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**Ten Coahoma Bulldogs earn** all-district honors

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# HERALD

**THURSDAY** 

May 31, 2007



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# Polish up those boots



The Big Spring Cowboy **Reunion and Rodeo begins June 21.** 

#### By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

in the United States — the boys and cowgirls. Big Spring Cowboy Sanctioned by both the Reunion and Rodeo — Professional begins Thursday, June 21, Cowboys Association at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and advance tickets are now on sale for all three performances.

As is the case with most of Big Spring's annual attractions, tradition plays a huge role with the staging of what is the oldest continually running professional rodeo in Texas.

## Businesses encouraged to sponsor rodeo banners

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the 74th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets ready to get under way June 21, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to show their support by sponsoring rodeo ban-

Chamber Assistant

Director Nancy Newell

The event's 74th edition gets under way at 8 p.m. June 21 with the tradi-

tional grand entry.

As in the past, this year's rodeo is expected One of the oldest rodeos to draw nearly 500 cow-Rodeo (PRCA) and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA). It is a Dodge Series Rodeo as well as a Coors Rodeo.

Performances are 8 nightly, and in addition to bucking events, roping and barrel racing, it will include the antics of Gizmo McCracken and the Dr. Giz Ambulance.



businesses can "cowboy up" this season by sponsoring the white red, and blue tapestries.

"The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is working

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Carr Pro Rodeo, established in 2005 by Pete Carr of Dallas and Malakoff, Will again be producing this year's event. The company has stock already slated for National Finals Rodeo

appearances. As always, youngsters from the community get into the act with mutton bustin' while teams of older youth and adults try their expertise at calf dressing. There is a \$20 entry fee for mutton bustin' and contestants must not weigh more than 50 pounds to ride a sheep. Contact Diane

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Emergency personnel — assisted by a pair of cranes — work to remove this tractor trailer from the eastbound guard rail of Interstate Highway 20 near Birdwell Lane Wednesday afternoon. No life-threatening injuries were reported as a result of the accident. However, more than a mile of the highway's eastbound lane had to be shut down as a result of the accident.

# County to consider jail work program for inmates

#### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Inmates at the Howard County Jail may have more to do than just count the days until their release soon, as county commissioners are expected to take a look at a special work program Friday after-



noon.

According County Judge Mark Barr, the commissioners court will be looking at a new program that could be a boon for the city and county.

"It's just in its

Barr

infant stages right now, but we hope to be able to have it up and running pretty quickly,"

said Barr. The program would allow inmates at the county jail a chance to work off fines by doing community service-type activities, but according to Barr, it won't stop with those currently incarcerated.

"One of the problems we have is that the people currently on community supervision (probation) simply don't show up," said Barr. "This program would give them a designated worksite, and if they don't show up they risk having their probation revoked.

"We're looking at doing this in conjunction with our Adopta-Spot highway program, and there are numerous projects the city is doing that we could assist with. There's also plenty of trash that needs to be picked up along county roads.'

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#### FISHBACK VET OF MONTH

William A. Fishback, World War II veteran, has been named Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for June.

A reception in his honor will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in the museum Briefing Room.

Mr. Fishback served as Coahoma principal for 23 years. During his military career he served 15 months overseas in the European Theater. He participated in three major battles and received the Bronze Star.

The public is invited to this hour-long reception.

For more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

### HANGAR 25 NEW HOURS

Hangar 25 Air Museum has announced new hours of operation.

Beginning Friday, the museum will be open to the public

from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Mondays will be reserved as an inhouse work days for exhibit development. However, tours can still be scheduled on Mondays.

To schedule a tour, contact the museum at 264-1999.

#### CAMP REGISTRATION SET The Salvation Army will hold Family

Night Registration for its Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the organization's main building, 811 W. Fifth.

The camp runs Monday through Friday from June 4 through Aug. 24 and is for children age 6 through 18. Cost is \$12 per child. The annual fee also allows children to take part in the after-school program, held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. when school is in session.

During camp, children will be able to participate in a number of activities, and will be provided lunch. For more information, call 264-0455.

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# Sports

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

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

The Individual Day Camp also begins Monday and concludes Thursday, 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 Rodewald at 816-4327.

#### Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be starting their All-Skills Softball Camp Monday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. The camp will last until Thursday.

Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into first grade throuh 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.

#### Coahoma **Bulldogs** baseball camp slated

Coahoma The **Bulldogs Baseball Camp** has been slated for June 18-21 at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

The camps is for boys ages 5-15 and will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. It will be administered by the Coahoma baseball coaching staff.

The cost of the camp is \$75 and will cover all phases of the game.

For more information, contact Brad Harman at 816-3258.

#### Bowl-A-Rama holding benefit tournament

Bowl-A-Rama will be a holding a no-tap singles bowling tournament at 3 p.m. Sunday 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 seperate divisions for men and women. A cash prize will be payed to one place for every five entries.

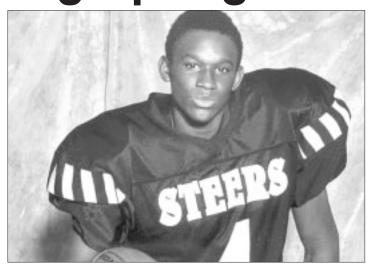
For more information, contact Debbie Burrow at 263-8952 or Jimmie Wood at 267-8676.

#### Parent-child tourney at country club

Big Spring Country Club will hold

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# Big Spring football player seeking funds



**Courtesy photo** 

Big Spring's Sidney Parker was one of 200 football players in the nation selected to participate in a football combine

**Herald Staff Report** 

Sidney Dewayne Parker Jr., a junior at Big Spring High School for 2007-2008, is looking for some help.

An avid athlete who participates in football, basketball and track, he participated in a football combine for underclassticipating went through a myriad of tests in order to determine whether they might have "what it takes" to become a collegiate athlete.

"We did the 40-vard 20-yard shuttle, broad jump, triple jump, \$1,000 and \$1,500.

vertical jump and then we participated in one-on-one skills," said Parker.

There are 14 camps nationwide and when the combines were completed, 100 sophomores and 100 freshmen were to be invited back for a final showcase in Union, N.J.

"Almost three months men March 18. Those parlater, I found out that I am one of those lucky athletes," a surprised Parker

The event is scheduled June 10, and Parker is seeking funds to help make the trip. He is hoping to raise between

"I was wondering if there is any company or any helpful people out there who would like to sponsor me so I can go experience this opportunity," explained Parker, who also participates in school choral activities.

He is the son of Sidney Parker Sr. and the grandson of Shirley Parker, both of Big Spring.

