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Agencies ready to lend a hand

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Area relief agencies are standing at the ready in case the recent spate of wildfires burn more than just grass and brush. In the wake of Thursday's brush fire, which destroyed two homes south of Big Spring, officials with the Red Cross and Salvation Army are standing by to offer assistance.

Jimmie Birdin, director of emergency services for the Red Cross' Southwest Texas Chapter, said her agency was ready to offer help in case people were left homeless by the blaze. "We were contacted by the Howard County emergency management coordinator to be on standby in case people lost their homes Thursday," Birdin said.

Fortunately, those who lost their homes still had a place to stay; if that had not been the case, the Red Cross would have stepped in to help, Birdin noted. "We do typically provide food, clothing and shelter in the wake of disasters," she said. The Southwest Chapter of the Red Cross encompasses a huge portion of West Texas, meaning agency relief workers have

been busy so far helping people who have been left homeless by wildfires, Birdin said. "We're seeking volunteers from Howard County," she said. "All their training is free of charge." For more information, contact the Red Cross at 563-2267. Also standing by to help are workers with the local Salvation Army, which even lent a helping hand — in the

form of food and water — to firefighters Thursday afternoon. "We knew that those people out there fighting that fire were going to get tired, so we went out there to help them," said Stephen Correia, corps assistant for the local SA chapter. Salvation Army crews were on the scene until around mid-

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Obama leading Texas caucus

By KELLEY SHANNON
 AP Political Writer
 AUSTIN — The presidential contest in Texas appeared to tighten with weekend Democratic caucuses as Barack Obama led Hillary Clinton in incomplete county and senate district convention results. Obama won 2,471 delegates to the state convention, or 58 percent, in the Saturday caucuses, compared with 1,783 delegates, or 42 percent, for Clinton, according to an ongoing count Sunday by The Associated Press. There were still more than 3,000 others to be counted. Obama's campaign predicted he would win the overall delegate race in Texas because of caucus support, even though Clinton narrowly won the popular vote in primary balloting March 4. The caucus delegates ultimately will be winnowed and divided up in June. Clinton's campaign trumpeted its caucus successes in predominantly Hispanic regions along the Texas-Mexico border and elsewhere in South Texas and in rural counties. "We continue to be grateful to the enthusiastic support Hillary continues to receive throughout the Lone Star state, and look forward to a strong showing at the Texas state Convention in June," said Clinton state chairman Garry Mauro.

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A NICE DAY FOR FISHING



Three-year-old Morgan Griffith gets some pointers from his grandmother, Brenda Dunlap, as both took advantage of sunny, warm conditions to see if the fish were biting at Comanche Trail Lake Sunday afternoon.

Paulson offers plan for sweeping overhaul of financial regulations

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
 AP Economics Writer
 WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is proposing the biggest overhaul of financial regulation since the Great Depression. The sweeping plan is already drawing intense criticism — a debate unlikely to be settled until a new president takes office. The 200-page document, which was to be released Monday by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, proposes giving broad new powers to the Federal Reserve to combat the type of severe credit crisis currently gripping financial markets.

It would designate the Fed as a "market stability regulator" and give it the power to examine the books of any financial institution, not just banks, that might pose a threat to the stability of the financial system. According to a 22-page executive summary obtained by The Associated Press, the plan would also eliminate the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, merging their functions into other agencies. The Paulson plan, which the administration has been working on for a year, calls for the eventual creation of three regulatory agencies.

In addition to the Fed as a "market stability regulator," the plan would create a "prudential financial regulator" for the nation's banks, thrifts and credit unions, in place of the five agencies that perform that task now. The third new agency would regulate business conduct and consumer protection, taking over many of the functions of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The proposed overhaul would be the most extensive since the current regulatory system was created in response to the 1929 stock market crash and the

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Obituaries

Robert A. 'Bob' Merrick



Robert A. "Bob" Merrick, 95, of Ackerly died on Sunday, March 30, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Earl W. Duggins and Derrick Looney officiating. Interment will be in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 27, 1912, in Big Spring and married Mamie Lee Brown Oct. 21, 1933, in Big Spring.

He started farming with a team of mules and farmed for more than 65 years. He had served as an election judge for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie Lee Merrick of Ackerly; three daughters, Joyce Turner and husband, Bill, of Ropesville, Jo Nell Rowlett of Bedford and Julie Merrick of Lubbock; four sons, Jimmy Merrick and wife, Joyce, of Amarillo, Johnny Merrick of Big Spring, Jake Merrick and wife, Kay Lynn, of Henton, Okla., and Jack Merrick and wife, Teresa, of Ackerly; one sister, Oleta Graves of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jerry Merrick; and two sisters, Francis Storey and Fern Peugh.

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

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Student Council will sponsor a blood drive through United Blood Services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium foyer. If you would like to sign up in advance, you may call the main office at 264-3641.

• The Class of 2009 will be having a prom meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Big Spring High School Library. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year, March 31-April 5 and April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at rshaw3535@hotmail.com or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will be given.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue 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. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **RONNIE MARTINEZ**, 34, of 2516 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a Hale County warrant.
- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 26, of 1603 Cardinal, was arrested Saturday on a charge of parole revocation.
- **JORDAN NICHOLS**, 27, of Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 2300 block of Marshall.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 200 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 16th Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AGAINST A PUBLIC SERVANT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 3200 block of 11th Place.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 41 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ANGELINA FAITH DOMINGUEZ**, 25, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of no insurance and no driver's license.
- **BILLY BOB ALVARADO**, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOSE HILARIO MARTINEZ**, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DARCE WADE NICHOLSON**, 40, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **WILLIAM HUMBERTO RIVERA**, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **DAVID GRIJALBA MORALES**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
- **MATHEW ALLEN LASKY**, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **NORBERTO ARMENTA**, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOHNNY EDMONDSON**, 17, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **LEVI ZACHARY BUERGER**, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **AARON RAY LAKIN**, 18, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **CLINTON JAY STANLEY**, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **TIMMY WAYNE ATKINS II**, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor and driving while intoxicated.
- **JORDAN BLAKE NICHOLS**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 23, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **LANA KAY KIRKHAM**, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ARTHUR SEISHER KARWEDSKY**, 39, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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.

Bulletin Board

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

- MONDAY**
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
 - The Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold the finale of "March Mammo Madness" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Mammography and Bone Densitometry Center on the second floor of Malone

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5700 block of Snyder Field Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5700 block of Snyder Field Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3500 block of Old Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight — Clear. Cooler. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Increasing clouds. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-22-27-33-40
Number matching six of six: 1.
Prize per winner: \$13 million.
Winning ticket sold in: Pharr.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-23-26-32
Number matching five of five: None.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 3-8-4-5. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 3-0-3. Sum It Up: 6.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 2-1-6-2. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 9-5-0. Sum It Up: 14.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Officers fatally shoot man who threatened them in El Paso store

EL PASO (AP) — Police fatally shot a man in a convenience store after he shot another individual and pointed his weapon at officers, officials said.

Two officers were conducting surveillance at the convenience store Saturday night as part of a beer run operation when they saw what appeared to be a fight near the business.

After responding to the fight, the officers heard shots fired from the store.

Inside, they found that 27-year-old John Dalton Martinez had shot another man.

Martinez refused the officers' request to put down his semiautomatic handgun and pointed it at them.

Fearing for their lives and those of others inside the store, the officers fatally shot Martinez, said El Paso police spokesman Javier Sambrano.

The man Martinez injured, 27-year-old Julio Calderon, was treated at a local hospital for wounds to one hand and foot.

Police said Calderon got into a fight with a relative of Martinez and chased him into the store afterward.

The two officers were placed on routine administrative leave while officials investigate the shooting.

American flight turns around after smoky odor fills cabin

FORT WORTH (AP) — An American Airlines flight leaving Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport turned around and made an emergency landing Sunday after a smoky odor filled the cabin, an airline official said.

