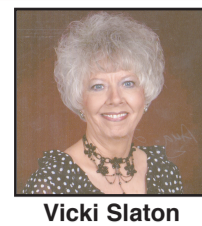




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Back to the books

Ritchey takes over principal duties again

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Take the "interim" off his title, please.

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced today that Mike Ritchey is returning full-time to the high school principal's position, a job he held for many years before becoming athletic director a year ago.

Superintendent Michael Downes said Ritchey's appointment takes effect immediately.



Ritchey

Ritchey was named interim principal at BSHS following Bruce Wilson's resignation earlier this year.

"We looked at other applications and held some other interviews, but it was obvious Mike was the best person for the job," Downes said. "Mike's prior experience as a high school principal at the Class 4A level set him apart from the other candidates."

Attempts to contact Ritchey this morning were unsuccessful.

Ritchey first came to the local school district as a teacher/coach in 1985 and spent 13 years in the athletic department before becoming high school principal in 1998.

He moved back to the athletic department as director and head football coach in May 2007 following Tim Holt's resignation. In his sole season at the helm, the Steers finished with a 4-7 record. Under his direction, four BSHS teams — football, girls' softball, boys' cross-country and boys'

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Shattered Dreams

Program's message: Think before you drink

"We wanted to show these students an incident where one of their friends made a choice to drink and drive, then they saw the consequence of that choice."

—James White, TABC agent

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Every choice has a consequence — and some consequences are downright deadly.

Big Spring High School students got an up-close look at a possible consequence

of drunk driving Tuesday when Victim Services, along with local law-enforcement and emergency responder agencies, held the fourth annual "Shattered Dreams" presentation.

During the presentation, officials staged a realistic simulation of a two-car accident, complete with twisted metal, ambulances, arrests, blood and bodies.

"We're trying to show these students the realistic consequences of their choices," said Linda Perez of Victim Services. "It was as real as we could make it."

Students who were "killed" during the exercise were whisked from classes, crosses with their names were placed in front of the school, parents were informed

of their children's deaths and obituaries were read.

The message was dramatic, but simple

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HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Victim Services, in conjunction with local law enforcement and emergency response agencies, staged a simulation of a two-vehicle accident as part of the annual "Shattered Dreams" program to try to discourage teenagers from drinking and driving. At left, an accident victim is treated by Emergency Medical Service technicians. Above, the drunk driver is led away after her arrest.

City allocates \$25,000 a year toward ADA issue

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of a measure that will allocate \$25,000 a year to bring curb ramps in the city into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, part of an overall plan to address accessibility problems throughout the municipality.

"The ADA Advisory Committee met

Monday to discuss this," said City Attorney Linda Sjogren. "I've been working with the Parkhill, Smith & Cooper representative to get it drafted. This plan is based on a plan from the city of Sacramento the Federal Highway Administration recommended to me to use as a blueprint."

The city recently contracted with PSC, an engineering firm, to develop a plan to bring the city and its facilities into ADA

compliance

Sjogren said the plan will also work hand-in-hand with the street renovation project voters approved in a recent bond election.

"Since we already have funds in our budget for the bond project — we actually have 86 curb ramps in the project — so

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Kids Club undergoes some changes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As area students hungrily await the end of the school year, many parents are faced with the need for child care during the summer months.

Luckily, the local Salvation Army has a ready — and affordable — answer to that dilemma.

The Salvation Army will once again hold it's Boys and Girls Club of America



Keeney

summer camp program beginning June 9, providing child care services to area families from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Capt. Linda Keeney, there have been some changes made to the program since last year's term, changes she and the rest of the Salvation Army staff are very excited about.

"This year we're going to have a theme for each week during the Kids Club," said Keeney. "For example, one of our weeks is a 'Green Week,' where we're going to teach the kids ways they can help save the environment. We'll talk about recycling, conserving water and a number of other topics. We're also going to have a chemistry week, where the kids will get the chance to gets some

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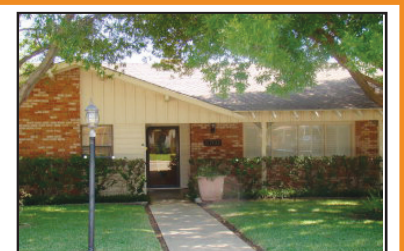
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IN BRIEF

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.

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.

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 Club 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 a person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points toward 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.

BSCC hosting parent-child scramble June 7

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a parent-child, 2-person scramble June 7-8. There is a shotgun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$40 in the trophy division. A parent may play with more than one child with the fee for the second team being discounted to half price.

To sign up, call 267-5354.

Bulldogettes in familiar surroundings



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma Bulldogettes outfielder Joanna Gonzales swings at a pitch in softball action from April 15 in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes host Denver City in Game 1 of a best-of-three playoff series at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Coahoma faces Denver City in Class 2A regional semifinals

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Just like almost every other year in Howard County, the Coahoma Bulldogettes are the last baseball or softball team standing in the postseason.

Coahoma hopes that the regularity of this season leads to another common occurrence for the Bulldogettes — a record 10th trip to the state tournament in Austin.

The Bulldogettes are two games away from claiming another Region I title with Denver City's Lady Mustangs being the next hurdle Coahoma must overcome. The two squads begin a Class 2A regional semifinals best-of-three playoff series at 7 p.m. Thursday in Coahoma.

"I think we match up pretty well with Denver City," Coahoma Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "If we do the same thing we've been doing all year, then we should be fine. They have a very good lineup and score a lot of runs, but we've

played solid defense for most of the season and I don't know that they've seen a pitcher like Heather (Newton)."

Newton has allowed one earned run in two games thus far in the playoffs. The Bulldogettes have backed her up with solid defense, committing just two errors in that span.

Denver City swept Bushland and Shallowater in three-game series so far in the postseason to earn the right to play Coahoma for a spot in the regional final. The Lady Mustangs have scored at least 11 runs in all four of their playoff games. They defeated Shallowater in the regional quarterfinals, 16-4 and 16-10.

"Heather's going to have to throw well and we'll have to play good defense just like in any other game," Tadlock said. "I don't think anyone will put a lot of runs on us. They have a couple of good hitters and one very good hitter. We'll have to play good defense

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West lifts Hornets to 3-2 lead, past Spurs

Game 6 becomes must win for San Antonio

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Relaxed and confident as he sat in his office before Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals, Hornets coach Byron Scott chuckled at the notion he should make major changes after a pair of double-digit losses in San Antonio.

"When you do that, then you're sending that signal to your guys that what we've been doing all season long isn't working anymore," Scott said. "I don't believe that. Obviously it's been pretty good to us all season long, so we're going to stick with it. Our biggest thing is we've got to make sure we come out very aggressive. ... If we come out aggressively, then we're going to win this game."

Well, Scott wasn't the NBA coach of the year for nothing.

Drawing inspiration from a boisterous home crowd, the Hornets stifled Tim Duncan and took a 3-2 lead in the series against the Spurs on Tuesday night with their third lopsided triumph in as many games at the New Orleans Arena.

David West led the way with career playoff highs of 38 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots in a 101-79 victory.

Chris Paul had 16 of his 22 points in the second half and added 14 assists for the Hornets, who've never advanced past the second round of the playoffs in the franchise's 20-year history.

Manu Ginobili led San Antonio with 20 points and Tony Parker had 18. The Hornets held Duncan to 10 points, though Duncan was a force on the glass with 23 rebounds.

"They did a great job of crowding the paint and also getting back to our shooters," Duncan said. "They were very physical on the post. I didn't shoot the ball very well and those opportunities kind of turned into them running it back at us."

Game 6 is Thursday night in San Antonio, where the Spurs are 5-0 in the postseason. The Hornets are now 6-0 in playoffs at home, where Game 7 would be, if necessary.

Guarded mostly by Tyson Chandler, Duncan was 5-of-18 shooting, but

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AP photo/Ann Heisenfelt

New Orleans Hornets guard Chris Paul (3) drives past San Antonio Spurs guard Bruce Bowen in the second half of Game 5 of an NBA Western Conference semifinal basketball playoff series Tuesday in New Orleans.

Surging Rangers top sloppy Seattle, 5-2

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ramon Vazquez hurt the Seattle Mariners for the second straight night — this time with a flyball that stayed in the park.

Vazquez drove in the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning sacrifice fly and the surging Texas Rangers beat Seattle 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Vazquez went deep in the 10th inning Monday night to give the Rangers a 13-12 victory over the Mariners in the opener of the three-game series. He finished with two RBIs Tuesday night as Texas won for the 12th time in 14 games.

"Yesterday we needed to score 13 runs," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Tonight we

needed three but got five. Any situation that presented itself offensively, we did it."

Gerald Laird hit a leadoff single against Seattle starter Felix Hernandez in the sixth, and took second when left fielder Raul Ibanez bobbled the ball for an error.

Laird, who went 2-for-3 and reached base four times, advanced to third on Chris Shelton's sacrifice and scored on Vazquez's flyball to left to put Texas in front 3-2.

Vazquez added an RBI single in the eighth and Ian Kinsler followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 5-2.

Vazquez also made a diving catch near the foul line on Adrian

Beltre's line drive to end the seventh, and Josh Hamilton came up with a nice running catch near the center-field wall to deny Kenji Johjima's bid for extra bases in the eighth.

"Each time they made them was at an important point of the game," Washington said. "If they don't make them, something bad happens. There was defense everywhere. They were very good."