If anyone is interested in helping, they are asked to contact Parker, his father or grandmother at 816-5610 or 816-3711. If there is no answer, leave

# Every Bulldogs starter named all-district By JONATHAN HULL Seasons. He was a second-team Seasons. He was a second-team

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs had their baseball season cut short with a loss to Blanco's Panthers in the area round of the Class 2A playoffs.

"I really expected to be playing in Austin next week with the talent that we had on this year's team," said Bulldogs' head coach Brad Harman. "The plan was for the softball team to be playing for state one week and for us to be playing for state the following week. It just didn't work out that way."

It may not be a state title, but the 2007 Coahoma baseball team had all 10 starters honored with all-district awards by District 5-2A coaches.

The Bulldogs took home two most valuable honors, with Colin McMillan winning the Offensive MVP Award and Blaine Kerby receiving the Defensive MVP Award.

McMillan led the team in most hitting categories for most of the season. He finished district play with a .548 batting average, 29 RBIs, four doubles and two home

"Colin is strictly a baseball player. It's the only sport he plays and he works hard at getting better," raved Harman. "He's a complete player. This year he moved from second base to shortstop for us out of necessity. That's just an example of the type of player he is."

McMillan, a senior, is one of two Bulldogs selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game to be held Sunday at Lubbock Christian University. He is a 4-year varsity player, winning first-team all-district

all-state selection his junior year. McMillan has accepted a scholarship to play baseball at New

Mexico Junior College.

Kerby was a 3-year starter in the outfield for Coahoma and also pitched this season. He pitched nine innings in the Bulldogs' Game 2 loss to Blanco

in the playoffs to end his high

school baseball career. "Blaine has a terrific work ethic," said Harman. "He's a great outfielder with good range and a strong arm."

Senior Dakota Teaff was selected as the district's Utility Player of the Year, given to the player that contributes significantly at more than one position. He put in time in the outfield as well as behind the plate at catcher for the Bulldogs this season.

"Dakota has great quickness and will play anywhere we need him to so he can get on the field," Harman said. "He's got a great chance of playing college ball."

Teaff led the Bulldogs with 33 stolen bases and was also selected to play in the Greater West Texas All-Star Game alongside McMillan.

Coahoma had four underclass men chosen as first-team all-district selections. Sophomores Donnie Garcia, P.J. Daylong and Corey Roberts were joined on the first team by freshman Chance

"These four guys will be the nucleus of our team for the next two years," Harman said of his underclassmen. "The future success of the baseball program looks bright because of their abilities."

Garcia became the Bulldogs' top pitching option during the season. He finished district play

honors his sophomore and junior See **BULLDOGS**, Page 2B



HERALD photo/Dana Reid

Coahoma's Blaine Kerby winds up to deliver a pitch in action earlier this season. Kerby was among 10 Bulldogs honored with a District 5-2A All-District award.

## Spurs rout Jazz, 109-84, headed back to NBA Finals

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan headed to the bench for a welldeserved break. Only nine minutes into Game 5 of the Western Conference finals, he already had the San Antonio Spurs well on their way to another NBA finals berth.

"Good job," coach Gregg Popovich said blandly, not even making eye contact.

Duncan nodded slightly and took his seat.

The Spurs aren't flashy and don't brag. They just win, especially in odd-numbered years, and the display they put on at the start of their 109-84 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night should serve as a warning to Detroit and Cleveland what one of them will be facing when the championship round begins next week.

Duncan and Tony Parker led a 14-0 surge over a 2:13 span late in the first quarter, and San Antonio had a 23-point lead early in the second quarter. Although Utah got an emotional lift at halftime when Derek Fisher arrived from New York, where his infant daughter was getting medical care for a rare eye condition, the only thing in doubt by then was

whether the Pistons or Cavaliers Conference trophy, a sparkling would be the Spurs' next foe in their bid for a third title in five

"Our first quarter was unbelievable," said Parker, who scored nine points during the game-breaking flurry and threw a lob that Duncan slammed about as hard as he ever does. "I can't remember, since I've been with the Spurs, shooting the ball like that. Our offense was great, our defense was great. ... You can't ask for a better start."

The finals begin a week from Thursday in San Antonio, regardless of who comes out of the East. The Pistons-Cavaliers series is tied 2-2, with Game 5 on Thursday night in Detroit.

Although Dallas and Phoenix had more wins in the regular season, it shouldn't be surprising that San Antonio wound up being the best in the West. After all, this is 2007, and the Spurs have dominated in odd-numbered years since Duncan arrived for the 1997-98 season. San Antonio won it all in 1999, 2003 and '05, and even came close in the lone exception, losing the 2001 conference finals to the eventual champs, the Los Angeles Lakers.

"It always feels good to be here," Spurs owner Peter Holt said upon receiving the Western

silver basketball, during an oncourt presentation. "This is wonderful.'

"It never gets old," said Robert Horry, who is headed to his seventh finals.

Duncan has been the MVP of all three finals San Antonio has played. The way he's dominated in the playoffs so far — against Denver, Phoenix and Utah — he could be headed toward a fourth trophy, individually and for the team.

"It's great, it's about the journey," Duncan said. "Last year we had a tough finish. This year to come back, put the team together and to go through three really, really good teams to get here, it's tremendous."

The looks on the faces of Utah players throughout the game showed their disappointment. After missing the playoffs last year, and nearly going out in the first round this year, the Jazz were fortunate to have gotten this far — but the way things ended left a bitter taste for emerging star Deron Williams.

"There were some guys that were already on vacation," said Williams, who played through a sprained right foot two days after playing through a stomach ailment. "Point-blank. On vacation. A long time ago."

Fisher said his daughter is doing well, but has a life-long battle ahead. As for his team, he had mixed emotions. He believes the future is bright, but he's been around long enough to know chances like this don't come around often.

"We got this close without really having a team that understands what it takes to get there," Fisher said. "But it is very obvious we have some very good pieces and a team that can be good for a long time."

After taking a seven-point lead in the first quarter of the first game, Utah didn't lead during any of the other 11 quarters played in San Antonio and has now lost 19 straight games on the Spurs' home court.

The Jazz were buried this time by a veteran team motivated by the chance to have eight days off, as well as all the other benefits of ending the series early, like not giving the underdogs any hope and avoiding another trip to Salt Lake City.

San Antonio led 16-11 when the game-breaking stretch began with Parker cutting through several big guys and making a tough layup. It ended with Bruce Bowen hitting a 3-pointer from the left corner that put the Spurs

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# **Obituaries**

#### Sherri Dykes



Sherri Dykes, 48, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 28, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with her uncle, Kenneth Womack and the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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She was born April 28, 1959, in Tucson, Ariz., and married Bob Dykes

Sr. Dec. 27, 1975, in Dallas.

