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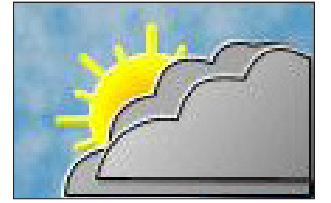
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Woman, unborn child killed Man also dies in what police are calling gang-related shooting

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The recent rash of gang shootings in Big Spring turned deadly Sunday night, as a pair of Big Spring residents — and an unborn child — were killed in a shooting in the 900 block of E. 16th Street.

Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael

Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring, were pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after a shooting was reported at 905 E. 16th Street at approximately 9:38 p.m. According to police reports, Garcia was pregnant at the time of her death.

"Officers responded to the residence in reference to a shooting," said Sgt. Tony Everett,

public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "Officers arrived to find multiple victims had been shot. Some had been taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain medical Center by private vehicle and others were taken by ambulance."

Everett said injuries were also sustained by:

- Phillip Martinez, 19, of Big Spring.

- Daniel Rios, 21, of Big Spring.

- David Rios, 21, of Big Spring. "A 3-year-old female also sustained injuries in the attack," said Everett. "Garcia, who was pregnant, died, as did her unborn child. Cardona also died at the hospital. David Rios was treated

and released from the emergency room, as was the three-year-old female, who had suffered a leg wound.

"Daniel Rios and Phillip Martinez were both transferred to Lubbock, both with non life-threatening injuries. Their transfers were due to an over-

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Small comes up big at dog show

Kennel Club officials say even with 'glitch,' show was a success

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The smaller dogs came up big at this year's Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show, which concluded its two-day run Sunday afternoon.

More than 560 dogs from across Texas and New Mexico competed for top breed, group and show honors at the 38th annual event, which was held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A Pappillon, out of the Toy Group, won best-of-show honors Saturday, while a French Bulldog, part of the Non-Sporting Group, took the top prize Sunday, according to Treasa Wells, chairman of this year's show.

This year's event, aside from attracting many of the best show dogs in the state, had an added attraction in the form of the Parker Pack 4-H Dog Drill Team from Weatherford. The group, which won state 4-H championship honors for 17 of the past 19 years, was a big hit with the crowd, Wells said.

"They were so wonderful; everyone went nuts over their routine," she said. "It was amazing — I

don't think the audience ever stopped applauding."

Wells rated the show a success, despite a small glitch.

"It went rather well," Wells said. "All the judges were very complimentary about this year's entries and I had a lot of people tell me how much they enjoyed the show."

The glitch came in the form of a judge who was unable to attend the show because of an injury. As a result, 12 owners pulled their dogs from the event.

"Sometimes people won't show their dogs if they don't get the judges they want," Wells said. "This showed me that the show is really, really popular or more people would have withdrawn their dogs."

Another reason for the show's success, Wells added, is community support.

"The Big Spring Kennel Club appreciated everyone in the community who attended," she said. "The support was just great for us."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Lois Demers grooms Buzz, a Lhasa Apso, prior to showtime at the Big Spring Kennel Club's 38th annual Dog Show Saturday. More than 560 dogs were entered in the event, which concluded its two-day run Sunday.

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A REAL BEER DRINKER?

SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. (AP) — Glenwood village administrator Bill Bramanti's favorite beer is Pabst Blue Ribbon. He loves it.

Really loves it. So much so that he's already had his coffin specially made, and it's designed to look like a can of the trendy brew. Bramanti isn't sick, so he doesn't plan on needing it just yet. For now he plans to use it as a cooler.

At 5-feet-9 inches tall and weighing 280 pounds, Bramanti has tried it out though.

CONFAB TAMPED DOWN

ST. CHARLES, ILL. (AP) — There will be no indoor smoking at a large convention for pipe smokers in Illinois.

A new Illinois law bans smoking in public places. That's taken some of the steam out of this weekend's Chicagoland International Pipe & Tobacciana Show in St. Charles.

The event draws 4,000 pipe collectors from more than 60 countries. Organizers tried to get around the new law by arguing their gathering was a private club meeting. Police and health officials said no.

WANTS TO BE READY

DENVER (AP) — A Denver man who wants the city to be prepared for space aliens is proposing a commission to deal with the matter.

The assistant city attorney says he doesn't know what officials will ask about Jeff Peckman's proposal.

Peckman says an 18-member commission would form a strategy "dealing with issues related to the presence of extraterrestrial beings on Earth."

Peckman also needs 4,000 signatures to get his proposal on the November ballot.

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Obituaries

Virgil 'Preston' Dunbar



Virgil "Preston" Dunbar, 79, a longtime Big Spring resident, passed away after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimers on Friday, May 2, 2008, in a Flatonia nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mike Couch and the Rev. Ken Coffee officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Preston was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His amazing strength and courage in the face of an unrelenting disease inspired many friends, family and medical providers.

Preston was born in Big Spring on Jan. 28, 1929, to Altie Pearl and Virgil P. Dunbar. He was raised in Big Spring, graduating from high school in 1947.

Preston's first job as a little boy was delivering newspapers with his brothers, Don and Doyle Dunbar. He had many happy memories riding his bike and fishing with his brothers at the Moss Lake in Big Spring. After graduating from high school, Preston enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1948. Preston had a 22-year career with the Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force he worked 19 years with Lee George Construction.

In 1973, good friends Arnold and Mona Lou Tonn introduced Preston to the love of his life, Jerrye. Preston and Jerrye combined their families, five wonderful children, Altie, Connie, Pacca, Virgil and Felecia.

Preston always said that his greatest gift were his children, and his children all agree he was their greatest gift.

Preston's favorite pastimes were studying his Bible; wetting a hook; snake hunting with best buddy, CA Tonn; playing with his grandchildren; and attending family reunions.

Preston had a great love for his extended family at the Hendricks Home for Children in Abilene. His wife, Jerrye, was raised at the Hendricks Home and they shared 34 years of Christmas and summer visits to the Homes' ranch in Lueders. He was honored to serve as deacon at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include wife, Jeraldine Dunbar of Austin; four daughters, Altie Sue Nelson of Plainview, Connie Hawn of Mississippi, Pacca Conrad of Austin and Felecia Ford of New Mexico; one son, Virgil Preston Dunbar of Mississippi; four sisters, Dorothy June Justice, Linda Pullin, Judy Gerdes and Barbara Fisher; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Dunbar and Doyle Dunbar, and one great nephew, Jason Ellison.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Oak Manor Nursing Home in Flatonia and Dr. Juan Carlos Ortega. We would also like to thank the many healthcare providers that served Preston at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hendricks Home for Children, P.O. Box 5195, Abilene 79608 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Latrice Davis



Latrice Davis, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the Home Hospice Hospital of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Guy White, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Keith Weaver, pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 10, 1926, in Floyd County and married Earl L. "Dick" Davis Nov. 20, 1945, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death April 11, 1979.

Latrice had lived in Big Spring since 1945 and was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church where she served as church secretary for more than 50 years. She was a Sunday School teacher and director, having taught all age groups and classes. She was a member and had served as president of the Mighty Oaks. Latrice loved music and sang in the church choir for many years. She was known for her card ministry, sending greeting cards to everyone she knew.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carol Davis of Austin; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Dottie Ellis, Travis and Peggy Ellis, and Bob and Treva Ellis all of Amarillo; one sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Weldon Irion of Amarillo; one sister-in-law, Joyce Davis of Waco; numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved granddogs, Harmony and Melody.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Lynda Carol Davis on Feb. 9, 2005.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Davis Hall Building Fund, c/o East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 E. Third Street, Big Spring 79720.

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Linda Little



Linda Elaine Little, 51, died May 3, 2008, in her home on Lake O.H. Ivie after a long battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband, Rich Little; her two daughters and son-in-laws, Ciara and Ryan Bearden and Alisha and Matt Quagliana of Austin; and her beloved granddaughter, Ella Bearden; as well as her parents, Delmer and Marcie Batla of St. Lawrence; two sisters, Cathy and Steve Livingston and Nancy and Mike Hillger of Garden City; five brothers, Mike and Denice Batla of Midland, Kenny and Vicki Batla, Larry and Rebecca Batla, Richard and Carol Batla of Garden City and Garry and Darla Batla of St. Lawrence. Also surviving are her mother-in-law, Helen Little of Hobbs, N.M.; a brother-in-law, Thomas A. Little Jr. and wife, Lisa, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Brenda Morgan and husband, Richard, of Avondale, Ariz.; numerous nieces and nephews; and four godchildren.

Linda was born Dec. 14, 1956, to Delmer and Marcie Batla. She was the third of eight children in a family that has always been close. She attended Garden City High School and later went to college at Howard College on a basketball scholarship.

In 1987, she married her soul mate, Richard Little, on June 21 in Midland. In marriage she gained two daughters, Alisha and Ciara. She loved the girls like her own from the start and brought love and life into their lives and the lives of the entire Little family, acting as the family photographer and party planner.

She and Rich made plans for a dream home early on in their marriage and built a home on Lake Ivie while they lived at Linda's grandmother's house in Wall. In 1999 they moved and the house has been full of family and friends ever since, whether it was hosting the Batla Fiasco every July or a few friends for a fishing tournament.

