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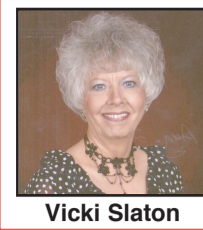
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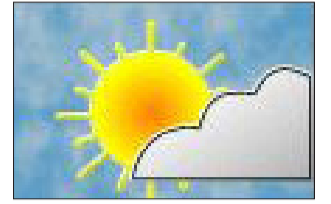
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**County to have '96-bed' jail by 3-2 vote**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County will be getting a 96-bed jail, not the 144-bed alternate design proposed by project architect Jeff Heffelfinger late last week, as commissioners voted 3-2 Monday to toss out the surplus-funded expansion.

County Judge Mark Barr made the motion not to proceed with the alternate designs after

nearly an hour of presentations by citizens in the audience and county commissioners, with Commissioner Gary Simer providing the second. Commissioner Emma Brown cemented the defeat of the 144-bed design with her vote against the measure.

Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker voted in favor of the 144-bed provision.

"This beast has raised its ugly head again. The voters have spoken," said Barr prior to the vote. "They did not approve a 144-bed jail more than a year ago, and last November they did approve a 96-bed jail at a higher price. That tells me one thing: They don't want a 144-bed jail, they want a 96-bed jail. The 112 is built in there so you can actually have 96 prisoners. That gives you

your cushion there. On the subject of ICE (federal immigration inmates)... we went out there and discussed this with them, and they said there would be a possibility. I grant that. But there's no guarantee, and we could be caught just like they did out



Barr



Crooker

in Reeves County, where they built a big facility out there to house federal prisoners and they backed out on them.

"I talked to five county judges about this, and they all said the same thing.

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**Burn ban extended**

County in dire need of beneficial rain, officials say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to extend the ongoing burn ban for another 90 days in hopes of staving off wildfires similar to the ones that ravaged the area more than a month ago.

"The fire marshal has already said he'd like to see it (the burn ban) stay in place," said County Judge Mark Barr, "and our volunteer fire chief, Tommy Sullivan, said he'd also like to see it stay in place until we get some beneficial rain. And I'd really like to express that point. We're not out of dan-

ger yet. As dry as it is out there, we're far from it."

Barr said the ban would be strictly enforced, costing violators up to \$500 in the process.

"It is hereby ordered by the Commissioners Court of Howard County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days from the date of this article, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on the determinations made by the Texas Forest Service or this court" said Barr. "These are the exceptions. Firefighting training, public utility or natural gas

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Courtesy photo

Loran Rule, a flight medic with the local Air Evac Lifeteam, gives Elbow Elementary second-grade students an up-close tour of one of the team's helicopters during a recent field trip to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The students were treated to different aspects of emergency medicine through a tour at SMMC and the Big Spring Fire Department/EMS.



AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

Rescue workers pull out a young girl from under the rubble of a collapsed school in Juyuan, southwestern China's Sichuan province, Tuesday. The death toll from a powerful earthquake in China that toppled buildings, schools and chemical plants climbed to about 12,000, while untold numbers remained trapped.

**Report: Death toll in China earthquake exceeds 12,000**

By **WILLIAM FOREMAN**  
Associated Press Writer

DUJIANGYAN, China (AP) — The toll of the dead and missing soared as rescue workers dug through flattened schools and homes on Tuesday in a desperate attempt to find survivors of China's worst earthquake in three decades.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the death toll exceeded 12,000 in Sichuan province alone, and 18,645 were still buried in debris in the city of Mianyang, near the epicenter of Monday's massive, 7.9-magnitude quake. The Sichuan Daily

newspaper reported on its Web site that more than 26,000 people were injured in Mianyang.

The numbers of casualties was expected to rise due to the remoteness of the areas affected by the quake and difficulty in finding buried victims.

There was little prospect that many survivors would be found under the rubble. Only 58 people were extricated from demolished buildings across the quake area so far, China Seismological Bureau spokesman Zhang Hongwei told Xinhua. In one county, 80 percent of the buildings were

destroyed.

Rain was impeding efforts and a group of paratroopers called off

a rescue mission to the epicenter due to heavy

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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma sets regional semis playoff date

Coahoma's Bulldogettes, the lone local softball or baseball team still playing, have set the time, date and place for their Class 2A regional semifinals matchup with Denver City.

The two squads will play a home-and-home best-of-three series with Game 1 slated for 7 p.m. Thursday in Coahoma. Game 2 occurs at Noon Saturday in Denver City. A third game, if needed, will be played 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

#### Coahoma Athletic Banquet to be held Tuesday

The Coahoma Booster Club is holding its annual athletic banquet Tuesday to recognize the accomplishments of all Bulldogs and Bulldogettes athletes.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at the door.

#### 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 Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee also includes an afternoon shootout Friday 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.

#### Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays

The Howard County Youth Horseman Clubs has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to participate or just be spectators.

Three playdays make up a series and person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points towards a belt buckle.

An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete.

There are five events — exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying — for age groups ranging from six and under to adults.

Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for non-members.

Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off the Garden City Highway.

# EPCC eliminates Hawks from Region V

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Howard College baseball's Head Coach Britt Smith has been preaching rankings don't mean a thing for the entire season. Proof of this occurred over the past two days for the Hawks.

Howard entered the NJCAA's Region V baseball tournament as the No. 3 team in the country and as a favorite to be the last team standing at the end of the bracket, advancing to the Junior College World Series.

However, Howard's top goal for the season won't be reached as the Hawks were eliminated from the Region V tournament at Lubbock Christian University losing their second game in as many days. This time it was conference rival El Paso Community College that knocked off the Hawks, 18-13, sending them back to Big Spring a couple days earlier than expected.

"We were shaky in the first inning and gave up some runs, but we came back and took a lead," Smith said. "We just didn't pitch well enough and didn't play good enough defense to win today."

The two teams combined for 31 runs on 35 hits, exchanged the lead four times and each used seven pitchers apiece.

EPCC took the first lead of the game as the Hawks spotted the Tejanos three runs in the top of the first. Howard chipped away at the lead, eventually taking it in the third inning courtesy of RBIs by Nathan Bryan and Andrew Collazo.

Howard appeared to have taken over from there as the Hawks picked up another four runs in the fourth inning. Collazo came through with the big hit of the frame, smacking a ball off the outfield wall for a bases loaded triple.



Howard College Hawks shortstop Tyler Ladendorf slides home in a NJCAA Region V game against El Paso Community College Monday at Lubbock Christian University. Ladendorf was called out on the play and the Hawks lost 18-13, eliminating them from the postseason tournament.

Travis Sample, Miles Hamblin and Bryan all scored on the hit and Collazo scored the fourth run of the inning, crossing the plate on a single to right by Jonathan Castillo and giving Howard the 8-3 advantage.

The Tejanos had a response though as they scored seven runs in the top of the fifth, batting around in the process. The rally was capped by a two-out, two-RBI triple by Daniel Gonzales, placing EPCC ahead by two runs, 10-8.

The Hawks didn't take long to tie the game back up, though, as the slugfest continued with the game's first home run — a two-run shot by Sample that set sail on a gust of wind carrying the ball over the left field fence.

