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## Are you ready to Relay?



Cancer survivors get ready to take the first lap in the 2006 Relay For Life. This year's Howard-Glasscock Relay begins today in the parking lot adjacent to Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus.

**Schedule**

**NOTE:** Due to the weather, all activities have been moved to the parking lot immediately west of Blankenship Field. CPS-3 registration will be held in the ATC building. Shuttles will be provided.

**Today**

- 6:00 p.m. — Cancer Prevention Study 3 begins  
Rocky Harris and band perform
- 6:30 p.m. — Survivor Registration begins
- 7:15 p.m. — Annette Schfield and Paige sisters
- 8:00 p.m. — Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 p.m. — Survivor Lap and Team Lap  
Basket auction, Lap counting begins
- 10:00 p.m. — Luminaria Ceremony
- 10:30 p.m. — King's Men
- 11:30 p.m. — Field games begin

**Saturday**

- 1:00 a.m. — Band of Beggars
- 2:30 a.m. — Bingo Morning Madness
- 5:30 a.m. — Caterpillar races, other games
- 6:30 a.m. — Wake up Little Susie (DJ)
- 7:45 a.m. — Last lap
- 8:00 a.m. — Closing Ceremony and awards

### BSISD brings up the 'B' word

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

No one is ready to say when it will be or how much it will cost, but Big Spring Independent School District officials say a bond election is likely in the voters' future.

During a special meeting Thursday evening, trustees again took up the issue of the district's infrastructure needs, and BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes all but conceded that a bond election was in the cards sometime in the next year or two.

*"It's never fun to talk about bond elections. But the only meaningful way to improve infrastructure is through a bond issue."*

Downes

about bond elections," Downes said. "But the only meaningful way to

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### Cycles galore

*Run for the Wall, Rolling Thunder headed toward Vietnam Memorial*

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
Managing Editor

Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial will be the visited by two veterans' motorcycle groups in May, each expected to bring hundreds of bikers to the site.

The first of those groups will arrive around 11 a.m. Saturday as the memorial will again be a stopping place along the route for a

large group of West Coast bikers making the Run for the Wall from California to Washington, D.C.

Run for the Wall participants will stop at the Big Spring memorial en route to the nation's capitol where they'll participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance on

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### ONE-VEHICLE ROLLOVER



Emergency response personnel begin cleaning up the wreckage caused by this crash Thursday morning on U.S. Highway 87 just south of Big Spring. According to police officers at the scene, the driver of the pickup — a Big Spring man — was traveling south on the highway when he fell asleep, careening into the rail and striking a tree. The driver suffered only minor injuries and was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

### State to test jail Thursday

*County contracts with firm concerning new lockup facility*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County officials will have less than a week to complete a second preliminary test of the smoke evacuation system in the county jail, with state inspectors set to test the facility Thursday.

"We're planning on at least one more test before the state comes in and

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### Grady High School names top graduates for 2006-2007

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

**LENORAH** — Jonathan Tunnell and Justin Pribyla were named top graduates for the Grady High School Class of 2007.

Tunnell, the son of Brad and Ginger



Tunnell of Lenorah, is class valedictorian with a four-year grade point average of 97.72.

He was president of the student council his senior year, as well as being a member of the National Honor

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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steers sports banquet rescheduled

Due to the Lady Steers softball team advancing in the playoffs, the Lady Steers Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. There will be a time allotted for picture taking starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the ATC or by contacting Mique Yarbar at 213-5259 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9803.

### Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins on June 4. The four day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also runs from June 4-7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

### Permian Basin Ladies Association results

On Tuesday, the Big Spring Country Club held the Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday golf tournament.

Several country clubs within the Permian Basin were represented by its best women golfers.

The tournament was divided into three flights with Lettia Collins of Midland's Green Tree Country Club having the top gross score with a 79. Judy Hilliard of Green Tree and Eileen Boon tied with a top net score of 71. Joan Daniel from Big Spring's Country Club registered the fewest amount of putts, 31, in the flight.

The second flight featured Big Spring's Pat Underwood, who had the lowest gross score with a 93. Jo Ann Hillger from Amarillo's Comanche Trail Country Club posted a 73 for the top net score in the flight. Big Spring's Peggy Wilson finished second in net score with a 78.

Patsy Sharpnack of Comanche Trail topped the third flight with a 68 net score. Big Spring's Ramona Harris finished with a second place net score of 77.

### Country Club holding benefit golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a benefit golf tournament for cancer patient Pano Rodriguez

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## Bulldogettes sticking to game plan versus Tahoka

By **JONATHAN HULL**  
Herald Sports Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogettes have yet to drop a game in the Class 2A state softball playoffs this season, completing series sweeps over Blanco's Lady Panthers and Alpine's Lady Bucks, and they hope to keep that string going Saturday.

Coahoma was mildly challenged in Game 2 of their series with the Lady Bucks, but still came away with the victory.

A big key to the Bulldogettes' success in best-of-three playoff series has been their ability to put two quality pitchers, Heather Newton and Ami Martinez, on the mound, noted head coach Tracy Tadlock.

"They compliment each other very well," comments Tadlock. "Heather is a power pitcher with great movement on the ball. Ami's a left-hander that pitches a little slower. She delivers more offspeed stuff. Their abilities have been key to our success in the playoffs so far."

However, in the regional semifinals, The Bulldogettes won't have the opportunity to start both pitchers against Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs, who Coahoma will face in a one-game playoff at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Snyder.

Some coaches aren't always thrilled with a one-game playoff.

"One-game playoffs scare me," said Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts before her one-game playoff with Trent's Lady Gorillas last week. "It gives a team that might not be as talented as you a real chance to pull off

an upset. It just takes one bad game for you to be sent home."

Tadlock has those concerns, but expresses extreme confidence in his team's ability to play at the top of their game.

"We're one of the teams to beat in the playoffs," Tadlock has noted throughout the playoffs. "If we play at the top of our game then we can beat anyone."

Tahoka's success in the playoffs has been linked to its pitch

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Forsan's Kaela Strickland lays down a bunt in Game 1 action at Abilene Christian University in the Lady Buffs best-of-three playoff series with Seymour's Lady Panthers. The Lady Buffs dropped Game 1 to Seymour, 5-1. Game 2 will be played at 4 p.m. Saturday.

## Lady Buffs drop Game 1 to Seymour

By **JONATHAN HULL**  
Herald Sports Writer

ABILENE — Forsan's Lady Buffaloes are in a situation they've never faced in school history — they're down a game in a playoff series.

The Lady Buffs weren't able to surmount a late inning rally and fell to Seymour's Lady Panthers 5-1 in Game 1 of a best-of-three series. Game 2 will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday at Abilene Christian University.

The Lady Buffs had a difficult time getting on base against Seymour's No. 1 pitcher Thursday night, disabling them from manufacturing more than one run.

"We played nervous and scared," said Lady Buffs Head Coach Shanna Roberts after the game. "We've faced better pitchers. Our inexperience in the playoffs appeared to show at the plate. We did other things well,

but it was a frustrating night at the plate."

Forsan's fans and coaches voiced displeasure with the home plate umpire, feeling that his strike zone was inconsistent. The inconsistencies left Lady Buffs' pitcher Alyx Pappajohn frustrated.

"What was a strike for them wasn't a strike for us," explained Roberts. "Alyx really battled through it and still had a nice game."

Pappajohn allowed five runs, only two earned, on nine hits. She also struck out two batters.

Forsan's batters mustered only four hits in seven innings. Freshman catcher Kelsey Jones had two of those and also scored Forsan's only run. None of the Lady Buffs' hits went for extra bases.