After moving to Lake Ivie, Linda began working at First National Bank of Ballinger. She was a light to the bank and all the customers who worked with her. She rolled up her sleeves with any and all community bake sales, benefits or events she encountered. She was dedicated to many causes, including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

In the past few years, Rich and Linda became very active in church and eventually helped found and build the Bethel Community Church of Bethel with Pastor Gary Reeves. Together with the surrounding community, the church members transformed a small dilapidated church into a house of God where everyone was welcomed just as they are to worship as it suited them. Pastor Gary Reeves and the entire Bethel community embrace the same loving philosophies that made Linda so special, and the church and its community will continue Linda's good works.

Linda was an amazing friend to everyone and was always willing to drop everything if someone needed her. Her influence and effect on people was both immense and lasting. She had the gift of making every person feel special and loved, accepting everyone for who they were, flaws and all. She listened and cared deeply for everyone she came in contact with during her life. There will be a time of visitation for family and friends on Monday, May 5, at Lange Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Funeral service for Linda Little will be Tuesday, May 6, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Pastor Gary Reeves officiating. Burial will follow in Concho Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

We, the family, would like to thank everyone, both family and friends who have provided support and care for Linda during her long illness and death. In addition, we'd like to thank the nurses and staff at the Hospice of San Angelo for working with us to make Linda comfortable while still listening and addressing any concerns we had during the process. Debbie Bishop, Linda's nurse at the time of her death, deserves a special thanks as someone who cared for Linda as we did from the start and truly went above and beyond to address Linda's unique circumstances and personality.

How truly blessed we all were to have Linda as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Though she will be missed, her legacy will live on in our hearts and souls forever.

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Donnie Ray Rowlett

Donnie Ray Rowlett, 50, of Big Spring died Friday, May 2, 2008, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

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

- **JOEL FLORES**, 26, of 2522 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **ROBERT DIAZ JR.**, 25, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **CHARLES BRYANT**, 48, of 1111 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief/family violence.
- **ERNEST CLARK**, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ**, 58, transient, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter; 200 block of FM 700; 1100 block of Lamesa; and the 1100 block of Gregg Street.
- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **GRAFFITI** was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Street; 1900 block of Highway 87; and the 1000 block of Third Street.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 700 block of 15th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of 11th Street; and the 4800 block of Highway 80.
- **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the area of Bell Street and 14th Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2300 block of Carl; and the 1800 block of Aylesford.
- **CAPITAL MURDER - MULTIPLE** was reported in the 900 block of 16th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Main. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Kindle. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Ninth Street and Gregg. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4800 block of Highway 80. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Johnson. 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 1400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

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Texas News Briefs

Reports show abuse, violence at state's psychiatric hospitals

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 70 employees at Texas' 10 state mental hospitals have been fired and dozens others disciplined since 2005 over allegations of brutal beatings and other physical abuse, according to a newspaper report.

Disciplinary records obtained by The Dallas Morning News show the violence against patients included chokeholds, headlocks and threats. Hundreds of other employees have been fired for other violations, including sleeping on the job and overmedicating patients, the records show.

There are about 18,000 patients and about 7,400 employees working in the state psychiatric hospital system.

State officials say there will always be reports of abuse and neglect in an institutional setting. And they say they take any allegations of mistreatment seriously. But the records show that as in other state-run facilities, abuse and neglect are systemic, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Texas juvenile prisons, group homes for the disabled, and state schools for people with mental disabilities all came under fire last year for reports of widespread physical and sexual abuse. The state psychiatric hospitals, like other systems for vulnerable Texans, are chronically starved for cash, advocates of more state funding say, and services at the local level can't keep up.

Texas ranks 48th in the country in per capita funding for people with mental illness.

Residents band together to broker high-paying gas drilling deals

FORT WORTH (AP) — Residents of the historic Oakhurst neighborhood did research and sought a lawyer's advice before allowing gas drilling near their homes.

Their moves led to most residents signing agreements for \$200 per home, 20 percent royalty payments and a \$25,000 grant to pay for neighborhood improvements.

Two years later, other neighborhoods in Tarrant County are getting bonuses of \$25,000 or more per acre. Royalties are now regularly at 25 percent.

"Hindsight is always 20/20," said Libby Willis, Oakhurst Neighborhood Association president. "Unfortunately, it is what it is for us."

Gas drilling negotiations have changed as residents drive offers higher by organizing into larger groups and pitting energy companies against one another.

"I'll guarantee you I have never seen a 25 percent royalty paid in West Texas, ever," said Keith Milberger, president of Proven Concepts Inc., which represents mostly rural mineral rights owners. "That just doesn't happen. It is now beginning to. But the Barnett Shale has helped rewrite a lot of the expectations from land and mineral owners' standpoints."

Fort Worth and surrounding areas of North Texas sit on one of the nation's largest natural gas fields, a rock formation called the Barnett Shale.

Initially, neighborhood associations negotiated gas drilling deals for dozens or a few hundred houses.

Now, corridor alliances represent thousands of acres. Those coalitions are asking for concessions such as limits on truck traffic and charitable donations for schools, libraries and museums.

Trial against Austin school over sex abuse allegations set to open

AUSTIN (AP) — A trial in the case of a student who accuses Austin school officials of failing to stop a color guard instructor from sexually abusing him was scheduled to start Monday.

The Bowie High School student alleges in his suit that then-contract employee James Johnston abused him on several occasions at the school and other locations during the 2003-04 school year.

School and district officials should have been aware of the risk and failed to protect him from the abuse, violating Title IX of the federal education code which bans sexual discrimination, the suit alleges.

Band director Bruce Dinkins knew of the risk "because of direct and sexual inquiries by Johnston about" the

student, according to the suit.

Dinkins has been dismissed from the lawsuit, filed in January 2007 in U.S. District Court.

Johnston declined to comment.

In court documents, Austin school district officials say they weren't notified of the sexual abuse allegations against Johnston.

He no longer works for the school district.

Autopsy planned for Conroe man who died during swimming leg of triathlon

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — An autopsy is planned to determine how a Conroe man competing in the first leg of a triathlon died.

Randolph Parnell, 51, was found Saturday floating face down in the water during the swimming leg of the CB&I triathlon at Northshore Park in The Woodlands.

Parnell had competed in the triathlon the past two years, officials said.

Edie Connelly, a Montgomery County Justice of the Peace, said Parnell told a lifeguard in a kayak that he was OK when asked how he was coping. "They later they found him floating face down," Connelly said in a story of Sunday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Bret Strong, a friend of Parnell's who also competed in the triathlon, said Parnell appeared to be prepared for the event.

"I talked to him a little before the race and wished him luck; he seemed happy and ready to go," he told the Conroe Courier.

Soldier from Granite Shoals latest Texan to die in Iraq

GRANITE SHOALS (AP) — A 21-year-old soldier from Granite Shoals has died in Iraq.

The U.S. Department of Defense said Sunday that Army Spc. Jeffrey F. Nichols died Thursday when his vehicle struck an explosive device.

Nichols was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Polk, La.

Arizona teens angry that museum took apart Civil War battle diorama

AUSTIN (AP) — An Arizona high school teacher and his students who took years to build a Civil War battle diorama are angry that the curator of a Texas military museum dismantled it after just a few weeks on display.

The teacher accuses Texas Military Forces Museum Executive Director Jeff Hunt of wrecking the 10-by-5-foot diorama depicting the 1865 Battle of Palmetto Ranch in South Texas.

Officials at the Austin museum say the \$23,000 model was historically inaccurate and too bulky, and that Hunt dismantled it last fall and carefully stored the pieces for later use.

History teacher Glen Frakes of Gilbert, Ariz., said Hunt left broken pieces on its base and that the tiny Civil War soldiers were left in a heap. Some students cried when they learned the fate of their project, Frakes said.

Hunt referred questions to a spokesman for the Camp Mabry, where the museum is located, and he acknowledged that the diorama was commissioned several years earlier and on display only a few weeks.

"Our intent is not to disappoint those kids," said camp spokesman Col. Bill Meehan. "We're going to reuse it and we're going to display it differently. We're going to keep it and correct it."

81-year-old Fort Worth man accused of selling heroin dies before court date

FORT WORTH (AP) — An 81-year-old man accused of selling black-tar heroin from his home died before his case went to court.

Last week prosecutors dismissed all charges against Alejandro Gonzalez after learning he had died of a heart attack in March.

"We were going to fight the case vigorously, but God did his thing," Gonzalez's attorney Lex Johnston said in Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Gonzalez and his 58-year-old wife, Carolina Gonzalez, and were arrested in August. Police said undercover officers bought black-tar heroin five times at the house.

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flow of victims at the emergency room."

Everett said the attack is gang related.

"This cowardly shooting is gang related. Witnesses all agree that a dark color Ford pickup was involved and there is more than one suspect involved," said Everett. "Details are still sketchy at this time and the investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the police department at 264-2550 or Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477)."

Lt. Terry Chamness, acting as spokesman for the BSPD Monday morning, declined to comment on

which gang is believed to be responsible for the shooting, citing the investigation is ongoing.

Chamness did confirm several shots are believed to have come from the Ford pickup, but said it's currently unclear how many suspects were involved.