Sherri enjoyed needlepoint and crocheting. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Dykes Sr. of Big Spring; one son, Bobby Dykes Jr. of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Jeremy Jewett of Wichita, Kan.; four grandchildren, Ashton Dykes and Alexis Dykes of Big Spring, and Ariona Hall and Aiden Jewett of Wichita, Kan.; her father, Robert Thompson of Springtown; one brother, Keith Thompson of Vealmoor; one sister, Pam Gregory of Arkansas; and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mattie Thompson and her mother-in-law, Sybil Dykes Clark. Pallbearers will be Tony Kennedy, Mark Daily, Robert Daily, Gerald King, Mike Cook, Robert Thompson, Chuck Lawrence and Jeremy Jewett. Honorary pallbearer will be Gerald Kennedy.

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

Paid obituary

#### Robbie Fuqua



Robbie "Catfish" Fuqua, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at his residence. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born May 26, 1938, in Big Spring to Anna and R.V. Fuqua. He had lived most of his life in California and returned to Big Spring in 1975. He was a retired plumber and had also operated a fish farm.

He is survived by one son, Chris Fuqua and his wife Andrea of Big Spring; two halfbrothers, Gary Fuqua and his wife Kelley and Rodney Fuqua and his wife Roe Lynn, all of Big Spring; two half-sisters, Barbara Lankford of Abilene and Nita Wright and her husband Lonnie of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

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

## **Support Groups**

#### **THURSDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• 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.

#### **SUNDAY**

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

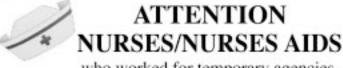
- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

#### **TUESDAY**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY**

 RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m.

- MELITON A. MARTINEZ, 51, of Altus, Okla., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LUISA VIERA, 31, of 1604 Oriole, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Edwards.

# Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report. • ANDREA OYLER, 28, was arrested Wednesday by

the HCSO on a charge of driving while license sus-

pended. • LUISA VIERA, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• PHILLIP MICHAEL PADRON, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

## Fire/EMS

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

- · MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of Third
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of N.E.
- Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of
- Merrily. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Mesquite. One person was transported to SMMC.

## **Take Note**

- A BARBECUE FUNDRAISER hosted by the local Disabled American Veterans chapter will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Old Settlers Pavillion at Comanche Trail Park. Tickets cost \$5 and proceeds will go to aid area veterans. For more information, call 213-2154.
- ORDERS FOR ANGELFOOD MINISTRIES will be taken this Friday and well as June 8-9 and June 15 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 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 Friday.

- 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 hav 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 Rodriquez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. for donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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# **Bulletin Board**

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

#### **TODAY**

• 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.

#### **FRIDAY**

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The group will then visit a fabric shop in Lamesa. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell
- Spring City Senior Citizens 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.

#### **SATURDAY**

- The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold at adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

#### **MONDAY**

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-18-28-30-45-52. Number matching six of six: 0.

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-21-22-32.

Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$14,866.

Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Prairie View.

 $\operatorname{AUSTIN}\left(\operatorname{AP}\right)$  — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-1.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and

thunderstorms. Highs 85 to 90. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers

and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

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# Haren baffles Rangers for 6-1 victory

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND — Dan Haren is the new ace for the Athletics, and he pitched that way again Wednesday. The right-hander acquired in the Mark Mulder trade with St. Louis three Decembers ago sure has taken on a key role.

"He's definitely earned it," teammate Eric Chavez said of Haren's No. 1 status.

Haren won his sixth straight

decision, Dan Johnson drove in three runs and Milton Bradley hit an RBI double after coming the disabled list in Oakland's 6-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Haren (6-2) lowered his ERA to an AL-leading 1.64. He gave up four hits in eight innings and kept Sammy Sosa in check, too. Haren's modest about his emergence, and doesn't even want to talk about his chances of being an All-Star for the first

"We lose our leader in (Barry) Zito, and I don't think one guy has stepped up and been our leader," Haren said. "I think everyone has stepped up and made us a better staff than we were last year."

Sosa went 0-for-4 and remained two home runs from becoming the fifth player to reach the 600 mark. He hasn't hit one out since May 22 off Minnesota's Johan Santana, Sosa's 10th homer of the year.

Sosa flied out in the first and

on the first pitch leading off the sixth. He grounded out to start the ninth.

His manager isn't worried about Sosa pressing.

"He'll probably tell you he's not, but he probably is," manager Ron Washington said before the game. "It's only human nature. When he least expects it, that's probably when it's going to happen."

Michael Young doubled in a run in the third for Texas, Harden on the disabled list.

third innings, then fouled out which called up John Koronka (0-2) from Triple-A Oklahoma to make the start — the second straight game the Rangers went to the minors for their pitcher.

Koronka's thoughts afterward?

"You want to talk about that embarrassing performance?" he said of his rough 5 1-3 innings. "I couldn't throw an off-speed pitch for a strike."

Haren has been Oakland's goto guy in the rotation with Rich

ter, realizing they'd called

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with a 3.40 ERA and led the team in innings pitched and strikeouts. He was also a threat at the plate, leading the team with four home runs and finishing second in

RBIs and doubles. Third baseman Daylong made the all-district first team for the second consecutive year. He led the team with five triples.

"I like to have P.J. in the lead-off position in the batting order," said Harman. "He always looks to make contact and does a good job of getting the game going for us. He's also very reliable defensively."

Roberts batted better than .400 in district play, playing in the outfield for the Bulldogs.

"Corey has fantastic range and very good arm," said Harman. "He was very good at keeping base runners from stretching out extra bases."

The Bulldogs had one

other returning starter named to the all-district second team — junior Casey Kilpatrick.

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"Casey is going to be the only senior on the team next year," said Harman. "He's going to be expected to be a leader and that's a role I can see him playing."

Kilpatrick made the second team as a pitcher, finishing 3-0 in district play with a 2.10 ERA. When not on the mound, he hit for a .340 batting average as the team's designated hitter.

Rounding out Coahoma's all-district acknowledgments are seniors Stephen Ewing and Jason Gonzales.

Harman raved about Ewing's defensive abili-

"Stephen made secondteam all-district because of his defense," he said. "He's tall and athletic. He saved the other infielders from having a lot of errors thanks to his ability to get to a ball. He's just a great defensive first baseman."

Ewing, who made the state cross country meet in the fall, plans to run Angelo for State University, Lubbock Christian University or the University of Texas if the Permian Basin.