Forsan scored its run in the top of the sixth inning. Jones hit a single to center field with one out. She then advanced to second

base on a wild pitch.

Amanda Longorio scored Jones when she hit a chopping ground ball that just squirted by Seymour's second baseman. Longorio would advance to second after a fielding error by the Lady Panthers' center fielder.

The Lady Buffs couldn't take advantage of Longorio being in scoring position as the next two batters were retired. However, Jones' run left Forsan down just 2-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Unfortunately, Seymour answered Forsan's near rally with a three-run inning. The Lady Panthers started the inning with a triple to right center field then hit three doubles and a single to give them a 5-1 lead.

The Lady Buffs couldn't start a seventh inning rally as the bottom of the order went three-up and three-down.

Forsan missed on an opportunity to score in the top of the sec-

ond inning when it stranded two runners in scoring position.

Pappajohn led off the inning with a single to right field. Kaela Strickland would move her to second with a sacrifice bunt.

Shaina Dunnam reached first base courtesy of an error by Seymour's pitcher. The error also allowed Pappajohn to take third base. Dunnam would steal second, giving the Lady Buffs two runners in scoring position.

That's as close to home as they would get though, as the Lady Panthers' pitcher recorded one of her 10 strikeouts to end the inning.

Defensively, the Lady Buffs were guilty of four fielding errors. There were, however, some highlights in the field for Forsan.

"I think we did some good things out in the field," said Roberts. "We made some double

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## Rays sweep Rangers at Disney World

By **FRED GOODALL**  
AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Tampa Bay's three-day experiment at Disney World couldn't have gone much better.

Delmon Young's second homer Thursday night, a two-run shot in the 10th inning, gave the Devil Rays an 8-6 victory over Texas and a sweep of a series shifted to the popular tourist destination as part of Tampa Bay's effort to expand its fan base in the Orlando area.

"It was a very successful visit," team president Matt Silverman said. "It was great exposure for the team. ... These games got the attention of the market."

Young's winning homer off Willie Eyre (1-2) also extended the club's sea-

son-high winning streak to four games.

Sammy Sosa, meanwhile, was 1-for-6 with three strikeouts for Texas and remained three homers shy of becoming the fifth player to hit 600 in a career.

Young, who drove in five runs, gave the Devil Rays a 5-3 lead against Texas starter Cameron Loe with a three-run homer in the fourth inning. He also drove in three runs in an 11-8 victory Wednesday night after going 12 games without an RBI.

"I've just fixed my swing. It just feels better," said Young, whose opposite-field homer ended the game after 4 hours, 13 minutes and 408 pitches, including 230 by Devil Rays pitchers.

Gary Glover (1-2)

pitched the 10th to earn the victory for Tampa Bay, which hadn't won four in a row since last May 18-21. The Rangers were 2-for-18 with runners in scoring position and lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

"I feel for those guys out there," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Opportunities were there, we just didn't cash in."

Carlos Pena's run-scoring single put Tampa Bay up 6-3 in the sixth, but the Devil Rays couldn't put the game away. Mark Teixeira's two-run single trimmed the Rangers' deficit to 6-5 in the sixth and Victor Diaz tied it with a solo homer off Chad Orvella in the seventh.

The series finale drew a crowd of 9,635 — up from

8,443 Tuesday and 8,839 Wednesday — despite the threat of rain, which normally isn't a concern for a Devil Rays home game because they play in a domed stadium about 90 miles southeast of Disney.

The tarp was pulled over the infield a little less than three hours before the first pitch, and a light drizzle caused some anxious moments for fans before the weather cleared and the game started without a rain delay.

Devil Rays starter Scott Kazmir struck out nine, including Sosa with the bases loaded in the third and two runners on in the fourth. But high pitch counts have been a problem for the 23-year-old left-hander, who walked six and departed after throwing 109 in four

innings.

Two of the Rangers' three runs off Kazmir were unearned, with Michael Young drawing a walk with the bases loaded and Teixeira delivering a sacrifice fly after a fourth-inning throwing error by the Devil Rays pitcher.

Texas rookie Kevin Mahar had the first two hits of his major league career against Kazmir, and got his first RBI with a fourth-inning single. He finished 2-for-5 after going 0-for-4 in his debut Wednesday night.

"We could have done some things better, obviously," Young said of the Rangers' woes. "We grinded away. We battled. We just didn't find a way to do what had to be done to win. It wasn't for lack of effort."

## Obituaries

## Weather

### Mozell Newton

Mozell Newton, 85, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

He was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Falls County and married Bertie Rae Lockridge on June 19, 1947, in Falls County, Texas.

Mozell loved to play dominos and was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bertie Rae Newton of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby R. and Vickie Newton of Big Spring and Larry D. and Carolyn Newton of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Fern D. and Albert Smith of Big Spring; one sister, Anabelle Lynn of Waco; nine grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Cornelious Newton; three sisters, Roberta Alexander, Magnolia Lockridge and Lorine Randle; and one great-grandson, JaShawn Smith.

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

Paid obituary

### John E. Wright



John E. Wright, 68, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 17, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Raford Dunagan officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 1, 1938, in Fleming, Ky., and married Louise Burchett on April 4, 1958, in Big Spring.

John was raised and educated in Fleming, Ky. He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He then worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical Company for 36 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

He was a co-founder and officer for Christmas in April for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Wright of Big Spring; two sons, Johnny E. Wright and wife Shara, of Midland and Steve Wright and fiancée Robin Stephens of Big Spring; a grandson; two sisters, Jo Edwards of Greensboro, N.C., and Kathy Haney of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Gene Wright of Illinois and Michael Wright of Greensboro, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Clara Wright; and one sister, Helen Bryan.

The family suggests memorials to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver Dr., Midland 79705.

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

### Rev. Kenneth Wayne Andress



The Rev. Kenneth Wayne Andress, 74, died May 16, 2007, at the home of his son in San Angelo after a lengthy illness in the hospital.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Elmwood Funeral Home in Abilene. A service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene with the Rev. Jeff Reid and Dr. Jack Riddlehoover officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Brother Ken was born Sept. 16, 1932, in Haskell to Oscar Herly and Willie Velma Andress. He married Betty Nell Lytle on Dec. 24, 1951, in Globe, Ariz. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Bro. Ken pastored numerous churches throughout his 48 years as a minister, including the Westside Baptist Church in Big Spring. After retiring, Ken and Betty moved to Abilene, where he served as interim pastor in several Baptist churches and also ministered as a chaplain for Hospice of the Big Country.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, and an infant brother, Oscar Herly Andress, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Andress of Abilene; and his children, Mike and Kristi Andress of San Angelo, Paula and Terry Bowden of Snyder and Vance and Cindy Andress of Excelsior, Minn.; two sisters, Melva Everett of Haskell and Olien Elmore of O'Brien; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, or Hospice of San Angelo.

### Joy Marie Chappell

Joy Marie Chappell, 70, of Pecos, died May 16, 2007, in the Reeves County Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Barstow Cemetery.

She was born July 21, 1936, in Big Spring. She was a longtime resident of Pecos, a retired teacher and a Christian.

Survivors include sons Lloyd Chappell of Pecos and Curtis, Craig and Larry Chappell, all of San Angelo; a sister, June Diehl of Ozona; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of the Pecos Funeral Home.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-22-23-34-37.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-15-35. Bonus Ball: 14.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-8.

## Fire/EMS

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Sheriff's Report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ADOLFO GARZA**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a vehicle (two counts), burglary of a habitation and bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **ARTHUR EARL CALLOWAY**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/use of volatile chemicals.

• **JASON ORTEGA**, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **JUAN CARDONA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **MICHAEL ANTHONY CARDONA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **CANDIDA LYNN WHITEHEAD**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property.