"We're not sure yet how many people were in the pickup or how many were involved in the shooting," said Chamness, who confirmed the police department is treating the crime as a capital murder. "We'll know more once we have the suspects in custody,

but we are treating this as a capital homicide. In the end, however, it will be up to the district attorney what charges are brought against them."

No arrests have been made at this time, according to police officials.

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Alejandro Gonzalez had been charged with two cases of delivering and manufacturing a controlled substance. His wife was sentenced to 22 years in prison after pleading guilty to five charges of delivering and manufacturing a controlled substance, according to court records.

Prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence should be punished, DA says

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins, whose office leads the nation in wrongful convictions overturned by DNA testing, says prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence should face criminal charges or other harsh sanctions.

Watkins said the worst offenders might deserve prison time, and that he's considering a campaign to mandate disbarment for any prosecutor who intentionally withholds evidence from the defense.

"Something should be done," Watkins told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions. "If the harm is a great harm, yes, it should be criminalized."

Thirty-one people have been formally exonerated through DNA testing in Texas and 17 in Dallas County — both figures the highest in the U.S. since 2001. Those totals don't include at least four whose exonerations are not yet official.

There's no law in Texas calling for criminal charges for prosecutors who intentionally withhold evidence. But the Innocence Project of Texas, a nonprofit legal clinic that worked to free many of the Dallas County exonerees, plans to push for it in the session that starts in January.

Michelle Moore, a board member of the Innocence Project and a Dallas County public defender, speculated chances of legislative success were "slim to none." State prosecutors are a powerful lobby in Austin.

Updated security lines at Love Field

DALLAS (AP) — The Transportation Security Administration is relying on a system often used at ski slopes to help move travelers through Dallas Love Field.

The voluntary "diamond self-select" program, starting Monday, lets travelers choose the security screening lane that fits their pace.

Seasoned travelers with few carryon bags can try the black diamond lane.

Passengers with more items, or who aren't as familiar with airport security, can use an intermediate, or blue squares, lane.

The green circles lane is for those needing extra time, such as adults traveling with children, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Some Texas airports will use a rodeo theme as part of the symbols. Family-oriented items will be included in the screening process, such as a rabbit puppet used to cover a metal detector in the family security lanes, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The TSA program started in February in Salt Lake City and Denver.

TSA spokeswoman Andrea McCauley says the system could reach Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport later this year.

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The bidding:
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Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Once upon a time, not many moons ago, a declarer named South arrived at a contract of four hearts on the bidding shown. West led the jack of clubs, overtaken by East with the queen and won by South with the ace.
It is certainly not difficult to see, especially if you look at all four hands, that declarer easily can make four hearts. All he has to do is take a trump finesse somewhere along the line, and it succeeds. But the sad fact is that South wound up down one, and there is furthermore a very good chance that, under the same circumstances, many other declarers would have suffered the same fate!
In the actual case, after winning the opening club lead, South played the queen of spades at trick two and followed low from dummy. East was Zia Mahmood, one of the world's great players, and he smoothly followed suit with the ten!
Declarer was naturally afraid the ten was a singleton, which would make it dangerous to attempt another spade finesse at this point. Since he could repeat the finesse later on, South next led the ace and another trump.
This did not prove to be an outstanding success. Zia won with the king and cashed two club tricks, then played the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and eventually tried another spade finesse, but this time it lost to the king, and the contract went down one.
You're not apt to encounter many defenders in a lifetime who possess the fertile imagination displayed by Zia Mahmood on this deal. Almost everyone would automatically have taken the king of spades at trick two, expecting to defeat the contract very easily, but they would all have wound up disappointed at the end.

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OTHER VIEWS

Sen. Cornyn should work for shield law

It couldn't have been stated better. "As a conservative who believes in limited government, I know that the only check on government power in real time is a free and independent press."

That statement made by Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., last year is included in an American Society of Newspaper Editors fact sheet making the case for a federal shield law.

Pence successfully led the charge for shield law legislation in the House, and his words illustrate the importance of getting similar legislation through the Senate.

The effort gained momentum last week when all three major presidential candidates endorsed a shield law.

All three are members of the Senate.

The legislation is narrowly written to protect journalists from being forced to reveal confidential sources, except in cases where the national security is threatened.

Journalists have been increasingly subpoenaed in recent years. The ASNE cited such cases involving 40 reporters or media organizations in federal court.

In too many instances, the subpoenas are spawned by lawyers attempting to take shortcuts in the discovery process to routine cases.

Continued movement toward taking away source confidentiality will have a chilling effect on the information that the media provide the public about how government is actually working.

The Bush administration opposes the legislation, but the bill is carefully crafted and prudent.

The law would institute judicial review to determine whether the executive branch has justified cause to use national security as a reason to find out who leaked information, or whether such claims are an attempt to guide evidence of corruption and wrongdoing, the ASNE noted.

That's what checks and balances are about in our system.

Judges could require reporters to reveal their sources in cases that legitimately involve national security interests.

Whistleblowers are a crucial part of the process of ferreting out information about government behavior, and confidential agreements between reporters and sources help to ensure government accountability in many cases.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is one of the senators who have expressed reservations about the definition of a journalist in the legislation, according to the ASNE.

The legislation is too important for the cause of democracy to let narrow disagreements knock it off track.

We encourage Cornyn to work toward a mutually agreeable form of the bill.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take a rain check, Lord, when we are doing something we know is wrong.

Amen

Taxes are worth fighting over

About a century ago the U.S. joined the rest of the civilized world and adopted a tax system that collected more from the rich and less from the poor. At least we made a good try at it. After all both Jesus and Karl Marx had suggested something along those lines.

Oliver Wendell Holmes famously referred to taxes as the price we pay for civilization, and while we all pretty much favor civilization, we'd just as soon somebody else paid the taxes. Naturally the rich don't want it to be them.

So successful have they been that eight states still don't have an income tax, and the federal one has more loopholes than the Alamo.

Take for example, hedge funds. For years their operators have gotten away with paying only capital gains rates (currently 15 per cent) on income, instead of the 35 percent more common among other economic victors. In our state this nouveau wealth at public expense has unfortunately driven real estate values up and architectural values down. Land of the starter castle.

This capital gains rip off, and other gimmicks like artificial trusts

to avoid estate taxes and the moving of corporate registrations to sleepy Caribbean islands, have robbed the Treasury of countless billions which must somehow be made up. Guess who does the making up. That's right – the average citizens who have their taxes withheld by the boss every Friday.

The worst of these gifts to the greedy occur at times when Republicans control the White House and both houses of Congress. Today we know those times well. Once such laws are in place it then takes similar control by the Democrats to repeal them. That time may be coming soon, whereupon we will see if the Dems actually have the gumption to change back. After all, they covet rich people too. What politician doesn't?

Not surprisingly federal tax policies tend eventually to seep down to the states. It's a lot easier to plagiarize Washington's forms than to start afresh. And we should probably be grateful about that. If you think Washington is corrupt, try the statehouses. Thus the federal-style state income tax has become widespread and happily so.

So too has the earned income tax credit (EITC). This innovation emerged during Richard Nixon's time, which shows just how far out of character desperate men will stray in order to fight off the inevitable. The EITC supposedly returns tax payments to poor people to help

them live, and simultaneously stimulates the economy. In fact the law is so comprehensive that it "returns" money to some low-income people who never paid anything in the first place. All they need do to get a check is file a return. In this era of a widening gulf between rich and poor it's any inspired idea. No one ever said Nixon was dumb.

Now the states are onto the EITC too. Already 22 plus DC copy the feds. More are on the verge. We pray that our staggering economy does not delay them in their reform for yet another year.

But as good sense finally batters down the front gate, it also flees out the back.

Connecticut's hysterical governor has now proposed a cap on local property taxes. Proposition 13 redux. Since it succeeded so well in degrading education in California, why not try it here? And in supposedly stable Massachusetts there's a referendum to get rid of the income tax altogether.

Spare us, Lord.

