hole mark of 111. Brittany McKinney and Jade Cannon also competed in the tournament and finished as 118 and 134, respectively.

Claudia Barrera was Loraine's only entrant. She finished with a

Appleby dislikes his 66; Leonard pleased with 67 By CHRIS DUNCAN **AP Sports Writer** HUMBLE - Stuart Appleby was back on top of the leaderboard at the Houston Open on

Thursday with the same first-round score that propelled him to a six-shot victory last year.

He wasn't as excited about his 6-under 66 this time, because he knows he isn't playing as well as he was a year ago.

Kevin Sutherland and rookie Johnson Wagner, who was born in Amarillo, also shot 66s to share the first-round lead. Like Appleby, they teed off in the morning, before gusty wind kicked up and made the 7,457-yard Tournament Course at Redstone more challenging.

"The course is there to be had," Appleby said. "It's not a difficult course in no wind."

Texans Justin Leonard, Jeff Maggert and Bob Estes were in a group of

birdied three of his first four holes in the early morning, when conditions were calm and the course was most vulnerable.

"That really set the theme for the day," he said.

Appleby added three birdies on his back nine, but said the round was rougher than his score revealed. He missed seven of 14 fairways, finding a bunker with his tee shot on the par-5 fourth hole that led to a bogey.

Appleby still easily broke 70 for the first time this year, scoring well despite playing what he called his "C" game.

"I'm not really worried about trying to just play good every week and win," he said. "I'm more worried about playing poorer golf better. That's probably what today was. It wasn't quite right, but it was a lot better golf."

Leonard, who lives in Dallas, shot in the 60s for the first time since last October, playing what he thought was his best round since 2005. The 1997 British Open champion finished 109th on the money list last



MCT photo/Darrell Byers/Fort Worth Star-Tel

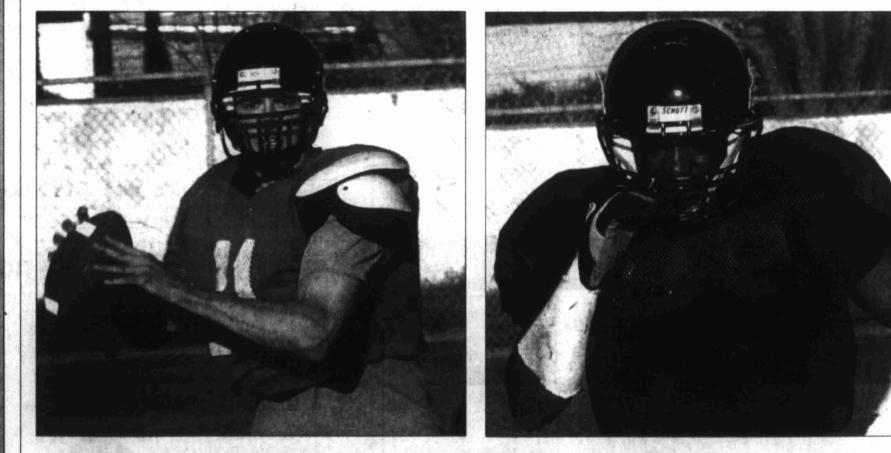
Justin Leonard hits out of a bunker on the 10th green during round two of the 2006 EDS Byron Nelson Championship. Leonard is in contention for the Houston Open after shooting a 67.

six players one shot back after 67s. Estes had the lowest round of the afternoon starters.

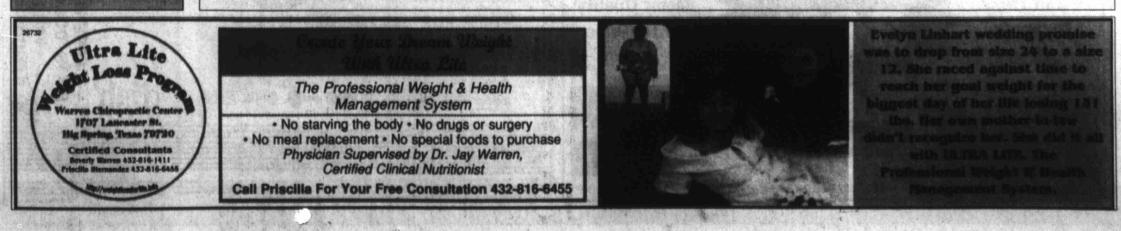
Appleby hasn't won since Houston last year and has only one top-30 finish in seven starts in 2007. The Australian

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Roughnecks open season in Big Spring Saturday



Among the players competing for the Roughneck's are quarterback Chad Friehauf and linebacker Ronnie Braxton. Both players have spent time in the NFL and looking to improve their skills to make a return. The Odessa Roughnecks will play the San Angelo Stampede, Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.



U of H extends Penders' contract

Houston men's basketball coach Tom Penders' contract has been extended through 2012. Athletic director Dave Maggard said Thursday that Penders had dramatically improved the Cougars program and school officials want-ed to publicly display their confidence in Penders.

The university did not release financial details of the one-year extension. Penders, 61, led the Cougars to a third straight winning season with an 18-15.

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Rangers make moves and prepare for opening day

Royals 7, Rangers 5

SURPRISE, Ariz. - The Texas Rangers may have some tough roster decisions to make before opening day. Sammy Sosa isn't one of them.

Returning after missing four games with a stomach virus, Sosa hit his fifth homer of the spring in the Rangers' 7-5 loss to the Kansas City Royals in their final Cactus League game Thursday.

After being out of the majors last season, Sosa hit .404 with 15 RBIs in 16 games in Arizona after the 1998 NL MVP and seven-time All-Star came to camp with his original team on a minor league contract.

Rangers manager Ron Washington plans to use Sosa primarily as a designated hitter with a few games in right field. Where will he be for the season opener Monday night at the Los Angeles Angels?

"I'll be happy wherever the skipper wants me to play," said Sosa, who is fifth on the career home run list with 588. "I feel good, strong and I am ready to go."

Washington was noncommittal on the club's plans for Sosa, but said that the 38-year-old slugger - who will have a base salary of about \$600,000 this season had a good comeback day.

"He's still seeing the ball well," Washington said.

Texas' Durant first freshman to win AP player of the year

line.

ATLANTA (AP) -Kevin Durant of Texas was selected Friday as The Associated Press' college basketball player of the year, the first freshman to receive the honor.

The 6-foot-9 swingman finished fourth in the country in scoring (25.8) and rebounding (11.1) while leading the Longhorns to a 25-10 record, the Big 12 tournament championship game and the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Durant received all but two votes for player of the year from the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Senior forward Alando Tucker of Wisconsin, the Big Ten player of the year, got the only other two votes.

