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Jail passes smoke test

Normal operations could resume in matter of days

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Howard County Jail could see its first inmates as soon as next week, as the state commission that shut the facility down in 2006 because of life safety issues gave it a thumbs up Thursday.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the facility got an OK from officials with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards following a test of the facility's smoke evacuation system.

"We're ready to go now," said Barr. "The test went excellent. We're now approved to reopen the jail any time we

"I think all of the commissioners realize this is just a stop-gap measure until we can build a new jail."



Barr

want."

Barr said the facility could see its first inmates in a matter of days.

"I talked to the sheriff, and they still have to go through and do some cleaning and some painting," said Barr. "Once

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COAHOMA COMMENCEMENT



Katelin Lyon and other Coahoma High School seniors wait for the start of CHS commencement ceremonies Thursday evening in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Sixty-two students received their diplomas during the event. Big Spring and Forsan high schools will hold graduation exercises tonight. Valedictorian Bryan Juan and Salutatorian Alyssa Rains will lead more than 200 seniors as BSHS conducts commencement at 8 p.m. in Garrett Coliseum, while 40 FHS seniors, including Valedictorian Jonathan Purcell and Salutatorian Seth Johnson, will receive their diplomas in ceremonies beginning at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

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Big Spring State Hospital employees tie yellow ribbons next to a banner hospital officials unveiled expressing support for U.S. troops. The unveiling came after the conclusion of Memorial Day ceremonies at the hospital's chapel.

State hospital honors veterans

Employees tie yellow ribbons along fence to show support

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital placed a banner honoring the military and tied yellow ribbons on the front fence Thursday, reminding the Howard County community that they have not forgotten the men and women fighting overseas.

"We have many staff members who either have family members overseas or are overseas themselves," said Elizabeth Correa, a member of the

A number of local entities will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day

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hospital's Workforce and Cultural Diversity Committee. "We wanted to have a ceremony to let them know that we haven't forgotten them and that it's still affecting

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Agency confirms Settles' eligibility

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Efforts to restore and renovate the historic Settles Hotel got a helpful nod from the Texas Historical Commission Thursday, as the state agency confirmed eligibility of the downtown landmark to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Brint Ryan, manager of the Settles Hotel Development Company, made the announcement Thursday afternoon, saying the commission called the project an "excellent candidate" for federal tax credits.

"According to the commission, the Settles Hotel is eligible under Criterion A in the area of commerce as a historically important hotel in downtown Big Spring," said Ryan, "and under Criterion C in the area of architecture, at the local level of significance, as an outstanding high-rise building by Abilene architect David R. Castle.



Ryan

"The commission noted that, 'The building has

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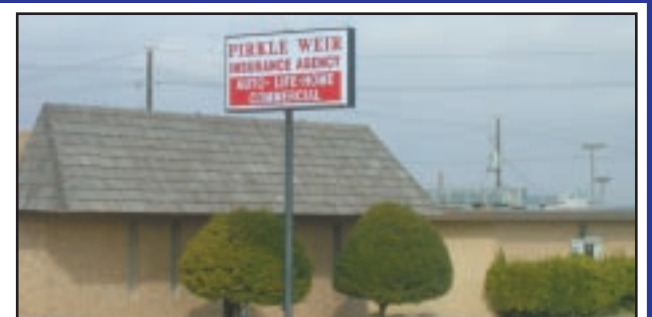
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

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.

Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be holding their All-Skills Softball Camp June 4-7 at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade through ninth grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

Junior tennis camp slated for end of May

Kathy Boland will hold her Big Spring Junior Tennis Camp at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center starting Tuesday and lasting through Friday.

The camp will last from 8:30 a.m. until noon and is for boys and girls between ages 6-13.

The cost is \$60. Contact Kathy Boland by calling 940-886-6169 or call Big Spring Junior High at 264-4135.

Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. June 3 to help Mary Grace Jackson raise money to pay the expenses of her pending kidney and pancreas transplant.

The entrance fee will be \$15 per person. There will be separate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be paid to one place for every five entries.

For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camps set

Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne will be holding the first of three City of Big Spring Tennis Camps beginning Monday and concluding Thursday.

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Big 12 Championship headed to Arlington

By **PAT GRAHAM**
AP Sports Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS — The appeal of playing in new facilities was too hard for the Big 12 Conference to resist.

The league's board of directors approved proposals Thursday to hold its football championship in the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium and the basketball title game in Kansas City's Sprint Center, providing both are completed in time.

The championship games will be held in the venues over a two-year period, beginning with the

2009-10 season. The deals are pending completion of facilities and negotiations.

At its annual spring meeting, the board also approved a proposal to move the men's basketball tournament championship game from Sunday to Saturday, beginning with the 2008-09 season. The game will be televised on ESPN between the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals and the Big East finals. The women's game will now be held Sunday.

The switch gives the NCAA men's selection committee more time to evaluate Big 12 teams.

Kansas City, Mo., will host the

basketball tournament next season while San Antonio hosts the football championship.

The board awarded Kansas City the basketball tournament over Tulsa, Okla., Omaha, Neb., and Dallas.

The board also voted to hold the 2008-09 football championship at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. The basketball tournament in '09 will take place in Oklahoma City.

Dallas's new state-of-the-art, 100,000-seat facility is raking in new business. NFL owners recently voted to play the 2011 Super Bowl in the Cowboys' sta-

dium in Arlington, Texas.

"There's always an attractiveness to new facilities," Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said. "We're optimistic it (the stadiums) will be done."

Weiberg said there was a strong desire to be in Dallas' new stadium when it's scheduled to open in 2009.

The committee reaffirmed the conference's strong opposition to any major playoff proposal. However, the league would be open to a plus-one system, under the right circumstances. Such a

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Lady Buffs dominate District 2-1A awards

By **JONATHAN HULL**
Herald Sports Writer

FORSAN — If playoff games and postseason awards were judged solely on season records, then Forsan's Lady Buffaloes should've exited the postseason in the first round. They also should've received very few district acknowledgments.

However, you can't judge a book by its cover.

The Lady Buffs finished their season with a 13-10 overall record and a third-place finish in their first season of District 2-1A play. However, Forsan proved to be the district's most formidable playoff representative by being the last team eliminated from postseason play.

"I thought that we were the most talented team in the district heading into this season," said Lady Buffs head coach Shanna Roberts. "Our overall record is deceiving because of the caliber of teams we played in our pre-district schedule. We played a lot of 2A and 3A teams. Then we got off to a slow start in district play because we lost our starting pitcher at the start of the district season. The girls had to hustle and be flexible. They had to be willing to move around to new positions."

Despite its third place finish, Forsan received more 2-1A All-District awards than any other school in the league. The district's coaches obviously looked past the record and district finish by awarding 10 Lady Buffs with all-district honors, including a Coach of the Year Award for Roberts.

"It's a nice honor. I was very surprised by it," said Roberts. "Usually the coach of the third-place team doesn't get this

award. This just shows how well the girls did in overcoming the obstacles that hit us right before district."

Freshman Amanda Longorio took home the district's Offensive MVP Award courtesy of a .647 batting average during league play. She batted in the cleanup spot for the Lady Buffs because of the consistent contact she made with the ball.

"Amanda has very good instincts at the plate," said Roberts. "We could count on her to always to put the ball in play."

Longorio also served as Forsan's top pitcher during district play. It was her defensive play that stood out in the Lady Buffs' regional semifinal series with Seymour.

"We asked Amanda to move to third two days before Game 1 of the series. She had never played the position before," explained Roberts. "I don't think anyone could've expected her to take to the position the way she did. She made a huge difference in the field."

Freshman shortstop Shelby Jones was nominated for District MVP, but received the league's Newcomer of the Year Award instead.

"Shelby is one of the most athletic girls on the team," raved Roberts. "I would put her up against anyone in the district defensively. She will do whatever it takes to keep a ball in the infield."

Jones' defensive ability is complimented by her .551 batting average at the plate.

Her twin sister, Kelsey, made the all-district first team as the catcher. The twins tied with a team leading three home runs

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Forsan's Alyx Pappajohn gets a base hit in playoff action against Seymour. She along with nine other Lady Buffs were recipients of all-district honors this week.