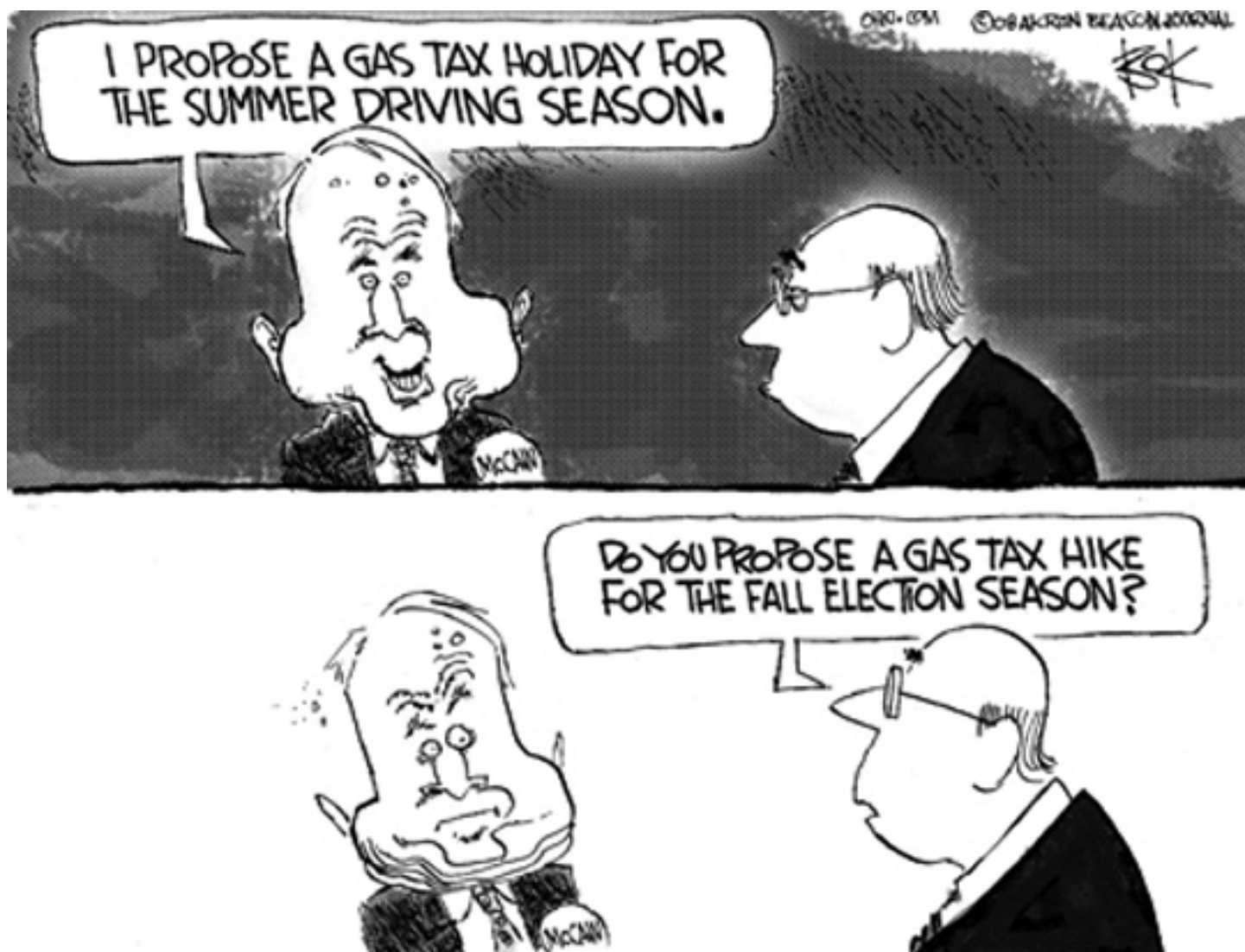
Wise tax policy requires a sound mind and strong backbone. Maybe that's another argument for universal health insurance.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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Actively support teachers' work

Teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams. Public education and its teachers provide the cornerstone of a democratic and prosperous society.

"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. ... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty," President Thomas Jefferson once said.

Few other professionals touch as many people as teachers do – in ensuring that our liberty is preserved and in so many other ways. Sponsored by the national PTA, in partnership with the 3.2 million-member National Education Association, Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-10, is the time Americans pause to thank these professionals for all they do to make our public schools and our nation great.

Teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors.

Teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories.

Although many years have passed since he was a student at El Paso County's Canutillo High School, U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, the chair of the House intelligence committee, still remembers Ralph Chavez with great respect and appreciation.

"He took great pride in our accomplishments, especially because he worked with very limited resources. I learned that life wasn't always fair, but that it was never an excuse to accept less than a maximum effort. Like most teachers, I now realize, he often dug into his own pocket to make sure we had what supplies we needed," Reyes recounts.

"Teachers can instruct our students in math, science and language, but more than that, teachers can give our children the will to continue learning for the rest of their lives. The gift of never-ending education is one for which we cannot show enough gratitude – but we can certainly try. The monumental responsibility of teachers should be met with an equally awe-inspiring show of appreciation," said Jan Harp Domene, PTA's national president.

"Working together, teachers, parents and communities can make every child's potential a reality," Domene continued.

As Texans thank our public school teachers this week, keep these important things in mind:

Teachers cannot do it all by themselves. An active partnership between parents and teachers is essential to the classroom success of students.

Parents who become involved in their schools emphasize for their children the importance of education. Children whose parents are active partners in their education are much more likely to complete at least high school.

Proper investment by Congress and the Texas Legislature in public

schools is essential to recruiting and retaining great teachers. Too many promising new teachers leave their classrooms within the first five years. Too many who stay in teaching have to take second jobs to make ends meet, including paying for classroom needs out of their own pockets.

Overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing interferes with great teaching and effective learning. Our children are human beings. They are not mere aggregates of data or widgets mass-produced on a factory assembly line, nor should they be mistreated in those ways.

Local school boards and administrators should work with teachers to ensure positive, safe learning environments and working conditions. That, too, will help retain qualified, experienced teachers who might otherwise leave our public schools.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a good time to learn about the contributions educators make to our Texas communities every day. Public schools are at the heart of every community. Apples and thank-you cards are great. The active support of Texans all across the state for the work we mutually do to teach and care for our children – our future – would be even better.

Donna New Haschke is the president of the 65,000-member Texas State Teachers Association, which is affiliated with the National Education Association. Write to her at TSTA, 316 W. 12th Street, Austin 78701.



DONNA NEW HASCHKE

Vidalia, the versatile onion

By DANA JACOBI

American Institute for Cancer Research

Tell the truth: Haven't you imagined customers grabbing up packages of the peanut butter cookies you bake — the one your friends say are the best ever? Has no one ever insisted that the vinaigrette dressing you make is so special that you should be bottling it?

After I had the good fortune to develop, commercially produce and market a line of sauces to gourmet food stores and supermarkets in the 1980s, I discovered just how many other people share this desire. In fact, many culinary schools and adult education programs offer courses specifically focused on how to help you realize this dream.

I was even involved in helping another's dream business get on its feet. This gentleman was so persistent and determined that I couldn't resist offering my services as a consultant and help him bottle and market his 50-year-old family recipe for Vidalia onion salad dressing.

At trade shows, where we both promoted our products, I watched him talk with vendors, wearing a denim shirt, red suspenders and baggy trousers. He was more passionate selling \$12.00 cases of salad dressing than he was in his day job, working in real estate and handling homes that cost ten thousand times more. It was inspiring.

It wasn't long before I



met Aunt Lulamae — who had created the family recipe — and her husband Cliff. In the fields on their farm in Vidalia, Georgia, I helped pull their onions out of the dense soil. I ate more than a few while standing out in the sizzling white sun, enjoying their apple-like crispness as sugar-sweet juice dripped down my chin.

Eating impeccable Vidalias at the farm started my love affair with all sweet onions, now available year-round in grocery stores nationwide. This Waldorf salad is a perfect example. When the onions are really fresh, consider including even more than the recipe calls for.

Vidalia Chicken Salad

1/3 cup walnuts
2 cups (8 ounces) roasted

chicken breast, diced into 1 inch pieces

1 large Gala apple, cored and diced into 3/4 inch pieces

1/2 cup raisins

3 Tbsp. reduced-fat (2%) Greek yogurt

1 Tbsp. reduced fat mayonnaise

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. salt, or to taste

1/8 tsp. ground pepper

8 leaves red-leaf lettuce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread walnuts in one layer on a baking sheet and toast in oven until fragrant, 8 to 10 minutes, stirring once after 5 minutes. Set nuts aside to cool.

In a mixing bowl, combine chicken, apple, onion and raisins, separating layers of onion. Coarsely

chop walnuts and add to other ingredients.

In a small bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper until combined. Add dressing to salad and mix with a fork until the salad is evenly coated.

Line each of four salad plates with 2 lettuce leaves. Mound one-fourth of salad on each plate. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 260 calories, 10 g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat), 25 g carbohydrates, 21 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 380 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of "12 Best Foods Cookbook" and contributor to AICR's "New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life."

NUTRITION WISE

Q: Does diet influence risk of pancreatic cancer?

A: Researchers note that there is a convincing link between excess body fat — particularly fat around the waist — and an increased risk of pancreatic cancer. But we need more research about the role of particular food choices and their effect on risk. Although studies are inconsistent, foods that may offer a protective effect include: fruits (which supply vitamin C and other antioxidant phytochemicals to protect our cells' DNA) and foods that supply folate (a B vitamin needed to produce and repair DNA).



KAREN COLLINS
MS, RD, CDN

Important sources of folate include green leafy vegetables and dried beans. Limited evidence also suggests that getting regular physical activity and limiting intake of red meat — both steps that clearly lower risk of colon cancer — may also help protect against pancreatic cancer. In addition, smoking also increases the risk of pancreatic cancers. According to recent statistics those who smoke are at least twice as likely to develop pancreatic cancer than nonsmokers, so always avoid tobacco.

Q: Do the grading levels on beef like "Prime" or "Choice" tell us anything about the meat's nutritional value?

A: These meat grades, assigned by inspectors from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), rates beef for its anticipated tenderness and juiciness based on the animal's age and the amount of fat marbled throughout the meat. Prime beef has the most fat marbling, making it the most tender, but also the least desirable nutritionally. Most beef you see in the grocery store is Choice, which has moderate amounts of fat marbling, but is still quite tender. Select is the healthiest choice because it has the least fat marbling, but that makes it less tender. Choosing Select beef can pay off, however, since it is not only the leanest, but also the least expensive.

