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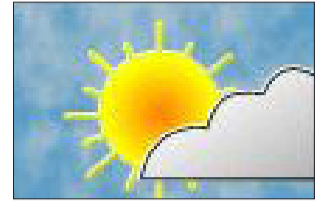
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Area men sought in fatal shootings

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

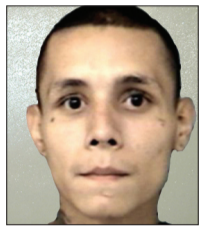
Police have identified two men they describe as "persons of interest" in connection with the May 4 shooting that left two people and an unborn child dead. Arrest warrants have been issued for James Cole, 18, of Lamesa, and Earnesto Trevino, 24, of Lubbock. Both men are suspects in connection with a

spate of deadly conduct shooting incidents that have plagued this area in recent weeks.

But Cole and Trevino are also considered persons of interest in the May 4 shootings in the 900 block of E. 16th that killed Valerie Garcia,



Cole



Trevino

20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring, and Garcia's unborn child. Three other people were injured in the incident. Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said the two sus-

pects, both believed to be members of the Latin Kings street gang, have left Big Spring and are believed to be in hiding in surrounding communities.

Cole, who answers to the nickname "Blitz," is described as a white male, 5 feet, 8 inches in height and weighing 140 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes and a "Blitz" tattoo on his neck.

Trevino is an Hispanic male, 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighing

110 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and sports multiple tattoos on his neck, shoulders and back.

The homicide and recent glut of drive-by shootings have left local citizens understandably on edge. One unfortunate side-effect of that atmosphere, however, is that police are being deluged with unfounded rumors, BSPD

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Independent School District Trustee Phil Furqueron, left, discusses possible ways to address district facility needs during the board's Thursday meeting. Also shown are trustees Tony Kennedy, center, and Mike Dawson.

Big Spring ISD officials vow to bring bond back to voters

Also agree to keep graduation policy the same as past

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Try, try again.
Big Spring Independent School

District trustees, humbled by a one-sided result at the polls, nevertheless vowed they would try again in November to get voter approval of a construction bond issue.

District voters resoundingly defeated a \$34 million bond issue by a 70-to-30 margin Saturday and trustees met Thursday to canvass election results and decide the next step in addressing aging facilities.

And those needs still need address-

ing, officials said.

"These needs ... are not going to go away," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes told trustees. "In fact, they will only increase, as will the cost for maintaining our aging facilities."

In addressing the "why" of the bond defeat, one trustee said school officials should be willing to take

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Run for the Wall group stopping here Saturday

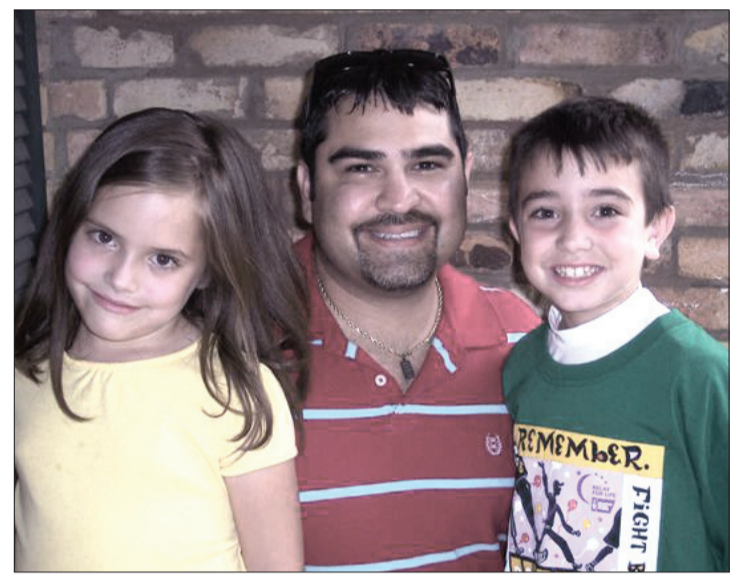
Herald Staff Report

The 20th Run For The Wall motorcycle ride is under way and expected to arrive in Big Spring Saturday morning en route to the nation's capitol.

Veterans, friends and family left Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Wednesday and plan to motor in to the Vietnam Memorial

grounds here about 10 a.m. Saturday for a wreath-laying ceremony. The public is invited to participate in the ceremony. They and other groups making the cross-country trip will join up to form Rolling Thunder's "Ride for Freedom" May 25 in Washington.

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Courtesy photo

Sophie, Mike and Nolan Dominguez pose for a photo prior to Relay For Life, which begins tonight at Blankenship Field.

Tribute at Relay

When his mom died of breast cancer, 8-year-old Nolan wanted to honor her

By **Nancy Koger**

Special to the Herald

Heroes come in all sizes and colors. At this year's Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life one of the biggest heroes is a small boy in a green T-shirt. Or he might be wearing a maroon tee or a pink one.

To know who's who at Relay, you have to know the T-shirt code. This year, the local committee members have royal blue shirts. Relay workers at various stations are in white. Team captains at the campsites wear maroon. Those colors change from year to year.

The two constant colors, those worn by the most important relayers, are purple and green. Purple T-shirts are worn by cancer survivors; the ones the

Relay For Life schedule

Times approximate

Today
6:30 p.m. - Survivor registration
8 p.m. - Opening ceremonies
8:20 p.m. - Survivor Lap
10 p.m. - Lumanaria

Saturday
12 a.m. - Fight Back, gates close
6 a.m. - Gates open
8 a.m. - Closing ceremonies

event celebrates. They number about 500 this year. Those in green T-shirts, a small, exclusive group, are the people who have raised more than \$1,000 for Relay.

Nolan Dominguez, an 8-year-old with a very personal cause and a big

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IN BRIEF

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.

Big Spring High schedules Spring Sports Banquet

Big Spring High School's Spring Sports Banquet has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center or at the door.

Anyone with questions can call Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

Big Spring tennis boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School tennis boosters will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center in order to elect officers for the 2008-2009 season.

All parents of high school or junior high tennis players are encouraged to attend.

Lady Steers Ragball Tourney set for May 24-25

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Boosters are sponsoring a ragball tournament at Lady Steer Field May 24-25.

Five girls and five boys make up a team and cost is \$10 a person to play.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the field. First game is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday.

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

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Big Spring's Simmons named to Hall of Fame

Big Spring native Ashlie Simmons was inducted into the Women's Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame Monday evening in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Simmons played for the McLennan Community College Highladies from 2000 to 2002. As a freshman, she placed third at the NJCAA Region V Tournament and fifth at the NJCAA National Tournament and was a first-team All-American selection.

Simmons won two NCAA Division I tournaments as a sophomore and was the NJCAA National Champion, receiving first-team All-American honors. She was named the NJCAA Player

of the Year and MCC's Outstanding Women's Golfer. She was a two-time NCJAA Academic Team of the Year member.

While at MCC, Simmons was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and she was on the MCC Dean's List every semester.

She was an MCC Presidential Scholar and graduated with Highest Honors. Simmons was named an NJCAA Distinguished All-American as a sophomore and received the MCC Foundation J.D. Flippen Scholarship.

Simmons continued her college career at Texas A&M University-

Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), where she set all the individual women's golf school records, including low 18-hole score, low 54-hole score, low third-round score, lowest scoring average for the year, sub-80 rounds in a year, low first- and second-round score and low 36-hole score.

She recorded three tournament wins, two top-three finishes, two top-five finishes and four top-10 finishes.

At TAMU-CC, she was a member of the Dean's List, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Club and worked with the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Simmons was awarded

the Tarpon Foundation Fifth-Year Athlete Scholarship and was a graduate assistant for the women's golf team.

She also worked as an assistant to Assistant Athletic Director Brian DeAngelis.

Simmons graduated magna cum laude from TAMU-CC with a bachelor's degree in science-biology-field and marine science with a 3.819 overall GPA. She received her master's degree in science-mariculture in 2007, graduating summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA.

Simmons graduated from Big Spring High School in May 2000.

Coahoma shuts out Denver City



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma Bulldogettes pitcher Heather Newton reaches out to slap a triple in the second inning of Game 1 of a Class 2A regional semifinals best-of-three playoff series against Denver City in Coahoma Thursday. Newton had two RBIs at the plate and 10 strikeouts from the pitcher's circle as the Bulldogettes won 6-0.

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Defense wins championships and with Coahoma's Bulldogettes just a few wins away from earning another opportunity to play for a Class 2A softball state title, their play in the field could carry them there.

The Bulldogettes played an errorless game in the field and Heather Newton pitched a six-hit shut-out as Coahoma beat Denver City's Lady Mustangs, 6-0, in Game 1 of a regional semifinals best-of-three series.

Newton added 10 strikeouts from the pitcher's circle and did enough at the plate alone to give herself the win. Coahoma's sophomore ace started the scoring for the night in the second inning, belting a two-out triple down the

right field line with two runners on that rolled to the fence. KaySea Spiller and Shelbi Paige, who each had singled earlier in the frame, each scored, giving Coahoma an early 2-0 lead. Senior Krista Kerby followed Newton with an infield single, allowing the pitcher to score from third.