Durant, the Big 12 player and freshman of the year, shot 47 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent from the free-throw

Despite rumors that he would leave school early, the freshman stayed focus and his numbers never suffered. In fact, NBA scouts said that the way he handled all of the off the court distractions made him even more attractive in the upcoming draft.

He averaged 36 minutes per game and led the Longhorns in steals and blocked shots. He had 20 double-doubles and scored at least 30 points a Big 12-record 11 times.

In Texas' five postseason games, he averaged 28.5 points and 9.6 rebounds.

He is the first Longhorn player to receive the award, which was first presented in 1961. J.J. Redick of Duke won

the award last season.

"He looked strong. That was a pretty good day, he hit the ball sharply in the second, turned around a 96 mph fastball for a home run and worked the pitcher well for a walk.'

Sosa's homer gave the Rangers a 4-3 lead in the sixth. But Royals used an error, a walk and Mark Teahen's three-run home run to regain the lead in the eighth off Ezequiel Astacio, who was claimed off waivers from Houston earlier this week. It was Teahen's fourth homer.

Mark Grudzielanek, who had knee surgery March 5, went 1-for-3 in his second straight game. He plans to be in the lineup for Monday's opener against Boston.

Royals starter Odalis Perez left after three innings because of a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand. Perez said he won't miss a start, but manager Buddy Bell wasn't as certain

"I don't know what his status is for the second game of the year," Bell said "We don't want him to have to deal with this every other game."

Non-roster invitee Matt Kata doubled and tripled for the Rangers, and may have won a utility role this spring, when he hit .396. Minor leaguer Casey Benjamin hit a two-run homer for Texas.

Jennings leads Astros to victory after rough start

ROUND ROCK - Jason said. Jennings settled down and finished with a flourish in his final spring training tuneup.

Houston's No. 2 starter gave up two runs - one earned - in the first inning before finding a groove Thursday night and pitching an Astros split squad to a 6-4 victory over the Round Rock Express, their Triple-A affiliate.

"I was making my pitches early, but we got a bad bounce on a doubleplay ball. But other than that, I felt pretty good out there," Jennings said.

The right-hander tossed four innings, striking out the side in the fourth. He finished with four strikeouts while allowing three hits. Jennings left with a 6-2 lead.

"My four-seam fastball started cutting pretty well in the fourth inning and the regular season," he for the club this spring.

Jennings, acquired from Colorado in the offseason, is scheduled to start Tuesday against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Minute Maid Park.

New slugger Carlos Lee, who signed a \$100 million contract with Houston, had a double and a single. He also stole a base and scored twice. Lee has looked like the player the Astros were hoping for when they signed him and all indications are that the team will have a much improved offense.

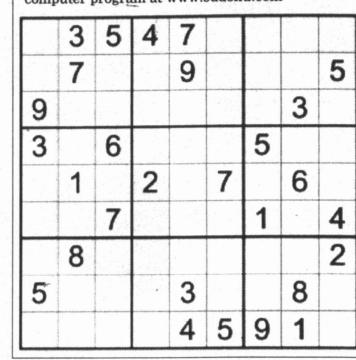
Morgan Ensberg and Adam Everett each had a two-run double for the Astros, who scored five runs in the fourth.

Hunter Pence of the Express hit a two-run homer off Houston closer Brad Lidge in the fifth. Last season the team looked to trade Lidge, but my control was ready for * so far he has looked solid

The Royals gave 13-year veteran Alex Gonzalez his release after he hit .444. Gonzalez came to camp on a minor league contract trying to win a utility role, but became expendable with Grudzielanek back. ... Texas broke camp in Arizona still with 35 players on the roster, including 18 pitchers. Washington doesn't plan to make the final cuts until Sunday's deadline.

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Bidding Quiz

Your right-hand opponent opens with One Diamond, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands? 1. ♦ KQ9863 ♥ A4 ♦ K7 ♦ AJ5

two clubs on such a shabby suit, which would risk a severe penalty. 3, One spade. This is a typical hand for a vulnerable one-level over-

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Continued from 1B year and hasn't had a top-

10 finish since last February. Leonard missed the cut

in his first six starts this year and finally ran out of patience. He fired swing coach Butch Harmon and caddie Brent Everson and reunited with Randy Smith, the pro at Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. who was Leonard's first instructor.

started working with his old teacher, his outlook improved.

"It's probably 10 percent swing and it's probably 90 percent just the surroundings, being at Royal Oaks on the back of the range," Leonard said. "When you make changes, it's easier to go back to what you know, because there's a familiarity there. I think that breeds confidence." Leonard has also started seeing a sports psychologist, trying to rediscover

him win 10 tournaments between 1996-2005.

Two weeks ago at Bay Hill, Leonard tied for 75th with his childhood coach at his side and new caddie Brian Smith (no relation) on his bag. It was nothing spectacular, but Leonard saw encouraging progress.

Leonard spent the last two weeks working with Randy Smith in Dallas and arrived in Houston feeling good about his game for the first time in

"After the work that I've put in the last 10 days, I kind of expected to play well," he said. "It's a nice change of pace."

Leonard kick-started his round by chipping in from behind the green at No. 2. He holed a 10-foot putt on the next hole and added birdie putts on Nos. 7, 12 and 13.

"It's a round that I can build on," he said. "I don't feel like I'm over any hump. But I got a whole lot closer today."

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1. Double. This hand is too strong for a simple overcall, which more often than not is based on less than opening-bid values. You therefore double to force partner to respond, after which you plan to bid spades. Doubling and then bidding your own suit implies a hand of 17 or more points and a strong suit, which is exactly what you have.

A typical takeout double would be based on a hand of 12 to 16 points with support for the unbid suits. In that case, you would be planning to pass partner's non-jump response. When instead you remove partner's response to your own suit, you indicate the type of hand you have here. 2. Pass. While this hand would qualify as an opening bid, the best policy is to take no action over one diamond. A double is likely to elicit a heart or spade response from partner, and you are not prepared for either. It is out of the question to overcall with

call — strong suit, near-opening strength. If you were not vulnerable, you could have a couple of points less. 4. One notrump. Still another way

of announcing a good hand is by an overcall of one notrump. This is the most precise of all competitive bids. It is very similar to an opening bid of one notrump, indicating 16 to 18 points, balanced distribution and allaround strength, especially in the opponent's suit.

Although the hand has the highcard strength for a double, it is much better to try to pinpoint the exact type of hand held.