• **KEITH PAUL LANCE**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **BRANDON DEE RUSHIN**, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

• **DANNY LEE ARMSTRONG**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

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plays that stopped some early rallies by Seymour."

Jones kept the Lady Panther base runners honest with her defensive play behind the plate.

She teamed with her twin sister, Shelby, to throw out a Seymour runner attempting to steal second.

Longorio had three assists and two put outs to lead the Lady Buffs defensively.

In the first inning, she ran in on a bunt to catch it in the air. She then turned and threw out the runner at first for a double play.

"Amanda did a great job at third base," raved Roberts. "I had to move her from first to third.

She only practiced the position for two days and still had the great game that she did."

Longorio will be the starting pitcher for Game 2 Saturday. Roberts is looking for a different Lady Buffs team to show up for the second game.

"We've got to come out and hit the ball," said Roberts. "I know we were nervous. I could see it all over us. That's youth and inexperience. But we're getting more experience with every game we play. I think Saturday, we can come out and be a different team. We played right with Seymour until the last inning. We just didn't get the hits that we needed."

If Forsan does win Game 2 Saturday, then a third game will take place approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the second game.

**COAHOMA**

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ing. The Lady Bulldogs have managed to schedule one-game playoffs throughout the postseason to take advantage of a single strong pitcher.

"They've got a pretty decent pitcher," noted Tadlock. "I know that's the reason they've come this far and want the one-game situation."

Tahoka is merely 11-12 this season, but have claimed two consecutive shutout victories in the playoffs.

Tadlock believes that the Bulldogettes' road to the regional semifinals has been much harder than Tahoka's, though. This is why there won't be any lineup changes made by Coahoma to prep for the Lady Bulldogs'

star pitcher.

"I feel like we've played two of the toughest teams in our region in the first two rounds of the playoffs," explained Tadlock. "It's not as if we weren't collecting our share of hits in the games. I don't think that Tahoka has faced a team as talented offensively as we are in the playoffs yet."

The winner will move on to the regional finals to face Hawley's Lady Bearcats, who defeated Denver City 10-0 in a one-game playoff Thursday. Hawley is Coahoma's district rival and was runner-up to the Bulldogettes in District 5-2A.

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Sunday. The first tee time will be at 9:30 a.m.

The tournament will be a 4-man scramble with a \$20 entry fee. Players will be allowed to pick their own team.

For more information contact Sammy Reyna at 267-5627.

**Magers-Powell camp scheduled**

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register

online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.

**WBU schedules tryout baseball camp**

The Wayland Baptist University baseball staff is holding a tryout camp for graduating high school seniors and college players with remaining eligibility interested in becoming a part of the Pioneer baseball program. The camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 on the WBU campus in Plainview.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the tryouts to follow at 9:00. There is no cost. For more information or to make reservations, contact Coach Josh Milner at 806-292-1690 or 806-291-1158.

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**BOND**

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improve infrastructure is through a bond issue ... We don't have an estimate to its total cost, but we do have two elementary campuses that have been rated obsolete, and our high school is also lowly-rated."

A facilities study released in 2006 declared almost all BSISD campuses in need of at least some form of renovation and went as far as to declare Bauer Magnet and Washington Elementary obsolete, recommending that those two campuses be closed as soon as possible.

Also, the study slammed Big Spring High School for being too small to meet future needs.

Bond elections have been much in fashion lately — 128 Texas school districts held such elections May 12, Downes said.

The reason for the surge in bond elections is the two-year cycle of tax relief passed by the Texas Legislature in 2006. Property taxes for school districts will have dropped by a third when the latest round of cuts

take effect in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

With all that tax relief taking effect, many school districts find the time is right to address infrastructure needs, Downes said.

Another factor adding urgency to trustee deliberations is a 17.4 percent annual inflation rate for school construction projects. In effect, that means that the longer the district waits to call for a bond election, the more it will cost, Downes said.

Trustees agreed to take two preliminary steps toward calling for a bond election.

First, the school board will form a study committee of between 10 and 20 community members who will discuss specific needs and propose solutions.

Secondly, the school district will solicit projections of approximate costs so officials will have a better idea of just how much money will be needed.

In other business:  
• New trustee Jeff Brorman, along with incumbents Mike Dawson and Phil Furqueron, were sworn in for three-year terms on the board.  
• New board officers



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Business Manager Tommy Gibson, left, administers the oath of office to BSISD trustees, from left, Phil Furqueron, Mike Dawson and Jeff Brorman Thursday in the high school board room. The three men won three-year terms on the board in the May 12 elections.**

were elected. Allen Partee was voted in as president, while Irene Galan will be the new vice president and Dawson will be the board secretary.

• Trustees accepted the resignation of Kentwood Principal Karen

Saunders, who has accepted a similar position in Snyder.

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**RUN**

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Memorial Day at the Vietnam Memorial.

"From what we understand, there are going to be more than several hundred bikers, plus their support vehicles coming into the memorial on the 19th," Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman Jerry Groves said. "They'll be arriving around 11 a.m. and come into town from the west on Business 20 and FM 700. And they'll spend

about an hour at the memorial before going on to Colorado City where they'll stop for a lunch break.

"The public is certainly invited to come and join us," Groves added, "but spectators need to be aware of the number of vehicles that are going to be involved in the procession. We ask that people be careful and not get into intersections and disrupt the riders and their support group."

Groves also noted that any local residents wanting to join the Run for the Wall here in Big Spring

and accompany the group to Washington must register ahead of time.

Then, on May 28, while Run for the Wall participants are taking part in Rolling Thunder, the Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see several hundred bikers take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial at Terminal to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m.

Ride to Remember par-

ticipants will enter Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, parade south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial.

Groves said a brief ceremony will be conducted when the procession arrives at the memorial.

"We definitely encourage the public to come out and join us for the ceremony," he said. "But we definitely want people to remember what Memorial Day is for — to honor the men and women who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation."

**GRADY**

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Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In athletics, he was an all-district basketball player, participated on the cross country program that qualified for the state meet two years in a row and ran on the

track team.

Academically, he competed in University Interscholastic League Calculator and Number Sense teams at Grady.

He plans to attend the Midland College Fire Academy and become a firefighter.

Pribyla, the son of David and Brenda Pribyla of Lenorah, is class salu-

tatorian with a four-year grade point average of 95.52.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, along with Boy Scouts and 4-H.

He played varsity football, basketball and track and ran on the state-meet qualifying cross country team.

In addition, he performed with the One-Act Play troupe that qualified for regional competition this year.

He plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall.

Grady High School will hold commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium.

