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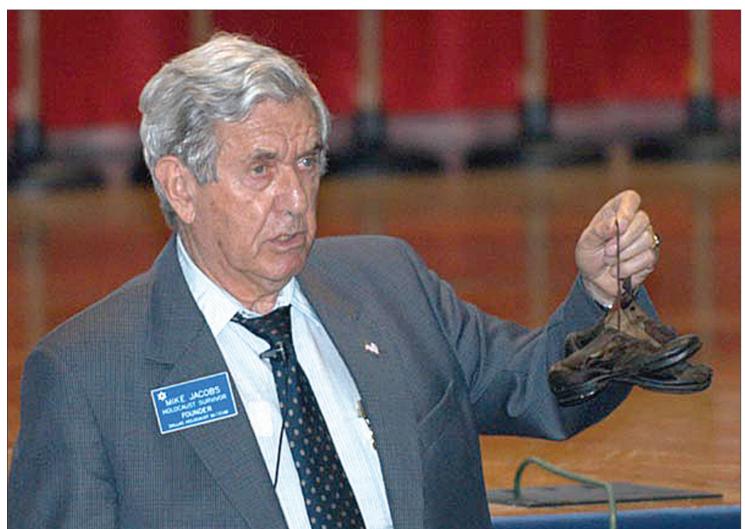
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# Never forget

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Mike Jacobs holds a pair of children's shoes worn by one of the more than 6 million victims of the Holocaust. Jacobs talked five years in ghettos and about his experiences as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps during an address to Big Spring High School students concentration camps as a

# Holocaust survivor carries on mission to remind others

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Always remember. Never forget. Fight the lie.

Those were the simple, direct lessons Mike Jacobs hopes people learn from the Holocaust.

The Holocaust, Nazi Germany's horrific program of extermination for Jews and other "undesirables." left millions dead and eradicated centuries of history and culture in Europe, but for Jacobs, it meant something far more personal.

Jacobs — born Mendel Polish town of Konin in 1925 — spent more than

"Today, you have some people who are saying it never happened, that there were no concentration camps, no ghettos. These people are very dangerous."

lost most of his family to the Holocaust.

But Jacobs also knows that another movement is afoot, a revisionist effort to deny the horrors of the Jakubowicz in the small Holocaust — and he will not stand for it.

As part of a lifelong effort

prisoner of the Nazis and See HOLOCAUST, Page 3A

# Got work? Job Fair planned here Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents currently looking for a new job or career can make the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum their one-stop-shop Tuesday, as several local entities prepare to team up to present the 2008 Job Fair.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Howard College and Big Spring Workforce Network will be joining forces to help job-seekers and businesses



ValVerde

match up, according to local officials.

"This is an excellent opportunity, not just for people who are out of work or looking to enter the job market, but for those who are currently employed but

want a better job," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Chamber. "It gives you the opportunity to talk to someone from that field and get a feel for what that particular job opportunity is like.

"We're encouraging all employers to be a part of this job fair. The cost to participate is \$50. and that includes a covered table with two chairs at the fair. We're also encouraging anyone who is looking for a job to come and bring a resume. Dress up and put your best foot — and smile — forward. You never know, you may get a job interview right there on the spot."

There is no charge for job seek-

Carla Gross, assistant area manager for the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, said the fair presents a unique opportunity for both employers and job seekers.

"Job seekers can go from table to table, filling out applications," said Gross. "And the employers we have participating are some of the better paying employers

in the Howard County area. This is an excellent opportunity for area job seekers to see what's out there.

"The employers get to meet the job seekers face to face and visit with them one on one during the fair, and I believe that's a very big factor in this. They're able to talk to the job seeker and make sure they will match up with the culture of their workplace."

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## Leadership Big Spring graduates tonight **Herald Staff Report**

Nineteen members of the 2007-2008 Leadership Big Spring class will graduate during ceremonies and a dinner tonight at KC Steak House.

The individuals fulfilled all their requirements by attending four community meetings, participating in the Ropes Course, going on a police ride

and completing a group proj-

They include Mike Bailey and Ty Baxter, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Saundra Bloom and Kent Minchew, Howard County; Rick Boiles, Teresa Darden, Kenny Davis, Steve Gray, Robert Williams and Jeanne Wilson, city of Big Spring; Sheena Hill, Big Spring Education Employee Federal Credit Union; Barbara

Hipp, Western Container; Holm, Cornell Mike Corrections; Jennifer Key, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf; Susan Lyons, Workforce Network, Chandra McBee and Jamie Park, Howard College; Sue Mercer, Oncor; and Nancy Michaelis, retired. Class members receiving perfect attendance were Davis, Hill, Holm, Key, Lyons, McBee, Park, Williams and

Wilson.

The project for this year's class was Kid's Zone. The group cleaned, painted, sanded and replaced loose boards at the community park. There are still some things that need to be done and they hope to get it done by the end of the month, organizers said.

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## IN BRIEF

## Crossroads softball and baseball playoffs **TODAY**

**Regional Quarters** Coahoma softball vs. Kermit in Andrews, 8

Big Spring softball vs. Frenship in Andrews playing a best-of-three series. Game 1 is 6 p.m. Thursday. Game 2 is 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 6 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is 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 in Sonora playing a best-of-three series. Game 1 is 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is Noon Saturday with a third game, if needed, occurring 30 minutes after the second game.

## Relay for Life ragball tourney starts Saturday

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a Relay For Life Ragball Tournament at Lady Steer Softball Field Saturday Sunday.

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 All-Sports Banquet set for Monday

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

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office.

High school athletes do not require a ticket.

## Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic set

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 for more information.

# Dawson, Valle, Woodard headed to state

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

For one Big Spring Steer, it's his last chance to establish himself as a state champion. For two others, it's an opportunity to get a taste of what it's like to compete with the

Three Big Spring Steers — Zach Dawson, Jordan Valle and LaRay Woodard — travel to Austin Friday to take part in the Class 4A state track & field meet at the Mike A. Myers Stadium, which sits adjacent to the famed Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University

of Texas.

Only Dawson has been to state before, qualifying for the 1600and 3200-meter runs in 2007. He decided to only run in the 1600 and finished third. This year, he once again qualified for both events, but has decided to only take part in the one-mile race.

"I prefer the mile over the two mile because I think it suits my strength," Dawson explained. "The two mile is more of a straight endurance race. The mile is a combination of speed and endurance and I think I'm better at that."

Dawson enters the event as the medal." favorite to win after running a time of 4:16.43 at the Region I meet in San Angelo two weeks ago. He would've been seeded fifth in the 3200 field had he decided to com-

Dawson, a senior, has already signed to run cross country at Texas Tech University next year, but has unfinished business to take care of before graduating.

"I'm sick and tired of third place," he said. "I've got it twice in cross country and last year in this same event. I've got that thirdplace curse. I'm ready for a gold

Pushing Dawson this year has been his teammate Valle. The junior long-distance runner was beating Dawson at the beginning of the track season.

"Jordan definitely pushed me," Dawson said. "We were having a Sunday workout, but for two months Jordan was doing them and I wasn't. So, he started to pull away from me and I noticed it. I started to do the Sunday workouts with him and it turned into a personal rivalry for us and we've

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Forsan Lady Buffaloes catcher Kelsey Jones hits a double in the first inning of a playoff game against Hamlin in Snyder Friday, The Lady Buffs continue postseason play at 6 p.m. Friday with the first game of a Class A regional quarterfinals best-of-three series against Marfa in Crane.

# Lady Buffs face toughest challenge of season

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Last season, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes didn't really find a tough challenge in the postseason until the regional semifinals when their paths crossed that of state semifinalist Seymour. That won't be the case this year.

After pounding Hamlin 15-0 in the area round of the playoffs, the Lady Buffs face their opponent from Class A this season in the regional quarterfinals. Forsan starts a best-of-three series with Marfa's Lady Shorthorns at 6 p.m. Friday. The Lady Shorthorns advanced just as far as Forsan did nant win to start their 2008 postseason run with a 13-2 victory over New Deal.

After suffering through two innings of lackluster play by both teams, Forsan was finally able break out of its funk in the third inning against Hamlin last Friday, sending 17 batters to the plate and scoring 12 runs to put the contest

"I think we finally got our timing down in the third," Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts said after the game last week. "We struggled early, but we finally timed the pitcher and started hitting the ball. After we got a few hits and scored some runs, Hamlin really broke last year and also posted a domi- down defensively and started help-

ing us score."

This week's opponent is, in Roberts' estimation, the toughest obstacle in the Lady Buffs' path.

