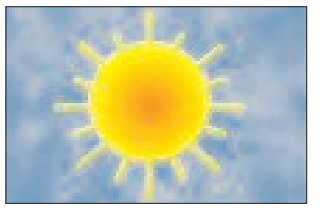


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Brisket to Broadway

There's a whole lot of stuff going on in Big Spring this weekend

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 News Editor

How long has it been since you've had some home-made root beer, admired a Mexican Petunia or taken a long bicycle ride for a good cause? OK, when's the last time you did all three on the same day? Well, now's your chance.

You can do that and a lot, lot more in Big Spring this weekend. In fact, there's so much going on that you probably couldn't get to everything, even if you wanted to. Still, there's something taking place all day Saturday — pretty much from 7:30 a.m. until late in the evening.

Relay Riders Bike-a-Thon

Got bike? A Howard College Relay For Life team — the Relay Riders — is hosting this fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, headquartered at the Harold Davis Fitness Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

For \$10, bicycle riders ride laps around the campus and take part in a "poker run." First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in the lap competition. In the poker run, bikers ride to pick up cards, with the best poker hand winning the prize. Door prizes will be given to people with special tickets.

Water and sodas will be free to participants and Domino's pizza will be available for \$2 per slice.

For more information, call Brandi Stewart at 816-6234 or 264-5108 or Cadet Bryant at 264-5631.

Fajita Cook-off

If you haven't done it already, Saturday is a good time to fire up the outdoor grill. Better yet, break out the secret spices and make your way to the American Legion Post 506 at 3203 W. Highway 80 where the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their fourth annual Fajita Cook-off.

The entry fee is just \$10 for either the beef or chicken (three pounds each) competition.

Cooking will begin at 9 a.m., judging at 11 a.m. and winners will be announced at 2 p.m.

Don't feel like cooking? How about eating? Plates will be \$8 each with serving to begin at noon.

Extra activities include an all-day plant/cake walk and give-a-ways at 3 p.m.

To learn more, call 263-2084.

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'Symphony in Balance' season to wrap up with musical medley

Special to the Herald

Crossroads area residents who enjoy musicals should get their fill Saturday evening when the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus performs "The Best of Broadway" at the Municipal Auditorium.

It is the final subscription concert of the 2007-2008 concert season — The Big Spring Symphony in Balance — and it begins at 8 p.m. Tickets — \$15 for adults, \$10 for



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senior citizens and \$5 for students — will be available at the door.

The orchestra will perform a number of medleys, including those from the rock musicals "Grease" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." Members of the chorus will join the orchestra in more traditional favorites, including medleys from "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Sound

of Music." The evening's production will culminate in the performance of selections from "Les Miserables," one of the most popular recent works on Broadway.

Featured guest artists Saturday will be tenor David Corman from Odessa College and soprano Renay Peters Joubert from New York City.

"I am very excited about our guest artists," said music director

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Teacher's Aide Katrice Klaus welcomes students to a "TAKS pep rally" at Washington Elementary this morning. The rally was held to encourage students to do well on the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

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Forest Service investigating suspicious incidents

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Several suspicious fires south of Big Spring during the last part of March and early April are being investigated by the Texas Forest Service, according to local fire officials.

Firefighters with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to several areas in and around the Tubbs Addition

— located south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87 — over the course of more than a week, and according to HCVF Chief Tommy Sullivan, it was anything but a coincidence.

"We got with the State Forest Service and determined the fires were not of a natural cause," said Sullivan. "That means they were intentionally set. I'm not sure if they used an accelerant or

what, but those fires did not happen naturally. Someone helped them along."

Sullivan, who normally investigates suspicious fires himself, said he called in the Forest Service to conduct the investigation for more than one reason.

"They have a lot more resources and men than we do. That's the simple and

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"I'm not sure if they used an accelerant or what, but those fires did not happen naturally. Someone helped them along."

—Tommy Sullivan

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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

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TODAY

Bi-District playoff

Big Spring softball vs. Canyon Randall in best-of-three series at Lubbock Coronado. Game 1 is at 4 p.m. Game 2 is approx. 45 minutes after Game 1.

Big Spring track at regional meet in San Angelo through Saturday.

Big Spring baseball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma baseball vs. Merkel for District 5-2A's second playoff seed. Time and site TBA.

Pictures of Steers' spring sports needed for banquet

Anyone with pictures from the 2008 Big Spring High School spring sports season willing to temporarily donate them for use in a slide show for the 2008 Spring Sports Banquet scheduled for May 22.

Anyone with pictures please contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685

2008 West Texas Disc Golf tourney set for this weekend

The 2008 West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday at the 27-hole course at Comanche Trail Park.

Registration is open to any age, gender or experience level with those factors deciding the sign-up fee.

Trophies and prize money will be awarded. The first 100 entrants will receive a players package.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at Comanche Trail Park or show up Friday at 5 p.m. for a random draw doubles tournament to register for the weekend's event.

Pre-registration can be done by contacting Greg Brooks at (432) 528-5076.

Country club hosts scramble benefiting cancer society

The Big Spring Country Club along with several local sponsors are hosting the 2008 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday with all proceeds from the event benefiting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The tourney's setup is a four-person scramble. Entrants can either make their own team or be assigned to one. The field will be flighted by first-round score.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, however, private carts are welcome.

Prizes will be given to first, second- and third-place teams in the form of BSCC Pro Shop gift certificates.

Call the BSCC to enter at 267-5354.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief.

Pray Jerry doesn't go hog wild



AP photo/Matt Slocum
Arkansas Razorbacks tailback Darren McFadden carries the ball against Missouri at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Jan. 1. McFadden is considered the top running back in the 2008 NFL Draft and rumor has Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, an Arkansas alumni, willing to trade two first round picks in order to move up the draft board and select McFadden.

Apparently, Jerry Jones has misplaced my phone number because the Dallas Cowboys owner is yet to call me for draft advice.

It's probably safe to assume with the draft less than 24 hours away my cell won't be ringing anytime soon — at least not with Jones at the other end of it.

So while this plea may go unheard or unread by Jerry, I still have to beg of him to please control his emotions on draft day and don't go hog wild. In other words, let the great players from Arkansas pass by and make picks that will help Dallas more accordingly.

Jones' history as an University of Arkansas alumni is very well noted. His loyalty to the school could be problematic come draft day.

I don't know that a better class of Razorbacks have ever been available to be selected than the group populating draft boards this year.

Everyone knows Darren McFadden, who is almost unanimously considered the top running back in this class. There's also his backfield mate Felix Jones, who is also thought of as a first round pick in many circles. These two players are



JONATHAN HULL

receiving a ton of notoriety leading up to this weekend's event and are both being linked to the Cowboys.

That's a problem for me as a Cowboys' fan.

Jerry's mouth is surely frothing at the possibility of having McFadden on his team and no one can blame him. Several coaches, scouts, general managers and owners are nuts about McFadden's skills, size and potential. However, is he worth surrendering a good portion of draft picks for?

