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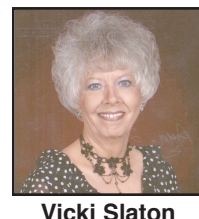
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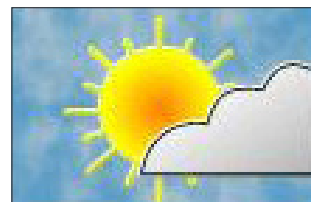
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County set to 'sell' property to Coahoma

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Tuesday morning to discuss a number of routine items, including the possible sale of a small parcel of land to the city of Coahoma.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, officials with the city of Coahoma were in the process of shoring up property near its municipal cemetery when they discovered a tract of land that was owned by Howard County.

"We were going to just let them (the city of Coahoma) have the land. It's less than an acre of land, and one of the commissioners said they believe it may

have been an old caliche pit at one time," said Barr. "However, County Attorney Mike Thomas informed us we can't do it that way, that we would have to get some sort of compensation, even if it was nominal."

Barr said he doesn't intend to bring a specific motion on the matter to the court.

"Really, I just want to make sure everyone's up to speed on what's going on," said Barr. "We'll discuss it and then figure out where to go with the issue."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the commissioners are expected to approve a measure that will hire a new company to collect county funds, such as fines and fees.

"Net Plea has been handling the collections for some time now, and they've done a fairly decent job," said Barr. "However, we really feel if we go with the offices of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott LLC, we can get much better service. Their fee structure and percentages are all the same as what we were paying Net Plea, so this won't change anything except the name of the company doing the collecting."

The court could get a slight reprieve from the recent onslaught of questions regarding the construction of a new \$11.57 million jail facility, however, as project architect Jeff Heffelfinger is not expected to

attend the meeting.

"We have plenty to discuss and work on, but my understanding is Jeff will not be at the meeting Tuesday," said Barr. "We have some decisions coming up soon, however, so it's not going to be much of a break."

Also during the meeting, commissioners are expected to consider a resolution for for CIRA, allowing the county to participate in a project that would develop justice system software, as well as a resolution for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The court will also consider invoices, purchase requests and the possible sale of a county vehicle, as well as personnel

considerations and a payroll report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson is expected to present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance, as well as a request to pay his department's grater operator a construction grater operator wages.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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

Rebates

Big Spring sees sales tax income take dip in May

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring took an uncharacteristic "hit" in the sales tax pocketbook for May, falling short of last year's receipts, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

The city accepted \$614,191.89 this month, compared to \$650,770.61 in May of 2007 — a difference of -5.62 percent. For the year, Big Spring has taken in \$2,341,000.99, up a scant 0.8 percent.

Coahoma took in \$12,468.83 this month, down 4.85 percent when compared to the \$13,105.56 received a year ago. So far in 2008, Coahoma has received \$43,388.24, up 7.48 percent.

Forsan took a 15.17 percent loss, compared this months totals of \$6,290.70 with last May's totals of \$7,416.02. For the year, Forsan has received \$34,903.69, down 13.47 percent.

Following suit, sales tax revenues were down in

Abilene as well. The Key City received \$3,280,901.28 this month, down 3.19 percent when compared to the \$3,389,154.34 received in May 2007. For the year, Abilene has taken in \$14,401,454.04, up just 0.14 percent.

Andrews had a good month, receipt-wise. That city took in \$351,102.69, up 18.97 percent compared to the \$295,111.51 received in May 2007. For the year, Andrews has received \$1,492,936.30, up 11.13 percent.

Colorado City saw receipts drop 8.15 percent, comparing the \$56,596.45 received this month to the \$61,620.06 received at this time a year ago. For 2008, the Mitchell County seat has taken in \$238,065.09, up 3.07 percent.

Revenues were up 43.62 percent in Fort Stockton, which compared this May's intake of \$307,879.18 to May 2007's receipts of \$214,359.42. For the year,

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Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life Chairperson Jenny Sayles, left, and Joanne Forrest, underwriting co-chair and radio and cable publicity, look over T-shirts from this year's event. A community wrap up meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Wilson, Roberts top BC grads

Herald Staff Report

GAIL — Rachel Wilson and Shelby Roberts are the top graduates for the Borden County High School Class of 2008, school officials announced.

Wilson, the daughter of Tim and Carol Wilson of Gail, is class valedictorian and will graduate with a grade-point average of 101.67.

She plans to attend Harvard

University and major in government.

Roberts, daughter of Freddy and Lee Roberts of Gail, is class salutatorian and will graduate with a grade-point average of 95.73.

She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in equine business.

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Council faces long, routine agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to give final approval to 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 city.

The project includes a tiered timeline, according to City Attorney Linda 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 city recently contracted with PSC, an engineering firm, to develop a plan to bring the city and its facilities into ADA compliance.