Different game, same result; Pistons beat Cavs, 79-76

By **LARRY LAGE**
AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — After passing up the last shot in the series-opening loss, LeBron James wasn't about to do it again in Game 2.

It still didn't work out for Cleveland.

James missed a shot in the lane with 7.9 seconds left on a play that a foul could've been called Thursday night, allowing Detroit to escape again with a 79-76 victory over the Cavaliers and a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Faced with a similar situation in the series opener, James passed up a shot in the final seconds, giving the ball to Donyell Marshall, who missed an open 3-pointer. The Pistons went on to win that game by the same score.

"We know we can compete with them, but these are heartbreak-type games," Cavs forward Drew Gooden said.

On Thursday night, the 22-year-old star dribbled into the lane and missed a spinning shot with Richard Hamilton draped on him.

"I believe there was

some contact, but there's been a lot of contact throughout this series," James said. "We're a no-excuse team and we can't look at the last play as why we lost."

Detroit won because of Rasheed Wallace's play, particularly in the fourth quarter.

Wallace scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth and his fadeaway jumper on the baseline over James with 24 second left put Detroit ahead for good. He also had 11 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

"When he's focused and he's trying to take a game over, there's nobody that can stop him," teammate Chauncey Billups said. "He scores in so many different ways and he doesn't get a lot of press for the way he defends guys."

The Cavs scored just 13 points in each of the last two quarters, but they still had a shot to win.

Larry Hughes grabbed the offensive rebound after James missed, couldn't make a 10-footer and Anderson Varejao was just off on a tip.

Game 3 is Sunday night in Cleveland.

Detroit started 2-0

against the Cavs in the second round last year, but the Cavs responded by winning three straight before losing Game 7 on the road.

Hamilton and Billups had 13 points apiece and Jason Maxiell provided a boost off the bench with a playoff-high 15.

James finished with 19 points on 7-of-19 shooting and had seven assists, six turnovers and six rebounds. He scored a playoff-low 10 points on 5-of-15 shooting in Game 1.

For the second straight game, he didn't have much help offensively.

Sasha Pavlovic and Varejao each scored 14, but key players Gooden, Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Larry Hughes combined for just 11 points. Rookie Daniel Gibson added a playoff-high nine points.

The Cavs led 50-38 after a dominant second quarter before a lackluster third allowed Detroit to come back.

Cleveland, following a trend of playing poorly right after halftime, had just seven points in the third until making two 3-pointers in the final 39 seconds to take a 63-60



MCT photo/Julian H. Gonzalez
Cleveland Cavaliers' Drew Gooden puts a hand in the face of Detroit Pistons' Chris Webber during first quarter action in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday in Michigan.

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Police blotter

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

- **SHEILA EISENBACH**, 23, transient, was arrested Thursday on two local citations.
- **FRANK JACKSON**, 48, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ**, 42, of 805 W. 15th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Bell.
 - in the 1000 block of 16th Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2500 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 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MARIA SOTO REYES**, 47, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of Class C assault.
 - **JOSHUA THOMPSON**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
 - **HARVEY DICK HARMON JR.**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to stop and render aid.
 - **DAVID CONKLIN**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
 - **THOMAS RIOS**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **ROBERT LEE EVANS**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid.
 - **MELISSA MARIA ESCANUELAS**, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct - fighting.
 - **BERNARDO JACINTO HILARIO**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, evading arrest or detention and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **CHRISTOPHER DELBOSQUEZ**, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon and charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, bondsman off bond for delivery of a controlled substance, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention, bail jumping - failure to appear, evading arrest or detention and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
 - **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stallings Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 900 block of Goliad.

Support Groups

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Take Note

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY PACHYDERM CLUB** will meet at noon Thursday at Just Peachy, located at Fifth and Scurry streets. Guest speaker will be Jason Moore of Odessa, he is the State Republican Executive Committee member for Texas Senate District 31. For reservations, call Susanne Haney at 432-263-7147

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB** is accepting scholarship applications from students who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and enrolled for at least 12 hours. More information can be found at the club Web site: clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/webhome.htm Application deadline is June 1.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

• **THE WORKFORCE NETWORK HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE** for training and employment with competitive wages for youth in Howard, Borden and Glasscock counties. Enrollment will be held at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens in Big Spring from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 21. You must bring copies of your birth certificate, Social Security card and picture ID if you have one. You must have a parent with you if you are under 18 years of age.

• **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 Rodriguez, 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.

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

• **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.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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.

Bulletin Board

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 Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

MONDAY

- Ride to Remember motorcyclists will arrive in Big Spring about 11 a.m. to pay their respects at the Vietnam Memorial, then have lunch at Hangar 25 Air Museum. The public is invited to attend the brief service and to have lunch at the museum. Those who are not participants of Ride to Remember may take part in lunch for \$5.
- Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. at the main flagpole at Trinity Memorial Park, five miles south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87. Everyone is invited.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Memorial day...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-26-28-34-35
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize: \$29,930.
Winning ticket sold in: Richardson.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-13-23. Bonus Ball: 28.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Winning ticket sold in: Schertz.
Prize: \$200,000.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-1.

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Kim holds one-shot lead over Purdy at Colonial



MCT photo/Ron T. Ennis

Ted Purdy acknowledges the crowd after a birdie putt on the sixth green at the Crown Plaza Invitational at Colonial Thursday in Fort Worth. He finished the day with a 6-under 64, placing him second behind Anthony Kim.

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Ted Purdy was inspired by an "American Idol."

Two days after casting at least 100 votes for Jordin Sparks, the daughter of one of his golfing buddies, Purdy overcome an opening bogey and went on to a 6-under 64 to get within one stroke of Anthony Kim in the suspended first round of the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial.

"Her family is just a real positive family. I'm trying to bring that to my golf game," Purdy said. "She inspired me today. ... I know her dad real well."

Purdy began his round with a three-putt bogey at the 407-yard 10th hole, but recovered with five birdies in a seven-hole stretch. He got to 7 under before missing the fairway and the green for a bogey on his 16th hole, the straight 432-yard No. 7.

Sparks' father is retired NFL player Phillipppi

Sparks, a fellow board member at the same Phoenix country club with Purdy.

Purdy and Kim, who had nine birdies in his round of 63, were among 57 players — exactly half of the 114-player field — to finish play Thursday before an afternoon thunderstorm flooded the course. Play never resumed after the second weather delay of the day, and the round was suspended until Friday.

Kim found his own inspiration from within, and was talking to himself after a bogey at the 417-yard 12th hole. He missed the fairway, came up short of the green on his approach and pushed a 7-foot par putt past the hole to move to 1 under.

"I gave myself quite a talking to, probably stuff I shouldn't be saying," said Kim, a 21-year-old PGA Tour rookie who lives in Dallas.

Kim then birdied the last six holes — the longest birdie streak on tour this season — to finish his best-scoring round

since turning pro late last year.

Jeff Maggert had his best score in 43 rounds at Colonial to match Purdy at 6 under. Nathan Green, Jeff Quinney and Peter Lonard all completed 65s. There were 30 players who finished rounds under par, including defending champion Tim Herron (67).

Frank Licklitter was 5 under through eight holes — with six birdies and a bogey — when play was stopped for good. Kevin Na, paired with Licklitter, was 4 under with five birdies.

After Kim finished his self-scolding session, he hit his tee shot at the 171-yard 13th hole inside 4 feet. His birdie putt at the 448-yard 14th hole was even shorter before the first suspension of play because of weather.

There was a delay of 1 hour, 22 minutes before Kim went out and finished his round with four more birdies — all ranging from 9 to 17 feet.

"There really wasn't one thing. Usually when

something turns around during a round you can tell. I don't know what it was," he said. "Maybe it was taking the head cover off finally and putting it, or opening my eyes. Something changed, and I don't really know what it was."

When play stopped the first time, Green and Quinney — playing in the first group of the day — were on the 17th green, a hole after trading the lead.

Green was 6 under when he got a bad break at the par-3 16th, his 7-iron off the tee plugging into the sand. He barely got on the green after that and took a double bogey, while Quinney made a 9-foot birdie to move to 5-under.