Josh Rupe (2-1) allowed one hit in 1 2-3 scoreless innings and Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his first save since Aug. 12, 2006, for the Cincinnati Reds.

The Mariners, losers of 12 of 14, committed four errors.

"It puzzles me a lot because it's one of the big strengths of our

club," manager John McLaren said of his team's defense. "When we try to build around our pitching, we need our defense. We can't be giving away four outs. When you give them extra opportunities, it changes the whole complexion of the game."

Rangers starter Kason Gabbard allowed two runs and five hits over 5 1-3 innings five nights after Mariners first baseman Richie Sexson charged the mound and flung his helmet at Gabbard to touch off a bench-clearing brawl in Seattle.

"I was just happy to make it past the fifth inning," Gabbard said. "Everything felt good tonight."

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Obituaries

Greg Jackson

Greg Jackson, 43, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at West Hwy. 80 Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 11, 1964, in Hobbs, N.M. He was a truck driver. He moved to Big Spring in February 2008 from Phoenix, Ariz., and was a member of the West Hwy. 80 Church of Christ.

He is survived by his parents, Clay and Velma Jackson of Big Spring; and three daughters, Bryanna Jackson, Asha Jackson and Syria Jackson, all of Phoenix.

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

Eddie P. Hughes

Services for Eddie P. Hughes, 76 of Lamesa will be held Thursday May 15, 2008, at 10: a.m. at the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. Rush Coffman and the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will be in Twin Oaks Memorial Park in Artesia, N.M., at 2 p.m. MDT under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Eddie died May 12, 2008, in Lubbock.

He was born July 19, 1931, in Freestone County to Edward and Alma Hughes.

He married Clea Wingo on Jan. 12, 1954, in Hagerman, N.M.

Eddie managed cotton gins for 52 years in Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas. In 1968 he was recognized as Ginner of the Year. He was also awarded the Horace Hayden Memorial Award in 1968. Eddie served as a past president of the New Mexico Cotton Growers' Association. He has been a member of Second Baptist Church since 1991 where he served as a deacon for at least five years.

Survivors include his wife, Clea Hughes of Lamesa; two daughters, Brenda Whiteaker and husband Roger of Carlsbad, N.M., and Marsha Willmore and husband John of Carlsbad, N.M.; one son, Mike Hughes and wife Cindy of Big Spring; three sisters, Wynona Petty of Cloudcroft, N.M., Pat Brasher of Hobbs, N.M., and Dean Hynes of Kingwood; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Larry York

Larry York, 55, of Azle, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in a Fort Worth hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Jerry Berry officiating.

He was born July 1, 1952, in Dallas and spent his early childhood in Big Spring. He grew up in Dallas and worked in the oilfield and also worked at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. He was a member of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include one son, Larry Robert York Jr. of Sugarland; one sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and James Holmes of Midland; one brother-in-law, Josh Beebe of Jacksonville; one sister-in-law, Bonnie York of Rowlett, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Betty Beebe and one brother, Jack York Jr.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

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

Take Note

• Go back to the 1950s! The Trinity Baptist Church 50s group will celebrate its bi-annual reunion this weekend. Members, friends and family are invited to join the "youth group" of the 1950s for food, fun, fellowship and remembrances. Schedule will kick off with a Friday evening fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Saturday morning the group will meet at Trinity at 10 a.m. for brunch/lunch. The reunion group will dine Saturday evening at a local restaurant and return to the church following the meal for dessert and fellowship. Sunday morning, May 18, the 50s group will sit together during 10:45 a.m. worship service at Trinity Baptist. The 50s youth group reunion includes anyone that was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church youth group during the 1950s. Members having been meeting in reunion since 1980. For more information, contact Wayne or Martha Beene at (432) 267-6861.

• 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.

Police blotter

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

- **MATTHEW VANDERPOOL**, 20, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Monday on two local warrants and three local capias warrants.
- **ADRIANA ENRIQUEZ**, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 800 block of Willia.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Pickens.
 - in the 600 block of McEwen.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

- **SHAWNA GRAYSON**, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft of property (two counts) and theft of property.
- **BRANDON WHITE**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- **AUBRY RAY DARDEN JR.**, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- **TEKIA "KOKO" WILLIAMS**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).
- **ROBERT RICHARD PEARSON**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and a judgment/sentence for burglary of a building (two counts).
- **SEAN DAURRE CLARK**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than four ounces, less than five pounds in a drug free zone.
- **MATTHEW BRAUER**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

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 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

Bulletin Board

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

• 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.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Weather

Tonight, Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday, Mostly cloudy. Highs around 70. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night, Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night, Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Saturday, Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Saturday night, Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday, Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday night, Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday, Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Monday night, Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday, Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-19-21-25-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-4-2. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-2. Sum It Up: 16.

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Pistons eliminate Magic in Game 5

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons missed 64 percent of their shots and had a rookie filling in for an All-Star at point guard.

It didn't matter. Detroit set an NBA playoff record with just three turnovers and made just enough shots and stops to advance to their sixth straight Eastern Conference final with a 91-86 win Tuesday night over the Orlando Magic in Game 5 of the second-round series.

Richard Hamilton scored 31 points, made victory-sealing free throws late in the game and Tayshaun Prince had a key block to help Detroit eliminate Orlando.

The Pistons are the first franchise to play in six conference finals in a row since the Los Angeles Lakers went to eight straight in the 1980s.

"Now we expect to do this," Hamilton said.

"We're supposed to be here."

The Pistons will have a break before facing the Boston Celtics or Cleveland Cavaliers and that will help Chauncey Billups, who missed his second straight game with a strained right hamstring.

"It's good to get this over with," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said. "Now we get a chance to rest."

Detroit overcame an awful shooting night by making free throws, taking care of the ball and pestering the Magic.

The Pistons were 28-of-32 at the line and didn't turn the ball over once after the first quarter even though Rodney Stuckey was filling in for Billups.

Orlando made just 16 of 28 free throws and had a playoff-high 21 turnovers, which turned into 34 points for Detroit.

"The fact that the game is close at the end when you look at the free throw shooting and turnover disparity is remarkable," Orlando coach Stan Van

Gundy said.

To the Magic's credit, they didn't go away easily against a playoff-tested team that improved to 15-3 when it has a chance to advance since 2003.

Detroit led by 10 with 3:49 left, but was clung to a 85-84 lead with just under a minute left after Hedo Turkoglu made back-to-back shots.

The Pistons won thanks to Hamilton's six free throws and Prince's block of Turkoglu's dunk attempt in the last 20 seconds.

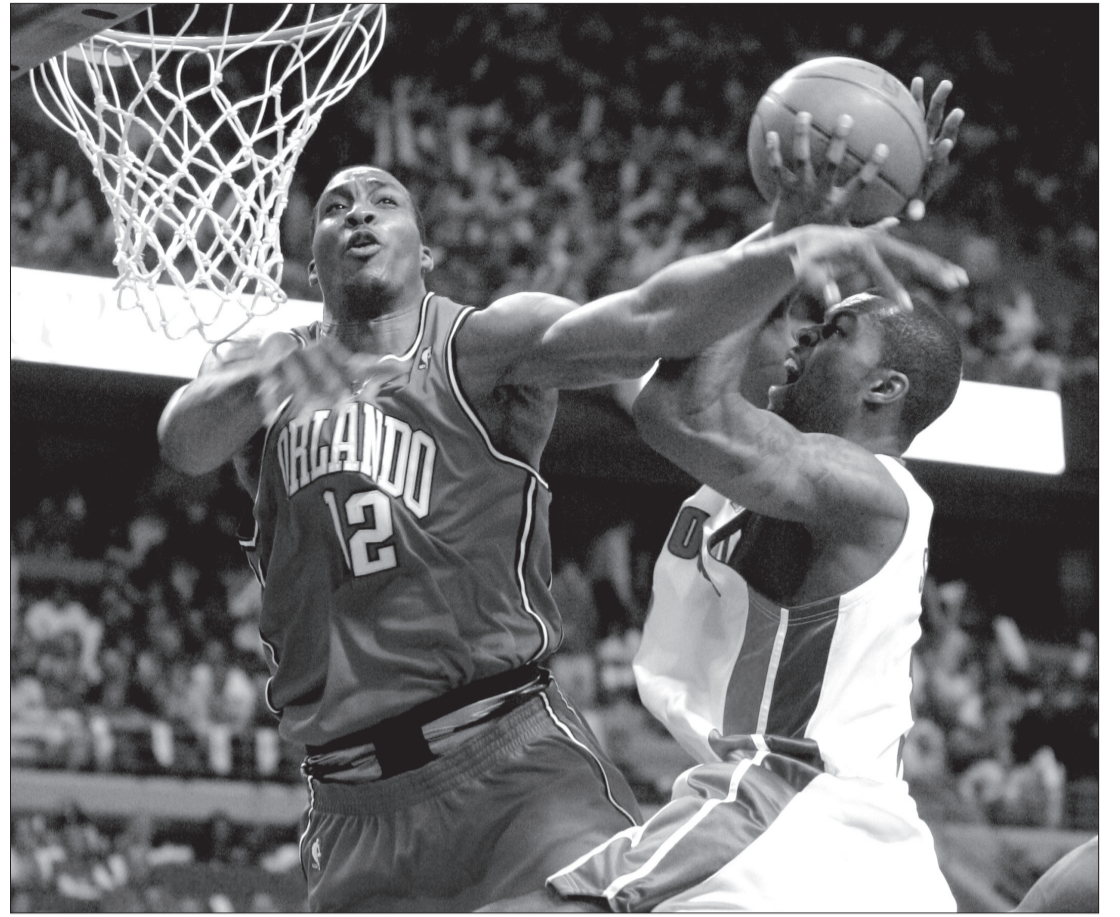
Each team won a rout in the series while Detroit took all three decided in the final minute.