The trick is to cook the meat to a safe degree of doneness, but avoid overcooking it, which can make it dry and tough. In addition to choosing a grade of meat with less marbling, you can also select a cut of beef that is naturally leaner. Beef cuts like the loin, sirloin or round all tend to be leaner than meat from the ribs or brisket. To further reduce the fat content of beef, be sure to carefully trim off all visible fat around the exterior prior to cooking. And always remember: To reduce your cancer risk, limit your consumption of red meat to no more than 18 ounces per week.

Q: Does asparagus have compounds that help protect us from cancer?

A: Asparagus is an excellent source of folate, a B vitamin necessary to produce and repair our DNA. According to a major international report on diet and cancer prevention released by the American Institute for Cancer Research, foods high in folate may lower risk of cancers of the colon, pancreas and esophagus. Asparagus also provides vitamin C and beta-carotene, two compounds that may offer additional cancer protection. In addition, you'll find potassium, which helps control blood pressure, and vitamin B-6, needed for a properly functioning immune system and production of red blood cells. Note, however, that many of these nutrients are water-soluble. To preserve the nutritional value, don't cook asparagus in a big pot of boiling water. For optimum nutrition and taste, bake, grill or lightly steam your asparagus.

The truth about caffeine and cancer

Rumors fly when it comes to the health benefits or pitfalls of drinking coffee and tea. But many people are left wondering if these are healthy beverages.

According to the National Coffee Association, between 44 and 74 percent of people between 25 and 60 years of age drink coffee on a given day.

According to The American Beverage Association, tea, while less popular than coffee in the United States, comprised 3.8 percent of the drinks that Americans consumed in 2005.

Q: Is coffee currently considered beneficial, harmful or neutral in its effect on health?

A: Coffee is no longer associated with increased cancer risk. Actually, because it contains antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds, coffee may actually boost health and possibly reduce cancer risk. Often when the research does not show reduced cancer risk, it shows no effect on health, and the same goes for heart

disease risk. Contrary to popular belief, coffee is not associated with higher blood pressure, even though caffeine from other sources might be. Coffee may also lower diabetes risk. Still, certain people should avoid or limit consumption: pregnant women, people with heartburn and people who have sleep problems.

Q: Is it true that a new study shows we shouldn't drink milk in our tea?

A: The study that came across that finding is inconclusive. It suggested that milk may decrease the ability of black tea to relax blood vessels, a health benefit that boosts circulation and might fend off heart disease. Since the study was only done on 16

women and was tested just once, further analysis is necessary. If antioxidants in tea are responsible for relaxing blood vessels, milk should not logically hinder this process. So, for now, there is no reason you should be compelled to stop adding milk to your tea.

Source: American Institute for Cancer Research

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IN BRIEF

Local high school baseball and softball playoffs schedule

THURSDAY
REGIONAL QUARTERS
Coahoma softball vs. Kermit in Andrews, 8 p.m.

Big Spring softball vs. Frenship in Andrews playing a best-of-three series. Game 1 is at 6 p.m. Thursday. Game 2 is at 2 p.m. Friday with a third game taking place 30 minutes following the second game, if needed.

FRIDAY **REGIONAL QUARTERS**

Forsan softball vs. Marfa in Crane playing a best-of-three series. Game 1 is at 6 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is at 2 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, occurring 30 minutes following the second game.

FRIDAY **AREA**

Forsan baseball vs. O'Donnell at Moffett Field in Snyder, 6 p.m.

Coahoma baseball vs. Blanco. Date, time and place TBA.

Relay for Life ragball tourney scheduled May 10-11

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a Relay For Life Ragball Tournament at Lady Steer Softball Field May 10-11.

Registration is Friday at 7 p.m. at the field. The first game will be played at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Cost is \$10 a person with teams made up of five girls and five boys.

For more information, call Angel at 264-4108.

Forsan High School All-Sports Banquet set for May 12

Forsan High School has scheduled its annual All-Sports Banquet for 7 p.m. May 12th at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office. High school athletes do not require a ticket.

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

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

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

The tournament is limited 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.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more info.

Lady Steers win area crown with shutout



Big Spring Lady Steers third baseman Jillian Valle makes contact in softball action from earlier this season at Lady Steer Park. Valle and the Lady Steers swept No. 17 Canutillo over the weekend, claiming a Class 4A area crown.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Pitcher Sage almost perfect

Herald Staff Report

ARTESIA, N.M. — Big Spring's Lady Steers are rolling in the pitcher's circle, at the plate and in the field.

The Lady Steers won a Class 4A area softball championship Saturday, putting the wraps on a best-of-three series with Canutillo's Lady Eagles with a 3-0 victory in Artesia, N.M.

Kelly Sage was the winning pitcher as she tossed her second consecutive shutout, but came up two outs short of tossing her second straight no-hitter. In actuality, Sage was on the verge of something better than a no-hitter, though. She was two outs away from having a perfect game.

"Kelly just gets stronger and better every time we put the ball in her hands," Big Spring Assistant Coach John Sparks said. "Nothing gets to her. She deals with pressure in a great way."

Sage showed her carefree attitude after the game by telling the coaching staff that she let the 17th-ranked Lady Eagles get two consecutive hits in the seventh simply because she wanted to scare the Sparks and Head Coach Jennifer Reyes a little.

The Lady Steers backed Sage up with stellar defense, finishing the game with no errors in the field.

The Lady Steers weren't as efficient at the plate in Game 2 as they were in Game 1, but still did enough damage to get the job done. Big Spring scored all three of its runs in the first inning

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Coahoma breaks Ballinger's heart

Bulldogs sweep Saturday's games, win bi-district title

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — Apparently, Coahoma's Bulldogs were wearing their rally caps Saturday at Moffett Field in Snyder.

Not only did the Bulldogs come back from a 1-0 deficit in a Class 2A best-of-three bi-district playoff series against Ballinger's Bearcats, but they also rallied from a 2-0 deficit in Game 3, eventually winning 3-2 in 10 innings and earning advancement to the area round of the postseason.

"I've been in some wild game, but nothing like this," Coahoma Head Coach Brad Harman said following the Game 3 victory. "This team has so much fight in it. I've had teams fight for wins and this team has done it before, too. But for them to come up with a run just three outs from a loss and then winning in extra innings is amazing. They never quit on this game."

Wild was exactly how the game ended. Coahoma loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning. Ballinger pitcher Michael Pena — one of the heroes for the Bearcats in Game 1 — threw the ball in the dirt and catcher Josh Cabrera couldn't stop it from rolling between his legs and to the backstop. Lupe Abrego, who reached base earlier in the frame with a one-out

single to left, took advantage of the wild pitch and scored standing up, ending the prolonged game.

Wild pitches haunted Ballinger throughout the doubleheader. Three Bearcats' pitchers combined for eight wild pitches and passed balls in the first game of the afternoon, allowing Coahoma to work its way around the bases easily. Combined with six errors, Ballinger's defense helped Coahoma cruise to a 15-0 Game 2 victory.

Chance Hart picked up the win, lasting four innings and giving up five hits and one walk. P.J. Daylong took over in the fifth, facing three batters and striking out one before the game was called due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The win tied the series at one game apiece and set the stage for the Game 3 dramatics. Harman traces Coahoma's ability to rally to a series victory to an event that occurred days before the first game was played.

"Winning that coin toss to make this a three-game series instead of a one-game playoff was huge for us," he said. "We knew coming into the playoffs that pitching depth was one of our strengths and we definitely had an advantage over

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Coahoma's Casey Kilpatrick pitches in Game 3 of a Class 2A bi-district playoff series against Ballinger Saturday at Moffett Field in Snyder. The Bulldogs won the decisive game, 3-2, in extra innings, advancing to the area round of the postseason.

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Howard swept out of Region V tourney

By ERIC RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — Howard College's softball team finished its season Saturday with a hard fought 4-3 loss at the hands of Western Texas College in a rematch of last year's NJCAA Region V West Fast Pitch Softball Tournament championship game. Both teams lost their earlier matchups with third-seeded Howard falling to second-seeded Odessa

College 8-0 in six innings and Western Texas being blanked by top-seeded Midland College, 4-0.

The Westerners staked an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added another run in the fourth inning for a 2-0 lead.

Howard tied the score in the bottom of the fourth when Ashley Calles led off with a home run, cutting the lead in half, and Kristy Leal followed with a single. Leal moved to second on a wild

pitch and Krista Chesworth walked, placing runners on first and second. Amanda Benavides executed a sacrifice bunt, moving the runners to second and third. Leal scored as Diana Espinal lifted a ball to right field that was dropped, allowing the tying run to score. Following a walk, a line drive double play ended the inning with a 2-all tie.

Western Texas tacked on two more runs in the top of the sixth inning, taking a 4-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Howard's Espinal was hit by a pitch and Melissa Rodriguez followed with a single. Kendra Corbin reached on a fielder's choice, eliminating Espinal from the base paths.

Following a strikeout, Jessica Moreno ripped a two-out single, scoring Rodriguez and cut the lead to one run, 4-3. Unfortunately for the Hawks,

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Stars outlast Sharks, headed to West finals

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — After Dallas won the first three games against San Jose, advancing to the Western Conference finals was just a matter of time.

A lot of time, it turns out. The Stars lost two games, then needed four overtimes to finally pull out Game 6 and the series.