"They are a really good team." she said. "They are solid from top to bottom and they have a really good pitcher (Brittany Serrano) and our girls are going to have to be ready if we are going to get to her."

"Their pitcher has three pitches and does a good job of mixing them up," Roberts continued. "The girls are going to have to be patient at the plate and be ready for the change of speed."

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## **Forsan** opens with O'Donnell

**By BRANDON HALLFORD** 

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — It's been a while, but the Forsan Buffaloes baseball team finally plays a meaningful game Friday after a 17-day layoff. However, the stakes are higher than ever as the Buffs begin their quest for a Class A state baseball title with an area playoff game against O'Donnell's Eagles.

Not having played a game that matters in more than two weeks is one of the biggest worries Buffs Head Coach Jason Phillips has. The Buffs have played practice games against Coahoma and Hamlin during that time, but there's nothing like the real thing.

Their opponent, however, is fresh off a first round win over the Ira Bulldogs last weekend.

That fact gives Phillips more than a little cause for concern as the Buffs travel to Snyder's Moffett Field for the one-game area playoff.

"I am a little worried about us being rusty," Phillips admitted. "It's been a long time since we had a game that really meant something. We played that practice game against Coahoma, a 14-4 loss, and then we played Hamlin this past weekend and beat them 6-1."

The practice game victory over Hamlin gives Forsan some hope. The Pied Pipers were ranked No. 3 in the state in the last regular season 1A

In O'Donnell, Phillips says he expects the Eagles to try to put the ball in play and be aggressive on the base paths

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# Coahoma has revenge in mind vs. Panthers

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Revenge is the theme for the weekend in Coahoma, although any sort of vengeance will have to take place in Sonora.

That's where the Bulldogs' baseball team (23-7) meets up with Blanco's Panthers (20-9) for a Class 2A area best-of-three playoff series.

Last year at this point in the postseason, Blanco broke the hearts of the Coahoma faithful, sweeping the Bulldogs in a series after defeating them 11-10 in an 11-inning Game 2. That win led to a deep playoff run for the Panthers as they advanced to the state semifinals before being eliminated by eventual state champion Rogers.

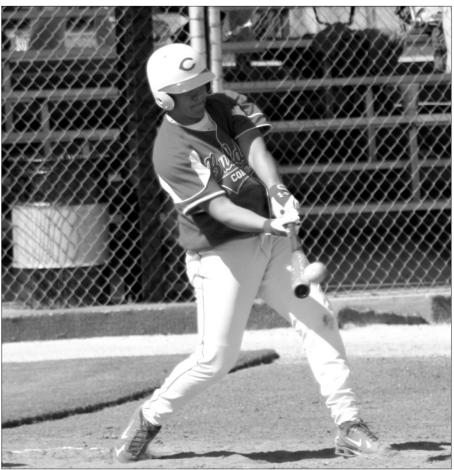
"I'm not having to say much to get these guys motivated to play Blanco," Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman said. "They know who they're playing and they want to win this one.

Coahoma has recently been playing the role of heartbreaker. Last weekend in a bi-district series, the Bulldogs rallied after losing the opening game to Ballinger to win the final two games and advance in the playoffs. The Bulldogs blasted the Bearcats 15-0 in Game 2, but the third and decisive game took extra innings to decide.

Coahoma rallied from a 2-0 deficit, scoring a run in the sixth and seventh inning to knot the game up. Neither team could drive a run in for two extra frames. Finally, the Bulldogs started to find their way on base in the 10th inning and loaded them before Lupe Abrego crossed home plate courtesy of a wild pitch, giving Coahoma the 3-2 win and a postseason rematch with Blanco.

"I've never had a team that fights like this one," Harman said. "To come back late in the game and

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Coahoma's Adrian Amaro hits a double in action from Game 2 of a best-ofthree series the Bulldogs won over Ballinger Saturday in Snyder. Coahoma faces Blanco in a Class 2A best-of-three area playoff series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sonora.

## **Obituaries**

# Michael Anthony Arispe Michael Anthony Arispe, 21, of Big



Spring died Sunday, May 4, 2008, in a local hospital. A rosary will be held Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2008, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 11, 1986, in Big

Michael loved and adored his newborn son, Phillip Anthony. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Juan and Amanda Arispe of Sterling City; his mother and step-father, Mary Rodriguez and Juan Provencio of Big Spring; three brothers, Juan Cardona and wife, Vanessa and Juan Olivarez and wife Bobbi Jo, all of Big Spring, and John Arispe of Sterling City; one sister, Ramona Olivarez of Big Spring; his fiance, Melissa Segundo of Big Spring; one son, Phillip Anthony Arispe of Big Spring; his grandfather, Ernest Moreno of Big Spring; and his grandmother, Juanita Arispe of Sterling City.

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

Roy 'Tiny' Lee Payne
Roy "Tiny" Lee Payne, 49, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Odessa. Graveside



Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He was born Jan. 21, 1959, in Big

Spring to Patsy and Jack Payne. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and was a certified nursing assistant. He was a member of the Christ Community Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Payne of Big Spring; a sister, Kimberly Kennemur of Big Spring; and six brothers, Jackie Payne of Mississippi, Larry Payne, Thomas Payne and Michael Payne, all of Big Spring, and Bobby Payne and Dean Payne, both of Georgia

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Payne; and two sisters, Donna Lvnch and Tammy Gray.

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

## Jerreyl L. Marion

A celebration of life for Jerreyl L. Marion of Andrews will be held at noon Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Hobbs, N.M., at OXY Park. Mr. Marion died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at his home in Andrews.

Born in Big Spring to Margueritte and Randolph Marion, he served in the U.S. Navy and was later employed at Mare Island, Calif., and with Voice of America in Dixon, Calif. He retired from civil service and relocated to Andrews.

Survivors include his children, Jaime Giacomini of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mike Marion of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Cherie Lopez of San Ramon, Calif.; a brother. Leon Marion of Dayton; two sisters, LaVerne Newton of Hobbs, N.M., and Barbara Tadlock of Levelland; two grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

No formal services are planned. Relatives and friends are welcome to join. Casual attire is acceptable. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charitable organization of your choice.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest

winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. North

Around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the after-

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

South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds

10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the mid

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Warmer. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90.

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

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

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## Police blotter

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

- THOMAS EASON, 32, of 4700 Highway 176, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- JASON NEUMAN, 35, of 800 N. 13th Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle, evading arrest and a local capias warrant.
- GLORIA HERNANDEZ, 35, of 4206 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault Class C/ family violence.
- CHARLES BERWICK, 28, of 105 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday on a Jefferson County warrant.
- GLORIA LUNA, 40, of 801 Lorilla, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PROHIBITED WEAPON SWITCHBLADE/ KNUCKLES was reported in the 600 block of Sixth
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1700 block of Donley.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH A **VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of the Interstate 20 S. Service Road.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 700 block of Willia.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook; 4200 block of Hamilton; 600 block of Settles; 500 block of 17th Street; and the 1200 block of Lindberg.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

# Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- FRANKIE RUBIO JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- TAMMY L. DICKSON, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TRACY LYNN GONZALES, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping failure to appear.
- REYNALDO NAVA, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of deadly conduct – discharge of a firearm.
- ROBERT ALLEN WALKER, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- JASON MITCHELL MCLEOD, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated robbery, unlawfully carrying a weapon on an alcohol premises and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- DANIEL FRANKLIN PERCIFULL, 54, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.
- JERRY EUGENE FRASIER, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication by a minor – third or more offense enhanced.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRADFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of E. Fourth Street. Two people were transported
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and FM 700. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3000 block of Sherrod
- Road. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.

# **Support Groups**

## THURSDAY

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



# **Bulletin Board**

**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

Thursday, May 8, 2008

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

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- · Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-13-18-30-41-50. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-17-22-35. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-1-3. Sum It Up:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-4. Sum It Up: 17

## Take Note

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness) will be having a ribbon cutting and reception at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. HATS' goal is to provide information, resources, support and counseling to those who have had to deal with cancer in the past, those currently coping with cancer, caregivers and family members of cancer patients. HATS maintains a free "hats" room with hats, wigs and head coverings available for checkout by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatments. There is also a small lending library of cancer related books. HATS also offers 'Look Good...Feel Better." This program provides a free makeup kit and teaches patients makeup techniques to deal with appearance-related side effects for cancer as well as a resource center. Checks can be made to The First United Methodist Church and are tax deductible. Call Marcie Lykken at (432) 267-2915 or (432) 213-0943 to set an appointment.
- Pre-registration for Big Spring Independent School District kindergarten students for the 2008-2009 school year will continue during school hours through Friday. All elementary campuses will be open until 7 p. m. today to accommodate those parents unable to register their children between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All kindergarten students will need to register at the campus that is in their attendance zone. If a transfer is requested, then those parents will need to complete a transfer request at the BSISD central office, 708 11th Pl., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- The Kingdom of Levant, a medieval recreation group, is hosting a demonstration of life during the Crusades at St Paul's Lutheran Church on Eighth and Gregg streets from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

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# \*Garden City, Grady, Stanton sending athletes to state\*

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Big Spring isn't the only Crossroads high school sending athletes to the state track & field meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin Friday and Saturday.