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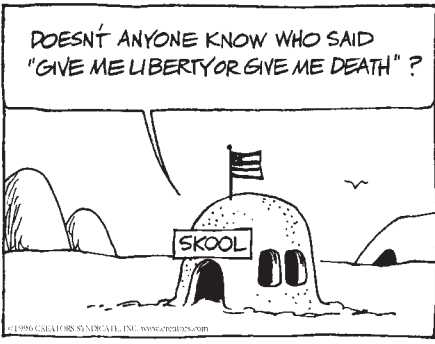
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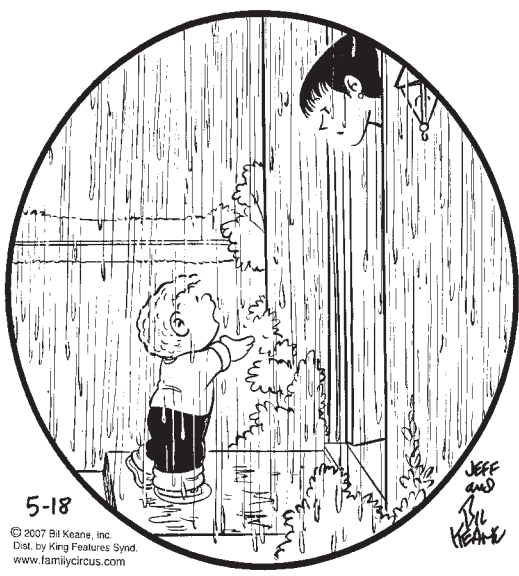


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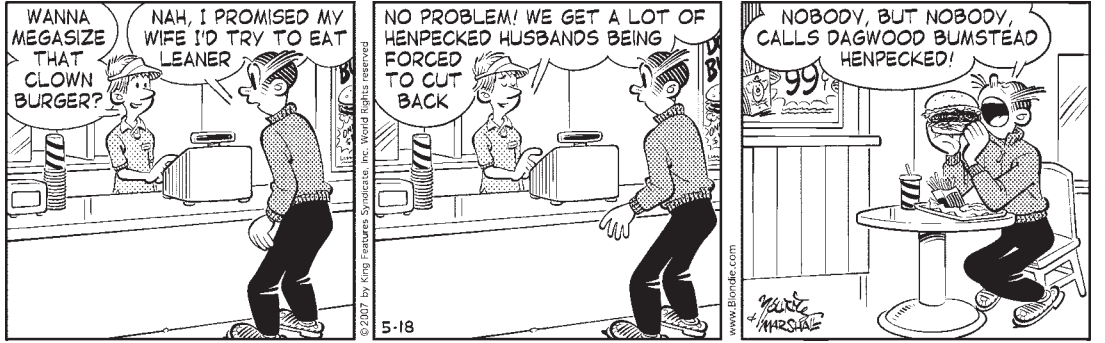


"It's not raining, Mommy. It's just drizzlin' a bit harder."

**HAGAR**



**BLONDIE**



**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, May 18, the 138th day of 2007. There are 227 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 18, 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation with its Plessy v. Ferguson decision, a ruling that was overturned 58 years later by Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.
- On this date: In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded.
- In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.
- In 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.
- In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared more than a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

In 1927, a schoolhouse in Bath, Mich., was blown up with explosives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a dynamite-laden automobile; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who had earlier killed his wife.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 85. Sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 83. Actor and television executive Dwayne Hickman is 73. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Brooks Robinson is 70. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 65. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Reggie Jackson is 61. Actress Candice Azzara is 60. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 59. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 58. Actor James Stephens is 56. Country singer George Strait is 55.

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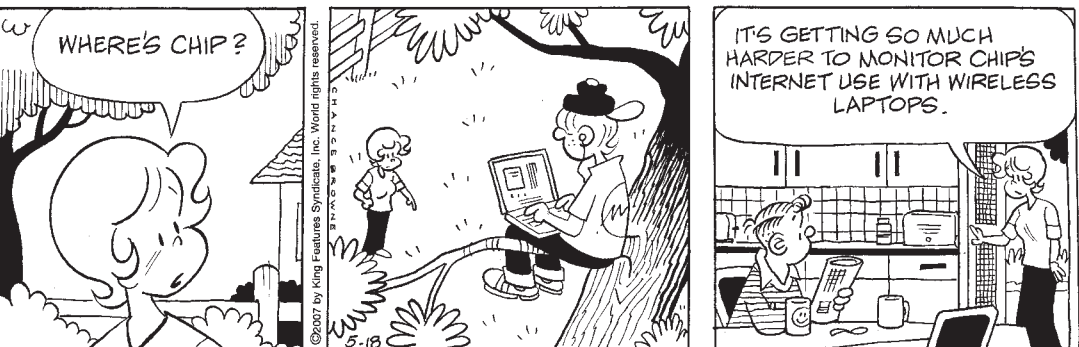
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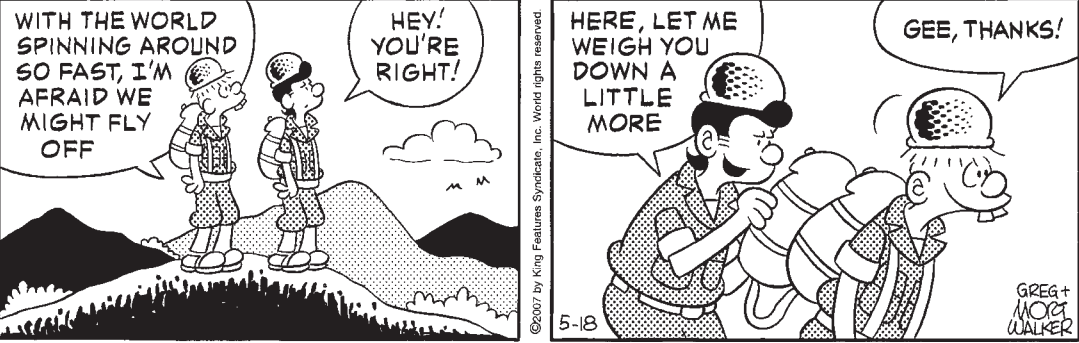
**THE OTHER COAST**



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**Newsday Crossword**

VARIATIONS ON A NAME by Donna Levin  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Caribbean island
  - 6 Stride
  - 10 Entry requirement, at times
  - 14 Greek letters
  - 15 Southern pronoun
  - 16 Golden calf
  - 17 Take forcibly
  - 18 March Madness org.
  - 19 Fortune 500 abbr.
  - 20 Hagrid portrayer in the Harry Potter films
  - 23 Sweetie pies
  - 24 Seussian reptile
  - 26 Insult in the 'hood
  - 27 Manilow song setting
  - 29 Army rank: Abbr.
  - 30 Get a short coif
  - 34 Gallaudet University subj.
  - 35 Burden
  - 36 Diving bird
  - 37 "... saw Elba"
  - 38 Syr. + Egypt, once
  - 39 Hop participants
  - 43 Hi-def buys
  - 44 Diary (Twain book)
  - 45 High-rise res.
  - 46 Parlor seat
  - 48 Molts
  - 51 Something on the Merry Men's agenda
- DOWN**
- 1 Coastal color, in Cap d'Antibes
  - 2 Lay new turf
  - 3 Horseshoe-shaped lab item
  - 4 Caribbean island
  - 5 Ache remedy
  - 6 Harmony
  - 7 Tex-Mex nosh
  - 8 Ben-Gurion Airport client
  - 9 Toothless mammals
  - 10 Goldsmith title character
  - 11 "Whatever"
  - 12 Ungracious one
  - 13 Jungfrau, for one
  - 21 Latin 101 verb
  - 22 Dorsal
  - 25 Branford and Wynton's dad
  - 27 Freshwater fish
  - 28 Like some Chardonnays
  - 30 Matches
  - 31 Typically
  - 32 Bloom suddenly
  - 33 Kemo
  - 37 Outside
  - 39 Cause for complaint
  - 40 Pig out
  - 41 Robe tie
  - 42 Daughter of Polonius
  - 47 Some ski lifts
  - 49 "Likewise!"
  - 50 Vamoose
  - 52 Home of the Norsk Folkmuseum
  - 53 Frammer's inventory
  - 54 Calendar abbr.
  - 55 "Rebel" ('62 tune)
  - 56 Settle up

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## 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:*

- Candidates and more candidates. We salute all of you who made the decision to seek to better your community by wanting to serve your city or school board. We encourage those who made unsuccessful bids to find other ways to help out, and to make plans to seek election the next time around. Thanks too, to all who took the time to cast a ballot.