Also during Tuesday's meeting the council will consider:

- Final 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 pur-

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South Mountain Welcomes New Agent Kris Honeycutt



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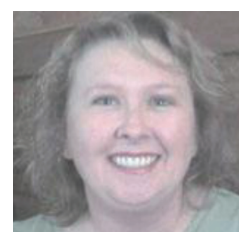
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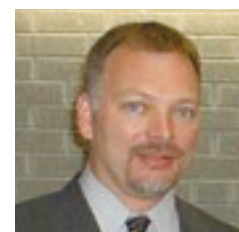
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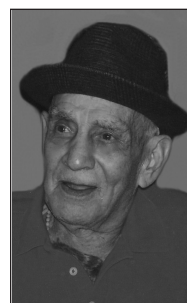
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Obituaries

Raymond 'Ray' Chavez



Raymond "Ray" Chavez, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Ray was born Sept. 6, 1931, in Pecos to Trinidad Nunez and Vernave Chavez. He spent most of his life in Pecos and traveled around the country before coming to Big Spring in January 2000 from Bakersfield, Calif. He enjoyed playing billiards and sharing memories of his childhood with his nieces and nephews. He loved football and was a No. 1 fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Ray came to know the Lord as his Savior. He enjoyed reading the Bible and sharing his faith with his family. Ray enjoyed life. He will be missed by his family.

Ray is survived by two sons, Raymond Chavez Jr. and Robert Chavez, both of Visalia, Calif.; one daughter, Laura Shelton of Visalia, Calif.; three sisters, Lupe Lopez and her husband, Joel, and Sylvia Miramontes and her husband, Daniel, all of Big Spring, and Juanita Rubio and her husband, Ernesto, of El Paso; three brothers, Joe Torres Jr. and his wife, Nora, of Big Spring, Jesse Torres of Livingston, and Manuel Chavez of Pecos; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including great nieces, Rosalinda Lopez and Roxanne Evans, who both provided personal care for Ray.

Ray was preceded in death by his mother, father and stepfather, Joe A. Torres.

Pallbearers will be Joe Miramontes, Ben Gonzales, DeAndre Walton, Kaniel Miramontes, Alfredo Hinojos and Michael Garza.

The family will be at 1110 Johnson.

The family wishes to give a special thanks to Father Guley, Father Lagunilla, Deacon Arguello, the Compass Hospice staff and Parkview Nursing Home staff for the wonderful care they all provided. Thank you Bill and Charlsa Myers and the Myers & Smith Funeral Home staff for your special care and hospitality.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University who have been accepted for the fall semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. More information and an application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com/>

State Honor Band concert CDs and DVDs are on sale in the Big Spring High School band hall. Prices are \$13 per D, \$30 per DVD or \$40 for both. Limited quantities are available; first-come, first-serve.

The Howard County Pachyderms (local Republican Club) will have their monthly meeting at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road Thursday, May 29, at noon. Everyone is welcome to hear the guest speaker Jay Lawrence with Texans For Lawsuit Reform. Lunch is buffet style for a nominal fee. Call Melanie Gambrell for more information at 267-7387 or the Big Spring Country Club at 267-8241.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **DIMAS ANGUIANO**, 49, of 4009 Vicky, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JERRY MARTINEZ**, 37, of 1611 S. Owens, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **WILLIAM VOWELL**, 21, of Mississippi, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **RICHARD HUNT**, 27, of 701 Highland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of racing on highway.
- **JONATHAN BENAVIDES**, 17, of 1919 Allendale, was arrested Saturday on a charge of racing on highway.
- **TEOFILO RAMIREZ**, 33, of New Mexico, was arrested Saturday on a local citation.
- **JOHNNY MICHAEL EDMONDSON II**, 18, of 505 E. 14th Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- **ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS JR.**, 22, of 1500 Kentucky Way, was arrested Saturday on two local capias warrants.
- **ERIC ARTHUR SOLAND**, 31, of Corpus Christi, was arrested Saturday on a Gonzales County warrant.
- **GUS WAYNE JACOBS**, 50, of 1429 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication, a Taylor County warrant and two warrants from Stephens County.
- **JOHNNY LEE JOHNSON**, 36, of 110 Lockhart, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES PAUL BATY**, 41, of 507 Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 200 block of Washington.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 500 block of Hillside.
 - in the 2600 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 200 block of Washington.
- **RACING ON HIGHWAY** was reported in the 1800 block of Goliad.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 400 block of Benton.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 800 block of Lancaster.
 - in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Mesa.
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania.
 - in the 500 block of Hillside.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium.

Support Groups

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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

Your Local Weather

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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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• 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.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Lottery

The winning Texas Lotto numbers drawn Saturday night: 22-23-26-33-41-53.

Number matching six of six: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing : \$16 million.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 3-8-3-3. Sum It Up: 17.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 2-4-9. Sum It Up: 15.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 8-7-9-4. Sum It Up: 28.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 8-6-2. Sum It Up: 16.

All Creates Sanctuary

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

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At least 3 confirmed tornadoes touch down in Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO (AP) — At least three weak tornadoes touched down in the Texas Panhandle on Sunday, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service said.

There have been no reports of injuries or building damage across the sparsely populated region, meteorologist Jason Jordan said.

"The first two developed over open country, and there was nothing for them to hit," Jordan said. "The third one was also over open country and went through some fields. There was no structures for that one to hit, either."

The three tornadoes touched down Sunday afternoon. The first and largest was in Hartley County, which is on the Texas-New Mexico border, and measured about a quarter-mile wide.

"Most of that was picking up dust," Jordan said.

The second tornado started in Hartley County and moved into Moore County. The third was in Hutchinson County, Jordan said.

Suspected robber shot dead by man he allegedly robbed

HOUSTON (AP) — A roofer fatally shot a would-be robber Sunday moments after the 21-year-old man stole the roofer's cash and cell phone, police said.