Three other local schools have individuals heading to the state capital in hopes of returning to

their home towns as champi-

Grady sends two seniors with Justin Tubb representing the Wildcats in the triple jump and Roy Rodriguez taking part in the 3200- and 1600-meter runs in the Class A division. Jake Schwartz will be Garden City's lone representative, competing in the high jump, and Stanton is sending Albert Lozano in the Class 2A division to run in the 800-meters

Of the four athletes, Rodriguez appears to have the best opportunity to claim a state title on paper. He enters the 3200 with the third best time, but has beaten one of the athletes ahead of him in a race earlier this year.

Rodriguez ranks fourth in the mile, but places second through fifth are seperated by around two seconds, giving him a solid shot of medaling in the event.

"Roy has a good shot of placing in both races," Grady track coach Joe Helms said. "He's got the best chance of winning in the two-mile event, though."

Tubb's schedule is just now starting to slow down enough for him to dedicate a significant amount of time in practicing for the triple jump. The Grady senior carries a full plate, participating in golf, tennis and one-act play amongst several other extra-curricular activities. He's also been meeting with scouts from several area colleges, who are attempting to recruit him to play basketball for them next vear.

"This was the first week he's had to concentrate on the triple jump like he needs to, so realistically, he doesn't have as good of a shot as winning the event as

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using more of the smallball approach to score runs.

"They really don't have that much power," Phillips said. "They like to put the ball in play, hit and run and bunt to move the runners up. We are going to have to be on our toes defensively or we could be in trouble."

The play in the field has been an issue of late for the Buffs as they committed a combined 11 errors in their two games leading up to the Hamlin practice game. However, Phillips said he was happy to see his charges play better against the Pied Pipers.

"We played really well in the field against Hamlin and I am hoping that it carries over," he com-

Offensively, Phillips has confidence the team will

be able to produce runs.

"We have been swinging the bats pretty good," he said. "We have a few boys that have had big hits for us this year. O'Donnell has one really good pitcher. He has a pretty good curveball and mixes it up real well. We are just going to have to wait on it."

It's not as if the Buffs haven't seen O'Donnell already anyway. Forsan met the Eagles in the first game of the Morton Tournament March 23 and it was a memorial day for one Buffs' pitcher.

Adam Bailey tossed a nohitter in a 14-1 Forsan win. Bailey won't, however, be the starting pitcher Friday as ace Cameron Parker will get the nod instead.

However, no matter who is on the mound, the issue at hand can be broken down simply as a win or go home situation.

"It's just a one game series," Phillips said. "We either win or it's over."

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan Buffaloes shortstop Jeremy Robbins fields a ball in a practice game against Coahoma April 28 in Forsan. The Buffs begin their 2008 Class A postseason campaign Friday with a one-game playoff against O'Donnell at Moffett Field in Snyder. The Buffs defeated O'Donnell earlier this season, 14-1.

## **BSHS**

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taken it to state."

Valle essentially came from nowhere this season. on the radar of top longdistance runners at Big Spring. Now, he's competing for a state title.

"This year I'm a whole lot stronger and have worked a lot harder," Valle said. "I've kept my eye on what I want and that's to win state. I came into the season wanting to catch Zach and I've been able to keep up with him a lot more. I'm just trying to push myself. I'm not content with letting Zach beat me."

Valle takes Dawson's place in the 3200 after he finished third in the event at regionals. He'll have a

lot to overcome, though, as he enters both races with the lowest qualifying time among the eight competitors in each respective event.

Woodard made his way back to Big Spring as a training, coaching and Last year, he wasn't even junior after spending his sophomore year Mansfield Summitt. He made a huge impact in the Steers' athletic program already after being selected to 4-4A's all-district team as a safety in football. Now, Woodard has the chance to bring a medal back to Big Spring in the long jump.

At Summitt, Woodard advanced to the regional tournament as a sophomore, finishing seventh. This season with Big Spring, the junior finished second at the Region I meet. just behind Michael

Plainview's

Egnew.

Woodard came close to qualifying for state in the 110 hurdles as well, showing his versatility and athleticism.

"This year I had better focus," Woodard said. "With hurdles I have to be dead on and be at your best every time you run. It just wasn't there for me at regionals. In long jump, you have several chanc-

Woodard enters the state meet with the third-best jump at 23-08.50, behind only Egnew and Marshall's Darius Jones.

"Egnew's a tough competitor and so are the other guvs," Woodard said. "I'm pretty satisfied just going to state. It's been a dream of mine since I was four vears old. I'd like to medal. though. It's just been a lifetime goal."

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## **FORSAN**

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Serrano is not the only Lady Shorthorn with an impressive resume as her battery-mate catcher Cortnee White was also a member of the Texas Girls Coaches Association allstate team last year as a freshman.

"I think that if we play the way that we are capable of we will be alright,' Roberts said. "We have our work cut out for us."

Amanda Longorio sparked the Lady Buffs in their win over Hamlin and, according to Roberts, was the spark that ignited Forsan.

"I think Amanda's pitch-

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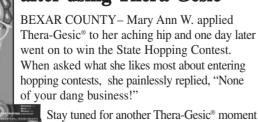
ing on the mound really had a big impact on the way the girls reacted," Roberts said. "She helped us pick up some momentum on the mound and then had a big day at the is to be played 30 minutes plate. I also thought that following the second Kelsey Jones and Sandi

Golleher came up big for us at the plate."

Game 2 of the best-ofthree series is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

A third game, if needed,

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## State briefs

## Judge dismisses suit by former student

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed claims alleging school officials didn't try to prevent a sexual relationship between a high school student and a color guard instructor.

U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks found no evidence that district employees knew about any inappropriate relationship involving a then-Bowie High School student before the teenager's mother told school officials.

After the ruling dismissing the claims against the school Wednesday, the now 21-year-old dropped his lawsuit against former instructor James Scott Johnston.

Attorney Randal Mathis said the former high school student planned to appeal the ruling. The young man's father said his son would now consider filing a criminal complaint against Johnston.

The former Bowie High School student alleged that Johnston had sex with 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, the suit alleged.

"The evidence is overwhelming that the one person who had knowledge of what was going on failed to tell anybody," Sparks said.

During the trial. Johnston testified that the student began calling him in December 2003, discussing arguments with his parents and feelings that he might

Johnston, 25 at the time, said the then-16-year-old "just needed someone to talk to."

"Maybe I was too much of a friend (to the student), and in the end maybe it cut me in the throat," he said.

Johnston denied having sexual contact with the student and has not been charged with a crime.

## Madagascar's president to attend graduation at ACU

ABILENE (AP) — The president of Madagascar was expected to watch Saturday as two dozen students from his country graduate from Abilene Christian University.

The 24 students are receiving degrees in biology, communications, environmental science, political science, architecture and other concentrations. They were part of the Madagascar Presidential Scholars program, a competitive initiative started by Malagasy President Marc Ravalomanana to train the future leaders of his nation.

"Ijustwanttobeapartofthingsthatwouldmakechanges happen in Madagascar," said Laza Razafimanjato, an interior design major from the Malagasy city of Antananarivo. "Some of (the Malagasy students) want to work and help in different ways, but ultimately it's going to come down to helping Madagascar in whatever way we can."

## Dallas station finds at least 1 out of 20 licensed nurses in Texas has criminal record

DALLAS (AP) — More than one out of twenty nurses licensed in Texas have a criminal record, an investigation by Dallas television station WFAA found.

The station conducted background checks by comparing the names and dates of birth on each Texas nursing license with the Texas Department of Public Safety criminal database. Their analysis uncovered thousands of nurses with arrest records, some for offenses that included murder, kidnapping and arson.

The agency received money for the background checks last year, when the state had a surplus, said State Rep. Fred Brown.