The plane was headed to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., when it took off Sunday evening at about 5:15 p.m. It returned to DFW Airport about 10 minutes later, American spokesman Tim Smith said.

The flight had 129 passengers aboard. Nobody was hurt.

The MD-80 is being inspected, but mechanics believe oil leaked onto the plane's auxiliary power unit, causing the smoky odor to enter the plane's ventilation system, Smith said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based airline says Sunday's problem is not related to inspections of wiring bundles on MD-80 jets that led the company to cancel hundreds of flights this week. Those planes

have since been cleared to fly, Smith said.

It was the second time in the last few days an American flight had to land after a smoky smell filled the cabin. A Chicago-bound American flight made an emergency landing Friday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Illegal immigrants working as security guards arrested

DALLAS (AP) — A task force led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested nearly 50 illegal immigrants in weekend raids of mostly Latino night clubs in Dallas, officials said Sunday.

Authorities raided 26 businesses, including night clubs, restaurants and pool halls. They were targeting employees working as security guards for two security companies, which officials declined to identify.

Law enforcement teams of local, state and federal officials simultaneously hit the 26 businesses around 11 p.m. Saturday and arrested 49 people. They recovered four pistols.

Those arrested will face charges of being in the United States illegally. Federal law also prohibits illegal immigrants from possessing weapons.

Four people arrested were from El Salvador and the rest were from Mexico, officials said. One of the Salvadorans arrested was a legal immigrant, and it is unclear whether he will face any charges.

"Hopefully, this operation will help us send a message that we will not tolerate the falsification of documents for undocumented aliens under the guise of providing security," Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins said.

Authorities investigating discovery of fetus on plane

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities are investigating the discovery of a fetus in the bathroom of a Continental Airlines plane that arrived in Houston on a flight from New York's LaGuardia Airport.

FBI Special Agent Shauna Dunlap said that while the plane was being cleaned about an hour after the plane landed Sunday, the cleaning crew found what appeared to be a fetus. The medical examiner's office will do an autopsy to determine if the fetus was viable.

Dunlap said that if it is determined that a crime occurred, then the FBI will work with Houston police to determine

where it occurred and continue from there.

Rusty Yates, father of 5 slain children, and wife have son

HOUSTON (AP) — Rusty Yates, the father of five slain children, has a son with his new wife.

Yates on Sunday told KHOU television in Houston that his wife, Laura, recently gave birth to a "healthy boy." Further details were not immediately available.

The couple wed in March 2006.

Rusty Yates divorced Andrea Yates in March 2005.

Andrea Yates in June 2001 drowned the couple's five children at the family's Houston-area home. She was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison in 2002.

But an appeals court in 2005 overturned her conviction because of some erroneous testimony.

Andrea Yates was found innocent by reason of insanity in July 2006 and was placed in a state mental institution.

Defense attorney George Parnham told KTRK-TV that Andrea Yates is aware of her ex-husband's new child, "is at peace with the issue" and her position is that life goes on.

Couple accused of binding boy with duct tape at Jasper day care

JASPER (AP) — A couple is accused of binding a 4-year-old boy with duct tape at a day care facility and then dangling him over a trash bin as a form of punishment, police said.

George Block, 48, and his wife, Julia Block, 47, manager of the Young Years Day Care Center in Jasper, were charged with child endangerment.

They each face up to two years in state jail if convicted.

According to an arrest affidavit, George Block bound the 4-year-old's wrists and feet on March 3 with duct tape before dangling him over a "metal trash dumpster" at the day care center.

Court papers say Julia Block approved her husband's actions as discipline for the boy "after a day of very disruptive behavior." George Block does not work at the day care center.

The 5-foot-10, 240-pound George Block is known at the facility as "Bigfoot."

The boy told child abuse investigators that "Bigfoot" wrapped his wrists and ankles with tape and held him over a large trash receptacle, according to court papers.

Police said they don't believe race played a role in the alleged incident.

The Blocks are white and the child in the case is black.

The Blocks declined to comment after being released Friday from the Jasper County Jail on \$5,000 bond each.

One of the owners of the day care center, Walter L. Bailey Jr. said Friday he knew little about the accusations.

George Block has a previous misdemeanor assault conviction in Orange County, getting probation in that case, according to court records.

If Julia Block is not convicted of criminal charges in the case, she could still be banned from working in child care if state regulators find reason to believe the allegations are true, according to state officials.

Shari Pulliam, spokeswoman for the local office of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services said it did not appear the facility's owners were at fault.

But the incident could lead to increased oversight for the day care by state regulators, she said.

UTSA students apparently copied parts of draft for honor code

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — University of Texas at San Antonio students wanted to draft an honor code that discouraged cheating and plagiarizing.

Unfortunately, it appears they copied another school's code without proper attribution.

The student in charge of drafting the code said it was oversight, but cheating experts say it illustrates a sloppiness among Internet-era students who don't know how to cite sources properly and think of their computers as cut-and-paste machines.

"That's the consequence of the Internet and the availability of things," said Daniel Wueste, director of the Rutland Institute for Ethics at Clemson University. "It doesn't feel like what would be in a book. You Google it and here it comes."

Akshay Thusu said he took over the project a month ago and inherited a draft from students who came before him. He said he discovered that a group of students attended a conference five years ago put on by Clemson's Center for Academic Integrity.

Materials from the conference, which are used by many universities, were probably the main source of UTSA's code, Thusu said.

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Great Depression.

It comes at a time when the financial system faces its most severe credit crisis in two decades, one that has resulted in billions of dollars of losses for big banks and investment houses and the near-collapse of the country's fifth-largest investment bank.

The rising tide of bad debt has made it harder

for consumers and businesses to get credit, further weighing on an economy struggling with a prolonged housing slump and soaring energy prices. Many economists believe the country is already in a recession.

The market turmoil has presented an opening for critics to make the case for stronger federal rules to prevent abuses. Paulson rejects making that link.

"I do not believe it is fair or accurate to blame

our regulatory structure for the current turmoil," Paulson said in a draft of remarks he was to deliver Monday.

Democrats said the plan wouldn't do enough to crack down on problems in mortgage lending and the sale of complex financial products that have been exposed by the current market turmoil.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd said that the administration blueprint "would do little

if anything to alleviate the current crisis."

"What we need to do immediately is deal with the foreclosure crisis," Dodd said. He added that while regulatory overhaul "needs to be done generally speaking it's going to take some time" and that a failure of a regulatory scheme was not what led to the current credit problems. "It was a failure of leadership," he said.

House Financial Services Committee

Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., who is working on his own regulatory revamp, called Paulson's plan a "constructive step forward" but said it wouldn't give the Federal Reserve the regulatory authority needed for its broader market stability role.

Frank and others said that given the complexity of the issues, they expect the debate on the Paulson proposal and Democratic alternatives will continue in Congress as the next

president takes office.

Business groups are split on the Paulson approach. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the securities industry support the broad outlines, but banking lobbyists are critical of some of the details.

"Dismantling the thrift charter and crippling state banking charters will weaken banking in America," said Edward Yingling, president of the American Bankers Association.

CAUCUS

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Obama's camp accused Clinton's of aggressively pushing to challenge and disqualify Obama delegates based on technicalities.

"Despite the Clinton campaign's widespread attempts to prevent many Texans from participating in their district convention, the voters of Texas confirmed Senator Obama's important delegate win in the Lone Star State," said Obama spokesman Josh Earnest.

As he did in earlier precinct caucusing, Obama scored some lopsided victories in senate

district caucuses Saturday in Houston, Dallas and Austin. Those were among the largest and most delegate-rich, often lasting into the night.

Nearly 280 Democratic county and senate district conventions were held Saturday, when they were required to be scheduled under state law. Collin County north of Dallas held its convention Sunday because it said it couldn't find adequate meeting space until then.

A few small counties with only one delegate to the state event had no convention at all.