5. Double. Here you have a solid heart suit, but it is still better to go through the motions of indicating uncertainty about the proper trump suit. The double leaves you in control and might also induce a helpful

Thus, if partner responds with one spade, you might well undertake a game in spades or hearts right away, while if partner's response were two clubs, you would simply bid two hearts and allow him to pass at a low level with a poor hand.

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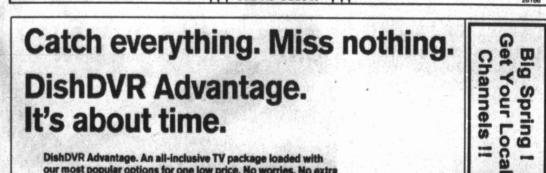
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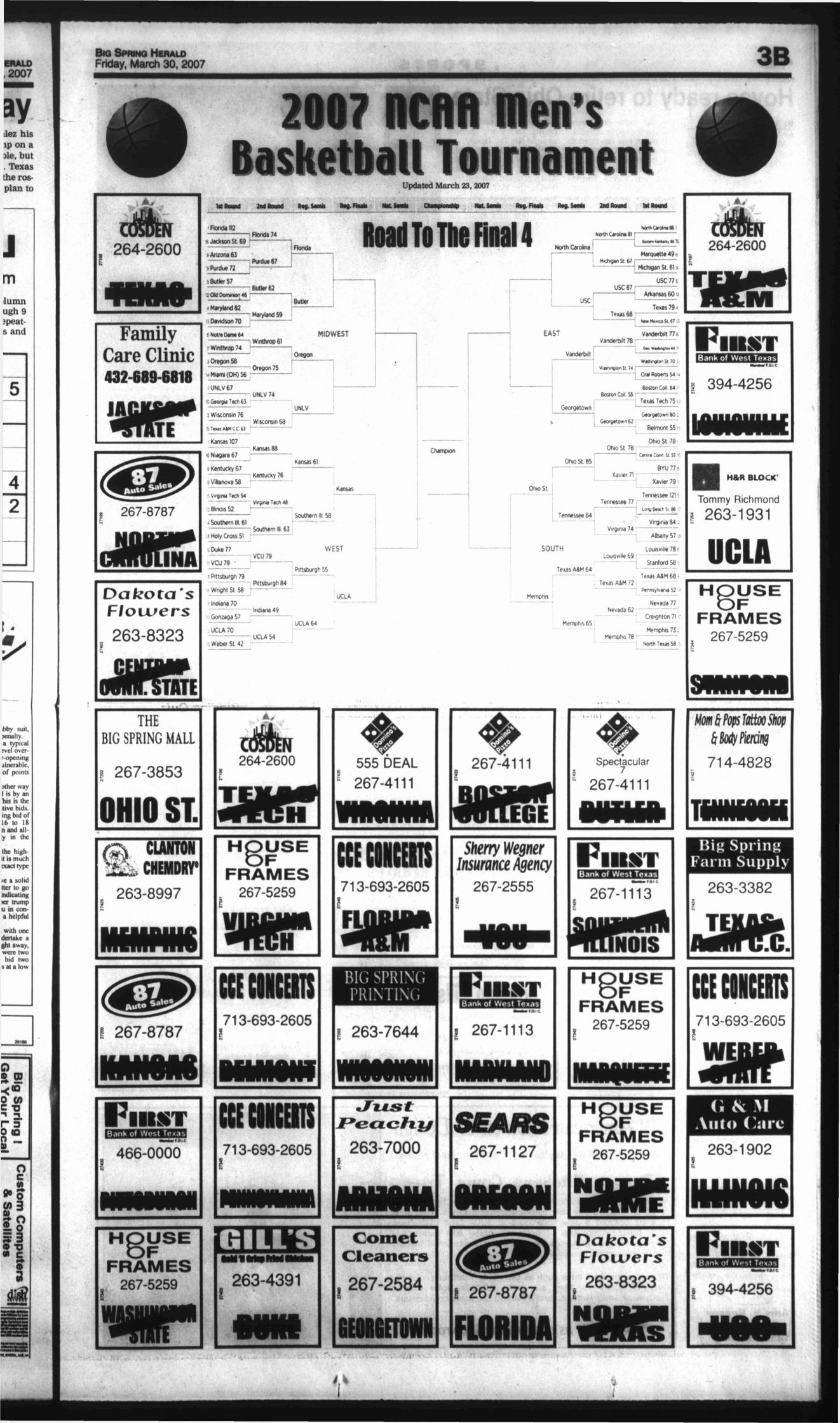
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Hoyas ready to retire Ohio State

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

ATLANTA - Passing and cutting, Georgetown worked its offense to perfection and Ohio State was powerless to do anything about it. Just as bad, the Buckeyes couldn't get anything of their own going offensively.

The game most thought would be a gimme for Ohio State in the second round of last year's NCAA tournament turned out to be anything but. In what might have been the surest sign Georgetown really was back, the Hoyas routed the secondseeded Buckeyes.

In OSU's back yard, no less.

Fast-forward a year, and the teams are meeting again, this time in the Final Four. But anyone looking at last year's game to see who will have the edge Saturday would have just as much luck consulting a Ouija board. Actually, the Ouija board might provide more insight.

"They are an extremely different team than they were then. We are an extremely different team than we were then," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "You look at that game just to get a feel for the flow and what we did and what they did, and then you forget about it."

Indeed, about the only thing that's the same are the names on the front of the jerseys.

The Hoyas (30-6) have Roy Hibbert, Jeff Green and Jonathan Wallace back, and they still run that same patient offense that relies on passing and motion. But Georgetown the

has far more depth and finesse this time around. Hibbert has emerged as one of the best big men in the country, holding his own in comparisons with freshmen Kevin Durant and Greg Oden. He averages 12.7 points and 6.9 rebounds and has a double-double streak of five

games going. Not bad for a guy so uncoordinated he couldn't even run when he got to Georgetown.

"He's someone we literally started with showing him how to run. He could barely pick up both of his feet," Thompson said. "He has developed. He has progressed. He has gotten better. He's been extremely willing to listen to what we've tried to teach him. He's someone who wants to be good."

Green can do pretty much everything on the court — and do it well. He leads the team in scoring (14.4 points) and is a close second in rebounds (6.2). And whenever the Hoyas need something to happen, he usually delivers.

While Hibbert and Green get all the attention, it's Georgetown's guards who make the Hoyas go. Wallace may be the third-best scorer on the team, but leave him alone outside and watch out - just ask North Carolina.