"They didn't do anything that beat us, we just made too many mistakes," Turkoglu said.

Detroit minimized its miscues even with a player a year removed from starring at Eastern Washington.

Stuckey didn't have a turnover in 33 minutes and had 15 points, six

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AP photo/Carlos Osoro

Detroit Pistons guard Rodney Stuckey is fouled by Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard (12) during the fourth quarter of Game 5 of an NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff series at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich., Tuesday. Detroit won 91-86, and advanced to the conference finals.

COAHOMA

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and contain those hitters and make the rest of the lineup earn their runs."

For the first time this postseason, the Bulldogettes will be involved in a best-of-three series. Tadlock has pushed for a series in Coahoma's two previous playoff games with Kermit and Blanco, but lost coin tosses, giving opponents the chance to upset the No. 2 Bulldogettes in a one-game scenario.

"It's good to finally win a coin toss. I just don't like playing one game. There's a chance of a fluke happening in those situa-

tions," Tadlock explained. "Winning two out of three is tougher and usually the best team is going to prevail. I just don't want there to be any chance of there being a fluke."

"Also, when you play a one-game playoff, then you're only playing one game a week," he continued. "The girls aren't used to only playing once a week. It's better for us to get more live at-bats rather than have so much practice time."

Waiting for the winner of this contest will be either No. 6 Hawley or No. 10 Stinnet West Texas. Coahoma and Hawley are District 5-2A rivals and the Lady Bearcats took the

Bulldogettes to the brink of elimination in last year's regional final. Tadlock says the Bulldogettes aren't look too far ahead quite yet, though.

"I really try to keep them focused on winning the next game," Tadlock said. "I think they realize Hawley could be the next team they face, but I don't think its taking away from their focus on Denver City."

Game 2 of the series with the Lady Mustangs is set for noon Saturday in Denver City. A third game, if necessary, will occur 30 minutes following the completion of the second contest.

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DREAMS

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at its core — think before you drink.

“The number one killer of young people between the ages of 16 and 25 is alcohol-related car accidents,” said James White, an agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. “We wanted to show these students an incident where one of their friends made a choice to drink and drive, then they saw the consequence of that choice.”

BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said the event was very timely.

“With prom and graduation coming up, this is a good time for this program,” Ritchey said.

“If it can touch one kid, make a difference in just one life ... and lead them to make better choices, I think that would make this program a success.”

While it is doubtful teenage drunk driving will disappear anytime soon, officials hope the program has a positive impact on young people.

“My feeling is that some of these kids are going to get involved in things they really shouldn’t get involved with,” White said. “My hope is that before they actually commit to those things, they will stop and think about the consequences.”

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
A medical evacuation helicopter lands at Big Spring High School as part of the “Shattered Dreams” program Tuesday.

RITCHEY

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track — either won district titles or qualified for postseason play.

Ritchey will continue with athletic director duties until a replacement can be named, Downes said.

“We must post the job opening for 10 business days,” Downes said. “Once that window closes, we will start considering candidates and will make a decision as soon as possible.”

And Downes said officials have a pretty good idea of the type of athletic director they want.

“We will be looking for a candidate to continue to the quality work Mike started with the program,” Downes said. “We’re not looking for an overhaul, we’re looking for a continuation.”

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ADA

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we’re getting the plan going,” said Sjogren. “This is a good place for us to start with it.”

The project includes a tiered timeline, according to Sjogren, which will allow the city to address the curb ramps they feel are the biggest problems first.

“We’ve set up a tier sort of prioritizing which curb ramps we’ll do first,” said Sjogren. “The first ones, of course, will be the ones we already have budgeted in the street project. After that we’ll set up a survey and prioritize the list. The committee has come up with a minimum of \$25,000 per year for the city to budget to add curb ramps, which is something you need to consider.”

“The committee has also worked out a schedule for three town hall meetings that we’ll try to have in June to get input on facility and curb ramp needs. This will make a good start for getting our ADA compliance going.”

The council approved the measure unanimously.

Also during the Tuesday night meeting, the city approved first reading of a six-month moratorium on electronic billboards in the city limits.

“This will give us six months to review the TML (Texas Municipal League) survey they are

working on,” Sjogren told the council. “That way we can see what the negative consequences of LED billboards may be. We also want to look at our billboard regulations in general.”

Mayor Russ McEwen inquired how possible changes in the law concerning billboards might impact existing signs in the city limits.

“But this would not have anything to do with the gigantic billboards that were put up on N. U.S. Highway 87?” asked McEwen.

Sjogren said any changes to the city code concerning billboards would not be retroactive.

“They’re already up,” said Sjogren with a smile. “So we’re only going forward. New permits would be put on hold for six months.”

Questions concerning the LED billboards was first brought to the court by Sjogren last month, when she informed the council a new state law would allow the signs on Texas highways. However, each municipality would have the right to allow or disallow the signs within their boundaries. The moratorium, if approved by the council, would begin June 1.

Also during Tuesday’s meeting, the council approved:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute project agreements with

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article 10 - 163, Section 13-46 through 13-57, regulating junked vehicles in order to align the definition of junked vehicle with that in state law and amending notice procedures for abatement of junked vehicle nuisances.

- Emergency ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 10 General Election. Also, the oaths of office were administered to District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and District 3 Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup by City Finance Director Peggy Walker during the meeting.

- Approval of a tax abatement agreement with Western Motels Inc. dba Best Western Inn and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement. The measure passed on a 6-1 vote, with Councilman Greg Biddison voting against it.

- First reading of an ordinance amending ordinance No. 2812007 which adopted the annual budget for the city fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2007, and ending Sept. 20, 2008, providing for increasing the general fund budget for the purpose of purchasing property from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The measure will allow the

city to purchase 116 acres of property located behind the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, currently owned by the Big Spring State Hospital.

- Approval of a change order to existing contract with Utility Service Company as part of the Water Reservoir Bond Project. The project, which is being funded by bond proceeds, is expected to come in under its \$444,000 budget.

- First reading of an ordinance approving a final plat of Payal Hotel Enterprises Inc. Subdivision, described as a 2.107 acre tract out of the SE/4 of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

- Approval of a Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement.

- First reading of an ordinance assessing impound fees and administrative fees to reimburse the city for the cost of towing vehicles associated with the Police Department towing policy as it relates to vehicles and drivers without proof of financial responsibility. The change would up the current fee of \$90 to \$150. The ordinance passed on a 6-1 vote with Councilman Manuel Ramirez voting against it.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing

continued participation with the steering committee of cities serviced by Oncor and authorizing the payment of 10 cents per capita to the steering committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of Howard County trustee properties to the highest bidder for cash without reservation.

- First reading of an ordinance granting a partial residence homestead exemption for tax year 2008 and granting a partial residence homestead exemption to any individual who is disabled or age 65 or older.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for an additional 20 percent penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes that remain delinquent July 1 of the year in which they become delinquent.

- First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article 1, entitled “Unsanitary, Unightly, Etc. Conditions on Private Premises” by renaming it “Unsanitary, Unightly and Public Nuisance Conditions on Property,” by adding definitions for abate, building, garbage, premises, and undeveloped property; declaring nuisances, making nuisance abatement authority applicable inside the city limits and within 5,000 feet outside

the city limits; repealing the administrative lien fee of \$100; adding additional authority to abate weeds more than 48 inches; providing notice and hearing procedures; providing for minimum and maximum penalties for first and subsequent offenses; and providing for severability.

- First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 3, of the City Code entitled “Police Reserve Force” by amending Section 1-55 entitled “Basic Qualifications of Applicants” to provide that all members of the Police Reserve Force must meet TCLEOSE licensing standards for reserve officers; and by adding Section 1-68 entitled “Compensation” in order to provide that members of the Police Reserve Force shall be compensated for time spent in training for and in the performance of official duties of the Police Reserve Force.

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Greg Jackson, 43, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at West Hwy 80 Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

KIDS CLUB

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hands-on experience with simple chemistry stuff. We’re very excited about it.”

Unfortunately, according to Keeney, some of the changes to the program this year won’t be as popular as the theme weeks, but are simply necessary to make the program a success.

“The fees will be different this year,” said Keeney. “We’ll be charging \$15 a month per child for the club. We plan to use the school system as much as possible for the lunches, but our two biggest costs are staff and food, and they really killed us last year. However, if the new fee puts an extreme hardship on a family, they can come in and talk to us and we’ll work something out.”

“This year we’re also going to have to limit the number of children participating to 75. Last

year we just had so many children, it was too many for our current facilities. We want to be safety conscious, and it’s so hard to maneuver in the building, and that could present a fire hazard.”

Keeney said the Salvation Army is planning a special activity for each Friday during the summer that should help keeps the kids cool, despite the heat.

“Fridays the parents are going to drop their kids off at the city swimming pool, located in Comanche Trail park, instead of the Salvation Army office,” said Keeney. “The kids will be able to swim from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. All we ask is the parents sign the kids in when they get there, that way we can have an accurate count of the children participating. There’s no extra fee, and the children’s admission

to the pool is covered. Our office will be closed during that time because all of the staff will be at the pool, and it will be closed prior to 1 p.m. as well.”