Texas Republicans also had county conventions, but theirs were to select

who would get to go to the party's state meeting, not to battle over a delegate count. Almost all Texas GOP delegates to the national convention are chosen based on the primary vote.

The urban-area Democratic caucuses, some of them attended by thousands of people, were tension-inducing and often slow-going. Long lines to register delegates were the norm. The signs — reflecting whose supporters showed up for this round — determined the delegate division between Clinton and Obama.

The crowd was mostly pro-Obama at Senate District 13's convention

in Houston, where 61-year-old John Preston, active in Democratic politics his whole life, declared his backing of the Illinois senator and tried to persuade others.

"I think he can unite this country after the divisive hell we've been in the past seven years," he said.

The Texas Democratic Party said Sunday there were an estimated 100,000 convention participants statewide, which it said bode well for the party's competitiveness in the general election.

"Overall, the Texas

Democratic Party is pleased with the tremendous turnout and participation by Texas Democrats in every

region of the state," said spokesman Hector Nieto.

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night Thursday, providing refreshments for hun-

gry or thirsty firefighters. And the Salvation Army is ready to provide help to fire victims, as well.

"We haven't had anyone call us yet, but when they call us, we'll respond,"

Correia said.

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OTHER VIEWS

Supreme Court decision could take us forward

The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to intervene in the long, noisy debate over whether the stilted and confusing language of the Constitution's Second Amendment guarantees individuals a fundamental right to "keep and bear arms."

If the justices' questions in Tuesday's hearing in District of Columbia v. Heller are any indication, the court will probably rule that it does. Such a holding would reverse all of the court's previous decisions on the question (the most important one nearly 70 years ago), which had consistently held that the framers did not intend to guarantee an individual's right to firearms but the right of the states to organize their militias free of federal interference.

Paradoxically enough, such a decision expected in June could have the effect of taking the amendment out of the nation's rancorous debate over the presence and effects of the 235 million guns flooding the country.

That's because, even if the court rules that the amendment protects an individual's right to own firearms, it will prescribe a "standard of review" to define at what point the government has a legitimate interest in limiting that right. Practically all of the Constitution's fundamental rights are balanced by limits: Free speech is limited by the speaker's responsibility for defamation and libel; freedom from state searches may be overridden by a legal warrant; freedom of religion falls short of allowing human sacrifice, and so on.

The Second Amendment would be no different. It would be unimaginable, indeed, if the court, in granting a fundamental individual right to bear arms, did it in such a way that it repealed every gun law in the country. Whatever "standard of review" the justices set, while doubtlessly overturning the District of Columbia's strict handgun ban (the law directly in question), it probably will not want to overturn laws against possessing unlicensed machine guns, for example, or denying felons or the criminally insane access to firearms.

The result, it is to be hoped, will be a rational debate about who should own guns and under what circumstances, without perfervid appeals to the Second Amendment. With the constitutional question settled in favor of individual gun rights within sensible limits, the country could turn to a calmer discussion of how to allow legitimate owners possession and use of their guns while still addressing the human carnage 30,000 dead and more than 100,000 wounded wreaked by guns every year.

Guns are inherently dangerous consumer goods that society should rationally regulate, just as it does automobiles or airplanes or toasters, in the interest of public health and safety. The Supreme Court, by granting gun owners their Second Amendment rights, may actually make that discussion more, and not less, possible.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we approach problems as creative opportunities,
Lord, to show Your love.*

Amen

Movies reflect life's grim realities

The Oscar-winning movies are back in the theaters for a last run at cashing in on their Academy-Award glow. Which is all to the good. They are a remarkable group of films. As a matter of fact I don't remember the last time so many really good films appeared in a single year. Nor so many that bit the hands that fed them.

Much was made of the fact that the best of them tended to be gloomy in tone, that is to say, serious. (And make no mistake about it these were serious, beautifully made films.) But the striking thing was how many of them were arrows aimed straight at the heart of capitalism and its engine, greed.

The protagonist of "There Will Be Blood," for example, is the very embodiment of rapacious early 20th century capitalism.

He is driven to terrible acts not merely by greed but by the capitalistic spirit of competitiveness that demands not merely that he succeed but that those around him fail.

"Michael Clayton" takes predatory capitalism into the 21st century with a chemical company that, having knowingly sold a toxic product, is defending itself against a massive class action suit. The film centers on the law firm representing the chemical company and the price its lawyers pay, in terms of moral sanity, for the years

they've spent cynically serving the bad guys.

If you consider the illegal drug trade a capitalistic enterprise (and there's no reason you shouldn't) then "No Country for Old Men" is another shot at greed and capitalism. It tells the story of an ordinary man who stumbles upon the aftermath of a drug deal gone bad — bodies strewn over the desert, drugs and money left unattended. He takes the money and drugs, thus setting in motion the machinery of his destruction.

Although it's greed that triggers the narrative, the film — based on Cormac McCarthy's excellent novel — is essentially a meditation on evil. The chief villain of the story, marvelously played by Javier Bardem, is a hitman hired by drug lords to recover the drugs and money but in a larger sense he is Evil. Not evil the adjective, evil the noun — relentless, implacable, indestructible. He stalks his prey not merely because he is paid to do so but because he is a malign spirit that must destroy everything in his path.

Each of these films were justly rewarded with Oscars: Bardem for best supporting actor, Tilda Swinton for her portrayal of a strung-out, guilt-ridden lawyer and "No Country" for best film, best direction and screen adaptation.

I have no quarrel with any of that. It was a good year for Hollywood, a bad year for capitalism. Could it be the era of Bush-driven, unfettered capitalism is coming to an end? Perhaps not. While those anti-greed films were vacuuming up the awards, lighter

fare like "Juno" and "Ratatouille" were scoring the great successes at the box office.

Then there's "Sweeney Todd." The over-the-credits image is of thick red blood dripping into the gears of a machine, a unobtrusive hint that blood is the lubricant that keeps society running.

The film, which really is gloomy, is based on the Stephen Sondheim masterpiece, perhaps the greatest piece of musical theater in the English language.

It is a story of rape, murder, political corruption, cannibalism and bad hygiene. Yet, on stage, it is a comedy — a savage, dark comedy perhaps, but funny nevertheless. The film version isn't. It looks great but its principals, Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter, fine actors both, can't sing a lick. That always hurts a musical. So too does a lack of energy and the film lacked it.

There's serious and then there's "What in God's name am I doing here?" But you can't win them all. There were other excellent serious films — "Atonement," "Into Thin Air," "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead," "Charlie Wilson's War," "Gone Baby Gone," "Savages." It was a very good year.

Warm up your DVD machine.

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Vote against worst corporations

What if this year's elections were all about the issues — global warming, the mortgage meltdown, U.S. mercenaries killing civilians in Iraq? What if the elections allowed voters the opportunity to hold a referendum not only on political parties and candidates, but the corporations that so often shape them? Well, that's why there is a Corporate Hall of Shame.

For more than a decade Corporate Accountability International and its allies have nominated the corporations behind some of the year's worst abuses, and then opened the polls to the public. And like the storylines for the long-running, television series Law and Order, this year's nominees have been ripped from the headlines. They include:

ADM (Archer Daniels Midland), for helping make Indonesia the world's third largest contributor to global warming (after the U.S. and China) through its clearing of endangered forests and wildlife habitat for palm oil plantations;

Blackwater Worldwide, for killing unarmed Iraqi civilians;

Countrywide, for predatory mortgage lending to elderly and non-English-speaking borrowers, and for gouging lower income and minority borrowers with discriminatory rates and fees;

Wal-Mart, for displacing local businesses and failing to cover employees under the corporation's health plan;

Mattel, for producing tens of millions of lead-contaminated children's toys;

Nestlé, for threatening community water supplies with its bottled water brands;

Toyota, for aggressively lobbying against increased fuel economy standards and state measures to reduce global warming gas emissions, while hypocritically spending millions to advertise its environmental "leadership" and popular Prius hybrids;

Wendy's, for its contribution — as America's third largest fast food franchise — to the growing childhood obesity and diabetes epidemics and for refusing to meet nutritional labeling regulations.