Look at Dallas' needs. Yes, running back is one of them. Julius Jones is gone — not that that's a bad thing — and Marion Barber probably needs a speedier athlete to compliment him in the backfield.

Dallas is one of two teams — along with Kansas City — with two first round draft picks after trading out of the first round last year with the Browns and securing Cleveland's 2008 opening-round selection for the rights to draft quarterback Brady Quinn.

Had the Browns done what they were supposed to do — play terribly and finish around 3-13 — in the 2007 season, the Cowboys would be picking in the top five and McFadden would be a reality. However, the Browns overachieved and Dallas has the 22nd pick along with their own first rounder at 28.

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McGrady, Alston lead Houston past Jazz

By DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Scoring seven points in a quarter is normally nothing for Tracy McGrady.

With his team down 2-0 in the opening round of the playoffs, it meant everything to the Houston Rockets.

McGrady scored all of those seven in the final 3:29, finally snapping out of a fourth-quarter slump and finishing with 27 to lead Houston to a 94-92 victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night that gave the Rockets life in a series that could have been headed for a sweep.

"This was a very emotional win for us," said McGrady, who had scored one point total in the fourth quarter of the first two games of the series. "We played like we really didn't want to go home early. We played with a lot of passion and a lot of heart."

The Rockets were trailing the best-of-seven

series 2-0 and coming to Utah, where the Jazz had the best home record in the NBA. One of Utah's four losses in Salt Lake City was to Houston, which won the Jazz's home opener and did it again when it mattered much, much more.

Rafer Alston added 20 points and five assists in his first game in nearly two weeks. Carl Landry had 11 rebounds and two blocks, swatting away Deron Williams' shot that could have won it for the Jazz just before the buzzer. Landry also sacrificed his left front tooth, courtesy of an elbow from Utah's Carlos Boozer in the second quarter, and had a huge grin in his post-game grin.

Landry said he was seeing double after the elbow and was bleeding from the mouth as he was led to the locker room, but was back for the second half.

"This was a big game. It doesn't matter if you've got a hurt toe or a hurt

back, whatever the case may be," Landry said. "No matter what it is, football, hockey, basketball. It's part of playing sports."

Game 4 is Saturday back in Utah, where the Jazz were 37-4 this season. Instead of playing for a sweep, the Jazz will try to avoid doing the same thing Houston did in last year's opening round against Utah. The Rockets won the first two games of that series, then lost the next two and eventually the series in seven games.

The Rockets, who are without 7-foot-6 center Yao Ming, outscored Utah in the paint 40-26.

"They showed how much they wanted to win a ballgame," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "They scored 40 points in the paint. I thought they brought it to us all night long."

Williams had 28 points and 12 assists.

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AP photo/Douglas C. Pizac
Houston Rockets guard Rafer Alston (12) looks for an opening against the Utah Jazz during the first quarter of an NBA basketball playoff game Thursday in Salt Lake City. Alston scored 20 points and had five assists in his first game in two weeks due to injury as the Rockets won 94-92.



AP photo/Duane Bureson
Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton breaks his bat on a foul ball against the Detroit Tigers in the fifth inning of an AL baseball game Thursday in Detroit. Hamilton struck out in the inning and the Tigers won 8-2.

Detroit homers five times, rip Rangers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Magglio Ordonez and the Detroit Tigers are starting to hit the way they hoped. Staying healthy, that's the tricky part.

Ordonez hit two of the Tigers' five home runs Thursday and Detroit finished off a convincing three-game sweep with an 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers.

The Tigers outscored Texas 37-10 in the series and have won four in a row overall. Texas has lost seven straight.

"We knew this was going to be a good lineup," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Now we're

getting some big hits from the top of the order, and we're also getting a lot from the bottom guys. That's what happens — hitting gets contagious."

Ordonez isn't surprised that the Tigers offense has come alive.

"It was just a matter of time," he said. "Now we'll get into our momentum — our rhythm. We're going to start winning."

Leyland, though, faces yet another injury shuffle after left fielder Jacques Jones bruised his knee when he bumped into the fence in the fourth inning. Jones joined Carlos Guillen (knee) and Gary Sheffield (shoulder)

on the bench.

Jones said that he didn't expect to miss much time, but Guillen was having trouble walking around the clubhouse after fouling a pitch off his knee the day before.

"I don't think there's any chance for tomorrow," said Guillen, who is scheduled to move to third base. "I don't know after that."

The Rangers have lost 12 of 14. Thursday's loss ended a nine-game road trip.

"It will be good to go home and see if we can get something going."

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Take Note

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Room. Lunch will be served. Call 267-1449 or 213-4452.

• A Mexican dinner to raise funds for the Salvation Army's programs in Big Spring has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Salvation Army's corps building located at 811 W. Fifth St.

The dinners are priced at \$6 per plate and include enchiladas, a taco, beans and rice. Take out orders will be available.

For more information, call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more 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.

• Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

• 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.

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

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• 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.

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

• 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.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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Police blotter

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

- **MYRELL SIMPSON JR.**, 34, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on seven local warrants.
- **ROCKY A. AUTRY**, 24, of 1410 Dixie, was arrested Friday on a local citation.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Nolan.
 - in the 2600 block of Ent.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of 15th Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1100 block of 11th Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Goliad.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

Sheriff's report

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

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

- **CINDY RENAE ALEXANDER**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **JARRON DAWAN VANDERBILT**, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROGER DALE LANDRY**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **RYAN DOUGLAS KENDRICK**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **DONALD LEE JONES JR.**, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container, third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of N.W. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• 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.

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.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.

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

TUESDAY

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

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast 20 to 25 mph after midnight.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Sunny...Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs around 90.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-28-31-32-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 22-28-31-33. Bonus Ball: 7.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-3-6. Sum It Up: 16.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-5. Sum It Up: 12.

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In order to get McFadden, Jones would have to trade both of those picks — plus some — to move into the top 10 and select the draft's best back.

While Jones won't try to get into the top five, rumors are still circulating he will to move up if McFadden were to drop to Pick 7 owned by New England.

Bad idea.

This is one of the deepest running back classes in recent memory. It's probably the second strongest position in the draft behind offensive tackles. Dallas can pick up a back that will compliment Barber just as well with their 22nd or, even better, 28th choice.

That presents the next problem presented by Arkansas' prospects. Most draftniks — an affectionate term used for draft analysts such as ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. and Todd McShay — link Dallas' 22nd pick to Felix Jones.

Bad idea.

The Cowboys already dismissed one running back with the last name Jones this offseason. Unfortunately, a last

name isn't all that Julius and Felix share in common.

One of the reasons Julius was let go was his inability to run between the tackles. He's a horrid interior runner, who is easily arm tackled and rarely breaks away from a defender's grasps.

That's the same scouting report that can be delivered for Felix. While Felix is a very good kick returner and has great speed, he actually lacks elusiveness to go with that speed. Simply, if he doesn't outrun a defender, then he's not going to break tackles and pick up yards. Even with his 4.42 40-yard speed, he's not going to be quicker than NFL caliber linebackers.

