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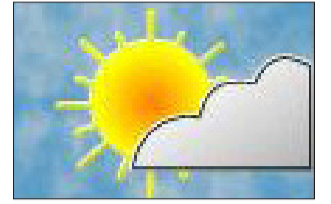
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## Officer no-billed in fatal shooting

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A Howard County grand jury no-billed a Big Spring Police Department undercover officer Tuesday, clearing him of wrongdoing in the April 7 shooting death of local resident Patrick Rios.

Narcotics Cpl. Matthew Hooper

has been on administrative leave while Texas Rangers investigated the shooting that left the 36-year-old Rios dead with a gunshot wound to the neck.

"After reviewing all the evidence, the grand jury determined to no-bill Officer Hooper, effectively closing the investigation and clearing the officer," said District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson.

Hooper, according to Wilkerson, had gone to a residence in the 700 block of Lorilla in his role as an undercover officer.

"The officer was acting in his undercover capacity as far as his responsibilities with the Big Spring Narcotics Task Force," the district attorney said. "Apparently one of the residents

with whom Hooper had established a relationship, Teddy Rios (Patrick's 38-year-old brother), began attempting to provoke the officer into a fight. At one point, the officer felt compelled to draw his weapon. Teddy said 'Oh, you have a gun.' This was overheard by Patrick Rios who came out with a 20-gauge shotgun and confronted the officer with it.

The officer attempted to move around but the deceased continued to track him with the gun. The officer felt he had no choice but to discharge his firearm, which he did three times in quick succession."

Patrick Rios was struck three times with bullets from the

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## Jail size once again splits court

*Commissioners told they can build 144-bed jail for price of 96-bed facility*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

To quote baseball great Yogi Berra, It was deja-vu all over again.

Howard County commissioners found themselves embroiled in a heated argument concerning the construction of a new jail facility during a special meeting Thursday, revisiting the controversy that split the court more than a year ago: Whether to build a 96-bed jail or a 144-bed jail.

Commissioners met with project architect Jeff Heffelfinger and construction manager Danny Butler during the meeting, as the pair delivered good financial news to the court.

"After opening the bids last week, it appears the construction budget for the jail is going to come in at \$1.2 million under budget," said Heffelfinger. "The total construction budget with the bids we

**"We sold this to the people as a 96-bed jail, and I think that's what we should stick to."**



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have now and are locked in for is \$7.8 million. With that in mind, we have some alternate plans we need to consider."

Those alternate plans included building the shell to house an additional 48-bed future expansion of the jail, the construction of cells and other requirements in the shell to complete the addition, and changing the sally port surface from asphalt to concrete.

If the commissioners decided to approve the

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student Kunal Patel, left, is shown after receiving the Presidential Award during the SWCID Awards Convocation Thursday evening. The award is annually presented to the school's outstanding student.**

## Patel receives top honors during SWCID ceremonies

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Kunal Patel received top honors during Thursday evening's Awards Convocation at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Patel, who is specializing in data entry and computer information systems at SWCID, received the Presidential Award, annually presented to the school's outstanding student, during the convocation, held at the SWCID Activity Center.

"The award is the most prestigious

award given by the school," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College. "It is based on academic excellence, participation in student life, leadership in activities and college spirit."

Patel is graduating from SWCID with a certificate in data entry today. He plans to re-enroll this fall to work toward a degree in computer information systems.

During his time at SWCID, he has

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## Polls open at 7 a.m.

*School, city elections set for Saturday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local election officials are hoping a strong showing in Saturday's municipal and school district elections will help offset early voting totals that failed to break the 1,000 ballot mark.

With polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom said she's hoping to see a stronger turnout on election day.

"The early voting totals were just pitiful," said Bloom of the 843 ballots collected during early voting. "There are 13,000 registered voters in Howard County who are eligible to cast a ballot in this election, and we didn't even bring in 10 percent in early voting. I was really surprised to see that, considering the nature of the bond election the Big Spring Independent School District has on the ballot."

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## Trustees mull 'walk the stage' issue

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Perhaps, more Big Spring High School seniors will be able to "walk the stage" later this month.

During their regular monthly meeting Thursday night, Big Spring school trustees considered a change in policy that would allow students who have not met all state graduation requirements to participate in commencement

activities.

Currently, all Big Spring High School seniors must meet all state and local graduation requirements — including passing all portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test — before they are allowed to participate in commencement ceremonies. They would not be graduates, but no distinction would be made during commencement.



Downes

Under state laws, students cannot receive a diploma unless they meet all state requirements. But local districts can allow students to participate in commencement even if they don't meet all criteria. These students would receive a "certificate of course completion" rather than a

diploma.

The reason trustees are considering the change is that more seniors — statewide as well as locally — are falling short of graduation requirements. Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes said more than 50,000 students statewide — including almost 20 locally — are at

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### IN BRIEF

#### Crossroads softball and baseball playoffs TODAY

**Regional Quarters**  
Big Spring softball vs. Frenship in Andrews playing a best-of-three series. Game 2 is 2 p.m. today with a third game taking place 30 minutes following the second game, if needed.

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

**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. today. 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 and 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 Dora Roberts 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.

or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

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

## Frenship no-hits Lady Steers in Game 1

### Big Spring loses 5-0, Frenship takes 1-0 lead in 3-game series

By JONATHAN HULL  
Herald Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Every sport takes mental preparation and according to Head Coach Jennifer Reyes, the Big Spring Lady Steers completely lacked that preparedness in a 5-0 loss to Wolfforth Frenship's Lady Tigers Thursday night in Andrews in what was the first game of a Class 4A regional quarterfinals best-of-three playoff series.

"We've been playing so well in the playoffs, but we come in here and see Frenship on our opponents' jerseys and lose ourselves," Reyes said. "I knew whoever scored first in this game would have a big advantage. Everything for us against Frenship depends on us scoring first. If we do, then the girls believe they can beat Frenship. If we don't, then they think they can't beat Frenship because of who they are."

For two innings, the Lady Steers thwarted any Frenship offensive attack, but one big and, according to the Big Spring coaches, controversial hit changed the complexion of the game.

The Lady Tigers had runners on

first and second with two outs when Meagan Low belted the ball down the third-base line for a triple, driving in both runs. Reyes argued that the hit was actually foul as the umpire standing near third came close to raising his arms to indicate the ball was out of play, but hesitated at the last moment, giving Frenship a key hit.

"Once they got up on us then we got down," Reyes said. "We didn't have it in our minds that we could come back."

The Lady Steers put 11 runners on base, but not a single one came via a registered hit, giving Frenship pitcher Bekah Piersall a no-hitter. Four Lady Steers reached base on balls, four made it on Frenship fielding errors, one was hit by a pitch and two got on via a fielder's choice.

Big Spring gave up three more runs — all unearned — in fifth inning on two errors and a hit.

Kelly Sage took the loss, allowing five runs — two earned — on six hits while striking out three batters. Sage was also the Lady

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Lady Steers shortstop Desiree Yanez throws a Frenship runner out at first in the sixth inning of the Lady Steers' 5-0 loss in Game 1 of a Class 4A regional quarterfinals best-of-three playoff series Thursday in Andrews.

## Bulldogettes win 3-1, advance to region semis



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogettes second baseman Laci Sterling bunts in softball action from April 15 in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes advanced to the Class 2A regional semifinals with a 3-1 win over Kermit's Lady Yellow Jackets Thursday in Andrews.

### Coahoma holds off Kermit in regional quarterfinals matchup

By JONATHAN HULL  
Herald Sports Editor

ANDREWS — In either softball or baseball, great pitching combined with good defense will win championships.

Those are the qualities that were exhibited by the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball team Thursday night as the defending Region I champs held off a pesky Kermit Lady Yellow Jackets squad, 3-1, in a Class 2A regional quarterfinals playoff game in Andrews.

Heather Newton pitched a one-hit shut out to garner the win and Coahoma's defense played solid in all but one inning.

The two facets actually complimented each other. Generally, when Kermit's batters did make contact with one of Newton's pitches, Coahoma's fielders gobbled them up. However, two fielding miscues in the sixth inning — one on a lazy flyball that fell in shallow right field between two Coahoma defenders and a throwing error by Newton herself — allowed a run to score.

Unfortunately for the Lady Jackets, they were

already down 3-0 before scoring a run and Newton settled down, striking out the next three batters. The Coahoma sophomore ace finished the game with 13 strikeouts and gave up just one hit.

"Heather pitched much better than she did last week," Bulldogettes Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "She had good stuff."

At the plate, the Bulldogettes had a difficult time solving Kermit pitcher Brittany Heiser, who allowed three earned runs on just five hits.

"Their pitcher threw a good game and they played good defense behind her," noted Tadlock. "I knew they weren't as bad as they played against Coleman. We really came out and did what we had to do to win. I wish we wouldn't have given up the errors that gave up the run, but it breaks that way sometimes."

Coahoma only made a threat offensively in two innings. In the second, Coahoma loaded the bases with one out and, two batters later, Newton came through with a 2-RBI sin-

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## Rangers' shut out Mariners second straight time

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kason Gabbard threw an eye-high pitch at Richie Sexson. That was it for the Mariners 6-foot-8 first baseman.

He charged the mound, sparking a fourth-inning brawl in Texas' 5-0 win over Seattle on Wednesday night.

"I'm 6-foot-8. He can hit corners at will," Sexson said. "6-8 and all of a sudden he's up that high? I'm a huge target. How hard is it to hit me? Hit me in the back or thigh. Up near my face is no good."

"I've been in the game a

long time. I've been hit on purpose before. But it's been the right way. You go to first. It's part of the game. You know how it works."

Ian Kinsler hit a two-run homer and then got hit by a pitch, setting up the fourth-inning scuffle.

When Sexson charged the mound, he flung his helmet at the 6-foot-3 Rangers starter. Both benches cleared, but no punches were thrown. Sexson was ejected.

"If you look at the replay, Gabbard was nowhere near Sexson's head,"

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AP photo/Kevin P. Casey

Texas Rangers pitcher Kason Gabbard is tackled by Seattle Mariners first baseman Richie Sexson (44) after Gabbard threw a pitch close to Sexson in the fourth inning of an AL baseball game in Seattle Thursday.

## Obituaries

### Bobby E. 'Fuzzy' Schooler



Bobby E. "Fuzzy" Schooler, 71, of Paint Rock passed away Tuesday at Concho County Hospital in Eden.

Mr. Schooler was retired from Williams Energy and worked for Concho Services. He attended Hardin Simmons University and Angelo State University and also served in the U.S. Army. He married Berna Cockrum in July of 1960 in Seminole. "Fuzzy" was a wonderful husband and father. He loved camping and fishing and above all spending time with his family and grandchildren, who

he loved dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Berna Schooler of Paint Rock, his mother-in-law, Bernice Cockrum of Ballinger, three sons, Steven and wife Holly Schooler of Austin, Michael and wife Diann Schooler of Fort Collins, Colo., and Ken Schooler of Paint Rock. One brother survives, Benny Lloyd Schooler of Stephenville. He left behind five grandchildren, Rashae Martinez, James Schooler, Kenneth Jack Schooler Jr., Mary Schooler and Derek Schooler and two great-grandchildren, Jared and Kymarie.