Keeney said they will also be starting a special program for the program’s teens this year.

“We call it ‘Reality Check.’ We’re going to teach the teens some of the things they need to survive in the world today, like how to balance a checkbook, make budgets and financial things like that,” said Keeney. “One of the projects we’re going to have for them is a budgeting exercise where they have to take \$10 and pay for a meal for six people. It should really help open their eyes to what it’s like trying to budget and stretch funds in the world.”

Keeney said sign-up

for the club is under way now.

“Sonnet Hildebrand is the new director for the program,” said Keeney. “You can catch her here at our office — located at 811 W. Fifth Street — between 10 a.m. and noon, and again between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. She will take the applications.”

Keeney said the program doesn’t just end with the summer, however.

“Just like last year, the club will continue through the school year as well,” said Keeney. “During the school year it’s open from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. It’s a lot of fun for the kids, and a big help for parents that can’t afford other child care.”

For more information on the program, call 267-8239.

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New indictment on Bonds unsealed

By PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal prosecutors have unveiled a revamped indictment against Barry Bonds, but the career home run leader's lawyers say nothing has changed.

"Barry Bonds is innocent," the player's lead attorney, Allen Ruby, said after his client was once again charged with lying to a grand jury and hampering the federal government's doping investigation.

Bonds originally was indicted in November by a federal grand jury on four counts of perjury and one

count of obstruction of justice.

On Tuesday, a grand jury handed up a superseding indictment charging him with 14 counts of making false declarations to a grand jury in 2003 and one count of obstruction of justice. No new lies were alleged.

"It's exactly the same," Golden Gate University law professor Peter Keane said. "It's two ways of saying it's lying, and there's really no substantial difference between what he was charged with then and what he is charged with now."

Following a motion by Bonds' lawyers to dismiss the case, U.S. District

Judge Susan Illston in February ordered prosecutors to rewrite the indictment because multiple alleged lies were lumped into single charges.

The case against Bonds remains built on whether he lied when he told the grand jury that his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, never supplied him with steroids and human growth hormone.

Bonds' next hearing already had been scheduled for June 6 before the new indictment was unsealed, but Ruby said it is unclear whether Bonds will be expected to enter a plea then.

Ruby said Bonds will appear in court to plead

not guilty to the new charges.

The Major League Baseball Players Association said last week it was investigating whether to file a collusion grievance against teams for not pursuing Bonds, who became a free agent when the Giants decided they didn't want him back after 15 seasons.

The 43-year-old outfielder, a seven-time NL MVP, says he wants to play this year.

His agent claims no team has made an offer for the 14-time All-Star. Bonds hit 28 homers last year to raise his total to 762, seven more than Hank Aaron's previous record.

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assists and two steals.

"Just because I went to a small school doesn't mean nothing," Stuckey said. "I believe in myself when I step out there. This is why Joe (Dumars) drafted me."

Detroit selected the sturdy point guard with the 15th pick — acquired from Orlando for Darko Milicic — and he was good enough

during an injury-stunted regular season to be named to the All-Rookie second team.

Van Gundy acknowledged being disappointed to lose twice with Billups out and Stuckey in.

"That speaks very well for them and it's very disappointing for us," Van Gundy said.

Soon after being told his grandmother passed away, Detroit's Antonio McDyess had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Rasheed Wallace

scored 14 and Prince added 10 points for the Pistons.

Turkoglu had 18 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Magic. Dwight Howard, Rashard Lewis and Jameer Nelson each had 14 points.

Nelson had guaranteed his team would extend the series with a win.

"We played them tough," Nelson said. "If there's anyone in their locker room who didn't think this was tough, they don't know what tough is."

SPURS

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Chandler left the game early in the fourth quarter with a bruised left foot. Meanwhile, a trainer put an ice pack on West's back after he left the game in the final minutes as the Hornets All-Star forward grimaced in pain.

Scott said he did not expect either of them to miss the next game.

West's back was bothering him before the game, but was dominant on both ends of the floor throughout, with four of his blocks coming in the second half, one from behind the play on what seemed like a certain layup by Ime Udoka.

"Back in the locker room, right before we break huddle and come out to the game, we said, 'No excuses,'" West recalled.

"Regardless of how I was feeling, I just knew how important this game was for us as a basketball team. I knew I had to play well. I went out there with the intent to play well and things just went my way."

Morris Peterson had 12 points for New Orleans on four 3-pointers, picking up the slack for Peja Stojakovic, who was guarded closely again.

Stojakovic still managed a crucial transition 3 in the fourth quarter, giving the Hornets an 81-68 lead with 7:05 to go.

San Antonio pulled to 85-77 on Udoka's third 3-pointer, but Paul responded with a driving layup with 4:33 left and scored again on a pass from West to turn back the Spurs' rally.

The Hornets trailed 47-44 at halftime.

But Paul, who had six points in the first half,

scored nine points and set up Chandler for an alley-oop dunk during a 20-4 Hornets run to open the third quarter. Peterson's 3 capped the surge, giving New Orleans a 64-51 lead.

Notes: @ Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was called for a technical between the first and second quarters while arguing with referee Joe Crawford about an earlier delay of game call.

... Robert Horry's appearance for San Antonio gave him 238 in the playoffs, surpassing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the most in NBA history. ... New Orleans' Melvin Ely and the Spurs' Fabricio Oberto were called for double fouls and double technicals after a collision under the San Antonio basket in the first quarter. ... The Hornets tied a playoff franchise low with only six turnovers, while the Spurs had 11 turnovers.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to put Relay for Life in your plans

The place to be in Big Spring this weekend will be Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus — the site for the annual Relay for Life event staged by the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The stadium's football field will be transformed into a huge, colorful campground as runners and walkers take to the track as the overnight fund-raiser marks its 14th anniversary with the theme of "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back."

As always, dozens of teams are expected to take part in the event, which means there will literally be hundreds of participants involved in the community-wide campout.

Organizers will open the event with registration for survivors at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Then, following a brief ceremony set for 8 p.m., the walking begins at 8:30 p.m. "Survivor's Lap," in which anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer can participate. Cancer survivors, from young children to senior citizens, are scheduled to participate in the special lap.

The Relay for Life then gets under way with a walker or runner from each team beginning to circle the track.

The teams will continue the relay until closing ceremonies at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Entertainment, food and games are planned throughout the event and many of the teams will be selling food as additional on-site fund-raisers.

At 10 p.m., another of the event's emotional moments will come when luminaria are lit circling the track. These are purchased in memory of loved ones.

And at midnight, a "Fight Back Ceremony" — something new for this year's event — is scheduled.

We encourage each of our readers to become a part of Relay for Life. Admission is free and those participating in the relay need and deserve all the encouragement we can give them.

As we have noted in the past, our community's Relay for Life is annually among the top relays in the state and finishes among the top 10 in the nation for fund-raising among communities of similar size.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even a short whispered prayer to You, Lord, is perfect.

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In Puerto Rico, rare vote for 'Presidente'

They serve valiantly in our armed forces, yet they don't have the right to vote for the president, who is their commander in chief during war. They are American citizens, yet they don't have a single voting representative in Congress. They are our 4 million fellow Americans who live on the island of Puerto Rico — a people about to get a rare say on who gets to live in the White House.

Although Puerto Rico residents are forbidden from participating in the general election, they do vote in very late and usually insignificant Republican and Democratic presidential primaries. But the Democratic primary isn't insignificant this year in Puerto Rico! Given the rare longevity of the race between Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, Puerto Rican Democrats may get an opportunity to be very influential in determining their party's nominee, and they already are savoring every moment.

If Clinton stays in the race until the June 1 Puerto Rico primary — in spite of growing calls for her to drop out — the islanders and their issues will get rare attention from Clinton and Obama. After all, in Puerto Rico, 55 Democratic delegates and eight superdelegates are up for grabs.

If they both still are running June 1, you know they and their surrogates will be flying to San Juan quite often, especially during the 12 days between the May 20 primaries

in Kentucky and Oregon and the June 1 contest in Puerto Rico.

But if one of them drops out, because Puerto Ricans can't vote in the general election, the other is likely to forget all about campaigning on the island. In fact, if the race is over before June 1, we can expect the winner to go to Puerto Rico, but mostly for a much-needed vacation — and maybe a little lip service.

Yet Puerto Ricans have issues they want to hear the candidates discuss, from their failing schools and their stagnant economy to the island's commonwealth relationship with the United States, which is the prevailing issue that affects all other issues there.

As long as Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States, a status that was meant to be temporary, islanders will seek occasional plebiscites to determine whether Puerto Rico remains a commonwealth, becomes an independent nation or joins the union as the 51st state.

In three plebiscites (1967, 1993 and 1998), Puerto Ricans have chosen to remain a commonwealth slightly over becoming a state, with independence finishing a distant third.

There's a new bill in Congress that would create a new plebiscite, and Puerto Ricans are eager to hear how Clinton and Obama feel about their right to self-determination.

Of course, Clinton, Obama and Sen. John McCain, who already won the Puerto Rico Republican primary in February, have expressed support for Puerto Ricans to have the right to choose their political status. But they have to go much further than that!

Thus far, every plebiscite in Puerto Rico has been nonbinding, meaning that Congress has not

been bound to abide by the will of the Puerto Rican people. If Puerto Rico chooses to become a state, many doubt that it could become a reality, especially because other political factors would come into play.