The Bulldogettes didn't score again until the fifth inning, when Laci Sterling led off the frame with a solo home run to straight away center field, putting Coahoma ahead 4-0. Kerby scored in the sixth courtesy of a triple by Janice Gonzales, who later scored after an error by Denver City's first baseman.

However, despite collecting six runs on 12 hits, the Bulldogettes stranded nine base

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Spurs thrash Hornets, tie series 3-3

San Antonio sends series to Game 7 with 99-80 victory

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs just won't go away. Not that Chris Paul expected them to.

"They're defending champs," the New Orleans Hornets All-Star point guard said Thursday after the Spurs forced a Game 7 in the Western Conference semifinals. "They weren't going to lay down for us."

The Spurs avoided elimination with a 99-80 victory, and will head back to New Orleans for Monday's decisive game.

And for the first time in these playoffs, the Hornets are facing elimination.

"The great thing about it is when Game 7 comes, we're not down by 20," Paul said. "It starts all over back at zero-to-zero."

Manu Ginobili scored 25 points, Tim Duncan had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Parker added 15 points in Game 6.

"I think as a team, everybody played well," Parker said. "For us to win, I think Timmy needs to be aggressive and he was aggressive tonight. He played very well, passing when he had to. ... Everyone was making their shots."

Paul led the Hornets with 21 points and eight assists, and Tyson Chandler scored 14 points. David West had 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting before leaving the game early in the fourth quarter after aggravating a back injury.

"It's sore right now. Good thing we have two or three days here to

get rest and treatment. It's the way it happens sometimes," West said.

A road team has yet to win in this series. In fact, the home team has won each game going away.

"Bottom line is we haven't won at their house," Duncan said. "We haven't gone in their gym and we haven't played well at all. We've gotten blown out every time. We're happy to force a seventh game. We're happy to go in their gym. And we believe we're a good road team, and we're going to do our best to make a game of it."

Home teams are 20-1 in the second round of the playoffs.

"If I could figure out what's going on with this home court stuff, I would bottle it and sell it to the other 29 teams in the league," Hornets coach Byron Scott said.

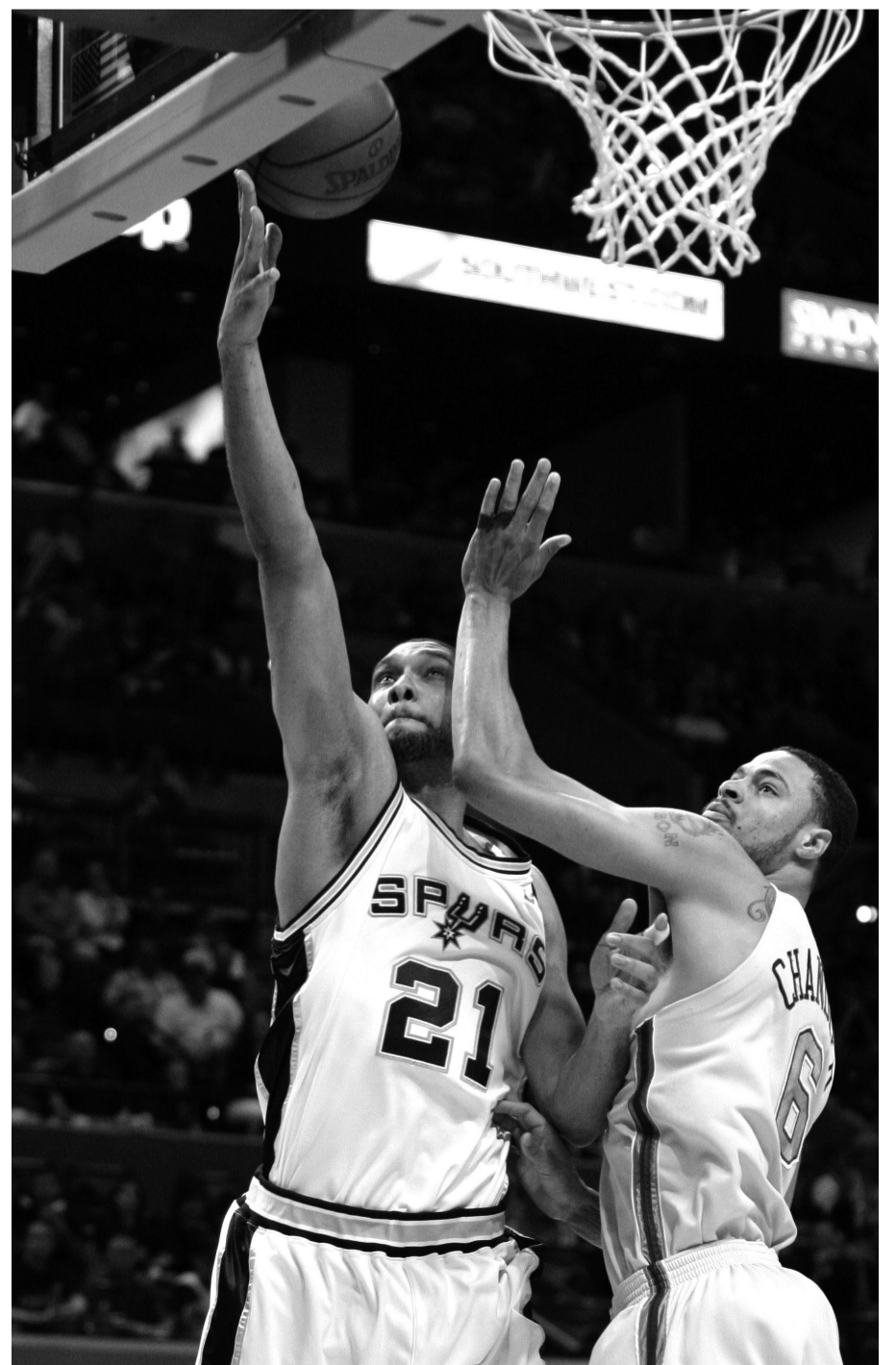
Game 6, like the five before it, was won by double digits. It was also won, like those before it, in the third quarter, when the Spurs outscored the Hornets 20-12.

The Spurs took the lead for good after Parker's jumper with 4:27 left in the first quarter broke a 17-all tie. They led by as many as 24.

The Spurs hit 11 of 21 3-pointers, led by six from Ginobili. The Hornets had just two 3s.

The Spurs shot 49 percent from the field (38-of-77) to the Hornets' 41 percent (33-of-80) and out-rebounded them 45-40. The Spurs had 28 assists — six from Duncan — and the Hornets had 13.

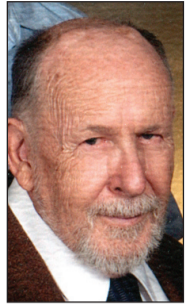
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AP photo/Matt Slocum
San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan, left, goes up for a shot as New Orleans Hornets center Tyson Chandler defends during the first quarter in Game 6 of an NBA Western Conference semifinal basketball series, Thursday in San Antonio.

Obituaries

Robert 'Bob' Leon Moody



Robert "Bob" Leon Moody, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo after a brief bout with cancer and a long illness from Parkinson's disease. Services are at 3 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Kelly Conkling officiating.

Visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cremation to be held later.

Mr. Moody was born Sept. 29, 1937, in Jefferson. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1955 and Texas A&M University in 1960, where he served in the Corps of Cadets. For the next 11 years, Mr. Moody served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of major. He continued his service as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve until he retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Moody was employed by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, first in the regional office in Waco and then as a field officer in Big Spring for 17 years. He retired March 31, 2002, after dedicating 40 years of service to the government of the United States of America. He was an Eagle Scout.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Katherine Moody of Big Spring; two sons, John Moody of Big Spring and Staff Sgt. David Moody of Fort Riley, Kan.; one daughter, Lyndel Moody of Big Spring; and his brother, John W. Moody Jr. of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Wade and Myra Lyndell Moody, owners of the Moody Sandwich Shop in Jefferson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, 1101 West Texas Ave., Midland 79701-6171, The American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Big Spring, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

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

• 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.

• The Howard County Sheriffs Posse will be hosting a Poker Run beginning at 9 a.m. May 24 with partial proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics. It will begin and end in the Big Spring city pool parking lot. There will be breakfast burritos from McDonald's provided at sign up. There is no limit to the amount of hands any one person can play, and each hand will cost \$10. The prizes for the winning hands are donated by local businesses. To participate, you may ride your own horse or utilize the hay ride that will be available. Your also welcome to ride your motorcycles or other miscellaneous vehicles. To sign up ahead of time you may go to the Sheriffs Office or Bob Brock Ford. For any further information, contact Bert Shepard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

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

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

Police blotter

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

- **JOHN KELLEY**, 41, of 606 Centerpoint Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- **DELORES RIVERA**, 25, of 6301 E. Highway 350, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.
- **BRYAN BARTLETT**, 46, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **EMILY LEANN HOBBS**, 18, of 1106 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage – third or more offense and evading arrest.
- **JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ**, 25, of 711 Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- **VICTOR TYROME PRUITT**, 40, of 810 Baylor, was arrested Thursday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- **EUGENE RODRIGUEZ**, 34, of 1210 Mobile, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- **THEODORE E. RIOS**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for criminal mischief and bondsman off bond for theft.
 - **STEPHEN CRUZ**, 30, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of unrestrained child under 2 years of age, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), issuance of a bad check and ride not secured by a safety belt.
 - **MARIE PACHECO**, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear – burglary of a habitation (three counts).
 - **ADRIANA MARIE ENRIQUEZ**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for hindering apprehension/prosecution.
 - **MARTIN GALINDO CASTANEDA**, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief – family violence.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of E. 12th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 7000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road. Service refused.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Carey.