Family visitation for "Fuzzy" Schooler will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2008, at Heritage Family Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Paint Rock with burial to follow in the Paint Rock Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger.

www.heritagefamilyfuneralhome.com

*Paid obituary*

### Valerie May Garcia



Valerie May Garcia, 20, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at her residence. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass was at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 30, 1987, in Big Spring to Mary and Vaudelio Garcia. She attended Big Spring schools and was a homemaker. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Alexis Garcia and Arianna Rios, both of Big Spring; one son, Daniel Rios Jr. of Big Spring; parents, Mary and Vaudelio H. "Vilele" Garcia of Big Spring; four brothers, Edward Fierro and his wife Esperansa and Vilele Garcia III and his wife Priscilla, all of Big Spring, John Paul Fierro and his wife Monica of Wichita Falls, and Michael Fierro and his wife Casada of Roscoe; two sisters, Sabrina Fierro and her husband Anthony and Monica Lopez and her husband Johnny, all of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews; and maternal grandmother, Geneva Martinez, and paternal grandfather, Vaudelio Y. Garcia, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Juan Martinez; her paternal grandmother, Maria Gloria Garcia; and her unborn son, Angel, who died with her.

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

### Maria R. Martinez

Maria R. Martinez, 98, of Coahoma, died Friday, May 9, 2008, in a Sterling County nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickles & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## 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.

• 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.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

## Police blotter

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

- SHIRLEY JUNE CROSS, 66, of 1307 Mulberry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 200 block of Johnson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1200 block of Austin.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- JERRY EUGENE FRASIER, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication of a minor — third or more offense, enhanced.
- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
- THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of harassment and criminal trespass.
- MELISSA ANN PEARSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.
- CHARLES BRANDON BERWICK, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a Dallas warrant.
- MONICA MONIC MARTINEZ, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of speeding, violation of a promise to appear and bail jumping — failure to appear.
- CHARLES BRANDON BERWICK, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a Hardin County warrant for release of surety — unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- DAVID FRANCO, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear — child support.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Abrams.

## Weather

Tonight, Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday, Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night, Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

Sunday, Mostly sunny. Not as warm. Highs around 80. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night, Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

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

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

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

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

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

## Bulletin Board

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

### MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

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

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## VOTE

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Voters in the Big Spring Independent School District will have to choose whether to approve \$34 million in construction projects, including a new elementary campus to house all students in grades 2 through 4, new science labs and a roof at the high school and minor renovation work at Moss, Kentwood and Marcy elementaries.

Voters are also being asked to decide a pair of Big Spring City Council races. District 1 incumbent Stephanie Horton faces challenger Marcus Fernandez, a unit manager with Cornell Correction's Cedar Hill Unit, while District 3 councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup is being challenged by John "Huck" Huckabee, owner of Huck's Automotive.

Bloom said there will be four polling places for Saturday's contest.

"Anyone voting in the BSISD elections will cast their ballot at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum," said Bloom. "There are some voters who live inside the city limits of Big Spring and within Forsan Independent School District. Those voters, who are represented by the District 3 seat on the Big Spring City Council, will also vote at the coliseum, where the FISD races will also be on the ballot. Voters living inside the Coahoma Independent School District will cast their ballots at the Coahoma Community Center, and Forsan voters who do not live within Big Spring city limits will report to Elbow Elementary.

Coahoma and Forsan ISDs feature contested trustee elections, with seven candidates vying for three spots on the Coahoma school district board of trustees. Incumbents Mike Blissard and Dale Coates are joined on the ballot by Power Resources technician Patric Robinson and First Bank of West Texas official Lori Martinez in the race for two at-large seats on the board. Also, Kirk Allen, Cindy Fowler and James Sanders are running for the one-year unexpired term of former trustee John Wayne Metcalf. Allen is a railroad conductor, Fowler is a retired educator and Sanders is employed by a local correctional facility. The Forsan ISD race features five candidates seeking one of three at-large seats. Beckie Wash is the only incumbent seeking re-election and she is joined on the ballot by Timary Rosenbaum, an employee at CDR Properties, Tim Ballard, a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, Courtney Ballard, a truck driver, and firefighter Glenn Graves. In Stanton, voters are being asked to approve a \$9 million bond issue, which will finance construction of a new science wing, auditorium and tennis courts at the high school, along with an eight-classroom wing at the elementary campus. "We're ready for Saturday. I just hope we get a better turnout. I've got my fingers crossed," Bloom said with a laugh. For more information on the election, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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# Parker, Ginobili lead Spurs to Game 3 win

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili, voted the league's top reserve this season, didn't have his usual downtime at the start of the first quarter on Thursday night.

The super sixth man instead got his first start of this postseason, and the San Antonio Spurs harnessed his energy early against the New Orleans Hornets and avoided going into what has historically been an insurmountable hole.

Ginobili and Tony Parker scored 31 points apiece to lead the defending NBA champions to a 110-99 Game 3 win in the Western Conference semifinals. New Orleans still has a 2-1 series lead.

"Going down 3-0 would have been really difficult — obviously," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We played for 48 minutes for the first time in the series, and it got us a win."

Game 4 is Sunday night in San Antonio.

In the other NBA playoff game Thursday night, Boston beat Cleveland 89-73. Home teams are 10-0 in the four conference semifinal series.

No NBA team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit, and Ginobili and the Spurs knew it.

"Today, for us, it was a Game 7," said Ginobili, who along with Parker consistently got to the rim. "We knew if we didn't win today, it was almost over. So we had a different approach. We played with more passion, more

edge."

Chris Paul, still almost unstoppable, led the Hornets with 35 points and nine assists. David West had 23 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans, which was dominant in the first two games of the series.

"We can't let them dictate how we're going to play. The first two games we didn't do that," West said. "We just can't let them dictate how we're going to play. We have to be willing to go out and just play with what's going to give us some success."

Tim Duncan had 16 points and 13 rebounds for San Antonio. Tyson Chandler scored 12 for the Hornets.

After trading leads all night, Ginobili led a Spurs charge early in the final quarter. Left alone,

he hit an open 3 and was fouled by Bonzi Wells. Ginobili's free throw put San Antonio up 87-82, and another 3 by Ginobili 38 seconds later made it 90-84.

New Orleans got within 90-88 before the Spurs took over, playing out the fourth quarter better than they've played all series.

"I don't think there's cause for us to panic or anything like that," Paul said. "We understand what we did. We're just going to go to the drawing board and get this thing right."

San Antonio went on an 11-0 burst to take a 101-88 lead with 5:57 to play.

The Spurs couldn't stop Paul, but West missed three of four free throws and the Hornets got no closer than 10 points in the latter half of the quarter.

The Spurs outscored the Hornets 27-21 in the fourth with Parker and Ginobili combining for 17 points.

Peja Stojakovic, the Hornets' 3-point sharpshooter, was held to eight points on 2-of-7 shooting while being guarded by San Antonio's Bruce Bowen.

"Chris is going to score regardless. He's got the ball in his hands every single time. Every single play it's Chris Paul," said Parker, who had 11 assists. "He's going to score. So we decided to put Bruce on Peja and at least hold somebody down, because Peja was killing us."

The Hornets took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter before the Spurs evened things and started the

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# Red Wings roll by Stars, 4-1, in Game 1

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Nicklas Lidstrom has seen the Detroit Red Wings at their best, helping them win three Stanley Cups in a six-year stretch.

After Detroit drilled the Dallas Stars 4-1 in the Western Conference finals opener for its seventh straight win, Lidstrom said the Red Wings are as dominant as ever.

"I think it's very comparable to some of the teams we had back in the '90s," the five-time Norris Trophy winner said Thursday night.

It didn't take long to see the Red Wings were still rolling, not rusty, playing for the first time since sweeping the Colorado Avalanche.

"It's been a week and we were really anxious to get back into playing," Lidstrom said. "Keeping a lot of focus on that and

talking a lot about it I think really helped the team to set the tone early on."

Power plays helped, too.

Johan Franzen, Brian Rafalski and Tomas Holmstrom took advantage of Dallas' penalty-filled start, helping the Red Wings lead by four goals in the second period.

The Stars couldn't recover.

They simply looked tired.

Dallas advanced past the San Jose Sharks in one of the longest games in NHL history — ending Monday morning in a fourth overtime — after playing three other OT games in the series.

"It looked like we lacked a little emotion or jump we had in the other series," Marty Turco said.

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AP photo/Paul Sancya

Detroit Red Wings center Kris Draper (33) checks Dallas Stars center Mike Ribeiro (63) into the boards during the second period of Game 1 of the Western Conference hockey finals in Detroit, Thursday.

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Steers most effective batter, reaching base three of the four times she went to the plate.

The two teams each committed four errors in the field, but Frenship was able to take advantage of Big Spring's mistakes.

"They were more opportunistic. They scored five runs on very few hits," noted Reyes. "I can't think of more than three hits they had offhand. Kelly pitched a very good game. She gave up one big hit that was questionable and we committed errors behind her."

Sage will get the start again in Game 2 which is scheduled for 5 p.m. today in Andrews. Frenship was unsure of who it would put in the pitcher's circle. A third game, if needed, will

be played 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

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officer's .357-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Wilkerson said the wounds were "fairly consistent" with someone pointing a shotgun at the officer.

"There were two wounds to the left hand, which was

holding the pump portion of the shotgun. The first was between the thumb and forefinger. The second wound went into the back of Rio's left hand and came out of his thumb," said

Wilkerson. "The third shot went through his neck and turned out to be the fatal shot."

Wilkerson said it is routine in the case of an officer-related shooting death

that a grand jury hears the case.

"If the officer is no-billed, it brings to a close the cloud that might be over that officer. If the grand jury indicts, then we know

we need to take that officer to trial," he said.

Police Chief Lonnie Smith said this morning that Hooper has been returned to active duty.

**JAIL**

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first two alternate plans, at the end of construction the county would have a completed 144-bed jail and still manage to come in approximately \$300,000 under the bond-funded project's overall budget.

"This bid amazed me," Butler told the court. "I was shocked at the bid prices. You'll never get an opportunity like this again. You'll never be able to make the 48-bed addition that cheap again. The numbers are good. I haven't seen numbers this good in a long time."

Heffelfinger echoed Butler's sentiments on the project's budget, saying it was "a good problem to have."

"It just makes sense to go ahead and build the additional bed space," said Heffelfinger. "If you go with the 96 beds, you're looking at \$111,000 per bed by the end of the project. If you go with the two alternates and make it a 144-bed jail, you're going to be paying \$80,000 a bed. That's a 30 percent difference in cost. If you were to come back five or six years from now and add those 48 beds on, even at today's prices,

you would be looking at \$2.5 million to \$3 million."

And while the idea of getting a 144-bed facility at the same cost as a 96-bed jail might seem like a fiscal dream come true, tempers flared between members of the court over how to handle the possible expansion.

"We sold this to the people as a 96-bed jail, and I think that's what we should stick to," said Commissioner Gary Simer, who, along with County Judge Mark Barr, was opposed to the construction of a 144-bed jail when the option was brought to the court more than a year ago.

On the other side of the fence, Commissioners Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore vehemently support the 144-bed option, an idea the pair also supported when the court first began looking at building a new jail more than three years ago.