Trailing 11-10 after EPCC added another run in the top of the sixth, the Hawks again pushed ahead in their half of the frame. Bryan tied the game courtesy of an RBI double by Cameron Monger. With

two men on, shortstop Tyler Ladendorf gave Howard a 13-11 lead with a two-RBI single to right, scoring Castillo and Monger.

However, the game took a turn for the worse for Howard in the bottom of the seventh. Although, at first glance, it appeared the Hawks were on their way to putting the game out of reach as they loaded the bases with just one out in the inning.

Unfortunately, Howard couldn't push a run across the plate, giving EPCC the momentum they needed in the process. The Tejanos responded with another 7-run inning, jettisoning ahead, 18-13, in the top of the eighth inning. Three of the runs were unearned as Howard committed two critical fielding errors in the frame.

"We really had an opportunity to put the game away in the seventh inning. You just can't leave the bases loaded like that," Smith said. "They picked up a lot of

momentum from getting out of that situation and turned around and dropped a seven-spot on us. We had a chance, but they took it away from us. Baseball is a funny game."

The Hawks couldn't muster another rally, bringing an early end to what was expected to be a deep postseason run.

"It was a great season. In our opinion, we put Howard where it should be and that's a top 10 team in the country," Smith said. "Obviously, it didn't end the way we wanted it to. We're definitely proud of the kids and the way they fought. We went through a ton of diversity. It's tough for it to end like this."

Howard loses 14 sophomores from this year's squad, including top MLB prospect Ladendorf and several other athletes moving onto NCAA Division I programs.

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# Vasquez walk-off homer lifts Rangers over M's



Texas' Ramon Vazquez (12) crosses home plate after hitting a walk-off home run against the Seattle Mariners to give the Rangers a 13-12 win in the tenth inning of an AL baseball game Monday in Arlington. Rangers hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo is at left.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — There were fireworks again when Texas and Seattle played — for a different reason this time.

Instead of flared tempers, they were the pyrotechnic displays sparked by Texas home runs, including a game-winning shot by Ramon Vazquez in the 10th inning as the Rangers rallied for a 13-12 victory Monday night.

"I wouldn't say it was the weirdest game I've been in, but when you score 12 runs, you expect to win," Vazquez said. "We kept battling back."

Vazquez's homer came on a 1-0 pitch with one out in the 10th off Brandon Morrow (0-1), who struck out the only other four batters he faced after Seattle tied it with four runs in the ninth off closer C.J. Wilson.

Josh Hamilton and Milton Bradley hit back-to-back towering homers to start the third against Erik Bedard, who had a five-run lead before even throwing a pitch. Those homers ignited a four-run inning that put Texas up 6-5 and chased Bedard.

"What a game!" Rangers manager Ron Washington said when

entering his postgame session with reporters, then repeating that statement when he left. "I guess y'all didn't think we had a chance when we fell behind 5-0 to Bedard. We fooled y'all and Bedard."

Only four nights after Mariners first baseman Richie Sexson charged the mound and flung his helmet at Texas pitcher Kason Gabbard to ignite a bench-clearing brawl, the AL West rivals met again. Sexson was with his team, but not playing while serving the third game of his five-game suspension for his actions. He'll miss the entire Texas series.

Morrow struck out the side in order in the bottom of the ninth. Morrow then struck out German Duran to start the 10th before Vazquez, the No. 9 batter, ended the 4-hour, 9-minute game by pulling a drive down the right-field line for his second homer of the season.

Doug Mathis (1-0), the sixth Rangers pitcher, threw a perfect 10th in his major league debut.

"It's the coolest thing I've ever been a part of," said the 24-year-old Mathis, who was called up Sunday after Texas put Kevin Millwood on the disabled list.

# Red Wings push Stars to the brink, take 3-0 lead

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Three games into the Western Conference finals, the fifth-seeded Dallas Stars sure look like overachievers who are just lucky to be here.

Not even being back home could help them.

Pavel Datsyuk got the first hat trick of his career and Henrik Zetterberg added two assists and a devastating short-handed goal, leading the Detroit Red Wings past the Stars 5-2 Monday night and to the brink of the Stanley Cup finals.

Detroit leads the series 3-0 going

into Game 4 Wednesday night. As much as Dallas would like to win, just getting a lead would be nice. The Stars haven't even managed that in 180 minutes so far.

"Are they beatable? Yeah, but we have to play a lot better than we are," Dallas captain Brenden Morrow said.

That's an understatement. The Red Wings won their ninth straight playoff game, the best streak in a single season in their franchise's proud history. It's also the longest in the NHL since Montreal won 11 in a row on its way to winning the Stanley Cup in 1993.

They've also done it without

Johan Franzen playing the last two games because of concussion-like symptoms. All Franzen has done of late is score 27 goals in his last 27 games, including an NHL-best 12 this postseason.

"It shows we have a lot of depth," Zetterberg said. "We have four lines that really can play in all situations."

Franzen might have plenty of time to rest up. Detroit goes into Game 4 on Wednesday night with the chance to skate into the Cup finals for the fourth time in 11 seasons.

"There's a lot of experience in here," center Kris Draper said. "We're not getting caught up in

the little things. We have a chance to eliminate a great hockey team."

Now Dallas is facing the long odds of trying to wipe out an 0-3 deficit, something that's happened only three times in NHL history.

"We tried to clean up the execution but it wasn't there," said Mike Modano, who set up Dallas' first goal. "Breakdowns here and there you can't afford against those guys. You pretty much need to play a mistake-free game."

Marty Turco fell to 2-4-3 against Detroit at home and 2-13-5 against the Red Wings overall.

He blamed himself for the team getting stomped.



## Obituaries

### Floy Beth Laws

Floy Beth Laws, 77, of Anson died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Anson with the Rev. Richard Payne and Caffey Welch officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 13, 1931, in Stephens County, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Ona (McKelvain) Noland. She married J.D. Laws Feb. 17, 1951, in Cisco. He preceded her in death in 1978. Floy was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Anson Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Survivors include one son, Tim Laws and wife, Cherry, of Clyde; two daughters, Beverley Humphreys and husband, Dale, of Big Spring and Dianna Clark and husband, Ricky, of Highland Village; two sisters, Irene Hutchins of Abilene and Billie Judkins of Breckenridge; one sister-in-law, Francys Noland of Hurst; and four grandchildren, Joy Humphreys and fiancé, Jeb Clark, of Lubbock, Colton Laws and Weston Laws, both of Clyde, and Randall Clark of Highland Village.

*Paid obituary*

### Larry York

Larry York, 55, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in a Fort Worth Hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Greg Jackson

Greg Jackson, 43, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• The Wednesday Night Dance Club will host a dance Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Big Spring Country Club. Non-members will be admitted for \$10 at the door.