Gonzales was a 2-year starter in the outfield for the Bulldogs, receiving all-district honors both years. Harman describes him as a tremendous outfielder.

As for next season, Harman feels that a Region I title isn't too far fetched.

"It's hard to lose all the seniors we are, but we're returning five starters that know how to win in the playoffs," he said. "A lot of teams in the district are losing just as much as we are. We're going into next season looking to make the state tournament."

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up 30-11. They'd made eight straight shots, were 12-of-16 for the game, and were outrebounding the Jazz 13-4.

"They came at us really hard," Utah coach Jerry said. "They Sloan destroyed our will to want to play. That was the whole thing. We abandoned our offense right away. And we never could get back into it the rest of the night. They put us where they wanted us all night long."

Duncan and Parker each finished with 21 points and Manu Ginobili scored only 12. None of them played in the fourth quarter — it was that much of a blowout.

Andrei Kirilenko led Utah with 13 points. Williams and Matt Harpring each scored 11. Carlos Boozer had nine on 3-of-10 shooting and Fisher had only two free throws in 15 minutes.

"We feel good about

having beaten them now," Popovich said. "It's just going to get more difficult for everybody as they spend more time together."

The strong start began for San Antonio with two baskets from Michael Finley, the team's mosttenured player without a finals appearance. Now in his 12th vear. Finley played most of his career for Dallas before joining the Spurs last season only to get knocked out of the playoffs by the Mavericks on their way to the finals.

"With the remainder of the team coming back and feeling that bitterness of losing to Dallas, I think that kind of helped us coming into the season," Finley said. "Early in the year I knew at some point we would hit a groove. It didn't come as quickly as I wished it would have,

but it came just in time." Notes: Ever heard of a "correctable error?" The officials called one on themselves midway through the second quar-

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an offensive foul against Utah but not given San Antonio the free throws it was entitled to because the Jazz were over the limit. The Spurs had finished another possession when things were sorted out. ... The fourth quarter was such a joke that fans did the wave to entertain themselves. Former Spurs star David Robinson was among those getting up on cue. ... There are good storylines regardless of who San Antonio faces in the finals. Detroit would be a rematch of a tight 2005 finals, while Cleveland's coach (Mike Brown) and GM (Danny Ferry) came out of the Spurs' organization. ... Utah had been 2-0 when facing elimination this postseason, winning Games 6 and 7 of the Houston series. ... The Spurs improved to 13-4 in close-out games since 2003. Over the same span, they are now 7-2 in playoff series that feature a

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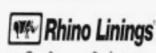
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#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You see your partner in a clear, refreshing way, and with it come all the prizes and pitfalls of full-on recognition. Like waking up in the morning with the mirror held to your face, the reflection is sweetly human and alarmingly real. CANCER (June 22-July

22). You won't get an award for the kind of work you're doing. Oh, the frustration, the hours spent! If you can locate the internal rewards it brings you — like meaning and purpose you're fortified. Onward! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If life's a gamble, this is the part where you carefully measure the risks against the odds. Big dreams have big payoffs. And sacrifices.

same way you do. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make no mistake, the flame you keep lit inside fuels everything in your world. Your traditions, rituals and connection to family forge the continuum from inner to outer life. And the solace this brings is a little slice of heaven.

You choose how to frame

it. Others will see it the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The best way to learn something is to teach it. Even better is to personalize it, make it yours. Information exchanges today spark the kind of creative kindling that could start a fire in your life. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You're moved to slow down — really slow down with your spending habits. Of course, it takes a good reason to stop the madness. Your partner's opinion is a good one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone has a not, start immediately. Try this on: "I live with careful conscientiousness and total abandon." Or: "I may be careless, but not with my heart."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Leave the door open for angels and fairies to inspire your usual crafty competence with whimsical divinity. You learn more in those moments of receptivity than you could ever design or plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe it's a blessing to get all mixed up in a movement bigger than your own life. Maybe it's a curse. Who knows? You feel completely absorbed, and for now that's fine. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). What you give to the world, you give on a You grand scale. wouldn't have it any The other way. responsibility is huge and the recognition equally grand. Step up to the challenge to live your life's work. But bigger.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born at 11:20 a.m. on Aug. 26, 1977, in Portage, Wis. Although I'm a newlywed (to a Scorpio) and have a part-time position in the career I love, I'm still worried about having a boring life. Will I be able to travel abroad without spending irresponsibly? Do you think it's possible for me to find a balance between occasional excitement and the daily routine?" You're not a boring

lady, as I'm sure your husband will attest! Your signature planet, Uranus, says unexpected thrills and excitement are an absolute necessity for you. Follow your whim — and those whims will set of rules to live by. If run hot and cold, making you unpredictable (and exciting) as ever. Consider it an asset. It adds to your natural mystique and intrigue. Keep cultivating your eccentricities, especially when you feel stuck. On travel: Yes, your travel passport is inextricably linked to what you see as an AMEX card with no limit. And the temptations are mouthwatering impulse buys. Yet comfort and luxury can make or break your travel experience. The good news is, your Virgo sun knows the difference between practical and excessive purchases, so a practical rule of thumb might be to wait 24 hours before buying.

**CELEBRITY** Brooke PROFILES: Shields is a fabulous spokesperson for any cause that personally affects her. Her book on postpartum depression allowed many women to openly admit their ambivalence as new moms. With her moon and Venus linked in Gemini, Brooke loves writing, learning and sitting down for a good chat. She'd make a fabulous love columnist! This is a year of high visibility for Shields, all of it good.

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## Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: A year ago, I found out I was pregnant. When I shared the great news with my husband, "Archie," he screamed, "How can you do this? Are you trying to trap me?" I was hurt, but knew he'd been under a lot of stress, so I just thought he was having a bad day.

A month later, I got a call from "Megan," one of the athletes that Archie coaches. She said she was sorry Archie and I were getting divorced and that the two of them had been together for six months. I said she was mistaken, that Archie and I were very happy and expecting a baby. She started

crying and hung up. When Archie came home, I confronted him about the call, and he denied everything. The next day, he came home with an armload of roses and two baby outfits. Two days later, he moved out while I was at work, and everything, took including my hairbrushes, some

jewelry and my diary. He ignored all my phone calls, but on our one-year anniversary, he and Megan left a message on my answering machine, laughing, saying, "Happy anniversary! We are having a great time together!" I cried most of the day, and that evening, I had a miscarriage. When I was released from the hospital, I filed for divorce.