Quinney hit 17 of 18 greens in his bogey-free round.

"I felt at ease out there," Quinney said. "It's just one of those days it was pretty easy."

A 10-foot birdie at No. 17, on his first shot after play resumed, got Green back to 5 under.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠AK	♠10 7 2
♥AKQ	♥8 4
♦Q 6 2	♦K J 7 5 4 3
♣Q J 10 8 3	♣9 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, North having opened the bidding as dealer with one diamond. North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠Q 3	♠K J 6 4
♥AQ 5 2	♥9 7
♦—	♦A 8 7
♣AK Q 9 8 7 3	♣J 10 6 2

1. This is one of those cases where, with proper play, you're sure to make the contract regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided. Win the heart and play the queen of diamonds, not a low diamond. If the suit is divided 4-0 and the defender with the A-10-9-8 takes the ace, you later lead a low diamond and play low from dummy to assure nine tricks; if the defender with four diamonds does not take the ace, stop playing diamonds and attack clubs. If both opponents follow to the diamond queen and it holds the trick,

lead another diamond to dummy's jack. If the jack also wins, shift your attention to clubs, forcing out the A-K and thus making four notrump. If you were to make the mistake of leading a low diamond to the jack at trick two, you might find yourself going down if, for example, South had the A-10-9-8 of diamonds and took the jack with the ace.

2. It is virtually certain that North has the ace of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid. It would therefore be wrong to rely on a heart finesse, especially when there is a much safer method of play. The best approach is to start by ruffing the queen of diamonds. It would be wrong to play the ace from dummy, which would force you to make a discard from your hand before you are ready to do so. After drawing trumps, you next lead the three of spades toward dummy, placing North squarely on the horns of a dilemma. If he goes up with the ace, you can later discard the Q-5-2 of hearts on the K-J of spades and ace of diamonds. Alternatively, if North ducks the spade, you win with dummy's jack, discard the queen of spades on the ace of diamonds, lose a heart finesse to North's king and later trump two hearts in dummy. Either way, you make the slam.

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Entities to close for Memorial Day

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Many area businesses and agencies will be closed Monday in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Administrative offices for Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts and Howard College will be closed Monday and reopen for regular office hours Tuesday, officials said. Howard College offices are closed today, as they are every Friday in the summer. Summer office hours for the college are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Except for the sheriff's office, all Howard County offices will be closed Monday. All offices will reopen for business for regular hours Tuesday.

The Howard County Library will be closed Saturday and Monday, but will reopen for business Tuesday.

All non-emergency offices for the city of Big Spring will be closed Monday, officials said. Police, Emergency Medical Service and the Big Spring Fire Department will be staffed as usual.

Trash will not be picked up Monday. Regular schedules

resume Tuesday.

The Spring City Senior Center in the Industrial Park will be closed Monday, but will be open for regular operating hours Tuesday, a spokesman said.

Federal offices, including the post office and Social Security Administration office, will be closed for the Memorial Day three-day weekend, but will be open for business Tuesday.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Coahoma High School seniors stand before the start of commencement exercises at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday evening.

JAIL

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that's completed, we'll start bringing the inmates back in."

The county jail was shut down by the state jail standards commission 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 standpipe to deliver water to firefighters and a door that opened in the wrong direction. However, these problems have been corrected, leaving the smoke evacuation system the lone obstacle.

Repairs at the jail have cost the county more than \$250,000.

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.

And while reopening the jail will help lessen the financial burden, Barr said inmate housing is a problem he expects to see continue.

"If we can keep our numbers right about where they are now, we'll still be forced to house between one and six inmates out of county even after we reopen the jail," said Barr. "That's

just because of overcrowding. Also, we still can't house women in our jail, so there's another 10 inmates that we'll have to pay to house out of county.

"The cost over the past several months has nearly killed us. We're looking at the budget for the coming year right now, and it doesn't look favorable. Its doesn't look favorable at all."

Though repairs to the existing jail were neces-

sary, Barr said it's not a long-term solution.

"I think all of the commissioners realize this is just a stop-gap measure until we can build a new jail," said Barr. "We have a 57-year-old jail up there. Even with these life safety issues taken care of, the jail is still under several variances, including not having an exercise yard and no visitation area.

"Adan Munoz (TCJS executive director) has

told us as long as we're moving forward with constructing a new jail, the commission will leave us alone. However, as soon as it looks like we've stalled, he's assured me they will begin putting the pressure on us. This isn't a problem that's just going to go away on its own."

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people, and we remember what they have done and what they're doing.

"It's a rejuvenation or renewal of sorts."

Hospital employees recognized veterans and active military during a brief ceremony in the Tollett All-Faith Chapel on the hospital campus. The hospital-based singing group, "The Hopefuls," sang the Star-Spangled Banner and Chaplain Rick Foster acknowledged the mili-

tary's efforts and the sacrifices of their family members.

Eddy Spurgin, Big Spring resident and vice-commander of the Texas National Guard, also spoke to the attendees.

"We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and show our appreciation to our staff and their families and the sacrifices they have made for our country," Correa said. "We just want them to know we appreciate them."

Employees placed yellow ribbons on the front fence and hung the banner, following a Power Point presentation honoring the nation's military.

The hospital also has set aside a place for family members of active servicemen and women or veterans to place photos and memorabilia recognizing their efforts, Correa said. "It will include all the names of people with military experience."

The display is in the Allred Building Auditorium.

Employees Debbie Vernon and Ming Whitten also have coordinated the collection of items and sending them to the military, Correa said.

The hospital will sponsor activities for the patients on Memorial Day.

SETTLES

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served as an important landmark in Big Spring since its completion in 1930 and is an excellent candidate for rehabilitation through the federal preservation tax credit program."

Ryan said the confirmed eligibility of the Settles is the first step in a complicated process that will soon return the structure to its original glory.

"The eligibility requirement is the first step in the nomination for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places," said Ryan. "The National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological resources.

"Vacant since the early 1980s, the Settles Hotel is one of the most significant historic buildings in West Texas. SHDC has retained Kate Singleton of Cornerstone Historical Preservation Services in Dallas to represent it in connection with the National Register of Historic Places nomination."

Inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places is critical for the project, according to Ryan.

"We're going to do this with the understanding the building will be eligible for inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places. This is critical for two reasons," said Ryan. "First, I'm doing this to get into the real estate building and rent spaces. I want to make sure the project is a trophy property in the end. That it will be something that's a destination, something people in the community will be proud of. Just putting another building online has no interest to me at all.

"Second, by putting this

in the National Register, we can let Uncle Sam help pay for part of it. That's through the smart use of what are called new market credits, and historical restoration credits. That's a 20 percent federal tax credit that we can use and monetize and let outside investors defray the costs

of this."

The project, which was recently undertaken by Ryan, a Big Spring native, calls for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

More information on the project can be found

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Forsan's Kelsey Jones, a first-team all-district selection, takes a cut against Seymour in playoff action last week.

FORSAN

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during the season. "We wouldn't have gone as far as we did if we wouldn't have had Kelsey behind the plate," said Jones. "She played a smart game at catcher. She did a good job of getting balls in the dirt and kept base runners honest with her arm." Sophomore Alyx Pappajohn rounded out the Lady Buffs' first-team selections. She started games at second base, shortstop and third base during the season. She also served as a top pitching option for Roberts. "Alyx really deserved to make the first team. I was very happy to see her get this honor," said Roberts. "I think her pitching toward the end of the sea-

son really pushed her onto the first team. She shows great maturity on the mound and handles herself well against pressure." Sandi Golleher, Macy Briggs and Haylie Bursleson were named to the all-district second team. Golleher spent most of her season in center field, but moved to first base shortly before the regional semifinal series. "Sandi was great in center field because she covered a lot of ground, but it's important to have a first baseman that can scoop balls out of the dirt," said Roberts. "She proved she could do that." Briggs made an impact on the Lady Buffs' lineup with her bat during the playoffs. She had several key hits during the first two rounds of the postsea-

son. "Macy made the second team largely because of her bat. She could be counted on to make contact with the ball," said Roberts. "She showed a lot of hustle in the outfield and could end up being our starting center fielder next season." Bursleson pitched some during district play, but spent most of the season at second base. "I wasn't surprised to see Haylie on the second team," explained Roberts. "She impressed a lot of coaches with her pitching." Kaela Strickland and Jolinda Flores were honorable mentions to the all-district team. Strickland covered a lot of ground in the outfield for the Lady Buffs. "Kaela is one of the fastest players on the

team," said Roberts. "We liked to bat her behind a girl that would regularly get on base because a lot of times she would get on base, too, by just bunting. She's great at bunting." Flores moved from the outfield to third base during district play. "Jolinda is very athletic," Roberts said. "She showed flexibility and a great work ethic this season. She hustles to every ball." All nine of the Lady Buffs honored by the District 2-1A coaches will be coming back next season. Roberts feels that makes Forsan the district favorite. *Contact Sports Writer Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.*

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• Rebecca Dobyns and Christina Soto, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, from Borden High School.