Support Groups

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.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Your Local Weather

Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19	Tue 5/20	Wed 5/21
79/52	88/57	97/62	99/65	99/66
Partly cloudy. High 79F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- 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.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- #• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-27-31. Bonus Ball: 19.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$350,000.
Winning ticket sold in: Richmond.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 30-22-25-12-35.
Number matching five of five: None.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-5-3. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-7. Sum It Up: 21.

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By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Berkman is going to ride this hitting tear he's on as long as possible. Same goes for Houston manager Cecil Cooper, who continues to be amazed by his club's gutsy play.

Berkman splashed his major league-leading 15th home run into McCovey Cove to break a ninth-inning tie, helping the Astros rally past the San Francisco Giants 8-7 on Thursday for their 11th win in 13 games.

Houston already has come from behind to win 13 times this year.

"We'll take as many as we can get," Berkman

said. "It seems like we're never out of it. That might be the best comeback I've seen since I've been here."

Houston rebounded from a 6-0 deficit to take three of four from the Giants, its first series win in San Francisco since a three-game sweep in September 2001. The Giants hadn't blown a six-run lead since Sept. 8, 2000, against San Diego, while the Astros came back from six runs down for the first time since May 9, 2000, vs. Colorado.

"I don't know. It's just amazing," Cooper said. "I'm hanging along for the ride. They keep doing it. They don't quit."

Berkman also hit a two-run single and is riding a

14-game hitting streak. He went 7-for-15 (.467) with three homers and seven RBIs during the series.

Pinch-hitter Darin Erstad hit a tying, three-run homer in the eighth and Carlos Lee also homered in the inning off Tyler Walker, who faltered on his 32nd birthday. Berkman connected off Vinnie Chulk (0-2) for the first splash-hit homer by an Astro and the 16th by a Giants opponent.

Barry Bonds, the indicted home run king, hit 35 into the water beyond the right-field fence.

"I mean, what a distinction, what an honor," Berkman joked about his

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Board honors BSHS track athletes



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring High School track standouts, from left, Zack Dawson, Jordan Valle and LaRay Woodard were recognized during Thursday's Big Spring school board meeting for their accomplishments at this year's state track meet. Dawson finished first in the Class 4A 1,600 meter run, Valle was third in the same event and Woodard finished second in the 4A long jump.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma Bulldogettes third baseman Christie Rich hits a single in the third inning in Game 1 of a Class 2A regional semifinals best-of-three softball playoff series against Denver City Thursday in Coahoma.

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runners — five of which were in scoring position.

"We've got some hitting issues and some of the girls need to make adjustments at the plate," Coahoma Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "Our opponents aren't making errors. Denver City finally made one in the sixth inning. That's the first error in 20 innings in the playoffs our opponent has made. We've got to hit the ball harder, too. That will cause teams to make errors. We're not doing that right now."

Denver City had runners reach second base three times in seven innings, but never advanced anyone past there. The Lady Mustangs had two consecutive one-out singles in the first inning, but Newton quelled the threat with a strikeout and popup to Gonzales at catcher.

A runner reached second with two outs in the fourth and fifth innings, but line drives caught by first baseman Alex Moore and Sterling at second ended each frame.

Newton finished 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs

and a triple. Kerby and Spiller each had two hits and a run scored apiece with Kerby also adding a RBI. Gonzales and Sterling also each had a RBI and a run scored.

Tiffani Garcia took the loss for Denver City, giving up six runs — five earned — on 12 hits and three walks. Shoni Fuqua was the top hitter for the Lady Mustangs, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Game 2 will be played at noon Saturday in Denver City. Katie Dunn is the planned starter for the Bulldogettes with Newton available to pitch in relief. If a Game 3 is needed, it will take place 30 minutes after the completion of the second game and Newton will get the start.

Most important for the Bulldogettes to avoid the upset, according to Tadlock, is for them to fix their struggles at the

plate.

"Some of the girls aren't going to the plate with a good plan," Tadlock said. "We've got to make adjustments and think about what we can do to take the pitcher out of what she wants to do. It's not like we're making mistakes in the field or on the base paths. We're simply not hitting the ball hard. These girls aren't here for no reason. This is the regional semifinals. Their pitcher isn't an idiot. She's thrown to a lot of girls to get here. We've just got to make adjustments."

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W — Heather Newton. L — Tiffani Garcia. 3B: CHS — Newton, Janice Gonzales. HR: CHS — Laci Sterling. RBI: CHS — Newton 2, Krista Kerby, Gonzales, Sterling.

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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.

Howard College girls' basketball camps scheduled

Howard College womens' basketball head coach Earl Diddle is holding three girls' basketball camps for three different age groups this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp is for girls in kindergarten through third grade and is set for June 2-5 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Individual Day Camp is for fourth through eighth graders and also takes place June 2-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Finally, the Shooting and Position Camp for seventh through 12th graders will be held June 16-19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information, call Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

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 shot-

gun start for both days with Saturday's action beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

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Rangers rebound from worst record to 6 series victories

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Three weeks ago, the Texas Rangers returned home from a miserable trip with a seven-game losing streak and the worst record in the major leagues.

New team president Nolan Ryan was meeting with the owner and the general manager. There was a players' only meet-

ing. Second-year manager Ron Washington's job certainly appeared to be in jeopardy.

"The biggest concern I had was how we were playing. It was horrible," said Ryan, the Hall of Famer hired in February with the task of trying to revitalize the franchise for which he pitched his last game. "We found a way every day to beat ourselves."

But look at the Rangers now.

Texas has since won six straight series for the first time since 1999, the season of its last AL West title. The Rangers' 13-6 record in that span is tied with the Houston Astros for the best in the majors, and the Rangers have won games in different ways to get out of last place in the division.

"I'm very pleased with what I've seen," Ryan said.

"Bottom line is that the guys

are playing up to their abilities," said general manager Jon Daniels, who insists he has never wavered in his support for the manager he hired after the 2006 season. "I give guys a lot of credit for responding and turning things around."

The Rangers (20-22) came home with a 7-16 record after being outscored 37-10 in a three-game series at Detroit that included a 19-6 loss, their worst in seven

years. They were also swept at Boston, where they twice blew eighth-inning leads.

Then came all the meetings, and the turnaround.

"We got back on the same page," four-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young said. "We felt like we were about to go on a run and start playing like a team. I think we've done that."

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water shot. "That's pretty big."

Tim Byrdak (2-0) got two outs for the win and Jose Valverde struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 11th save in 14 opportunities. Byrdak hasn't allowed a run in 11 outings this year.

Erstad's drive to the right-field arcade marked his first career pinch-hit homer and the first for the Astros this season. It also spoiled a strong start by San Francisco's Tim Lincecum.

"We're having a tough time keeping the ball in the ballpark," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "These are games we need to close out."

San Francisco's Randy Winn doubled twice among his three hits and scored two runs. He has a 10-game

hitting streak and needs one double for No. 300 of his career.

Aaron Rowand drove in two runs for the Giants, who got five straight hits off starter Chris Sampson to start the third on an unusually hot spring day in the Bay Area. It was 95 degrees at first pitch — the second-hottest day in the ballpark's 9-year history and the third game when the temperature reached 90.

Omar Vizquel singled in his first three at-bats to give him 2,606 hits, moving him past Tim Raines for seventh place among switch-hitters.

John Bowker hit a two-run double and added a sacrifice fly for the Giants.

Houston's Hunter Pence extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a double in the fourth, then Berkman followed with his two-run single. Mark Loretta also had an RBI

single in the inning.

Alex Hinshaw, called up from Triple-A Fresno earlier in the day, relieved Walker to make his major league debut and struck out Michael Bourn before allowing a single to Kaz Matsui and giving way to Chulk.

"Basically, you can blame me for losing this game," Walker said. "No way Vinnie should pitch in that game. There were six outs to go with a four-run lead. I know the Astros are a good hitting team, but that's our job. It's something you have to come back from."

Lincecum walked Berkman to start the second but that was his only baserunner until Matsui's single to start the fourth. Lincecum struck out 10 for his fourth career game with 10 or more Ks and second this year. He allowed three runs, five hits and three walks in six innings.

"He had just a little blip on the radar there," Berkman said. "He's got as good of stuff as I've ever seen."