The suspected robber shoved a pistol into the back of roofer Juan Ibarra, who was hitching a trailer to his pickup Sunday morning outside of a Houston town house complex, police said.

The alleged robber grabbed Ibarra's cell phone and cash and began walking away, police said. But the man stopped to pick up some money that had fallen out of the wallet.

Ibarra, who has a concealed handgun permit, pulled out a revolver and shot the man at least three times, police said. The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ibarra was not charged in the fatal shooting. The case will be referred to a Harris County grand jury, police said.

More school districts are now using state health care plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A state health insurance plan for teachers begun five years ago to save jobs in small school districts has grown into one of Texas' biggest programs, used by nearly 90 percent of the state's school districts.

The ActiveCare health insurance plan for teachers, which is overseen by the Teacher Retirement System of

Texas, now covers about 335,000 teachers and dependents in about 900 school districts, including Arlington, Dallas and Fort Worth. Other large school districts — including the ones in Austin, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio — have their own health insurance plans.

That might not last. Eventually, all public school teachers in Texas will get their health coverage through the plan, predicted Linus Wright, vice chairman of the Teacher Retirement System board and a former superintendent in the Dallas district.

"Just as it happened in the Dallas school district, it is reaching a point in many districts where it is becoming too expensive to maintain a separate health plan," Wright said in Monday editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The health plan had its roots in a 1981 struggle in which state lawmakers passed a teacher health insurance bill that then-Gov. Bill Clements rejected because, he said at the time, teachers could get health coverage through their spouses.

The plan eventually came into being for the 2002-03 school year, and it was aimed at small- and medium-sized school districts that were dealing with teacher shortages and an inability to provide adequate health insurance, the newspaper reported.

But the plan became more attractive to larger districts grappling with escalating health care costs. Officials say the biggest advantage of the state plan is that there has been no increase in premiums in two of the last three years.

"It's unusual for a health plan to avoid premium increases these days," Wright said. "We have a very large group to keep premiums down, and the claims are carefully supervised."

Critics of the plan, however, say premiums are still too high. Dale Kaiser, president of the National Education Association-Dallas, said coverage was better under the plan formerly used in the Dallas school district.

"The experience of our members has not been that great," Kaiser said. "The premiums for family coverage are way too high, and people often don't know what they will wind up paying when they receive medical care. You would think with that many people in the plan, we would get better coverage at a reasonable price, but it doesn't seem to have helped."

Fight for South Texas fortune renewed with court's ruling

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The case of an elderly Corpus Christi woman seeking to prove she is the unrecognized daughter John G. Kennedy and heir to a South Texas fortune got a boost with a ruling by the 13th Court of Appeals.

The appellate court overturned a state district judge's ruling that had blocked Ann Fernandez's suit against

the two nonprofit organizations that control the 400,000-acre Kennedy Ranch and its considerable mineral assets, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

"My understanding is we can now pursue the case on behalf of my mom, for her honor and her memory," said Dr. Ray Fernandez, son of Ann Fernandez, 82, who is in a nursing home.

The estate's estimated value is between \$500 million and \$1 billion.

"They ruled that Ann Fernandez has not had her day in court. Now we will get to demonstrate she was the heir to John G. Kennedy," said Marcos Ronquillo, who represents the Fernandez family.

Lawyers for the John G. and Marie Stella Kennedy Memorial Foundation and the John G. Kennedy Jr. Charitable Trust, which are fighting Fernandez's efforts to prove she is Kennedy's sole heir, did not return calls to the Express-News.

They have said Kennedy's estate was legally closed many decades ago, leaving the parentage issue moot.

When Kennedy died in 1948, he was believed to be sterile and had no known heirs. Fernandez claims he had at least one child with Mary Rowland, a household maid.

Ronquillo expects this ruling to revive a bid to exhume Kennedy's body at the family's La Parra Ranch. The request has been pending at the Texas Supreme Court since it was blocked three years ago.

Fort Worth-area girl, 9 years old, died after being dragged by horse

BENBROOK (AP) — A 9-year-old Fort Worth-area girl has died after a horse threw her and dragged her for about 1½ miles over the weekend.

Family friends say Juliette Brown was horseback riding with her father near Lake Benbrook on Saturday night when she popped the top on a soda can, scaring her horse. The horse threw Juliette and dragged her, said Cathy Wickwire, a family friend.

The Haltom City girl was airlifted to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, where she died of a severe head injury, Benbrook police said.

Group started to give sanctuary to illegal immigrants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A group of faith-driven activists is trying to organize a network to help illegal immigrants who fear new local immigration-related laws and massive raids.

The advocates — all Catholic — hope to provide places to stay, food and health care for immigrants. They have a few families who have volunteered to host immigrants, but ultimately want to open a shelter.

If the project is successful, immigrants seeking sanctuary would simply need to ask for "Romo."

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chasing property from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

- Final 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.

- 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 its first reading on a 6-1 vote with Councilman Manuel Ramirez voting against it.

- Final 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.

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

- Final 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.

- Final 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.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article 1, entitled "Unsanitary, Unsightly, Etc. Conditions on Private Premises" by

renaming it "Unsanitary, Unsightly 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.

- Final 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.

- A request for a permit to have chickens at 1314 Mt. Vernon.

- Approval of agreements for the construction of the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and street utility project, both bond-funded projects.

- First reading of an ordinance establishing procedures for the consideration of economic development projects.