• Jonathan TurneII and Justin Pribyla, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Grady High School.

• Callie Paige and Chris Weihert, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Coahoma High School.

• Jonathan Purcell and Seth Johnson, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Forsan High School.

• Bryan Juan and Alyssa Rains, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Big Spring High School.

• And, all of our Crossroads area graduates. We wish you a wonderful future in all that you do.

• Participants of Run for the Wall, who stopped by the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial last weekend to pay their respects en route to Washington, D.C. Don't forget that Ride to Remember participants will be making their annual trek to the memorial at 11 a.m. Monday.

• And then there was one. Congratulations to the Coahoma Bulldogettes, who are in the Region I softball playoff series with Hawley beginning today in Abilene. All the way to state, ladies! We're behind you all the way.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can turn a conflict into a solution when we give the conflict to You, Lord, to solve.

Amen

Tenet's book deserves notice

Sorry to take so much time before writing on former CIA director George Tenet's book, "At the Center of the Storm, My Years at the CIA." My bad: I actually took the time to read the book.

So while I should be opining about what those inside the Beltway think is important — Tenet feuding with Bushies — I am more concerned with the book's compelling information on the likelihood of another industrial-strength terrorist attack within American borders.

As Tenet noted, al-Qaida biggie Ayman al-Zawahiri called off a planned attack against the New York City subway system slate for the fall 2003 because he was holding out "for something better." A key witness in Osama bin Laden's in absentia trial for his role in the 1998 Kenya and Tanzania embassies bombings testified that he had helped bin Laden try to obtain uranium in Sudan as far back as 1993. In August 2001, bin Laden hinted that he already had the necessary fissile material to make a nuclear bomb.

An al-Qaida paramilitary trainer told Egyptian officials that al-Qaida received "canisters containing nuclear material" from the Russians. The trainer later recanted — but that's part of terrorist training, Tenet says, designed to confound the enemy.

The late Abu Musab Zarqawi ran a chemical and poison lab in Northern Iraq from May 2002 to 2003. Intelligence operatives learned that al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia was negotiating for three Russian nukes. The Saudis found cyanide in an al-Qaida safe house. Cyanide was the weapon of choice for the planned New York City subway attack.

To Tenet, the biggest threat from al-Qaida is nuclear. "They under-

stand that bombings by cars, trucks, trains and planes will get them some headlines, to be sure. But if they manage to set off a mushroom cloud, they will make history." And: They want to make history.

To Beltway insiders, however, a pending threat to American security means nothing when there is an opportunity to allege that Tenet's CIA skewed its estimates to please President Bush.

Or, as NBC's Tim Russert asked Tenet on "Meet the Press," "What if you said: 'Mr. President, I can't make the case any better. It's not a slam dunk?'"

As Tenet told me over the phone, "Some of the criticism implies that you (Tenet) knew the intelligence was wrong and you could have stopped it." That criticism is simply misinformed. As Tenet wrote, "I believed (Saddam Hussein) had WMD, and I said so." The CIA was convinced Hussein had biological and chemical weapons; the only doubt concerned whether he had nuclear weapons. Also, the CIA knew that Hussein had access to 550 tons of yellow cake — enough to produce 100 nuclear weapons — within Iraq's borders. (Note: That's independent of allegations that Iraq sought yellowcake in Niger.)

And, Iraqis believed Hussein had WMD. For months before the war began, embedded operatives met with Iraqi military officers. Tenet wrote, "Every military officer we debriefed told us that Saddam did indeed possess WMD."

War critics may want to believe Tenet's beef with Bush reflects the fact the Tenet did not believe Iraq WMDs were a "slam dunk."

Wrong. Tenet objected to the Bushies' suggestion that the "slam dunk" answer provided "the seminal moment for steeling the president's determination to remove Saddam Hussein and to launch the Iraq war." As Tenet wrote, the "slam-dunk" meeting occurred in December 2002 — three months after Bush told the United Nations

that Hussein should remove or destroy his WMD, and two months after Congress voted to authorize the use of force against Iraq. Tenet will accept the blame for WMD intelligence that turned out to be wrong — but not for nudging Bush into war.

Tenet does take to task some Bushies — most notably Veep Dick Cheney and his former aide, convicted perjurer Scooter Libby — for over-hyping the link between Hussein and Sept. 11. And Tenet makes the case.

Critics have said Tenet should take more responsibility for being wrong on WMD. Certainly Tenet did himself no favor when he suggested that Secretary of State Colin Powell might have given a more credible address to the United Nations on Feb. 5, 2003, if only Tenet and company hadn't spent "two days getting the garbage out of a White House draft" written by Libby.

The book begins with a claim that Pentagon adviser Richard Perle wanted to go after Iraq on Sept. 12, 2001 — a claim Perle debunked by proving he was in France that day.

But the book will not win Tenet many points among war critics and Washington insiders. You see, Tenet would not rewrite the record and pretend that intelligence on WMD was willfully misleading. He won't take Bush's State of the Union sentence about Iraq trying to get yellowcake from Niger and twist it into proof positive that White House deliberately misled the public about Iraq's nuclear capability — which somehow means that Bush lied about chemical and biological weapons, too.

If he blamed Bush for everything, then Tenet would be a hero. Slam dunk.

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The corporate CEO — prince of porks

Regulators had hoped that new, stricter reporting requirements might help pull executive pay down from the stratosphere. Instead, overall pay levels continued to rise last year. According to the "Wall Street Journal," median total compensation for big company chief executives rose 8.9 percent to \$6.5 million.

Rather than reining in pay, the new disclosure rules have merely exposed more details of the lifestyles of the corporate rich and famous. In particular, expanded information on executive perks reveals just how far removed top executives are from the lives of ordinary Americans.

Take tax work, for example. The rest of us turn to accountant in-laws, or maybe the local H&R Block, when we need help with our tax forms. Corporate leaders, on the other hand, typically receive thousands of dollars from their companies to cover the cost of tax return preparation and personal financial planning. Dow Chemical and Electronic Data Systems, for example, reimbursed each of their top executives about \$40,000 last year for personal financial help.

Moving from one city to another is a hassle for anybody. But few need as much help as new Boeing CEO James McNerney. Last year the company reimbursed him \$1.1 million to move the 400 or so miles from Minnesota (where he headed up 3M) to the aerospace giant's Chicago headquarters.

Some of the money for his relocation likely came out of taxpayers' pockets, since Boeing is the nation's No. 2 defense contractor, with \$19 billion in Pentagon revenues in 2005. Incidentally, McNerney could hardly claim economic hardship, having sold his Minnesota home for \$6.45 million.

To protect ourselves, the rest of us avoid dark streets, lock our car doors and wear money belts on vacation. For CEOs, it's not unusual to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars for personal and home security. JP Morgan Chase Chairman William B. Harrison, Jr., was one of the most insecure executives last year. The financial services firm had to lay out \$760,900 to keep him safe, including \$224,405 for personal trips aboard the corporate jet, as required by the company's security policy.

Corporate boards justify these perks by claiming that they help keep leaders focused on their job responsibilities without unnecessary distraction. Yet giving an executive hundreds of thousands

of dollars per year for personal air travel hardly seems like a good way to keep his nose to the grindstone.