"It looks like a no-brainer to me," said Kilgore. "We can still come out of this more than \$300,000 under budget. Right now it seems like we're doing everything we can to keep people out of jail."

Crooker agreed, saying the county's efforts to keep the jail population low for cost purposes may not be in the best interest of the people.

"It seems like there are a lot of people walking around on bond that shouldn't be on the streets," said Crooker.

Barr said the move would put the county "in the jail business," and could put a strain on county coffers in the long run.

"You still have the cost of an additional jailer and we're already having a hard time getting them to come to work for us," said Barr. "You also have to cool and heat the additional space, even if you're not using it. Do we really want to get into the jail business? I think we need to take a good, hard look at that."

"There's something you all need to know. I spoke with county judges in several areas, including Winkler, Reagan, Bailey and Upton counties, and they all say the same thing. They say they are having problems keeping their jail full. People keep telling us if we build it, they will come, and that's just not true."

Heffelfinger said the heating and cooling system planned for the jail is "zoned," giving the administration the option to suspend heating or cooling in different areas of the jail if they aren't being used.

"You can't allow the temperature in those rooms to drop

below 40 degrees," said Heffelfinger. "That's to protect the sprinkler system from freezing. However, other than that you could zone out an area if you needed to."

Kilgore cited meetings between the county and federal agencies currently looking for jail space for inmates, but Barr and Simer remained unconvinced.

"I'm against it," said Barr firmly.

Crooker shot back almost immediately.

"You said you supported a 96-bed jail when you ran for office, and you're simply not going to go back on that," said Crooker heatedly.

Heffelfinger said the court will need to make up its mind quickly if its going to act on the bids.

"I don't want the court to feel like we're pressuring it, but these bids are only good for 30 days," he told commissioners. "We can't require them to hold it any longer than that, and on Monday steel is going to jump 15 percent. If we wait until May 15, these bids — and the savings — won't be any good."

Barr said he was reluctant to make a decision without Commissioner Emma Brown, who was forced to leave the meeting shortly after it started

due to illness.

"We have a member of the court missing," said Barr, "and this is a very big decision. If we give you an answer Monday morning during our regular court meeting, will that be in time to keep the bids?"

Butler said if the decision was made Monday morning, he was hopeful he could keep the bids locked in.

"I will tell you this, if you decide not to finish out the additional 48 beds, I wouldn't even build the shell at this point," said Butler. "This is a very cheap opportunity to get a 144-bed jail. That's my opinion on it."

Heffelfinger stressed to the court he and Butler have nothing to gain from the addition of the 48 beds, having both already been locked in to contracts.

Also, commissioners approved re-bidding several items in the construction budget.

"I'd like to re-bid the fencing, the sprinkler system and the laundry equipment," said Butler. "The prices we received are just way too high. I feel like we can get some better prices if we re-bid it."

Commissioners are to render a decision on the jail size Monday during their meeting at 10 a.m.

**SWCID**

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been a SWCID Diplomat, a resident advisor in the dormitory and has been active in the Adventure Club, Student Government Association and other activities.

"He is an outstanding student, typically going above and beyond the basic classroom requirements, and is well-respected by faculty, staff and fellow students," Sparks said.

SWCID held commencement exercises this morning at the Activity Center. Graduation ceremonies for Howard College will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Listed below are the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students who were honored during Thursday's Awards Convocation:

**Presidential Award** —

Kunal Patel. **International Student Scholarship** — Kunal Patel.

**Phillip Waldrup Scholarship** — Kunal Patel.

**Dr. P.W. Malone Scholarship** — Lori Whitfield.

**American Legion Award** — Lori Whitfield and Michael Singleton.

**Chamber of Commerce Award** — Malia Goddard.

**Alice Haynes Rotary DLT Scholarship** — Scott Frazier.

**Sherrie Baird Scholarship** — Michael Singleton.

**Who's Who** — Bethany Ahrens, Krysha Bearden, Tracy Dimalanta, Alma Estrada, Malia Goddard, Dimerie Gonzales, Desiree Hayes, Candace Joyce, Jason Kendrick, Elena Lehrmann, Meghana Limaye, Kunal Patel, Charles Reyes, Eful Sam and Jennifer Skelton.

**Individual Awards**  
Bethany Ahrens — out-

standing biology student.

Ernest Alvarez — most improved GAT student.

Tran Anderson — outstanding math student; outstanding reading student.

Amy Barber — most improved GAT student.

Daniela Bernal — most improved GAT student.

Brian Blakeley — SWCID resident advisor, Fall 2007.

Timothy Bland — SGA president.

Alma Estrada — outstanding student in office administration.

Scott Frazier — outstanding English 0311 student, outstanding English 0321 student, outstanding math student.

Albert Fuentes — outstanding welding student.

Amanda Garcia — outstanding reading student, SGA secretary.

Marissa Gaston — BSM servant.

Raymond Harland — outstanding introduction to welding student.

Robyn Hawkins — most

improved GAT student.

Desiree Hayes — outstanding second year ITP student.

Robert Herring — outstanding effort in studies, English 0311.

Lesli Holderby — outstanding reading student.

Barbara Holguin — BSM servant.

Augustine Interrante — outstanding reading student.

Jason Kendrix — outstanding humanities student, outstanding student in computer information systems.

Curt Lang — great attitude and support in reading.

Elena Lehrmann — SWCID Diplomat, Fall 2007.

Meghana Limaye — outstanding student in computer-aided drafting.

Logan Lofgren — outstanding reading student, outstanding English student, outstanding math student, most improved GAT student.

Khurram Malik — out-

standing GAT student.

Yvonne Nkera — outstanding GAT student, outstanding reading student.

Shawn O'Neill — most improvement in reading student.

Kunal Patel — SWCID Diplomat, 2007-2008.

Salima Pivarali — outstanding reading student, outstanding student in office technology.

Charles Reyes — outstanding math student.

Eric Robinson — outstanding student in office technology.

Shane Rowland — SGA vice president.

Michael Singleton — outstanding speech student, outstanding reading student.

Jennifer Skelton — BSM

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**BSISD**

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serious risk of not meeting state requirements for graduation.

"This really all boils down to how you feel about the TAKS test," Downes told trustees. "There are 51,000 seniors in the state of Texas who are in danger of not graduating because they haven't passed one or more portions of the TAKS."

TAKS tests are getting harder because passing standards have continued to rise the past few years, a trend that will continue.

Although the change, if approved, would allow more BSHS seniors to participate in commencement, there is a catch.

"Every year at com-

mencement, we certify the seniors as high school graduates," Downes told trustees. "If we change the policy, we would not be able to do that anymore, because not all of them would be graduates."

During the last reporting period, 17 BSHS seniors still had not passed all portions of the TAKS, Downes added.

In other business, trustees approved:

• "Grow your own" speech therapist contracts with BSISD teachers Tonya Graves and D'Carla Mata. Graves and Mata will receive up to \$21,000 in tuition, fees and books from the district to help

them receive master's certification as a speech therapist in return for three years service to BSISD once their coursework is completed.

• The following resignations: Reuben Chance, junior high band director; Shannon Chance, Goliad band director; Jennifer Reyes, high school teacher/coach; Riley Armstrong, junior high assistant principal; Lelia Renteria, Marcy teacher; Debbie Porter,

Marcy teacher; Vanessa Conatser, junior high teacher; Yolanda Villalobos, junior high teacher/coach; Lorrie Walker, Washington teacher.

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# Nationals end Houston's five-game win streak

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Two Washington Nationals players who don't get much playing time made the most of their opportunities.

Willie Harris and Rob Mackowiak homered to help the Nationals beat Houston 8-3 Thursday night and end the Astros' five-game winning streak. They were two of four reserves in the lineup as manager Manny Acta rested some of his starters.

John Lannan (3-3) allowed seven hits and one run in six innings and the Nationals snapped Houston's eight-game winning streak at Minute Maid Park. The Astros averaged 7.3 runs and 11.5 hits in their previous eight

home games.

Lannan bounced back after giving up six runs in three innings in his last start against Pittsburgh.

Austin Kearns had a two-run single off Brandon Backe (2-4) as the Nationals won for the third time in their last 15 road games. Backe had a career-high nine strikeouts, but lost for only the fifth time in his last 21 decisions at home.

Nick Johnson hit an RBI double in the first inning and Harris, making his seventh start of the season in center field, homered to right in the third to make it 2-0.

Miguel Tejada and Lance Berkman singled to lead off the Astros' fourth and both tagged up on Carlos Lee's fly out to center.

Tejada scored Houston's only run on Hunter Pence's infield single.

Berkman and Lee led off the sixth with singles, but Lannan got Pence to ground into a threat-killing double play.

"I'm a little disappointed, but I give the kid on the other side a lot of credit," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "He had command of his fastball and he threw it down in the strike zone. That gave him a lot of ground balls, because he kept the ball down."

Acta liked what he saw from Lannan, even though he struggled to find the strike zone at times.

"That last inning, he had to work himself out of that jam," Acta said. "He worked a 'Houdini' just to work out of that one. The

double-play ball was probably the hardest hit in the whole game."

Backe led off the Astros' fifth with a single, giving him four hits this season, tied for the team pitchers' lead with Roy Oswalt.

Tim Byrdak relieved Backe to start the seventh and pinch hitter Aaron Boone led off with a double.

Harris popped out and Cristian Guzman hit a hard liner back at Byrdak. The pitcher fell down as he caught it, then threw to second to double up Boone, who was already breaking for third.

Darin Erstad pinch-hit for Byrdak in the seventh and Mackowiak made a spectacular diving catch on his drive down the left-field line.

Mackowiak was Erstad's teammate with the Chicago White Sox last season and joked that he felt bad for robbing his friend of a hit.

"I'm not saying you never want to take it from your buddy," Mackowiak said, "but I know he'd do the same. He wouldn't have given it to me, either."

Ryan Zimmerman singled off Oscar Villarreal in the eighth and eventually scored on a wild pitch. Kearns walked and one out later, Mackowiak hom-

ered to left, his first since last July. Mackowiak was making just his fifth start of the season, but his third since April 30.

"It's been a lot easier to be in there once every three days, once a series," Mackowiak said. "When you do get in there, you feel like you are ready. You feel a lot better about yourself."

Houston scored twice in the eighth off Luis Ayala. The Nationals added a run in the ninth off Wesley Wright.

## STARS

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Turco took the brunt of that as Detroit scored on two of its first seven shots.

"Whether it's fatigue or whatever, we just weren't at the level we needed to be," coach Dave Tippett said.

After Valtteri Filppula put the top-seeded Red Wings ahead 4-0, Brenden Morrow scored with a minute left in the second period to prevent the fifth-seeded Stars from getting shut out.

"We had a good two or three shifts to start the game," Morrow said. "But then the ice got tilted the other way."

Game 2 is Saturday night at Joe Louis Arena, where Stars goalie Marty Turco is 0-8-2 in his NHL career.

Turco, who made 27 saves, was serenaded with

jeers of "Turrr-co! Turrr-co!" by fans early and often.

But Tippett tried to deflect blame for the blow-out.

"A lot had to do with the team in front of him," he said.