- Approval of a tax abatement agreement with Western Motels Inc. — dba The Luxury Inn — and authorization for the mayor to execute the agreement.

- First reading of a resolution approving changes to the articles of incorporation and other documents of Moore Development to reflect the economic development firm's recent name change to the Big Spring Economic

Development Corporation. The council is also expected to consider approval of the minutes from the boards last two meetings.

- First reading of a resolution allowing for recruitment incentive agreements and a relocation incentive agreement with newly hired police and fire department recruits requiring the employees to reimburse the city if they voluntarily terminate their prior to the completion of the agreement.

- First reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance of a specific use permit for Lot 7 and the S/2 of Lot 8, Block 43, Original Town of Big Spring, providing for a

severability clause.

- Discussion and consideration of waiving the admittance fee to the city pool on Fridays for the Boys & Girls Club of Big Spring.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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REBATES

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Fort Stockton has received \$1,187,798.01, up 40.96 percent.

Lubbock brought in \$4,784,468.58 this month. That's up 2.75 percent, compared to the \$4,656,205 taken in for May 2007. For the year, Lubbock has received \$20,623,136.73, up 2.64 percent.

Midland received \$3,584,008.79 this month, up 4.74 percent when compared to the \$3,421,583.06 taken in during May 2007.

Through the first five months of the year,

Midland has received \$15,286,126.42, up 8.61 percent.

Monahans took in \$154,800.50 in May, up 29.68 percent when compared to the \$119,366.79 the city received a year ago. For 2008, Monahans has received \$649,746.95, up 12.14 percent.

Sales tax revenue was up 8.14 percent in Odessa, comparing the \$2,368,199.67 taken in this month to the \$2,189,792.56 taken in during May 2007. For the year, Odessa has received \$9,913,515.26, up 6.92 percent.

San Angelo brought in \$1,845,361.45, down 0.3 percent when compared to the

\$1,851,023.73 received during the same month a year ago. For 2008, San Angelo has received \$8,190,663.56, up 3.66 percent.

Snyder received \$256,007.74 this month, up 6.38 percent when compared to the \$240,634.27 the Scurry County seat received in May 2007. For the year, Snyder has received \$1,159,055.36, up 27.58 percent.

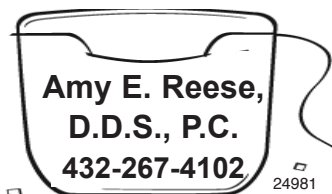
Revenues were up 16.56 percent in Stanton, comparing the \$38,291.81 taken in this month to the \$32,850.46 taken in for May 2008. This year, the Martin County seat has received \$150,343.99, up 42.21 percent.

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GRADS

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The BCHS Class of 2008 held baccalaureate exercises Sunday and will hold commencement at 8 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium.



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OUR VIEWS

Our fallen heroes: May they never, ever be forgotten

As is the case most years, the calendar for 2008 lists two Memorial Days: May 26, Memorial Day (observed) and May 30, the "real" Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., on April 25, 1866.

The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women were thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South.

In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity.

In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate.

Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and painful, as it is today with more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the holiday weekend will still be a time for celebration.

However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Today, we had a chance to salute our own veterans not once, but twice; by attending ceremonies this morning at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial and this afternoon at the 25th annual Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park.

If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices.

Remember our fallen. May they never, ever be forgotten.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are working for us behind the scenes. Thank You.

Amen

Being part of the Kennedy family

That's what we are. I don't just mean the real Kennedys, the people who are related to what will always be, for my generation, the closest thing America has to royalty. I mean those of us who worked for him and with him at any point in those 45 years. You join a family, and you never leave.

So it was that last Saturday, when the phone rang and I learned that "the Senator," as we always call him, had had a seizure, and later, when "glioma" shattered my computer screen, I picked up the phone to call.

That's what we do. Phone lines burning. Everyone calls everyone.

Hold on, is the official unofficial word. Everybody knows glioma is bad. But we don't know anything about size yet. Size matters. Hard to laugh. The location is "good," as these things go. No one is giving up yet.

Of course not. That's not the way we do things in this family.

I've worked for lots of politicians in my time and remain very fond of all of them. But there is nothing quite like the Kennedy family. What explains it has a great deal to do with the man and the mission.

I worked for Ted Kennedy when he was chair of the Judiciary Committee, when he ran for presi-

dent and then on his Senate staff. They were turbulent times, people getting hired and fired, a huge presidential campaign-sized staff shrinking to a post-Reagan, Republican Senate-sized one. Smart, intensely competitive people jockeying for position. Everyone competing for the Senator's time, attention, ear. It was not an easy place to work. The loyalty of the Kennedy family is not based on the job being easy or pleasant.

It's about something else. The integrity of the fight. The commitment to principles first. The fact that you are joined in a fight that is as big as the first family in American politics and as small as that one person who needs help, and that both count.

In May 1980, I was standing toward the back in a Temple in Livingston, N.J., where the Senator was speaking to a crowded room. A woman in the back waved her arm, and he called on her. She asked him what his position was on helping Iranian Jews stranded under the new regime, unable to leave the country to join family in America.

I had done the briefing book for the event, and I knew there was nothing there on Iranian Jews.

The Senator caught my eye, and I was sure he hadn't anticipated the question any more than I had.

"I'm not sure what we can do to help," he said. "But I want you to talk to my staff member at the back of the room, Susan Estrich, and we'll help you."