And while the abuses of these corporations may span the spectrum, what they all have in common is their abuse of the democratic process. From city councils to the White House, this year's nominees have pumped millions into attorneys, lobbyists and elected officials, to protect their bottom line at the public's expense.

For example, Blackwater has built its private security empire on the backs of the American taxpayer. More than 50 percent of the corporation's revenues are from no bid U.S. government contracts. The total expense to taxpayers for Blackwater's services — \$1 billion. This figure should be raising more than a few eye brows considering Blackwater founder, Erik Prince, and his family have contributed generously to the current president and his allies.

And while some nominees are busy using the system to build capital, others have been manipulating it to protect what they already have. Wal-Mart, for instance, took the lead in opposing tighter port security, in fear that it might boost their costs. This in spite of the fact that a far greater volume of cargo moves through

the nation's seaports than its airports. Even worse, airport security spending currently outstrips spending on port security by 20-to-one.

These abuses are but a snapshot of the influence peddling, aggressive lobbying, and manipulative marketing that have landed these eight corporations on the Corporate Hall of Shame ballot. Polls will close on July 4th with the three highest vote getters joining the likes of ExxonMobil, Haliburton and Philip Morris in the Hall of Shame. The underlying hope is that each will earn their way out by correcting the abuses that lead to their induction, such as has been the case for Waste Management and Columbia/HCA, the largest private operator of health care facilities in the world.

But this hope depends on voter turnout. Last year, more than 20,000 votes were cast, helping to drag major corporate abuses from behind closed doors and into the public eye. To continue exposing corporate abuses in this election year, we need many more readers like you to participate in the online polls at www.StopCorporateAbuse.org.

Now that the caucuses and primaries are wrapping up, its time to turn some attention to the abusive corporations that are working to turn this year's political transitions to their own economic advantage.

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NUTRITION WISE: Eggplant, diet and stroke, allergies

Q: How nutritious is eggplant?
A: Although you won't find much vitamin C, A or folate in eggplant, it provides a good source of fiber as well as disease-fighting phytochemicals. In fact, an eggplant's purple hue is the result of antioxidant anthocyanins, compounds that some researchers believe may play a role in preventing cancer.



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

Additional antioxidant activity is evident once you slice an eggplant. The browning of the vegetable's inner pulp shortly after you cut into it results from the reaction of eggplant's phenolic compounds with oxygen. These powerful antioxidants act as scavengers and rid our bodies of the highly reactive "free radicals" that can damage our

cells and promote cancer development and heart disease. Unfortunately higher levels of these protective phytochemicals can make foods taste bitter, so researchers are developing new eggplant varieties which offer the best balance of protective phenols and good taste. Meanwhile, when cooking with eggplant, make sure that you choose low fat preparations to help control calories. Grill, roast or broil it, rather than eating it breaded, fried or smothered in high-fat cheese.

Q: Does diet influence risk of stroke?
A: Strokes can be classified as ischemic (resulting from a blocked blood vessel to or in the brain) and hemorrhagic (caused by a burst blood vessel in the brain). In both cases, brain cells die when they don't get the oxygen and nutrients they need. Diet

and lifestyle choices that help lower our risk of heart disease and cancer can also lower your risk of stroke. These include: avoiding tobacco; eating a diet low in saturated fat that includes a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grains; watching both the portion and proportion of the foods you eat in order to reach and maintaining a healthy weight and keep blood sugars controlled; limiting sodium and boost dietary potassium (think fresh fruits and vegetables) to keep your blood pressure under control; staying physically active and aiming for at least 30 minutes of moderate activity a day.

Q: Are egg and milk allergies two separate concerns?
A: Although milk and eggs are frequently classified together in the dairy category, the proteins in these foods are different. Since allergies result from a reaction to a specific protein, an

allergy to one food does not necessarily translate into an allergy to the other. Don't automatically assume that because someone must avoid milk they need to avoid eggs, and vice versa. When it comes to food allergies, it is important to be aware of hidden sources of each of these proteins in foods. Be sure to read labels carefully. If you see casein, caseinate, whey or butter in an ingredient list, this indicates the presence of milk protein. Unexpected nondairy foods like deli meat can hide milk proteins. Foods that contain albumin indicates egg protein in a product. Egg substitutes, baked goods and pastas can all contain this protein. If you have a food allergy, you may find meeting with a registered dietitian useful to help learn how to eat a balanced diet while avoiding those foods that you cannot tolerate.

Here's a pizza of a different breed

American Institute for Cancer Research

One of the world's oldest dishes, pizza, has been a culinary favorite for more than 20 centuries. Classified as an Italian staple, it has been a part of the Mediterranean diet — in one form or another — since the Stone Age. History even points to the ancient Babylonians and Greeks who ate flat bread baked with assorted toppings. This week's recipe turns the traditional notion of pizza on its head, forgoing the tomato sauce in favor of a garlic-infused white bean puree. Although no one individual can be credited with inventing pizza, history may be able to pinpoint the world's first pizzeria — Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba in Naples, Italy, established

in 1830. Half a century later, an Italian immigrant named Gennaro Lombardi is said to have opened the first American pizzeria in New York City in 1895. Throughout the years, pizza pie has seen many varied incarnations. From thin crust to deep dish, mozzarella to gouda, the notion of an "authentic" pizza may be a thing of the past. This recipe takes advantage of pizza's ability to seamlessly meld unique ingredients. Here, a white bean puree (reminiscent of hummus spread) is combined with rich sun dried tomatoes and nutrient-packed spinach. If you can find a whole-wheat pizza dough or pre-baked crust, you'll enjoy added fiber as well. Garlic, a member of the onion family, lends its

intense flavor to this dish. In addition, scientists point to the many health benefits of garlic, including its likely role in offering protection from colorectal cancer.

Spinach and White Bean Pizza
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
1 package pre-baked thin Italian pizza crust, preferably whole wheat
1 (15 oz.) can navy beans, drained and rinsed
2 cloves garlic
1/2 cup (firmly packed) baby spinach leaves, torn into small pieces
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning

Set oven rack in lowest position and pre-heat



oven to 425 degrees. Cover sun dried tomatoes with boiling water, let stand for about 12 minutes. Drain tomatoes and cut into thin strips, set aside. Place beans and garlic in food processor and blend until smooth. Place pizza crust directly on oven rack and crisp for 10 minutes. Remove crust and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Spread bean mixture evenly over pizza crust. Top with spinach and sun dried tomatoes. Sprinkle with cheese and seasoning. Bake 10 minutes. Slice and serve. Makes 5 servings.

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IN BRIEF

Dawson sets meet mark, Lady Steers win first meet

Big Spring High School's boys and girls track teams had landmark days over the weekend, highlighted by a new meet record set by Zach Dawson in the San Angelo Relays and the Lady Steers winning their first meet of the season.

Dawson took 4:19.09 to run four laps in the 1600-meters, breaking the previous record at the San Angelo Relays held by Marble Falls' Leonel Manzano by 0.43 seconds.

At Abilene Christian University, the Lady Steers scored 110 total points as a team, beating district rival Frenship by a single point, to win the Wildcat Relays Saturday. It's the first win for the Lady Steers with several individuals putting forth personal best efforts.

Full results and stories on the boys' and girls' track teams can be found in Tuesday's edition of the *Herald*.

Steers tennis team starts district matches today

The Big Spring High School tennis team begins play in the district tournament today in Wolfforth at Frenship High School.

Several Steers have their sights set on making the regional tournament in San Angelo April 21-22.

Big Spring's boys' doubles teams of Ainhan Ngiehm and Jonathan Ray and Karl Brode and Jonathan Womack are seeded No. 1 and 2, respectively, heading into the opening day of the tourney.