- The Lady Buffaloes of Forsan and Bulldogettes of Coahoma, who advanced to another round in the state softball playoffs. Way to go, ladies. We're behind you all the way!

- Hangar 25 Air Museum on the Young Eagles program, and those pilots who volunteered their time to let youngsters experience the thrill of flight.

- Eric Gutierrez and Garrett Nichols, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Sands High School this year. Great job, gentlemen.

- Cowboy poet Carl Condray, who serves as fire marshal when not telling tall tales, and the Big Spring Independent School District, for their annual Cowboy Poetry Round-up. It's an interesting and fun way to get our youth interested in writing and creative thinking. Congratulations to all of the winners and students who participated.

- Crossroads area peace officers for working diligently to keep us safe and reduce crime — under extremely difficult situations at times. A sincere thank you.

*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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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*Others want control, Lord, but we give that control to You.*

Amen

# Spartans, Texans and warrior kings

Almost 500 years before Christ, a Spartan army of only 300 men stood against a million or so Persians at a place called Thermopylae.

Now, understand, the Brewer is not particularly a big fan of ancient Spartans. Besides destroying the fair city my mama named me after with a stinking wooden horse, they were also known to be racist and pagans that had no mercy for anyone. With that said, the Texan in me can't help but love the astonishing quality of warriors they produced.

The King that is so famous for this military miracle was a guy by the name of Leonidas. What I just love about King Leonidas is that he wasn't just a king, he was a warrior King. He didn't sit on a golden throne and order men to fight. He fought out front of all his men and invited them to fight with him.

I love the whole idea of a warrior king. Almost 200 years later, another warrior king rose from the same part of the world but this one would be remembered as "Great." Alexander conquered the known world, not for any righteous reason, but just because he wanted to. Before it was over, millions would be dead and many more hurting because of Alexander's ambition of conquest. Though I

don't much care for his empire any better, I can't help but love the fact that he was a warrior King.

When Alexander turned south on the Indus River he encountered a warlike clan called the Mali. After building siege weapons and ladders, they attacked the walled city and Alexander was the first one over the walls. He was so far ahead of the rest of his men that he actually engaged the entire army by himself while his men scrambled to keep up with him. With an arrow in his lung and a sword in his hand, Alexander the Great fought in hand-to-hand combat until his men were able to subdue the enemy.

I love a warrior King. Almost 2,300 years later on holy ground that would be called Texas, a general with a righteous cause raced across the San Jacinto battlefield. Though vastly outnumbered and in broad daylight, Sam Houston was so far ahead of the rest of his men that he drew all the fire of the Mexican dictator's troops. Having two horses shot out from under him, he limped toward the enemy with pointed sword yelling, "Remember the Alamo, Remember Goliad!"

Sam Houston would soon be the president of the Republic of Texas. Though he was a political leader, he was also a proven warrior.

Once again, I love a warrior King.

Being a fairly famous Jesus freak with ever growing popularity, I get a lot of letters and e-mails.

Most of them cuss me but there are more and more asking me what denomination or non-denominational group I subscribe to.

I am, for whatever in Christianity is wimp free.

Sign me up with the Christians that have the guts to be Christians in a day where men act more like women than men.

Show me those Christians that are not just talking about the love of God but actually demonstrating it through the hard work it takes to make a real difference in somebody's life. Put me in line with the people that are living proof that God never consults your history before giving you a future.

You see, real Christians don't just serve a King. They serve a passionate, warrior King and those of us that follow him live a lifetime of learning how to get out of His way and let him fight like He wants to.

Not only is Christ not scared of the battles that you and I face, he actually gets excited about the prospect of another glorious scrap. That's the way our King is. Unlike any we have ever seen before, He's compassionate, ready to serve, approachable and full of mercy.

But make no mistake about it. He is a warrior King.

Exodus 15:3 — The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

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# Pentagon space proposal suicidal

For most people, "Star Wars" evokes the memory of George Lucas action movies. However, the United States has been working on a program that could turn our fictional idea of "star wars" into a reality. Through its missile defense system, where the Pentagon hopes to shoot down incoming missiles by running interceptors directly into them, the United States is moving its battles to the ultimate high ground: space. If that is allowed to pass, it will endanger all, while providing defense to none.

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is asking for \$10 million to start initial design concepts for a space "test bed." While this is chump change by Pentagon standards, MDA's budget documents indicate that it is planning to spend \$290 million on this program through fiscal year 2013, which establishes that this is a serious effort to move something from the drawing board to the skies.

The proposed Space Test Bed would be used to do research on putting interceptors in the heavens, with the idea that orbiting spacecraft would be guided into and destroy enemy ballistic missiles.

If it takes this step, the United States would start a new, more dangerous era.

There are major problems with this idea. The first is that it would establish the precedent of weaponizing space. So far, satellites are used to monitor other countries' activities, share com-

munications and guide weapons, but there have not been actual weapons placed on orbit. Yet.

If there were, the United States would have the most to lose. Both the U.S. military and the economy rely very heavily upon satellite systems working reliably and constantly. Imagine the public's consternation if ATMs didn't work, or if GPS navigation was cancelled for ships on the high seas, or if credit card transactions couldn't be processed. More dangerous is the effect it would have on the U.S. military. We have become so dependent upon our "eyes in the sky" that during war-gaming, when satellite capabilities have been knocked out, the commanders launched (simulated) nuclear attacks. Their arguments were that if they couldn't see what their enemies were doing, they had to assume the worst.

Even during the most distrustful times of the Cold War, when the two superpowers were eyeing each other suspiciously and adding thousands of nuclear weapons to their arsenals, agreements were signed protecting their satellite networks, also known as "National Technical Means."

Another negative consequence of putting weapons in space is the debris that would follow. Only 6 percent of the objects circling our planet are working satellites; the rest are junk.

As tests are held while space-based interceptors are developed, the addition of more space debris would be unavoidable. This trash up in space is dangerous: Even minute pieces that are 1 cm. in diameter or less could, at the dizzying speeds at some of the orbits, have catastrophic results should they hit other spacecraft, satellites, or astronauts. China

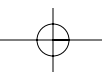
held a test in January where a rocket launched from its territories deliberately hit one of its old weather satellites at an altitude of roughly 530 miles. It was destroyed and left over 1,000 pieces of space debris ... that we know about. There could be hundreds of thousands of smaller fragments that could prove lethal, should they run into anything of value. It is estimated that half that debris will remain on orbit for over 20 years. China has since stated that it would like to see some sort of treaty preventing the weaponization of space, so its path has not yet been carved in stone.

This test demonstrates that weaponizing space could have ramifications long after the weapons have lost their use, assuming that they can show some sort of military utility in the first place. A 2003 report from the non-partisan American Physical Society stated that to defend against a solitary North Korean liquid-fueled Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, there would need to be 1,600 interceptors on orbit, a number that would be impossible to actually field and maintain.

There are more effective ways to defend ourselves, and certainly methods that don't result in a trigger-happy world hemmed in by thousands of pieces of space debris. Let's hope that Congress realizes this and nips the Space Test Bed in the bud.

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**News in brief**

**White House to quickly replace Wolfowitz, resigning Bank post over girlfriend's pay**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to put a controversy behind it, the Bush administration was wasting no time finding a successor to World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz, who will resign over his handling of a pay package for his girlfriend.

Wolfowitz on Thursday announced that he would step down at the end of June, his leadership undermined by a furor over the compensation he arranged in 2005 for Shaha Riza, a bank employee.

His departure ends a two-year run at the development bank that was marked by controversy from the start, given his previous role as a major architect of the Iraq war when he served as the No. 2 official at the Pentagon.

It also ends a potential political headache for President Bush, who had named Wolfowitz to the post.