Take Reggie Bush for example. Bush had mid-4.3 speed, but hasn't shown the ability to break tackles nor has he consistently outrun defenders. I see similar issues for Felix at the next level.

There are two worthy alternatives to Jones late in the first round — Texas' Jamaal Charles and East Carolina's Chris Johnson.

Johnson is my selection for Dallas, not only because of his 4.24 speed, but also because of his ability to break tackles

on the interior. The ECU product is faster and stronger than Jones. He has just as good of hands and isn't far behind the Arkansas back's ability to return kicks.

If not Johnson, then I suggest Dallas stays in-state and drafts Charles. Charles in one of the bigger home run threats in this class. Every time he touches the ball, there's a chance he's going to score. He's tough enough to carry the ball between the tackles and also has ability to return kicks — something Jerry has made well known he wants to acquire in the draft.

If Jerry really has to sate his appetite for Hogs, then he should look later in the draft. Guard Robert Felton, defensive back Michael Grant, defensive tackle Marcus Harrison and wide receiver Marcus Monk are all possible draft picks in Rounds 3-7.

If Jones really thinks he has to have a Razorback in the backfield, then I suggest full-back Peyton Hillis, who would be the best receiving threat Dallas has had at that position since Richie Anderson left the 'Boys.

Here's my suggestion to the rest of the Cowboys' draft war room. Take

Jonathan Hull's 2008 Mock Draft (First round only)

| Pick/Team | Player | Position | School |
|---------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1. Dolphins | Jake Long | OT | Michigan |
| 2. Rams | Chris Long | DE | Virginia |
| 3. Falcons | Glenn Dorsey | OT | LSU |
| 4. Raiders | Vernon Gholston | DE | Ohio State |
| 5. Chiefs | Ryan Clady | OT | Boise State |
| 6. Jets | Darren McFadden | RB | Arkansas |
| 7. Patriots | Keith Rivers | LB | USC |
| 8. Ravens | Matt Ryan | QB | Boston College |
| 9. Bengals | Sedrick Ellis | DT | USC |
| 10. Saints | Leodis McKelvin | CB | Troy |
| 11. Bills | Devin Thomas | WR | Michigan State |
| 12. Broncos | Branden Albert | OL | Virginia |
| 13. Panthers | Derrick Harvey | DE | Florida |
| 14. Bears | Rashard Mendenhall | RB | Illinois |
| 15. Lions | Jerod Mayo | LB | Tennessee |
| 16. Cardinals | D. Rodgers-Cromartie | CB | Tennessee State |
| 17. Chiefs | Phillip Merling | DE | Clemson |
| 18. Texans | Aqib Talib | CB | Kansas |
| 19. Eagles | Chris Williams | OT | Vanderbilt |
| 20. Buccs | Limas Sweed | WR | Texas |
| 21. Redskins | Mike Jenkins | CB | South Florida |
| 22. Cowboys | DeSean Jackson | WR | Cal |
| 23. Steelers | Jeffrey Otah | OT | Pitt |
| 24. Titans | Kentwan Balmer | DT | North Carolina |
| 25. Seahawks | Jonathan Stewart | RB | Oregon |
| 26. Jaguars | Trevor Laws | DT | Notre Dame |
| 27. Chargers | Antoine Cason | CB | Arizona |
| 28. Cowboys | Chris Johnson | RB | East Carolina |
| 29. 49ers | Quentin Groves | LB | Auburn |
| 30. Packers | Kenny Phillips | S | Miami |
| 31. Giants | Anthony Collins | OT | Kansas |

See Jonathan Hull's full mock, projecting all 251 picks over seven rounds by visiting The League at bigspringheraldblog.com.

Jerry out for a big breakfast Saturday morning. Make sure he loads his plate with pounds of

bacon, sausage and ham. Maybe then his appetite for Hog will be quelled and Dallas can make the

right picks Saturday. Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237.

RANGERS

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Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Detroit has a great lineup, and if you give them an opportunity, someone's going to take it."

For the second day in a row, Detroit's hitting was enough to overcome a bad outing by a key pitcher. After Kenny Rogers only lasted 3 1-3 innings in a 19-6 win, Jeremy Bonderman needed 111 pitchers to get

through 4 1-3 innings.

Bonderman only allowed two hits, but hit a batter and walked a career-worst seven.

"I was joking with Kenny that he and Bondo were taking years off my life," Leyland said.

Zach Miner, though, followed with 3 1-3 hitless innings after entering the game with a 13.06 ERA.

"I felt like I owed the starters at least one game like that," he said.

Jason Jennings (0-4) allowed five runs on five hits and five

walks in five innings, raising his ERA to 7.46 in five starts.

"This has been tough for us," said Jennings, who allowed both of Ordonez's homers. "I threw well for four innings, but then I made another bad pitch to Ordonez."

Michael Young homered for Texas in the first, as did Curtis Granderson for the Tigers.

Bonderman's control problems caught up with him in the fifth. After hitting Frank Catalanotto with a pitch and allowing a two-out single to

Hank Blalock, Bonderman walked Jason Botts to load the bases, then walked David Murphy to force home the tying run.

"We were trying to milk Jeremy through five, but I just couldn't wait any longer," Leyland said. "You have to manage to win the game."

Ordonez, who hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the third, made it 5-2 with a three-run homer off Jennings in the fifth. Brandon Inge and Ryan Raburn hit consecutive home runs

against Kazuo Fukumori in the next inning.

Notes: Sheffield received another cortisone shot in his shoulder on Thursday, but wasn't sure when he might return to the lineup. ... The Rangers made a pair of roster moves before the game to try to bolster an overworked bullpen. They brought up Fukumori and Scott Feldman, optioned Wes Littleton to Triple-A Oklahoma and placed Kason Gabbard (back) on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 22.

ROCKETS

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Carlos Boozer had 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur scored 12 and pulled down 11 boards for the Jazz, whose poor free throw shooting caught up with them in the fourth quarter when McGrady started scoring.

The Jazz went 20-for-33 from the foul line, getting 11 more chances than Houston (16-for-22) but failing to capitalize.

"Free throws definitely hurt us. You lose a game by two points and you miss 13 free throws, it's definitely frustrating," Williams said.

The poor shooting from the line and the resurgence of McGrady were enough to guarantee the Rockets will be hosting a Game 5 next week.

"No one thought we could win in Utah. I don't like the term 'stole' because that implies that we didn't play well," said Houston's Shane Battier, who scored 12. "We finally did a good job of exe-

cuting our game plan. We took away what we wanted to take away."

McGrady tied the game at 86 on a foul shot with 3:29 left, then gave the Rockets the lead with two more from the line with 2:50 remaining. He added a 19-foot jumper with 2:16 to go — his first fourth-quarter field goal of the series — then followed with a 20-footer to give the Rockets a 92-86 lead.

As he was shooting, Landry was drawing a foul on Andrei Kirilenko away from the ball. The basket counted and Landry made the free throw to convert the unusual three-point play and give Houston a 93-86 lead.

But the Jazz weren't done.