Rowand's high chopper in the first got past shortstop Loretta for an error and an RBI, allowing Vizquel to score from third for a 1-0 lead. Regular starting shortstop Miguel Tejada took his first day off of the season for Houston before pinch-hitting in the ninth.

The Astros will conclude their season-long, 10-game road trip with three inter-league games at Texas starting Friday.

Notes: Astros reliever Geoff Geary left with a strained right groin. ... Houston stole three bases, including the seventh of the year by Berkman, to extend its major league lead to 45. ... Vizquel had three or more hits for the 176th time in his 20-year big league career. ... Houston 3B Ty Wigginton

was held out of the lineup for the third straight game after getting hit in the left

ribcage area Monday, but is expected to return Friday.



By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, North having opened the bidding with one diamond, which your partner doubled. North leads the queen of hearts. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1.)

WEST	EAST
♠ A K J 10 6	♠ Q 9 5 3
♥ 8 5 2	♥ A K 7
♦ K 9	♦ 6 4 2
♣ Q 7 2	♣ A J 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ 8	♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ K Q 9 8	♥ A J 10 4
♦ A K 4 2	♦ 7 5 3
♣ A 7 6 3	♣ 4

1. Your potential losers are a heart, two diamonds and a club, but one of them can almost certainly be averted by capitalizing on the knowledge gained from North's opening bid. Aside from the Q-J of hearts, he is almost certain to have the A-Q or A-J of diamonds and the king of clubs.

The first step in the winning direction is to duck North's queen of

hearts! The purpose is to prevent South from later gaining the lead with a heart for a killing diamond return through your king.

Let's say North continues with a heart to dummy's king. You draw trumps, lead a low club to the jack, cash the ace of hearts and then play the ace and another club. North presumably wins with the king but must then return a diamond or yield a ruff-and-discard, handing you the contract.

2. Your best chance for 12 tricks lies in a crossruff. However, after winning the first club, you should prepare the groundwork for the crossruff by first cashing the A-K of diamonds. Though there is a slight possibility that the first or second diamond will be ruffed, that presents far less of a risk than any other method of play.

You next play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. It is important to ruff a spade in your hand before ruffing a club in dummy. (If you think it makes no difference, try ruffing a club first. You are then apt to finish with 11 tricks instead of 12!)

Now ruff your clubs and spades in alternating order, scoring in all eight trump tricks, a spade, a club and two diamonds.

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SPURS

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The Spurs came out with desperate energy, shooting 71 percent in the first quarter. They led by as many as 13 in the opening period after Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer made it 36-23. The Spurs took a 36-24 lead into the second quarter.

In the third, the Hornets got into quick foul trouble. Paul picked up consecutive offensive fouls, his third and fourth, and West picked up his second and third, all in a span of 1:05.

Then West picked up his fourth foul and, visibly upset about it, got a technical with 8:44 to play.

"It was just bad timing to have those kind of fouls at that particular time," Scott said. "Because you get the two offensive fouls on CP (Paul) and then one on David, that takes away a possession, a chance to score."

West did not score again in the quarter, but Paul kept his composure, hitting another layup and jumper and feeding Chandler for two more dunks.

After Chandler's second slam, which brought the Hornets within 71-63, they didn't score for the last 4:44 of the period and the Spurs pulled away.

Duncan sank a shot over Chandler, then hit a layup and pumped his fist after

Ime Udoka blocked Paul's layup attempt.

The Spurs were firmly in control and Ginobili's back-to-back 3s to start the fourth quarter gave San Antonio an 84-63 lead and put away the game.

With 10:11 left in the game, West left the court with an aching back.

West fell to the floor after being screened from behind by Spurs forward Robert Horry, who was called for an offensive foul. Laying face down on the floor, West put his left arm behind him and rested it on his lower back before going to the locker room.

Notes: Spurs C Fabricio Oberto started for the Spurs. Oberto started the first two playoff games

before Spurs coach Gregg Popovich switched to Kurt Thomas for the next eight. ... Texas Gov. Rick Perry was at the game, sitting next to Spurs owner Peter Holt. ... Udoka scored 13 off the bench for San Antonio. Peja Stojakovic, who struggled in San Antonio in Games 3 and 4, scored 13 for New Orleans.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Office Closure



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Prior to June 20th, your child's records can be obtained by either:

- Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before June 20th, a copy of your child's records will be directly transferred.
- Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your child's records, before June 20th.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Youth Board of Glasscock County, for putting together a comprehensive program to educate Garden City area students on the importance of safety, particularly as it relates to agriculture but also in everyday situations we all encounter. It was quite an undertaking that involved a number of people. It's something that every school district should consider.

- And speaking of worthwhile programs, hat's off, too, to all of those who helped put together Shattered Dreams at Big Spring High School this week. Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey said it best: "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," he said. We concur.

- Don McKinney, Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for May. A reception will be held in his honor at 6 p.m. May 22 in the museum's Briefing Room. We also salute Hangar 25 on this and other various programs throughout the year. Way to go, folks!

- Everyone who was elected to a city or trustee position last Saturday, in Howard County and elsewhere. Congratulations.

- Mothers everywhere.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not go off on a wild-goose chase, Lord, but be grounded with You.

Amen

What goes around ... comes around

From King Arthur's table to the O in Oprah, people are fascinated with things that are round. Charles Barkley in his big shaved head was called the "Round Mound of Rebound" and gosh how people loved him. Santa has a belly, pool has its cue, the earth has the moon and the solar system has its planets (eight or nine, depending on whom you're talking to.) There are Ben Franklin's glasses, polka dots and wheels of cheese. Even if you're square, there's something round that gets your attention.



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The Skinny On Round Steak

Before I was a pastor, writer, musician and general Renaissance man, I was in the repo business. I actually was in management for a rent to own company, but in truth, I was a glorified repo-man. That's right, the Brewer would spend 12 hours a day, six days a week working the six housing projects in Fort Worth. My store was on the corner of Lancaster and Miller, a very dangerous place for anyone to spend 60 or 70 hours a week, and though I was an authentic country bumpkin, it was a perfect job for a kid that wasn't afraid.

As I became friends with lots of clients I was often invited to barbecues for "roundsteak." The first little party I went to changed my life and added a new word to my vocabulary. The man cooking, stabbed a thick slice of baloney off the grill, put it on my plate and said, "Have yourself a slice of roundsteak, Troy."

Round and Round

It was good for me to be involved in the mess of all those housing projects because it made me want to help people that needed help. I never minded so much retrieving a stereo or a big screen, but a stove or a refrigerator or even a washing machine from some poor family or single mom was a terrible responsibility. As a Christian that believed in demonstrating God's personality, it also posed a serious moral dilemma. I was praying with my wife about it one night and she came up with a brilliant idea.

We worked out a deal with a used appliance guy on Hemphill Street, raised some funds from like-minded friends and tried our new plan the next weekend. On Saturday morning I knocked on a door in the Butler housing project. A few minutes later I was rolling a refrigerator out of an apartment while the woman of the house called me every name she could think of. The neighbors came out to see what all the racket was about, the kids were crying, people were screaming, "That ain't right!" The milk and food was going to go bad. Somebody threw something at me that had some kind of yucky liquid in it, I don't know. It was ugly.

Several hours later I knocked on that same door again with a used but very good and fully paid for refrigerator. When she asked me what I wanted, I told her, "I came in the name of Remco before, but this time I come in the name of Jesus. I want you to have this for your family, it's free."

She cried and cried and Heaven scored one for the good guys. Right through the goal posts and between the devil's eyes. It was awesome. For the next two years I worked there and Leanna and I replaced

every refrigerator and cooking stove that I had personally repossessed for my company. Some 30 or 40 in all. They didn't cost that much and it wasn't that big of a deal but it made a big difference and was a powerful ministry.

Gather Round

Today in our ministry to the poor, we still give away appliances through our food bank warehouse but I don't have to buy them anymore. People just give them to us and we give them away to families as fast as we can get them. In 13 years at Open Door I have had many times more the number of refrigerators and other appliances given to me than I ever gave out. It works like that. God is faithful to payback over and beyond anything we do in his service.

Here's what I know; you reap what you sow. What comes around goes around. We tend to think about that in negative terms but the principle of reaping and sowing is supposed to be about harvest. God will never allow you to out-God, God. We are not going to be more faithful, loving or kind than He is. He will always outshine us.

He's magnificent like that and I love him for it. He's just looking for an opportunity to do it — something to work with. Whatever random act of kindness God wants you to show to somebody else, I double dog dare you to do it. You might make a bigger difference than you think and that big of difference will come back around to you.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

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Gas prices dash a young man's dream

Years ago, as I sat pondering my lifelong goals and whatnot, I told myself there were two things I would own before I left this world — a Hummer SUV and a hot tub.

OK, so it's not curing cancer or scaling Mt. Everest, but they seemed like obtainable goals. Besides, who doesn't like a hot tub?

However, now that I'm older and maybe just a tad wiser, it looks like one of those items is going to have to find its way to my life's wastebasket of screwball ideas and dreams. And before you ask, no, it's not the hot tub.