Jeremy Landin is a second seed for the boys' singles as is mixed doubles team Mikey Gonzales and Kristina Chang.

Also representing Big Spring in district competition are Keely Parnell and Shayla Drake in girls' singles, the teams of Leslie Cash and Saije Clare and C.J. Riddle and Jessica Womack in girls' doubles. Brittany Farmer and Jeremy Langford in mixed doubles and C.J. Burlison in boys' singles.

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

MONDAY

Big Spring tennis at district tournament in Wolfforth through Tuesday.

TUESDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Frenship, 4:30 p.m.

Big spring softball at San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Colorado City, 7 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Colorado City, 7 p.m.

Forsan softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m.

Forsan baseball at Menard, 4:30 p.m.

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Lady Steers fall to Frenship, 3-0

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — According to the Big Spring Lady Steers softball coaching staff, the team isn't far from being the team to beat in District 4-4A.

However, for now, that distinction continues to belong to Frenship's Lady Tigers as the Lady Steers fell to their district rival, 3-0, Saturday in Wolfforth.

Essentially, Frenship scored all three of its runs on one play. With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the

fourth inning, the Lady Tigers hit a bloop single into right field, scoring one run. Unfortunately for Big Spring, the Lady Steers relay to home plate was wild, allowing Frenship to score two more runs for the 3-0 advantage.

"Really, we lost the game on one bad play," Lady Steers Head Coach John Sparks said. "Our right fielder tried to throw the batter out at first to get the third out and end the inning and almost got her. We've got to start doing the little

things better. We've got to start making our throws and taking better advantage of base runners."

Big Spring had its best chance to get on the scoreboard in the fifth inning with runners on first and second with no outs.

However, the Lady Steers failed to execute a bunt to move the runners over, forcing the first out of the inning. The runners did move up a base courtesy of a sacrifice fly by the next batter, but couldn't capitalize as the third out was quickly made after that.

"That sacrifice fly would've scored a run had we gotten that bunt down," Sparks said. "We're very close to being a better offensive team, but we've got to learn to move runners over before we can accomplish that."

The loss drops Big Spring to 1-1 in district play, which puts them in second place along with San Angelo Lake View. Frenship leads the league at 3-0.

The Lady Steers or Lake View will stand alone in second after Tuesday, when Big Spring travels

to San Angelo to take on the Maidens at 6 p.m. Last season, the Lady Steers finished third in district behind Frenship and Lake View.

"That game will show where we stand in the district race," noted Sparks. "It's a big game. Lake View and Frenship are our toughest competition and we could easily be the best team in this district. We've got the clean up the little things and bring more batters to the plate. If we can do that, we can be the team to beat in this district."

Hawks pitch two no-hitters, sweep NMMI



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks center fielder Cameron Monger belts a home run to give Howard a 1-0 lead over NMMI in Game 2 of a four-game series played Friday at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks swept NMMI without giving up a run the entire weekend.

Howard's pitchers have six consecutive shut outs

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

It's not hard to figure out that a baseball team's pitching staff has things working when it has pitched six consecutive shutouts, including three no-hitters in that time period.

The Howard College baseball team dominated New Mexico Military Institute over the weekend, earning a four-game sweep capped off by a stellar performance Saturday as the Hawks had back-to-back no-hitters.

In Game 1, freshman left-hander Anthony Collazo struck out 15 NMMI batters while allowing only three walks and no hits in the complete game victory, 8-0.

It was much of the same in Game 2 as freshman right-hander Evan Blakeley earned a 10-0 victory in a five-inning no-hitter, striking out seven batters with one walk and two hit batters.

According to Howard Assistant Coach Jack Giese, it was the first time any of the Howard coaches had been involved in a doubleheader where both games were no-hitters.

"It doesn't matter who we are playing with the way those guys pitched. For those guys to have that kind of an outing was pretty special," Giese said. "The first game with Anthony Collazo throwing, it didn't really matter who he was facing because he was going to have a good day."

The dominance of Howard's pitching was never more apparent than this past week. Howard threw a no-hitter against Wayland Baptist University's JV Tuesday and had an opportunity for a fourth no-hitter barely erased Friday. According to Head Coach Britt Smith, hits against the Hawks have been hard to come by lately.

"We gave up five hits over the weekend," Smith said. "Colt Simon threw a one-hitter. Although on the one hit, we actually threw the guy out and the umpire missed a call in the third inning. You aren't thinking about a no-hitter at the time. We could have very easily thrown three no-hitters this series."

The Hawks have seemed to grasp all aspects of the

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Bulldogettes remain perfect in district

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — Coahoma's Bulldogettes proved to be road warriors over the weekend, sweeping back-to-back away games against Anson and Monahans Friday and Saturday.

The Bulldogettes played improved to 5-0 in District 5-2A play Friday as pitcher Katie Dunn struck out eight batters and surrendered just two hits in an 18-0 victory over Anson's Lady Tigers.

It was Dunn's fourth start of the season and she's come out the winning pitcher all four times.

Dunn received a lot of help at the plate as Coahoma belted nine extra base hits, including home runs by sisters Janice and Joanna Gonzales.

Joanna, the younger of the two, was 3-for-4 and led Coahoma with four RBIs. Janice finished 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Junior second baseman Laci Sterling went 3-for-four with three RBIs.

Runs didn't come in surplus in Saturday's game against Monahans for the Bulldogettes, however, they still won 8-2, powered by a strong pitching performance by Heather Newton and a

good day at the plate from Breanna Conner and a home run by Sterling.

Newton struck out 10 batters in seven innings of work, allowing two runs — both unearned — on five hits and a walk.

Conner knocked in two runs on 2-for-4 hitting and Sterling was 1-for-3 with the solo shot being her only hit.

The score was tied at 2 until the sixth inning, when Coahoma exploded for three runs and added three more in the top of the seventh.

The Bulldogettes (17-8, 5-0) continued district play Tuesday with another away game in Colorado City. Coahoma is yet to surrender a run in five district games.

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W - Katie Dunn (4-0). L - Ward.

2B: CHS - Heather Newton 2, Laci Sterling 2, Kaysea Spiller, Christie Rich; AHS - Lozano. 3B: CHS - Shelbi Paige. HR: CHS - Janice Gonzales, Joanna Gonzales. RBI: CHS - Jo. Gonzales 4, Sterling 3, Ja. Gonzales 2, Paige 2, Spiller 2, Conner, Newton.

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Monahans 002 000 0—2 5 3

W - Newton (12-7). L - Marin. 3B: CHS - Paige. HR: CHS - Sterling. RBI: CHS - Breanna Conner 2, Paige, Ja. Gonzales, Rich, Sterling.



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Coahoma Bulldogettes pitcher Katie Dunn winds up in the Bulldogettes' 18-0 victory over Anson's Lady Tigers Friday. The win makes Coahoma 5-0 in District 5-2A play.

All four No. 1s advance to Final Four

By **EDDIE PELLIS**

AP National Writer

HOUSTON — Bill Walton played what many agree was the best college game ever. Michael Jordan is universally praised as the best player ever. Years before either of them came along, the great Wilt Chamberlain redefined what a big, athletic center could accomplish.

These icons got their starts at UCLA, North Carolina and Kansas — three of college basketball's most storied programs, which are coming together on the sport's biggest stage, the Final Four.

March Madness? This might feel more like Hoops History 101 when the Bruins, Tar Heels and Jayhawks gather in the oversized classroom called the Alamodome, starting Saturday in San Antonio.

UCLA, the team that won most of its 10 titles in the '60s and '70s with star centers Walton and Lew Alcindor — later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — will play Memphis, a team that also has a colorful and successful history, though not nearly that of the other three.

Walton went 21-for-22 for 44 points in UCLA's 1973 title game — a win over none other than Memphis. This marks UCLA's record 18th Final Four.