Brenden Morrow scored the final goal by deflecting a pass from Stephane Robidas on a power play 9:03 into the seventh period, giving Dallas a 2-1 victory early Monday morning.

The game lasted 129 minutes, 3 seconds, making it the eighth-longest in NHL history and the longest of this postseason. It also was the longest in Sharks histo-

ry and the third-longest the Stars have ever played. In real time, it took 5 hours, 14 minutes, ending at 1:24 a.m.

The marathon was a fitting end to a razor-close series: Five games were decided by a single goal, four that needed overtime.

Goalies Marty Turco of Dallas and Evgeni Nabokov of San Jose traded unbelievable saves

throughout the extra periods. Nabokov somehow kept the puck in his glove exactly over the line — but not past it — in the first OT, then Turco did a barrel-roll to smother a puck inches from the line in the third OT, a play so close that several Sharks players raised their arms in triumph.

"It was 99 percent fun tonight,"

said Turco, who set a franchise record with 61 saves.

Nabokov stopped 53 shots, but not the one set up after Brian Campbell was called for tripping Loui Eriksson close to the Dallas net.

The Stars will have a few days to rest before facing Detroit. Dallas hasn't gotten this far since 2000

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Calles was unable to pick up a hit and grounded out to end the inning.

Both teams would be retired in order in the seventh inning, eliminating Howard from the regional tournament.

Espinal suffered the loss, sur-

rendering four runs on seven hits while striking out two and walking one.

At the plate, Calles led the Hawks with a single and home run.

Also collecting hits with a single were Misti Lindamood, Moreno, Leal and Rodriguez.

Howard finished the season 30-21 overall and was third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 22-14

record.

Odessa College 8, Howard College 0

Odessa College jumped out to a 2-0 lead and broke open the game with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The game was ended early in six innings when the Wranglers scored three more runs for an 8-0 final.

Corbin suffered the loss, sur-

rendering eight runs on 10 hits and three walks. Ami Martinez faced one batter in the sixth, surrendering the game ending double.

Howard had a pair of hits versus Odessa, a double by Moreno and a single by Corbin.

Midland College won three straight games to capture the 2008 NJCAA Region V West Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. Midland defeated Western Texas

in the first round and fell to Odessa College on Saturday to drop to the loser's bracket.

Midland eliminated Western Texas on Sunday to advance to the championship and a rematch against Odessa.

The Chaparrals handed Odessa a loss in the first championship game and won the second game, earning a trip to Plant City, Fla., for the NJCAA National Championships.

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with Kenzie Hunt knocking in two of them with a double and Yarbar picking up the other RBI with a single.

"We weren't as focused about what was going on in the second game at the plate," Sparks said.

"We're going to have to hit well for an entire game if we want to move any further in the playoffs."

With the win, the Lady Steers secure a date with district-rival Wolfforth Frenship's Lady Tigers for a regional quarterfinals best-of-three series. The two squads will meet in Andrews at 6 p.m. Thursday for Game 1.

Game 2 is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Friday with a third game occurring 30 minutes following the completion of the second game if needed.

The Tigers swept Big Spring in the regular season on their way to a perfect 8-0 record in District 4-4A.

However, Big Spring played Frenship closer than any other district opponent.

The Lady Tigers won the first

meeting 4-0 and barely hung on for a 5-4 victory in the second game.

"We believe we can beat them. The coaching staff definitely believes that," Sparks said. "It'll be a tough series, but we have a lot of confidence in this team. We think we're just as talented, if not more talented, than Frenship. We think we can take them in two games. We're going

to have to work on our focus and play a full game. We can't decide we're only going to score in one inning and hope that's enough. We've got to score in every inning."

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Ballinger with it. We have five pitchers and I expected to use all five in this series."

Heading into Game 3, only one of Coahoma's five pitchers hadn't been on the mound — senior Casey Kilpatrick, who usually starts at first base.

Kilpatrick got the nod as the Game 3 starter and made the most of his oppor-

tunity. Kilpatrick pitched seven innings, giving up two runs — one earned — on six hits while striking out three batters. The senior leader's ability to keep Ballinger's bats in check was huge because of the hurler opposing him.

Derek Dallas was Game 1's winning pitcher, throwing a complete game and striking out 10 Coahoma batters. Apparently Dallas wasn't done as he took the mound for Game 3 and threw another eight innings, striking out seven batters and giving up two runs — one earned — on five hits and two walks in a no-decision perfor-

mance.

Harman spent several minutes talking to Dallas following the game and had nothing but praise for the hurler.

"That was one of the gutsiest pitching performances I have ever seen," Harman raved. "That kid threw more than 200 pitches in two days. I knew we had to get him off the mound and I thought we did a good job of making him throw a lot of pitches in the later innings."

Coahoma trailed 2-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth. Daylong led off the inning with a single to center and quickly advanced to third on a throwing error by the shortstop and a walk by Garcia. With the bases loaded, Kilpatrick hit a fielder's choice ball to second base, allowing Daylong to cross the plate.

Still down 2-1, Hart led off the seventh with a double that bounced off the center field wall. He scored when freshman Adrian

Amaro followed him up with a single to center. However, the Bulldogs couldn't score another run in the inning, sending the contest to extra frames.

Neither team mounted much of an attack in the eighth or ninth innings. Rey Gutierrez took over the mound for Kilpatrick and struck out four batters over three innings.

With Gutierrez stifling Ballinger at the plate, the Bulldogs slowly loaded the bases in the 10th inning. Abrego had a one-out single to left and Gutierrez helped his own cause with a two-out single to right, placing runners on first and second. Pena intentionally walked Garcia, loading the bases, then threw the wild pitch with Kilpatrick at the plate, brining the game to a close as Abrego scored.

With the win, the Bulldogs surge into the area round of the playoffs where a familiar Blanco Panthers team awaits. Last season, the Bulldogs

were eliminated from the playoffs when Blanco won a best-of-three series with its second win coming in an 11-inning contest.

"I'm not going to have to say much to get these guys up for Blanco. Motivation takes care of itself for this one," Harman said. "We lost to them in a similar game to the last one of this series. I expect the team to be more than ready for Blanco."

Coahoma defeated Blanco earlier this season in a tournament game, avenging last season's postseason loss somewhat. A time and date was yet to be announced at press time.

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Would you believe me if I said today's Taurus new moon lays a golden egg?



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Symbolically and astrologically, it's true, it's true! It's a fertile new moon, and perhaps a golden opportunity for setting intentions and real world financial strategies around preserving what we have, and making more of what we love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If it isn't broken, leave it alone. There is plenty in this world to find fault with, if fault-finding is your mission. Don't make it your mission, and you'll see all the wonderful things that are working for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your way of interpreting the universe is valid. You make some excellent points, and what's even better, you make them to people who might not have noticed unless you brought it up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's good you have an ego. Without ego, you wouldn't be half as driven to succeed. But the ego needs so much. Will there ever be enough love and adulation to satisfy it? The world is definitely trying.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're good on your own -- and excellent in a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

group. Planning is best done with others. Let your friends help you. You'll do a wonderful job when you utilize all the resources that are available to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). ou're excited to act in the drama of your life -- you made this scene and you're going to work it! The unexpected entrance of a potential protagonist shouldn't throw you off a bit. This kind of character only makes it more fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If anyone chastises you for focusing small, you'll be the one with the last laugh. It's the details that make or break your project. Once you solve a little problem, the big one isn't far behind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are aspects of your personality that you haven't yet accepted. Newsflash: They're not likely to change. Your best course of action is to embrace these qualities and be on with the business of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your internal guidance system is going strong. Your every move is being directed to your chosen destination. So make sure you choose the destination you would most enjoy inhabiting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're categorically against blending in. At least for now, when it so obviously benefits you to shine. Even if means being an oddball. There's

always time for conformity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The magic question is, "what if?" Ask it over and over and you'll get your creative juices flowing. With a mind full of interesting possibilities, you start attracting what you really want and need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're learning quickly. Others might be a bit jealous at your rapid progress, and there's no time to wait for them to accept you. Keep going after what you need, and going strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even diplomats know that sometimes a sassy attitude is what's needed to move the situation along. With your charm, no one will take offence. So go ahead and be as outspoken as you feel the situation calls for.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS: Introduction to the four elements. If you've ever exclaimed, "Oh, but she's fiery!" to explain someone's personality, you probably guessed they would know you were describing a dramatic, impulsive, hot-tempered person. Just about everyone understands the four classical elements of astrology: earth, fire, air and water. And in sun sign astrology, these four elements don't only describe human behavior; they tell us where a person is coming from, which turns out to be

really handy, if say, you attempt to get along with someone very different from you. I find it useful in planning social situations that allow everyone to be "in their element." Let's say you're planning a destination reunion with your high-school girlfriends. The fire and air gals need to be someplace exciting and stimulating, while the water and earth ladies need stability and comfort. Choosing a hip spa by the sea with plenty of late-night dancing goes a long way in diffusing potential riffs. Come back tomorrow to get to know fire.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Is it easy to spot a Taurus? The features of Taurus-born vary, but notably possess physical sensuality and an easygoing aura. Bulls of both sexes often physically resemble their totem animal -- possessing broad shoulders, a strong constitution and physique. Candace Bergen typifies the grace and strength of the bull.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: How would you profile a 33-year-old man who will not let his 31-year-old wife wear a bra? At night, on weekends and almost any other time I am not at work, my husband insists I go braless.