Kyle Korver hit a 3-pointer, McGrady was called for an offensive foul and Okur hit another 3 to draw the Jazz within 93-92 with 37 seconds left. McGrady missed at the other end and the Jazz had a chance to win, but Landry blocked Williams' shot from the lane and the rebound went to Luis

Scola, who was fouled and went 1-for-2 from the line with 0.2 seconds left.

After a timeout, the Jazz threw away the inbounds pass.

Scola had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Ronnie Brewer scored 12 and Matt Harpring added 10 points for the Jazz.

Notes: Alston returned after missing four games with a strained right hamstring and made his first five shots, including three 3-pointers. ... After opening the game 9-for-29, the Jazz closed the second quarter on a 6-for-9 stretch to tie it at 44. ... Houston held Utah without a field goal for the first 5:07 of the second quarter. ... Thursday was the first time in the series Houston did not trail at

halftime. ... The Jazz were 10-for-17 (59 percent) from the foul line in the first half.

Wizards 108, Cavaliers 72

WASHINGTON D.C. — DeShawn Stevenson scored 19 points, Caron Butler added 17, highlighted by an incredible layup move in the first half, and the Washington Wizards took themselves off the ropes by beating Cleveland 108-72 on Thursday night, cutting the Cavaliers' lead to 2-1 in the first-round series.

One game after setting a franchise playoff record with a 30-point win in Game 2, the Cavaliers set another team postseason mark by losing by 36. The margin of victory also set a Wizards franchise play-

off record.

Washington will also host Game 4 on Sunday.

LeBron James finished with 22 points on 10-for-19 shooting from the field and 2-for-4 from the line. He also had seven rebounds, three assists and four turnovers.

Raptors 108, Magic 94

TORONTO — T.J. Ford scored 21 points, Jose Calderon had 18 points and 13 assists, and Toronto beat Orlando in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series.

Dwight Howard had 19

points and 12 rebounds for the Magic, who lead the best-of-seven series 2-1. Hedo Turkoglu added 24 points and Rashard Lewis had 19.

Jamarie Moon had 11 points and 10 rebounds in his return to the starting lineup for Toronto, while Chris Bosh and Jason Kapono each scored 15 points and Anthony Parker 10.

The Raptors finished 12-for-34 from 3-point range and set playoff highs for points in a game and a half (61). Game 4 is Saturday afternoon in Toronto.

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Contract Bridge
 By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the seven of hearts, on which South plays the ten. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠ Q 8 2, ♥ K J 8, ♦ Q J 10, ♣ A 10 6 3
 East: ♠ A K 3, ♥ 6 2, ♦ A 9 5, ♣ K J 9 7 4

2. This is a double-dummy problem. South is declarer, clubs are trumps, and West leads the king of hearts. How can declarer win six of the seven remaining tricks, assuming the best possible defense by East-West?

North: ♠ —, ♥ J 9 3, ♦ K 10 6 4, ♣ —
 West: ♠ K Q 7, ♥ A 5 3 2, ♦ —, ♣ —
 East: ♠ 10, ♥ 8 6 5 4 2, ♦ J, ♣ —
 South: ♠ 3, ♥ —, ♦ Q 9 8, ♣ J 10 5

1. There is no way to be certain of the location of the missing queen of clubs, but it is easy to assure the contract by exercising reasonable care. All you have to do is to win the first trick with the heart jack and lead a low club to dummy's king, planning to take a club finesse through South next. If the finesse wins, you are certain of 10 tricks. If it loses, you are still sure of nine tricks, whatever North returns.

South is the defender you can't afford to have on lead, since he might be able to do you in with a heart return through your K-8. You therefore play the clubs so that if you do lose a trick to the queen, North will be the player who winds up on lead.

2. Declarer ruffs the heart lead and returns the queen of diamonds. West cannot afford to take the ace, which would greatly simplify declarer's task, so he plays low. South overtakes the queen with the king, ruffs the nine of hearts in his hand and leads the nine of diamonds. Again West must follow low, whereupon South overtakes the nine with the ten and ruffs dummy's last heart. Now South leads the eight of diamonds. West has the A-5 of diamonds at this point, while dummy has the 6-4. Whatever West does, declarer wins one more diamond trick to fulfill his mission.

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The event begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet and music provided by numerous bands on the club patio.

Last year, more than \$30,000 was raised to fund a Patient Meditation Garden which is nearly completed, Billie Christie-Morgan said.

Patients will use the area for

quiet time, she noted. Volunteers are frequent donors to the hospital's Greenhouse program, which also planted trees and a butterfly Garden Friday during Arbor Day ceremonies.

Donations raised during tonight's event help with many areas of the hospital, including the horticulture program, Big Spring State Hospital Activity Therapies Therapist Debby Cook said.

"They get the experience of growing something that will last, that they can show their

friends, and that all can enjoy," she said. "The courtyard is an area for stress management, tranquility, meditation and relaxation. Being around nature is good for all of these purposes. Also, we are helping them understand about the ecosystem and the benefits of preserving nature."

Funds from this year's event will fund additional patient projects, Christie-Morgan said. "Right now, we are just planning on everything to make this event as popular and as fun as last year."

KOSA-TV News Anchor Jay Hendricks will return to assist Cars and Stars and Handlebars Goes Wild Chairman Stacy Barr and hospital superintendent Ed Moughon with the event.

Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry into the Big Spring Country Club and be eligible for door prizes and a new vehicle.

The winning ticket holder has a choice between a 2008 Nissan Altima, a 2008 Chevrolet Crew Cab Pick-up, a 2008 Pontiac

Torrent or a 2008 Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council introduced the Cars and Stars event to the Big Spring community after a successful 20-year run of the volunteer-led Denim and Diamonds event.

Bands playing on the patio will be Scott McLaughlin and Band, The Rainwaters and George Bancroft.

Tickets will be available at tonight's event.

Heflin appointed to committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform

HERALD Staff Report

AUSTIN — Speaker Tom Craddick appointed Rep. Joe Heflin to the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform today. The committee will oversee all matters related to tax relief and reforming

the property appraisal system.

"Rep. Heflin's appointment ensures that West Texas taxpayers have strong representation on this committee," Craddick said. "He is a well-respected lawmaker who will work hard with the other committee

members as they come up with a solution to this issue."

The committee will review the sections of the Texas Constitution and the tax code that limit or authorize limiting the appraised value or increases in the appraised value of property for tax

purposes. It may request assistance from any executive branch agency, and it will issue a report to the House of Representatives before the 81st Legislative Session, which may include draft legislation or recommendations for legislation.

Salvation Army fund-raiser dinner planned Wednesday

A Mexican dinner to raise funds for the Salvation Army's programs in Big Spring has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Salvation Army's corps building located at 811 W. Fifth St.

The dinners are priced at \$6 per plate and include enchiladas, a taco, beans and rice. Take out orders will be available.

For more information, call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

News Briefs

FLDS mothers protest state action

ELDORADO (AP) — Mothers from a polygamous sect described an emotional, rushed scene when they were forced from the shelter where they had been staying with their young children since the state removed them from their homes.