In Saturday's other semifinal, it will be Kansas against North Carolina, a perfect matchup with a perfect story line — that of North Carolina coach Roy

Williams going against Kansas, the program he left in 2003 amid shouts that he was a traitor for leaving his adopted school to return to his alma mater.

Carolina is in its 17th Final Four, and Kansas its 13th.

"They gave me a chance when I was not exactly a household name. I was barely a name in my own house," Williams said of Kansas. "I have no idea what my emotions will be. I'm just ecstatic for this club right now."

And speaking of perfect: This is the first time since the NCAA started seeding teams in 1979 that all four top teams — from the South, Midwest, East and West regionals — advanced to the Final Four.

"This is one of those years where it appears from the Day One, people said there are four teams that are a little bit better than everybody else," Memphis coach John Calipari said Sunday after his team's 85-67 win over Texas. "That's what they said. We happen to be one of those teams."

The early betting pick among



AP photo/David J. Phillip
Texas guard D.J. Augustin (14) takes a shot as Memphis guard Derrick Rose (23) defends in the first half of the NCAA South Regional basketball final, Sunday in Houston. Memphis blasted Texas, advancing to the Final Four along with other No. 1 seeds Kansas, North Carolina and UCLA.

these four power programs is North Carolina, listed as a 9-5 favorite at the Las Vegas Hilton Race and Sports Book. Memphis was the long shot at 3-1.

Those who can't get money down in Nevada certainly

might have action in one of those millions of office pools around the country. Those who picked all the favorites in their brackets are looking good. But does anyone really do that anymore?

A big part of the uber-popularity of the NCAA tournament is the idea that the little guys really do have a chance to shock the world during these three magical weeks in March (and April). Two years ago, it was George Mason — the commuter school in northern Virginia — coming from nowhere to crash the Final Four party.

This year's George Mason was nearly 10th-seeded Davidson, which might be about the 10th-best-known school in the state of North Carolina, but still gave Kansas a heck of a run Sunday before falling 59-57.

The Jayhawks held their breath while Davidson's Jason Richards launched a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won it. It missed and KU prevailed to officially make it a Final Four for big boys, only.

These are the programs that were established in the 1890s,

1910s, 1920s, the ones that sell great players on their schools not only because of gleaming gyms and awesome weight rooms, but because it gives them a chance to wear the same uniforms as Alcindor and Walton, Chamberlain and Manning, Jordan and Worthy.

Which new name might become household in the next week?

Maybe Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina, the guy with the nickname "Psycho T," whose iconic picture is one of him bleeding with a broken nose after receiving a bone-rattling elbow in a game against archrival Duke last season.

Or Kevin Love, the sensational freshman who has fit into a veteran lineup at UCLA that is making its third straight trip to the Final Four.

Or Brandon Rush, the guard who has led Kansas in scoring all of his three years in college but has finally helped himself and his long-suffering coach, Bill Self, to the Final Four.

Or Derrick Rose, the Chicago kid who went to Memphis, chose jersey No. 23 and reminds many of Jordan, the Windy City's most famous No. 23.

"It's little ol' Memphis against all these prestigious programs," Tigers guard Chris Douglas-Roberts said. "That's what it is, just little ol' Memphis."

Not so little, though. The Tigers, at 37-1, need one more win to set the single-sea-

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HOWARD

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game this season with solid pitching, reliable defense and the nation's second best batting average. Howard is currently hitting .444 as a team, which only trails conference rival Clarendon College in the nation, who is hitting .463.

"We pitched it really well, but the thing that we did was that we played pretty good defense all weekend. We had a ton of strikeouts today and that sure makes it easier on our defense," Smith said.

"I think the team did a great job of hitting. Josh Riley had an excellent weekend swinging the bat and Nathan Bryan got hot and that really helped the middle of the lineup and it was really big for us to get those guys going."

Riley had a single, two doubles, a triple and a home run in the double-header.

Bryan didn't play in Game 1, but did have a pair of singles and a double in the second game.

Giese, who is the Hawks pitching coach, said he's pleased with the work ethic of the pitching staff. "We're proud of our

pitching staff. They have all worked hard and they know that they can be called on at anytime," Giese said. "Unfortunately, with a weekend like this where the starters do such a good job, we don't get a chance to go to the bullpen, but those kids really work hard and are always ready. We are really happy with the group of pitchers we have."

When asked about the Hawks moving up one notch to No. 5 in the NJCAA Division I Baseball Poll, Giese said it says a lot about the

players and what they've accomplished, but the coaches have downplayed the ranking by focusing on Howard's goal of playing championship-level baseball.

"It doesn't matter until May 31 at 11:40 p.m.," Giese said. "We figured that is when the (NJCAA World Series) championship game will be over. There are no champi-

onships won in April. They are won in May."

The road to a possible national championship travels west to El Paso Friday and Saturday and, according to Smith, a tough challenge awaits the Hawks.

"El Paso is very well coached and very talented so it will be a matter of us really competing and focusing out there,"

Smith said. "If we play focused, I think we are as good as anybody in the country."

With Saturday's victories, Howard improves to 33-3 overall and 9-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Hawks begin play at El Paso Community College Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m.

BRIEFS

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Relay for Life volleyball tournament set for April 5

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a volleyball tournament to benefit Relay for Life at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium Saturday, April 5.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 per person. The first game will be played at 11 a.m.

Teams must be comprised of three boys and three girls. A concession stand will be available.

Big Spring Country Club hosting 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

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

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

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Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Class to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17 and 18.

The tournament is lim-

ited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Today's Aquarius moon nurtures our hunger for intelligent, original thought. It can seem like we're all living in our own headspace, but more often, it's a paradigm shared by others, too. The more we exchange ideas, the more common ground we discover. And by reflecting on our thinking processes, we foster an ability to see real new solutions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Spend an hour with a friend — if possible, an Aquarius. You come out of it with a new sense of the way things can go in your life to make them better. You're even able to translate it into practical action steps.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The extravagant purchase you're dreaming about would raise a few eyebrows if you were to tell everyone. That's just the kind of cynicism you don't need now. Keep your wishes and plans close to the vest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's so clever the way you find new meaning for occurrences that happen daily. When you view your life as an artistic statement, suddenly there is a resonance that wasn't there before.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've had just about enough new information lately. You're totally adept at listening, taking notes, memorizing and spitting the answers back. Transformation, not information, is what you're into today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're not as productive as you'd like to be, it's probably because you're driving yourself too hard. Sometimes taking half an hour for a break or a walk is the most productive thing you could do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're so used to seeing the smartest solution around that when someone else sees a

different, and equally intelligent, possibility, it's likely to catch you off guard. This could be the start of a wonderful partnership.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to look like a model to make an excellent impression. But it does help if you're comfortable with your appearance, which may take an extra effort with today's astral influences. Be kind to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The relationship sector of your life gets a blast of goodwill. It's so refreshing to find out that you genuinely like and are interested in the very person you've known forever.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't mind being the only one working when others are out having a good ol' time. Because you've got your eye on the fantastic (and possibly life-altering) finish of a project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The sideline is not usually where you would look for a good seat. But with the gnarly conflict that's center stage right now, it's best to stay back a distance until all gets worked out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you do, do not express your doubts, especially not the doubts you have about your own work or attractiveness. The insecurity is only a passing mood, but if you tell others, it may stick around longer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been thinking about someone. Stop thinking, and pick up the phone. Your loved ones need to know that they are important to you, and a short call, or voice mail, is all it takes to do the trick.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I'm a Virgo finding it painfully obvious to socially connect with practically any Aquarius born. I consider myself open and warm. What am I missing?