• American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry Saturday. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with serving from noon to 3 p.m. Plates are \$8 each. Carry-outs are available. Call 263-2084 for more information or to order delivery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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

## Police blotter

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

- **VINCENT PARRAMORE**, 41, of 702 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **MATTHEW BRAUER**, 27, of 910 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **SEAN CLARK**, 34, of Arizona, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.
- **CHRISTOPHER GOMEZ**, 21, of 1303 Stanford, was arrested Monday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, speeding and a local capias warrant.
- **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – MORE THAN FOUR OUNCES, LESS THAN FIVE POUNDS** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 800 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MARGARET CLANTON DAGESTAD**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
  - **ABEL GUZMAN**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for burglary of a vehicle, motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief and a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
  - **JORGE GARZA**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
  - **JOVITA CARDENAS RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a motion to revoke probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of Clanton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Owens. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of Clanton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of Willia.

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.



**264-2700**

## Bulletin Board

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

### TODAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-6-23-35.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$25,178.  
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 20-21-24-29. Bonus Ball: 1.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-9-1. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-5. Sum It Up: 14.

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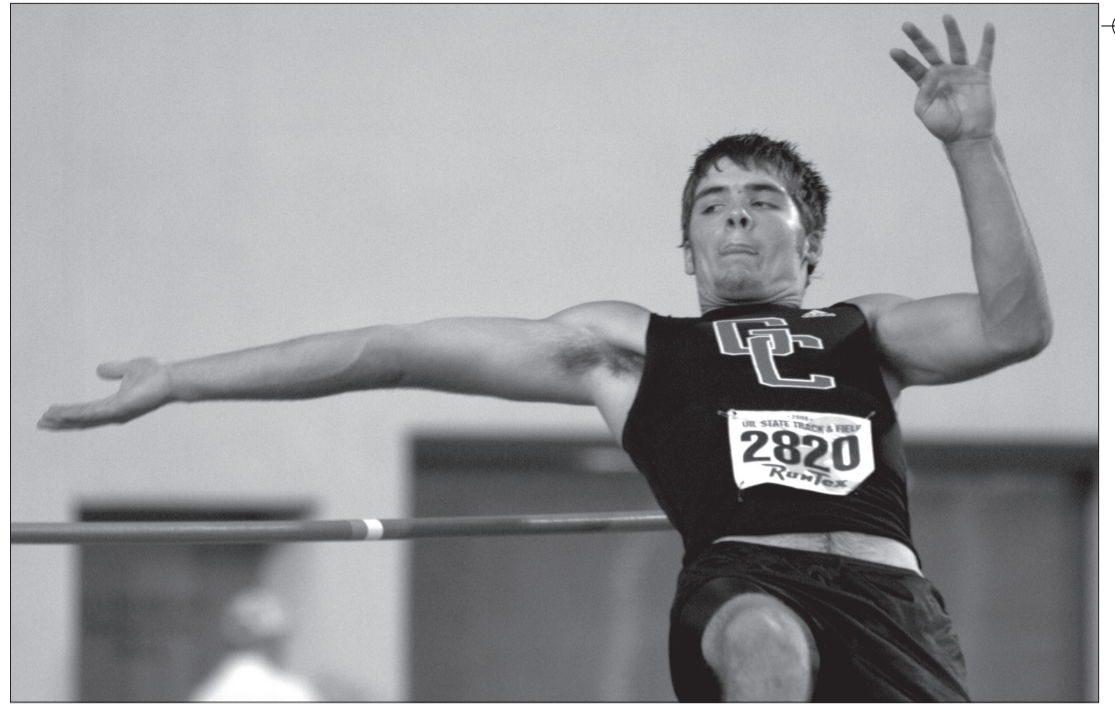
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Several Crossroads athletes competed in the state track meet held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin over the weekend. From top right, Garden City's Jake Schwartz clears 6 feet, 2 inches in the Class A high jump competition. Top: A.J. Lozano (2) of Stanton celebrates as he's the first to cross the finish line in the Class 2A 800 meters. Above: Grady's Justin Tubb soars through the air in the Class A triple jump. Left: Big Spring's Zack Dawson (left) passes Memphis' Alex De La Garza at the 200-meter mark in the Class 4A 1600-meter run that Dawson went on to win.

**HAWKS**

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"It's always tough to say goodbye to sophomores," Smith said. "We've won 85 games in the past two seasons. These guys played a huge part in getting us back where we need to be. They laid the foundation and I've told them they better keep in touch. They play a huge part in what we'll do in the future."

"We're excited about what we've got coming back, though," Smith said. "Our pitching staff is young. We've got some decisions to make, too. We've got eight or nine kids already signed for next year. The recruiting process at this level is never ending. It's goes year round. We'll see how

the MLB draft affects us and also Division I schools have to cut their rosters down this year. We should get some opportunities to get some transfers from DI schools because of that. Mostly, we want to try and keep this thing going on the right track."

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**JAIL**

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They said not to build anything we don't need. Last year's daily incarceration rate was 50 inmates. We can double that and still have room. And there are so many other tools than just putting people in jail. You have your work programs and your bracelets, and we want to use all of those things, and that will keep our incarceration rate down. If we need those other beds at a later date, it's still there to be done. Of course, it will cost us a little more money. It will cost us \$2.5 million versus \$800,000, and I recognize that fact. But, when you put it out and pay for it over a long period it won't increase our tax rate maybe one cent to 1.5 cents."

Barr said the matter wasn't just about economics, but about doing as the voters have requested.

"The fact is it's going to put a strain on this county to staff (the jail)," said Barr. "We can't even get staff now, and that's the way it is all over the state of Texas. Every jail is short staffed... But foremost of everything, this county approved a 96-bed jail, and if we do a 144-bed jail our credibility will be shot. People expect us to do what they voted for."

Crooker called the alternate design a "golden

opportunity," giving the county a chance to help pay for the new jail with revenues from housing federal inmates.

"This was not planned. When we came to the meeting last Thursday we were as surprised as anyone that the architect and the bidding process produced a surplus of \$1.6 million," said Crooker. "Now we have an option here, the commissioners court can take that money and pay for the alternate bid, which includes 32 beds added on to the project. Whether anyone realizes it or not, our jail is rated with the (Jail) Commission at 112 beds, not 96 beds."

"We have an opportunity here. An analysis of the potential revenue that could be derived from housing federal inmates — strictly ICE (Immigration) inmates — without housing prisoners from any other county shows an annual cash net income of \$362,000. I have also shown where I've gotten this information. I'm not going to stand here and strictly blow like some people do. It would take a 1.8-cent increase in our tax rate to collect this same amount of revenue and in a five-year period would add \$1.6 million to the county's cash account. I'm not just pulling these numbers out of the sky. I'm trying to tell you the facts, the absolute facts of the situation."

Crooker said Howard

County's current incarceration rate — the lowest in West Texas at 1.63 percent — will increase drastically if law enforcement agencies are able to recruit officers.

"If you look at the incarceration rate for West Texas cities, you'll find Howard County at the bottom of the list with a 1.63 incarceration rate," said Crooker. "If that rate were to double, we would also double the 55 inmates we averaged, putting us at 110 inmates... This is what really concerns me. This rate tells us what our law enforcement people are doing, and I understand the police department is short around eight officers, and that effects the number of people arrested and incarcerated. And then there are the judges that control the cases. These are the things we need to think about."

"I'm asking the commissioners court to set aside the telephone calls, e-mails and personal visits over the past few days, weeks and months and think for yourselves. Analyze the facts and I believe you will agree we have a golden opportunity due to circumstances."