No more Hummer? That's right. And I bet you're sitting there reading this, thinking, "He doesn't want the Hummer anymore because he doesn't want to shell out the \$100-plus it takes to fill one up when it only gets 2 feet to the gallon."

Bingo. However, I have to admit there's more to it than that.

The other day I was sitting at a stoplight when one of the full-size behemoths — complete with chrome and a killer paint job — pulled up next to me. The driver, a middle-age man wearing your standard shirt and tie, was smiling as he spoke to someone in the car I couldn't see thanks to its height. He looked happy, like he'd gotten everything in life he'd ever wanted.

Road rage aside, I wanted to smack him on the head.

Sure, he looked affluent, and I doubt he even glanced at the pump when he was done filling up the Hummer since it was all going conveniently on a card that would be paid automatically from his bank account. I imagine he probably makes jokes with his friends and family about the poor gas mileage of his brand new vehicle, gushing on about how gas prices were kill-

ing him when they were merely an annoyance.

Sure, he probably drives the giant two blocks to drop little Mary and John off at school, while their friends stand in awe of the legendary vehicle, which is well outside of their parents' financial means.

The question I wondered, however, is does Mr. Money Maker realize his choice in vehicles is causing me to pay more at the gas pump? Impossible, right?

Simple economics dictates a few things when it comes to gas price. First and foremost, the entire system is based on supply and demand. If you need more than what's available, prices go through the roof.

Don't think so? When Nintendo first introduced it's famed Wii, it was priced starting around \$200, and it stayed that way while the gaming gurus waited to see if the new technology would catch on. And, as anyone who has bought one in the past year can attest to, it didn't just catch on, it exploded.

The demand quickly exceeded the Wii's availability, and suddenly the price of the game console shot up to more than \$300. And, until the demand lessens or the supply drastically increases, that's exactly how things will remain.

The same equation is true of gasoline. Gas prices in the U.S. will continue to rise until we either find an economical way to drill for endless seas of oil on the moon, or we, the consumers, find away to decrease the demand.

And while Mr. Money Maker's unbelievable thirst for gasoline may not be hurting his pocketbook — what can I say, the cup runneth over for some folks — it is putting undue strain on the demand for oil and gasoline.

Of course, Hummer owners aren't the only culprits in this particular scenario. Anyone driving a 1968 Mustang that gets 10 miles to the gallon to work everyday is just as guilty. Basically, anyone driving a vehicle that's not fuel efficient is to blame.

The only people who should get

cut some slack in this are the people who are driving gas guzzlers because it's all they can afford.

Hey, I drove a Jeep Wrangler for 10 years, and that monster got about 12 miles to the gallon whether it was in the city or on the interstate highway. You guys not only get a pass, you have my condolences because I know how hard it is to fill that tank every week.

But our nation's wealthy people — the white collar guys who make six figures and drink Starbucks every day — won't get a bit of sympathy from this writer.

According to my dad, who is the unofficial economist in charge of our little tribe, the answer to the problem is simple: make a law only allowing each family to register one vehicle. That's right, one car per family, although I doubt he has that Hummer in mind as the one car.

Would it work? I doubt we'll ever find out. Can you imagine the fate of the president or congressman who presents that bill? Something tells me he'd be Jimmy Hoffa's roommate in one heck of a hurry.

I admit the well-being of the country and its citizens, especially the blue-collar guys trying to eke out a living, wasn't foremost in my brain when I came up with my Hummer-laden dream, but I grew up. I sold my beloved Jeep in favor of something that got good gas mileage, and a Hummer will not be on my list to Santa this year.

Now, if we could just get the wealthy people in our nation onboard, maybe we won't have to start selling blood plasma to put gas in our vehicles.

Personally, I hate needles, so I'll be riding a bicycle well before that point. And I'll be able to soak my sore, beaten feet and legs in my brand new hot tub, which will be paid for with the money I might save in gas.

So much for dreaming.

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Amputee runner wins right to try for Olympic spot

By **GRAHAM DUNBAR**

Associated Press Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius won his appeal Friday and can compete for a place in the Beijing Olympics.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that the 21-year-old South African is eligible to race against able-bodied athletes, overturning a ban imposed by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

CAS said the unanimous ruling goes into effect immediately.

"I am ecstatic," Pistorius told reporters in Milan, Italy. "When I found out, I cried. It is a battle that has been going on for far too long. It's a great day for sport. I think this day is going to go down in history for the equality of disabled people."

Pistorius still must reach a

qualifying time to run in the individual 400 meters at the Aug. 8-24 Beijing Games. However, he can be picked for the South African relay squad without qualifying. That relay squad has not yet qualified for the Olympics.

Pistorius appealed to CAS, world sport's highest tribunal, to overturn a Jan. 14 ruling by the IAAF that banned him from competing. The IAAF said his carbon fiber blades give him a mechanical advantage.

A two-day hearing was held before a panel of three arbitrators at CAS headquarters last month. Pistorius now is expected to get invitations from track and field promoters across the world who want him to run at their meets before Beijing.

Pistorius said he will be running in both able-bodied and Paralympic events before Beijing. His manager, Peet van

Zyl, said the runner will compete in Milan on July 2 and the Golden Gala meet in Rome on July 11.

"Oscar will be welcomed wherever he competes this summer," IAAF president Lamine Diack said in a statement. "He is an inspirational man and we look forward to admiring his achievements in the future."

Pistorius holds the 400-meter Paralympic world record of 46.56 seconds, but that time is outside the Olympic qualifying standard of 45.55.

His training has been disrupted by the appeal process.

Even if Pistorius fails to get the qualifying time, South African selectors could add the University of Pretoria student to the Olympic 1,600-meter relay squad.

Pistorius would not require a qualifying time and could be taken to Beijing as an alternate.

Six runners can be picked for the relay squad. Pistorius also expects to compete in Beijing at the Sept. 6-17 Paralympic Games.

The verdict also clears Pistorius to dedicate himself to competing at the 2012 London Olympics.

"A lot of the time we've had this year we've devoted to the court case," Pistorius said. "Now when I get home, my time can be dedicated to training. I am going to have to start thinking about getting my body in shape in order to run those (qualifying) times. I am hopeful there will be enough time but it is going to be very difficult."

"We have the opportunity once again to chase my dream of participating in an Olympics, if not in 2008 then in 2012."

The IAAF based its January decision on studies by German professor Gert-Peter

Brueggemann, who said the J-shaped "Cheetah" blades were energy efficient.

Pistorius' lawyers countered with independent tests conducted by a team led by MIT professor Hugh M. Herr that claimed to show he doesn't gain any advantage over able-bodied runners.

CAS said the IAAF failed to prove that Pistorius' running blades give him an advantage.

Pistorius was born without fibulas — the long, thin outer bone between the knee and ankle — and was 11 months old when his legs were amputated below the knee.

Pistorius' lawyer was thrilled by the verdict.

"He simply has the chance now to compete fairly and equally," Jeffrey Kessler told The Associated Press. "We are particularly pleased that the decision is unanimous."

RANGERS

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In the homestand opener April 25 against Minnesota, the Rangers overcame an early 5-0 deficit to win 6-5 on David Murphy's RBI single in the 10th inning.

That set off the kind of celebration usually seen when teams win championships: Murphy was mobbed by teammates while Washington pumped his fist and shared high-fives with anybody near him.

"We just went through a bad spell. It happens," Washington said. "It's always been there. It was just a matter of us catching

a break."

Texas clinched the series against the Twins by winning the finale 10-0, then took two-of-three games against Kansas City.

There were also series wins at Oakland and Settle, the two teams at Rangers Ballpark the past week.

"Everybody's having more fun," starter Kevin Millwood said. "It's the difference in eating ice cream and your vegetables. It's a huge difference."

The Rangers had the worst April in team history, losing 18 games.

That was a year after matching the previous low mark with a 15-loss April in Washington's first month as their manager,

which they followed with 20 more losses in May before ending the season on a 52-45 run that led the team to exercise its 2009 option on Washington's contract.

"The good thing is we didn't let that (bad) string run as long as it did last year," Millwood said.

This weekend, the Rangers open interleague play with a three-game series at home against Houston. The Astros beat San Francisco 8-7 on Thursday and are 13-6 over the past three weeks — the best mark for a National League team in that span.

During the Texas turnaround, even with Millwood (groin) and three other starters on the disabled list, Rangers pitchers have

a 3.76 ERA with 63 walks in 19 games — after a league-worst 5.54 ERA with 114 walks the first 23 games.

Last week, the Rangers became the first AL team in four years to post three consecutive shutouts — using at least three pitchers in each of those games.

Then in the series opener against Seattle this week, the Rangers trailed 5-0 before even batting against Erik Bedard. But they chased the ace pitcher when they took the lead in the third, and eventually won the game 13-12 on Ruben Vazquez's home run in the 10th.

Offensively, Texas has increased its scoring average from four runs a game through 23 games to more than 5½ now.

Josh Hamilton, the outfielder acquired from Cincinnati over the winter, leads the majors with 44 RBIs.

"My guys never quit. We just weren't getting it done, and now we're getting it done," Washington said. "When you're playing good baseball because you know how quick this game can turn."