I heard that Archie's mother told everyone I'd had an abortion and "threw Archie out for no reason." It's been hard to keep my chin up when I am mourning the loss of my marriage and my baby. I've been in counseling, but it doesn't



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seem to help. I don't want to grow into a bitter old woman. Friends have told me to start dating again, but I can't imagine doing that when I thought Archie was "the one" and he turned out to be so horrible. What can I do? — Hurting in Kentucky

Dear Hurting: Archie is slime and you are well rid of him. Still, it's too soon for you to be dating, so don't let well-meaning friends push you into anything. Please contact SHARE

(nationalshareoffice.com) 1-800-821-6819 at for support in dealing with the loss of your baby, and we hope you will with continue your counseling. Although it may not seem to be helping, it provides a safe harbor where you can express your feelings without being judged.

Dear Annie: Why are all the names in your letters in quotation marks? Does the person who sent the letter do it, or do you replace the name they use with another one? You never print the senders' locations, so why would it hurt to use the real first names of the people they're talking about?

Most first names are quite common, and the situations described

could apply to anyone. It's been bugging me. — Unnamed and Unlocated

Dear Unnamed: We usually change the names on our end. You'd be surprised how many think people they recognize themselves in a letter. If we use real names, there can be all kinds of trouble for the writer, and we prefer not to put our readers in harm's way. Changing the names allows for plausible deniability.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Worried Mom," whose daughter is being called "fat" by kids at school. I want to let you know about the slang term "phat," which sounds like "fat" but really means "hot."

I work with middle school students, and when they called my car "phat," didn't understand. They explained it was a compliment, meaning my car was cool. Maybe these kids are calling the girl "phat," complimenting her.

I could be wrong and she is being bullied, but the girl also seems easily influenced by other people's words. Concerned Reader

Dear Concerned: The word "phat" has been around for several years, and it refers more often to objects than people. But we agree this girl is too easily bothered by what others say, and we hope she can develop a tougher attitude.

MailboxAnnie's written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to annies mailbox @comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, *Chicago, IL 60611.* 

**Police and Department** of Public Safety troopers investigate the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, but debris from the accident temporarily blocked FM 700, officials said.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



#### **COUNTY**

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Barr said the program would only be available to minimum security inmates and would require qualified supervision.

"It would require us to have a person dedicated to the program," said Barr. "This will allow us to put a little more teeth to the community supervision program."

The commissioners court is also expected to hold a budget workshop during the meeting, which is slated for 1:15 p.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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### **RODEO**

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Hofacket at 267-8041 to register contestants for that event.

As always, the rodeo's events will begin with a parade in downtown Big Spring at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21.

The grand marshal will be Patricia McCormick, the Big Spring native who became a world famous bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted into the bullfighters union.

Now a resident of Del Rio, McCormick makes her living as an artist.

McCracken, the rodeo's

specialty act and barrel man, has been ACRA Clown of the Year five times, a PRCA Comedy Act of the Year nominee and was the 2006 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo (DNCFR) Specialty Act of the Year.

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Veteran rodeo announcer Mike Mathis, who works atop his horse inside the arena, will return to give his special flavor to the rodeo. He is a local favorite and participates in activities throughout Big Spring during rodeo week. He has called some of the sport's most prestigious events. He was nominated for PRCA Announcer of

the Year in 2002 and has announced the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo a total of 16 times. Last year, he was selected to work the National Finals Steer Roping in Hobbs, N.M., for the third time in his career.

There will be a dance for just teens Thursday, June 21, and traditional rodeo dances on Friday and Saturday nights. All dances are held at the Dora Roberts Fair Building on the rodeo grounds.

No one over 19 years of age will be admitted to Thursday night the dance, and paid admission to the rodeo is the

ticket for that deejay dance.

Jake Hooker and the Outsiders headline the 9:30 p.m. Friday dance. The \$10 per person tickets may be purchased at the door of the fair barn on the night of the dance.

Aaron Watson will headline the Saturday night dance. Tickets are \$15 per person and can also be purchased at the fair barn door the night of the dance.

Tickets to the rodeo will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 at gate. However, the advance sale prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. They can be pur-

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chased at the Big Spring Area Chamber Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, First Big Spring Banking Center, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and H-E-B.

In addition, box seats are available for the three-day rodeo run. To make reservations, call Dr. Rip Patterson at 267-2435.

In conjunction with the the four-man rodeo, Cowboy Scramble Golf

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Tournament benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, June 22, with a shotgun start at the Big Spring Country Club.

Dr. Patterson is heading up the golf tournament and said participants may either make up a team or join the cowboys by calling the club at 267-5354.

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"Catfish" Robbie

Fugua, 69, died Sunday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

## **BANNERS**

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with the Rodeo Association once again this year in helping to decorate the town with rodeo banners," Newell. "The banners are red, white and blue with a panel in the middle that has the word 'Welcome' in the middle."

The size and cost of the banners is as diverse as the annual rodeo itself, according to Newell.

"There are several different sizes and prices to fit any business budget," said Newell. We have a full fan, which is the smallest we offer, and that's \$20. A three-panel banner is \$35, while a five panel display is \$45. We also have seven-panel banners, which are \$55, and nine-panel displays, which are \$65. The ninepanel banners are usually the biggest we'll have for the rodeo."

Newell said the banners will be put up and taken down by the same company, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the annual rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

"The company we work with is Flying J Flag and Banner Service," Newell explained. "They come in and put up the banners several days before the rodeo and then they take them down after the rodeo is over. You don't have to lift a finger they do all the work."

Newell said she and the Chamber staff have already contacted the business owners that participated in the program last year, and have come up somewhat short. "We're down 11 busi-

nesses this year," said Newell. "Some didn't want to participate this year, while others have since closed. We would really like to get at least as many businesses as we had last year, so we need about another dozen to make that happen. There's no limit on the 215 West Third Street.

number of businesses that can participate, so we're really hoping to have some local owners step up."

Newell said the deadline for the banner program, which is a fundraiser for the local Chamber, is next week.

"Flying J is expected to be in town putting up banners next week, and as long as they are still here when businesses call to sign up, we can still get onboard," them said Newell.

For more information on rodeo banners, call the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641 or visit them at

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WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

Many people cannot take food and water for granted. They do not know from day to day how they will survive. The very act that you and I can take them for granted proves we are blessed.

Marriages fall when people are taken for granted. Nations fall when freedoms are taken for granted. Health, jobs and friends are often taken for granted until they are gone.

The first key to not taking things and people for granted? Praise God from whom all blessings flow! "Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever." (Psalm 145:2).

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OUR VIEWS

# **Businesses can** 'cowboy up' and sponsor banners

t's time to "cowboy up." That's right, the 74th annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is right around the corner, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to get involved by sponsoring rodeo ban-

Scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 21-23, at the Rodeo Bowl, the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is the oldest continually operating professional rodeo in Texas, and that's something in which our entire community should take pride.