The Wolfowitz flap had been seen as a growing liability that threatened to tarnish the poverty-fighting institution's reputation and hobble its ability to persuade countries around the world to contribute billions of dollars to provide financial assistance to poor nations.

**Israeli planes pound Hamas targets, Hamas and Fatah exchange bursts of weapons fire**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli planes pounded Hamas targets and rival Palestinian factions exchanged bursts of automatic weapons fire outside Gaza City's Islamic University Friday. The volatile mix of Israeli strikes and Palestinian infighting plunged Gaza deeper into chaos.

Five Palestinians were killed in a single airstrike by Israel, which said it was responding to Hamas rocket attacks on southern Israel — a campaign that showed no sign of subsiding Friday. Hamas fired three rockets at the town of Sderot, where three people were injured by shrapnel and several others were treated for shock.

The sound of gunfire and explosions from fighting between Hamas and Fatah rang out for the sixth straight day in Gaza. Outside the Islamic University — a Hamas stronghold — one person was wounded from the exchange of fire but it was not immediately known from which side.

Members of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' presidential guard and other Fatah loyalists were advancing on Hamas fighters from different directions — and the house of the university's dean was attacked by rocket propelled grenades, according to Hamas.

However, presidential guard spokesman Ali al-Kaisi denied his group was involved in any attack on the university.

**U.S. forces fight insurgents in Iraq; search for missing soldiers continues**

BAGHDAD (AP) — About 50 suspected insurgents attacked a coalition base in the center of a northern Iraqi city Friday, sparking a battle with U.S. soldiers and helicopters that killed at least six militants, the Iraqi army said.

The fighting took place in Baqouba, a Sunni insurgent stronghold that has seen a recent spike in violence largely blamed on militants who fled a 3-month-old security crackdown in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, the massive search for three missing U.S. soldiers believed to have been kidnapped by al-Qaida-linked insurgents entered its seventh day.

Col. Michael Kershaw, the commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division who was overseeing the mission, said the teams were talking to local Iraqis, hoping to find information that would lead them to the soldiers.

**5 killed, several wounded in explosion at mosque in southern India**

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — A bomb ripped through a historic mosque as Friday prayers were ending in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad, killing at least five people and wounding several others, officials said.

Many of those injured in the explosion at the 17th-century Mecca Masjid were severely wounded, and the city's police chief, Balwinder Singh, warned the death toll could rise.

The blast was caused by a bomb, said Y.S. Rajasekhara, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state, where Hyderabad is located. He added in comments to reporters that police also had found two other unexploded bombs.

Rajasekhara appealed for calm between Hindus and Muslims in the city, which has long been plagued by communal tensions — and occasional spasms of religious violence.

There was chaos outside the mosque following the attack with throngs of people gathered in the streets, some chanting angry slogans. Police responded with tear gas as ambulances struggled to get through the crowds and ferry the wounded to hospitals.

**Bipartisan immigration deal, under fire from many sides, faces tough road**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan immigration deal that would grant legal status to millions of people in the country unlawfully is drawing criticism from across the political spectrum.

The bargain reached between key Democratic and Republican senators and the White House faces an uncertain future in the Senate, which is set to begin debating it Monday.

"I don't know if the immigration legislation is going to bear fruit and we're going to be able to pass it," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-NeV., who harbored "serious concerns" about the deal.

Even if it were to survive what's certain to be a searing Senate battle, the measure would be up against long odds in the House. Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., acknowledging deep divisions on immigration among Democrats, says she won't bring it up unless President Bush can guarantee he will produce 70 Republican backers — a tall order given GOP concerns that the bill is too lenient.

**French President Nicolas Sarkozy names first Cabinet, radically revamping the government**

PARIS (AP) — President Nicolas Sarkozy named his first Cabinet on Friday, radically revamping the government, with nearly as many women as men and humanitarian crusader Bernard Kouchner as France's new foreign minister.

Other appointments included former Prime Minister Alain Juppe, in charge of the environment — an area Sarkozy says is a priority — and Jean-Louis Borloo as minister for the economy.

The Cabinet, trimmed to 15 ministers, offered both youth and experience, and near-equal distribution among the sexes. Former Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie was named as interior minister, and Sarkozy campaign adviser Rachita Dati will head the Justice Ministry.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

Your right-hand opponent opens with One Club, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following six hands?

- ♠AQJ10 ♥KJ85 ♦Q96 ♣K3
- ♠AQ84 ♥6 ♦KQJ73 ♣K82
- ♠KQJ9852 ♥10 ♦Q874 ♣6
- ♠AQ853 ♥K962 ♦K103 ♣4
- ♠KQJ9852 ♥10 ♦AQJ4 ♣6
- ♠A94 ♥AJ ♦QJ983 ♣AJ7

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- Double.** This tells partner that you have the values for an opening bid and support for the unbid suits. With excellent support for both majors, the double is preferable to overcalling with one notrump, which is a reasonable alternative.
- One diamond.** This is somewhat of an underbid, since an overcall on the one-level more often than not denotes less than an opening bid. However, a takeout double to show your high-card strength is not an option, since your partner might respond in hearts and create an insoluble problem. If the bidding develops favorably, you plan to bid spades at your next turn and in that way belatedly show both the strength and distribution of your hand.
- Three spades.** This is a pre-

emptive bid pure and simple, and indicates a weak hand with long spades. It is essentially an effort to deprive the opponents of bidding space and make it difficult for them to reach their best contract.

**4. Double.** This should work out better in the long run than one spade, which is the alternative bid. In such situations you weigh the advantage of doubling and possibly finding a heart (or diamond) fit against the advantage of overcalling with one spade. A majority of experts would favor the double.

**5. Four spades.** This leap to game combines the virtue of pre-emption with a legitimate chance of making the contract. The jump to four puts a lot of pressure on the opponents and might cause them to make the wrong decision.

**6. One notrump.** This is by far the best way of describing your hand. True, you have the high-card values for a double, but with only five cards in the majors, notrump is by far the better choice. The notrump overall shows 15 to 18 points, balanced distribution and at least one club stopper. That's what you have, and you can deliver that message in one fell swoop.

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**Democrats seek no-confidence vote on AG Gonzales**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales sank further Thursday as Democrats proposed a no-confidence vote, a fifth GOP senator called for his resignation and yet another Republican predicted he won't survive a congressional investigation.

The White House shrugged off the no-confidence idea as merely symbolic.

Democratic Sens. Chuck Schumer of New York and Dianne Feinstein of California said they will seek a Senate vote on a nonbinding resolution expressing what senators of both parties have said for weeks: that Gonzales must step down.

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# Club News

## Mary Jane Club

Mary Jane Club met May 10 with 11 members present.

The home of two of our presidents was visited in Midald. The 1,492 square-foot house was the home of two presidents, two governors, a former CIA director and ambassador to China, and a first lady. It is now known as the George W. Bush home, which has been restored to resemble the way it looked when George H.W. Bush and his growing family lived there in the early 1950s.

Forty-third President George W. Bush was 2 years old when he moved to the house and spent his early formative years, along with his younger brother Jeb, who is the former governor of Florida.

After the interesting tour, lunch was enjoyed at the Cafe At The Gardens, located at

Aldredge Gardens.

Officers were elected for September 2007 through May 2008.

The next meeting will be Sept. 12.

## Daughters of the American Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR, met May 13 at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Charlene Ragan presided. Members attending were Carole Lawson, Carol Scott, Sara Tipton, Lora Mae Pollard, June Reid and Ragan.

Lawson read the President General's message from NSDSAR. Raga gave the National Defense Report. A book has been presented to the Howard County Library in memory of Fern Alexander, who was a founding member of the Elisha Mack Chapter in Big Spring.