Detroit's Chris Osgood turned away 20 shots, improving to 7-0 as a starter since replacing Dominik Hasek in Game 4 against Nashville.

"It's a myth that you get rusty when you get time off," Osgood insisted.

Dallas upset the defending Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks in the first round and then topped the second-seeded Sharks after starting both series with two road wins.

The way the Franzen-led Red Wings are playing, they're going to be tough to beat in any rink.

"I'm not worried about how the Red Wings played. I'm worried about how we

played," Dallas coach Dave Tippett bristled. "That's a game that wasn't even close to the games we played in the playoffs."

Franzen's 12th goal extended his team post-season scoring record, and the player known as Mule matched another club mark by finding the net for a fifth straight game. Gordie Howe pulled off the feat in 1949 and '64. Ted Lindsay scored in five consecutive games in 1952.

"I don't think about those records right now, maybe I'll look back on it after the season or when I quit playing," Franzen said. "I don't want to be mentioned with them. I still want to look at myself as a hard worker out there."

Franzen has 15 points in 11 playoff games, tying Jaromir Jagr of the already-eliminated New York Rangers. He is the first player to score 12 playoff goals since Rob

Brind'Amour did for Carolina in 2006.

Notes: Dallas did beat Detroit at something, signing Swedish free agent Fabian Brunnstrom after he was wooed by a handful of NHL teams. ... The Stars were without Philippe Boucher (hip) and Stu Barnes (concussion). Detroit had two banged-up players in the lineup: Chris Chelios (lower body) and Filppula (leg). ... The Red Wings are 3-0 in three postseason matchups against Dallas, most recently winning the 1998 conference finals en route to hoisting the Stanley Cup for a second straight year with Osgood in net. ... Faces in the crowd included Jason Giambi and Johnny Damon of the New York Yankees, who start a series against the Tigers on Friday. ... While in goal for the Michigan Wolverines, Turco was 18-5 at Joe Louis Arena.



By Steve Becker

## Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Diamond, and the next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ KJ84 ♥ Q963 ♦ 72 ♣ 985
2. ♠ 63 ♥ 82 ♦ Q654 ♣ AQ974
3. ♠ 85 ♥ KJ75 ♦ AQ642 ♣ 83
4. ♠ KQ98 ♥ AQ74 ♦ — ♣ KQ632
5. ♠ 98752 ♥ AJ6 ♦ Q5 ♣ AK8

1. **One heart.** With six or more high-card points, you must respond to partner's opening bid, so the only question is what to say at this point. The usual practice is to respond in the lower-ranking of two four-card suits when at the one-level, and there isn't any reason not to do that here.

The one-heart response leaves room for partner to bid one spade next, thus allowing the partnership to find a fit in either major suit on the one-level. A response of one spade would prevent the partnership from locating a heart fit at less than the two-level, and might easily result in not finding the heart fit at all.

A response of one notrump would be wrong in that it would violate a cardinal principle of bidding, namely, that the first aim is to seek a major suit fit.

2. **Two diamonds.** This shows six to 10 points and at least four-card trump support. It is more important

to identify the diamond fit and the point-count range than it is to bid two clubs, which would neither reveal the diamond fit nor accurately describe the number of points you hold.

3. **One heart.** This hand is too strong for two diamonds and not good enough for three diamonds (forcing). The heart bid not only investigates the possibility of a fit in that suit, but also has the advantage of putting the response in the wider six- to 16-point range. You hope that this temporary ambiguity can be clarified later after partner rebids over one heart.

4. **Two clubs.** The search for a trump fit is begun by bidding the longest suit first. You intend to bid hearts and spades at your next two turns, if feasible, and thus identify your 4-4-0-5 pattern. Mentioning clubs before bidding the other two suits tells partner that the clubs are greater in length. If the suits were each four cards in length, they would be bid in the regular order — cheapest suit first.

5. **One spade.** While this hand lends itself to notrump play and might therefore suggest a response of two notrump, it is better to investigate the possibility of game in spades first. Notrump can always be bid next time if partner can't support your suit.

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## COAHOMA

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gle to center, allowing KaySea Spiller and Joanna Gonzales to score. However, the Bulldogettes left the bases juiced when the inning ended.

Leading 2-0, Coahoma didn't hit the scoreboard again until the fifth inning, Krista Kerby led off the inning with a walk. Kerby eventually moved to third base on a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice over the next two batters. With two outs, senior third baseman Christie Rich came through with a grounder that took Kermit shortstop Natalie Porras onto the right field grass. Rich was able to beat out Porras' throw, allowing Kerby to score from third in the process.

Still, Heiser, who registered no strikeouts, and the Kermit defense stranded seven Coahoma base runners in the game.

"Sometimes you're going to have games where teams make you work for your runs," Tadlock said. "That's why I tell the girls we have to be good defensively. Offense comes and goes, but our defense will show every day."

Newton finished 1-for-4 at the plate and led the Bulldogettes with two RBIs. Rich was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Kerby was 2-for-2 with a walk and a run score and is batting 1.000 after two playoff games, going a perfect 6-for-6 at the plate.

Coahoma plays the winner between Shallowater and Denver City. The two potential opponents commence a best-of-three series tonight. No official arrangements have been made with either opponent as to a date, time or loca-

tion, but Andrews is once again a strong possibility according to Tadlock.

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## OUR VIEWS

# We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Those who participated in last weekend's Cinco de Mayo Festival at Heart of the City Park. It is important that we celebrate our heritage and this annual celebration is a great way to do it.

- West Texas Centers for MHMR on its Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Fun Run and Walk at Comanche Trail Park. Like its name says, the idea is not to just focus on our physical health, but mental well-being also. It's a very popular and fun event.

- Hats off to the Big Spring Kennel Club on another successful dog show. These shows require an extensive amount of work to put on and yet this club keeps them free to the public. It's an annual activity that brings visitors to our city from a large area.

- Our congratulations to the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students who graduated today, Howard College students graduating today and to the LVN, and dental students being pinned this week. We wish you the best!

- Those of you — and according to the county elections administrator there aren't many — who have taken the time to vote in the Big Spring Independent School District bond election and/or the various school trustee and city council elections during early voting. Remember, voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at various polls. Please take the time to vote.

- Leadership Big Spring graduates 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; Mike Holm, Cornell 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. Good job, folks!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our enthusiasm spark for You, Lord.

Amen

# Great ideas and other epiphanies

Every now and then a great idea will hit me like a lightning bolt. I love the feeling of epiphany. It's that rush you get when you go, "Yeah that's a great idea!" Sometimes that feeling is short-lived because what seems like a great idea doesn't actually work out that great. I hate it when that happens.



TROY BREWER

### Bats in the Belfry

My ongoing battles with the hated "tree-rat," otherwise known as squirrels, have caused me to realize many false epiphanies throughout the years. One time, one was laying in the back yard and I thought it was dead. My Great Dane sat next to it, so I assumed she had chewed it up and spit it back out. The epiphany to investigate soon turned into a nightmare. When I kicked the repulsive creature, it came alive and ran up my leg and literally onto my back. My children saw me running across the yard screaming and trying to get it off of me. They laugh about it to this day. Never mind the fact I could have gotten rabies. It may not have been rabid, but merely possessed.

There is also the time I decided to run the squirrels out of my attic with firecrackers. A new offensive from the army of tree-rats had required a tactical increase in arsenal. It was a great idea and seemed smart, but the operative word before cracker is "fire," and I quickly found out that fire does not belong in the attic. I banged myself up and cracked the sheet rock trying to extinguish the short-lived blaze. My wife was not impressed, and the tree-rats mock me to this day.

### Epiphanous Maximus

I like the whole idea of the word "epiphany." In its literary sense, the term "epiphany" refers to an occasion when a person is suddenly overtaken by a moment of great insight. Originally, the word had a religious connotation and I think that's where it best belongs.

A great example of a Biblical epiphany is when Paul had his startling vision on the road to Damascus. It's when you experience a sudden burst of "God-clarity," and you see things the way you are supposed to.

I had a true Epiphany about 22 years ago. It was a real download of God's voice into my life. As clear as an East Texas lake, somehow God conveyed a message to my heart, and I was overtaken by the truth of the love of Jesus Christ. For me, it was like a small atomic bomb went off and I have never been the same since.

Not once have I been disappointed with that epiphany, and it wasn't the last time God would completely redefine my life. Throughout the years as God progressively reveals Himself, there have been other redefining moments that changed me in every way I could be changed.

One such event was 13 years ago when I really began to believe that God wanted to use the Brewer in full time-ministry. We started feeding the poor, and it turned into the church that we now call Open Door Ministries.

### It's a Great Idea to Reach Out

There have been a lot of things I wish I could go back and do differently, but one thing that we have stuck to our guns on is the life-changing revelation that God loves poor people. I am really not a bad preacher, but I have seen many more lives changed through handing somebody groceries than I have

from behind the pulpit. Some of my greatest sermons have not made near the impact as putting new shoes on a little boy's feet has.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is best received when fully demonstrated through the selfless giving of the church that is preaching Jesus. (You might ought to cut that out and hang it up somewhere). That is a revelation I wish most of us Christians could get.

If you are somebody who would like to reach out to the poor around you, I bet we can help you. If you know people who need help or perhaps an elderly person who needs good groceries, don't wait for somebody else to help them, you can make that difference.

If you live within driving distance of Joshua and need help in giving food to your area's poor, please contact us at Open Door. Not only are we a church, but we also host the Johnson County Food Bank. We give away more than a million pounds of food and several million pounds of non-food items every year. If you are interested in helping somebody, we are interested in helping you do it. Call us at 817-297-6911 or visit us on the World Wide Waste of time at www.opendoorministries.org.

Maybe you don't need any help in helping somebody else, but you just need encouragement to do it. This is your wake-up call. You are blessed to be a blessing and set free for freedom's sake. Show that freedom to somebody else, and make the world a better place to live in.