For now, it's going in the right direction for Washington and the Rangers.

"Wash is a no-frills baseball man," Daniels said. "I give him a lot of credit. He didn't panic in the rough times, and equally as important, maybe more so, he's not overreacting to us playing well."

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Church News

Community-Wide Recital

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

Everyone is welcome!

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

On Sunday, First Baptist Church will be recognizing its high school graduates. Each graduate will have a table set up in the north foyer of the church with memorabilia from their school days. Congratulations, seniors! Our Pastor Search Committee has been named, trained and is setting out to find the man who God is preparing to pastor our church. As a praying community, we ask that you remember us at this time.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

We wish to thank our high school graduates — Samantha Boehringer, Roger Kauss, Meredith Morgan, Lauren Sage, Caitlin Jones and Courtney Schaedel — for leading us in a meaningful worship service last Sunday. Other youth who served as ushers were Caroline Morgan, Cassie Boehringer, Tyler Chesworth and Lloyd Morgan.

We offer our congratulations to Angela Payne on her graduation from Texas Tech University.

Bible study is at 5:17 p.m., youth group from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. will take place as usual this week. The Encouragers group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Monday. The Session will convene in the church library on Monday at 6 p.m. for its monthly meeting. Communion servers for May are Janie Conley, Dick Conley, Meredith Morgan and Mark Morgan. Ushers for the month are Neva Green, Max Green, Allan Guthrie and John Yater.

The Farley family invites everyone to help honor Jean Ann Farley on her 85th birthday by attending a reception in the church parlor from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Following the reception, Michael Mitchell, organist and choir director, will present a recital in the sanctuary. The entire community is invited to come and enjoy this musical offering.

During the worship service on Trinity Sunday, the choir will present "Tallis Canon" by Thomas Tallis, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, and "A Psalm of Worship" by Jean Pasquet.

The lectionary for

Trinity Sunday is Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; II Corinthians 13:11-13; and Matthew 28:16-20.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

Last Saturday's Frolic was an enjoyable evening of music, poetry and story telling for those who attended. The Session anticipates another Frolic to be held in about two months.

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

Lectionary for Trinity Sunday is Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; II Corinthians 13:11-13; and Matthew 28:16-20.

First Church of the Nazarene

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

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

The Dare-To-Care Outreach Ministry will meet Sunday at 2 p.m.

On Wednesdays, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive instruction in the sanctuary by Kim Shafer on "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life," authored by Gregory Frizzel.

The youth are invited to "Youth Explosion!" with pizza and fellowship, youth praise, worship and Biblical messages addressing "Hot Topics" upstairs in the "Salt Shaker." And children have a great time earning Christian badges with our Caravan program in the fellowship hall.

Do not miss our senior recognition at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 25, during morning services, followed by a senior swimming party later that evening.

God Wants You! Bible Boot Camp is coming to Sunday mornings at FCN. Beginning June 1, children 4 to 12 will experience the Bible and what it means to their life today. Watch for more information.

Also, it's never too early to start planning for children's camp at Camp Arrowhead in July.

Call our church office for details or any questions at

A lesson in gratitude

No, it's not my birthday, and the last thing I need today is a cake to eat. But every now and then I still remember fondly my last birthday cake. It was a two-layered spice cake with butter-brickle frosting and an assortment of brightly colored birthday candles on top. I don't remember exactly how old I was that year, but one box of birthday candles was still enough.

As he had done for several years, my husband, Dwayne, helped our two small daughters make a special cake for my birthday. Even though they both loved chocolate, they conceded to have spice cake because it was Mom's

favorite, and it was Mom's birthday. The birthday spice cake was well on its way to becoming a tradition, until one year I mentioned that I didn't really care that much for spice cake. It turned out that spice cake was Dad's favorite, not Mom's.

It also turned out to be my last birthday cake, and I learned that spice cake is better than no cake at all. Not only did I ruin my own birthday celebration, I deprived my family the joy of making the special cake.

I wonder if God is disappointed when we reject His provision in favor of what seems more desirable to us. The Scripture says, in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (Thessalonians 5:8 NASB) I've learned my lesson. The next time someone offers me spice cake, I'll eat it thankfully and not complain.



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Midway Baptist Church

We would like to invite you to come and join us in our worship services. Bro. Jim will be sharing a sermon on the end-time scenario Sunday. The Biblical prophecy in Ezekiel 38-39, written about 2,600 years ago, tells us that in the last days great nations will invade Israel. The leader of this invasion will be Russia, and one of the main allies in this confederation of nations is Persia, the modern nation of Iran.

Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m. and then worship service begins at 11 a.m. The RAs, GAs, CIAs and youth meet at 5 p.m. Sunday before the evening worship service that begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights are also full of worship and fellowship. We have a church wide fellowship meal at 5:15 p.m. and then the children and youth meet at 6 p.m. The adults have a Bible study and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. We have many children and youth activities for children of all ages. We also have a nursery available for children 0 through 4 years old. We look forward to you joining us!

We cannot forget about Vacation Bible School! Midway will be having VBS June 2 through June 6. Each day, the activities

will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon. June 8 during our morning service many of the children and youth will be presenting a special Musical as well. Come and join the fun!

First United Methodist Church

At 8 p.m. tonight the 14th annual Relay For Life gets underway at Blankenship Field. Please join in cheering the survivors as they walk that first lap. We salute all the hard-working teams and committees and say thanks to the sponsors and give thanks for our own team as "We Remember Shane."

On Sunday, the Rev. Jim Smith, interim pastor, will continue his series on Jesus' self portrait; this sermon is entitled "I Am The Bread of Life" based on John 6:25-35. Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages in between at 9:45.

The date for the dinner honoring our graduating seniors has been changed to Sunday, June 1, due to a conflict in scheduling. This will be a pot-luck dinner and you are asked to bring vegetables, salads and/or desserts.

On Sunday evening, May 25, there will be a memorial service in our sanctuary for all those members who have died since this time last year. All of the local Methodist churches will be participating in

this very meaningful service remembering those with whom we worshipped and loved over the years.

Our schedule is fast filling up with many exciting and special events. Be sure to go ahead and mark your calendar for Sunday, June 15, when our new pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be here to preach a Father's Day sermon. And then Sunday, June 22, following the early service of worship, Garrett Hall will be the scene of a brunch in officially welcoming the Rev. Wiese and her husband, Bill.

We are looking forward to a new and exciting era here at Fourth and Scurry; we'd love to have you join us. We have "Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds." We'll be looking for you.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings to you and your loved ones. If you are looking for a Church home consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during Sunday morning worship for ages 4-12. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. If you need a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. A nursery is also provided for your little ones.

The youth are excited about school being out and then Fort Davis Youth Camp time will begin June

9-13 for senior youth ages 13-19, and June 16-20 for junior youth ages 7-12. Any youth wishing to go, or if you would like to be a counselor, call 267-7157.

For further information, call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

There will be a Clean Up Day at the Rectory this Saturday, May 17, beginning at 9 a.m. Any parishioner who can help is welcome.

Also, the Brotherhood of St. Andrews will have their breakfast and meeting on Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

An evening with Muses will take place at St. Mary's on Monday at 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Rev. Kelly Schneider Conkling will present some of her art work and medieval music of Hildegard of Bingen and Modern German Poetry of Rainer Maria Rike will be shared. Admission is free and the event is open to anyone interested in art and culture.

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

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church worship service is held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following worship. The Sunday night service is at 5 p.m. Lay minister Jacque Mauch leads both.

The pre-conference for the Annual Conference was held May 13 at First United Methodist in Lamesa. Jacque Mauch, Allen and Sheila Welch attended this meeting. The Northwest Texas and New Mexico Annual conferences will be held jointly at Glorieta, N.M., in June.

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▶ Club News

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club met at the Moss Creek Ranch on May 8 with 14 members present for a delicious luncheon catered by Chef Theresa and the staff of the ranch.

After lunch, Secretary Natha Mitchell presided over the business meeting in the absence of President Lucy Griffith.

The following officers were elected for 2008-2009: Joyce Choate, president; Diane Wood, vice-president; Carolyn Brooks, secretary and scrapbook coordinator; Donna Pettit, treasurer; and Debra Thompson, reporter.

Kim Halfmann, the ranch's marketing manager, gave a tour of all the Moss Creek Ranch facilities which are and will continue to be an asset to our community.

The next meeting of the Mary Jane Club will be Sept. 11 with a brunch for the beginning of a new club year and introduction of the new programs and yearbook.

Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at Howard College's Cactus Room. After a Dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m., a business

meeting will be conducted. This will be the last meeting until Aug. 18.

Eight members attended the district meeting in Midland May 6, and they will report on the meeting. Several members will report on the distribution of books to first graders in Howard County and Garden City.

The program will be the installation of officers for 2008-09. Mary Reeves, District XVIII president, will install the following officers:

President Bo Fryar, First Vice-President Bettie Cox, Second Vice-President Loma Jean Wynn, Recording Secretary Jean Slate, Corresponding Secretary Jean Warren and Treasurer Nancy Fulham.