A new book has just been published by

NADAR called "American Treasures" and may now be ordered.

Mary Schuelke and SueAnn Damron recently attended a tea given by the Brownwood chapter.

Damron received payment for Valentine presents to the VA patients. She is presently in Jamestown to celebrate that city's 400th anniversary in America. She and Schuelke attended the Texas DAR 108th state convention in Houston, representing the Elisha Mack Chapter. Money was collected for the Helen Couch Fund, which is a junior member project.

The money is used for the Kate Duncan and Tamasse schools, which the NSDAR supports.

Anne Witherspoon will attend the national convention in Washington, D.C., in July.

The next scheduled meeting will be in

October as the chapter will attend a constitution luncheon hosted by the Midland DAR chapters in September.

A discussion was held on changing the time and date for meetings next year.

The meeting was adjourned by Regent Ragan.

## Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. After a dutch treat lunch, there will be a business meeting and guest speaker. This is our last meeting until Aug. 20.

There will be a drawing for door prizes for all former and new members who have joined from March 1 through May 21. All current, former and new retirees are urged to join now for the 2007-2008

membership year.

RTA members who attended the State Retired Teachers Association convention in Austin will give reports. New officers for the 2007-2008 year beginning in July will be installed. They are Bo Fryar, president; Bettie Cox, first vice president; Loma Jean Wynn, second vice president; Jean Slate, recording secretary; Jean Warren, corresponding secretary; and Don Green and Ida Flowers, co-treasurers.

Our program will feature Aubrey Cherry, pres-

ident of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, who will update members on legislative matters during the current session of the state legislature. Several legislative actions affect retired school personnel, so this should be very informative and interesting.

Any retired school personnel from Howard County and surrounding counties are welcome and invited to attend. We also welcome guests. For additional information, call Loyce Phillips at 264-1716 or Jean Slate at 263-4080.

## State takes daughter of man accused of putting her in microwave

GALVESTON (AP) — The state has taken custody of a 2-month-old who was burned after police say her father put her in a microwave oven, officials said.

Children's Protective Services took custody of the child Tuesday, the day her father, 19-year-old Joshua Royce Mauldin of Warren, Ark., was arrested on a charge of felony injury to a child, CPS spokeswoman Gwen Carter said. The baby will be placed in foster care once she's released from the hospital.

Carter said CPS has asked that no family member be allowed to visit the child at Galveston's Shriners Burns Hospital, where physicians from the University of Texas Medical Branch have performed two skin grafts.

The child suffered burns on the left side of her face and to her left hand, police said.

## Legislators whittle away at teacher pay raise

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers would get about \$425 more a year under a state budget agreement forged late Thursday by House and Senate budget writers.

The amount, which also applies to school counselors, librarians and nurses, is about half of the pay raise in the budget proposal that the House adopted in March.

With less than two weeks left in the 140-day legislative session, House and Senate leaders are working to negotiate a compromise. The Senate version, which was adopted in April, did not include any money for an across-the-board teacher pay raise, but put in \$580 million for teacher incentive-pay programs.

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looks at the jail," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "We were very pleased with the results of Wednesday's test, but there were still some issues with the alarm system that need to be ironed out before the state inspects the jail.

"We want everything up and running the way it's supposed to before they get here, and the only way to do that is by testing everything. But we're tickled to death with the progress so far."

Kilgore and the rest of the commissioners court met Thursday afternoon to discuss the jail, among other issues.

Wednesday's test of the jail's smoke evacuation system showed the system was within standards set by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, according to Sheriff Dale Walker.

"The state requires that once the smoke is introduced into the cell block, it has to be all clear within 15 minutes," Walker said following the test. "We've been able to narrow that down to 10 and a half minutes, so that's very good and well within requirements."

The court recently contracted with Anthony Mechanical to fix the jail's smoke evacuation system for approximately \$223,000.

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

The jail also failed to meet state requirements that call for a stand pipe in the jail to deliver water to firefighters and a door that swung in the wrong direction. However, these pair of problems have since been corrected, leaving the smoke evacuation system the lone obstacle standing in the commissioners court's way.

Since the jail's closure, inmates of the Howard

County Jail have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb counties, at considerable expense to the county.

Reopening the jail could spell financial relief for the court, as the price tag for the facility's closure continues to mount up.

"If you add everything up, including the housing expenses, overtime and the repairs being made in the jail, we're looking at this closure costing the county close to \$1 million," said Kilgore. "It's had a tremendous impact on our budget, and as we begin looking at next year's budget, we're going to have to find a way to make some of it up."

Commissioners also moved forward Thursday with efforts to design and construct a new county jail, approving a \$25,000 contract with Port Arthur consulting firm Carl R. Griffith and Associates Inc. in hopes of garnering much-needed statistics for the design of a new jail system.

County Judge Mark Barr, who made the original motion to hire the company, said their services come highly recommended.

"I talked to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and they feel like we can really benefit from their expertise," said Barr. "Midland County is having a similar problem with their jail — except they haven't been shut down — and Judge Bradford also suggested them. Adan Munoz, the executive director of the commission, said hiring them is one of the best things we could do."

"This is a very, very complex issue, and the more information you have, the better decisions you can make. They aren't going to give us a bunch of rules to follow. They're going to tell us what ideas are good and what ideas are bad."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said the type of services offered by the firm is exactly what he's been calling for since the effort to design and build a new jail began.

"I felt like they made an excellent presentation," said Crooker. "They have undoubtedly had a tremendous amount of experience with their group, and I think they can bring to us some help and some answers to our

problems. I've been an advocate for a long time of gathering factual information, taking that information and going over it to use it as a basis for the problems we face. It's that simple."

The commissioner's court has been struggling with the design and construction of a new county jail for more than two years.

Commissioners also discussed budgetary matters for the coming year.

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**First United Methodist Church**

The "Great Go-Mission" is the title of the sermon Dr. Shane Brue will deliver at both services of worship on Sunday morning. The text is based on Matthew 28:18-20. Morning services are at 8:30 and 10:50. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45.

Sunday evening at 6 there will be a joint service of worship with the Rev. Eddie Williams of Bakers Chapel preaching. The Rev. Donita Lea, Coahoma, the Rev. Joel Miller, North Birdwell Lane and the Rev. Shane Brue, First Methodist, Big Spring will participate in this annual memorial service. Special guests will include families of those members who have passed away since last Memorial Day. A reception will be held in Garrett Hall following the service.

This is Relay For Life day and at printing youth minister Jason Archuleta remained tight-lipped regarding the outcome of their Relay Team competition. The single bit of information Archuleta was willing to reveal was that their fund-raising efforts had gleaned the largest money amount ever raised by the the First Methodist youth team. Last year's total was just over \$3,000 so it is apparent that this competition is a huge success.

Archuleta will announce the winner in Sunday's services and will let the congregation

know if the men or the women will be preparing and serving the championship meal June 10 following the late service.

First United Methodist Church buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets.

**First Baptist Church**

This Sunday, we are honored to have Dr. Thomas Brisco preaching God's word to us in both of our worship services. Dr. Brisco is the dean at the Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Our morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. and is preceded by Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. During the morning service, we will observe the ordinance of baptism. The Adult Handbell Choir will be ringing. Evening worship begins at 6 p.m.

We will be honoring our veterans May 27 during the morning worship service with a video presentation which will feature the men with their pictures and when and where they served while in the military. We are honored by the sacrifices these men made while serving their God and their country.