Board officials say that while they got authorization to conduct thousands of outstanding background checks, they didn't receive enough extra staff to process and investigate nurses.

Currently, new applicants and transfers from other states get checked immediately.

## **JOB FAIR**

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Valverde said a number of local businesses will be participating in the fair, including the city of Big Spring, Cornell Colorado Corrections, River Municipal Water District, Federal Bureau of Prisons, HEB, AFLAC, Energy, Porter Henderson Implement, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, San Angelo State University, Solitaire Homes, StarTek, Texas State Veterans Home, Tractor Supply, West Texas Centers for MHMR, Western Container and the VA Medical Center.

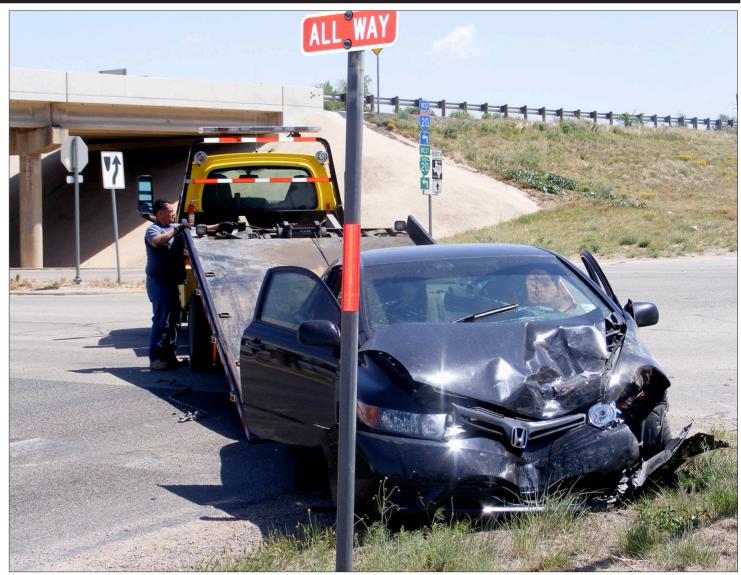
ValVerde said the fair will begin at 3 p.m. in the

coliseum's East Room, and is expected to wrap up around 6 p.m.

For more information on the job fair, contact the Big Spring Workforce Network at 263-8373 or the Chamber at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.





HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of FM 700 and Insterstate 20 Wednesday morning. No injuries were reported.

## **HOLOCAUST**

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onto one of history's darkest chapters, Jacobs told his story to Big Spring High School students Tuesday morning.

"I want them to remember and never forget what happened," Jacobs said in his clipped Eastern European accent. "It can happen again if we forget.

"Today, you have some people who are saying it never happened, that there were no concentration camps, no ghettos," he added. "These people are very dangerous. They want future generations to grow up thinking the Holocaust was all a lie.

"We need to stand up to these people."

Jacobs was a young teenager when Germany

invaded Poland September 1939. Konin, near the German-Polish border, was overrun quickly and it didn't take long for Nazi officials to begin rounding up Polish Jews.

Within two months, Jacobs and his family were loaded onto railroad cars and sent to the ghetto camp at Ostroweic. He subsequently spent time in such infamous concentration camps as Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Although he survived, the rest of his family was not so fortunate his parents and four siblings were killed in the Treblinka concentration camp and another brother died fighting the Germans as a member of the Polish resistance.

factor, he said.

"I remember when they tattooedthe(identification) number on my arm," he said. "The guard told me, 'You're no longer a human being, you're a number."

Despite the terror and degradation he suffered, however, he remained confident he would survive.

"I never gave up hope. That's what kept me alive," he said. "As long as you have that belief, you can keep going."

Early in 1945, Jacobs was transferred to the Mathausen-Gusen II camp in Austria, where he was eventually liberated on May 5 of that year.

"It was tremendous," he said of his liberation day, which included the gift Aside from the horrors of a Hershey bar from an he saw, the worst part of American soldier. "You're living under the Nazis' finally a free person ... you

heel was the dehumanizing can walk around just like everyone else."

> He was a shopkeeper and teacher for a few years before moving to the United States in 1951, eventually settling in Dallas.

> Since then, he has established the Dallas Holocaust Memorial and estimates that he speaks to 50 or 60 groups a year, a task he vows to continue doing.

> "You must remember," he told the students. "You must never forget. (The Holocaust) is what happens when you become complacent."

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## application. **LEADERS**

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that allowed their employees to attend this 10-month program held every second Thursday of the month," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the organization that sponsors the class. "This program has been on-going for more than 25 years and it has changed throughout the years. The Chamber staff tries to make it fun and educational with a few

changes here and there. "Through the leadership of Joann Knox, this year's coordinator of the skills portion, participants were dared to step 'out of the box,' get out and do something different that they would not normally do.

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She did a fantastic job. Joann had several guest speakers who encouraged our participants to get involved in their community, whether it is Big Spring, Coahoma or Forsan, and try to make a difference," ValVerde said.

"To all the businesses that invited us in their facilities, we wish to thank them for taking time out of their busy work schedules and for their continued support. The class got to take tours and see how each entity works from the inside out."

The next Leadership Big Spring class will begin Aug. 14. Cost for the program is \$350 for Chamber members and \$450 for nonmembers and includes transportation, books and meals. Call the Chamber at 263-7641 for more information or to make an

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Tonight's ceremonies are at 6:30 p.m.



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# +HBO, NFL Films tackling Cowboys camp again+

**By JAIME ARON** 

**AP Sports Writer** 

IRVING - T.O. and maybe Pacman, Tony Romo and Jessica Simpson and, of course, smiling billionaire Jerry Jones. Put 'em all together in a hotel an hour outside Los Angeles and you could have quite a soap opera.

Or, HBO predicts, one heck of a reality series.

The cable network is bringing its "Hard Knocks" franchise back to Cowboys training camp this summer, and HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg already is predicting best-ever ratings for his five-show series. Even with the Olympics as competition, he's confident his weekly program will be overflowing with juicy story lines — with his cameras getting exclusive behindthe-scenes access.

"It's fair to say this thing should go through the roof," Greenburg said Wednesday.

Greenburg opened a news conference by joking about going to Cabo San Lucas or wherever else is necessary to tell the full story. It was an obvious reference to the getaway trip Romo and Simpson made during the bye a week before Dallas' playoff game in January, a vacation that didn't sit well with fans, especially after the Cowboys were upset by the New York Giants.

But Greenburg later said "this is not the E! television network," and insisted the obvious headliners will only get air time if they earn it.

"I swear to you it's not going to be the Pacman Jones or the T.O. or the Tony Romo story. It just won't," Greenburg said. "They will be part of a team and part of the story, but they won't be the center of it all. I just know that for a fact. The drama develops on its own. Unless the drama surrounds Tony and T.O. and others, it's just not going to hap-

"There's nothing like following that rookie trying to make the team. They're still wearing that star and they're trying to become a teammate of T.O. and Tony Romo, which is probably their dream. That's great television

Expect Terrell Owens to earn his share of time.

"If the cameras are going to be there, I've got to be ready," Owens said Wednesday during an interview to promote his appearance next week on MyNetworkTV's "Under One

"It's going to be an experience initially, but once you get into practice and two-a-days, guys are going to be too tired to focus

on what's being taped. It's not really any different than playing in front of people in the stadium, game being televised. It's no different than our practices being taped. It's just more up close and personal. You get all the good, bad and ugly, the sweat, bumps, bruises and tears. Other than that, it'll be good."

Training camp will be held in Oxnard, Calif., with preseason games in San Diego and Denver before returning to team headquarters.

The last time the Cowboys were in Oxnard, Owens missed workouts with a hamstring injury that some considered a ploy to annoy coach Bill Parcells. Owens spent so much time riding a stationary bicycle that one day he came out dressed for the Tour de France.

Greenburg would love for something like that to happen

"We'll be on the inside telling the story out," he said. "We're giving the part the media can't

Some second-tier stories that could develop include the relationship between coach Wade Phillips and his widely presumed successor, offensive coordinator Jason Garrett, and the plight of undrafted rookie Marcus Dixon, who was once featured on HBO's "Real Sports" show after being sentenced to 10 years in jail for statutory rape and aggravated child molestation for having sex with a 15-year-old classmate.

No wonder Greenburg left open the possibility of stretching beyond the allotted 60 min-

"I've taken documentaries from 60 minutes to 90 on the fly," he said. "It's how long the show works, grabs you. That's what we like to do.'

This is the fourth edition of "Hard Knocks," and the second to include the Cowbovs.