It was Wallace's 3-pointer that tied the regional final last weekend and the Hoyas' capped remarkable comeback. He's shooting almost 49 percent from beyond the arc.

Jessie Sapp has put on two of his best efforts in the tournament, scoring a career-high 20 points in opener against

Belmont and adding 15 points and eight assists

against the Tar Heels. And don't forget about DaJuan freshman Summers, who's looking like a grizzled veteran the deeper the Hoyas go into the tournament. Playing the top-seeded Tar Heels didn't faze him at all, as he shot 7-of-10 from the field for a career-high 20 points.

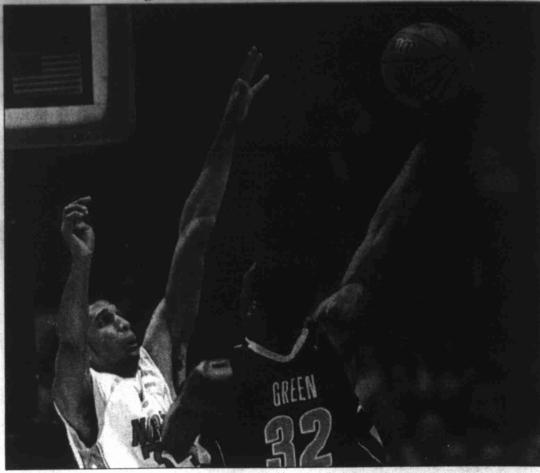
"We have an extremely versatile team that can play different styles," Thompson said. "Close game, being down, being up, I think we have a comfort level with who we are and how we can figure out how to win games together."

For as different as Georgetown looks, it's nothing compared to the Buckeyes (34-3).

Jamar Butler is the only returning starter. Ron Lewis is a senior but coach Thad Matta has entrusted his team to a bunch of babes - four heralded prep players and junior college transfer Othello Hunter, aka the Thad Five.

Everyone knows about Oden, of course, touted as the best domestic-born big man since another Hoya, Patrick Ewing. But Oden missed the first seven games of the season after surgery on his right wrist, and it's only been in the last few weeks he has been able to fully display the considerable skills that will likely make him the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

He leads the Buckeyes in scoring and rebounding, and it was his presence that made the difference as Ohio State beat Memphis in the regional final.



MCT photo/David T. Foster III/Charlotte Observe Georgetown's Jeff Green (32) shoots over the University of North Carolina's Brandan

"I can't wait to play against him on Saturday," Hibbert said. "He's done so much for his team in such a short period of time."

Mike Conley Jr. has emerged as one of the best point guards in the entire country, playing with a savvy some guys in the NBA don't have. He's gone off for 57 points in Ohio State's last three games, and was chosen as the MVP of the South Regional.

Their presence alone ensures that this game will be nothing like last year's.

"We've debated on whether to show our guys any film from last year or not," Matta said, "because it wasn't real pretty."



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Lesson learned, UCLA ready to rewrite script

By EDDIE PELLS

AP National Writer ATLANTA - They say different."

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at what type of mind-set they need to be in to play "I really don't know if to the very best of our

Wright (34) in the second half. Georgetown defeated UNC in overtime, 96-84.

teams learn lessons from their losses. If so, UCLA should be more than ready for its rematch with Florida in the Final Four.

For 40 excruciating minutes in last year's final, the Bruins forced bad shots, played tentative defense, got outhustled and outcoached.

"Just about everything we could have done better," UCLA coach Ben Howland said.

A year after Florida's 73-57 victory, most of the players on both teams remain the same. It's up to the Bruins to try to force a different result in Saturday's semifinals.

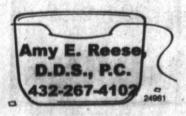
Easier said than done.

Yes, UCLA has four key players, including Arron Afflalo and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, back from last year's debacle. But Florida brought back all five starters.

Yes, UCLA has spent a year being motivated by its loss, for failing to bring a 12th championship Pauley to Pavilion. But Florida has spent the same year trying to prove it can win it all again, and become the first team to repeat since 1992 and the first to win consecutive titles with the same starting five.

Florida coach Billy Donovan has tried to disconnect this season from last.

"I think we're a changed basketball team," he insisted. "I think when you go through the experiences we went through last year, we're all different. I think the coaches



insists that what Donovan really means is "better."

And who's to argue? While their stats are all hovering around where they were last year, Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer and Co. have played from the front this year, haven't snuck up on anyone and, with that burden, have still tied last year's school record with 33 victories.

They have overcome adversity, going on their current eight-game winning streak after losing three of four near the end of the regular season.

They have overcome doubters and haters, from those who questioned them for their decisions to return to college, to those who booed and ridiculed them in almost every visiting arena they played in.

Now, they're trying to overcome the distraction of Donovan's future, which has been thrown into question with the sudden departure of

tion by master carpenter Scott Bennett.

something that can be learned," Donovan said. "I think as you get older, you get more mature. I think you can handle it Bruins have plenty of better. But I think our titles. But this group has

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UCLA is in very much the same place, only without the title.

Well, actually, the guys have been through a yet to add a banner to the lot. They understand rafters.

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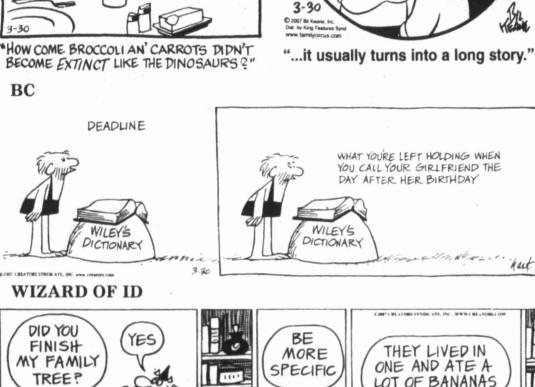
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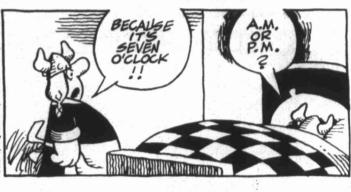
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 30, the 89th day of 2007. There are 276 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer. On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a U.S. territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W-Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with

ment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

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In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. In 1970, the musical "Applause," based on the

movie "All About Eve," opened on Broadway. In 1979, Airey Neave, a

leading member of the British Parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by Irish National the Liberation Army

One year ago: American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq. A cruise boat capsized off the coast of Bahrain, leaving 58 dead. Major League Baseball began its investigation into alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and others.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Dysart is 78. Actor John Astin is 77. Game show host Peter Marshall is 77. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 70. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 66. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 62. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 57. Actor Paul Reiser is 50. Rap artist MC Hammer is 44. Singer Tracy Chapman is 43. Actor Ian Ziering is 43. Singer Celine Dion is 39. Actor Mark Consuelos is 36. Singer Norah Jones is 28.