The solution to runaway CEO pay is not more disclosure. One way Congress could make real change is by eliminating the incentives for paying such outrageous sums.

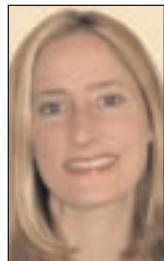
Right now, there are no meaningful limits on how much companies can deduct from their taxes for executive pay. Thus, when companies claim massive deductions for their leaders' travel expenses, tax help and other personal expenses, the rest of us taxpayers get stuck with the bill.

Why not say that nothing above \$1 million is tax deductible? Companies could still pay their leaders as much as they want, but the rest of us wouldn't be subsidizing it.

Thus, if corporate boards still wanted to treat their leaders like royalty, they would at least have to pay the full consequences.

Sarah Anderson, director of the Institute for Policy Studies' Global Economy Project, is a co-author of "Selfish Interest: How Much Business Roundtable CEOs Stand to Lose from Real Reform of Runaway Executive Pay."

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Smoltz beats Glavine for win 200

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — After beating his good friend and becoming the first pitcher with 200 wins and 150 saves, John Smoltz acknowledged that this wasn't just another baseball game.

Smoltz threw seven shutout innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 2-1 win over Tom Glavine and the New York Mets on Thursday night.

Smoltz said Wednesday he'd treat his third start of the season against his friend and former teammate as a normal game, but the milestone changed that.

"I tried to approach games like this as just another day, but when I walked out there, it was different," Smoltz said.

"I downplayed it as long as I possibly could," Smoltz said. "I tried not to think about it in any different fashion, but it was just a different game."

It was different because so much was on the line, including Smoltz's 200th career win, but it was the same because the Atlanta ace extended his string of strong starts this season.

Making his third start of the season against Glavine, his Atlanta teammate from 1988-2002, Smoltz (7-2) became the NL's first seven-game winner. He gave up seven hits without a walk and struck out five.

The Turner Field crowd of 36,660 gave Smoltz a standing ovation after the game. Smoltz lifted his cap to acknowledge the crowd.

Smoltz, who has 15 post-season wins, said he's experienced a similar thrill in a regular-season game only once.

"The first time I came out of the bullpen and the crowd went nuts," he said. "Euphoria. It felt like that again."

The Braves won two of

three in the series and improved to 6-3 against the Mets this season while cutting New York's lead in the NL East to 1 1/2 games.

"We're not concerned," said New York's Shawn Green. "We're in first place. It's going to be a battle all year."

Johnson led off the game with a single up the middle and later scored on Jeff Francoeur's fly ball to center.

The Braves pushed the lead to 2-0 when Diaz led off the second with a homer into the Atlanta bullpen beyond the right-field wall.

Glavine (5-2) failed in his bid for his 296th career win, despite giving up only five hits and two runs in six innings for the Mets, who were denied their sixth straight series win.

"I'm happy for him personally," Glavine said. "I'm not happy it came

against us and against me."

Smoltz is 17-13 with 24 saves in his career against the Mets. This year, he is 2-0 in three matchups with Glavine. The Braves won all three.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 1

Braden Looper won for the third time in four starts and Yadier Molina extended his hitting streak to 15 games, helping host St. Louis finish off a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh.

Looper (6-3) allowed only two other hits in six innings.

He had thrown 21 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings against the Pirates before Bautista's homer, and is 5-0 with a 1.41 ERA in five day starts.

Pirates starter Tom Gorzelanny (5-3) left the game after Aaron Miles' smash up the middle with

one out in the sixth deflected off his thumb. X-rays were negative and the left-hander is not expected to miss a turn in the rotation.

Nationals 4, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Dmitri Young went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, Mike Bacsik got his first win in almost three years and

Washington won for the fourth time in five games.

Cristian Guzman homered and Bacsik (1-0) scattered four hits over his first seven innings before giving up Alex Gonzalez's two-run homer with two outs in the eighth. The left-hander earned his sixth career win and first since Aug. 4, 2004, when he was with Texas.

Matt Belisle (4-4) gave

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lead into the fourth.

The Pistons seemed to take control with a 14-4 run in the fourth quarter that gave them a 74-69 lead, but Cleveland scored six straight to go back ahead in another ugly, close game.

"That was definitely an Eastern Conference grind-it-out game," Saunders said.

The Pistons expected James to be much more aggressive Thursday night, and he was.

James went right at the basket the first time Cleveland had the ball and made a layup. A couple of possessions later, he was fouled as he drove

into the lane and went to the line after not attempting one free throw Monday night.

Wallace went to the bench with two fouls 3 1/2 minutes into the game, Antonio McDyeess left the game with a cut in his mouth and Maxiell made the most of the opportunity to play.

In exactly a minute, he blocked James' shot, dunked off an offensive rebound and had an alley-oop slam. Maxiell finished the quarter with seven points, four rebounds and two blocks to help Detroit take a 20-16 lead.

"It was unexpected," Gooden said. "But these are the playoffs and guys get amped up to play. He had his opportunity to shine and he did."

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system would settle which team is No. 1 by playing an extra game.

"A number of criteria would have to be satisfied," said Harvey Perlman, Nebraska Chancellor and chairman of the board of directors. "No more than 14 games, no games during finals, no reduction in the regular season and a compatibility with the bowl struc-

ture."

Perlman reiterated the league's hard-line stance on negative comments toward officials.

"We would want 'No comment' on officiating from coaches, athletic directors and people of athletic authority," Perlman said. "Any rule like this is a difficult one to enforce because people are very creative about making no comments. Our rule is still no comment."

Weiberg announced the league will distribute a

record \$106 million in revenue to its schools after the 2006-07 academic year. He also said he expected an even a higher rate of return in 2008-09 when the league's new television contract with ESPN and ABC begins.

"We have a nice growth trajectory," Weiberg said.

The board of directors had allocated another day to plow through all its official business. However, the board members needed just a four-hour session.

"We were able to get

everything done," said G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Colorado chancellor and board member. "There was not a lot of contentious issues. There was a lot of agreement on where we're headed and a lot of consensus on the future sites."

Peterson was disappointed that Denver didn't submit any bids to host either the basketball or football championships.

"I'm a little surprised," he said. "I'm not sure I understand why that is."

BRIEFS

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The camp is for all ages and ability levels and will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The fee is \$100 and includes a daily lunch.

The camp is designed to teach the beginner player the basics of tennis and to help the advanced player reach their full potential.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information see www.bigspringtennis.com.

Parent-child golf tourny at country club

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a parent-child 2-person scramble tournament starting at 9 a.m. June 2.

The tournament will

continue at 1 p.m. June 3. The entry fee is \$80 for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division.

A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half-price.

Barbeque will be served on the golf course during the first day of play.

Call 267-5354 to sign up.

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 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

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.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all abilities.

The Texas Tech Golf Camp for boys and girls ages 11-18 will be held June 7-10.

Go to TexasTech.com for more information about all upcoming Red Raiders' summer sports camps.

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 at David and Myrt Wilder field, located on the WBU campus in Plainview.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the tryouts to follow at 9 a.m. There is no cost.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Coach Josh Milner at 806-292-1690 or 806-291-1158 or email him at milnerj@wbu.edu.