Cameras were rolling in 2002, depicting a ragtag bunch that was coming off a 5-11 season and would go 5-11 again. Parcells arrived after that, and it's probably no coincidence that the franchise and the networks didn't hook up again.

Steve Sabol of NFL Films asked Jones about a return engagement during league meetings. He didn't have to wait long for an enthusiastic yes.

Jones loves pushing the Cowboys brand, working to keep the star logo among the most identifiable in all of sports. Five straight one-hour episodes every Wednesday from Aug. 6 to Sept. 3 is terrific free advertising for "America's Team," especially with all the repeat showings and on-demand offerings. (The only surprise might be that it's on HBO instead of the NFL Network, of which Jones is the chairman.)

Being featured on "Hard Knocks" isn't necessarily great for the players and coaches who will be under the watchful eye of four cameras at every practice, plus surveillance-like cameras monitoring meeting rooms and other typically off-limits areas. Four players per day will wear wireless microphones during practice, with as many as 12 wearing them in preseason

Only one of the three teams profiled so far has made the playoffs — the 2001 Baltimore Ravens, who went from Super Bowl champions to 10-6 wild-card team. After the Cowboys in '02, the series was dormant until last summer, when the Kansas City Chiefs allowed their training camp to get the "Hard Knocks" treatment. They went 4-12, tying for the third-worst record in the

"That's why we've got skin this thick." Jones said, holding his hands about a foot apart. "That's part of playing for the Dallas Cowboys. ... I don't think it's a minus at all."

# Padilla holds Mariners to 2 hits, Rangers win

**The Associated Press** 

SEATTLE — Vicente Padilla knew he had a challenge in his matchup against Seattle Mariners ace Erik Bedard.

But the Texas Rangers' righthander had a distinct advantage. He faced the Mariners' offense, which hasn't been much of a threat lately.

Padilla allowed two hits over seven innings to outpitch Bedard and Milton Bradley homered as the Rangers beat the struggling Mariners 2-0 Wednesday night.

"I know and he knows it is a low-score game," said Padilla, through an interpreter. "If he gets a run against him, it's going

to be tough because I also have to do my job. Today, I had the luck on my side. They scored for me and he couldn't come back."

Padilla (5-2), who has won three straight starts, walked two and struck out a season-high eight. He has allowed just one run in his last three starts, spanning 21 2-3 innings. He lowered his overall ERA to 3.02.

The Mariners, on the other hand, have scored one run over their last 23 innings. Since the third inning Monday, the Mariners have produced one run on 10 hits in 78 at-bats for a .128 average. They have had two hits in their last 16 opportunities with runners in scoring position and averaged 2.13 runs over their last six games.

Bedard (2-2), the victim of the sputtering offense, allowed two runs on six hits in his seven innings.

"I pitched good but it doesn't really matter," Bedard said. "We need a win and that is all that counts."

The Mariners have lost seven of eight.

"It's a grind right here. We're not swinging the bats very well," Mariners manager McLaren said. "And it seems like when we do hit the ball hard it's right at somebody. We are going through a real tough stretch right now."

Padilla had much do to with the Mariners' muted bats. He opened the game by hitting Ichiro Suzuki but he didn't allow him to advance past first. In the second, Yuniesky Betancourt had a one-out single to center but he was eliminated on a double play.

The next 12 batters were retired by Padilla until Suzuki's two-out single in the sixth. The hit raised Suzuki's average against Padilla to .571 (16 of 28). But Padilla struck out Jose Lopez to end the

Padilla ran into trouble of his own making in the seventh, walking the first two batters Raul Ibanez and Adrian Beltre, See RANGERS, Page 4B

on 3-2 counts. He then struck out Jeff Clement, Betancourt and Wladimir Balentien.

"His best inning was the seventh when he got in trouble," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Then he really started hitting his spots. He had a lot of work to get out of that."

Padilla, who used his mid-90s fastball for much of the game. said once the two runners reached he couldn't mix in his breaking pitches.

"I felt a little pressure because the score was not easy," Padilla said. "I had to careful with my

## **BULLDOGS**

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pull out a clutch run like they did was just incredible. These guys have a lot of heart."

The Bulldogs somewhat avenged last season's playoff loss to Blanco earlier this year in a tournament played in Llano. It was obvious in that game Coahoma was inspired to play the Panthers from the start, scoring eight runs in the first inning. The Bulldogs never surrendered the lead, despite a Blanco late-inning rally, and held on for a 9-7 victory. It was Coahoma's only win in that tournament, but it counted a lot more to the team than the two losses the Bulldogs had suffered the day before, according to Harman.

"The kids were excited to beat Blanco," he said after the March 9 game. "It felt good to beat them. It made the trip down to Llano worth it. The two earlier losses didn't sting too much after beating Blanco."

Coahoma's Game 1 starter will most likely be Donnie Garcia, who has served as the team's ace for most of the season. However, Harman has confidence in three other pitchers as starters and could give any of them the nod on the mound.

Chance Hart or Rey Gutierrez are the most likely candidates to start Game 2, depending on which arm is used if Garcia needs to be relieved in the opening contest. Senior Casey Kilpatrick is also available to start and P.J. Daylong could be used in relief.

Game 1's first pitch is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Sonora. Game 2 is set for place 30 minutes following noon Saturday with a third the completion of the secgame, if needed, to take ond contest.



By Steve Becker

## A Well-Thought-Out Recovery

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ A Q 8 5 2 **♥** A K 7 **♣**J 7 2 WEST **EAST ♠** J 10 9 3 **♥**0J652 **9**84 ♦ K 8 3 ♦ J 10 5 4 2 **10986 4**43 SOUTH **♠** K 7 4 **♥**1093 ♦ A 9 7 ♣AKQ5 The bidding: West South North 1 NT Pass

Here is a well-played hand. South got to six notrump, which required no more than a 3-2 spade division to assure 12 tricks.

Pass

Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

4 NT

6 NT

Pass

4 **♠** 5 **♥** 

But when declarer won the club lead with the queen and played the king and a low spade to the queen, East showed out, discarding a heart. At this point, South's prospects looked very dim. He could establish a spade trick by conceding a spade after cashing the ace, but this would merely produce trick 11 and leave him one short of his goal.

Declarer thought the matter over carefully and finally came to the right conclusion. He realized there was still a chance for the slam if West had the king of diamonds, and he proceeded accordingly.

He cashed three more club tricks, discarding a heart from dummy. Then, after cashing the A-K of hearts, he played the ace and another spade, discarding a heart from his hand.

West had to win the spade with the jack, and, with only three cards left — the K-8-3 of diamonds returned a low diamond. South played the queen from dummy and, when it held, cashed dummy's fifth spade and scored the last trick with the ace of diamonds. His only loser proved to be a spade.

The deal demonstrates a highly important principle of declarer play. South reached a point where his cause seemed hopeless, but he then improvised a line of play that gave him a chance if the opposing cards were divided favorably.

He needed a good deal of luck to find West with both the king of diamonds and no more than two hearts, but it was typical of the kind of luck that often rewards those who refuse to yield to misfortune.

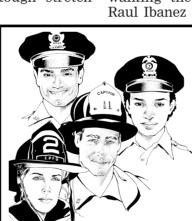
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Our Views

# Make plans now to have an entry in rodeo parade

radition. There's no better term one can apply to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 75th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday through Saturday June 19-21, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

But that's still more than a month away. So why start thinking about that now?

So why start thinking about that now? Well, we can think of a few reasons.

First, it's time to be making plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. on June 19.

Participants in the parade will line up at 11th and Main, and the procession will again snake its way through downtown Big Spring, but this time around the rodeo association's directors have expanded the entry divisions for the parade and even sweetened the pot with prize money for the best entries.

That's right. The six divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and motorcycles.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receiver \$75. A \$50 prize goes to the entry finishind third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the six entry categories will receive plaques.

So, start making plans now. Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form, which will be included in numerous editions of the Herald between now and the deadline for entries, which is Monday, June 16.

Just fill them out and return them to our office. So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Participation is the key when rodeo time rolls around, the the parade offers virtually all of us an opportunity to get in on the fun.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we trust in Your word, Lord.

Amen

# Teachers invested in our future

uring the month of May, there is a special time known as Teacher Appreciation Week. During these days, we recognize the work of the individuals who have chosen to influence the future path of our society by educating

our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week starts on May 4th and ends on May 10th. This week is a very important reminder of the tireless work our teachers do to help our children develop as they move through the early phases of their lives.