Members who have not paid their dues are reminded they are due. Local dues are \$7; state dues are \$25. This would be a great time for new members to join us. Any person eligible for the Texas Retirement System is invited to become a member. Additionally, we always want and welcome anyone who wants to know more about the RTA.

TOPS TX No. 21

The TOPS TX No. 21 Club began at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 12. Laura Sickle conducted. The



Courtesy photo/Linda Rupard

Big Spring Art Association

Come and see how she does it! Kay Smith of the BSAA will give a watercolor demonstration at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Howard County Library basement. The public is invited.

pledges were offered by all TOPS members and KOPS members. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Linda Staples and approved by the members.

Roll call showed eight TOPS and two KOPS were present. Pam Klaus was awarded for being the best weekly loser.

Old business was mentioned. Final plans for the KOPS Honor Society was shelved until June. This activity will be held in August 2008.

A treasurer's report was then presented by Frank Sickle.

An interesting program was presented about "How

to Avoid Stress Eating." It offered many suggestions other than eating in a stressful situation and suggestions on lower calorie and healthy food for snacks.

The club will have a sing along program Monday. All visitors are welcome to join in the fun. For more information, call Frank Sickle at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at (432) 263-6819. Weigh-in begins at 5 p.m. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad. Drive around on 10th Street and enter in the Fellowship Hall door. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH

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Food Ministry of Big Spring, will be honoring the Angel Food volunteers and their families at a hamburger and hot dog cookout immediately after delivery time on May 31.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church welcomes all who wish to share in the work and love Jesus taught us to do. North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, please call 263-2536 and leave a message.

East Side Baptist Church

Come join us this Lord's Day for a time of worship and celebration.

On Sunday our service times are: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. family worship and children's church time during the sermon and 1:45 p.m. after-

noon worship and Bible study. Wednesday evening our teens meet at 6 p.m. and the church meets at 7 p.m. for Bible study. We provide a nursery for 4-year-olds and younger.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

What a wonderful time in the Lord we have had this week at East Fourth; beginning with our Pray Walk on Friday and Saturday and our revival starting on Sunday. There were souls saved and renewals of faith. What a testimony.

Allen Burchanek had to share with us on Monday evening, "Saved By Fire." He speaks of the 1962 refinery explosion in Pasadena. He was not a refinery employee, only a passerby on the highway; received burns over 50 percent of his body; had 12 surgeries in which he died twice. He was 19 years old and was playing baseball, had plans of playing professionally but apparently God had other

plans for Allen.

Thank you goes out to David Garrett, musician/evangelist, for leading the music. David lays multiple instruments. Our Praise Music team consisted of David, the choir, Denise Weaver, piano; Larry Nix, bass; and on Sunday evening Carl Wells joined in playing the banjo.

If you are seeking a church home or wish to come visit with us, we welcome you at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth Street. Our office is located behind the church at 410 E. third and our phone number is 432-267-2291. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Keith Weaver is pastor; Joe Whitten is the music minister.

Services times for Sunday are 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., morning worship; 5 p.m., Mission classes; and 6 p.m., evening worship. Bible study classes for adults, youth and children are held at 7 p.m.

Wednesday. Youth and children's groups also have music class during this time. Men's Bible study is held on Saturdays at 7 a.m.

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith con-

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

God. This Sunday pastor Miller will be telling the story of how God used Deborah and Barak to once again save Israel. The story, from Judges 4&5, shows how God can take ordinary people and use them for his greatness.

HAT'S OFF!



Courtesy photos/Nancy Koger

From left, Kim Sheeran, Marcie Lykken, Beverly Warren and Sherry Hodnett were among those posing for a ribbon cutting for HATS (Hope After the Sadness), a shop at First United Methodist Church which serves as an American Cancer Society Resource Room. Its goal is to provide information, resources and support to those who have dealt with cancer in the past, those currently coping with cancer and to caregivers and family of cancer patients.

The HATS room provides free hats, wigs, and head coverings to be checked out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment.

There are no set hours so those in need of its services are asked to contact Marcie Lykken at 267-2915, which is the number for Warren Chiropractic Center, a co-sponsor of the program. Below, Sheeran and Warren draw to determine winners of door prizes donated for Monday's grand opening.



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News in brief

Opponents push for constitutional amendment to undo California court ruling, ban gay marriage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Even as same-sex couples across California begin making plans to tie the knot, opponents are redoubling their efforts to make sure wedding bells never ring for gay couples in the nation's most populous state.

A conservative group said it would ask California's Supreme Court to postpone putting its decision legalizing gay marriage into effect until after the fall election. That's when voters will likely have a chance to weigh in on a proposed amendment to California's constitution that would bar same-sex couples from getting married.

If the court does not grant the request,

gay marriages could begin in California in as little as 30 days, the time it typically takes for the justices' opinions to become final.

"We're obviously very disappointed in the decision," said Glen Lavy, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, which is pushing for the stay. "The remedy is a constitutional amendment."

China prepares burial pits as earthquake death toll rises; total could reach 50,000

LUOSHUI TOWN, China (AP) — Troops dug burial pits in this quake-shattered town and black smoke poured from crematorium chimneys elsewhere in central China as priorities began shifting Thursday from the hunt for survivors to

dealing with the dead. Officials said the final toll could more than double to 50,000.

As the massive military-led recovery operation inched farther into regions cut off by Monday's quake, the government sought to enlist the public's help with an appeal for everything from hammers to cranes and, in a turnabout, began accepting foreign aid missions, the first from regional rival Japan.

Millions of survivors left homeless or too terrified to go indoors faced their fourth night under tarpaulins, tents or nothing at all as workers patched roads and cleared debris to reach more outlying towns in the disaster zone.

On Friday, Chinese President Hu Jintao flew to Sichuan to support victims and express "appreciation to the public and cadres in the disaster zone," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

State media said that rescuers had finally reached all 58 counties and townships severely damaged.

Osama bin Laden: Al-Qaida will continue holy war against Israel until liberation of Palestine

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida will continue its holy war against Israel and its allies until it liberates Palestine, Osama bin Laden said in a new audio statement Friday.

The message came as President Bush wrapped up his visit to Israel to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Jewish state.

Bin Laden says the fight for the Palestinian cause is the most important factor driving al-Qaida's war with the West and fueled the Sept. 11 attacks.

The authenticity of the close to 10 minute message could not be verified, but it was posted on a Web site commonly used by al-Qaida.

Democratic Party panel members show little interest in Clinton's call to seat disputed delegates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sorry, Sen. Clinton. Michigan and Florida can't save your campaign. Interviews with those considering how to handle the two states' banished convention delegates found little interest in the former first lady's best-case scenario.

Her position, part of a formidable comeback challenge, is that all the delegates be seated in accordance with their disputed primaries.

And even if they were, it wouldn't erase Barack Obama's growing lead in delegates over Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Democratic Party's Rules and Bylaws Committee, a 30-member panel charged with interpreting and enforcing party rules, is scheduled to meet May 31 to consider how to handle Michigan and Florida's 366 delegates.

Last year, the panel imposed the harshest punishment it could render against the two states after they scheduled primaries in January, even though they were instructed not to vote until Feb. 5 or later. Michigan and Florida lost all their delegates to the national convention, and all the Democratic candidates agreed not to campaign in the two states, stripping them of all the influence they were trying to build by voting early.