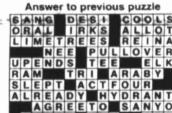
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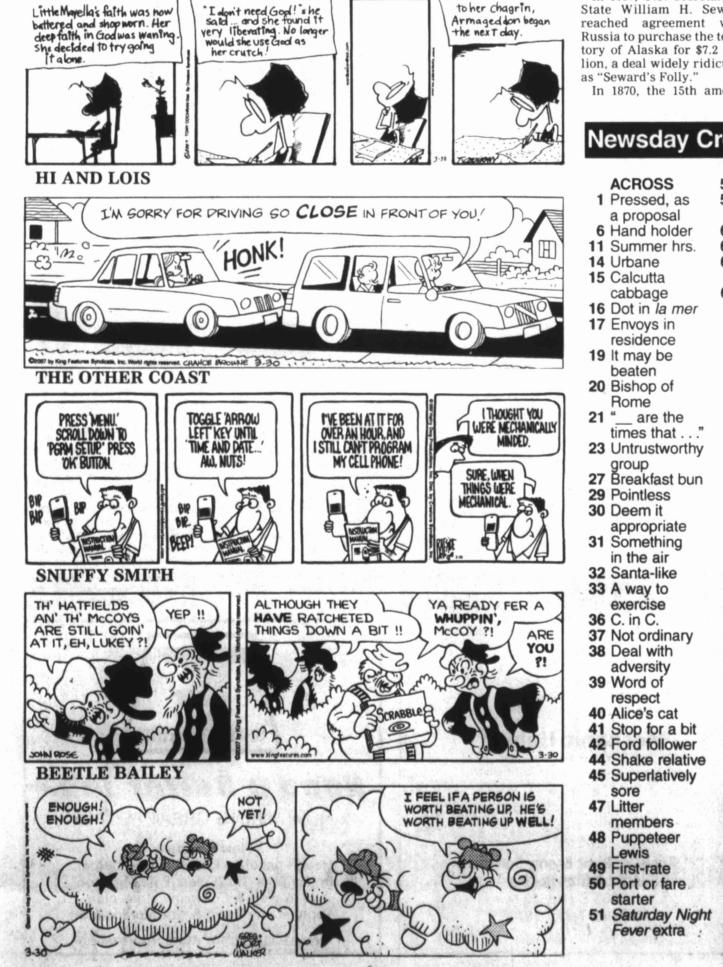
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, 78711 (Telephone Texas 512/463-6792). #5307 March 30, 2007

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ricky Franklin Dyer, deceased, were issued on March 23, 2007, in Cause No. P-13516, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to Richard Franklin Dyer, Independent Executor

The address to which claims should be presented is as follows: **Richard Franklin Dver**

1602 Kiowa Street Big Spring, Texas 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out.

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ARIES (March 21-April

19). No, you're not weird.

What you're experiencing

is normal human emo-

tion, fear and aspiration

through the filter of your

deliciously twisted imagi-

nation. It's best not to

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). You're thoughtful and

adrenalized – a stellar

combination.

Relationships strengthen

through shared endeav-

ors; so if you're not doing

anything with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Loved ones may seem

a tad on the needy side,

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for you to rise in their

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

CANCER (June 22-July achieve more.

steps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Your loftiest

goals are possible. But if

you can't easily explain

your intentions, perhaps

they're still not clear to

even you. Break your

plan down into concise

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18). Social demands cause

a special kind of excite-

ment. What is expected of

you? Whatever it is, you

can deliver. If you get

stuck, just describe your

company in a way they

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). The concept of linear

time is supposed to keep

all things from happening

at once. However, it's not

doing a great job of that

today, as far as you're

concerned. Don't fight the

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-

TION: "I'm a Libra

woman who has been best

friends with a Taurus gal

for about five years. We

have so much in common.

We're both in the dot-com

biz, we're both newly-

weds, and we're both in

our late 20s. She's a fan-

tastic friend, but recently

we've had some trouble.

There was something that

happened when I bor-

rowed her car, and I don't

think she's forgiven me

for it. Anyway, I want to

clear things up. What

Your Taurus friend

doesn't want to admit how

much the damage to her

car bummed her out

should I do?"

chaos – go with it.

see themselves.

Pluto may be a dwarf 22). Someone deems you crush-worthy. How utterly fabulous! So what if you're not willing to date' this person? It can't be bad to have a few more friends on your side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Family could bombard you with problems, but it's only because you have the best solutions around! Go for a spin around your block a few times. It's amazing how little you know about your own "hood," and it's fun to learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The obvious is worth mentioning again: If you don't know what you're giving in life, check out what you're getting. It's the best clue ever!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The toss up in your love life will be resolved. Take it one step at a time, and by tomorrow you can trust again — yourself, and your loved one. A fellow Libra is the perfect person to help you talk it through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're full of contradictions, which is part of what makes you so attractive. Your planets urge you to orchestrate a rebellion of the most polished sort. Change needs a voice, and hey, you're it! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not a beast of burden. Taking on the role of workhorse gets old fast when there's no reprieve in sight. So spoil yourself. Ultimately

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because she's sensitive about you thinking she's too materialistic. But the fact is, Taurus women really do care about their stuff - it's an extension of their self-esteem. Taking care of their stuff is one way they take care of themselves. Having a nice car without a scratch on it is part of being well put together and appearing purposeful. It's difficult for more ethereal and esoteric Libra to understand, although you're both Venus-ruled and appreciate things of beauty. Anyway, whatever it cost to restore the car to perfection, pay it, regardless of who was to blame. And then send her a big box of chocolates for the trouble!