RANDY NEUGEBAUER

By shaping the minds of our students and serving as mentors, teachers are tasked with rearing the next generation of scientists, writers, artists and leaders. Teachers not only work in the classroom, but they spend a significant amount of their own time working to prepare lesson plans and develop new and innovative ways to teach our children. Teachers will always go the extra mile to help students achieve: and I believe this is what makes their commitment to their profession so important. Teaching is a truly a noble profession.

The history behind Teacher Appreciation Week is not well documented and details are sparse. According to the National Education Association (NEA), it is believed that around the mid 1940s, an Arkansas teacher by the name of Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Woodridge eventually wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953, persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day.

The NEA, along with its Kansas and Indiana state affiliates and the Dodge City, Kansas chapter, lobbied Congress to create a national day celebrating teachers. Due to their tireless efforts, Congress declared March 7, 1980, as National Teacher Day. Unfortunately, it was for that year only, and Congress never followed with another.

The NEA and its affiliates continued to observe National Teacher Day on the first Tuesday in March until 1985, when the National Parent Teachers Association (PTA) established the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week. The NEA Representative Assembly then voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day.

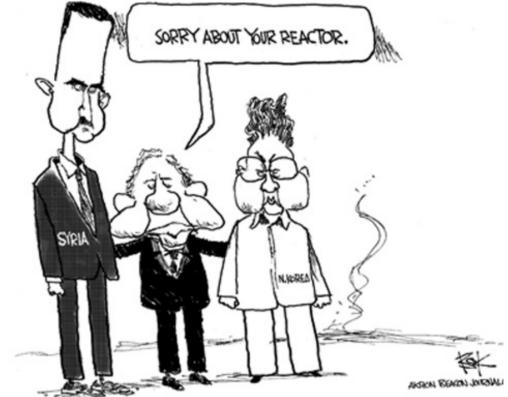
This is a proud tradition we should continue. We live a global economy; it is imperative that our children are prepared to compete in this world market. Innovation and hard work have always made America the greatest country on Earth. Every individual who has sat in an American classroom has undoubtedly had his or her interest

sparked and mind shaped by a teacher.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who foster and brighten our future. The enormous trust placed upon teachers can easily go unrecognized, which is why Teacher Appreciation Week is so important to I, along with all Americans, am thankful for the incredible work done by teachers across this nation. Whether teaching in elementary, middle or high school, these dedicated professionals work to ensure that the next generation moves forward; ready to take on all the opportunities and challenges life has to offer.

We all have teachers we remember who have made a difference in our lives. I was saddened this week to learn of the passing of Ed Jarman, my high school chemistry teacher. After serving his country as a paratrooper in World War II, Ed began a long and fruitful career in teaching that spanned many decades. Thank you, Ed.

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer represents the 19th District of Texas, which stretches across 27 counties and including Big Spring. He serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he is the Deputy Ranking Member, and the Agriculture Committee, where he is the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee for Horticulture and Organic Agriculture. In addition, Neugebauer serves on the Science and Technology Committee.



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# 'Willful Blindness' to the Jihad

prosecutor against the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing to tout the criminal justice system as the premier strategy to fight terrorism. If so, you're wrong.

It is precisely because of Andy McCarthy's experience in that capacity that he understands — in a way others can't — the crippling limitations of law enforcement and criminal prosecutions in combating global terrorism.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Though he led the Justice Department prosecution team that convicted Omar Abdel Rahman, the "Blind Sheik," McCarthy is painfully aware that "as a class, baby-boom attorneys know nothing of war. Prosecutors included." Even this successful effort left way too many militants in place and encouraged the idea that they could attack us with impunity

impunity. The entire orientation of the criminal justice system is to protect the rights of innocents, affording the accused due process and a litany of other constitutional protections. But we are at war with an enemy who doesn't fight wars according to conventional rules. If we continue to treat them as criminal suspects rather than enemy combatants, they'll always be many steps ahead of us in a war that only they are fighting. While our government frets over their constitutional rights — rights to which enemy combatants have never been historically entitled — it abdicates its duty to protect American lives.

Before the 9/11 attacks, we simply did not understand that Islamic terrorists had declared war against the United States and that to have any chance in this war, we'd have to engage them militarily.

But even today, partly because of our successes in fighting the war, a good portion of our society won't or can't see we are at war. Among those realistic enough to recognize we are at war, far too many think we can pacify the terrorists if we'll just engage in smarter diplomacy, reform our "imperialistic" impulses and otherwise alter our foreign

policy.
In his book, "Willful Blindness: A Memoir of the Jihad," McCarthy debunks these myths and makes a compelling case — sure to drive the purveyors of political correctness to apoplectic distraction — that the Islamic jihadist enemy we face isn't at war with us because of our geopolitical malfeasance or this or that indignity we've allegedly visited upon them.

Their hostility, their aggression, their bellicosity, indeed their brutality, argues McCarthy, springs from Islam itself and its sacred writings. Indeed, the primary cause of Islamic terrorism, he says, is Muslim doctrine.

Islamic terrorists, he says, aren't some fringe group of violent radicals who have hijacked a religion of peace. While the violent ones are a minority, they are a frightfully significant one in a religion whose membership is about 1.4 billion.

Even many of the so-called moderate Muslims, he notes, share many of the radicals' goals, if not their deadly methods. These nonviolent Muslims are often sympathetic to what McCarthy calls "soft jihad," which includes promoting the Islamization of our culture, the adoption of Shariah law, sensitivity training for our law enforcement officers and the like. The "moderates" often defer to the jihadists, especially in theological matters, because of their erudition and command of the scriptures

mand of the scriptures.
It would be bad enough if many

Americans had their heads in the sand about the true nature and threat of Islamic terrorism. But sadly, our domestic law enforcement and intelligence communities also have a history of failing to take jihadism seriously. If you don't understand the enemy, you cannot begin to fight it effectively.

If Muslim doctrine is the ultimate source of the jihadist threat against us, we must take that into account in formulating our security doctrine, such as punishing states that enable the exportation of the most radical, violent strains of Islam and refusing to tolerate their terrorist sanctuaries. While McCarthy doesn't advocate profiling, he does say we can't treat a person's ideology as irrelevant.

Instead of approaching the war tentatively, we must be aggressive, offensive and pre-emptive. And while it's fine for us to harbor the hope — however unrealistic — that Islam will reform itself, we must not under any circumstances apologize for who we are and who we are not. And we are not — and don't intend to become — an Islamic

McCarthy is not the garden-variety pundit pontificating about the threat of Islamic jihad based on a plethora of articles or books he's read. He became familiar with the enemy firsthand while directing the historic prosecution he relates in riveting detail in his book.

"Willful Blindness" is not only captivating — it is sobering, even horrifying, shaking us out of our complacency and demanding we face head-on the relentlessness, unscrupulousness and implacably permanent commitment of our enemy to our total submission or destruction.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney. COPYRIGHT 2008 CREATORS

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# \*MVP Bryant leads Lakers past Jazz

By JOHN NADEL

**AP Sports Writer** 

LOS ANGELES — The chants of "MVP, MVP" directed at Kobe Bryant by Los Angeles Lakers' fans have a different meaning now. They represent fact, not just sentiment.

Bryant played like a Most Valuable Player on Wednesday night, getting 34 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and the Lakers beat the Utah Jazz 120-110 to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals and remain the only unbeaten team in the postseason.

Bryant received his first MVP trophy from NBA commissioner David Stern in a brief ceremony before the game.

"I'm at a loss for words. I don't know what to say," Bryant said as the capacity crowd of 18,997 roared its approval. "I love you guys so much. We're going to play until June. Let's get this party started."

The 29-year-old Bryant was a runaway winner, receiving 82 first-place votes and 1,100 points to far outdistance New Orleans' Chris Paul in the voting of 126 media members. The results were announced Tuesday.

The Lakers made their first six shots, and after falling behind 13-12, Bryant scored six points during a 13-0 run that put them ahead for good.

"It's a great day for us today," said Lamar Odom, who had 19 points and 16 rebounds. "We want to protect our homecourt throughout the playoffs. We came here and did that. It was a big win for us."

The series shifts to Utah for Games 3 and 4 on Friday night and Sunday. The Jazz had an NBA-best 37-4 home record this season, but one of the losses was by 11 points to the Lakers on March 20.

In the only other NBA playoff game on Wednesday, Orlando beat Detroit 111-86.

"No expectations, no disappointments," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said regarding his team's upcoming games in

Derek Fisher, who played for Utah last season, added 22 points and Pau Gasol scored 20 for the Lakers, who shot 57.4 percent from the field and went 35-for-43 from the foul line while Utah went 13-of-16.