The better part of connecting with someone is knowing what motivates that person as

a human being. Aquarius is the sign of the water bearer. And in a civilized place where relatively clean water comes out of the taps, we tend to take water for granted. That is, until something catastrophic happens — it is only then we are reminded how fragile humankind really is. We can live without food for more than a month, but without clean water, we can be gonners in less than 100 hours. These insights are key to understanding the Aquarius energy, which is to generously bring what is needed to the party. This friendly energy has less to do with social nicety and popularity than it does to do with the fact that humans need one another. So keep this in mind when talking to Aquarians: They've been giving humanity something essential for eons. Follow your Virgoan curiosity: Find out exactly which genius science experiment this Aquarian is conducting (wu-wei and underwater yoga?) and you've fostered a point of connection.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Can Al Gore save the world? Leave it to an Aries to try. And it's the trying that counts. For while not every Aries will win the Noble Peace Prize (don't tell), every ram needs an impossible goal, without which they're like a conquistador without a conquest. Whereas some Arians face burn out when faced with inherent obstacles of their mission, Al's Saturn in Leo moderates effort to steadiness.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I was married to "James" for seven years before our separation in November. I have since filed for divorce.

James was always loving and supportive. We both wanted children from the beginning, but it took three years to get pregnant after going to numerous fertility clinics. When I finally gave birth to our beautiful daughter, "Jill," James slowly fell into a depression.

I work full time and James was left caring for Jill. When she was 18 months old, I noticed bruises. When I asked James about them, he said he had no idea where they came from, so I ignorantly let it pass. Over the next year, I continued to see more bruises. Finally, when Jill was 3 years old and able to talk clearly, she asked me why Daddy hated her. I was surprised and asked her why she thought that. She said he punished her all the time for hugging me and talking to me too much, or "because Mommy loves me more than him." Needless to say, I was freaked out.

I confronted James with Jill in the room, and he crazily lunged for her neck. I grabbed her, packed my bags and we left. I have not spoken to James since that night. Our lawyers are handling everything.

My question is, how could a man who wanted a child so much do this to our little girl? How do I deal with the

eye on it rather than have you submit to an invasive procedure like a biopsy, although it wouldn't hurt to get a second opinion if it will put your mind at ease. You should do regular self-exams, and if you notice any change, notify your doctor immediately. You won't upset your mom by telling her. In fact, she may have some family history information that could prove useful and, hopefully, reassuring.

Dear Annie: I worked in food service for over 20 years and have some advice for "Disgruntled in Denver" and other potential diners who arrive with a large party and expect to be seated promptly.

If you number more than four and are under time constraints, it's a good idea to make reservations or at least call ahead to see if the establishment can accommodate you. A little planning and common sense can leave you with nothing to gripe about but the food. — Former Waiter

Dear Waiter: This is true, although not everyone has the foresight to make a reservation for a last-minute bite after another engagement. "Disgruntled" was willing to wait 30 minutes, but should have been warned that the slow turnover might increase the delay.

Dear Unsure: Lumps in or near the breast are fairly common and most are not cancerous. Your doctor probably prefers to keep an

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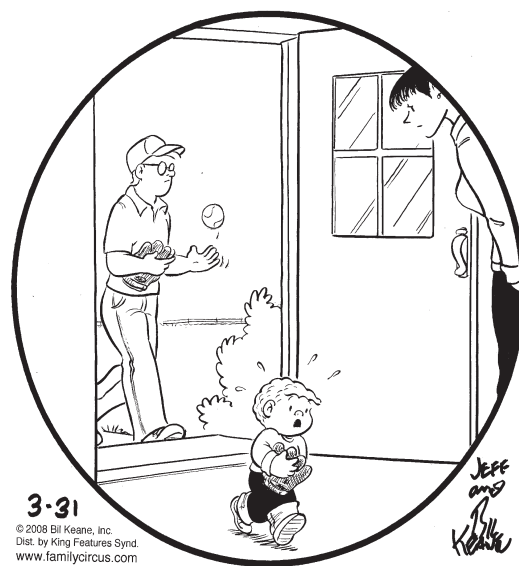
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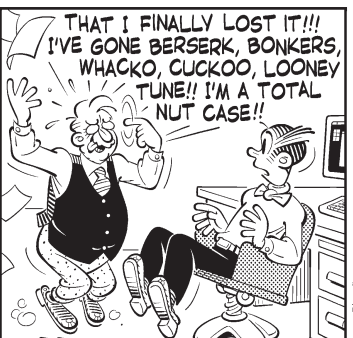


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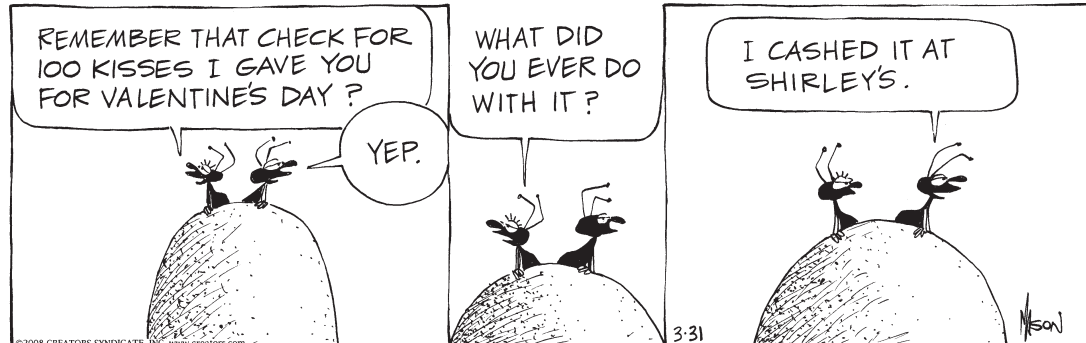
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 31, the 91st day of 2008. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on efforts to bring a peaceful end to the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson shocked listeners by announcing he would not seek another term of office.

On this date: In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1949, Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland and Labrador) entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy Rea is 87. Actor William Daniels is 81. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 80. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 74. Actress Shirley Jones is 74. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 74. Musician Herb Alpert is 73. Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 68. Actor Christopher Walken is

65. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 63. Former Vice President Al Gore is 60. David Eisenhower is 60. Actress Rhea Perlman is 60. Actor Ed Marinaro is 58. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 53. Actor Marc McClure is 51. Actor William McNamara is 43. Actor Ewan McGregor is 37. Rapper Tony Yayo is 30. Jazz musician Christian Scott is 25.

Thought for Today: "All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are moveable, and those that move." — Arab proverb.