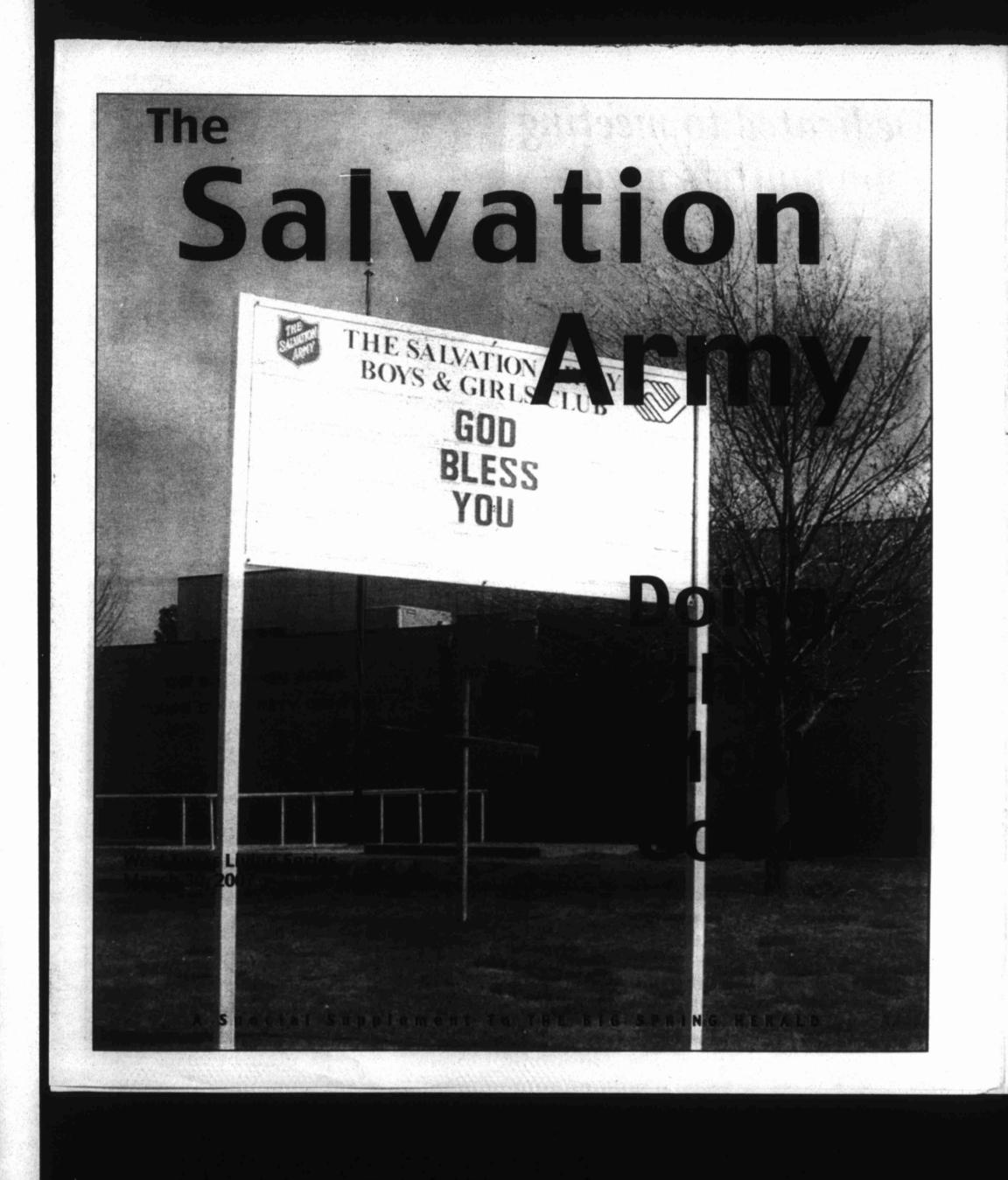
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Celine Dion wowed the world from the stage of the Academy Awards show this year, reminding the world that she is an Olympian among singers. What will the Aries diva do next? Aries entertainers are experts at finding new ways to reinvent themselves. Keeping their image fresh is a passion for this sign.

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where or who to turn to, the Salvation Army is there to provide myriad services that often make the difference between life and death; having a home or living on the street; having food to eat or going hungry.

That's true in Big Spring, just as it is throughout the world.

In 2006, Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney, their staff and volunteers helped 1,512 families in Howard County will utility or rental assistance, served 25,600 meals in the overnight shelter dining room and helped many others unable to pay for prescription medicines.

Countless others, whose cupboards were bare and needed food, were helped with boxes non-perishable foodstuffs from the Salvation Army's food bank.

Hundreds of Howard County children began the school year with the school supplies they needed, thanks to the Salvation Army's annual school supply drive.

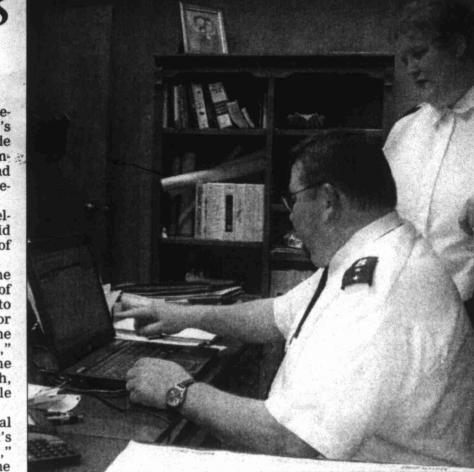
That many and more also benefited from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project which made sure children from struggling families and needy senior citizens had toys or the clothing and other presents they needed at Christmas.

Others needing marital counseling had their needs fills, as did others suffering from the effects of alcoholism or drug addiction.

"When most people think of the Salvation Army, the picture of someone ringing the bell next to the red kettle outside a store or inside a shopping mall during the Christmas season comes mind," Russ Keeney noted. "But the Salvation Army is more ... much, much more than most people know.

"It's true that we do a great deal during the holidays and it's extremely important work," Keeney continued, recounting one

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United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's Board of Directors Congratulate The Salvation Army on their 60th Anniversary of selflessly working to help those in need



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Local board sets sights on capital campaign