And we did. I can't tell you how

many times the Senator checked back with me to find out if I had followed up on the woman's problem. The late Jerry Tinker, who spent decades as the Senator's chief immigration counsel, made calls, and so did I. It took a few months, long after the presidential campaign had ended and the Senator was no longer seeking the votes of people in New Jersey. (I don't think the woman was a citizen yet, anyway. She had just come to the event to ask the question.) But we got visas for that family. Lives saved. Another day in Sen. Kennedy's office.

That was our job because it was his job.

It has been more than two decades since I left "the office," but it's still the first place I call when the bureaucracy seems impenetrable, when a little guy or gal needs someone to stand up for them.

With all due respect to the other senator from Massachusetts, the two senators from California, where I live now, and all the members of Congress who have represented me, gone to school with me, whom I have supported and befriended, the one place I know where they will always stand up for somebody just because it's the right thing to do is Sen. Kennedy's office.

I call Esther now instead of Jerry. She moves the mountains these days. But behind all of them, all of us, is the Senator.

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Farm Bill wasted chance for change

Global food crisis? Consumers demanding more local, sustainable food from family farmers? Public health and environmental concerns over factory farms? The recently passed Farm Bill is an abysmal disappointment for those seeking solutions to these urgent questions.

Despite the global food crisis and consumer demands for a healthier food system, Congress chose to stay with the failed status quo that favors industrial factory farms and corporate agribusiness profits over the interests of family farmers and consumers. While some critics of our farm programs targeted their ire towards "millionaire farmers" receiving subsidies, the main beneficiaries of our farm programs were able to escape scrutiny: corporate agribusinesses.

With commodity prices skyrocketing around the world and hunger on the rise here in the U.S., Congress chose to ignore the crisis by refusing to consider implementing Strategic Grain Reserves and reviving Farmer-Owned Reserves. While China and India build up their buffer stocks and the European Union considers establishing reserves, the United States continues its policy to allow our food security to be at the mercy of speculative global markets. Under the radical deregulation of the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, government reserves were eliminated and control of grain stocks handed to corporate agribusiness giants. With nothing left in the cupboard, we are just one drought away from \$10 corn or \$20 wheat (per bushel) with no backup plan in place.

Meanwhile, agribusiness companies have seen their profits explode as they take advantage of market speculation. In April 2008, Cargill reported a \$1 billion profit, up 86 percent from a year ago.

These same agribusinesses profited handsomely from commodity price collapses due to the deregulation effects of the 1996 Farm Bill. From 1997-2005, factory farm operators such as Cargill saved \$35 billion due to feed corn prices that dipped as low as \$1.50 per bushel, the same price farmers received in the 1970s! Grain reserves, by stabilizing prices, ensure that farmers do not have to rely on taxpayer subsidy payments by setting a floor on commodity prices so agribusiness can't underpay farmers. Reserves also help food processors and consumers crying out for relief.

During the years of cheap grain, factory farms escalated their expansion in rural America, wiping out family farmers and causing enormous environmental destruction. The Farm Bill for the first time offers some protections to independent ranchers and farmers who raise poultry and hogs under contracts with corporations such as Cargill and Smithfield. However, a decade-long battle to stop meat-packers from owning livestock was stripped out in the final bill as Congress failed to stand up for America's family farmers devastated by price manipulation. Such corporate control has sucked the lifeblood out of many rural communities.

A Brazilian meat company, JBS, has announced plans to acquire Smithfield Beef (which owns Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding, the largest feedlot in the U.S.) and National Beef. This would mean three companies in the U.S. would control 90 percent of all slaughtered livestock, further consolidating the industry and driving out America's remaining independent livestock

operations. Congress again chose to side with corporate agribusiness, even as two new reports from the Pew Commission and the Union of Concerned Scientists raised alarms over the public health, environmental and economic consequences of industrial factory farms. Without the packer ban and adequate antitrust measures to stop this merger, our domestic cattle industry is in jeopardy.

Recent food scares — from poisoned Chinese pet food to e.coli-tainted meat and spinach recalls — have caused consumers to take a heightened awareness about their food. While the Farm Bill includes significant increases in funding and program participation to help minority farmers such as myself, as well as for organic crops, farmers markets, and funding for innovative Community Food Projects, the bill represents a wasted opportunity to fundamentally alter our broken food system away from favoring the interests of corporate agribusiness towards sustainable family farmers. It continues to place our food sovereignty in jeopardy by neglecting Strategic Grain Reserves and livestock market reform and will not stop the continued hollowing out of rural America. With the global food crisis upon us, Congress has shirked its responsibility to ensure access for all to affordable food in an era of unprecedented risk.

Ben Burkett is the president of the National Family Farm Coalition and director of the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives. He raises collard greens, okra, squash, cabbage and watermelons. The National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) was founded in 1986 to serve as a national link for grassroots organizations working on family farm issues.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff took a moment Monday to celebrate the recertification of the hospital as a Level IV Trauma Center. Shown from left are George Parsley, CEO, Judy Roever, chief nursing officer, Jonetta Sweatt, emergency department director, William Collier, medical director of the emergency department and Christine Everett, RN.

SMMC earns level IV trauma designation

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center officials recently announced that the hospital has earned the Texas Department of State Health Service's Level IV trauma designation.