*1 Corinthians 2:4  
And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*

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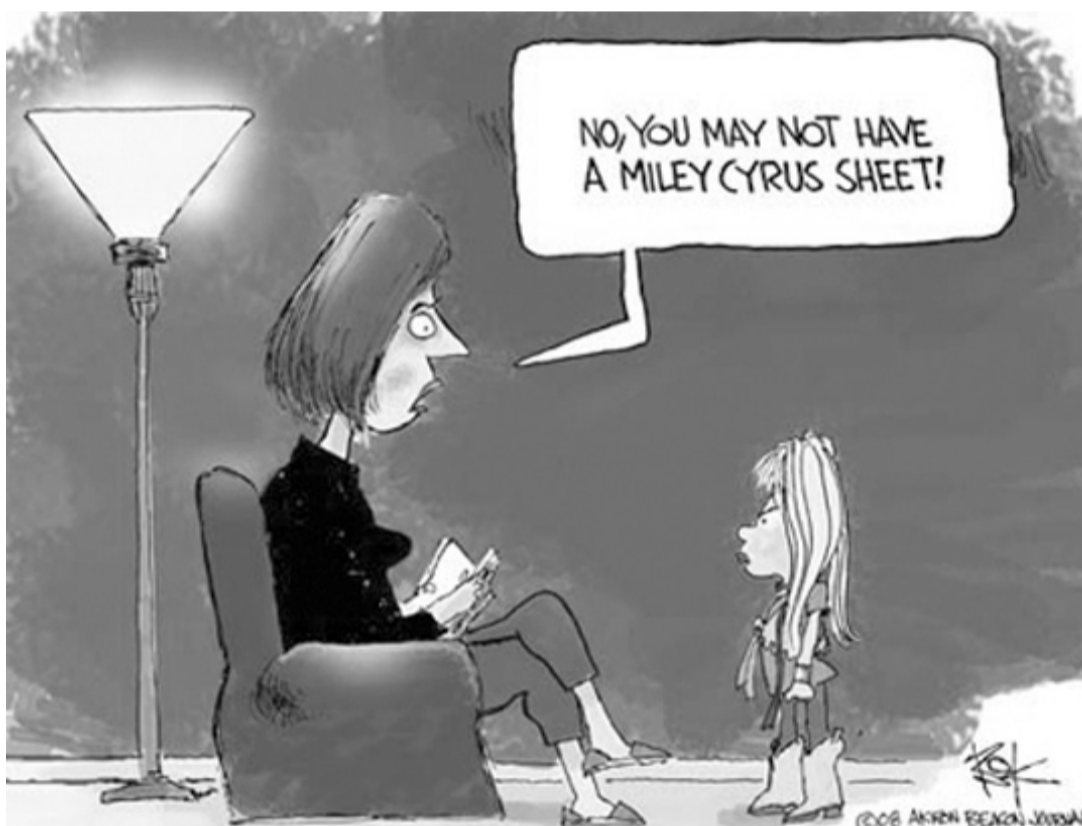
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# Insurers should provide what they sell

Stealing remains illegal unless you happen to be a provider of health insurance whereby you can do pretty much whatever you want without explanation. No other business would be able to sell a service then decide when, if, how and at what cost they provide that service.

The basic concept of health insurance would seem to be that you pay the insurance company every month and, in exchange for that cash, they cover the cost of your care should you fall ill. Unfortunately, what actually happens is that you pay every month and then, if you get sick, someone who is not your doctor gets to decide if treating you makes fiscal sense.

One would assume that buying health insurance would mean that should your doctor want you to have a treatment, the insurer would be obligated to pay. Of course, we all know that's not true as having health insurance only guarantees that it's possible the insurer might cough up the cash. It's just as likely that they will refuse to pay or demand you follow a treatment plan different from the one your doctor wants.

If giving you the care or medicine you need fits in with their bottom line then you get it. If it doesn't, your doctor might be able to plead your case or he'll be forced to turn

to whatever methods the insurance company will actually pay for.

Health insurance companies also get to change the rules whenever it suits them. Even though I have prescription drug coverage, that coverage actually only covers an ever-changing list of medicines that may or may not include what I need to take.

Since each insurance entity has its own list, no doctor could possibly know what he can safely prescribe to his patient without resulting in a denial of coverage. My insurer has repeatedly refused to pay for the medicine my doctor thought would work best for me, resulting in my taking a number of second or third choice drugs.

Recently, however, I became the victim of an even more clever scam as two months into the calendar year my health insurance provider decided to drop my \$250 prescription drug deductible and raised my co-pay. They presented this as if they had somehow lowered costs for me without in any way acknowledging me, or the many like me, who had already met our deductible for the year.

Though I have already paid my \$250, which previously would have met my obligation for the year and dropped my drug co-pay to \$10, they decided I must now pay \$15 each time I pick up a prescription. This might be nice for people without any recurring prescriptions, but I, like many folks, take multiple maintenance drugs and pay off the deductible in the first month of the year.

This odd loophole enabled theft

occurred because my insurance company issues plans on a calendar year basis but my company's plan gets renewed in March. This means we operate under the terms of the previous year for two months before new ones get imposed.

Using this quirk in the calendar to their own sneaky advantage allows the insurer two months to collect any money they want before deciding what deductibles to raise, lower, eliminate or make so confusing that fear stops people from going to the doctor anyway.

Clearly, the insurance company knew the change to my deductible was coming and, at least, they should have informed me before January.

Realistically, they should return a pro-rated portion of my \$250 deductible subtracting the added \$5 per prescription they now charge. Since "fair" and "health insurance" go together as often as "politician" and "straight answer" I'm not exactly sitting by the mailbox waiting for my money.

While the aforementioned politicians pontificate about universal health care perhaps they should pay some attention to those of us who buy coverage but still lack coverage. A clear schedule of fees, covered procedures and other rules should not be too much to ask and it does not seem unreasonable to expect to get health insurance when you pay for health insurance.

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SPURS

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second quarter down 23-21.

While Bowen was successful in containing Stojakovic in the first half, West and Paul, the stars of Games 1 and 2, were let loose and shot a combined 14-of-21.

Chandler dunked alley-oop passes from West, Paul and Wells in the first half, each time quieting the raucous Spurs

crowd that took to booing both the officials and the Hornets.

The Spurs led by as many as four points in the second quarter after Michael Finley hit a corner 3 to give San Antonio a 41-37 lead.

After Parker hit a jumper with 49 seconds to play in the first half, Stojakovic and Morris Peterson each hit 3s to leave the Spurs down 56-49 with 23 seconds left. But Bowen hit a 3 and Ginobili hit a buzzer-beating jumper to bring San Antonio within 56-54 at halftime.

Duncan was quiet in the first half with just five points as New Orleans' double-teams continued to hamper him.

The Spurs did not break down in the third, as they did in Games 1 and 2 when New Orleans took control. Duncan, Parker and Ginobili scored all but three of San Antonio's 29 points.

But the Hornets wouldn't go away. Paul scored 11 points in the quarter, and late in the period he hit a highlight shot when he flipped up the ball as he spun around and put his back to the

basket. He was fouled for the three-point play to bring the Hornets within 77-76.

Celtics 89, Cavaliers 73

At Boston, the Celtics got contributions from all of its Big Three and now have a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Paul Pierce scored 19 points, Kevin Garnett added 13 with 12 rebounds, and Ray Allen had 16 points. The Celtics trailed by 10

points in the first quarter but took control in the third.

Pierce was 2-for-14 from the field in Game 1 and Allen didn't score, missing four shots.

LeBron James had another poor shooting night for the Cavaliers. One game after going 2-for-18 from the field and missing his last six shots, including a layup to tie the game with 8.5 seconds left, James missed his first three shots and finished with 21 points.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Cleveland.

RANGERS

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Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I guess he was a little frustrated and things got out of control.

"Sexson overreacted. If we wanted to hit him, we would have hit him. He caused the melee, not us."

Gabbard was not ejected, but was removed two batters later with what appeared to be a leg injury and relieved by Franklyn German (1-0), who pitched 1 2-3 innings.

Gabbard, who had just come off the disabled list gave up just two hits in 3 2-3innings. He and German combined with Jamey Wright, Eddie Guardado and Frank Francisco to shut out the Mariners for the second night in a row, after a 2-0 win on Wednesday. Seattle hasn't scored in 22 straight innings.

"I'm sure it all came to a head right there," Sexson said. "It's no secret we haven't scored any runs for a while. It's no secret we haven't lived up to our potential for a while."

Washington's main objection to Sexson's charge was that Sexson threw his helmet, hitting him in the back before pouncing.

"I thought that was bull," Washington said. "How tall is he, 6-13? Then you go out there on a little guy and throw a helmet?"

Felix Hernandez (2-3) struggled with his control through five innings, allowing four walks and six hits.

Hernandez was among the more animated players during the melee. He had to be restrained by three players, including former Mariner Guardado.

"It was the heat of the moment. Things happen like that. I was just trying to be a peacemaker. I'm too old to be throwing punches at anybody," Guardado said. "It was kind of fun cause you get the blood going. Now you play some good baseball."

Notes: Ramon Vazquez had four hits, including a sixth-inning RBI double. ... Seattle OF Brad Wilkerson, designated for assignment on April 30, was given his unconditional release Thursday. ... Mariners DH Jose Vidro missed his third straight game with back spasms. "He's feeling better but he's not even close to 100 percent," manager John McLaren said. "We're just taking it day by day." ... Rangers SS Michael Young, who left Wednesday's game in the bottom of the first because of injury to his left hip flexor, was held out. ... Before the game, Gabbard and infielder Travis Metcalf were taken off the DL. LHP A.J. Murray was optioned back to Class AAA Oklahoma City and 1B Ben Broussard was designated for assignment.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 1

Kevin Youkilis and the Boston Red Sox asserted themselves against a fellow contender. Not that the Detroit Tigers put up much of a fight.

Youkilis hit his third homer in two nights to help Boston to a 5-1 win

over the Tigers on Thursday night, wrapping up a four-game series with its sixth win in seven games.

Boston took three of four from the Tigers, sending them to their sixth loss in seven games. Youkilis hit three homers at spacious Comerica Park to give him eight there in his career. He doesn't have more than two at any other park away from home.

Leyland took some solace in the Tigers' approach against Boston's ace. Josh Beckett struck out eight, getting career No. 1,000 along the way.

Justin Verlander (1-6)

gave up five runs on nine hits in six innings. He struck out five, but allowed Youkilis' two-run homer in the fifth and Jason Varitek's two-run single and Jacoby Ellsbury's sacrifice fly in the second inning.

In Thursday night's other AL games, it was New York 6, Cleveland, 3; Chicago 6, Minnesota 2; and Baltimore 4, Kansas City 1.

The Red Sox (23-14) are starting to make noise in the AL East, where the only other team above .500 is Tampa Bay (18-16). New York lost two of three to Cleveland and was swept

by these same Tigers last week.

Yankees 6, Indians 3

In New York, Jason Giambi, Johnny Damon, Robinson Cano and Wilson Betemit homered and Mike Mussina won his fourth straight start.

Mussina (5-3) went five innings for his 255th career victory. Joba Chamberlain pitched an easy eighth and Mariano Rivera closed for his ninth save.

Cano's homer finished Paul Byrd (1-3) in the seventh and Betemit, subbing for the injured Alex Rodriguez, met reliever

Masa Kobayashi with a drive over the center-field fence.

The Yankees tied a season high with their four home runs.

White Sox 6, Twins 2

In Chicago, Jermaine Dye homered for the third straight game and Juan Uribe added a go-ahead two-run drive in the fifth.

John Danks (3-3) made it through five innings, giving up six hits and two runs, and Chicago won for just the second time in nine games.

Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire returned after

missing five games following the death of his brother, but his first game back was an abbreviated one. He was ejected for the 37th time in his career and first time this season in the sixth inning by plate umpire Doug Eddings after a double steal by the White Sox.

Orioles 4, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Daniel Cabrera threw a three-hitter to remain perfect against Kansas City, Nick Markakis backed him with a three-run homer, and Baltimore snapped a five-game skid.

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# Church News

## Community-Wide Recital

The First Presbyterian Church at 701 Runnels St. in Big Spring invites you to attend a recital by gifted organist Michael Mitchell, to be held in the church sanctuary Saturday, May 17 from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dress is casual. Everyone is welcome!

## First United Methodist Church

This Sunday as we worship the Lord and affirm our faith together, we will honor our mothers and give thanks for them. Dr. Jim Smith, interim pastor, will preach at both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. His sermon series on Jesus' Self Portrait is titled "You Say That I Am A King," based on John 18:28-40.