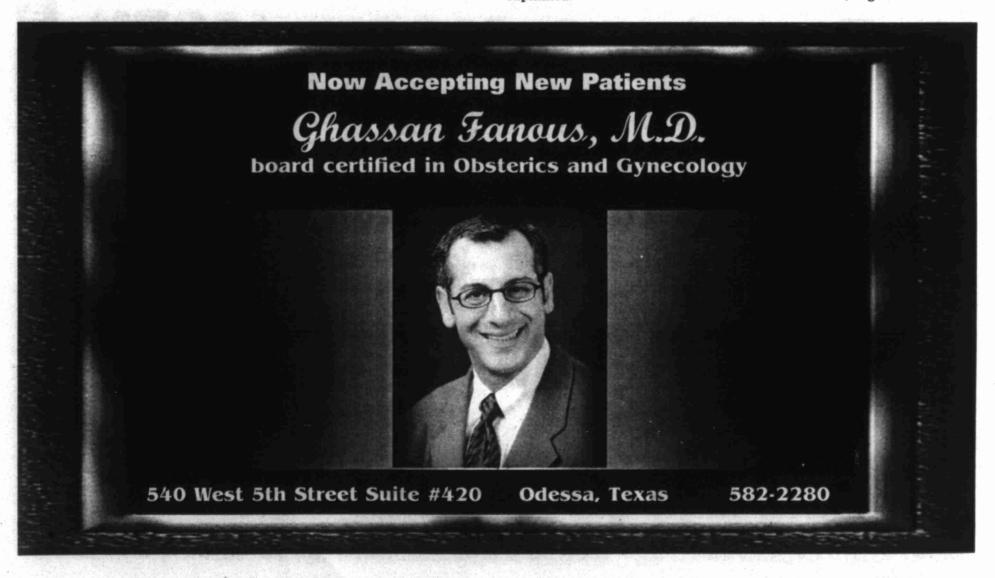
Keeney describe the local Salvation Army lodge located in downtown Big Spring.

In 2006, the Salvation Army served more than 25,600 meals in the overnight shelter's dining room and hundreds needing a place to stay found a bed for the night.

Still, the facility falls well short of the community's needs.

"We served more than 25,000 meals in that shelter last year with a dining room that seats 14 people at a time," he explained, adding that limited seating capacity in the dining room is far from the biggest problem his staff encounters with the building.

"There are almost too many shortcomings to name," Keeney said. "The bottom line is that we serve a different demographic than we used to. When the current lodge was built, most of the people who needed a place to stay were single men. As a result, the facili-



ty was constructed to meet those needs. But things are different today.

"We get lots of requests these days from families needing to stay at the lodge," he added, "but once we tell them that they're going to have to be split up with men and boys in one room and the women and girls in another, they usually don't want to stay. Who could blame them?"

The facility does have one room dubbed the "family room," but is barely large enough to hold two sets of bunk beds. Even worse, there's no bathroom.

"Our advisory board believes we need to be able to provide a better facility," Keeney noted. "And we think it would be much better to be able to build a new lodge here on the property we have adjacent to the Corps building."

To that end, members of the advisory committee are making plans to conduct a capital campaign to raise the estimated \$2 million or so needed to build and house a facility that meets the community's needs.



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Members of the local Salvation Army Advistory Board look over financial reports provided by bookkeeper Patsy Heckler during their March meeting in the Corps Building's Fellowship Hall.

"We have a great advisory board with members that see what we have available simply doesn't do what we need it to do," Keeney explained. According to plans currently being considered by the advisory board and the Salvation Army's

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March 30, 2007 Salvation Army An overview of Salvation Army's history, makeup, mission

1865, William Booth, an ordained Methodist minister, aided by his wife Catherine. formed an evangelical group dedicated to preaching among the — unchurched — people living in the midst of appalling poverty in London's East End. Booth's ministry recognized the interdependence of material, emotional and spiritual needs. In addition to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, Booth became involved in the feeding and shelter of the hungry/and homeless and in rehabilitation of alcoholics.

Booth and his followers, originally known as The Christian Mission, became The Salvation Army in 1878, when that organization evolved on a quasi-military pattern. Booth became - the General - and officers' ranks were given to his ministers.

The Salvation Amy has functioned successfully within that unusual structure for more than a century. As of 2005, its outreach has been expanded to include more than 100 countries, and the Gospel is preached by its officers in more than 160 languages.

Services

The basic social services developed by William Booth have remained an outward visible expression of the Army's strong religious principles. In addition, new programs that address contemporary needs have been established. Among these are disaster relief services, day care centers, summer camps, holiday assistance, services for the aging, AIDS education and residential services, medical facilities, shelters for battered women and children, family and career counseling, vocational training, correction services and substance abuse rehabilitation. More than 30 million a year are aided in some form by services provided by The Salvation Army. Fundraising

Salvation Army fund-raising campaigns are conducted on a local and regional basis. There is no fund-raising at the national level. The normal source of funds are the traditional Christmas kettle campaigns, direct-mail programs, corporate and foundation gifts, planned giving, and government contracts. In most areas, The

Salvation Army is a member agency of local affiliates of the United Way of America where such affiliation has proven to be beneficial to The Salvation Army. The organization's stewardship of its funding is noted throughout philanthropy; 83 cents of every dollar collected by the Army goes directly to client service - among the highest percentages of any non-profit in the world.

Advisory Organizations

Advisory organizations, comprised of representative communi-

ty, corporate and civic leaders, perform a valuable service by providing advice and acting as liaison between The Salvation Army and the community.

The advisory organizations interpret community needs to The Salvation Army and facilitate the development of resources, enabling The Salvation Army to respond to critical community needs.

A national advisory board makes its recommendations to the Commissioners' Conference.





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Christmas season when he and his wife Linda had finished distributing Angel Tree packages when they learned about a woman who was raising three children with nothing to give them for Christmas.

"I'll never forget it," he added. "It was very cold and she and her children were living in a dilapidated home. There was nothing to eat in the house and the one room they lived in was being heated with a small hibachi grill. The children were very thin and had no toys that we could see. When we told the woman why we were there, she began to cry and when we unloaded the food and gifts from the truck, the kids' faces lit up with joy. As we left, all three children were on the porch waving good bye from the seats of their new bicycles.

"But the Salvation Army is really on the front lines every day," Keeney noted. "That's because there are people in this community being challenged every day. And in today's world, you never know who is going to find them**Salvation Army**

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It's a big job and one that gets

accomplished with a surprisingly

small staff. Pasty Heckler serves

as the bookkeeper, while Paula

Hefler is the staff's social services

administrator. Bertha Blacazar

The Salvation Army Thrift Store,

locate on North Gregg Street, is

managed by Marcia Hagland. She

is assisted by Linda Paz. The

Army's downtown shelter is over-

seen by lodge keeper Gerald Ayres.

Salvation Army has expanded its

reach - not only meeting the

needs of the less fortunate, not

only as a church home, but as the

site for the local Boys' and Girls'

"That's something that we and the members of our advisory board

felt was important," Keeney said.

"So, a little more than a year ago,

we started operating the Boys' and

Clubs of America operation.

In recent years the local

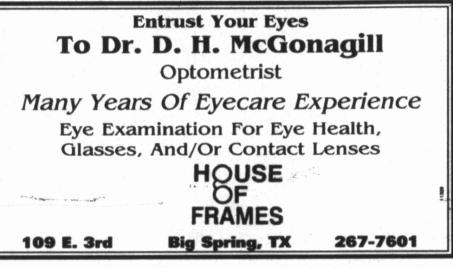
handles the housekeeping duties.