This designation, first achieved in 2005, re-certifies that SMMC provides the necessary equipment and resources to provide care to patients with traumatic injuries. Hospital staff celebrated this accomplishment with a continental breakfast and certificate presentation May 15.

"This designation was given after SMMC voluntarily underwent the intensive survey process by the Texas Department of State Health Services to demonstrate its commitment to high quality trauma care for the residents of Howard County and the surrounding area," said George

Parsley, chief executive officer. "We will continue to work to set new standards of excellence in providing emergency care. We are particularly appreciative of the dedication shown by our employees and physicians, who were instrumental in SMMC receiving this designation."

The Level IV designation certifies that the hospital has comprehensive plans in place to provide care to patients with traumatic injuries, including vehicle accident injuries, major fractures, falls and injuries to the head, spine and internal organs. To meet these strict requirements, SMMC must have specially trained staff, emergency equipment, transportation resources and the capability to transfer patients to another facility when appropriate.

"This demonstrates our commitment to providing exceptional care to Howard

County residents, particularly those in need of emergency services," said Emergency Department Director Jonetta Sweatt.

"We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated medical staff and clinical support here at SMMC," said Judy Roever, Chief Nursing Officer.

All medical providers and acute care registered nurses at SMMC have advanced certification in trauma life support. In addition, the hospital offers radiology, surgery and other departments that can assist in the care of trauma patients.

"I am very proud of our hospital," Parsley said. "This milestone achievement will serve Big Spring and the surrounding areas for years to come. This Level IV Trauma designation supports the quality emergency healthcare SMMC provides right here, close to home."

Nutrition Wise

Q: Does diet influence risk of pancreatic cancer?

A: Researchers note that there is a convincing link between excess body fat – particularly fat around the waist – and an increased risk of pancreatic cancer. But we need more research about the role of particular food choices and their effect on risk. Although studies are inconsistent, foods that may offer a protective effect include: fruits (which supply vita-

min C and other antioxidant phytochemicals to protect our cells' DNA) and foods that supply folate (a B vitamin needed to produce and repair DNA). Important sources of folate include green leafy vegetables and dried beans. Limited evidence also suggests that getting regular physical activity and limiting intake of red meat – both steps that clearly lower risk of colon cancer – may also help protect against pancreatic cancer.

AgriLife Extension Service to offer diabetes programs

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is an educational program to help people with Type 2 diabetes learn the skills they need to understand and manage their diabetes, to reduce their risks for complications, and to attain their highest possible level of wellness.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Howard County is offering the free Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes educational programs during June. The classes will be held Monday evenings, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 201 of the Horace Garret Building at Howard College.

Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 31, if you would like to participate in this educational series.

This program aims to help people control their

diabetes rather than letting the disease control them. The classes are not meant to substitute for care by a physician – everyone with diabetes should see a doctor regularly.

However, diabetes is a disease that mostly requires daily self-management. Although doctors, other health professionals, and trained educators can advise and teach them, the people with diabetes are the ones who control and manage their diabetes.

The Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes curriculum consists of nine lessons: one introductory class, which is an overview of diabetes, four nutrition classes and four self-care lessons. The topics for the classes will be:

June 2, What is Diabetes? And Nutrition – First

Step to Diabetes Management

June 9, One Diabetes Diet – No Longer the Sole Option, and Managing Your Blood Glucose

June 16, Nutritional Labels, and Diabetes and Exercise

June 23, For Good Measure at Home and Eating Out, and Diabetes Medicines

June 30, Preventing and Managing Complications

At each session, snacks will be provided for participants. Please contact Kandy K. McWhorter, County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Howard County at (432) 264-2236 to register for the class series. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and telephone number so you can be contacted.

A THANKFUL FAMILY

Courtesy photo

Emma Grace Cottingham accepts a check on behalf of the March of Dimes from George Parsley, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Emma is the daughter of Cody and Chelsea Cottingham and the granddaughter of Ronald and Cheryl Shults. Emma was born 10 weeks premature, causing immune system problems, and has had to be hospitalized four times, all at SMMC, where the family and Team Miracle of the Moment said she always received exceptional care.



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Back to Austin

Bulldogettes clinch 10th trip to state tourney



By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — Next stop Austin... again. Coahoma's Bulldogettes take a very familiar journey to the state's capital this week as they clinched their fourth consecutive and 10th overall trip to the Class 2A state softball tournament with a 4-3 win over Hawley in Game 2 of a best-of-three series Saturday in Snyder.

With no outs, two on and the score tied at 3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, senior Krista Kerby hit a two-strike single back up the middle of the infield, allowing Joanna Gonzales to score the winning run from second and making Coahoma the 2008 Region I, Class 2A champs.

"Any way to win it is a great way to win it," Tadlock said. "Hawley played tough and their pitcher really kept us off balance. I knew it wasn't going to be like Thursday's game when we scored 16 runs. I hoped we'd score more runs, but a win is a win and we'll take that one."

The Bulldogettes face Big Sandy Harmony's Lady Eagles in the semifinals Thursday at the University of Texas' McCombs Field in a one-game playoff. The winner will face the winner of Sadler S&S Consolidated and East Bernard Saturday in the finals.

Coahoma trailed Hawley early in Game 2 after the Lady Bearcats scored an unearned run in each the first and third innings. However, with the Bulldogettes trailing 2-1 after Heather Newton scored from third on a Janice Gonzales single in the bottom of the third, play was stopped due to a collision between two players at second base.