Chamber Assistant Director Nancy Newell said area businesses are being asked to "cowboy up" this season by sponsoring the red, white and blue tapes-

And while the chamber staff will be calling last year's participants, offering them another chance to take part in the banner program, that doesn't mean other businesses aren't welcome.

In fact, business owners that don't receive a call for some reason, are encouraged to contact the chamber by calling 263-7641, or they can go by the chamber office at 215 W. Third Street.

The size and cost of the banners is as diverse as the annual rodeo itself, according to Newell.

'There are several different sizes and prices to fit any business budget," said Newell. "We have a full fan, which is the smallest we offer, and that's \$20. A three-panel banner is \$35, while a five panel display is \$45. We also have seven-panel banners, which are \$55, and nine-panel displays, which are \$65. The nine-panel banners are usually the biggest we'll have for the rodeo."

The chamber and rodeo association are working together to decorate the town with rodeo banners which are red, white and blue with a panel that has the word "Welcome" in the middle.

As was the case last year, Flying J Flag and Banner Service will be putting up the banners and taking them down, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

But be sure and hurry. The deadline for signing up to sponsor the banners is rapidly approaching.

We think it's important that local businesses take part in helping Big Spring deck out in its rodeo

That way, when out-of-town visitors arrive for the rodeo, they'll see a community that takes pride in its western roots and its cowboy and rodeo tradi-

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

We can live our life stress free when we live our life with You, Lord.

# A remedy worse than the illness

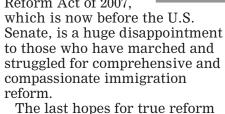
t never really mattered how much immigrant rights activists were willing to concede in order to reach a compromise on comprehensive immigration reform. If the deal included any kind of legalization path for the 12 million illegal immigrants already in this country, the anti-immigrant Republicans were always going to oppose it.

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Yet the Democrats kept making concessions, to the point that they finally agreed to a "compromise" that is far to the right of the immigration reform bill passed by the Senate last year.

The so-called bipartisan Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2007,



were ruined by a series of new provisions — concessions which, while failing to appease the anti-immigrant hardliners, make this bill unacceptable to those who defend immigrant rights.

"The entire process is inhumane, unrealistic, cumbersome, and puts severe onus on the immigrant workers and families," says Partha Banerjee, a prominent immigrant rights advocate in New Jersey.

Banerjee is one of those who have worked long and hard to make immigration reform a reali-

But the bill currently in Congress has so many flaws that he can't go along with it. Banerjee calls it "an unworkable deal."

And he is not alone. Many other immigrant rights activists are finding so many problems with the new concessions added to the

bill that, unless it is dramatically amended, they say it must be rejected.

In fact, some pro-immigrant organizations are saying that, as it stands, the current bill could create a situation that is worse than the status quo.

Imagine that — a remedy that could worsen the illness!

The measure would create "a society that is more divided and less free," according to the National Immigration Law Center, an organization that fought for comprehensive immigration reform and now argues that unless the bill can be improved on the Senate floor, it should be opposed.

The bill dismantles our country's bedrock principle of granting legal immigration based on the applicants' relationship to U.S. residents, while creating a point system that will favor skilled workers. It creates a new class of U.S. workers — "temporary guest workers" — who would not be allowed to seek permanent U.S. residency, "thereby perpetuating an indentured servitude," Banerjee says.

But to conservative hardliners, it's still "amnesty."

It requires illegal immigrants applying for legalization to seek an initial probationary status while border security measures and a worker ID program are implemented. It gets them on a path to a green card, which eventually leads to U.S. citizenship, but only after waiting 10 to 15 years, staying out of trouble, learning English, paying upwards of \$10,000 in fees and fines and having the head of each household return to their home countries.

But the conservative hardliners still call it "amnesty."

Of course, that's a word that has received very negative press lately. Before conservative demagogues turned "amnesty" into a four-letter word, it used to stand for compassion, tolerance and hospitality — attributes that made us

proud to be Americans.

But now — thanks to the fearmongering xenophobes in Congress and the media — supporting amnesty is somehow considered a sign of weakness. To them, legislation that grants anything resembling amnesty is somehow unpatriotic.

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And their loud rhetoric has led us to this point — a stalemate with a bill on the Senate floor that is unacceptable to both liberals and hardliners.

While some Republicans are trying to make the bill even more draconian, some Democrats are now introducing amendments to "improve" it.

"The most important areas we want to improve are on family reunification, the temporary worker program, and having a workable pathway to citizenship for the undocumented that does not include unnecessary hardships for those families," said Sen. Robert Menendez in his Saturday "Democratic Hispanic Radio Address." He vowed that Democrats "will keep fighting to make the improvements necessary so that this comprehensive legislation solves our nation's broken immigration system once and for all."

But since some key Democratic leaders, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, have signed on to the agreement, chances of passing some critically needed amendments are minimal.

"Our elected leaders, in their politically expedient maneuvering, excluded from the dialogue the millions of working-class, undocumented immigrants who came out and marched all across U.S. demanding a real, meaningful, comprehensive reform," Banerjee says. "The new deal, despite making some rudimentary progress, falls far short of their expectations and their children's aspirations."

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## Immigration: Why aren't Republicans crying?

epublican proponents of the so-called "compromise," "comprehensive" immigration bill argue the legislation is palatable because it includes important concessions to accommodate conservatives' concerns. But the more I read about the measure, the more apparent it becomes that it is neither a compromise nor comprehensive and that any concessions offered by Democrats are illusory.

Proponents tout the bill as comprehensive because it allegedly deals with all aspects of the knotty immigration problem, including enforcement, security, immigration-related labor, employment and business issues, the rule of law and even assimilation concerns.



 $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{AVID}$ LIMBAUGH

Democrats definitely get what they want: an ever expanding new voter constituency and a lasting supply of fodder for self-congratulation for helping people with other people's money, but what about Republicans?

If the concessions promised conservatives never materialize, there's no compromise and no comprehensiveness, just a sophisticated bait-and-switch scam to lure unteachable Republicans and possibly the nation — into suicide.

One unmistakable sign the bill offers Republicans little is that Ted Kennedy cannot wipe the smile off his face. Why shouldn't he be smiling?

Let's consider the sources of his elation.

First, he gets most of what he wants now — instant gratification — while deferring provisions designed to gratify conservatives until much later. As we know, deferred gratification often leads to no gratification, especially where government is the supposed gratifying agent and Democrats are an integral part of the government.