Girls' Club here in Big Spring." We have people here in this com-

During the school year, Boys' and Girls' Club provides a place for young people to stay busy and off the streets in the afternoons between the time school starts and the time their parents get off work. And during the summer, the program operates throughout the day, giving younsters a chance for recreation, relaxation and learning in a wholesome atmosphere.

Sheila Sparrow serves as the club's director and gets assistance from other Salvation Army personnel when needed.

"We think it's a terrific program



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and apparently the kids and their parents think so, too," Keeney said. "We just keep having more and more children taking part. It's especially busy during the summer. Last year we were able to take every one of them that wanted to go to our summer camp. That's something like \$170 per child that the parents and guardians didn't have to pay and the kids got to do things that they'd never get to do any place else."

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Salvation Army Corps Building's Fellowship Hall, Keeney said plans are now being made to expand the operation and provide it with its own facility.

"Our board has very big plans for the program," he said. "Right now we're looking at the prospect

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headquarters personnel would be a facility with a men's dorm to house 16 to 24 men, a women's and children's room to house eight to 10 and four transitional housing units, each of which could house six people.

"Transitional housing would available for families, single parof building a gymnasium with several adjacent meeting rooms that would house the program."

There's always more that can be done, Keeney added.

"The Salvation Army strives to be a light for those people who are hurting — people just like you and me," he said. "People that are really hungry, people that have to decide on whether they're going to pay their electricity bill or buy

ents with children," Keeney noted "We just keep finding the needs of our clients evolving and our lodge needs to be more inviting. These transitional facilities wouldn't be like home, but we don't want them to feel like they're institutional, either.

"If you've got a single mother trying to get back on her feet, sticking her and her children in a dormitory with strangers every night is not the best way to help them," he added

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food for their children, or have to choose between groceries or rent."

Statistics show that half of all Americans are two paychecks away from being homeless, Keeney said. "The things we deal with on a daily basis could happen to virtually anyone."

Unfortunately, Keeney noted that although the local Salvation Army offices helped more than 1,500 people with utility or rent assistance last year, another 258 couldn't be helped because there simply wasn't any money to help them with.

n't any money to help them with. "That's frustrating," he admitted. "When you wish you could help someone, but there's simply no more money left in the fund to help with."

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While the Salvation Army will receive almost \$20,000 from the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County this year, that is only a small part of the money needed to keep the local corps operating.

And that is one of the reasons the Salvation Army is seemingly always asking for financial support, or donations of food and clothing.

If you have any questions concerning the local Salvation Army or any of its programs, call 267-8239.

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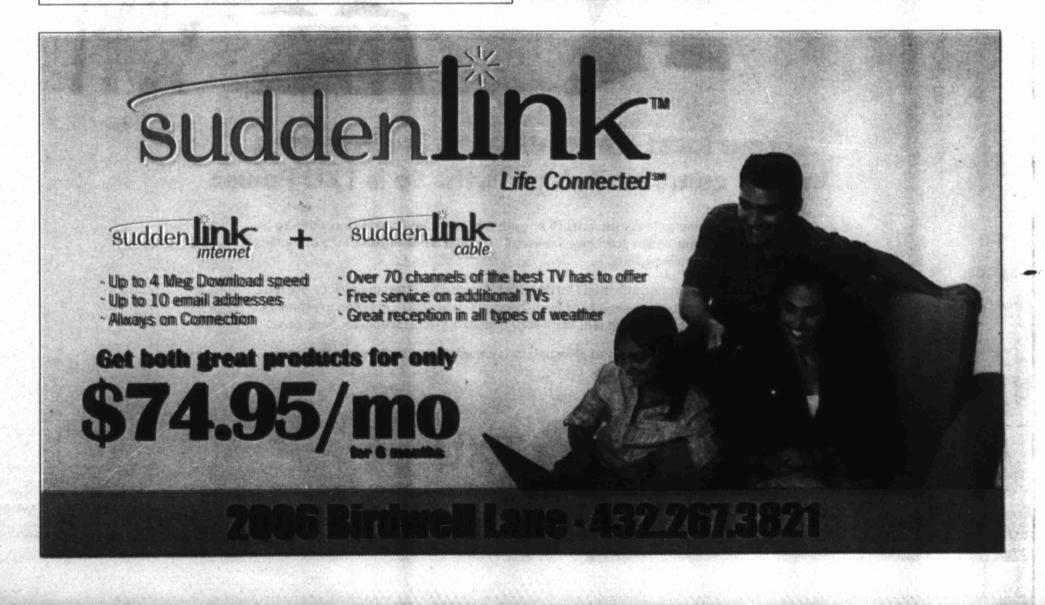
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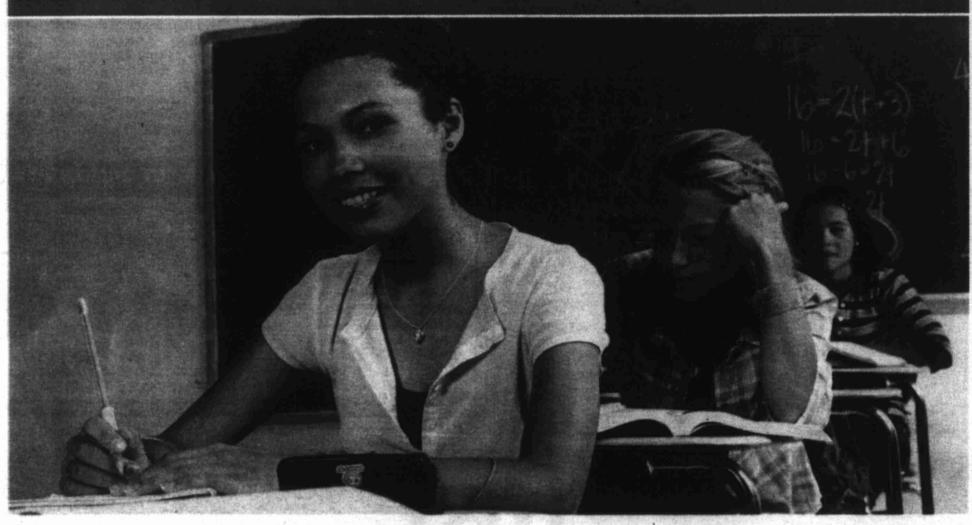
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