Monday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will have the official grand opening of HATS, Hope After the Sadness Ministry sponsored by the American Cancer Society, First United Methodist Church and Warren Chiropractic Center. Dedicated as the Shane Brue Cancer Ministry, HATS wants to help those affected by cancer in their struggle to find all resources available to them. This ministry maintains a free HATS room with hats, wigs and head coverings available for checkout by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatments. You are invited to welcome this vital resource center to our church and this community.

Be sure to sign up in the church office if you want to order a CD of the Children's musical, "Simon Says". It is certainly worth seeing again; it was a thrill to see our children in such a professional presentation of God's word in a way to be appreciated by all ages.

This Sunday, Brent and Relay For Life team members will be rattling that jug one more time as we prepare for the big Relay May 16. Please be generous to our team as we all join to remember Shane. Remember that we will

honor our graduating seniors with a covered dish dinner Sunday, May 25. Seniors are reminded to set up their display tables in Garrett Hall prior to the dinner. See Brent for any additional information.

Sunday will be a special time of worship at First Methodist as we give thanks to God for our mothers and for his great love upon which the promises of heaven stand. Won't you join us? Our church buildings are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets.

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

Pastor Michael Willard and the Cornerstone Covenant Church family would like to invite you to our "Friends and Family" day worship service.

Dr. George A. Bell, senior pastor of Greater Ideal Baptist Church, will be the speaker, Sunday May 25, at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served. Doors for this service will open at 3:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a ministry that has "One Heart; One Vision: Connecting the Cross to the Community." We are located at 706 E. 12 St. Wednesdays at 6 p.m. we offer adult Bible studies, as well as college, youth, children and nursery ministries. Dinner is also served.

Sunday's worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are provided. For more information, call Michelle, church secretary, at (432) 264-0015.

## College Baptist Church

Senior citizens were honored in the morning worship service Sunday, May 4, with the King's Men and the adult choir performing special music.

For the evening worship, church members and friends enjoyed a picnic in the park. The fun began at 4 p.m. with games for all ages. Then everyone enjoyed a meal of barbecue with all the trimmings,

followed by outdoor worship.

The VBS Cake Auction is scheduled May 18, following the evening worship. Men will be baking the cakes. This will be a time of fun and fellowship.

Our softball team will meet Lighthouse May 13, at 9 p.m. Serendipity will meet Monday, May 19.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8-12. Orders for VBS T shirts should be turned in to the office by May 11.

## First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and Spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we offer coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with our music minister, choir and musicians offering a mixture of contemporary and traditional music sure to uplift your soul. This is followed by our pastor teaching scripture-based lessons. Children's Church is offered for ages 4-12 and begins at 10 a.m., each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall except the first Sunday of the month.

Wednesday nights, adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive instruction in the sanctuary by Kim Shafer on "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life," authored by Gregory Frizzell. For the youth, there is "Youth Explosion!" with pizza/fellowship, praise and worship, Biblical message addressing hot topics in the "Salt Shaker." And children have a great time earning Christian badges with our Caravan program in the Fellowship Hall.

Do not miss our garage sale in the gym Saturday. If you would like to donate items for the sale, call the church office.

Senior Recognition Sunday will be May 25 at 10 a.m. during morning services, followed by a senior swimming party later that evening.

And, it's never too early to start planning for children's camp at Camp

## Advertising our rough spots

"Bumps ahead," the road sign read. "Bumps next 1,000 feet" Sure enough, there were tire-bouncing, teeth-rattling bumps in the road ahead. And at 70 mph in heavy traffic there was no way to avoid them. In an effort to soften the bumps, I tightened my grip on the steering wheel and focused on the tar patches and potholes as they disappeared underneath my car, and after losing his place several times in the novel he was reading, my husband looked up to see if the problem was something in the road or my driving ability.

When the jolting stopped and the bumps faded into the distance behind us, I couldn't help wondering why the Texas Highway Department had advertised the bumps instead of repairing the damaged roadway. I'm sure the answer had something to do

with available funds and scheduling priorities, but the fact remained that the warning signs didn't help at all. The rough road would have been just as rough with or without the bump signs.

Sometimes we as Christians approach our rough spots in the same way. We advertise them instead of fixing them. We try to justify our flaws by saying, "That's just the way I am and I can't change." Quick tempers, sharp tongues, judgmental attitudes, and any number of other harmful, human imperfections go uncorrected because it is easier to post warning signs about our behavior than to change it.

However, the Scripture admonishes us to use a different approach: If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 KJV) Advertising sinful behavior doesn't change it any more than posting a bump sign lessens the impact of the bump, but confession allows God to remove our bumps, smooth out our rough places, and repave us with a more desirable surface.



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Arrowhead in July.

The Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will be May 18 at 2 p.m.

Call our church office for details at 267-7015. God is waiting to bless you!

## Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's Church at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available at all Sunday services. Wednesday evening prayer service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. For further information, call 394-4655.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Working Women's Bible Study is changing its

May meeting to Thursday, May 29, at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. Helen Glass is leading Lesson 9 from the book of Ruth.

Those responsible for the "Take Ten" fellowship time between Sunday school and worship this month are Pam Morgan (May 4), Katie Grimes (May 11), Pat Fleming (May 18) and Kay Kennemur (May 25). Come in and share food and fellowship for a few minutes between 10:35 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Midweek activities — Bible study at 5:17 p.m., youth group from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m.

The adult/youth Sunday school class has begun a new series by Ray Vander Laan, titled "Faith Lessons on the Early Church." In this study, Vander Laan takes his students to locations in Israel and Turkey, from which the early church, on fire with the

message of Jesus, literally changed the world.

Sunday is a big day at First Presbyterian. We will acknowledge Mother's Day with the rest of the nation. We have also designated it as the day to honor our high school graduates. They are Samantha Boehringer, Amanda Caskey, Caitlin Jones, Roger Kauss, Meredith Morgan, Lauren Sage, and Courtney Schaedel. This is Youth Sunday; the youth group will be in charge of the worship service.

On the church calendar this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, remembering the birth of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The 2008 theme is "You send forth Your Spirit." (Psalm 104) We will take a special Pentecost offering, which goes to help make God's love present and support

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You deserve a factual look at . . .

## "One Land for Two Peoples"

### Is it a solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict or a recipe for disaster?

For decades, the declared thrust of the Palestinians has been their desire of having their own state — in Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and in the Gaza Strip. Now, a new idea has taken hold and is propagated in national media: a binational state, encompassing those territories and "Israel proper." The slogan is "One Land for Two Peoples."

#### What are the facts?

**Review of history:** The Arabs have launched four major wars against Israel, at the end of which Israel remained in possession of all the lands west of the Jordan River, the undivided city of Jerusalem, the vast Sinai, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip. In what was in all likelihood a major act of folly, but in order to attain peace with Egypt, Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt. But the peace with Egypt is the coldest imaginable.

Thus, having been unable to defeat Israel in war and unable to wear it down by their "intifadas," the Arabs had to think up something new in order to destroy Israel. And they did indeed come up with something. According to the late and unlamented Yasser Arafat, the most important weapon of the Arabs is the "Arab womb," the motto being: "If we can't defeat them in war, let's outbreed them." And that is exactly what would happen if there ever were a "binational" state. There can be little doubt that, within a generation or less, the Arabs would have outbred their Jewish fellow citizens and would have become the majority in the country. They would thus have accomplished what they were unable to attain by any other means, namely the destruction of the Jewish state.

**Artificial countries:** With the exception of Egypt, all the countries of the Middle East are artificial creations. After World War I, England and France carved up the Ottoman Empire, with England retaining what are now Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Iraq, and France being in possession of what are now Syria and Lebanon.

In 1917, the Balfour Declaration, proclaimed by the British mandatory power, established all of Palestine — east and west of the Jordan River — as the reconstituted homeland for the Jewish people. This was ratified by the 52 countries of the League of Nations. Insistence that these are Arab lands and that the Jews are "occupiers" is a notion that

is fairly new. But it has been repeated so often and for so long that most of the world has come to believe it. But it has no basis in fact at all. It is a myth.

If Israel were ever to consent to the creation of a binational state, how would it work out? To get the answer, one only needs to go next door to Lebanon. In order to provide a safe haven for the Maronite Christians, the French carved out the

artificial state of Lebanon. Within just one generation, the population ratio had begun to change in favor of the Muslims. Strife broke out, which ultimately culminated in a bloody civil war that lasted for close to ten years and in which scores of thousands died. Can anybody really believe that, given the mortal hatred of the Muslims against the Jews, things would be any different in

Israel/Palestine? Of course not! A bloody civil war would be the inevitable result.

**Created as a Jewish state:** Israel was created as a Jewish state by the will of the nations of the world and by the brain and brawn of the Jewish people. There is no reason why the Israelis would turn their country over to those who are their declared mortal enemies. Do the Turks plan to establish a binational state with the Kurds (or do the Iranians or Iraqis, for that matter)? Do the Spaniards consider a binational state with the Basques? Do the Chinese propose the formation of a binational state with the Tibetans? Of course not. Why, therefore, should Israel even consider sharing its country with those whose never-changing agenda is its destruction? Why should Israel, one of the most advanced countries in the world in virtually every field of endeavor, make itself hostage to those who live in backwardness and ignorance and who are guided by religious fanaticism? Israel was founded to be the Jewish homeland and it will never acquiesce to its own destruction by allowing itself to become a binational state.

A binational state is a non-starter and, realistically, a Palestinian state in any portion of Judea/Samaria and Gaza (even in the unlikely case that the Israelis were ever willing to concede it) would not be viable. What then is the possible solution to this enduring problem? The Palestinians, just as the over one million Arabs now living in Israel with full rights as citizens, could be part of Israel, with full autonomy and with their own internal governance (something that the Kurds would give anything to attain). If they were unhappy with that solution they would be at liberty to migrate to any of the over twenty Arab countries that, one would hope, would welcome them with open arms.

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# Club News

## Retired teachers meet

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers met at Howard College April 21, in the Cactus Room.

Some of the delegates to the State Retired Teachers Convention gave reports on the convention. More than 800 retired school personnel and guests attended the meeting in El Paso. An important proposal to change the state conventions to biennially and to designate Austin as the permanent location was introduced. This will be studied for a year by an ad hoc committee, which will report its findings at the 2009 state convention in Waco.

The books to be distributed to all Howard and Glasscock County first graders are in and ready to be delivered. Volunteers took boxes for each school and will arrange the deliveries. The Book Project has been our yearlong effort to give every first-grader in those two counties a free book. During the year several memorial gifts in honor of deceased members have been received for the effort.

Hollis McCright, Howard County librarian, spoke about war quilts, which were made during the Civil War by the North and South. She told about the construction and

distribution of the quilts by individuals and groups, and the smaller size so they could be used more conveniently by camping soldiers. Mrs. McCright is a member of Home of the Brave, an organization that has made quilts for soldiers in Desert Storm, the Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq. The quilters meet at the Howard County Library.

Our next meeting will be the last one until August. Officers for the 2008-2009 year will be installed. We always want any interested person to attend our meetings, have lunch with us and see what we are about.