Remember when Bush 41 voluntarily walked the political plank by reneging on his no-new-taxes pledge in exchange for promises of spending cuts from Democrats, only to have them not only renege but excoriate him for compromising with them in the first place and breaking his pledge? Remember how Democrats supported the Iraq war resolution, then betrayed President Bush, saying they never intended to give him unconditional authority to attack Iraq, even though the resolution did precisely that?

Remember the last time the government promised that giving amnesty to illegals would deter future immigration problems? Remember when the government allocated money for a border fence yet have only completed some two miles of it? Fool me once, shame on you.

National Review Online (NRO) notes that one thing Kennedy and his colleagues will get immediately is that illegal immigrants will become eligible for "probationary" legal status the moment the bill passes, which is exacerbated by the fact that the government will have only one business day to run a background check on such applicants. Columnist Thomas Sowell points out that even if the bill's requirements on illegals are "tough," which Sowell clearly doubts, the bill does nothing to address those among the 12 million who simply choose not to become citizens and thus avoid the "tough" requirements.

But more disturbing than either of these points are certain revelations of NRO contributing editor Stanley Kurtz, which further explain and remove any ambiguity from Ted Kennedy's ear-splitting grin.

One sop to conservatives in the bill is that it supposedly replaces family-based immigration —

which has led to uncontrollable inflows — with a merit-based point system that will both make the immigration flow more manageable and improve immigrant assimilation.

But according to Kurtz, not only is this shift toward merit-based immigration very unlikely to happen under the bill, in the meantime, the bill will tilt the current system even more heavily toward family-based immigration by awarding "75 percent of new green cards" — it's currently 60 percent — "to family members to clear existing backlogs."

Since the shift to the merit system is deferred — like other positive aspects of the bill — for eight years, immigration advocates would have eight years to "gut" the merit system.

In case you doubt Kennedy and his ilk are inclined to "gut" the promised merit system, Kurtz emphasizes that all stars are lining up in that direction: Hillary Clinton is pushing an amendment now to reinstitute the family-based system, Speaker Pelosi has signaled her desire to revisit (and reverse) the merit-based provision soon, and American employers of all stripes — seem united against the merit system and, indeed, helped to defeat a similar promised reform a little more than a decade ago.

Doesn't it strike you as ironic, not to mention utterly maddening, that the only immigration issue truly demanding urgent action enforcement — is the only one that will be put on the back burner (or completely off the stove), while other non-urgent aspects will be addressed posthaste?

I understand why Kennedy's laughing. But why aren't Republicans crying?

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# Fuel saver

# Ford hybrid provides Escape from ever-rising fuel prices

ON THE ROAD

approaching (and in some passing) the \$3 a gallon mark, everyone is singing the gas pump blues these days.

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Being a full hybrid, the Escape can also operate in electric mode only at speeds below 30 mph which often occur in city driving situations. In electric only mode, no fuel is being used and no emissions are being emitted from the vehicle.

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The redesigned Escape is absolutely stunning. Space prevents me from going into detail, but it's loaded with safety and convenience features.

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Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 15 the Midwest Automotive

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WIDTH: 71.1 inches **HEIGHT:** 68 inches WEIGHT: 3,638-3,794 lbs. TRACK: 61.1/60.4 (front/rear) FUEL TANK: 15 gallons TIRES: 16-inch **WARRANTY:** 3-year/36,000-

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# exas news in brief

#### DPS seizes record amount of illegal drugs

EL PASO (AP) — Texas state troopers set several records last year by seizing more than 50 tons of illegal drugs worth nearly \$340 million, the Department of Public Safety said.

The drugs included marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine, and carried a street value of about \$335.9 million, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said Wednesday.

The 95,653 pounds of marijuana seized were more than double the amount of the drug found in 2005 and topped the 2004 record by more than 20,000 pounds.

Troopers found 5,986 pounds of cocaine, beating the record of 4,009 pounds set in 1994. The 267 pounds of methamphetamine were nearly 100 pounds more than the 2004 mark.

Authorities also arrested a record 1,975 people during the seizures, most on routine traffic stops, Vinger said.

#### **Top Democrat, Craddick** ally, to challenge Craddick

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner, the second-ranking member of the House and longtime ally of Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, said Wednesday he's joining the growing number of candidates challenging Craddick for the top spot in 2009.

Turner, the speaker pro tempore, is the seventh lawmaker to announce his candidacy in recent weeks, part of a movement among Republicans and Democrats unhappy with Craddick's win-at-all costs leadership style. The unrest reached fever pitch over the weekend with an open rebellion and attempt to kick Craddick out of the speakership 18 months before



his term expires.

"I don't ever want to have another legislative session like the one just completed where taking care of the people's business took a back seat to political agendas," Turner said.

Turner is one of a handful of Democrats who support Craddick and have been rewarded with coveted committee assignments and other advantages.

#### Prison escapee recaptured just outside Harris County Jail

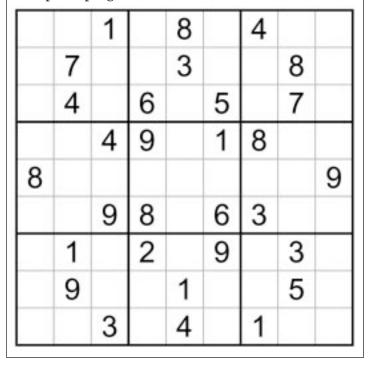
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m HOUSTON}$  (AP) — A 25-year-old prison escapee was captured Wednesday on a jogging trail behind the Harris County Jail — headquarters for one of the largest contingents of law enforcement officers in the state of Texas.

Andrew Dell Colev traveled only about seven blocks during his more than 40 hours on the lam before an off-duty university police chief jogging near the Harris County Jail nabbed him.

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Coley, a convicted car thief from Galveston County, apparently lacked a plan after escaping from the privately run South Texas Intermediate Sanction Facility in downtown Houston on Monday evening.

He was spotted there by Chief Rick Boyle of the University of Houston-Downtown Police Department, who jogs the trail three or four days a week, officials

Boyle recognized Coley's tattoo from information sent to law enforcement and ran back to the university to summon help.

Boyle then watched Coley until help could arrive. Coley noticed he was being watched and immediately continued his run of self-inflicted bad luck.



By Steve Becker

#### A Matter of Self-Confidence

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hearts, East playing the ace and South the queen. Then, despite the temptation to try to cash the ace of diamonds at trick two — which

would have handed declarer the slam East returned a club, and West

ruffed to put the contract down one. How come East was so smart, you may ask. The answer, when you get right down to it, is fairly simple. East realized that West might have led the club five from a holding of 5-4 doubleton, but he also realized that the five could be a singleton and that declarer's queen play at trick one might be a falsecard.