Aricka Hart, who came into the game as a courtesy runner for Gonzales, was

Members of the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball team celebrate following their 4-3 victory over the Hawley Lady Bearcats Saturday in Snyder, giving the Bulldogettes the Class 2A, Region I title. The win also sends Coahoma to the state tournament in Austin for a record 10th time, where the Bulldogettes face Big Sandy Harmony's Lady Eagles in the semifinals Thursday.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

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Home sweet home: Spurs coast to Game 3 victory

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The Spurs were happy to be home. They felt even better about having Manu Ginobili back in top form.

In an 0-2 hole to the Los Angeles Lakers and in desperate need of a win, San Antonio prevailed 103-84 on Sunday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. The Spurs were led by Ginobili, who scored 30 points after struggling mightily in the first two games.

"We saw a turnaround

coming," said Spurs star Tim Duncan, who added 22 points, 21 rebounds and five assists. "To say that we saw him come out and shoot the ball the way he did, can't say that. But we knew he was going to be aggressive. Knew he was going to try to turn this series around for himself."

And for the Spurs, who overcame a 0-2 deficit against the New Orleans Hornets one round ago.

The Lakers still lead the series 2-1. Game 4 is Tuesday in San Antonio.

Kobe Bryant led Los Angeles with 30 points and

Pau Gasol scored 15. Lamar Odom struggled, finishing 2-of-11 from the field for seven points. But he had six of the Lakers' 13 assists and 11 rebounds.

The Lakers also had trouble at the free throw line, going just 8-of-17. Bryant went to the line only once.

"We missed a couple foul shots. That's always like a turnover when you do that. Little things that happen," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We just didn't complete plays."

Ginobili hit five of the Spurs' 10 3-pointers to keep the defending champions

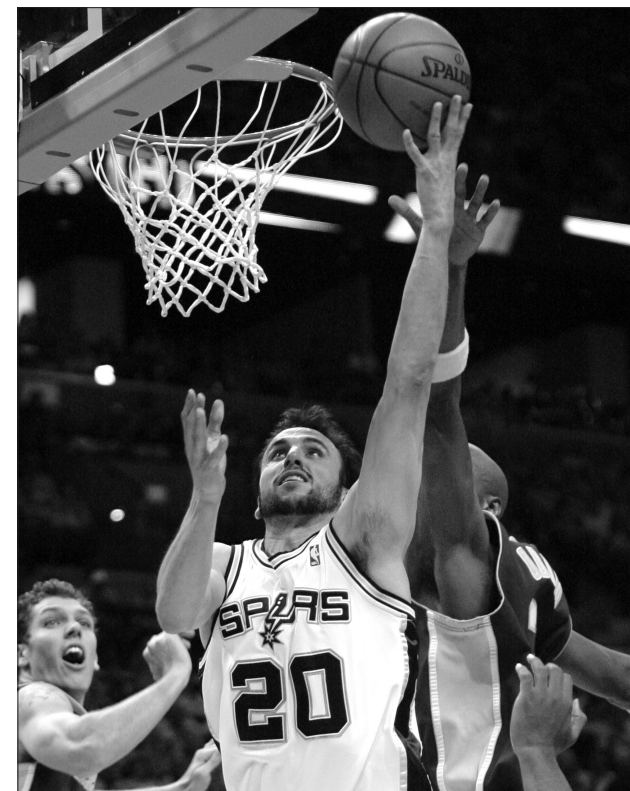
from falling behind 0-3, which no NBA team has ever overcome.

San Antonio's super-sub and league's top sixth man — who has a sore ankle and torn fingernail — had just 17 points on 5-of-21 shooting in Games 1 and 2.

"He played great. It was unbelievable. He got us going," said Tony Parker, who added 20 points and five assists. "He hit those 3s. He was very aggressive."

The Spurs are a perfect 7-0 at home this postseason.

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AP photo/Matt Slocum

San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (20) shoots a lay-up against the Los Angeles Lakers during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA Western Conference finals Sunday in San Antonio.

Mickelson wins at Colonial on final putt

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Another memorable shot, and another victory for Phil Mickelson's impressive ledger.

Not the 9-foot birdie putt on the final hole that gave him a one-stroke victory at the Crowne Plaza Invitational on Sunday. Instead, it was the 140-yard wedge from heavy rough that set it up: when Mickelson had to hit under one tree and over another, the ball clipping branches while headed sky-high.

"Just lucky," Mickelson said, with a smile. "I'm as surprised as anybody I was able to make a 3 from over there."

Once Mickelson hit the ball — "it just came off perfectly," he said — he couldn't see it through

the branches. So he took a couple of steps before jogging through the trees into an opening just in time to see the ball fall back to earth near the flag.

One of Mickelson's best shots ever?

"Probably top five," Lefty responded, pointing out that he had already discussed that with his wife, Amy.

"That's what No. 2s in the world do," said Rod Pampling, who blew a two-stroke lead on the back nine. "Those guys make those kinds of shots."

The birdie closed out a round of 2-under 68 that got Mickelson to 14-under 266, a stroke better than Pampling (68) and Tim Clark (66) for his second victory at Colonial.

It was the 34th career victory for Mickelson, who also won the

Northern Trust Open in February and is the only person on the PGA Tour with multiple victories in each of the past five seasons.

Mickelson began the final round with a one-stroke lead. But like the day before, he fell behind before regaining the lead on his final putt of the day.