With eight Electoral College votes, would Puerto Rico become a blue or red state? And once that is clearly determined by the polls, would the party on the losing side then oppose Puerto Rican statehood? Would some in Congress oppose a Spanish-speaking state? Is anyone scared by the idea that if it were a state, Puerto Rico would send two senators and six representatives, all likely to be Hispanic, to Capitol Hill? Would there be some in Congress who would argue that Puerto Rico has a history of terrorism by those who seek independence and for that reason the island is not ready to become a state?

Those are just some of the questions the Puerto Rican people want to hear the presidential candidates answer about the possibility of statehood for the island. The answers to those questions and many others about a better commonwealth arrangement or a transition toward independence are what may determine whether Clinton goes on to the general election or concedes to Obama.

This means that instead of treading lightly around the island's political status, Clinton and Obama really will have to deal with this issue. They will have to speak about the different options, including the commonwealth arrangement that prevents the Puerto Rican people from voting for either of them in November.

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Gas-tax holiday a real loser

In a desperate bid to exceed the expectation that she would lose big in North Carolina and win handily in Indiana, Hillary Rodham Clinton glommed onto John McCain's proposal for a summer holiday on the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gasoline tax. With her two-point squeak-by win in Indiana and double-digit loss in the Tar Heel State, it is clear that gambit failed.

Barack Obama stood tall in opposing the gas-tax holiday as "an election-year gimmick." And he emerged stronger than predicted.

Maybe in 2008, there is such a thing as over-pandering. In April, McCain proposed suspending the federal gasoline tax and the 24.4 cents per gallon diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The conservative Wall Street Journal editorial page struck the right note in opining, "There are few tax cuts we don't like, but this one smacks of poll-driven gimmickry."

Hmmm. Poll-driven gimmickry. No wonder Clinton jumped on that bus. To make it more poll-driven and gimmicky, she proposed to make up for the \$8 billion in lost tax revenue by imposing a windfall tax on Big Bad Oil companies.

She then hit her opponent with ads that warned voters that Obama dismissed the savings to consumers as "just pennies. He'd make you keep paying that tax instead of big

oil."

Pollster Scott Rasmussen reported Wednesday that he found that 46 percent of likely voters nationally favor a summer gas-tax holiday, 42 percent oppose it and 12 percent are not sure. So the idea is marginally popular. And it is hard not to be moved when McCain talks about the pain of working-class people being hosed during long commutes or when Clinton commiserates with families who have to choose between a gallon of gas and a gallon of milk.

Thus both McCain and Clinton have been able to use the proposal to establish their populist bona fides while they dismiss their "elite" critics, who can more easily absorb high prices at the gas pump.

Here's the problem: Economists don't believe that the gas-tax holiday will produce a commensurate drop in prices at the pump — not when global demand for oil is up and the dollar is weak. Even the New York Times editorialized on the simple supply-and-demand reality: "Gas prices rise during the summer season of heavy driving as rising demand pushes refiners to produce virtually at full capacity. If a suspension in the excise tax reduced the price at the pump, it would encourage even more driving. This would simply push prices back up."

The watchdog group factcheck.org wrote in response to a Clinton gas-tax ad, "We and other journalists have tried unsuccessfully to find any economists who think Clinton's holiday will actually give drivers relief." When ABC's George Stephanopoulos asked Clinton to

name an economist who supported her idea, Clinton replied that she was "not going to put my lot in with economists."

President Bush also opposes the gas-tax holiday. "If there was a magic wand to wave, I'd be waving it, of course," Bush told reporters last week. Reports have faulted Bush's suggested remedies — drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, expanding nuclear power — as old ideas.

True, expanding supply and reducing demand are old ideas. That work. Of course, the most irritating element of the McCain/Clinton pandering is that both candidates support a spate of laws designed to curb greenhouse gases. Ergo, they should love high gas prices, which prompt Americans to drive less and buy more fuel-efficient cars.

Except this is an election year. I should note that while an Obama ad hit Clinton's "political pandering," the same ad touted his pledge to "take on price gouging by oil companies," tax their windfall profits, and give "working families" a \$1,000 tax cut.

On the one hand, Obama showed political courage in not jumping on the gas-tax holiday bandwagon. On the other hand, his version of not pandering is to promise to whack Big Oil in ways that aren't likely to change anything. And instead of saving "working families" pennies a day, he promised dollars a day.

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Sexson sat out Tuesday night, serving the fourth of his five-game suspension.

Hernandez (2-4) allowed two earned runs and six hits in six innings, losing his fourth straight start. He walked five and struck out three.

Seattle pushed across two runs in the sixth. Jose Lopez hit a sacrifice fly and Johjima doubled in a run to tie it at 2.

Before the season, the Mariners were projected as playoff contenders on the strength of their starting pitching. But inconsistent pitching, sloppy defense and a lack of clutch hitting have contributed to a poor start that has left Seattle (15-26) with the worst record in the AL.

"Obviously it's not fun to be losing," designated hitter Jeff Clement said. "It's tough to be happy when

things aren't going well. We've got to continue grinding through it, realize it's a long season, and figure it out before too long."

Notes: The Rangers pulled within a game of .500 (20-21) for the first time since April 12 when they were 5-6. ... Seattle DH Jose Vidro missed the game with back spasms. ... Texas got its sixth consecutive series win, the most since taking seven straight from July 15-Aug. 4, 1999.

Rays 2, Yankees 1, 11 innings

It's not a mistake in the standings. The Tampa Bay Rays are leading the American League East.

Tampa Bay has won six straight and 11 in a row at home. Sure it's only mid-May, but the Rays are off to the best start in franchise history and enjoying every minute of it.

"It's great to be here, and a big part of it is the confidence derived from it,"

said Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon after the Rays 2-1 victory in 11 innings over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night. "Nobody's cocky or complacent. Everybody's coming to the ballpark with the right attitude."

The win, coupled with Boston's loss put the Rays a half-game ahead of the Red Sox in the division. It's the first time Tampa Bay has sat alone atop the standings beyond the first week of a season.

"I've been around a long time. It's early, but I love the way we're doing it by not giving in to anyone," veteran closer Troy Percival said. "We're win-

ning close games against good teams. The way we're fighting, you can see it's not a fluke."

At 23-16, the Rays are seven games over .500 for the first time in the team's 11 seasons. They've finished last nine times in the past decade.

"They're pitching better. They're making some plays, and they run," said Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, who gave up his first run of the season to suffer the loss. "They do all the little things. But the most important thing is they're pitching."

In other games on Tuesday night it was: Cleveland 4, Oakland 0;

Baltimore 5, Boston 4; Kansas City 3, Detroit 2; Toronto 5, Minnesota 3; and Los Angeles 2, Chicago 0.

The Rays were two outs away from victory when Hideki Matsui hit his first homer since April 15, a stretch of 57 at-bats, into the right-field seats off Percival to send it to extra innings.

Even though the closer couldn't hold the lead, he walked off the mound feeling the Rays were in good

shape.

"I was thinking this team has the heart to come back and win," he said. "Don't give up another run."

Rays starter Edwin Jackson scattered five hits over seven innings before leaving a 1-0 lead to the bullpen.

"I said before the series, they're a very good team," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "They've improved every year."

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
The Aim of the Game Is to Win

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠ 5 4, ♥ A 10 8, ♦ A K Q J 6 4, ♣ 9 3
WEST: ♠ —, ♥ K Q J 5, ♦ 10 9 7 2, ♣ Q 10 8 6 4
EAST: ♠ Q 8 7 2, ♥ 7 6 4 3 2, ♦ 5, ♣ A K 5
SOUTH: ♠ A K J 10 9 6 3, ♥ 9, ♦ 8 3, ♣ J 7 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣
Opening lead — king of hearts.

There's nothing unusual about a declarer saying after he has gone down that he would have made the contract had he seen the opponents' cards. I've heard it said many times, probably you have too, and I've also said it myself more times than I'd care to remember.

Of course, the fact is that declarer is not really expected to play every hand as though all 52 cards were exposed. Nevertheless, it is not unreasonable to expect him to make most contracts that can be made — without benefit of a peek at the opposing hands.

For example, take this case where declarer should make four spades and yet might not. If he slips at all during the play, he fails in his mission.

Correct play is to win the heart king with the ace, lead a spade from dummy and take the finesse! In the actual deal, the way the East-West cards are divided, South is sure to go down if he fails to do this. If you don't believe it, try making the contract without the first-round spade finesse. You'll find it impossible.

When the finesse succeeds, declarer returns to dummy with a diamond, repeats the trump finesse, and so wraps up 13 tricks.

Now how should declarer know the finesse is the right play if he doesn't see the adverse cards? The reason is that the finesse, win or lose, virtually assures the contract, while failing to finesse definitely jeopardizes it.

The actual layout illustrates just one way of losing the hand if the immediate trump finesse is not taken. Declarer might also go down if he led a spade to the ace at trick two and West later showed up with the Q-x-x of spades.

The bottom line is that the safety of the contract demands a finesse even if declarer does not have the advantage of seeing the East-West cards.

Tomorrow: It only hurts for a minute.
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Clinton pitching superdelegates in hopes of reviving her campaign

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — An embattled Hillary Rodham Clinton is urging the party leaders who are key to the Democratic presidential race to take a hard look at her West Virginia win and slow their march to Barack Obama.

Clinton trounced her rival Tuesday in a primary that did little if anything to knock Obama off stride as he approaches the delegate totals needed to give him the nomination.