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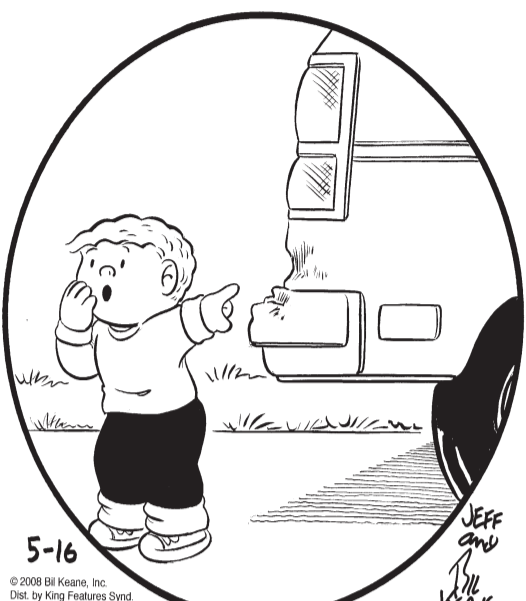
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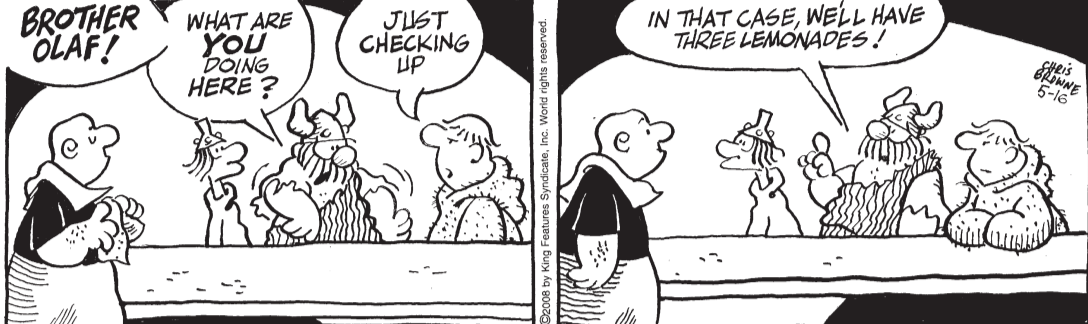
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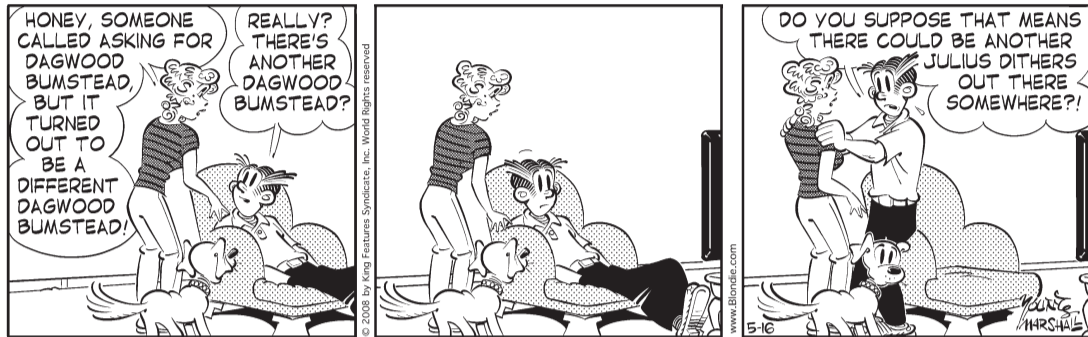


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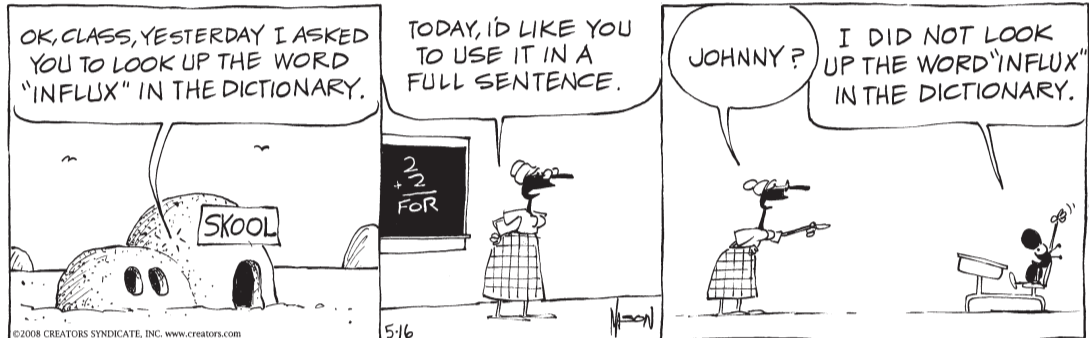
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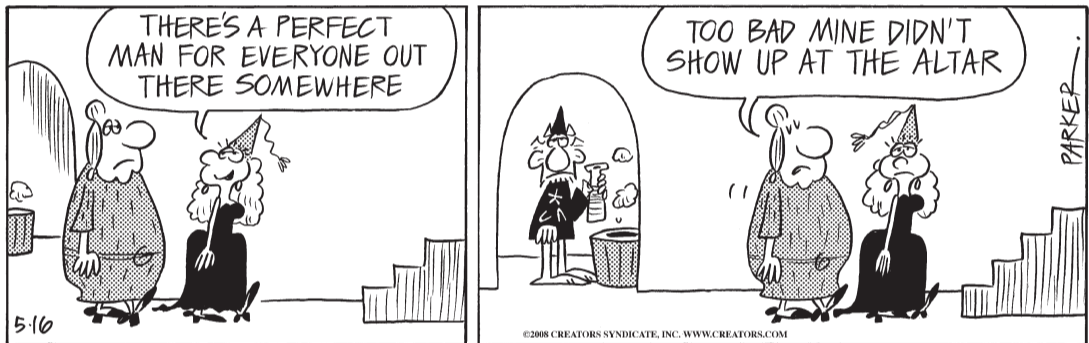
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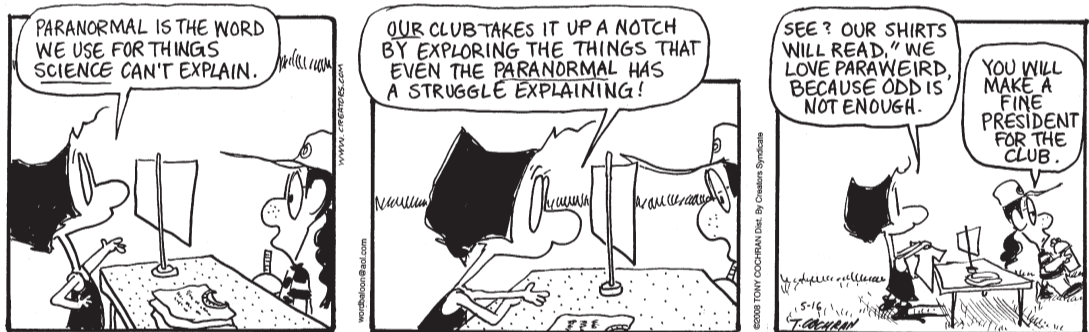
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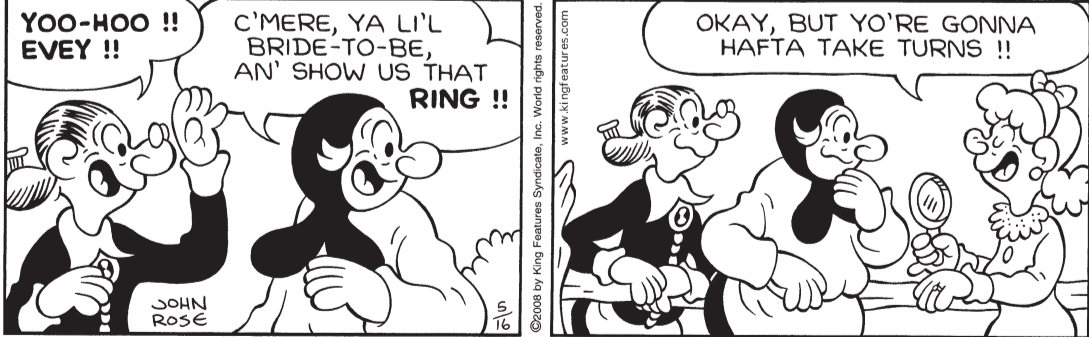
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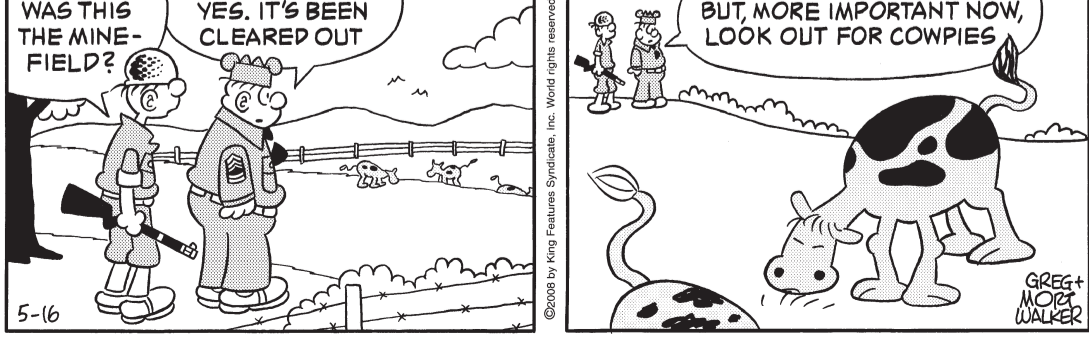
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 16, the 137th day of 2008. There are 229 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie 'Wings' won best production, while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

Oakley, opened on Broadway. In 1948, the body of CBS News correspondent George Polk was found in Solonica Harbor in Greece, several days after he had left his hotel for an interview with the leader of a Communist militia. In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U-2 incident. In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest. In 1988, the Supreme Court ruled that police can search discarded garbage without a search warrant. In 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine. Today's Birthdays: Author Studs Terkel is 96. Actor George Gaynes is 91. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 87. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 64. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 61. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 55. Actress Debra Winger is 53. Soviet-born gymnast Olga Korbut is 53. Actress Mare Winningham is 49. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 44. Rock musician Krist Novoselic is 43. Singer Janet Jackson is 42. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 42. Actor Brian F. O'Byrne is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 40. Actor David Boreanaz is 39. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 39. Actress Tracey Gold is 39. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 38. Country singer Rick Trevino is 37. Musician Simon Katz is 37. Actress Tori Spelling is 35. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 31. Actress Megan Fox is 22. Actor Marc John Jeffries is 18.

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