"My two oldest were just terrified and they clung to me saying, 'Mother, mother, we want to go with you,'" said Ruth, her voice breaking as she began to cry. She and other members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who spoke outside the sect's ranch Thursday declined to give their last names, fearing it will affect their custody cases.

Dozens of mothers were bused away from their children at the San Angelo Coliseum on Thursday after their legal efforts to stay united were rejected. Texas officials were preparing to move the last of the more than 400 children taken from the sect's ranch to group homes, shelters and residences, some hundreds of miles away, over the next few days.

Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals Thursday rejected the mothers' pleas to immediately stop authorities from busing the children taken from the ranch to foster homes.

The Austin-based court agreed to hear arguments Tuesday, but attorney Robert Doggett, who represents 48 mothers, said that "having a hearing after the fact" was pointless.

The Yearning For Zion Ranch in Eldorado, south of San Angelo, is owned by the FLDS, a renegade Mormon sect.

Texas officials allege that the sect encourages adolescent girls to marry older men and have children, and that boys are groomed to become future perpetrators. Sect members deny the allegations.

Spring mother found guilty in child-injury trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County jury has found that a Spring woman caused her young son to have at

least two unnecessary surgeries.

Laurie Williamson, 40, was convicted Thursday of injury to a child in connection with her son undergoing surgeries for implantation of a nerve-stimulation device and insertion of a gastric feeding button.

She now faces possible life in prison. Testimony in the punishment phase of the trial began late Thursday and is set to resume Tuesday, the Houston Chronicle reports in its Friday editions.

State child welfare officials and prosecutors have said Williamson has Munchausen syndrome by proxy, a rare disorder in which a person fabricates or induces symptoms in others to gain attention.

Defense attorney Allen Isbell has denied that Williamson has the syndrome.

Prosecutor Mike Trent said Williamson manipulated doctors and her son's condition to get the surgeries.

Matriarch of San Antonio restaurant family slain

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The 76-year-old matriarch of a San Antonio restaurant family has been discovered slain in her home after firefighters responded to a fire there.

A police spokesman said that forensic evidence indicated Viola B. Barrios, whose body was found Thursday, had been killed. But he declined to release any details, including what injuries she sustained. Police said that Barrios' silver Mercedes was missing from the home.

Officials said the rear of her house was intentionally set afire.

Barrios started Los Barrios as a young widow in 1979, hoping to support her three children. For nearly 30 years she worked seven days a week, making tortillas and enchiladas and managing the restaurant that became one of San Antonio's best-known.

In just two weeks she was set to move out of the modest home her husband had built to a large estate.

Authorities said a motive for the slaying is not yet

known, but her son, Louis Barrios, said he suspects a botched burglary.

"It's just amazing to me that this has happened," Louis Barrios, 47, said through tears.

Her son, chief executive officer of Los Barrios Enterprises Inc., told the *San Antonio Express-News* for its Friday editions that his mother's life "represented the opposite of her death, not taking, but giving."

Wesley Snipes sentenced to 3 years for tax convictions; tax bill still being sorted out

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Wesley Snipes called on famous friends to vouch for him, highlighted his clean criminal record and even wrote the government \$5 million in checks — all in an effort to convince a judge that his conviction on tax charges should cost him nothing more than home detention and some public service announcements.

None of it worked. The "Blade" actor was ordered to do hard time.

Snipes was sentenced to three years in prison Thursday for failing to file tax returns, the maximum penalty — and a victory for prosecutors who sought to make an example of the action star.

Snipes' lawyers had spent much of the day in court offering dozens of letters from family members, friends — even fellow actors Woody Harrelson and Denzel Washington — attesting to his good character. His attorneys recommended he be given home detention and ordered to make public service announcements because his three convictions were all misdemeanors and the actor had no previous criminal record.

But U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges said Snipes exhibited a "history of contempt over a period of time" for U.S. tax laws, and granted prosecutors the three-year sentence they requested — one year for each of Snipes' convictions of willfully failing to file a tax return from 1999-2001.

ARSON

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plain truth," said Sullivan, who, along with his firefighters, had been fighting fire after fire until recent rains quelled the outbreak of wildfires. "I also called them in because I didn't want to run into a situation where my firefighters come under suspicion."

A trio of Big Spring men — two of which were formerly firefighters with the HCVFD — were arrested in January and charged with arson after using fireworks to start several grass fires in the county.

Sullivan said firefighters being charged with arson is nothing new, but hopes January's incident doesn't diminish the public's view of him and his department.

"It's called Hero Syndrome, and it's something you constantly have

to be on the lookout for in this line of work," said Sullivan, referring to firefighters who set fires so they can boost their ego by extinguishing them. "We had a well-documented case of that 25 years ago. In the case back in January, however, it wasn't Hero Syndrome. It's was just kids doing it for the thrill."

Sullivan said he has already cleared all of his firefighters in the recent rash of fires, but wants the investigation handled by an outside source.

While the number of grass fires has slowed down considerably since the area received approximately one inch of rain earlier this month, Sullivan said it could get worse if mother nature doesn't send some more wet stuff.

"That inch of rain we got helped green things up just a little, and that helped a lot," said Sullivan. "However, if we don't get some more rain

soon, all that green stuff is going to die out and we're going to be in the same condition we were in before. We have to get some more substantial rain."

Sullivan said one of the most important things county residents can do to protect their homes against wildfire is to make sure brush and other debris is cleared away from the structure.

"Make sure there's as little fuel around the home as possible," said Sullivan. "Make sure there aren't any large quantities of dried grass or weeds, or any other combustible material, close to your house."

"Fire prevention is more of a proactive thing than a reactive thing, because once a fire starts it's too late. I see a lot of homes with trees and brush around them, and one thing they can do to help protect their home is make fire breaks — simply mowing around the

structure — so the volunteer fire fighters will have a more defensible space if something happens."

In the meantime, Sullivan said local residents need to remain vigilant of fire dangers throughout Howard County and the surrounding areas.

"I really hope people aren't getting a false sense of security," said Sullivan. "The danger is still very much there, and if people get careless we're going to be in big trouble."

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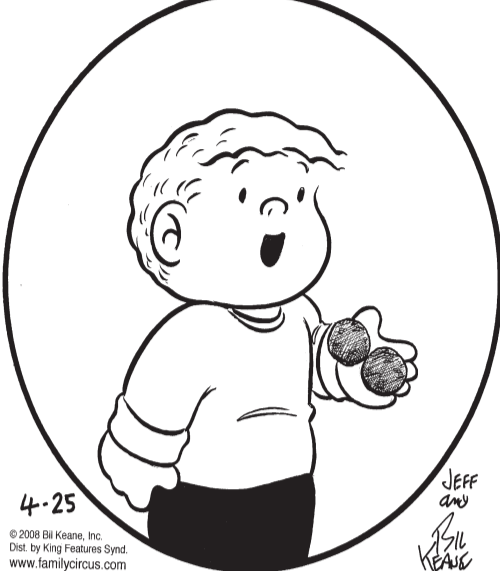


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4-25 My Oreo cookie ran out of white stuff. Can it have more?