Summer is upon us, and we look forward to summer camps for our youth, GAs and RAs. The children will be treated to "Wacky Wednesdays" beginning June 6 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vacation Bible School will begin June 11 and run through

**THIRD ANNIVERSARY**



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**Bakers Chapel AME, 911 N. Lancaster St., will celebrate the third anniversary of the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Eddie Williams at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 27. The Rev. Phillip Randle, pastor of Johnson Chapel of Amarillo, will be the featured speaker.**

the 15th. Our Family Life Center is open for those of you who would like an indoor place to exercise. We also offer skating and bowling and other fun activities. Come by and visit with us.

Other opportunities are available for all ages. Call us at 267-8223 for further information.

**College Baptist Church**

A video honoring those who serve in the military will be shown in the Sunday morning service at CBC. The video was produced under the sponsorship of the 3G's, with technical assistance by Marcy Weir.

A cake auction, with cakes backed by men and boys of the church, will

be held Sunday following the evening worship service. Money donated for the cakes will be used to fund VBS and summer youth activities.

Women of the community are invited to Serendipity Monday, May 21, in the church fellowship hall. A reception meal will be provided. Call the church office, 267-7429, for child care.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's

Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

The members of BLBC would like to extend to you an invitation to visit with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. If you do not presently have a church home and are looking for a local church to serve the Lord, we exist for the sole purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ and being a blessing to you and your family.

Services are informal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching, and a friendly atmosphere. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 5 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided.

The youth will have visitation Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Those needing a ride to church can call 264-9924.

Next Tuesday, the Senior Saints will have a pot luck supper and game night in the fellowship hall from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For further information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church**

A joint memorial service for area Methodist churches will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry St. This will be a candle-

lighting service to celebrate the life of any member of the area churches who passed away during the last year. The Rev. Donita Lea of Coahoma UMC will be the speaker. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

Angelfood Ministries of North Birdwell Lane UMC will have a delivery day May 26 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Remember to bring a box about the size of a laundry basket to pick up your order. Order forms for June delivery will be available at the time. Orders will be accepted June 1, June 8 and June 15 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and June 9 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. All orders must be paid for with cash at the time they are placed.

Vacation Bible School for ages 5 through 12 will be held June 18-21 from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be Bible stories, music, snacks, crafts and recreation provided. Sign up will be Monday, June 18, beginning at 9 a.m. The final program and a cookout for participants and their families will be held June 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 267-2203, 267-4082 or 263-2536.

Plans and preparations are progressing for a booth at the Funtastic Fourth in downtown Big Spring July 4. There will be food, crafts and even some surprises offered. This is part of the ongoing fund-raising cam-

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# First Church of Nazarene begins Hispanic ministry

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The First Church of the Nazarene is reaching out to the fastest-growing ethnic group in Big Spring with the addition of the Rev. Felix Torres to the church staff.

Torres, a native of Puerto Rico, and his wife, Marta, will conduct Spanish language services and Bible study at the church's Fellowship Hall beginning June 3, said the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor.

"The West Texas district (of the Nazarene Church) has long targeted Big Spring for a Spanish language program because we have such a large number of Hispanics in this area," Brown said. "Our district coordinator came across the Torres family and decided this would be a good time to bring them here."

Despite the vast geographical differences between Puerto Rico and West Texas, Torres said he believes Big Spring is

an "excelente" area for him and his family.

Torres, an ordained minister since 1993, said he was born into the

Christian faith but left the church when he was 15.

"But He was gracious to me and by His mercy, when I was 20, I was reconciled to the Lord," Torres said through an interpreter.

Torres was either pastor or associate pastor at three Nazarene churches in Puerto Rico before

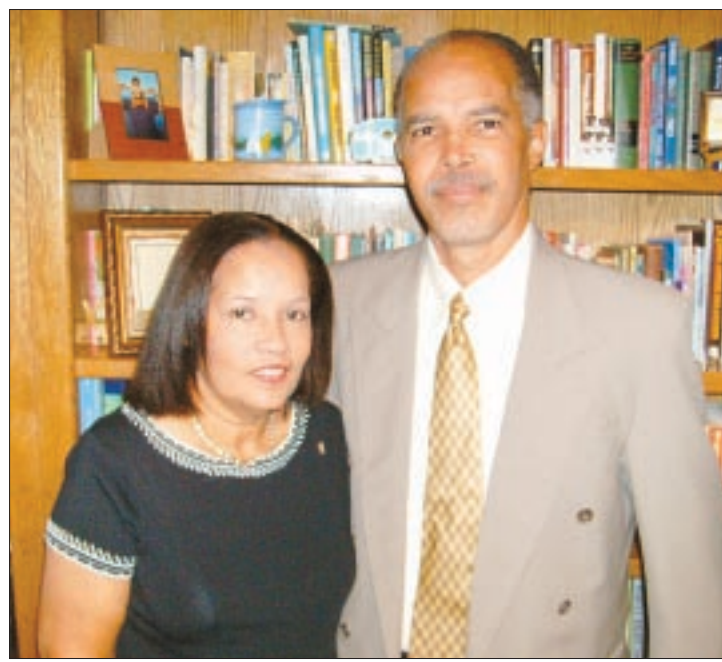
accepting the post in Big Spring.

Marta Torres has also been active in the church, serving a variety of positions at her husband's churches, including directing vacation Bible school, Sunday school teacher and directing the church's hot meals ministry.

Aside from directing the

Spanish language services and Bible study, the couple plan to start a women's ministry, provide regular meals at the church and run a marriage counseling service.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

The Rev. Felix Torres and wife Marta have joined First Church of the Nazarene and will conduct Spanish language services and Bible study at the church's Fellowship Hall beginning June 3, Senior Pastor Byron Brown announced.

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paign for enlarging the building at North Birdwell UMC. Make plans to come out and support all those who will have booths.

Regular worship services in an informal, traditional style are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. An informal devotional service is held Sunday at 5 p.m. You are invited to attend these services and any program presented by North Birdwell UMC.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

We will be blessed to welcome you to Spring Creek Fellowship this Sunday. At our 10:30 a.m., we will be honoring our graduates in a service that will include special music by graduate Morgan Metcalf and the father of a graduate, Dale Pittman. We will have baptism and Chad Wash will offer special music. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, will continue his series of sermons on American Idols with

"Fashion Passion," based on 2 Kings 9:30-37.

Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. as we continue to study The Church. This Sunday we will be studying 1 Peter 2:4-10 as Bro. Teeters brings a sermon titled "The Church as the Building of Christ." Stan Hanes will be leading our worship music and the preschool choir will be singing in the evening service.

We are a church ready to connect with you and your family as we worship God together and serve Him with gladness.

You can reach us at 714-4584 or at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org). We are located at I-20 and Spring Creek Road exit. Turn left and go under the overpass and turn left on the service road and go about 300 yards down the road and make a right hand turn at the church.

### Spring Tabernacle Ministries

We invite you to come enjoy the fellowship of the spirit and the saints of God as we praise and worship our precious Lord Jesus. Our services are at 10 a.m. Sunday. Food

ministry is at 10 a.m. Thursday and rehab meetings are held at 7 a.m. Tuesday. come and bless the Lord with us at 1209 Wright. For more information, call 263-0544.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services and holy communion are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m. Voter's assembly meets at 11:30 a.m.

A reminder from St. Paul's Relay for Life team that Relay For Life starts tonight. Call Joanne Sayles for details. Our team has raised more than \$1,100 so far this year.

Thank you have been received from two of our chaplains for all the care packages we have sent. This month's items are Gold Bond foot powder (especially appreciated since the weather is getting hotter), Sweet Tarts, Star Bursts or Life Savers and neck coolers (to wet and put around their necks). Don't forget AT&T phone cards so the troops can call home.

Bible study groups continue. Call the office for details.

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