It did, however, expose in stark terms his disadvantage with blue-collar voters, fueling Clinton's last-gasp argument to party VIPs that she's the Democrat with broad appeal against Republican John McCain.

"Choose who you believe will make the strongest candidate in the fall," she said at her Charleston rally in a pitch aimed at superdelegates. She was returning to Washington to meet Wednesday with some of them.

"The White House is won in the swing states," she said, "and I am winning the swing states."

China begins airlift to remote villages in quake zone; toll of 12K expected to rise

AN XIAN, China (AP) — Military helicopters dropped food and medicine to Chinese earthquake survivors who remained cut off Wednesday in remote mountain villages behind roads clogged by landslides. The official death toll of more than 12,000 appeared certain to soar as several thousand more bodies were found.

Some victims trapped for more than two days under collapsed buildings were still being pulled out alive in delicate rescues. But the number of bodies grew along with survivors' frustrations in finding out what happened to thousands of missing.

The scale of devastation became clearer as more rescuers walked into the hardest-hit areas of central Sichuan province, finding towns where 80 percent of the population fell victim to Monday's magnitude 7.9 quake.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported 7,700 people died in Yingxiu town, near the epicenter. It was unclear if the new figure was in addition to overall toll.

Xinhua also reported that 178 children were confirmed dead in one school in Qingchuan in northern Sichuan. The agency added that the confirmed death toll for Mianyang city rose to 5,430 on Wednesday. More than 18,000 people there were still thought to be buried under crushed buildings.

President Bush opens trip to Israel, Saudi Arabia, Egypt to push for Mideast peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday opened a celebratory visit to Israel where he'll make a new push for peace in the long-troubled Middle East. "We consider the Holy Land a very special place, and we consider the Israeli people our close friends," Bush said.

The president arrived in Tel Aviv, then flew by helicopter to Jerusalem for events Wednesday and Thursday marking the

60th anniversary of Israel's birth in the wake of the Nazi genocide of 6 million Jews.

"Our two nations both faced great challenges when they were founded," he said. "And our two nations have both relied on the same principles to help us succeed. We built strong democracies to protect the freedoms given to us by an almighty God. ... and we built an enduring alliance to confront terrorists and tyrants."

First on his itinerary were meetings with Israeli President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who greeted him and first lady Laura Bush at Ben Gurion International Airport. Bush reached in to give a hug to Olmert, the target of a corruption probe.

Olmert, the subject of a campaign finance investigation that could push him from office, gave assurances to a senior U.S. official as Bush arrived in Israel. "Holding on, holding on, don't worry," Olmert told Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, at the airport. The remarks were picked up by broadcasters' microphones.

New storm heads toward Myanmar's cyclone-devastated delta; UN fears '2nd wave of deaths'

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Another powerful storm headed toward Myanmar's cyclone-devastated delta, where so little aid has reached that the U.N. warned on Wednesday of a "second wave of deaths" among an estimated 2 million survivors.

The Hawaii-based Joint Typhoon Warning Center said there is a good chance that "a significant tropical cyclone" will form within the next 24 hours and head across the Irrawaddy delta area.

The area was pulverized by Cyclone Nargis on May 3, leaving at least 34,273 dead and 27,838 missing, according to the government. The U.N. says the death toll could exceed 100,000.

An estimated 2 million survivors of the storm are still in need of emergency aid. But U.N. agencies and other groups have been able to reach only 270,000 people so far.

Bottlenecks, poor logistics, limited infrastructure and the military government's refusal to allow foreign aid workers have left most of the survivors living in miserable conditions without food or clean water. The government's efforts have been criticized as woefully slow.

Florida's voracious development and growing season fuels wildfires

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP) — Wildfires that have gutted at least 40 homes along the state's Atlantic coast are believed to have been started by arsonists, but

they got help from two classic Florida phenomenon: rampant development and a year-round growing season.

Experts said the fires reported in Brevard County that have burned roughly 10,000 acres — or more than 15 square miles — have found ample fuel because the state has not been able to hold controlled burns near development to cut back vegetation.

That means firefighters are battling palmetto palms that should be knee-high, but have been allowed to grow for 20 or 30 years, said Dale Armstrong, senior forester with the Division of Forestry.

Florida's endless growing season and waxy plants that can burn while still green are also culprits, said Ken Outcalt, a research plant ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service.

"The fuels in Florida are mostly live plants, unlike in the West where it's usually dead fuel that's accumulated underneath the trees," he said.

\$300 billion farm bill full of goodies for wealthy farmers, more food aid for poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$300 billion farm bill contains a little something for everyone, including tax breaks for Kentucky racehorse owners, extra help for farmers in Hawaii and Alaska, dollars for salmon farmers in the Pacific Northwest and more food stamps for the

needy.

Supporters of the bill are hoping that such goodies will bring in enough votes to send the White House a strong message when the House and Senate consider the bill's final version this week. President Bush has threatened to veto the five-year bill, saying it is too expensive and too generous to wealthy farmers.

The House is expected to take up the politically popular, bipartisan legislation Wednesday and the Senate should follow by the end of the week, when current farm law expires. A two-thirds majority in both chambers — a harder feat in the more urban House — would neutralize the administration's threat.

"My goal is to get over 300 votes tomorrow," House Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., said Tuesday. "We have the possibility of getting that done. Three-hundred votes seals the deal."

Two-thirds of the massive bill would pay for the nation's nutrition programs, including food stamps. Most of the rest of the legislation would provide subsidies for farmers and conservation programs.

Late payments drive number of US homes facing foreclosure in April up 65 percent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More U.S. homeowners fell behind on mortgage payments last month, driv-

ing the number of homes facing foreclosure up 65 percent versus the same month last year and contributing to a deepening slide in home values, a research company said Tuesday.

Nationwide, 243,353 homes received at least one foreclosure-related filing in April, up 65 percent from 147,708 in the same month last year and up 4 percent since March, RealtyTrac Inc. said.

Nevada, Arizona, California and Florida were among the hardest hit states, with metropolitan areas in California and Florida accounting for nine of the top 10 areas with the highest rate of foreclosure.

Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac monitors default notices, auction sale notices and bank repossessions.

Anonymous 'Jane Doe' rape tests are going nationwide; more rape victims may come forward

ELKTON, Md. (AP) — Starting next year across the country, rape victims too afraid or too ashamed

to go to police can undergo an emergency-room forensic rape exam, and the evidence gathered will be kept on file in a sealed envelope in case they decide to press charges.

The new federal requirement that states pay for "Jane Doe rape kits" is aimed at removing one of the biggest obstacles to prosecuting rape cases: Some women are so traumatized they don't come forward until it is too late to collect hair, semen or other samples.

"Sometimes the issue of actually having to make a report to police can be a barrier to victims, and this will allow that barrier to cease, to allow the victim to think about it before deciding whether to talk to police," said Carey Goryl, executive director of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

The practice is already followed at some health clinics, colleges and hospitals around the country and by the state of Massachusetts. But many other jurisdictions refuse to cover the estimated \$800 cost of a forensic rape exam unless the victim files a police report.

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Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, so day after day, Michael sang to his sister in mommy's tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met

her. The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen. In time as the labor pains came, serious complications arose. Then in the delivery room Karen found herself in hours of labor. Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born, but she was in very serious condition. The infant was rushed to the neonatal intensive care unit. As the days inched by, the little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents there was very little hope and they should be prepared for the worst. Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they found themselves having to plan

for a funeral. Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his little sister. "I want to sing to her," he kept saying. Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in intensive care. At Michael's continued begging, Karen decided to take him, whether they liked it or not. If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive. She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. The head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get that kid out of here now. No children are allowed." The

mother instinct rose up strong in Karen and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister" she said. Then Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray." Instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. "Keep on singing, Michael," encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. "You'll never know,

dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away." As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr. As Michael continued to sing, his little sister began to relax and rest. A healing rest seemed to sweep over her. "Keep on singing, Michael." Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away." The medical staff just called it a miracle.

Woman's Day Magazine called it The Miracle of a Brother's Song. The little girl recovered and was soon ready to go home. The moral of this story is: Never give up on those you love. The power of love is the sustainable value that makes things last. We take care of what we love; we protect it and serve it. What we love enlivens us and renews us; it gives us strength and inspiration. Love is incredibly powerful.

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Registration began Monday for the Summer Reading Program and will continue until Monday, June 2. The program will begin Tuesday, June 3. Stop by the Library to find out more about the upcoming program. If you are interested in being a part of the SRP, talk with Donna to see how you can help.



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Beginning Memorial Day (May 24) the library will be closed Saturdays.

We received a shipment of large print westerns for all of you who enjoy them. While some of the authors are familiar to me, there are a few who are new. Oldies but goodies are William W. Johnstone's "The Last Gunfighter: Hell Town," "Blood and Gold" by Todhunter Ballard and Frank Leslie's "The Thunder Rider." "Staring Down the Devil," by Peter Brandvold; "Triple Cross at Trinidad," by L.L. Foreman; and "Death Head Crossing," by James Reasoner are good ones, too. Listen to the opening lines in "Curse of Texas Gold" by Bradford Scott: "Like a torpid snake, the Mojo Trail slithers through the Puerta Hills. It slips stealthily past the juncture of the Old Spanish Trail..." Doesn't that bring a picture to your brain? While westerns are scorned in the salons of the eastern tenderfoot, stories of the West are still popular. Already in the past seven months, over a thousand westerns have been checked out. Stop by and see what we have.