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 25, the 116th day of 2008. There are 250 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

On this date: In 1507, German cartographer Martin Waldseemueller used the term 'America' on a world map to refer to the huge land mass in the Western Hemisphere, in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal. In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1908, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow was born in Polecat Creek, N.C.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war.

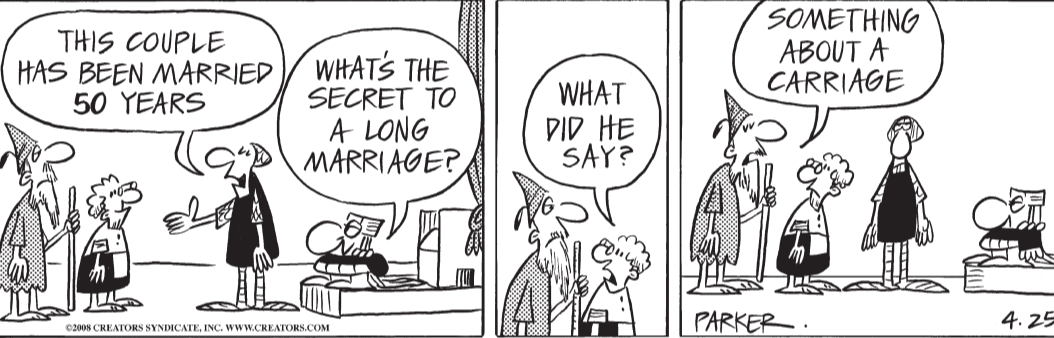
Today's Birthdays: Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 78. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 75. Actor Al Pacino is 68. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater

Revival) is 63. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 63. Actress Talia Shire is 62. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 61. Rock musician Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 59. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 58. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 54. Actor Hank Azaria is 44. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasme) is 44. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 43. TV personality Jane Clayson is 41. Actress Renee Zellweger is 39. Actress Gina Torres is 39. Actor Jason Lee is 38. Actor Jason Wiles is 38. Actress Emily Bergl is 33.

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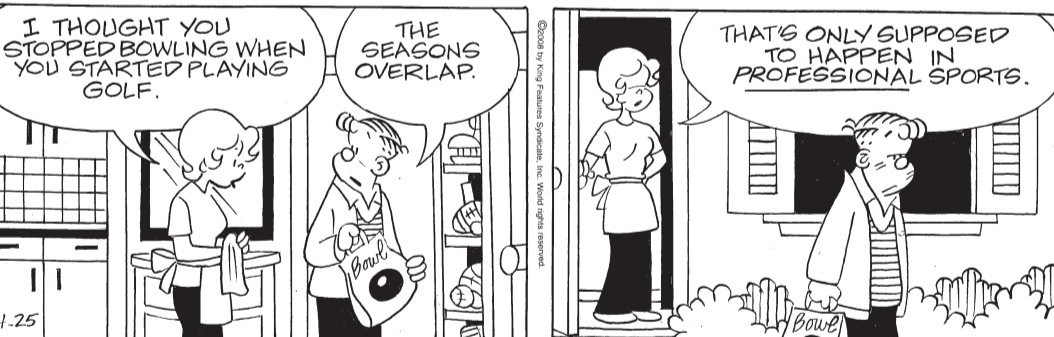
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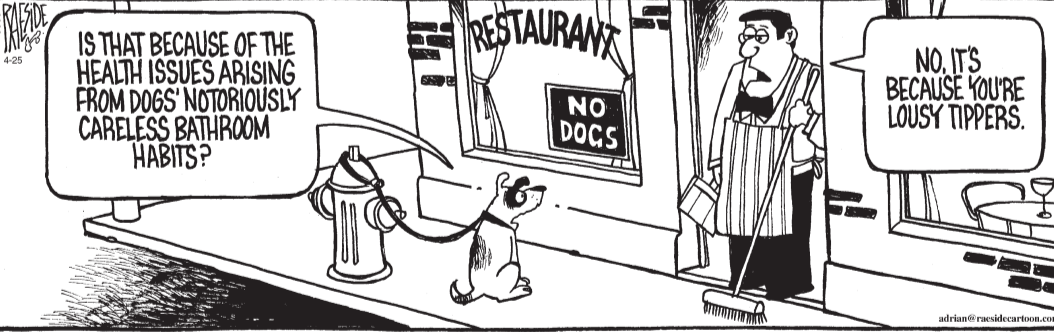
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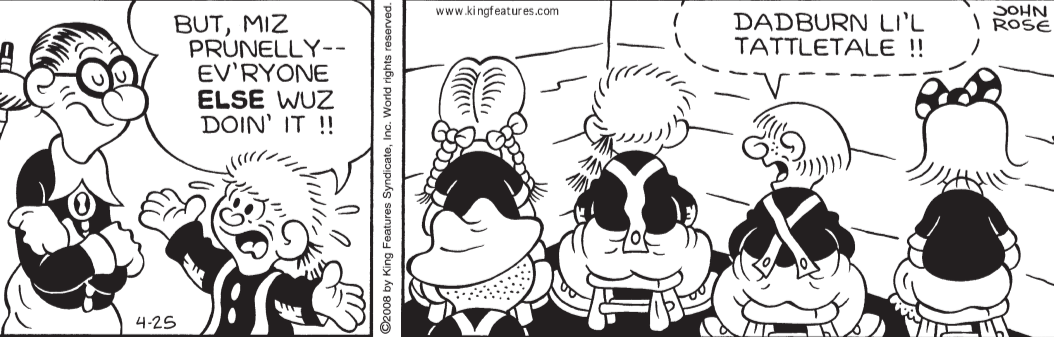
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**Club News**



**Ruby Bruns shows her painting, done on silk, during the Big Spring Art Association meeting.**

Courtesy photo

**Big Spring Art Association**

The Big Spring Art Association held its monthly meeting April 15 at the Howard County Library. The voting committee presented nominees for officers for the upcoming year: President, Ruby Bruns; vice president, Linda Rupard Irvin; treasurer, Estelle Howard; secretary, Belle Schooler; newsletter, Jean Money; and publicity, Rose Hallmark. The final vote will be at the May meeting. The upcoming fall members' art show to be held at the Heritage Museum was discussed. Kay Smith is the chairman of the fall art show. Ruby Bruns presented the program this month. She discussed how she paints on silk and demonstrated how. Next month, Kay Smith will present the program on watercolor. All persons interested in art are invited to come. BSAA meets the third Tuesday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library basement.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR, met April 12 at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Charlene Ragan presided. Hostesses were Carole Lawson and Charlene Ragan, who decorated the tables with red geraniums and patriotic garlands. Sue Ann Damron gave the program, titled The Reinterment of John Paul Jones. The small cemetery for foreign-born Protestants in which Jones was buried in 1792 was closed, filled in, and built upon within a few years after his death. Gen. Horace Porter, the U.S. ambassador to France, spent six years locating the grave and verifying the remains. Given a resplendent send-off by the French in 1905, Jones' corpse was escorted to America by an entire squadron of American warships and re-interred in a massive marble sarcophagus amid pomp and fanfare at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Damron displayed a photo of Jones' crypt and gave the Internet site where a photo of his corpse can be superimposed on a bust of Jones by Houdon, so that the members could judge for themselves if it really is Jones buried in the crypt. Damron announced that Stefanie Joy, winner of the Texas VA Youth Volunteer Award, has been named the national winner. The members voted to honor its junior members this year in the chapter's DAR magazine ad. The regent read an invitation from Mary Garland Chapter in Brownwood to attend its annual guest luncheon May 1. Pat Hardison and Rena Harris were submitted as prospective members. Sherri Key won the door prize — a patriotic candle. The next meeting will be May 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