Kilgore said the opposition's cries for the need to remain with a 96-bed jail simply on the grounds it was what the voters approved was a trust that had already been broken.

"We've already violated that," said Kilgore. "It is a 112-bed facility. We did that because the architect was able to use the rules and using some double-space, so as far as sticking with a 96-bed jail is concerned, it's irrelevant. With a 96-bed jail, we know we have to have a 10 percent reduction for the daily in and out. The court knows this. That gives us 86 beds. We've had an average of 70 inmates in the past. And Mark, to your good work, we've been able to keep that down. We have the average around 50 inmates right now. There are 62 inmates today. I don't think we can keep it down, and that's why I'm using an average of 70 inmates. That gives you 16 beds. The city is coming in there for some use, as well. That gives you 16 extra beds for 20 to 25 years."

"With the incarceration rates what they are, you're building this thing too small. We're going to have to come back. I'm not one of these people that say if you build it, they will come. Some counties have gone into this and overbuilt, and most of them have come out of it. However, there are several that have had to build more."

Kilgore said revenues gathered by housing federal inmates would pay for a large percentage of the \$11.57 million bond voters approved in November.

"The latest figures I've

gotten from the boss man out there (with ICE) who is over three states," said Kilgore. "They have 80 beds in Randall County, 80 beds in Bailey County, 20 in Tom Green, 500 in Haskell and they have 30-plus inmates each day coming right past our facility. They would love to have beds here. All you have to do is meet the state jail standards. They can't have the facility built yet where they can come in and inspect it... We could actually pay for a third of our bond indebtedness with this."

Citizens who registered to speak during the meeting did not agree with Kilgore and Crooker, however, with three local residents — including Big Spring Economic Development Board President Frank Parker — voiced their opinions during the meeting.

"We don't need a 144-bed jail, and we never have," Parker told the court.

Simer said he opposed the 144-bed jail for a number of reasons.

"Building a 144-bed jail

would be easy to do now, or 10 years from now, if we need it," said Simer. "The hard part would be to staff it and furnish the things that go with it that you never get paid for. And if we earmark all that money and something goes wrong... we're back to the citizens and asking them for \$200,000 to \$300,000 to do this change order because we've used all the money up. There are several reasons I'm against it. We've been through this numerous times. The citizens voted on a 96-bed jail. Let's stick with it."

Commissioner Brown expressed dismay at having to reconsider the size of the jail.

"I can not believe that we're talking about the size of the jail once more," said Brown. "When we decided to put it on the ballot and let the voters vote, they did, and they approved a 96-bed jail, not a 144-bed jail. I know this is a good opportunity, but we can always return that money and give it back and help the taxpayers a little bit. And that's all I have to say."

**BAN**

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pipeline and mining operations, the planting or harvesting of agricultural crops and burns that are conducted by a burn manager certified by the Natural Resources Court. A violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, and enforceable by a fine not to exceed \$500."

Kilgore amended the motion to accept the burn ban, giving Barr the authority to lift the ban if the conditions changed within the 90-day period.

And while the number of recent wildfires — including a pair of fires west of Big Spring in early May — has ebbed slightly

"Up until we got some rain in April, we were responding to one, sometimes two or three fires a day," said Sullivan. "And while that inch of rain helped, we haven't received any more significant rain since then, so we're looking at the same sort of situation we were in last month. Things have greened up a little, but it's not enough, and if we don't get some more rain soon, that new vegetation is just going to die out and add to the fuel load. It doesn't look very promising at all."

And while no one can predict a wildfire, Sullivan said local residents can take measures to help firefighters if their home becomes endangered.

"I really can't stress this

enough, but it's vital our citizens be very careful right now," said Sullivan. "Fire prevention is more of a proactive thing than a reactive thing, because once a fire starts it's too late. One of the most important measures people can take right now is to make sure they have a 75 feet to 100 feet fire break around their home. Get rid of brush and other items that could burn. That can really help firefighters if their home becomes threatened."

Sullivan said signs located on county firehouses that normally track the risk-level of wildfires will now be marked with a different sort of sign.

"The signs show there is a burn ban in effect right now," said Sullivan.

"We're hoping that will help remind the citizens and impress upon them the importance of the ban. This is serious stuff."

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

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

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**QUAKE**

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storms, Xinhua reported.

More than two dozen British and American tourists who were thought to be panda-watching in the area also remained missing.

Officials urged the public not to abandon hope.

"Survivors can hold on

for some time. Now it's not time to give up," Wang Zhenyao, disaster relief division director at the Ministry of Civil Affairs, told reporters in Beijing.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## State leaders should cease hiring 'ghosts'

Phantoms of the payroll make taxpayers' money disappear right under legislators' noses. The Texas House of Representatives, which is not even in session, is in an uproar over the outing by the American-Statesman of a number of its "ghost employees," who are listed as full-time employees but put in few hours of work. Often, these employees — including several former state representatives — are paid low salaries, but they qualify for state health insurance and pension benefits.

Despite some attempts to justify it, the practice cheats taxpayers and should stop.

Our ghostbuster was Mike Ward, an American-Statesman reporter who disclosed in the May 2 editions that House Speaker Tom Craddick had ordered the House General Investigating and Ethics Committee to look into the practice and that subpoenas had been issued by the Travis County district attorney.

Among those first identified as hiring ghost employees were two Democratic representatives, Craig Eiland of Galveston and Jim Dunnam of Waco, and one Republican, Byron Cook of Corsicana.

For example, Dunnam last fall hired former state Rep. Miguel Wise of Weslaco to serve — full time — as his "legislative legal counsel/staff" for all of \$100 a month. Low pay for little work, but Wise's full-time status entitles him to state-paid health insurance and counts toward qualifying him for a state pension.

State lawmakers say the practice is common, has been done for years, is well known among legislators and is legal. In part, at least, it reflects the part-time nature of the Legislature itself, which meets in regular session for only five months every other year.

Why, then, the sudden spotlight on ghost employees? Because, critics say, Craddick is out to damage House opponents who tried to oust him last year — a group that includes Eiland, Dunnam and Cook.

But two can play this game. As we also learned last week, at least one member of Craddick's leadership team also has had a ghost employee — Rep. Tony Goolsby, a Dallas Republican and chairman of the House Administration Committee, which oversees internal House business.

Goolsby, Ward reported, hired a lobbyist, Jennifer Shelley Rodriguez — daughter of one of the best-connected lobbyists in Austin, former state Rep. Dan Shelley — for a four-month period in 2003-2004 as a full-time employee at \$500 a month to put out a newsletter. Goolsby conceded that he probably should have classified her as a part-time employee.

It was Goolsby, a Craddick ally, who earlier had sent out a stern letter directing all House members to comply with rules that require full-time House employees to actually work 40 hours.

Craddick's aides deny that the speaker is politically motivated in working to end the practice of hiring ghost employees. But Craddick, with 39 years as a state representative, is the senior member of the House and nobody's fool; it's hard to believe that he just learned about ghost employees.