At 31, and being fairly well-endowed, I am concerned that my breasts will sag from the lack of support. I haven't seen any evidence of that yet, but still, the dresses my husband likes me to wear are fairly low-cut. I find myself getting disapproving glances from women at the grocery store and other kinds of glances from teenage boys at the movies. My husband says bras are unnatural and too constricting and he likes the slight bounce.

I love my husband and feel I should do this for him, but wish he didn't ask it of me. What should I do? -- Not Drooping Yet in Ohio

Dear Ohio: Whether or not to wear a bra should be up to you -- not your husband. It's not his breasts bouncing around in the grocery store. You are not obligated to do anything that makes you uncomfortable, even for your husband, and he should not be a tyrant about it. Try to find a reasonable compromise. For example, you might offer to go braless on weekends, but not when you're running errands. The fact that your husband gets his jollies putting you on display is no reason to be more accommodating than you wish to be.



**KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I have found the man of my dreams. We've been seeing each other for the last three years and believe we are true soul mates. We want more than anything to get married. The problem is our family -- family in the singular.

You see, we are first cousins, at least legally. We actually are not blood related because I was adopted when I was 4 months old. Because of the legal connection, though, our family views this as incest.

We grew up more than 600 miles apart and only met twice before attending the same college. We were thrilled to know someone in the new environment and spent a lot of time together. We have both finished school now and have great jobs. We feel ready to take the next step in our relationship and want to get married.

Our family has threatened not to show up for the wedding. Can you imagine? No family on either side. The thought

is unbearable for both of us. My brother even said that, because of the law, I may have to legally disown my parents. I hope this is not true. Can you please advise us? -- Kissing Cousins

Dear Cousins: Marriage between first cousins is illegal in 25 states, which means it could be perfectly fine where you are. Some states permit first-cousin unions if there is no increased chance of producing children with genetic abnormalities, and that is certainly the case here, since you are not blood related. Do some research and find out what's permitted in your state. Then present this information to your concerned family members. If they still refuse to accept the union, you might dig a little deeper and find out if there is another reason.

Dear Annie: I so enjoy reading your column and liked the responses about what to call a live-in boyfriend. I, too, am "living in sin" and loving it.

There is also the description of "Life's Partner," but I use a description that drives my mate crazy. I call him my "Clusband" -- for common-law husband. The state I live in doesn't recognize common-law marriages, but I consider this man to be my husband. Although he keeps asking me to make it legal, I would lose too much. I tell him I am committed to the relationship and it's working for us. I just wish he would call me his Clife. -- Rosemarie in The Villages, Fla.

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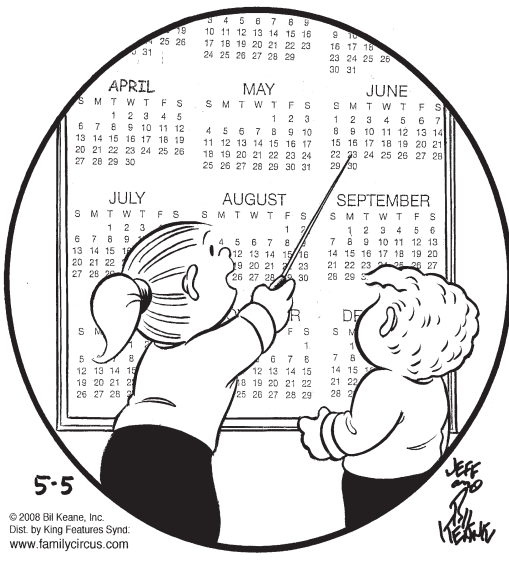
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6:PM	News	Jeopardy!	Yo Amo a Juan	Simpsons	News	12 Cora-zones	News	Raymond	Granger	Business	Cash Cab		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	TBA	Suite Life	Burning	MLB Base-ball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers.
7:PM	Entertain	Fortune	Diablo-Gua-pos	Two Men	Entertain	Millionaire	Deal or No Deal	Raymond	Van Impe	News-Lehrer	Deadliest Catch		CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order		Suite Life	NFL Live	
8:PM	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Fuego en la Sangre	Bones	Big Bang	La Traicion	How I Met	Fam. Guy	Israel	Antiques Roadshow	Dirty Jobs	Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	Movie: Gotta Kick It Up	Arena Football: Chicago Rush at Tampa Bay Storm.	
9:PM	Samantha	Samantha	Cristina	House	Two Men	Victoria	Two Men	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	American Experience (DVS)	Dirty Jobs		Movie: Ur-ban Justice, Kirk B.F. Woller	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	So Raven		Baseball Tonight
10:PM	Bachelor-Lond	Bachelor-Lond	TMZ	Raymond	News	Noticias	News	Sex & Sala	Israel	Charlie Rose	Made	(-45) Movie: Death Wish, Vincent Gardenia	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	Life De	Madden	SportsCenter
11:PM	Nightline	Nightline	Impacto	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Sex & Sala	Israel	Charlie Rose	Made	(-45) Movie: Death Wish, Vincent Gardenia	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	Life De	Madden	SportsCenter
12:AM	Insider	Insider	Noticiero	Raymond	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	American Pie Presents: Band Camp	Prophesy	Smiley	Dirty Jobs	(-45) Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	Life De	Madden	SportsCenter
1:AM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	La Hora de la Risa	Law Order: CI	Late Late Show	Decisiones	Late Night	Prophesy	Smiley	Smiley	Dirty Jobs	(-45) Movie: Die Hard, Bonnie Bedelia	CSI: Crime Scn	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal -- Teams TBA.	Poker	Life De	Madden	SportsCenter
2:AM	News	News	Niña Amada	Reno 911!	Insider	Entertain	Programa Pagado	News	Poker After Dark	Movie: Angels in the Infiltrat	Light of the Southwest		Star Trek: Voyager	Without a Trace	BETJ	Buzz	MLB Baseball: Teams In Pa	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I WOULD PREFER PEACE AND QUIET!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

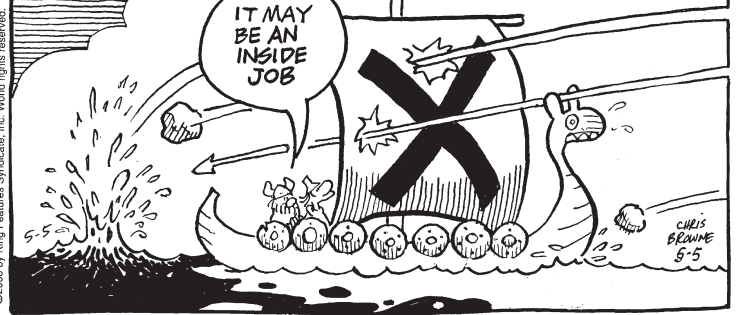


"April, May and June are girls' names. That's why those months hang out together."

HAGAR



"THE ENEMY IS ZEROING IN ON US! HOW CAN THEY BE SO ACCURATE?!"

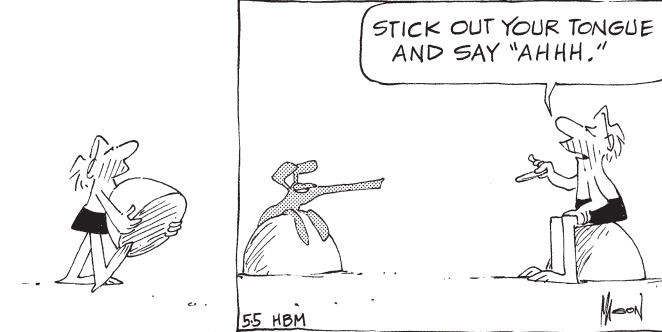


"IT MAY BE AN INSIDE JOB"

BC



WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
MY THROAT HURTS.



STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE AND SAY "AHHH."

WIZARD OF ID

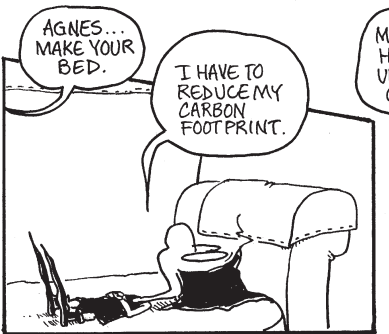


SPOOK'S MOTHER BROUGHT THIS CAKE IN FOR HIM

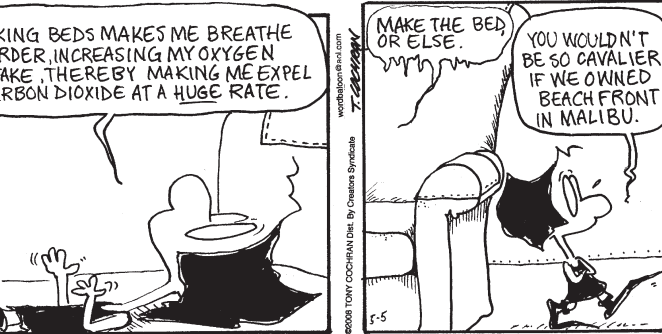


HOLD ON! WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO PULL HERE?
SPOOK IS ALLERGIC TO COCONUT

AGNES

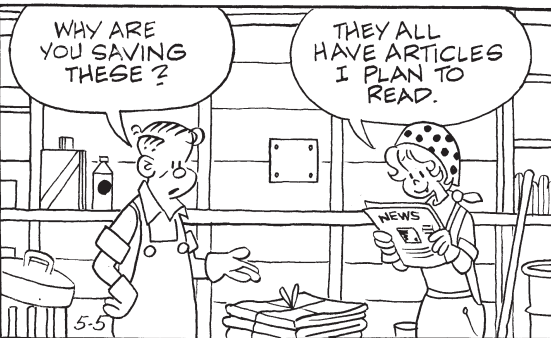


AGNES... MAKE YOUR BED.