"We can't foul them," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We've put them at the line 89 times (in two games). That's way too many. That was the difference in the game, free throws."

Seven Utah players scored in double figures led by Deron Williams, who had 25 points, including three 3-pointers in the last 33 seconds, and 10 assists. Paul Millsap 17 points and 10 rebounds, Mehmet Okur had 16 points and Andrei Kirilenko scored 14. Okur and Kirilenko both fouled out in the final min-

Carlos Boozer was held to 10 points — all in the second half. He played less than seven minutes in the first half because of foul trouble.

The Jazz outrebounded the Lakers 58-41 in Game 1, but lost

They won the battle of the

backboards again 41-37, but shot 45-of-101 (44.6 percent) while the Lakers were 39-of-68 (57.4 percent). The 101 shots were the most Utah has taken in a game this season.

"We think it's going to be a different ballgame when we go back home," Williams said. "Hopefully guys can get their confidence back shooting-wise because we still have not had a good shooting game. They played great defense on us.

The Jazz outscored the Lakers 11-4 to draw within five points with just under 6 minutes to

But a jumper by Sasha Vujacic, a 3-pointer by Fisher and a free throw by Gasol extended the Lakers' lead to 105-94 with 4:26 left. Utah wasn't closer than six points after that.

## **RANGERS**

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pitches. I had to trust my fastball." Bedard, who allowed a couple harmless singles through three innings, yielded a one-out single to Bradley in the fourth. With two outs, Brandon Boggs hit a runscoring triple into the leftcenter gap. Bradley scored

easily and Boggs reached the ninth to pick up his third without a throw.

"It was up and probably middle." Boggs said of the fastball. "He was probably trying to do a waste pitch. trying to get me to chase but it wasn't up high enough. I got on top of it."

Bradley hit an 0-1 pitch from Bedard into the leftfield bullpen with two outs in the sixth for his fourth home run.

C.J. Wilson came on in

eighth save in nine opportunities.

The two hits were a season low for the Mariners. It's the second time they have been shutout. It's also the second shutout for the Rangers, both involving Padilla, who threw a comgame against plete Minnesota on April 27.

Notes: McLaren was tossed in the second inning by home umpire Mark Wegner for arguing balls and strikes. It was his second ejection this season. He said Wegner "thought I said something I didn't say." ... Mariners 1B Richie Sexson was a late scratch from the starting lineup because of a personal/family issues. ... Rangers SS Michael Young left the game in the bottom of the first because of injury to

his left hip flexor.

explained. "I liked the Lozano's second-consecutive trip to the state meet. Last year, he finished fifth

> History and experience might be on Lozano's side,

> in the 800, but enters the

race this year with the

third-best time at 1:56.95.

He is the only competitor from last year's event to

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held by formore Buffalo Jeremy Stallings, who won the race in 1993 with a time of 1:49.34.

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## **TRACK**

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Roy does in his events," Helms explained. "Everything finally starting to slow down for Justin and he's narrowing his choices down to colleges between Midland College and Angelo State. He enters the event around seventh, but he's got a shot of at least medaling."

Schwartz takes a lot of pride in being the only athlete representing the

Bearkats in Austin. "It's a big deal to me that

I'm the only guy that's going to be there from Garden City," he said. "I want to win the state title to impress my coach and evervone else back home."

The high jump wasn't Schwartz's choice at the start of the track season, but after finding early success, the event started to grow on him.

"I didn't really care for the high jump at first, but that's what I was told I was going to compete in," he event all right, but I didn't think I was that good at it. Once I started to get stronger in my legs and started having a lot of success. I started liking it more. It's funny how success has that effect on a person."

The competition appears to be wide open on paper. Two of the competitors cleared six feet, six inches to lead the field, but all six of the other athletes. including Schwartz, qualified with a leap of 6-4.

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I spent this week behind the wheel of the 2008 E350 sedan. It has a lot of the performance and handling characteristics of a sports car. It has all of the technology and safety features Mercedes has spent a century perfecting. It also has all the styling, premium appointments

and luxury amenities of a top-of-the-line luxury car.

The five-passenger, rearwheel drive E350 sedan is powered by a very impressive 3.5-liter V6 engine (268 horsepower/258 lbs.ft. torque) mated to a seven-speed automatic transmission capable of a 0-60

> mph time of 6.5 seconds. It has an EPA fuel economy rating of 17 mpg city, 24 mpg highway. E350

consum-BY NEAL WHITE ers also have the option of

four-wheel drive with a

five-speed transmission. There's even a wagon body style available. Since my test vehicle this week was the sedan, that's what we're going to focus on in this review.

With a base price starting below \$51,000, the E350 sedan is absolutely loaded with premium amenities and high-tech features.

Standard equipment includes a glass sunroof with one touch open/close



The 2008 Mercedes E350 sedan

feature, a harmon/kardon LOGIC7 digital surround audio system with a 6-disc CD changer and an auxiliary input for MP3 devices, multifunction steering wheel, 10-way power adjustable front seats with memory settings for the seats, steering column and mirrors, dual zone climate control, electronic cruise control, remote central locking with a smart key, auto-dimming driver and rearview mirrors, tilt and telescoping steering column, integrated garage door opener, intermittent wipers with rain sensor and burl wal-

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While the E350 is a long

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## National and world news

## **Biographer: Country** superstar Eddy Arnold dies at 89

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) A biographer for country music superstar Eddy Arnold says the singer has died at the age of 89.

Belmont University Professor Don Cusic says Arnold died at a care facilnear Nashville Thursday morning. Arnold was just days short of his 90th birthday.

Arnold's mellow baritone on songs like "Make the World Go Away" — a crossover hit on the pop charts in 1965 — made him one of the most successful country singers in history.

He became a pioneer of "The Nashville Sound," also called "countrypolitan," a mixture of country and pop styles.

He was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1966. The following year he was the first person to receive the entertainer of the year award from the Country Music Association.

## First UN flight with relief material lands in Myanmar after delay; 3 more expected soon

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — The U.N.'s World Food Program says one of its planes has landed in Myanmar as part of the first major international airlift of aid to cyclone vic-

A U.N. official says one plane from Italy arrived in Myanmar, and three more will land later Thursday.

She said the planes will bring key relief items including high-energy biscuits and medical kits. The official requested anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the

The planes had waited on the tarmac for the last two days to get the junta's clearance to bring in relief supplies to the devastated

## House to vote on \$15 billion plan for homeowner rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) Strapped homeowners could refinance into government-backed mortgages and states would get money to deal with foreclosed property under Democrats' housing aid plan.

The measures, slated for votes Thursday, constitute the most significant action Congress has taken to date to address the housing cri-

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woes.

President Bush has threatened to veto both measures, which he says reward lenders and speculators. Democrats counter that the bills will head off hundreds of thousands of foreclosures, stabilize the shaky housing market, and prevent neighborhood blight.

The centerpiece of their plan is a bill by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the House Financial Services Committee chairman, to have the Federal Housing Administration relax its standards and back up to \$300 billion in more affordable, fixed-rate loans for borrowers currently too financially strapped to qualify.

Those homeowners could refinance into new loans if their lenders agreed to take substantial losses on the original mortgages. Borrowers would have to show they could afford to make payments on the new loans. They would

sis that's at the center of have to share with FHA at the nation's economic least half of their proceeds if they profited from selling or refinancing again.

## Chinese men seek asylum in US for violating family planning rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Partners of Chinese women who were forced to have abortions are pressing the Supreme Court to make it easier to get asylum in the United States.

The Bush administration is resisting the male partners' efforts to get asylum, even though the Republican congressman who wrote a 1996 asylum law said it was intended to cover men as well as women who are victims of China's controversial family planning policy. There is no dispute that women can seek asylum under the

The justices will consider appeals by two men in the coming weeks.

U.S. courts have taken

varying approaches to claims by Chinese men that they should be allowed to stay in the United States because they have suffered under a policy that generally limits couples to one child.

China prohibits marriage until the man is 22

the government concedes that many people enter into traditional marriages at vounger ages.

Still, authorities sometimes force abortions or sterilization on people who seek to have children even though they are not legally

and the woman is 20, but married or who want more than one child, according to the State Department's most recent human rights report for China, issued in March.