Yet Craddick is right to push the House to end the practice. Lawmakers should not be putting former legislators on their state-paid payrolls as full-time employees in little- or no-work jobs just to help them qualify for pension benefits or get health insurance.

Nor should they do it to provide taxpayer-paid health insurance to friends, allies, buddies or their relatives in a state where 24 percent of its residents do not have health insurance of any kind, though they daily pay sales taxes that help pay for state government.

The American-Statesman  
Austin

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get away from it all, Lord, and retreat to You.

Amen

## White House isolated in Latin America

Of all the nonsense that we hear regularly about Venezuela, the idea that the country is a "security threat" is probably the most ridiculous. For six years now, since the Bush Administration supported a failed coup attempt against the democratically elected government of President Hugo Chavez, Washington has been sporadically accusing Venezuela of links to "terrorism."

During those six years, the charges have been made by anonymous officials, and the U.S. government never produced any supporting evidence. Now the Colombian government claims it has proof of the Chavez government's support for the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), a guerrilla group that has been active for four decades. The "evidence" comes from documents alleged to have been found on laptops captured by the Colombian military in a cross-border bombing and incursion into neighboring Ecuador on March 1.

As with the allegations that led us into the Iraq war, there is less here than meets the eye. First, as the New York Times recently acknowledged, it is "impossible to authenticate the files independently."

Second, even if some of the documents are real, there is so far nothing showing that Venezuela provided material aid to the FARC. For

example, a claim that made headlines all over the world about Chavez supposedly providing \$300 million turned out to be based on a far-fetched interpretation of a single alleged document.

Nonetheless, the Bush Administration is now investigating whether it should place Venezuela on a special list of "state sponsors of terrorism," which would imply at least some kind of economic sanctions. Some right-wing Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have come up with a similar effort in the form of a proposed resolution.

There will be much more of this posturing, combined with wild accusations, since this is an election year. The last two presidential elections were determined by the votes of a few hundred thousand right-wing Cuban Americans (by no means all of them) in Florida. These voters hate Venezuela and we can expect that many politicians will pander to them. On the other hand, Venezuela is our fourth largest oil supplier and a major importer of U.S. goods. Saner heads will take that into account.

The cheap political points scored by politicians here come at a cost in the rest of the hemisphere. The Bush Administration, which is attempting to isolate Venezuela, has actually accomplished the opposite. It is Washington that is more isolated than ever before in Latin America. When Colombia invaded Ecuador, almost every country south of the Rio Grande condemned this violation of Ecuador's sovereignty, which was also widely seen as carried out with U.S. help or at

least approval. When the ensuing political and diplomatic fight was settled? with no help from Washington? President Lula da Silva of Brazil declared Chavez to be "the great peacemaker" in the conflict.

The same is true for the hostage problem in Colombia, where Chavez's efforts to mediate received widespread praise from Europe, Latin America, and even the families of the U.S. military contractors held by the FARC. Everyone but Washington appears to be interested in a negotiated solution to release the hostages held by the FARC. When Venezuela mediated a release of hostages last December 31, representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, France, and Switzerland were there. Washington was noticeably absent.

Washington has alienated Latin America: through its economic policy prescriptions, which are widely associated with Latin America's unprecedented long-term economic failure; through its proposed "Free Trade Agreements," which grow more unpopular every year; and through its militaristic and failed "war on drugs."

The Bush Administration thinks it can turn this around by scapegoating Venezuela and hurling accusations of support for terrorism. It won't work; nobody in the region is buying it.

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## Supreme Court upholds Jim Crow

With the presidential race in full swing, the U.S. Supreme Court has just decided a case that could have a huge impact on the nation's electoral system.

It revolved around an Indiana statute that requires voters to show current state-issued photo identification when they cast their ballots.

Last Election Day, 61-year-old Valerie Williams attempted to vote in the lobby of her retirement home as she had the past two elections.

This time around, poll workers turned her away because she lacked a current Indiana-issued photo identification card.

Her telephone bill, Social Security letter and an expired Indiana driver's license weren't enough to prove I.D. though they had been in previous elections.

So, Williams, who requires a cane to get around, was permitted to cast a provisional ballot, which was ultimately discarded when she couldn't secure a ride to the local voting office to verify her identity within 10 days as required by state law.

She and 31 others affiliated with the case recounted similar experiences. Most failed to comply with the law because they lacked the transportation to get to the local voting office to convert their provisional ballots into actual votes or couldn't afford state-issued identifi-

cation.

They represent as much as 12 percent of all voters, a disproportionate number of them elderly, poor, minorities or disabled, who do not have government-issued photo identification. The Court's decision upholding the law greatly reduces their chances of ever voting again.

In 2006, the U.S. House of Representatives, under different leadership than in 2007, passed legislation imposing the photo I.D. requirement along with proof of citizenship upon all Americans, just weeks after reauthorizing the landmark Voting Rights Act. Fortunately, that bill ultimately failed and it hasn't garnered as much support in the current Congress - yet at least.

Proponents of photo-ID requirements continue to labor under the misconception that they're needed to deter individual voter fraud, hardly the most pressing problem facing our nation.

As the Boston Globe editorial page sagely noted recently, "The American voting system has had all manner of problems lately, but an epidemic of voter fraud is not one of them."

And in a 2007 Washington Post editorial, the New York University Law School's Brennan Center for Justice's Michael Waldman and Justin Levitt concluded "the notion of widespread voter fraud ... is itself a fraud."

Falsely claiming citizenship and voting fraudulently have long been federal offenses. From 2002 to 2006, only 86 U.S. residents were convicted of federal election fraud, according to the Department of Justice.

All this fuss over less than 100 convictions among millions of votes cast?

Still, that hasn't stopped legislators in 27 states from introducing legislation just like Indiana's, even though in some states like Georgia similar efforts have been struck down by state and federal courts. That is what makes the Supreme Court's decision all the more important. The precedent our nation's most prominent jurists set will dictate the course of our elections system for years to come.

More than 40 years after the first wave of the civil rights movement, we must continue to fight for and encourage the full participation of our citizenry in the electoral process, not move to disenfranchise thousands of registered voters.

In 2005, a federal judge in Georgia concluded that a photo-ID requirement passed by that state's legislature constituted a poll tax.

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Now that the Supreme Court has upheld the Indiana law, it threatens to take the United States back to the days of literacy tests and all kinds of Jim Crow-era tactics that kept African Americans from voting for decades in the 20th Century.

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Found throughout the Southwest and Mexico, a pyrrhuloxia has a noticeable yellow bill in summer. By winter, its color has faded to resemble yellowed-ivory. Building a nest of twigs and coarse grasses, the bird uses horsehair to soften the interior.

## Bird Poop: *Pyrrhuloxia* survives attack delivered by barnyard rooster

Greeting the dawn, he looked around the yard. No one else had risen while he stood guard. Having walked, then stopped to listen and glance about, he felt confident about his domain. Beyond the fence, nothing stirred.

Soon, in a mesquite tree some distance away, another early riser stretched and shook himself awake. Hunger made him consider returning to yesterday's discovery.

With the sun getting higher in the sky, the residents, emerging from their nightly slumber, entered the yard to eat and bask in the warmth of a late spring morning. Mingling among his family members, he continued to stay alert for any danger.