**TOPS TX 21**

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club Tx No. 21 meet Monday April 21, 2008, at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad. The meeting was called to order by col-leader Ethel Cassidy. TOPS pledge was led by Mary Williams and the KOPS pledge was led by Gladys Russell. Then the welcome song was led by Carol Smith and sung by all members. Minutes of previous meeting were read by Mary Williams and approved by all members. The club welcomed new member Randel Williams. Several members were excused due to illness or out of town responsibilities. Roll call by Hughetta Roberts revealed eight TOPS present and two KOPS. TOPS member Linda Staples was recognized as best weekly loser with a loss of three pounds. She was awarded a certificate and a \$1 prize. Carol Smith then presented the program titled "You are a Winner as a No. 10." She emphasized for members to: one, reexamine you goal; 2. re-evaluate your determination; and 3. calculate your success regularly. Members need to look for improvement to help build up our own self-worth and avoid feeling of failure. We must recognize and build upon our successes. The closing song was sung and we were dismissed at 6:15 p.m. Those wanting information about TOPS please call Frank Sickles at 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 432-263-6819. All visitors are welcomed. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m. The meeting is from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

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**CHURCH**

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nections for life — here and in the hereafter!

Our fellowship begins at 9 a.m. Sundays for donuts and coffee, followed by Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Service begins at 10:45 a.m., led in music by worship pastor Stan Hanes. Our pastor is Dennis Teeters, who is preaching a series of sermons on "Heart Conditions, The Danger of Heart Attacks." We are a praying church and your needs are important to God and to us. Time is devoted to prayer in our worship time and is led by our student minister, Chris Tucker.

We have a great children's church during the worship time. Your kids are special to us.

Join us at 5 p.m. Wednesday for a fellowship meal. At 6:15 p.m., we have a Bible study for adults, a worship time for teenagers and children's choirs.

We welcome Carson Tucker to our church family. Carson was born to Chris and Sandy Tucker April 16.

You get to SCF by going down I-20 to the Salem exit. Take a left at the overpass and left on the service road. Turn right just before the on ramp.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Parish**

A special mass for all graduates of high school and higher level, from any institution, will be celebrated May 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary campus and 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart campus. All participating graduates are asked to come vested in their graduation gowns (no caps please).

**First Baptist Church**

What a wonderful opportunity is being given to us by our Missions' Committee and the Denominational and External Relationship of the Transition Teams this Sunday evening as we have a "Missions' Fair."

There will be representatives here from many of the entities to which we send our offerings each month. In particular, there will be a representative from the Southern Baptist Convention as well as one from the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Several local representatives will also be here to show how the money that we give to the church is at work in the local community.

Our youth will be providing the food for the evening — hamburgers, chips, drink and a dessert for \$5. The proceeds will be used for those attending summer camp.

**North Birdwell United Methodist Church**

Worship service is held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school for all ages immediately following.

In the adult Sunday school class, we will be studying "Daniel's Prayer for the People," Daniel 9:1-7 and 17-19.

Sunday night worship service is at 5 p.m. Lay Minister Jacque Mauch will lead both services.

North Birdwell is proud to be the local host church for the Angel Food Ministry. The April delivery day is Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Orders will also be taken for the May delivery.

We wish to thank Lay Speaker Allen Welch for the two very informative messages on "Healing." He reminded us we must have faith in every area of our life.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The second and fourth Wednesday, the United Methodist Women meet at the home of Madeline Boadle, 503 E. 16th at 4:30 p.m.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. You're welcome to join us as we share in the love that Jesus taught.

**Chapel of Faith**

The Chapel of Faith congregation invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Joel Miller will be bringing a message of hope and faith. Every other Sunday he will be bringing to light one of the Old Testament leaders' contributions to the Kingdom of God.

We are a congregation of God-loving people who would love to share our love of God to each and every one and to give comfort to all who need to know His presence and love.

We are located on the corner of 14th and Goliad. Please come visit and find God's love for yourself and your loved ones.

**East Fourth Street Baptist Church**

A group of eight members are leaving early Monday morning for Glorieta, N.M., for the Senior Adult Retreat. We ask for prayers for good

health and safe travel.

The youth will be selling burritos Saturday in front of Wal-Mart. The proceeds will go toward summer camp.

Congratulations to Caleb Hector on his accomplishments at the Regional Student Convention earlier this month. He will participate in the International Student Convention in Warrensburg, Mo., in May.

The Associational Senior Adult Birthday Banquet will be held May 2, at East Fourth Baptist. There will be entertainment, food and good fellowship.

Preparations for our revival, May 11-14 are under way. Services will be 6 p.m. Sunday; and noon and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. We invite you to come and share this time with us.

All women of the church are needed to participate in a local mission effort at the Hospitality House each Monday in May. It will involve a couple of hours to clean the bedrooms and baths following the use of the facility by the weekend visitors who have come to visit their loved ones in prison. Also needed are women who will do a couple of loads of laundry each Monday (sheets and towels). Contact Joy Heaster, coordinator.

If you are seeking a church home or in town visiting, we welcome you to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St. Our phone number is 267-2291. Keith Weaver is the pastor.

Activities are: Sunday — 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; 5 p.m., Mission classes; 6 p.m. evening

worship; Wednesday — 6 p.m., adult prayer meeting/Bible study, youth Bible study/music and children's Bible study-music; and Saturday — 7 a.m., Bible study.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 West Fourth St. Church services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., adult Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Bible study is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The members of Calvary are in the process of revitalizing the church for the future.

We welcome those who have dropped out of the church and those who would like a new start.

Newly paved parking areas are located on the west and north side of the building.

**Coahoma United Methodist Church**

Sunday, join us for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

April 30, the CUMC Administrative Council meet at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All church members are encouraged to come and be a part of this important business. Youth will meet at 7 p.m.

May 1, the "Breathing Believers" cystic fibrosis team will hold a fund-raiser from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pizza Inn.

May 3, "The Big Event" will be held in Lamesa from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 5-7, the youth will be having a fund-raiser for their mission trip. They will deliver singing telegrams. Call the church at 432-394-4432 for

**In Sunday's Big Spring Herald**



**RFD-TV hits the spot**

Patrick Gottsch remembers well the day in the mid-1980's when he set up his first satellite dish for a customer. Today, he is the founder and president of RFD-TV, the country's only network created for rural America. Plus, knitting novelty socks and tortellini in sun-dried tomato sauce.