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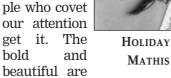
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## **BYHOLIDAY MATHIS**

Mars enters Leo, but being the main act and all, did you really think he'd share the

spotlight with Jupiter? Today, the moon enters Leo, finally (applaud here) the people who covet our attention get it. The bold



impressive, ≡ but it's the wallflowers among us that disarm with charm, and are surprisingly entertaining.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll happily receive small bonuses, like a kind compliment, a card or an invitation. These are precursors to something larger on the way. Tonight, stick with the plan, especially if the plan is simple.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You keep coming back to someone. At this point, you're not sure if it's out of attraction or habit. It just feels right, and that's as good a reason as any to connect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make a list, carry it around with you and check it as you go. It's the only way to stay focused and on track with all of today's shiny distractions in your periphery. If you don't get it all done, stay positive. There's always tomorrow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everything you want is not affordable. But some of it is. You don't have to get everything at once. Decide what to splurge on and what to skimp on -- you'll manage in high style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A show of temper represents a loss of emotional control -not great. But it also shows that you care, which (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) great. You can build from that caring and figure out how to get a relationship back on track. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Career ambitions are so hot that you'll find yourself working when everyone else is playing. The more you do, the more there is to do. The only way to catch a break seems to be to steal one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A purchase you'd like to make forces you to do a quick review of your possessions. Keep the best, lose the rest. It calms you to ponder a question that has no answer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It causes just as much strife in the world to take offense as it does to give offense. The number of offenses taken and given is up today, unless you put on an armor of neutrality before you go into the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're being nudged to let loose. Zany friends or total strangers encourage you to have some fun. It's not as much fun to have fun just because someone is telling you to have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Consistency counts. The small, caring things you do every day mean much more than a sporadic grand gesture. However, if you were to be surprisingly romantic, it would be especially welcome today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're impatient, and it works for you. Since you believe that you don't have time to wait for opportunities to be handed to you, you get busy making things happen for you right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Keep your standards up. Don't let someone change the deal on you. Hold others accountable. When you start to accept less than you really want, that's what you'll get. **ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS:** 

The elements: water. Is there a reason why sun sign astrology always advises water element folks (Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces) to vacation by water? Yes! Water has an affinity for water. Our sun sign element is our elemen-

tal nature, so dipping into one's element puts water signs "in their element" (the same principle can be applied to all sun signs). The thing about water is: it's vulnerable to the conditions in which it's placed. Move a glass of water sharply and it spills. Or watch the ocean's tide rise and fall to gravity's pull. A funny phenomenon of water is how reactive it is to temperature: waiting for a pot to boil water takes so long. But once boiling point is reached, steam is hot! When fully cool, water is slow to warm, like waiting for a swimming pool to warm up after a cool night. Water penetrates everything and anything, seeping through barriers, giving water people secret powers. And water can eventually wear down or smooth any resistance -- even a rock. How do the elements mix? Fire heats water up. Earth brings water structure, like a water glass. Air dries water (think evaporation). Water and water emotionally connect.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Can Bono's music heal the world? Whether listening to or making our own, the music we love draws us into a deep connection and unity. Music also hastens our regenerative and renewing abilities - as the common houseplant (after "listening" to beautiful music) attests. Whether restoring sanity personally or globally, Taurus ponders,"Imagine what a song could do."

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# Annie's Mailbox 🛭

present husband, "Tom," a few months after my divorce, and he's everything I ever dreamed of in a husband. Right now, we live 60 miles apart because of our jobs. Tom will retire next year and wants to live where I am, but he'll need to sell his house. The problem is his 21-year-old son, "Chip," who lives with him.

Chip lives in the basement, which looks like a pigsty. He doesn't work, has frequent parties and trashes the house on weekends when we aren't there. He admits he does drugs, which makes it hard to get a job because of the drug tests. I would throw Chip out and change the locks, but Tom can't seem to go the tough love route.

I refuse to stay in Tom's house because I'm afraid of Chip. The kid has an anger problem, and he shows no respect for his father. Tom actually sleeps with his bedroom door locked and a big board up against it.

Tom says he's afraid if he kicks Chip out of the house, he will demolish the place before he goes. I love my husband, but feel so hopeless. Tom is only 58, but has high blood pressure. I worry all this stress will kill him. How can I help? -- Worried Wife

Dear Wife: Tom should inform Chip that he's putting the house on the market within the year. He can then make it clear that if Chip trashes it, it will lower the selling price, which means less money for Chip in the

Dear Annie: I met my long run, since we assume Dad will continue to help support him. Chip might have enough sense to respond to that, but even if he doesn't, a lower selling price is better than none. Tom needs to set himself free, and his son needs to grow up. All you can do is encourage them both. Dear Annie: I will cele-

brate my ninth year of sobriety next month. Miraculously, I do not have the urge to drink, nor am I uncomfortable around people who do. When placed in the position of having to refuse a glass, I do so by firmly stating that I do not drink. I don't feel the need to elaborate. The problem is my

friend "Sarah." She feels it is her responsibility to "protect" me acquaintances who don't know my history by going behind my back to ask them not to offer me alcohol because I'm an alcoholic. This feels like an extreme invasion of my privacy. It also undermines my authority over the problem and establishes a negative first impression that is completely unwarranted. Sarah disagrees, saying she is simply trying to help me avoid unpleasantness. I say there is a reason why it is called Alcoholics "Anonymous." Your thoughts? -- Proudly Sober

Dear Proudly Sober: Sarah is displaying passive-aggressive behavior. Under the guise of "friendship," she is actually trying to embarrass you. She enjoys the fact that you DICATE, INC.

don't like it. Tell her to stop immediately. Dear Annie: I read

letter the from "Thumbelina," who lost 40 pounds and was having a problem with her appearance.

I lost over 100 pounds and have kept it off for six years. I, too, expected lots of positives for the "new" me. What I got instead was jealousy and suspicion. Women who were once my friends wanted nothing to do with me. My in-laws thought I was going to have an affair.

I have sagging skin, but I use weights to tone up. I have a hard time looking in the mirror, but my husband keeps telling me how beautiful I am. I'd like to tell Thumbelina to keep focusing on the wonderful health benefit of her weight loss. As far as I know, saggy skin doesn't cause heart attacks or strokes. -- Been There, Felt Like That in North Dakota

Dear North Dakota: It took a lot of hard work to get where you are today. Congratulations on keeping a positive attitude.

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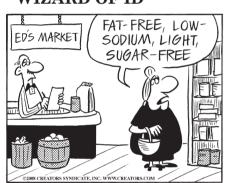




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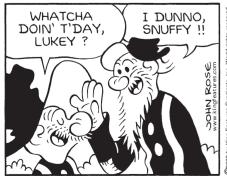
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## **SNUFFY SMITH**





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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 8, the 129th day of 2008. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date: In 1541, Spanish explorer

Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River. In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the

father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror. In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican-American War was

forces led by General Zachary Taylor were able to beat back the invading Mexican forces. In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman,

fought at Palo Alto, Texas; U.S.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima. Peru.

was born near Lamar, Mo.

In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the

Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway. In 1970, antiwar protests took

place across the United States and around the world; in New York, construction workers broke up a demonstration on Wall Street. In 1973, militant American

Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered. In 1978, David R. Berkowitz

pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn court-

room to murder, attempted murder and assault in connection with one of the "Son of Sam" shootings that had terrified New Yorkers. In 1988, science-fiction author

Robert A. Heinlein died in Carmel, Calif., at age 80. Five years ago: The Senate unan-

imously endorsed adding to NATO seven former communist nations: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia. Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. One year ago: The Pentagon

announced that it had notified more than 35.000 Army soldiers to be prepared to deploy to Iraq beginning in the fall. Bitter enemies from Northern Ireland's bloody past joined forces atop a new Northern Ireland government.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 82. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 82. Singer Toni Tennille is 68. Actor James

Mitchum is 67. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 66. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 63. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 57. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 57. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 55. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 55. Actor David Keith is 54. Actor Stephen Furst is 54. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 44. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 44. Country musician Del Gray is 40. Rock singer Darren Haves is 36. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 33. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 30. Actress Julia Whelan is 23.

Thought for Today: "What you see is news, what you know is background, what you feel is opinion." ,Äî Lester Markel, American editor (1894-1977).

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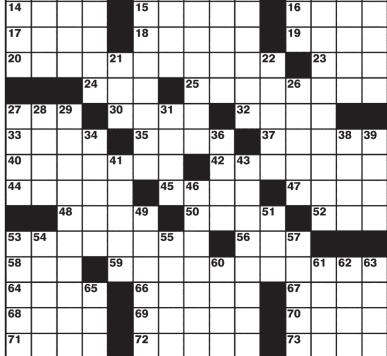
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