## Keep Big Spring Beautiful

The May 5 meeting of Keep Big Spring Beautiful was held in the Cactus Room at Howard College. President Debbie Wegman presided and Kathryn Wiseman gave the invocation.

Walter Ward discussed the courthouse planting with 35 people helping, including both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The project is progressing well.

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf welding class will build an arbor and we will plant vines to cover the arbor.

Gloria McDonald told about the Arbor Day tree planting in city park. Walter Ward, Pat

Simmons, Loyce Phillips, Todd Darden, Paschal Odom and Gloria helped with the planting. Tito Drummond of Wal-Mart announced that their employees will plant a tree at the spring in May.

Pat Simmons gave a glowing report of the trash-off. Some 6,160 pounds of trash was collected with 341 people involved, including 120 helpers under the age of 18. Pat said that trash barrels in the park were painted by Walter Ward, Paschal Odom, Fran and Lee Emerson and Pat. Pat added decals.

Willia Ledford's church, Baker's Chapel, has adopted Martin Luther King as their spot.

Jan Hansen filled us in on the successful golf tourney. Nancy Foster helped get sponsors from some companies helping with the cleanup at the refinery. They were Conex and Shaw. Some of the hole and prize sponsors were Alon, KBST, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Red Mesa. There was a good turnout of players.

Debbie Wegman announced that KBSB was awarded Gold Star status by the state association, a great honor.

Future plans include the state conference in June, a flea market in the mall June 28, helping with collecting at Pops in the Park and having a booth at the county fair.

## Woman donates kidney to her former English teacher

ELWOOD, Ind. (AP) — Twenty-two years after graduating from high school, Angie Collins is now her former English teacher's favorite student.

Collins, 40, donated her kidney this week to Darren Paquin, who teaches English at Elwood Community High School, where she graduated back in 1986.

Collins' husband, Dean, said she offered Paquin one of her kidneys after she learned that Paquin was experiencing kidney failure.

Collins, a mother of three, and Paquin underwent the transplant surgery Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Collins is scheduled to head home on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Collins said she thought and prayed for about two months over whether she would offer to donate one of her kidneys to Paquin, who was her high school instructor in speech and composition.

## CHURCH

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ministries for children at risk, youth, and young adults. The choir will honor Pentecost with the anthem "There Is a Redeemer" by Melody Green and the offertory anthem "Hymn to the Holy Spirit" by Craig Courtney.

The lectionary for Pentecost Sunday is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you are looking for a church home we invite you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. A nursery is provided. If you would like a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Children's Church is during Sunday morning worship for ages 4-9.

The ladies are preparing for the mother-daughter banquet. Regina Krieg of Cisco will be the speaker with the topic being Patterns For Life.

We wish all mothers a very happy Mothers Day. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, will host another Frolic at 7 p.m. Saturday at the church Social Hall.

Anyone wishing to share a talent, whatever it might be, is invited. Those wishing to be spectators are invited as well. A light supper will be served.

Sunday at 11 a.m., the congregation will gather in the sanctuary for worship services with Tom Koger, commissioned lay pastor, preaching.

Lectionary for Pentecost Sunday is Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35b; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will hold their meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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

This Sunday, Pastor Miller will be speaking from the book of John where Jesus is telling of God's love to all people and of God's appointing Him, Jesus, as His representative on earth. Jesus tells of the love and salvation each of us can receive, if we only follow His direction and believe in His father.

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

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## East Fourth Street Baptist Church

This Sunday the men of East Fourth will be cooking and serving breakfast for the Mothers of the church. Thank you guys for showing your love and respect for the ladies on Mother's Day.

We are excited our revival is finally getting here. We are having a Prayer Walk May 9-10. We've added extra time slots to accommodate the individuals wanting to come and pray for the revival. The revival begins at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, May 11. The weekday services will be at noon with a meal, Monday through Wednesday, as well as 7 each evening. Please join us in this time of worship and preaching of the Word of God.

Our evangelistic team



Courtesy photo

The Keffers will be in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at the East Side Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

will be Allen Burchanek, evangelist, and David Garrett, musician/evangelist. Don't miss Monday night. Come hear Allen's awesome testimony of how he survived a refinery explosion in Pasadena in 1962. Come hear how he was saved by fire.

If you are looking for a church home we welcome you to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St. Our Office is located behind the church at 410 E. Third and our phone number is 267-2291. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our services are as follows: Sunday — Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; mission classes at 5 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. — Wednesday, adult prayer/Bible study, youth Bible study/music and children's Backdoor Bible study/music — Saturday, men's Bible study, 7 p.m.

## East Side Baptist Church

Come join us for a special day set aside for Moms, at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday. We will pay tribute and honor to each mother present.

Wednesday, May 14, we

will present at 7 p.m. in concert, "The Keffers." This is short notice but we believe these folks will bless your heart, with their sweet spirit and great

sound. May 17 we will have a huge camp fund-raising garage sale in our fellowship hall.

We always have something going on at East Side;

come be a part of the fun.

## Midway Baptist Church

We would like to invite you to come and join us in our worship services. This Sunday we will be having a special service to honor mothers with a special message, music and gifts. Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m. and then worship service begins at 11 a.m.

The RAs, GAs, CIAs and Youth meet at 5 p.m. Sunday before the evening worship service that begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights are also full of worship and fellowship. We have a church wide fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. and then the children and youth meet at 6 p.m. The adults have a Bible study and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

Life is a chess game for Jupiter in Capricorn, moving backwards today for the next five months. Fortune-seeking demands a winning strategy, so wisely chart your next move. A second influence, Mars, dashes into expressive Leo today with flair. Some of us are stylishly hamming it up; others are romantically chivalrous. Talk about drama!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You don't rely on others to provide you with emotional security. Still, a little more tenderness, respect and attention is a nice surprise today. It comes from an unexpected direction.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're smart and you're sane, seeking other smart and sane individuals to do business with. It's not usually a tall order, but right now omens seem more determined to amuse you with bizarre touches.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can't count on public adulation, patronage or support -- the public is fickle and sometimes difficult to read. However you can count on influencing others to join your thinking, one person at a time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have impeccable taste and don't mind sharing advice. The one thing you can't stand though is when someone steals your tasteful idea and tries to pass it off as his or her own. Try and recognize this as flattery.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You keep visiting a place in your imagination where the future and past mingle and interchange. You may know more about what you said yesterday and what you'll look like next year than you do about the present moment.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love is listening and remembering. When

you're feeling distracted, bring yourself back to notice what your dear ones are saying. The details, especially having to do with time and place, are crucial.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People spouting passionate opinions can be downright scary to you. Not everyone can be as diplomatic as you. Your presence in a situation neutralizes the charged atmosphere.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're headed toward the unknown again. Normally you'd try to find out as much as possible about your destination, but you wisely realize now that preconceived notions will only keep you from experiencing the full scope of fun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're wary of someone who has a record of getting off track. Keep a watchful eye on this one now and be ready to intervene. You won't be the only one looking out.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your ideas are strong. The right people may not be around just yet to notice and acknowledge them, and this is a blessing. You have more time to work out the kinks.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll need to convince someone of something. Decide one thing you're willing to fight for, and let the rest go. You wouldn't want to squander your influence on the small stuff.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The people who share your living space with you, even if it's only part-time, have an enormous effect on the place. You'll be arranging and rearranging, trying to strike a balance that works for all.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: By effortlessly, generously sharing joy with the

world, you embody it. And someone occupies the center of yours. TAURUS: No one knew you felt that way -- maybe not even you. Embrace an opportunity to share your feelings. GEMINI: Travel and romance are linked. Even a change of local scenery proves a breath of fresh air. CANCER: The planets support mixing and co-mingling among friends. Oh, how brightly you shine. LEO: You're impossibly irresistible and just as hard to ignore. And that's the way you like it. VIRGO: Your judiciousness is a gift. Yet it's your gentle acceptance that brings peace that passes all understanding. LIBRA: A lively, refreshing interaction compels you to become more intimately involved in the lives of others. SCORPIO: You look great from a distance. But up close and personal, you blow them away. SAGITTARIUS: Have a grand adventure together, or plan one. You're just jazzed by the thought. CAPRICORN: Keep it simple with your sweetheart: focus on the simplicity of the present moment. AQUARIUS: Loved ones hit a nerve or a high note; your graciousness dictates how you receive them. PISCES: Make beautiful music together by inviting a talented someone to contribute to your oeuvre.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Leo and Taurus, rock star royalty. How do they roll? Leo cultivates a signature style, Taurus seeks out substance. Leo turns up the volume on the radio (and Taurus turns it down). Leo goes for the glory, where Taurus will take fortune over fame any day. But what seem obvious differences are merely stylistic ones, for when two distinct styles merge into one, they're harmoniously layered -- like music.

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Dear Annie: Except for a five-month period when I was married, I've lived with my father my entire life. My great-grandma lived with Dad, even while he was married. This means my father has never lived alone. My boyfriend and I plan to get a house soon, and I haven't told my father. Dad truly cannot be by himself, and he's very unpleasant when he doesn't get his way. I love him to death, but my 4-year-old son and I can't live here forever.

Living with Dad is hard. I'm like his personal servant. I've tried talking to my grandmother, who tells me not to let Dad stop me from moving on with my life. Then she calls my father and tells him I "don't want to be stuck taking care of him." This doesn't help.

Dad is 60 years old, and his company is about to go under. He won't be able to start another career. He claims he has no problem with my leaving as long as we find a house with a room for him. But we can't afford a four-bedroom home. The house we've picked is less than a mile away and he still dis-

approves. What can we do? -- Stuck Here Forever

Dear Stuck: Your father is afraid to be alone, but it would engender self-respect and a sense of competence for him to learn how capable he can be. Ease the transition by preparing some meals and putting them in the freezer with instructions, and by visiting daily to see that he is OK and to reassure him that you are nearby. Invite him for dinner the first week you move out. Then push him to get involved in activities that will make him less dependent on you. Would he get a part-time job, join a health club, choir, art class, theater group or political organization? Can he teach a class or volunteer to run local tours? Be patient but firm. He needs to know you are moving on -- and out.

Dear Annie: I have neighbors on all sides. We have driveways and garages, but our homes also allow for plenty of parking on the street.

The family that lives directly across from me constantly parks their cars in front of my house rather than on their side of the street. They also have a portable basketball hoop that their kids like to put near my driveway. I sometimes pull my car out of the garage and park it in front of my house just so they can't use the space. They don't get the hint.

Isn't there some unwritten rule that you put your things in front of your own home? Am I too sensitive? -- Annoyed in Colorado

Dear Annoyed:

Whenever possible, people should park their cars (and their basketball hoops) in their own space and not irritate the neighbors. Drop by to say hello and politely mention that you occasionally need the area in front of your house and would appreciate it if they'd use their side of the street. (Of course, if you don't actually ever need this space, there's no reason not to cede it to the neighbors.)

Dear Annie: I read your column faithfully. I would like to recommend an organization that is available nationwide and free to innocent victims of crime and their families.

Anyone who has been the victim of a hit-and-run, assault, murder, elder or child abuse, or other crime may be eligible for compensation to help pay for medical and dental bills, counseling, lost wages, burial costs, etc. Contact The Center for Victims Rights (sunco.com/victim). -- Independent Victim Advocate, Lecanto, Fla.