Beyond that, however, there was an even more persuasive reason to return a club instead of the ace of diamonds. East correctly judged that South could not have a diamond loser and bid the hand the way he did. (Remember, this was a highlevel game.)

It would not have made sense for declarer to leap from four hearts to six with a hand such as • Kxx ♥ AKJ10xxx ♦ K ♣ KQ.

With this hand, or another one like it, South surely would have used Blackwood to find out how many aces his partner had before bidding a

It's true that East had to have a lot of faith in his own reasoning to refrain from playing the diamond ace at trick two, but that's what any good player has to have plenty of.

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#### Nonfiction

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 "The Pursuit of Happyness" by Chris Gardner (323.620 GAR C), now a major motion picture starring Will Smith, chronicles Gardner's long, painful, ultimately rewarding journey from innercity Milwaukee to the pinnacle of Wall Street, according to a

review from Booklist.

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Born in 1954, he grew up like too many young blacks: poor and fatherless, with a mother strong on children and church, yet soft on men. His violent, hateful stepfather refused to accept Gardner as a stepson and thwarted him at every

By his own account, Gardner was a good kid who got into trouble occasionally, but stayed on a steady, upward track. After a stint in the navy, he set his sights on a medical career, but a foray into sales led him to the stock and bond market.

Gardner's own weakness was women, and when one of them left him with a son, it led to a period of homelessness on the San Francisco streets. Determination and resourcefulness brought father and son not merely to safety but to the top. Gardner is honest and thorough as he solidly depicts growing up black and male in late 20th-century urban America. His story isn't especially fresh, but his voice is likable, resulting in a quality African-American/business memoir.

• "Mennonites in Texas:

The Quiet in the Land" (289.776 CAM L). From the A&M University Press, comes a great book with a personal meaning for my husband's family. Jack and Sibyl McCright became close friends with a Mennonite family who also lived in Seminole, the

Henry Dyck family. Photographed and written by Laura L. Camden and Susan Gaetz Duarte, this is a fascinating look at two communities — in Gaines County and then in Lott, which is located in central Texas. The authors offer a deep insight into the religious beliefs and family relationships, role expectation and daily routines of two different Mennonite cultures. This is truly a fascinating book.

#### How To

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"Smart Organizing: Simple Strategies for **Bringing Order to Your Home**" (648.5 FEL S) by Sandra Felton. Are you faced with the overwhelming task of trying to organize your home environment? This book will be indispensable in bringing order out of chaos.

Photography/Religion "Church Signs Across America" (254.4 PAU S) can be

found in the non-fiction section. A simple premise can make an important statement. Steve and Pam Wilson have

collected photos of church's and their signs. No text, just the succinct phrase to invite you to church. It is arranged in state order, with one or two photos per state. One of my favorites is from a church in Vermont which says: "God Truly Loves You. WOW!"

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#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



"Margaret is one of those kids that only GETS CAUGHT BEIN' GOOD."

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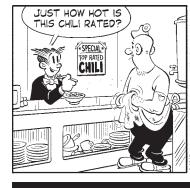


"Whoever made this keyboard didn't know how to spell the alphabet."

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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 31, the 151st day of 2007. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa. On this date:

In 1809, composer Franz Joseph Haydn died in

Vienna, Austria. In 1819, poet Walt

Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York. In 1977, the trans-Alaska

the making, was completed. 1994, the announced it was no longer

oil pipeline, three years in

aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union. Today's Birthdays: Actress

Elaine Stewart is 78. Actordirector Clint Eastwood is 77. Singer Peter Yarrow is 69. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 68. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 67. Actress Sharon Gless is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 64. Actor Tom Berenger is 57. Actor Gregory Harrison is 57. Actress Roma Maffia is 49. Comedian Chris Elliott is 47. Actor Kyle Secor is 47. Actress Lea Thompson is 46.

Singer Corey Hart is 45. Rapper DMC is 43. Rapper Kid Frost is 43. Actress Brooke Shields is 42. Country musician Adkins (The Derailers) is 40. Actor Colin Farrell is 31. musician Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 30. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 30. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy)

Thought for Today: "The reputation of power IS power." — Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher (1588-1679).

is 27. Actor Jonathan

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Williams Jr. is 20.

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# Answer to previous puzzle TONGA TOKLAS SOFAR BAEZ THEBEST REUTERS RAIL THATSMYCUE

#### **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS** 1 Big Apple

- restaurateur
- **6** Leather shade
- 11 Pullman,
- for one **14** Wielded
- 15 Peer Gynt
- playwright **16** Eye, in
- Ecuador
- **17** Coin first minted in 1909
- 19 Snooze 20 Smirnoff
- competitor
- 21 Use a wok
- 23 Seating section
- 24 Decks, briefly 26 Aviv
- 27 Coin first
- minted in 1916 **32** Needs
- **36** German article 37 "Get lost!"
- 38 Not behind 40 Stone
- discovery site **42** Hold sway
- 43 Oklahomá Indian 45 Canvas holder
- 46 Coin first minted in 1921
- 49 Race, as an engine
- Sol **50** Costa **51** Prefix for
- 55 Across
- 55 Fermi's field **59** Coin-operated
- eatery

abbreviation

- **61** Camcorder
- **62** Person interested in 17, 27, and

46 Across

- 28 Not publicly favorite **6** Venetian 29 Antique auto 30 Captain's Mannerist painter 31 List ender
- **64** Important time 65 "I Got a Name" 9 Confined

struggles

18 Leia's brother

for example:

22 Obstacle in

Exodus

25 55 Across,

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**27** Topography

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**32** Angelic strings

- singer **66** River feature 67 Electrical jolt
- **68** Barely beat
- **69** More cunning

#### **DOWN** 1 Pie-in-the-face

- sound 2 Arrestee's
- excuse 3 Washer cycle
- 4 Furnishings
- and such
- 5 Screen
- **7** Epitome of
- easiness

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33 Flu symptom **34** Earnings limit action

POCKET CHANGE by Doug Peterson

- 10 Being entries 11 Prolonged
  - 39 Turf section 41 Sun. speech
- 44 Former 12 Open a crack **13** Well-sinewed 47 Make clear
  - 48 Grad 51 Vacation stop

**35** Family-tree

- 52 One of the **Brontës**
- **53** Discernment 54 Perfumery oil
- **55** Informal DC
- title
- **56** Olympian queen
- **57** Cottagecheese morsel
- 58 Urban blight 60 Smidgens
- **63** Bar supply