You might wonder why the library puts paperback books out on the shelves. In many cases, authors and/or their publisher do not want the expense of a hardback. Also, lots of it is "junk" fiction that reflect current trends.

Having said that, the library has just processed a slew of paperbacks, both the pocketbook size and the larger 5X7 size. Check the new book binder at the circulation desk for those titles.

I will mention just a few: "Not Quite a Bride" and "Not Quite a Mom," both by Kirsten Sawyer; "Scarlett," the sequel to "Gone With the Wind," by Alexandra Ripley; Jody Gehrman's "Notes from the Backseat;" and "The Magician's Assistant," by Ann Patchett. Paperback series are the Ghostwalker Series; Drake Sisters and the Carpathian Dark, all by Christine Feehan. There are way too many titles to mention, just check the new book binder.

Brian Freeman has written his third novel "Stalked" (The library has "Immortal" and "Stripped."). Lieutenant Jonathan Stride knows his partner Maggie Bei is in trouble when she reports a deadly crime on a bitter winter night. She's obviously hiding a terrible secret, and her silence only feeds suspicion. Maggie isn't the only one keeping secrets in Duluth. A seductive young woman has disappeared, leaving behind a stash of lurid fantasies and a cryptic

message: "I know who it is." Following a twisted trail, Stride uncovers a sordid web of violence and voyeurism that someone is willing to kill to keep hidden. Another fast moving book from Freeman.

Kevin Trudeau is a well known debt counselor. The library has just received "Debt Cure\$ They Don't Want You to Know About" (332.024 TRU K).

He writes about why the financial industry wants you to stay in debt; how to turn bad credit into good credit; and perhaps most important of all, how to create wealth through financial health. I just checked the online catalog and we don't have anything by Dave Ramsey, another financial type guru.

Dorothea Benton Frank has written a satisfying tale of honor, chance, and star-crossed love infused with Southern wit, grace, and charm in "Bulls

Island." This is a perfect book to read beside the pool, the beach or up in the cool mountain air.

On some very different sand, Ethan Gage, an American adventurer must cope with murderous thieves and the deadly sands of Egypt. In "The Rosetta Key" by William Dietrich, Gage has arrived in the Holy Land with his benefactor, Napoleon Bonaparte.

After various misunderstandings involving the secrets of the Great Pyramid, Bonaparte becomes his implacable enemy. Now, accused of treason by Napoleon's minions, Pierre Najac and Najac's boss, the French-Italian count and sorcerer Alessandro Silano, Gage flees to Jerusalem, where he searches for his former lover, Astiza, who he fears has fallen into Silano's hands. Gage is

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THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
The owner of 611 S. Gregg described as Lot 7 and S/2 of Lot 8, Block 43, Original Town, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Pet Shop which includes daily dog care services and grooming.
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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Today Neptune in Aquarius is like a kaleidoscope on the sun, filtering our everyday lives with myriad ways of being and seeing. We're like kids excited by the prisms, forms, shapes and colors in shifting patterns, while wondering, is this a distraction? Where is this going? Consider it an exercise in observing your self. Watch what you're drawn into.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your excitement is sustained as long as you're in good company. You have zero tolerance for anyone who drains you. You'd rather stay home than have to deal with even one negative influence.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone who was trying to gain ground may have stepped on your confidence on the way up. What this person doesn't realize is that you never forget. You'll get a chance to even the score.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you give of your talents, you feel connected to others. You realize that you're a part of a cycle that will never stop. This knowledge should make you less self-conscious about your gifts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is an animal inside of everyone. You're lucky to know about your animal -- the sidestepping crab with a shiny red shell to deflect judgment. Tonight, you'll decide what needs to be done and do it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You do more than complete your work -- you become your work. You and the job merge into one entity. This immersion may annoy your loved ones, however. Try and return to your former self, sans the job, before dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In order to take charge of a situation that's gone out of control, you must first recognize that things are indeed spinning off in the wrong direction. Take note of where you are so you can reel it closer to where you want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You gladly sublimate your own wishes to accommodate someone else's. Likely, this requires you to be calm, diffuse argument, and bury your ego -- all easy tasks for a well-rounded person like yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in a daring mood. You're willing to jump off the high dive of life to feel that thrill of being airborne, even though such endeavors inevitably plunge you into the cold water of reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you don't need help, it's offered like crazy. Now that you do need it, there are very few leads. Psych yourself into feeling powerful again. From that state, you'll attract all you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is not time to invest in something risky, at least not on your own

Sheri Nichols named SMMC 2008 Patient Choice Award winner

Special to the Herald

When Scenic Mountain Medical Center asked former patients to nominate nurses who exceeded expectations, the community responded with an incredible number of nominations.

The Patient Choice Award recognizes the exceptional care, comfort and compassion offered by the nurses at SMMC, and honors one nurse in particular.

As part of National Nurse's Week, May 6-12, Sheri Nichols, RN was presented with the award after a special luncheon honoring all of this year's nominees. Why would SMMC ask former patients to be so involved in spotlighting an exceptional nurse, rather than making the choice internally?

"Sometimes it's just too hard to spot one nurse when there are so many nurses in our hospital doing such an incredible job caring for our patients," said Judy Roever, chief nursing officer for SMMC. "That's why we asked patients to help us make the choice. They see the little things that matter so much on a very personal level."

During the nomination period March 21 through April 30, individuals who had personally received care at SMMC in the last year, or who had a family member who had received

care, were encouraged to thank a nurse for "going the extra mile" by submitting a nomination for the

2008 Patient Choice Award.

The result was a terrific number of nominations

being received.

And while all nurses strive to provide compassionate care, there are

always a few individuals who really stand out from the crowd. Nominations included the following nurses: Bunny Campbell, Dee Clawson, M.J. Drummond, Theresa

Froman, Lois Kennedy, Susan Jackson, Tammy Pointon, Terry Sims, Charlotte Scott, Jonetta Sweatt, Beverly Von Hassell and Candee Williams.



George Parsley, left, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, congratulates nurse Sheri Nichols, winner of the 2008 Patient Choice Award. Individuals who had personally received care at SMMC in the last year, or who had a family member that had received care, were encouraged to thank a nurse for "going the extra mile" by submitting a nomination for the 2008 Patient Choice Award.

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also hunting clues that may lead him to the fabled Book of Toth, an ancient tome that promises to reveal the secrets of the universe. Ever the incorrigible gambler and all-

around scamp, Gage makes an irresistible antihero. This review is from Booklist. This is second in the series, Dietrich's first book with Gage was "Napoleon's Pyramids."