Dear Advocate: Thank you for this information. We also recommend the Office for Victims of Crime (ovc.gov) at 1-800-851-3420 and the National Center for Victims of Crime (ncvc.org) at 1-800-FYI-CALL (1-800-394-2255).

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# Angel Food Ministry

The Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring will be taking orders for the May 31 delivery from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Orders will also be taken Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, at the same times.

Orders will also be taken both Saturdays at the Big Spring Mall. The hours will be 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry is a non-qualifying food program to help all save on their food bills. All food is FDA inspected and is restaurant quality.

The headquarters for the Angel Food Ministry is in New Hope, Ga. North Birdwell United Methodist Church is the host site for the Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring where the truck delivers the food and where it is pick up by those who have ordered.

Other host sites in the Permian Basin are in Odessa and Midland. There are also host sites in Abilene and San Angelo.

For \$30 cash or money order, the following box of food for May 31 delivery contains:

4 6-oz. bacon-wrapped beef

- filets
- 1 2.5-lb breaded chicken breast filet
- 4 6-oz. bone-in-pork steaks
- 1 28-oz. Salisbury steak dinner
- 10 4-oz. bean and beef burritos
- 1 2-lb. popcorn chicken
- 1 9.5-oz. flat bread pizza
- 1 16-oz. cauliflower-carrot blend
- 1 15-oz. corn niblets
- 1 16-oz. green beans
- 1 2-lb. bag fresh onions
- 1 290-z. pears
- 1 32-oz. shelf stable milk
- 1 9-oz. breakfast cereal
- 1 8-oz corn muffin mix
- 1 16-oz bean soup mix
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 dessert item

When you order the above box of food you can also buy, if you so choose, any or all of the below listed specials for \$20 each.

Special 1: 7-lb. grill box; one 1.5-lb chicken breast kebob kit that makes six; one 1.5-lb chicken breast; 4-oz vegetables (onions, peppers & skewers); two 10-oz ribeye steaks; four 8-oz thick-cut pork chops.

Special 2: 5-lb. steak box; two 12-oz. New York strip steaks; two 12-oz. bone-in ribeye steaks; four 8-oz.

sirloin strips.

Special 3: 12-lb chicken combo box; one 5-lb whole chicken; one 2-lb breaded chicken tenders; six 5-oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts; one 1-lb fully cooked breaded chicken wings; one 2-lb. chicken breast nuggets.

Angel Food Ministry of Big Spring appreciates all of the community volunteers who make this ministry possible. On May 31, immediately after distribution is completed, North Birdwell United Methodist Church will honor the volunteers and their families with a hamburger and hot dog lunch. For more information on this lunch, call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

In the near future, Angel Food ministry of Big Spring will have a Web site so you can check ordering dates and menus.

For more information on the Angel Food Ministry, call Bill Lovelace at 267-3241 or Madeline Boadle. If no answer, leave a message. North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

## Howard County high schools receive \$350 grants for Project Celebration

### Special to the Herald

Two high schools in Howard County have been awarded \$350 mini-grants from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events.

Called Project Celebration 2008, Big Spring and Forsan High Schools are among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350

mini-grant.

"As the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator, I was so pleased when TxDOT decided to again support high schools across the state with their organized and chaperoned graduation activities. By providing these funds, we are supporting communities in our district that provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students," Brenda Mitchell said.

Mitchell visited each of the 29 participating high schools in the district. In

addition to the \$350 each school will receive, she presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school all night event. One of the mementos is a colorful backpack that bears a safety slogan.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties.



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- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Parkview/Parkplace
- Porter Henderson
- Quality Inn & Suites/Pinky's

- Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- San Angelo State School
- SMMC
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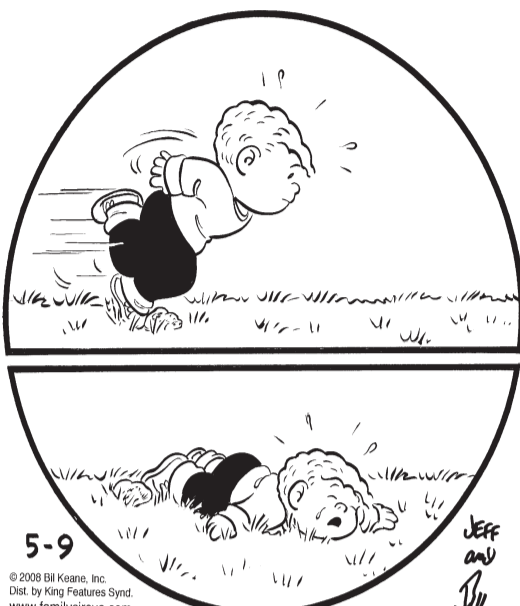
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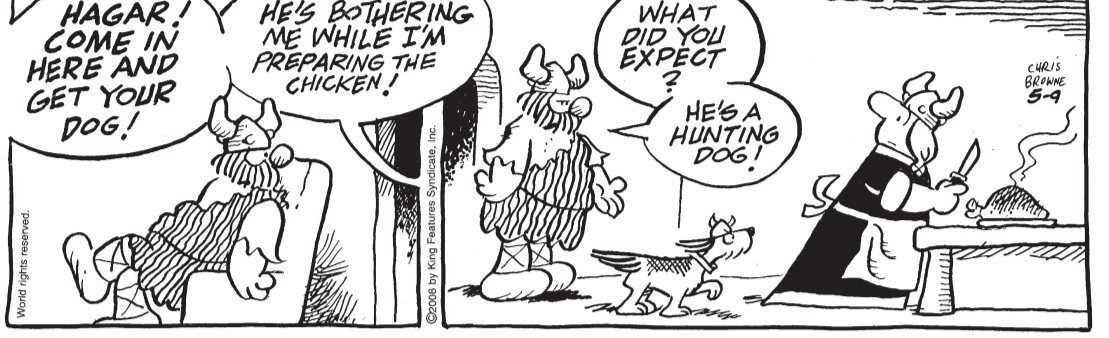
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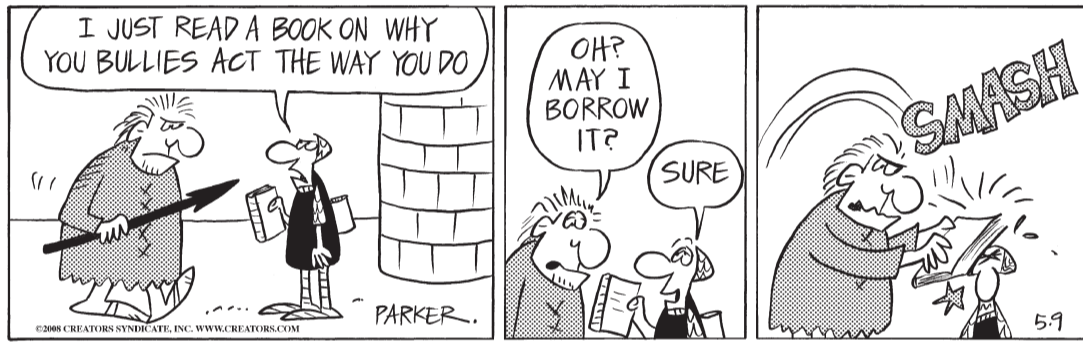
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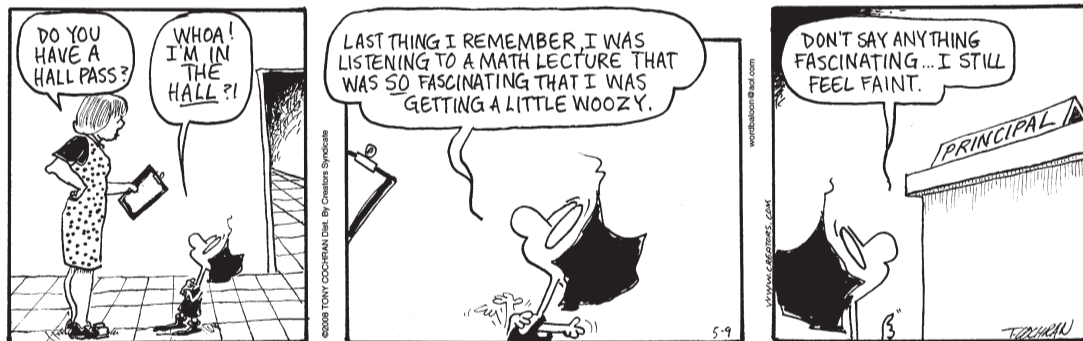
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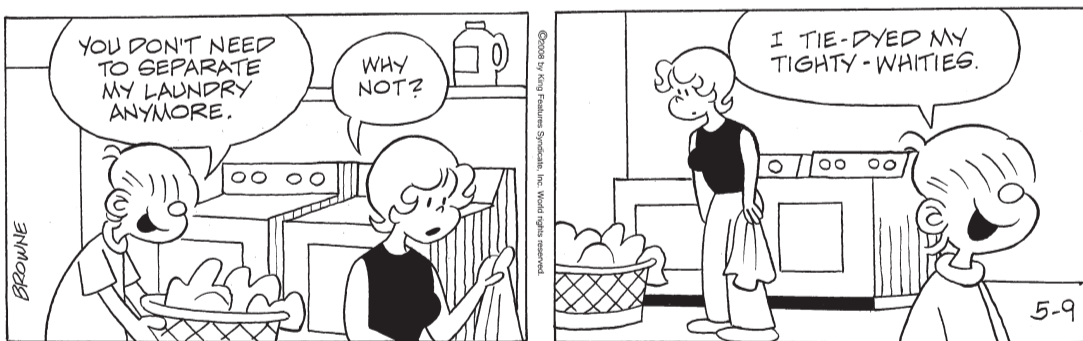
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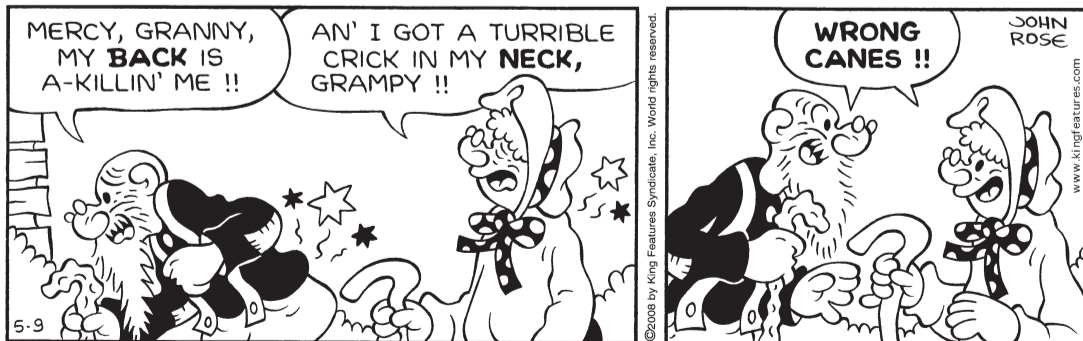
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 9, the 130th day of 2008. There are 236 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 9, 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections...

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Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'DEAR ME' by David W. Cromer and 'Answer to previous puzzle'.