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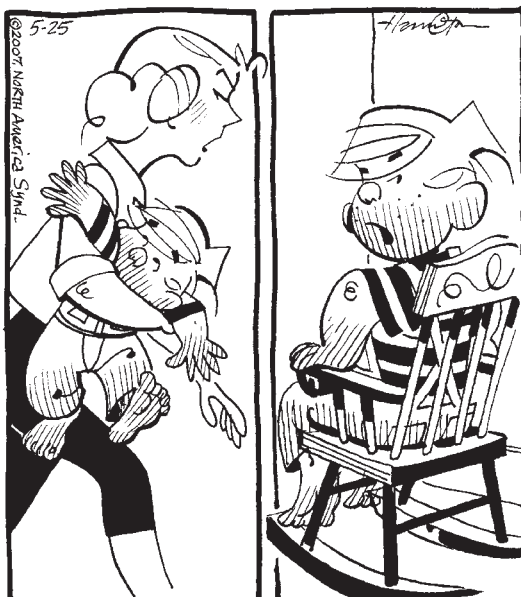
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	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6 :PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	News Wheel-Fortune	Duelo de Pasiones	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	John Hagee	News-Lehrer	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)	Dead	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) College Hill	Han. Montana The Suite Life Boston at	MLL Lacrosse: Boston at	College	Heroes (CC)
7 :PM :30	One Degree	Funnist Home Videos	La Fea Mas Bella	Movie: Lara Croft: Tomb	Ghost Whisperer	Marina	1 vs. 100 (CC)	Movie: The School of Rock	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Movie: Conan the Barbarian	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	NBA Basketball:	Movie: Lockdown	Han. Montana Cory in House	Long Island	Softball: NCAA Super	Painkiller Jane (CC)
8 :PM :30	National Bingo Night (CC)	National Bingo Night (CC)	Destilando Amor	Raider (CC)	Close to Home (CC)	Zorro - La Es- pada y la Rosa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	(CC)	Light of the Southwest	Bill Moyers Journal (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)		UFC Fight Night	Conference Final -- Teams	(CC)	Movie: Cadet Kelly (CC)	Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Regional Baseball	Painkiller Jane (CC)
9 :PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Law & Order (CC)	Friends (CC)		CEO Exchange	Deadliest Catch	2007 Taurus		TBA (CC) Inside the NBA	Ballers (CC)			Tonight	Painkiller Jane (CC)
10 :PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid.	Letterman Late Late	12 Corazones ¡Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night: Conan O'Brien Paid Program	King 40 Movie:	Global Force Im-Crosshairs	Sign Off	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Movie: Army of Darkness	Whacked Out Elimination	Torque (CC)	College Hill Run's House	Han. Montana Kim Possible	NASCAR Now U.S. Poker	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	Painkiller Jane (CC)
11 :AM :30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Lockard	El Privilegio de Amar	My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Programa	Wimbledon (CC)	Update/Israel CCM Ministries			Man vs. Wild (CC)	Halloween 5:	Game Head Wild World	Movie: Driven	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	Championship U.S. Poker	SportsCenter (CC)	Painkiller Jane (CC)

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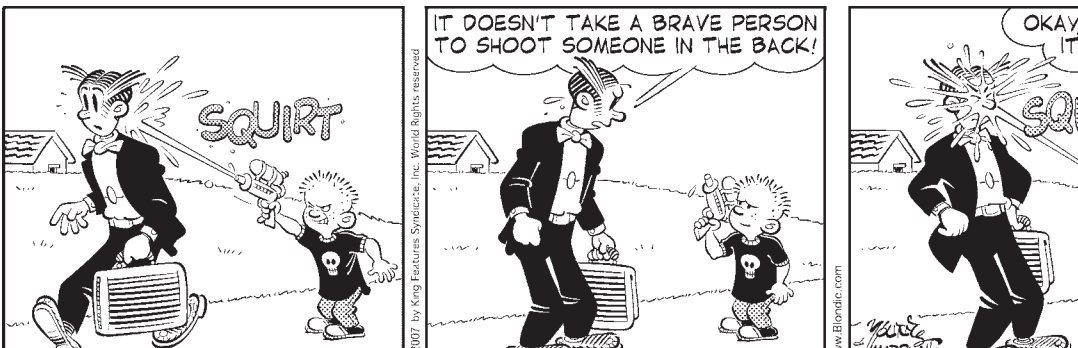


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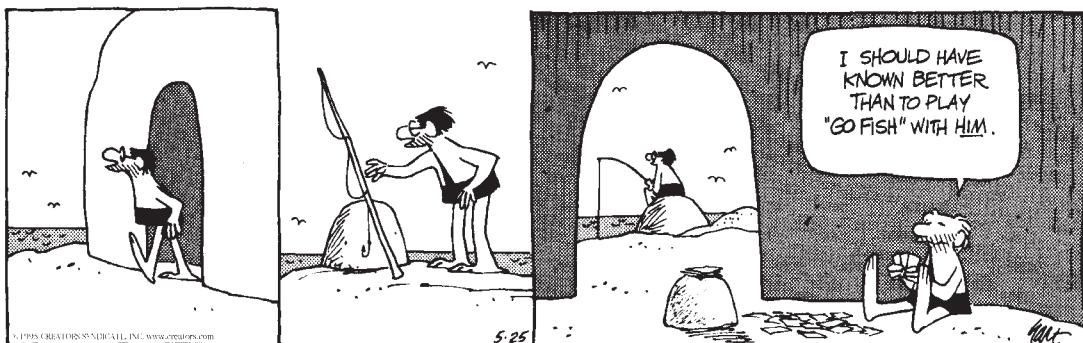
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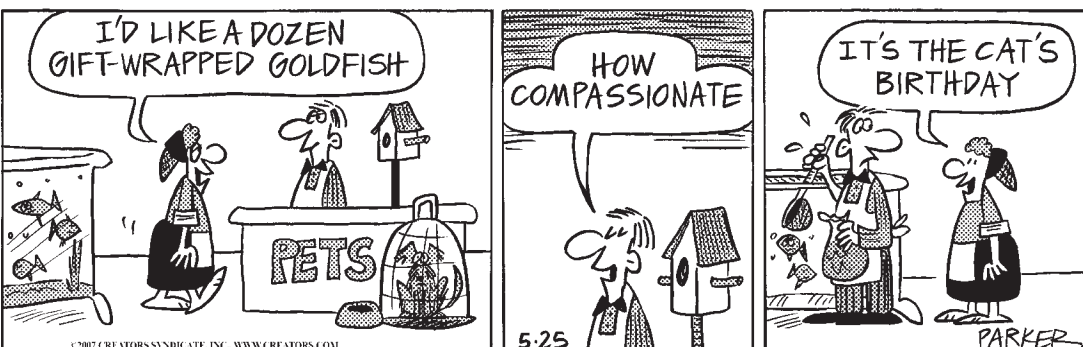
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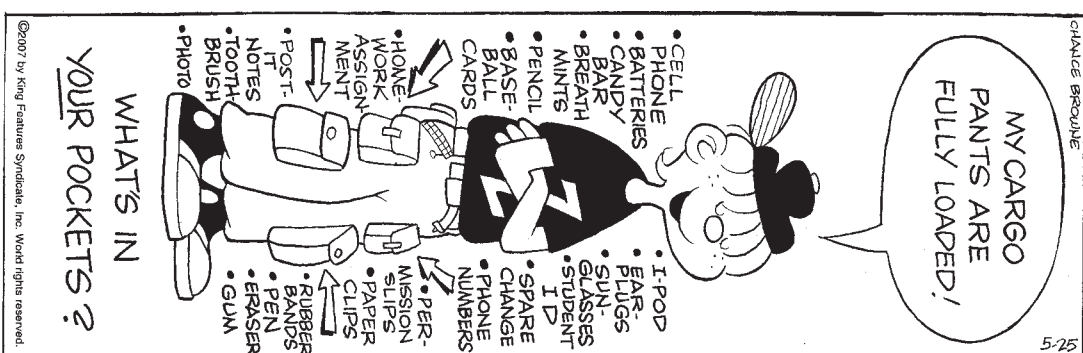
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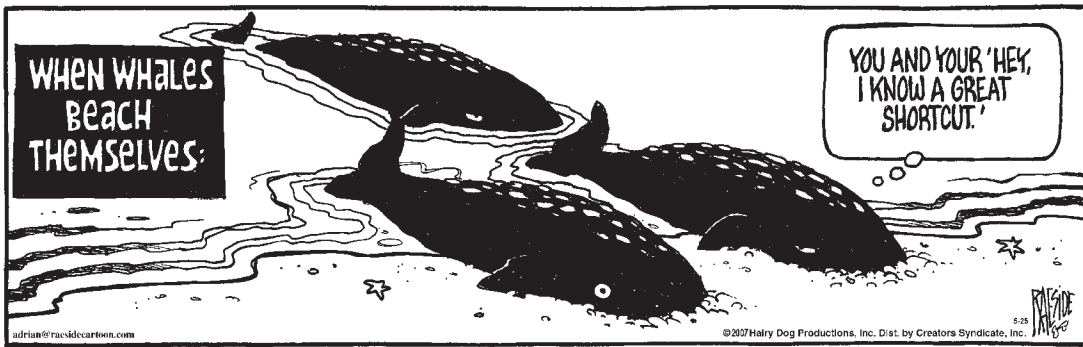
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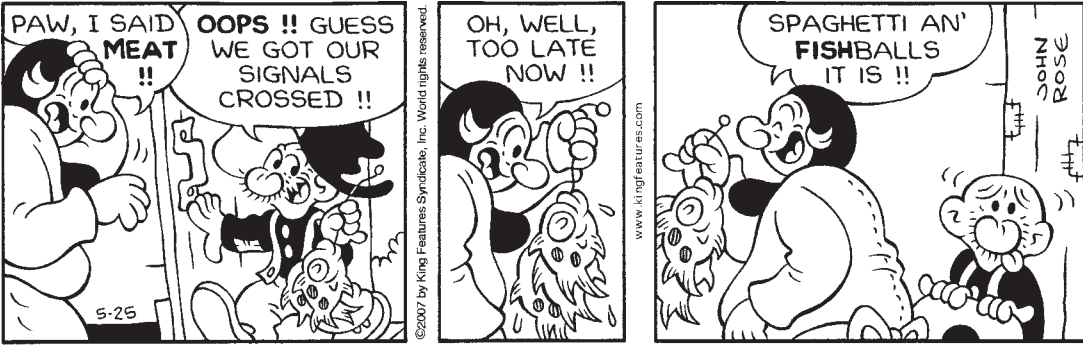
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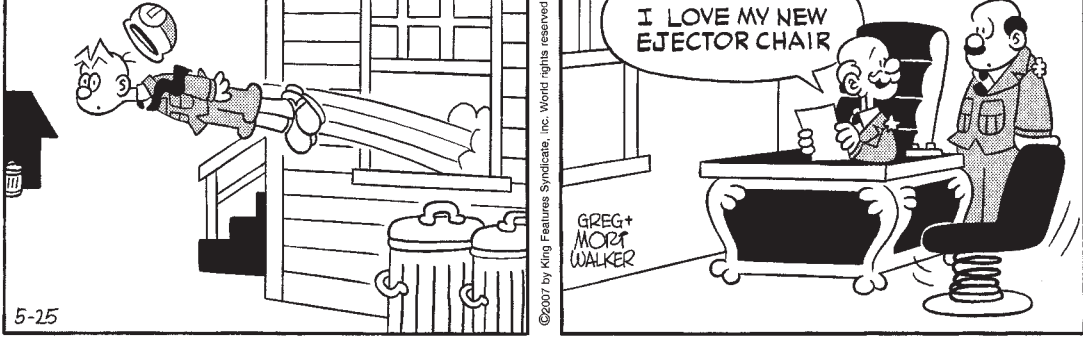
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This Date In History