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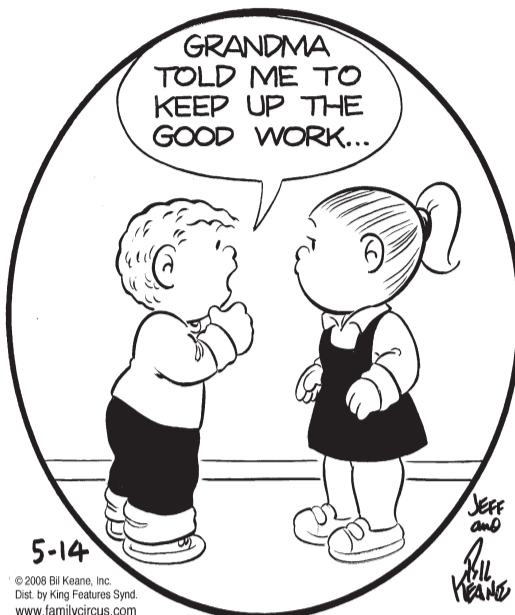
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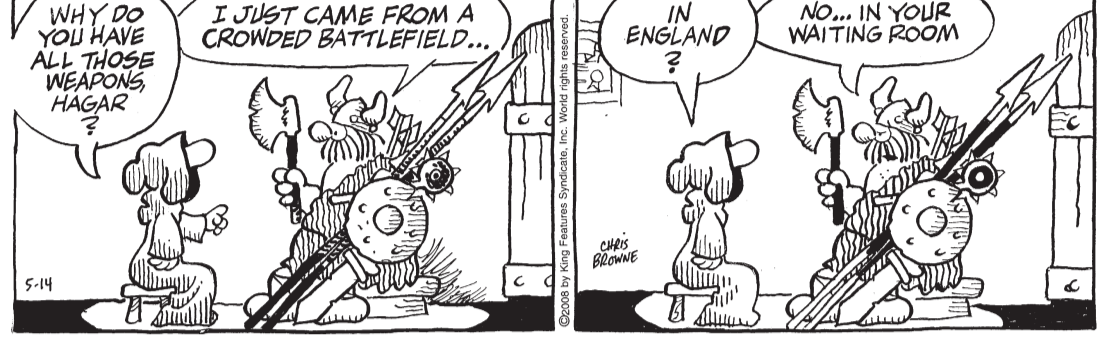
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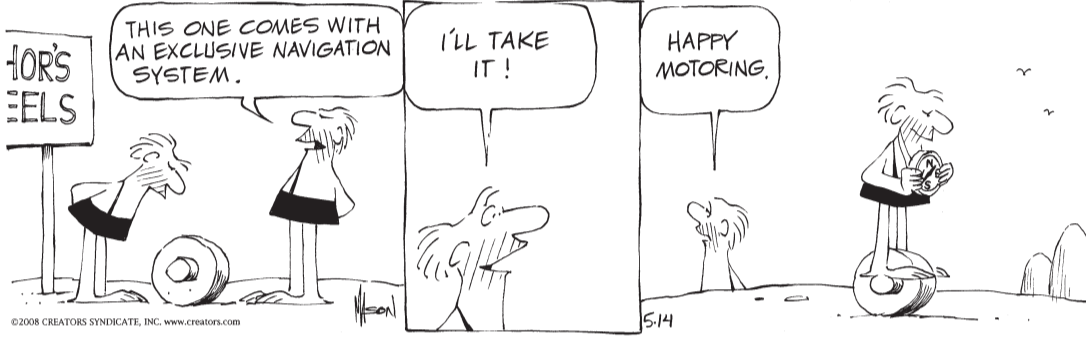
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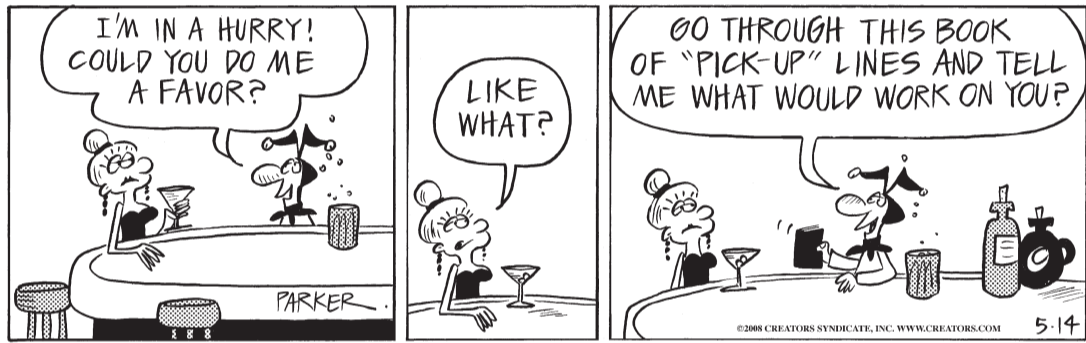
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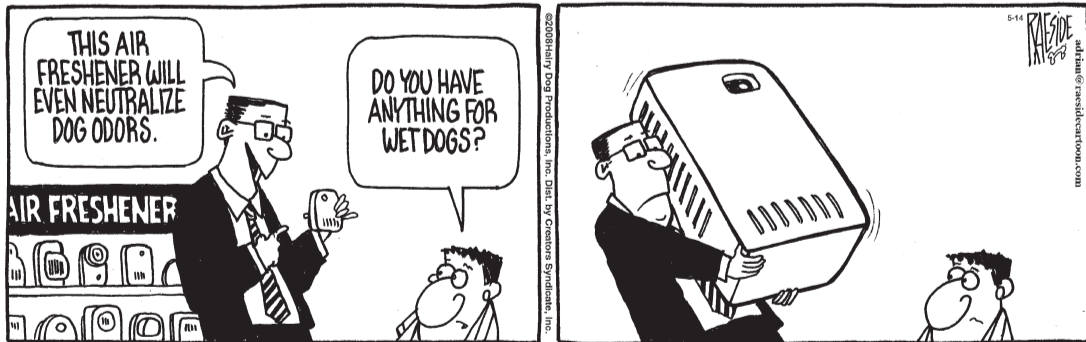
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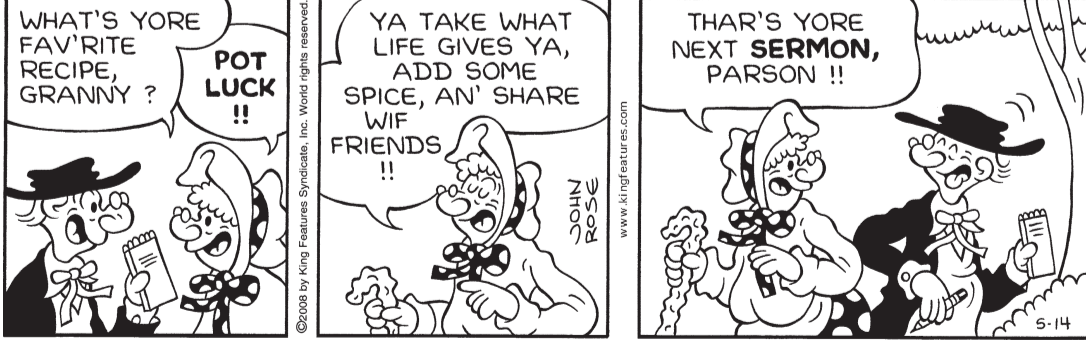
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 14, the 135th day of 2008. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 14, 1948, according to the common-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1607, English colonists went ashore in Virginia to begin building a permanent settlement, named Jamestown after England's King James I.

In 1643, Louis the XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis the XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner succeeded in inoculating 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory left camp near St. Louis.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris, held as part of the World's Fair.

In 1942, Congress voted to estab-

lish the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

In 1942, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

In 1987, actress Rita Hayworth died in New York at age 68.

In 1988, 27 people, mostly teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong way on a highway near Carrollton, Ky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9-12 years in prison for manslaughter.)

One year ago: DaimlerChrysler said it was selling almost all of Chrysler to private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management for \$7.4 billion, backing out of a troubled 1998 takeover. The trial of suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla opened in Miami. (Padilla and two co-defendants were convicted last August of terrorism conspiracy; Padilla was sentenced to 17 years in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Patrice Munsel is 83. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 66. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 65. Movie producer George Lucas is 64. Actress Meg Foster is 60. Rock singer David Byrne is 56.

Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 56. Actor Tim Roth is 47. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 46. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 46. Actor Danny Huston is 46. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 42. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 42. Actress Cate Blanchett is 39. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 39. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola is 37. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 35. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 30. Actress Miranda Cosgrove is 15.

Thought for Today: "Ah, les bons vieux temps ou nous etions si malheureux!" (Oh, the good old times when we were so unhappy!)

—French saying.

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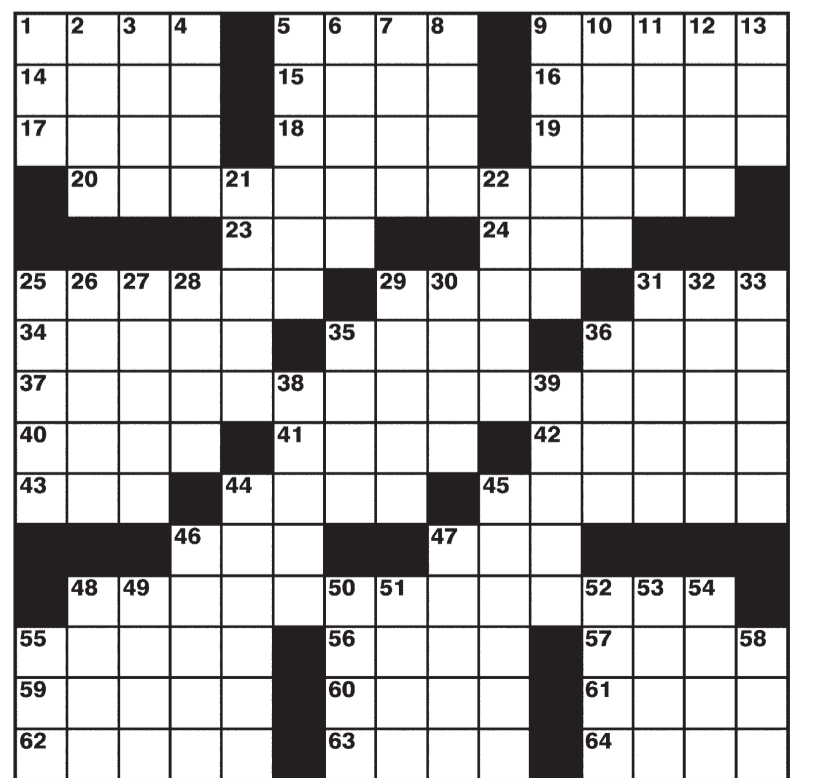
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| ACROSS | 61 "Beat it!" | 13 Faux | 44 Cozy and warm |
| 1 Christopher Robin's pal | 62 In a snit | 21 Hawaiian porch | 45 Ranch beasts |
| 5 Disney World trolley | 63 Chicago star | 22 Committee | 46 Account subtraction |
| 9 Piece of bacon | 64 Seats for the congregation | 25 Figure skater Cohen | 47 Relatively unimportant |
| 14 No more than | | 26 Two cents worth | 48 Bookbinder's supply |
| 15 Symbol of sanctity | | 27 Feudal lord | 49 Curtain holders |
| 16 Author Jong | | 28 Draw with acid | 50 Republican predecessor |
| 17 Little Women girl | | 29 Walked across, as a stream | 51 Stay out of sight |
| 18 Frosted | | 30 Iowa city | 52 Bee relative |
| 19 Mexican sandwiches | | 31 Catch some z's | 53 Tinge |
| 20 Less than a warm welcome | | 32 Analyze syntactically | 54 Sound of discomfort |
| 23 Pack animal | | 33 To date | 55 Cave dweller |
| 24 100% | | 35 Secluded valley | 58 Distress signal |
| 25 Saying nothing | | 36 Allege | |
| 29 Diminish | | 38 Go-between | |
| 31 Health resort | | 39 Furious | |
| 34 Singer Baker | | | |
| 35 Ready and willing | | | |
| 36 "Too bad!" | | | |
| 37 Former Post Office service | | | |
| 40 Grant or Downs | | | |
| 41 Many C-notes | | | |
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