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**SYMPHONY**

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and conductor Keith Graumann. "I have heard David Corman on several occasions, and his performances have been brilliant. This is an encore performance for Renay Peters Joubert, who performed spiritual and gospel music for us last concert season. The audience will remember the beauty and vibrancy her performance brings to our stage."

Corman and Peters Joubert will perform a suite from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," featuring a number of famous selections such as "Maria," "One Hand, One Heart," "Somewhere," the "Balcony Scene" and "Tonight." Peters Joubert will also perform "Glitter and be Gay" from "Candide," "Out of My Dreams" from "Oklahoma" and "Over the Rainbow" from "Wizard of Oz."

Graumann said he has also asked Corman to sing two selections from the opera repertoire "E lucevan le Stelle" from "Tosca" by Puccini and "Vesti la Giubba" from "Pagliacci" by

Leoncavallo. "These arias are both very emotional. I think the audience will be mesmerized by Mr. Corman's interpretations," Graumann said.

**David Corman**

American tenor David Corman has won critical praise and thrilled audiences all over the world. He has sung nearly 1,500 solos in 25 countries and in 45 states of the United States. He has sung more than 100 leading roles in



Corman

such operas as "Carmen," "La Bohème," "Madame Butterfly," "Otello," "La Traviata," "Don Carlo," "MacBeth" and "Salome" with the New York City Opera, Chicago Lyric Opera, Zurich Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Bonn Opera, Vienna Opera, Bregenz Festival, Goteborg Opera, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Opera Carolina, Pittsburgh Opera, Santa Fe Opera and Fort Worth Opera, as well as many others.

He has also sung concerts with the New York Philharmonic, Zurichtonhalle Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Montreal Symphony, Lucerne Symphony, Sudwest Deutsche Philharmonic and the U.S. Navel Academy. He has won numerous competitions, including the Metropolitan Opera, Puccini Foundation Award, Zachary Award and Richard Wagner Award.

He received a bachelor of music degree from Friends University in Wichita, Kan., completed his master's at Yale University and then did further graduate studies at the Julliard School of Music.

He has studied voice with several opera legends, including Tito Capobinaco, Carlo Bergonzi, Franco Corelli and Neil Shicoff. He has sung with many of the great conductors of the world, including Kurt Masur, Zubin Mehta, Bruno Bartoletti, Sir George Solti, Nello Santi, Lamberto Gardelli, Franz Welser-Most, George Manahan, Carlo Franci,

Julius Rudel, Adam Fischer, Ralf Weikert and Nikolaus Harnancourt. He has also premiered several new works with composers Philip Glass, Siegfried Matthus, William Schuman, Robert Moran and Heinrich Henze.

Corman is currently the Director of Vocal Studies at Odessa College.

**Renay Peters Joubert**

Soprano Renay Peters Joubert exemplifies today's eclectically experienced vocal musician. A graduate of The Manhattan School of Music, she studied with mezzo-soprano Helen



Peters Joubert

Vanni and coached with Thomas Grubb and Dorothy Uris. Peters Joubert has performed for such notables as President Bill Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mayor David Dinkins and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Peters Joubert has appeared in Bernstein's "Trouble in Tahiti" at Cami Hall and the world premiere of Noa Ain's "The Outcast."

As a member of Opera Ebony, she has played the role of Miss Silverpeal and Miss Goldentrill in Mozart's "The Impresario," Norina in Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," Annina in Verdi's "La Traviata" and Cora Perkins in the premiere of Pamela Baskin-Watson's "The Meetin'."

Peters Joubert has toured Switzerland and Martinique in the role of Jenny in Dorothy Rudd

Moore's "Frederick Douglass." She performed in Kemi, Finland for UNICEF'S 50th Anniversary Celebration at the world's largest snow castle as a lead singer in Heikki Sarmanto's "Perfect Harmony" and the PBS special "Aida's Brothers & Sisters: Black Voices In Opera."

Peters Joubert has worked under America's leading African American

conductors such as Isaiah Jackson with The Dayton Symphony Orchestra and Dr. Leslie B. Dunner with The Harlem Festival Orchestra. She was the featured soloist with The CenturyMen, a 100-voiced male chorus on their nine-city tour of Brazil. She was also featured with The New York Ragtime Orchestra on their tour of Maine and Japan.

As a winner in the

Leontyne Price vocal competition, Peters Joubert was presented in concert at Weill Recital Hall.

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**Spring Plant Sale**

How's your thumb? The green one.

Want to know which plants do well in the Crossroads area? You'll be able to find out — and purchase them — at the Howard County Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale, set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Coronado Plaza parking lot, intersection of Gregg and FM 700.

Choose from a wide variety of plants — Asparagus Fern, Black-eyed Susan, Copper Canyon Daisy, Gazania, Ice Plant, Mexican Petunia, Phlox, Russian Sage, Sedum, Verbena are just some of the choices. While there, ask all the questions you want about soil, plants, fertilizing. They love to help.

For more details, go to the Howard County Master Gardener Web site at [www.howardcountymastergardener.org](http://www.howardcountymastergardener.org)

**Rattler Fest**

Don't worry. There aren't any rattlers at this event.

But the Rattler Fest is where you'll find that homemade root beer, along with a lot of other good things beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

"We want to remind the community and everyone

that we're still here," says Michael Lopez, SWCID recreation director.

Take your turn at bashing a car or dive into inflatable games, a water slide, laser tag or a dunking booth. In addition to the root beer, enjoy a snow cone, barbecue brisket or sausage.

There will also be lots of information available about the college for the deaf for those who are interested in learning more. Organizations present will include Highland Council for the Deaf and West Texas Association for the Deaf.

SWCID is located at 3200 Ave. C, west of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**Arts and Crafts Festival**

Need a gift for someone or an interesting item for your own home? It's likely you'll find it the Big Spring Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, planned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns. Admission is free.

Vendors will be selling clothing, hair accessories, wood signs, seasonal decorations, candy, homemade salsa, birdhouses, silver jewelry, purses, candles and Southwest jewelry. Also, peanut brittle, dolls, country crafts, framed prints, decorative ceramics, children's CDs, sugar free jams and jellies, knives, magnetic jewelry, baked goods,

handmade glass beads and wind spinners. The list goes on and on.

**The Best of Broadway**

Wrap up your weekend — well, Saturday, at least — with a special treat at the Municipal Auditorium, Big Spring Symphony's final show of the 2007-2008 season. Set for 8 p.m. Saturday, The Best of Broadway will offer a variety of styles from well-known Broadway musicals. Featured guest artists will be soprano Renay Peters Joubert from New York City and tenor David Corman from Odessa College. From "West Side Story" to "Wizard of Oz" to "Les Miserables," symphony-goers are sure to be entertained. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and will be available that night at the door of the auditorium, located on the corner of E. Third and Nolan.

Contact Bill McClellan at (432) 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@bigspringherald.com)

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