the 145th day of 2007. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date: In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to two years in prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah the First.

In 1961, President Kennedy, addressing Congress, called on the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1976, Rep. Wayne L. Hays of Ohio admitted to a "personal relationship" with Elizabeth Ray, a staff member who claimed she'd received her secretarial job in order to be Hays' mistress.

In 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America," forming a line across the country to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

Today's Birthdays: Lyricist Hal David is 86. Former opera singer Beverly Sills is 78. Former White House news secretary

Ron Nessen is 73. Country singer-songwriter Tom T. Hall is 71. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 68. Actress Dixie Carter is 68. Country singer Jessi Colter is 64. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 64. Movie director and puppeteer Frank Oz is 63. Actress Karen Valentine is 60. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 59. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 56. Actress Connie Sellecca is 52. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 49. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 44. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 40. Actor Joseph Reitman is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HIDDEN EXTRAS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Yuletide airs | 1 Storied loch | 8 Walks with effort |
| 6 Tiny tastes | 2 Make goo-goo eyes at | 9 Diatribe |
| 10 Fishing-line problem | 3 Idle of Monty Python | 10 Dairy product |
| 14 Plumed wader | 4 Impolite look | 11 Diet-drink label |
| 15 Baby-powder mineral | 5 Sign of speed | 12 Part of a Stein line |
| 16 Deteriorated | 6 Adhere | 13 Men |
| 17 More roughish | 7 Othello villain | 21 Check for fit |
| 18 Frankenstein servant | | 25 As well |
| 19 MBA subj. | | 26 Tadpole, in time |
| 20 Spy's writing | | 27 Inelegant |
| 22 Steinbeck title direction | | 28 Privy to |
| 23 What Indy found | | 29 Hood |
| 24 Avoids a trial | | acceptance |
| 26 Playful, as a kitten | | 33 Sundial number |
| 30 Bashful companion | | 34 "Hidden" theme of the puzzle |
| 31 Small, contemptible one | | 35 Opposite of paleo- |
| 32 Draft animals | | 37 Dench's title |
| 36 Use the drive-thru | | 38 Anon's partner |
| 40 Hint of a gas leak | | 39 Monopoly payment |
| 41 Evenings, in ads | | |
| 43 Icicle site | | |
| 44 20th-century French dramatist | | |
| 46 Screen image | | |
| 47 "You said it!" | | |
| 48 Timeline division | | |
| 50 Sharon successor | | |
| 52 Ecstasy | | |
| 56 Old hand | | |
| 57 Actor Baldwin | | |
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7 FAMILY Sale. 1507 East 17th. Saturday, 8:00-? Clothes all sizes (toddlers thru adult), name brand clothes, girls riding battery operated car, bikes, toys, decor., dishes, bedspreads, furniture. Burritos

GARAGE SALE Saturday from 8am-noon at 4 Coachmans Circle. Lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE: Clothes- kids & adults, couch & love seat, decor., dishes, misc. item. 211 Jefferson, Saturday 8:30-2:00.

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MOVING SALE: 1004 Cameron Rd (Midway Rd East 2.4 miles from 700 to Cameron Rd), Friday & Saturday 8:00-? Tools, furniture, clothes, heaters, appliances, truck box, building material.

MOVING/GARAGE SALE: 906 Cap Rock Drive, Saturday 8-? Baby clothes, toys, stereo, adult clothing, misc. items, knick-knacks and more.

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1 - Carpenter Helper
6 - Custodians
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Help Wanted

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The Virgo moon's so modest. She won't take credit for anything — from rescuing



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pets to bringing soup to sick friends to volunteering to work the Sunday church potluck. Why is she so good? Maybe because she gets a charge from improving the world. So will you under this moon. It's no effort at all because giving feels better than not giving.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Organization isn't an option; it's a requirement. Clear your mental clutter by writing it down, following up on missing pieces of mail and making doctor's appointments. What you put off today only snowballs by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're feeling sociable and sassy. Share the vibes. Offer reassurance to your loved ones. Cheerlead. Give them a pat on the back. You gain rapport, and that helps you in the future, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A co-worker's negativity rides your last nerve. Your neutral behavior is giving him or her permission to dump all over you. Offering solutions is no longer an option. And if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People-watching gives you more insight into human behavior than a psychology book. They're looking for the same things you are: love, validation and power. The silent observer still influences the observed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't like coming off as the heavy. But when you think someone's giving you the run around, you don't see another option. You've sympathized with their consternation before. It's time to exercise your executive power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're called on for your powerful "break it down" skills. No one can set 'em straight like a Virgo. There are more holes to fill in than there are in Swiss cheese, but you find all the missing pieces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learning is not memorization, but rather, involvement with life. Memorize and you'll forget. Get involved and you'll understand. Bring others in on it. Sagittarius and Pisces people excel under your tutelage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The only people who really want advice are the ones who pay for it. The rest just need a gentle listener. You can do that. Your heart is open and nonjudgmental.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The details of how or why you're getting a job done aren't

important. Those you report to only care that you get it done in a timely manner. No explanation is necessary. The result says it all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Worry about the polish a project needs later. Right now is about dealing with the nuts and bolts of the endeavor. If your plan was too ambitious, cut it down to a more manageable size.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What's said in jest comes off as critical. You didn't mean for it to sound the way it did, but it did. Explaining yourself can be just as fraught with trickery. Instead, receive feedback with appreciation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're looking for a fault or weakness in someone, you'll certainly find it. But you can as easily look for an admirable quality or strength of character and praise that. As a result, you'll be embraced.