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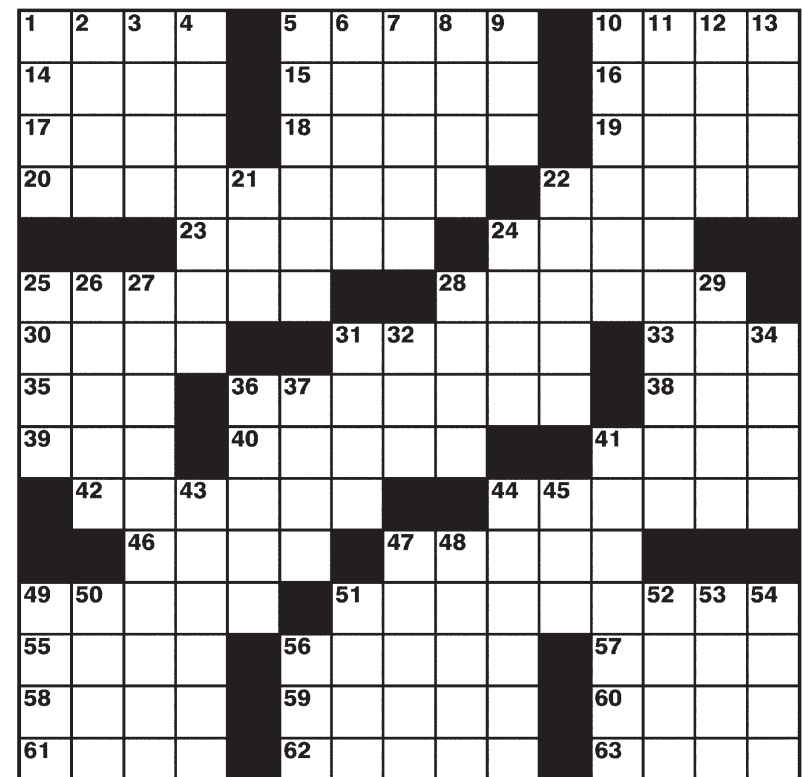
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Poisonous snakes
- 5 Molars and incisors
- 10 At a distance
- 14 Actor's part
- 15 Born earlier
- 16 Big marching-band instrument
- 17 Alda of M*A*S*H
- 18 Robes for Julius Caesar
- 19 "If ___ I had known"
- 20 Material for quality stationery
- 22 South American mountains
- 23 Half-off store events
- 24 Part of EMT: Abbr.
- 25 Bricklayers
- 28 End of a work week, for many
- 30 Memo abbr.
- 31 Mystical glows
- 33 Charged atom
- 35 Highway warning sign
- 36 Inspire awe
- 38 Take to court
- 39 Tic-___-toe
- 40 Not a single person
- 41 That woman's
- 42 Aspen head covering
- 44 Parched feeling
- 46 Big family
- 47 Go quickly
- 49 Topples
- 51 Work as a tenant farmer
- 55 Has outstanding bills
- 56 Pennants
- 57 Honeybee's home
- 58 Uncommon
- 59 Juliet's beloved
- 60 Biblical paradise
- 61 Youngster
- 62 Toes the line
- 63 Cozy rooms
- DOWN**
- 1 Mideast native
- 2 Song for one person
- 3 Architect's design
- 4 Forwards, as e-mail
- 5 Adds up
- 6 Marry secretly
- 7 Rims
- 8 Pull apart
- 9 60-minute periods: Abbr.
- 11 Charity event
- 12 Up to the task
- 13 Sunbeams
- 21 Baking container
- 22 Out of kilter
- 24 Historical times
- 25 Sail support
- 26 Geographical reference book
- 27 Grocery-store shelver
- 28 At no cost
- 29 "What's mine is ___" (sharer's words)
- 31 Each, slangily
- 32 Large coffee vessel
- 34 Robin's home
- 36 Ancient Peruvians
- 37 Sound of distress
- 41 Attached, as a horse to a wagon
- 43 "Let me think about it"
- 44 Sculpted figures
- 45 Garden tool
- 47 Disgrace
- 48 Cautiously shrewd
- 49 Army post
- 50 On vacation
- 51 Messy type
- 52 Roller coaster, for one
- 53 Baking appliance
- 54 Farm enclosures
- 56 To and ___



Ellis leads Warriors over Mavs and into 3-way tie for 7th place

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer
OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors ruined Dallas' season a year ago by knocking the Mavericks out of the playoffs in a shocking first-round upset. This year, the Warriors could keep the Mavericks out of the post-season all together.

Monta Ellis scored 30 points and Kelenna Azubuike hit two clutch shots down the stretch to help the Warriors beat the Mavericks 114-104 Sunday night to create a three-way tie with Dallas and Denver for seventh place in the ultracompetitive Western Conference.

"I got my own problems," Warriors coach Don Nelson said. "I feel for them, but my bucket is full as well."

With nine games remaining, Dallas, Golden State and Denver are all even at 45-28. If the season ended today, the Warriors would be on the outside looking in at the playoffs because they have lost two of three to both the Nuggets and Mavericks. But if Golden State manages to beat Denver and Dallas in their final meetings, the Mavericks would be the odd team out in a three-way tie.

That's quite a fall for a team that made it to the NBA finals in 2006, won a league-best 67 games in the regular season a year ago before losing to Golden State, and traded for Jason Kidd this season.

"I'm not excited for us," coach Avery Johnson said. "We'd like to be third or fourth. "We don't want to be part of this three team, seventh seed or eighth seed or whatever."

With star forward Dirk Nowitzki sidelined with knee and ankle injuries, the Mavericks could have a tough time making a drive for a playoff spot. Dallas fell to 1-2 without Nowitzki, with the two losses coming to Denver and Golden State.

The Mavs travel to Los Angeles to face the Clippers on Monday night before returning home to host the Warriors on Wednesday.

"With Dirk or without Dirk, it's going to be tough," Kidd said. "With the West, there are no nights off, you've got to play your best game each night and everybody's fighting not just for the playoffs but for seeding. One game can move you up or down so this is what basketball is all about. You want to be in a competitive situation and I'm right in the middle of it."

The Warriors, who fell into ninth place for the first time since Feb. 22 with a loss Saturday at

Denver, rebounded against the Mavericks after falling behind by 12 points in the opening minutes.

Now Golden State heads out on a four-game road trip beginning Tuesday in San Antonio that will be crucial to its playoff hopes.

"If we're going to be a playoff team then we need to treat these next nine games like the playoffs," Baron Davis said.

Golden State built a 14-point lead in the third quarter but led by only four late in the fourth quarter. That's when Azubuike hit a 3-pointer to make it 105-98 with less than 4 minutes left and waved his arms to the cheering crowd. He added a jumper to make it 109-100 with 2:27 to go and Golden State went on to its 17th comeback win from a double-digit deficit.

Davis added 21 points, Stephen Jackson had 16 and Andris Biedrins had 16 points and 14 rebounds. Azubuike scored 15 off the bench as Golden State avoided losing consecutive games for the first time since Jan. 2-4.

"We don't want to count

on anybody else," Warriors forward Matt Barnes said. "I think if we take care of our business and win the games we're supposed to win, we'll get in. We don't want it to come down to having someone else get us in the playoffs."

Josh Howard scored 36 to lead Dallas in his third straight 30-point game since Nowitzki went down with the injury. Brandon Bass added 21 off the bench, while Kidd had 13 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds. Dallas fell to 0-10 against teams with winning records since acquiring Kidd.

The Warriors have made a bad habit of falling behind early and this game was no different. The Mavericks made their first six shots, while Golden State opened 0-for-10 and fell behind 12-0 less than 4 minutes into the game. But the Warriors quickly found their stride and erased that entire deficit with a 16-3 run and led 27-26 after one.

Notes: Jerry Stackhouse also missed the game for Dallas with a strained right groin. ... Golden State has reached 100 points in 37 straight games.

Zimmerman's walk-off homer leads Nationals past Braves

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer
WASHINGTON — Nationals Park had quite an opening.

Ryan Zimmerman hit a tiebreaking homer off Peter Moylan with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Washington Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 Sunday night in the first regular-season game at the \$611 million stadium.

With the dome of the U.S. Capitol lit up against the black night sky beyond left field, and the Washington Monument visible from patches of the upper deck, Zimmerman raised his

right fist as he rounded first base.

Teammates spilled out of the dugout — it's along the first-base line now, not the third-base line, like at old RFK Stadium — and greeted the face of the franchise at home plate for celebratory pounds on the back.

Twenty-four straight Washington batters had made out before the home run — Washington's fourth hit of the game and first since the first inning.

Nick Johnson delivered an RBI double in his first at-bat in more than 18 months, Odalis Perez matched Tim Hudson, and Jon Rauch (1-0)

earned the victory after blowing a save in the top of the ninth.

All in all, it sent the paid crowd of 39,389 heading away with even more to smile about than the gleaming white-stone-and-glass ballpark.

With President Bush on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, the Nationals had their first victory in a season opener in four tries since moving to the nation's capital from Montreal.

"We've waited for so long for a place that can be our own," Zimmerman said. "There are just too many people on this team that are tired of being mediocre."



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son record for victories by an NCAA Division I team.

They picked up most of those wins in Conference USA, a so-called "mid-major" conference that doesn't command the respect of the Big 12, Pac-10 or Atlantic Coast Conferences, where the other teams come from.

Indeed, this Final Four is as much about where they come from as where they're going.

These teams have history on their side — and a chance to make some more.