When the door slammed, they looked up only long enough to see the lady headed their way. Comfortable with her presence, they knew once again she would provide their daily fare.

After she opened the screen door to disappear back into the structure, they continued to enjoy a typical morning.

Approaching the fence, the stranger landed on a large wooden post. The only access to the food he sought was to go over the tightly woven mesh that stretched around the yard.

Inherent in his personality was a shy, suspicious behavior. When building a home nestled in mesquite thickets or

white acacia, he and his mate knew that secrecy was a part of raising their young. Seeking food, however, had brought him to this open area.

Jumping down to the barren yard, he noticed the absence of any tall grasses. The worn earth had nothing but grains and cracked corn strewn by the woman he had seen earlier.

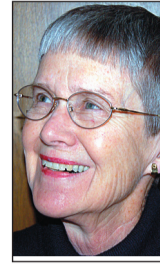
Insulted by this invasion and possible threat to his harem, the rooster hurried to confront the presumptuous intruder as he fed on the ground. With wings outspread and eager to fight, the barnyard fowl half-ran, half-flew, until positioned behind the uninvited guest.

Slapping the gray bird with his wing, he caused the startled diner to stumble. Stomped and pecked by the rooster, the stranger was tiring from such a beating. The much larger bird was having a devastating effect until the screen door slammed.

Screaming at the rooster to stop, the lady grabbed a broom rake as she ran toward the fracas. As the rooster triumphantly retreated to another part of the yard, the woman feared the worst as she approached the bird. Covered with dust, eyes closed, it appeared to be in shock.

Wrapping what looked to her like a gray cardinal in her apron, she entered the house. "I don't know if it's hurt bad or not," was the beginning of a story she related to us when she called for help.

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If today's waxing moon in Virgo had a hidden power, it would be efficacy, an almost preternatural ability to achieve wicked powerful results. The key to using this productive energy is not underestimating what you can do, nor the record time you can do it in. Apply thyself. And in the process, discover your increasing skill and ability.

**ARIES**

(March 21-April 19). No matter how dissatisfied you may be with your job, you realize that it's not really about the task at hand. It's always your attitude about work that matters most, which is, of course, stellar.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're assertive, in your own laidback kind of way. And those who know you appreciate your ability to lay off when it's obvious that your subject can't take the pressure. Merciful aggression will carry you forward.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You recognize what's cool and walk past what's not. Being uncool is costly in some lines of business. So, you could be paid for this talent, and paid well. Continue with your usual good taste and discretion.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are those you try to please, and others you try to protect. You're successful in both endeavors, although you would be wise to take a break. Saving the world is exhausting. Save yourself instead.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Take care of yourself, perhaps by cleaning up your home. A spotless environment calms you. Tonight, loved ones are fun and frivolous, spoiling you by

giving in to your every whim.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your responsibilities are many — so many that you would benefit from letting a group of people help you out. For extra luck, make sure there's a Sagittarius among them.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your emotional life gets shaken and stirred — an illusion that, as it happens, feels real. Someone's love for you is steadfast; you can count on that. The rest is a test to keep you on your toes.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a weird fact: Humans feel most comfortable with those they feel they need to impress. When you want to know more, you're told only a little bit. And when you don't care a lick, the whole story comes spilling out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You see people who have achieved something significant, and you say, "That's for me too." The mere idea that you relate to these types is a sign that you can achieve similar heights.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Go for a walk, pray, read an uplifting passage — do what it takes to get centered. It's good to feel stable and it's stabilizing to feel good. Settle the business that has been lingering in the background.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Dream. It's more important than planning or working now. The right dream at the right time will be so potent that work doesn't feel like work, and planning happens only on the divine level.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Fix what you didn't break, own what befalls you at the last minute. By taking responsibility, you become powerful and even more beautiful to those who know you well.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My spouse (10/26/79) is having issues coping with life, and it's creating a huge gap between us. I am her only support system. She wants me to solve it all. Do you see it getting any better? Because if not, I see a divorce and I don't want that because I do love her. My b-day is 9/5/80."

As compassionate people, part of our human commitment to help each other involves helping one another during a health crisis. It's not easy, but it's one face of love. Virgo, you're a natural caretaker, but with Saturn in Virgo, that role feels thrust upon you, and you easily see its hard edges and demands. I wonder if she's bringing up your fears about being forced to be responsible for someone who can't do for their self, indefinitely. But why even go there? Think about it: You're both young. You didn't mention what illness she's facing, but youth is resilient. In all likelihood, neither of you have any reason to believe this will last forever or can't be managed over time. If both of you are having trouble coping, enlist your medical support team. By 2009, she's feeling better.

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## News briefs

### Clinton poised for West Virginia win that offers little hope of blocking Obama from nomination

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The Democratic presidential race runs on two tracks now, one snaking through the West Virginia primary Tuesday and the other mapped out by Barack Obama through battleground states in the fall.

Hillary Rodham Clinton had every reason to expect a big victory over Obama in West Virginia yet scant hope it could turn around her presidential bid.

She campaigned, though, like it mattered, even as Obama did little more than a drop-by in a state that seemed poised to shun him.

Interest is keen in the primary, judging by a record turnout of more than 70,000 people who cast ballots in person before Tuesday in the state's liberal early voting system.

The Illinois senator may be only a few

weeks from clinching the Democratic nomination, no matter what happens in West Virginia or in another Clinton stronghold, Kentucky, a week later.

### Detroit City Council to vote on plans that could lead to the ouster of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit City Council has spent weeks debating what to do with scandal-plagued Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick: force his ouster or slap him on the wrist.

That talk could lead to action Tuesday when the nine-member group votes on three resolutions that may ultimately remove a defiant Kilpatrick from the office he's held for six years.

Council members are to consider three possibilities: Remove Kilpatrick from office themselves, ask Gov. Jennifer Granholm to do it, or publicly censure the mayor.

## BIRD

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varied in beak and coloration.

Accenting the back of his yellow, parrot-like bill was red that extended around his dark eyes. His crest was tipped with red. Nature had dipped a tiny brush in crimson, and lightly and unevenly painted a narrow streak downward on the feathers of the bird's breast and belly. The pyrrhuloxia was living proof of such an embellishment. The rest of the bird was gray except for tinges of red on the tail and wings.

Since we could not detect any breaks in the wings, we felt the reason the bird did not fly after being attacked was because it probably was

badly bruised. Until it could feast on cotton worms, boll weevils, grasshoppers, caterpillars and weed seeds during the summer, it had been content during nesting season to chance the opportunity for grains and seeds close to human dwellings. As fall approached, beans from mesquite, and the fruit from hackberry and cactus, would be added to its diet.