WEEKEND FORECAST: **LOVE ARIES:** Channel your high energy into cementing partnership agreements. Life's a box of chocolates made sweeter by sharing.

TAURUS: Love deserves to be fussed over, talked about and discussed. Baby your relationship with the attention it wants.

GEMINI: Don't let someone else's response to you control yours. There's no dignity in reacting.

CANCER: Fill your pleasure palace with comfortable necessities. Everyone appreciates your homemade artistry.

LEO: Turn back the hands of time by reliving a memory. Youth isn't for the young — it's for those who love with abandon.

VIRGO: Exchange revealing stories with a loved one, even if it's a bit embarrassing. Closeness ensues. **LIBRA:** Commitment is an awesome responsibility, and you're up for all of it.

SCORPIO: Give your relationship a breath of fresh air by taking it on the road.

SAGITTARIUS: You understand the power of two because things happen to you together that don't usually happen to you when you're alone.

CAPRICORN: Understanding happens in the moment when you least expect it and most need it.

AQUARIUS: Your heart hears what your ears don't.

PISCES: There's nothing wrong with being a jumble of needs and desires. It makes you human.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo wrote the book on being aloof. But for Aries, the cold shoulder doesn't constitute a rejection. Instead, Aries sees this as a signal: "Game on!"

Virgo does well to stay elusive for as long as possible, as it's always thrilling for Aries to be in chase mode. When this passionate couple finally does align, as they are likely to this weekend, the fire sign Aries receives Virgo's undying flame of devotion.

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We will be honoring our veterans this Sunday 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. The choir will share several patriotic selections, and Beth Spence and Betty Downey will play several patriotic selections. We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy because of the sacrifices these men made while serving their God and their country. The entire Big Spring community is invited to come to this service. We will also be hearing a sermon from our returning guest preacher, Dr. Thomas Brisco.

Baptist Temple Church

We invite you to attend our services at 11th Place and Goliad. Our Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and church is at 10:45 a.m. and the Sunday evening services are at 6 p.m.

We are changing our hours of Sunday school and church beginning June 3. Our new Sunday school hours will begin at 9:45 a.m. with church following at 11 a.m. The evening services will not change. Do not forget, we have bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Chaplain Dean Thomas is our interim pastor while we are looking for a pastor. Come hear our choir and be loved as our dear Lord asks us to love one another.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Our summer schedule begins this Sunday with Holy Communion celebrated 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.

College Baptist Church

Preparations are under way for Vacation Bible School set for June 3-7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the church. A "Game Day" kick-off party is scheduled for June 2 in the east parking lot.

In a focus on missions, CBC members are planning a church wide mission trip to Grand Junction, Colo., July 20-28.

Several ladies participated in the "Mugs and Muffins Ministry" on May 23 by meeting at the church to prepare

casseroles for distribution to needy families.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church's Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. This Sunday, Dr. Shane Brue's sermon topic is "Empowered Witness" based on Acts 1-8. The nursery is available during all services of worship as well as during Sunday school time at 9:45.

Wednesday, May 30, there will be no noon Bible study or luncheon. Regular schedule will resume Wednesday, June 6.

Approximately 30 children have expressed interest in attending summer church camp at Ceta Canyon. Those interested in assisting with scholarships should contact Jason Archuleta, youth minister.

Congratulations to the youth Relay For Life team. This year's grand total was \$4,700, the most ever raised by this group. In Sunday's services Archuleta announced that once again the women were competition winners. Sunday, June 10, the Championship dinner will be served by the men in Garrett Hall following the 10:50 service.

We ask for continued prayers for our pastor Shane and his young family as he fights his battle with cancer.

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

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell United Methodist Church Angel Food Ministry delivery day is Saturday. All orders placed for May must be picked up between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Orders for June may be placed at that time. Other dates for placing orders will be June 1, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; June 8, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; June 9, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and June 15, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. All orders must be paid for with cash when they are placed. For more information, call 267-2203, 267-4082 or leave a message at 263-2536.

Mark your calendars for June 18-21 for Vacation Bible School for children 5 years through 12 years. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. until noon each day and a closing program and a cookout for participants and their families will be Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

In an effort to grow our

Texas Senate approves religious expression measure

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas students' religious viewpoints in class assignments would be treated the same as secular expression under legislation approved by the Senate and sent to the House.

Under the legislation, religious beliefs expressed in homework, artwork and other assignments would be judged by traditional academic standards. Students couldn't be penalized or rewarded because of the religious content of their work.

The measure had sparked vigorous debate in the House, where the bill was amended to say that the religious expression could not discriminate against someone else's race, age, sexual preference or religious belief.

Opponents of the amendment argued it would open school districts to wide interpretation of discrimination and would gut the bill.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said the state attorney general's office warned it would subject school districts to lawsuits and the Senate stripped out the nondiscrimination amendment before approving the bill Wednesday night.

The bill now goes back to the House for final approval before it goes to Gov. Rick Perry, who has publicly supported it.

Building Fund as we grow our ministry, a fund-raising will be held July 4 at the Downtown Fantastic Fourth celebration.

We will be offering food, crafts and other items for sale. Please make plans to come out and support our efforts to expand in order to better serve our community through the Angel Food Ministry, as well as our other projects.

You are always welcome at North Birdwell UMC for regular services and for all special programs and projects. Sunday worship services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Christ's Community Fellowship

Christ's Community Fellowship wants to congratulate all area seniors for the year 2007. We are especially proud of our seniors Jana Giles, Brent Holsenbeck, Justin Flentge, Tina (Elliot) Flentge, Nicholas Portocarrero and Patrick Swinney. All these students will go far in life with God at their side.

Jana is planning on entering the A.I.M. program, which is Adventures in Mission. Brent will be entering the workforce and hopefully college. Justin and Tina will be working, starting their life as husband and wife and a new family. Nicholas plans on attending college and becoming a dentist. Patrick has joined the Marines and will be leaving in June. We wish them all a blessed and prosperous life, whichever direction God takes them.

Our fellowship meets at 1008 Birdwell Lane on Sunday at 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. for youth and all. Home groups are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please phone 263-5683 for more

info. The food bank is open Wednesday and Friday.

Shavout celebration

The messianic community in the Permian Basin is hosting a Shavout (Feast of Weeks) celebration at the Ector County Coliseum, Building A, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. The coliseum is located at 4210 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

This is to be a time of celebration with Davidic dance and music. Food will be provided. Area speakers are also scheduled to make brief presentations.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend and explore the meaning of Shavout, the Biblical festival that is sometimes called Pentecost.

For more information, contact Raland Tuttle at (432) 685-9003.

Jubilee Day

Couples observing 25-, 30-, 35-, 40- and 50-year wedding anniversaries in 2007 will celebrate at this year's Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Day 2007, at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 3, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo.

The Mass will be presided over by San

Angelo Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer. Families and friends are invited to accompany jubilarians to the celebration.

A renewal of vows will take place at the beginning of the Mass, and the celebration will conclude with a reception in the Cathedral gymnasium.

As of this week, 64 couples had signed up to participate in the celebration, including Isidoro and Manuela Galan, 58 years, St. Thomas the Apostle, Big Spring.

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The youth group will continue to meet on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. during the summer. We will be sending 10 youth to church camp in June and July; more immediate, we will be taking 15 youth and adults on a mission trip to San Antonio in early June. The Rev. Lee Emerson will be preaching June 3.

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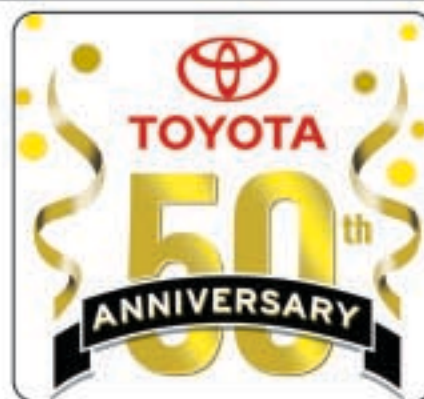
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