I HAVE TO REDUCE MY CARBON FOOTPRINT.
MAKING BEDS MAKES ME BREATHE HARDER, INCREASING MY OXYGEN UPTAKE, THEREBY MAKING ME EXPEL CARBON DIOXIDE AT A HUGE RATE.

HI AND LOIS

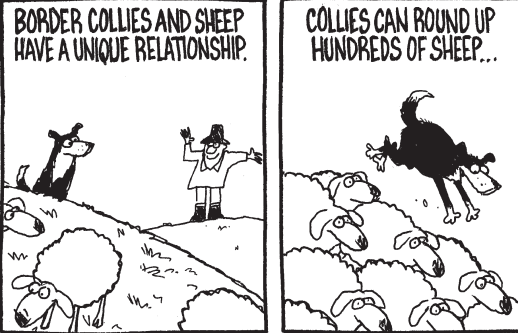


WHY ARE YOU SAVING THESE?
THEY ALL HAVE ARTICLES I PLAN TO READ.

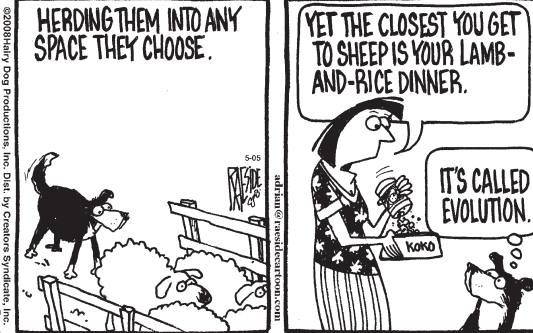


OK, BUT I'M GIVING YOU A 4-FOOT LIMIT.

THE OTHER COAST



BORDER COLLIES AND SHEEP HAVE A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP.

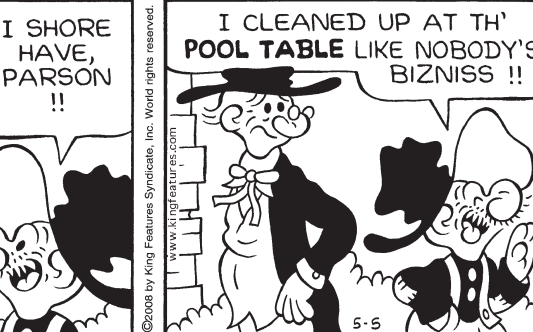


COLLIES CAN ROUND UP HUNDREDS OF SHEEP...
HERDING THEM INTO ANY SPACE THEY CHOOSE.

SNUFFY SMITH

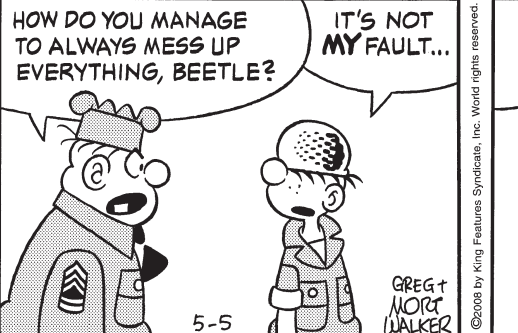


HAVE YA DONE YORE SHARE OF CLEANIN' UP, SNUFFY?

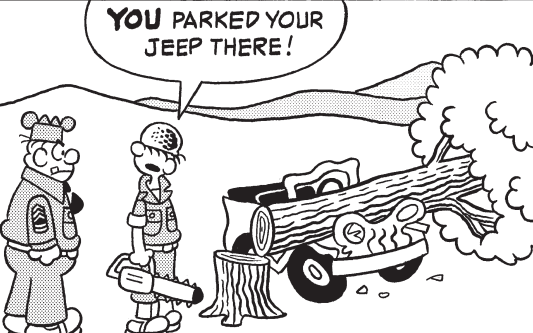


I SHORE HAVE, PARSON !!
I CLEANED UP AT TH' POOL TABLE LIKE NOBODY'S BIZNISS !!

BEETLE BAILEY



HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO ALWAYS MESS UP EVERYTHING, BEETLE?

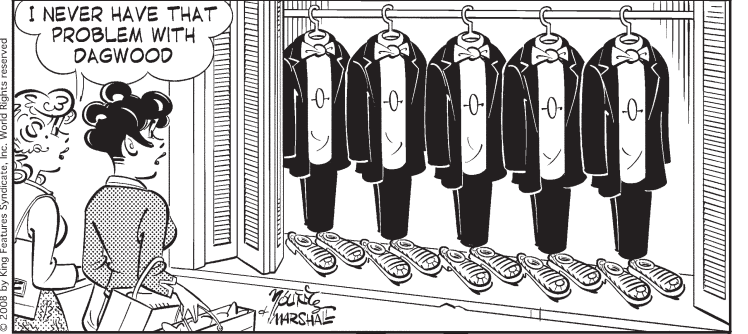


IT'S NOT MY FAULT...
YOU PARKED YOUR JEEP THERE!

BLONDIE



HERB DRIVES ME CRAZY IN THE MORNING! IF I DON'T HAND-PICK WHAT HE'S GOING TO WEAR TO WORK, NOTHING MATCHES!



I NEVER HAVE THAT PROBLEM WITH DAGWOOD

This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 5, the 126th day of 2008. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute sub-orbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

On this date:
In 1818, political philosopher Karl Marx was born in Prussia.
In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic.
In 1862, Mexican forces loyal to Benito Juarez defeated French troops sent by Napoleon III in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1891, Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night in New York City.

In 1904, Cy Young pitched the American League's first perfect game as the Boston Americans defeated the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0.
In 1925, John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teach-

ing Darwin's theory of evolution.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces landed on the Philippine island of Corregidor.

In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children.

In 1958, the Arkansas Gazette received the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Little Rock Central High School integration crisis; James Agee was posthumously honored for his novel "A Death in the Family."

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

One year ago: A Kenya Airways jet crashed in southern Cameroon, killing all 114 people on board. Street Sense roared from next-to-last in a 20-horse field to win the Kentucky Derby. Floyd Mayweather Jr. beat Oscar De La Hoya to win the WBC 154-pound title at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Pat Carroll is 81. AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 74. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 74. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 70. Actor Michael Murphy is 70. Actor

Lance Henriksen is 68. Comedian actor Michael Palin is 65. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 64. Actor Roger Rees is 64. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 63. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 60. Actor Richard E. Grant is 51. Broadcast journalist John Miller is 50. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 49. NBC News anchor Brian Williams is 49. TV personality Kyan Douglas is 38. Actress Tina Yothers is 35. Singer Craig David is 27. Actress Danielle Fishel is 27. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 20. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 19.

Thought for Today: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people." — Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father" of America's nuclear navy (1900-1986).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Poisonous snakes | 1 Rainbow shapes | 57 Military no-show, briefly | 1 City roads: Abbr. |
| 5 Hay units | 2 Chimney dust | 58 Reduce one's calories | 10 Also |
| 10 Female choir | 3 Skin feature | 59 Get out of the voice | 11 Fond of driving too fast |
| 14 Underground plant part | 4 Church topper | 60 Ice-cream holder | 12 Cry of accomplishment |
| 15 Elite guest roster | 5 River transports | 61 Whirlpool | 13 Sign of the future |
| 16 Stitched line | 6 Clock-radio feature | 62 High-spirited horse | 21 Parcel of land |
| 17 Apple discard | 7 Soup beans | 63 Leg joint | 22 Taco topping |
| 18 Highway exits | 8 Catch sight of | | 24 Ace or deuce |
| 19 Walk through water | | | 25 Did a blacksmith's job |
| 20 Battleship color | | | 26 Western resort lake |
| 22 Four-door vehicle | | | 27 Stingy |
| 23 Rhymed verses | | | 28 Fishhook attachment |
| 24 Baby cow | | | 29 Courtroom event |
| 25 Clown's props | | | 30 Sight or smell |
| 28 Voters' slates | | | 32 Soup vessels |
| 31 Long-eared hopper | | | |
| 32 Boscs and Bartletts | | | |
| 34 State s. of Washington | | | |
| 35 Sound of surprise | | | |
| 36 Where Tampa is | | | |
| 38 Anchovy container | | | |
| 39 Very long time | | | |
| 40 Bother continuously | | | |
| 41 Herbal brews | | | |
| 42 Overcomes in battle | | | |
| 44 Harness part | | | |
| 46 Memo phrase | | | |
| 47 Construction-site machine | | | |
| 49 Sail supports | | | |
| 51 Success, slangily | | | |
| 55 Start of a play | | | |
| 56 Dracula's title | | | |

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