Keeping the bird for weeks, the wildlife sanctuary in Midland finally gave approval for its release. Having exercised in a flight cage, the pyrrhuloxia was returned to ranchland that offered thorny brush and mesquites. Opening its carrier, we watched as the bird elevated, then continued an undulating flight. Even though it only flew for short intervals, we mar-

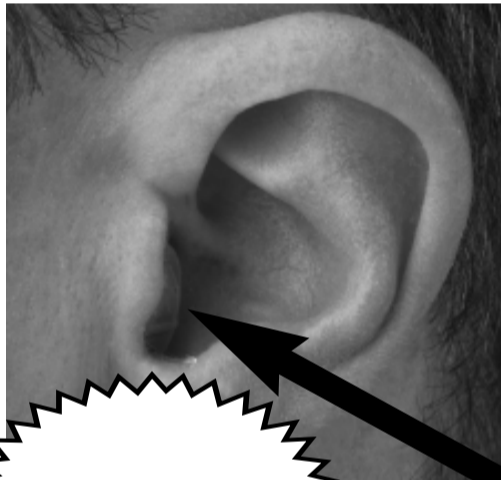
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♠ 9 8 7

♥ A 10 4 3

♦ Q 9 4

♣ 7 4 2

EAST

♠ 6 5 3 2

♥ 8 6

♦ 10 8 6 2

♣ 9 8 5

SOUTH

♠ J 10 4

♥ K Q J 9

♦ A 7 5

♣ Q J 3

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1♥ Pass 3♣

Pass 3NT Pass 6NT

Opening lead — nine of spades.

Whatever can be legally and ethically done to deceive the opposition during the play of the cards is perfectly acceptable in bridge. Usually, the declarer has a better chance of pulling the wool over the opponents' eyes, but occasionally a defender can turn the tables on declarer.

Consider this deal where West

gave declarer a chance to go wrong and, as a result, defeated a slam that appeared certain to make.

South won the spade lead in dummy and could count 11 sure tricks after forcing out the ace of hearts. His best chance for a 12th trick was to find a 3-3 heart division, a doubleton ten of hearts in either defender's hand, or the ace in the East hand.

Accordingly, South led a heart from dummy at trick two and played the king, on which West smoothly followed low! Declarer then returned to dummy with a spade and led a heart to the queen, and again West followed low!

With the ace of hearts apparently in the East hand, it is not surprising that South returned to dummy once more with a club and led a third round of hearts toward his J-9. Curtains! Down one.

Of course, had West won the first or second heart lead, declarer would have made the contract. When he later discovered the actual heart situation, he would have been forced to fall back on the hope that West had the queen of diamonds, and the slam would have come rolling home.

Tomorrow: The aim of the game is to win.

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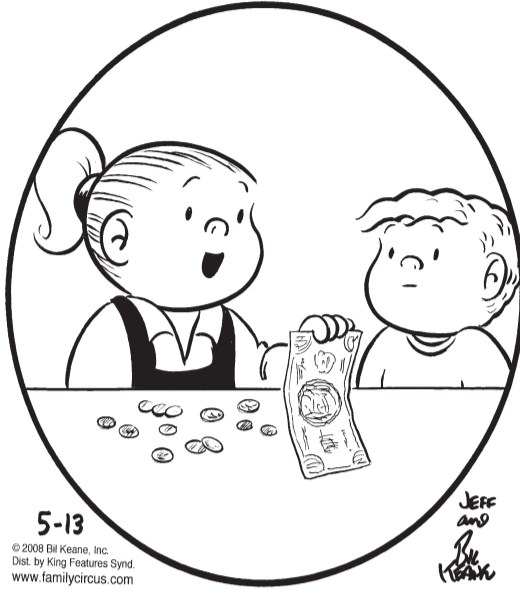
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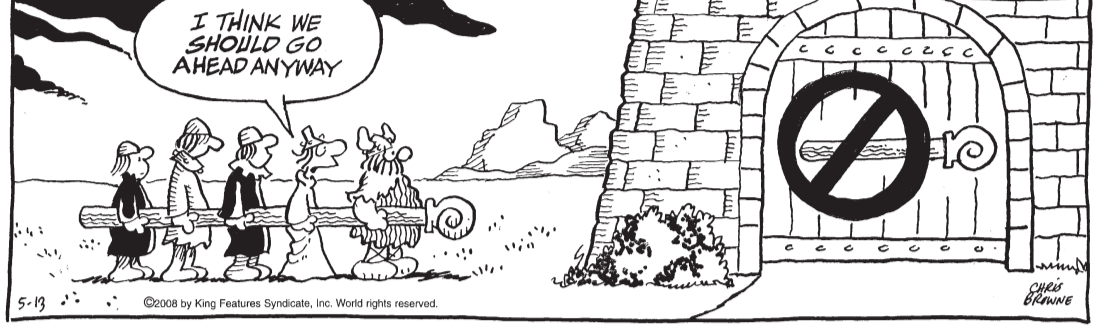
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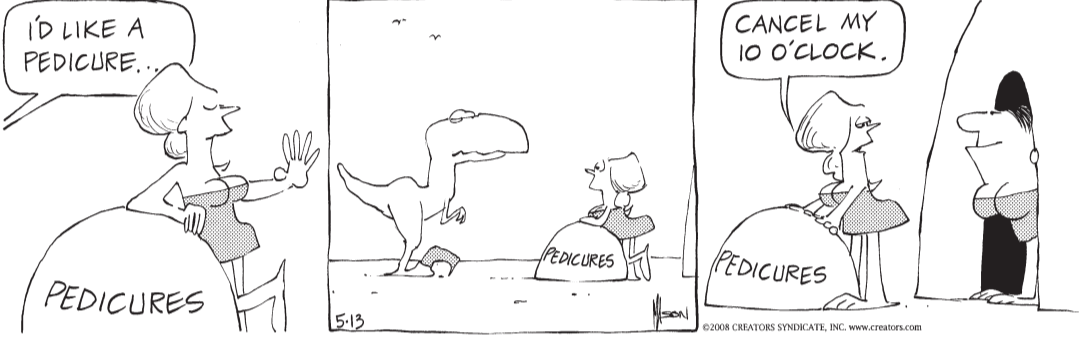
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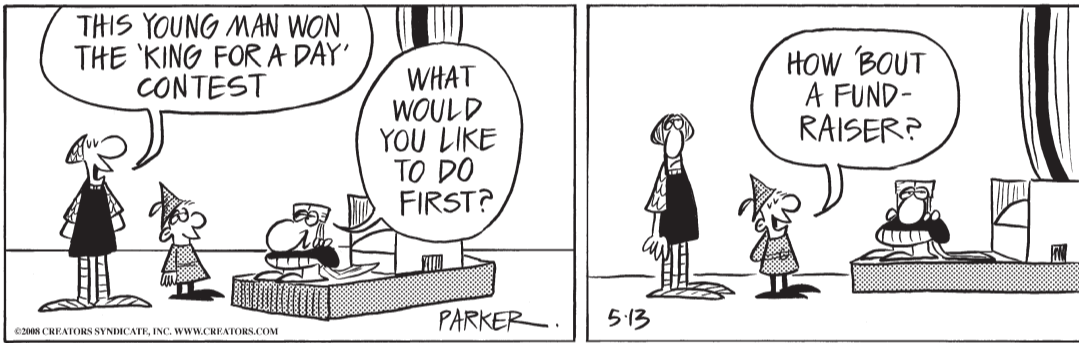


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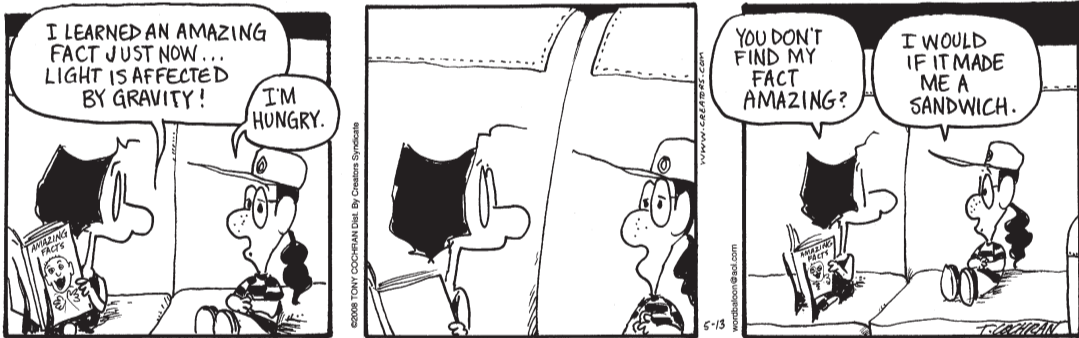
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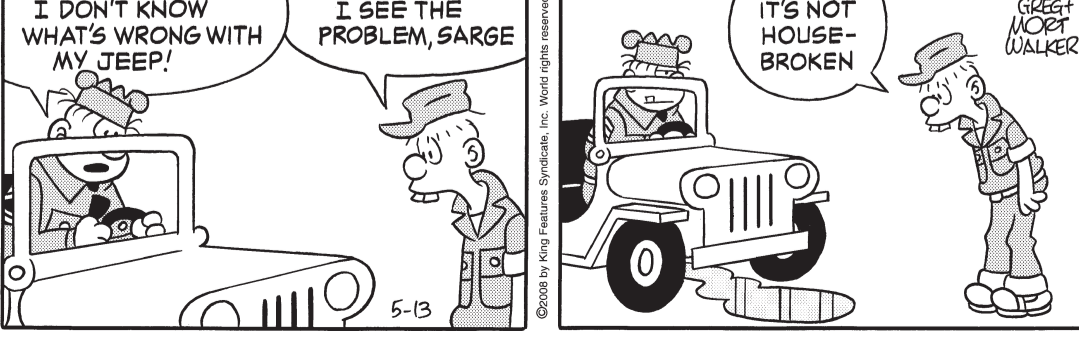
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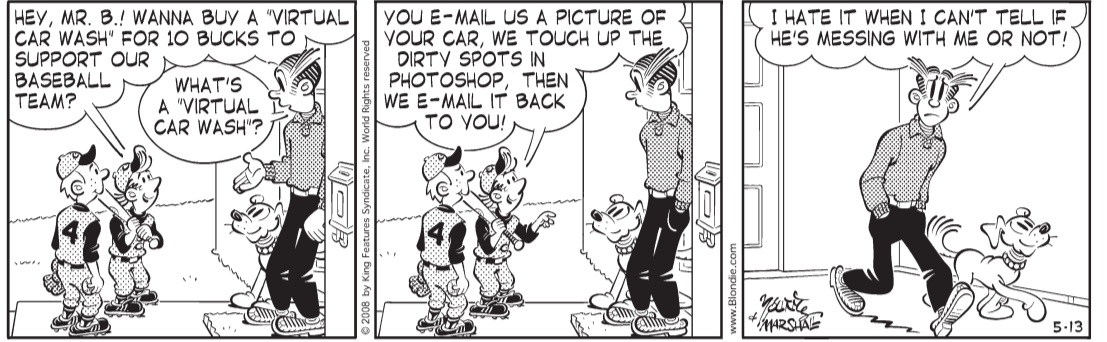
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 13, the 134th day of 2008. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were introduced with a face value of 24 cents. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was printed upside-down; the "inverted Jenny," as it came to be called, instantly became a collector's item.)

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia. (The colonists went ashore the next day.)

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

In 1917, three children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1954, the musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1968, a one-day general strike took place in France in support of student protesters.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

One year ago: President Bush made a pilgrimage to the site of the Jamestown settlement in Virginia to mark the 400th anniversary of its founding. Pope Benedict the XVI, ending a five-day visit to Brazil, blamed both Marxism and unbridled capitalism for Latin America's problems.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Beatrice Arthur is 86. Critic Clive Barnes is 81. Actor Buck Taylor is 70. Actor Harvey Keitel is 69.

Author Charles Baxter is 61. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 59. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 59. Singer Stevie Wonder is 58. Basketball player Dennis Rodman is 47. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert is 44. Actor Tom Verica is 44. Country singer Lari White is 43. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 42. Actress Susan Floyd is 40. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 36. Actress Samantha Morton is 31. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 29.

Thought for Today: "A nation is a society united by a delusion about its ancestry and by a common hatred of its neighbours." - William Ralph Inge, English religious leader and author (1860-1954).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

THREE IN A ROW by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS
- 1 Darn, as socks
- 5 Stage of development
- 10 High-tech "fingerprint"
- 13 Characteristic smell
- 14 Kingly
- 15 Captain's staff
- 16 Greek bread
- 17 Signs of the future
- 18 Genuine
- 19 Severe penalty
- 21 Becomes corroded
- 22 Tarnish
- 23 Membership fees
- 24 State with confidence
- 27 Summons loudly
- 30 Chinese-restaurant staple
- 31 Piece of dinnerware
- 33 That woman
- 34 -Cat (winter vehicle)
- 35 Rooted for
- 37 Anger
- 38 Halloween mo.
- 39 Leno and Letterman
- 40 Approximately
- 41 Buyer's bottom line
- 43 Piccolo cousins
- 45 Pulled apart
- 46 Nose, slangily
- 48 Dried plum
- 50 Fruit-bowl painting
- 54 Traditional knowledge
- 55 Showed on TV
- 56 China's continent
- 57 Commotions
- 58 Location
- 59 Tennis-match units
- 60 Recent
- 61 Eiffel
- 62 Midterm or final
- DOWN
- 1 Floor-washing implements
- 2 Work on a manuscript
- 3 Words of denial
- 4 Nonvoluntary soldier
- 5 Monetary gain
- 6 Surround
- 7 Insurance broker
- 8 Sensible
- 9 Overhead railroads
- 10 Dinner-jacket accessory
- 11 Clutter-free
- 12 Leather-punching tools
- 15 Hard-hearted
- 20 Distant
- 21 Was the boss
- 23 Prom partner
- 24 Fire-setting crime
- 25 Because
- 26 Presumed innocent author
- 27 Roller-coaster units
- 28 Not wordy
- 29 Black-and-white cookies
- 31 Annoying one
- 32 Allow
- 35 Tiresome task
- 36 Fire-hydrant attachment
- 40 Endure longer than
- 42 Funnel shapes
- 43 Filing-cabinet holder
- 44 Cyberspace
- 46 Scarecrow filler
- 47 Female relative
- 48 Architect's design
- 49 Took the train
- 50 Grain-storage building
- 51 Words of understanding
- 52 Is the right size
- 53 Sunrise direction
- 55 Likely

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