Pampling, playing with Mickelson, made the turn at 14 under. He still led by one after saving par out of a greenside bunker at the 188-yard 16th.

But on the ensuing drive at the 382-yard 17th, Pampling hit the ball way right toward a ditch. He had to take a penalty stroke after a drop — though that put his ball where it could be seen rather than buried in heavy rough at the edge of a concrete gully. He managed to get the approach

shot into a bunker, then blasted to 4 feet, pushing both arms in the air before tapping in the bogey. That came after Mickelson had two-putted from 28 feet for par.

After Mickelson's final drive went well left, Pampling drove down the middle of the fairway. But Pampling left his approach 38 feet away, his second putt going in after Mickelson had already made his birdie.

Pampling still may have done enough to get into the top 50 for a spot in the U.S. Open.

Clark had birdies at Nos. 16 and 17 to get to 13 under and tie for the lead.

Pampling hit his tee shot at 16 into the right greenside bunker, and blasted within 9 feet. After Mickelson made par, Pampling took extra time to examine his

line and then saved par, pumping his right fist hard in the air as the ball dropped into the hole.

As Mickelson and Pampling were finishing No. 17, Clark's 14-foot birdie chance at the closing hole curled just short. He finished second for the sixth time in his career, still without a victory.

Stephen Ames (70) finished fourth at 269, a stroke ahead of Ben Crane (67).

Mickelson earned \$1.098 million, nearly double the \$594,000 check he got for winning the last Colonial eight years ago, and surpassed \$49 million in career earnings. He is the 11th player to win multiple times at Hogan's Alley, where five-time champion Ben Hogan is the only golfer to win more than twice.

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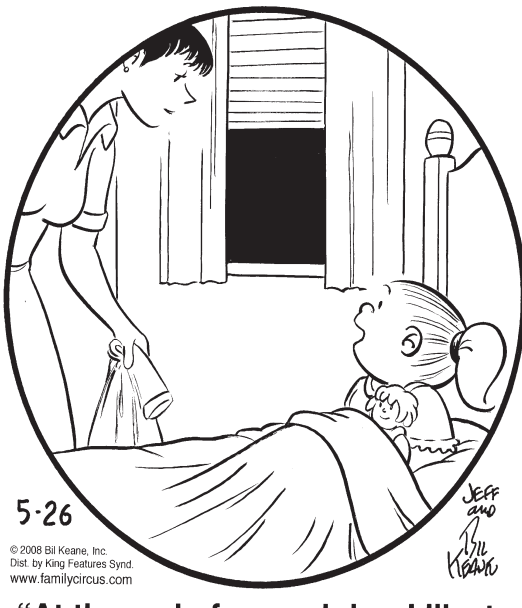
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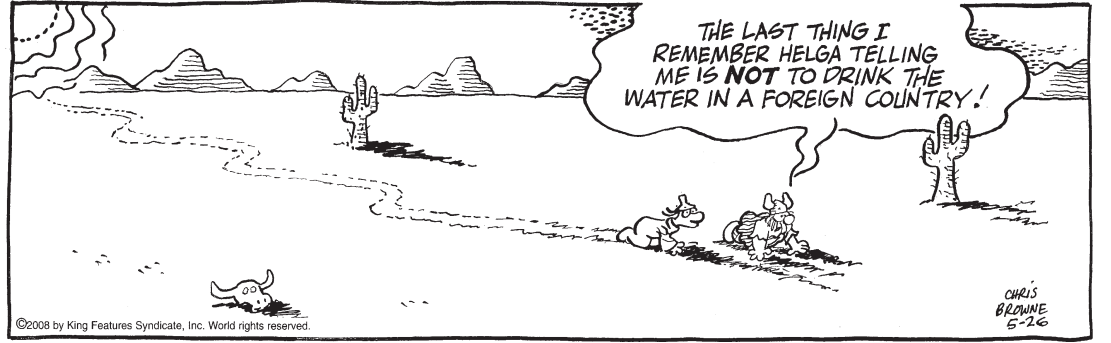


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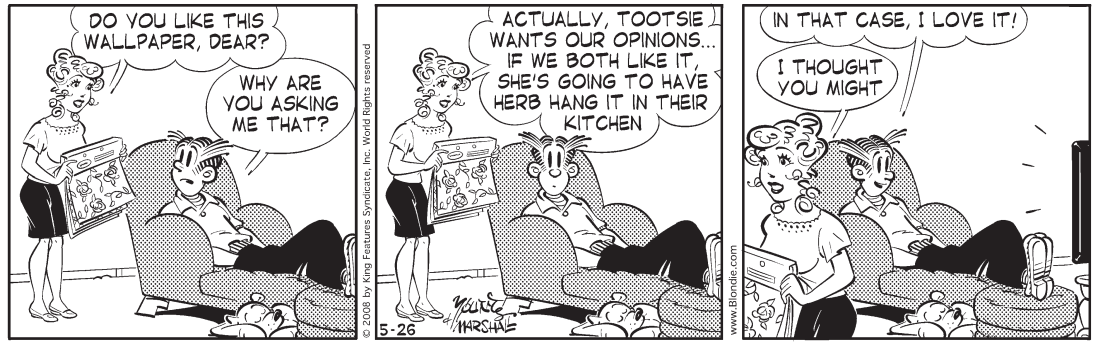
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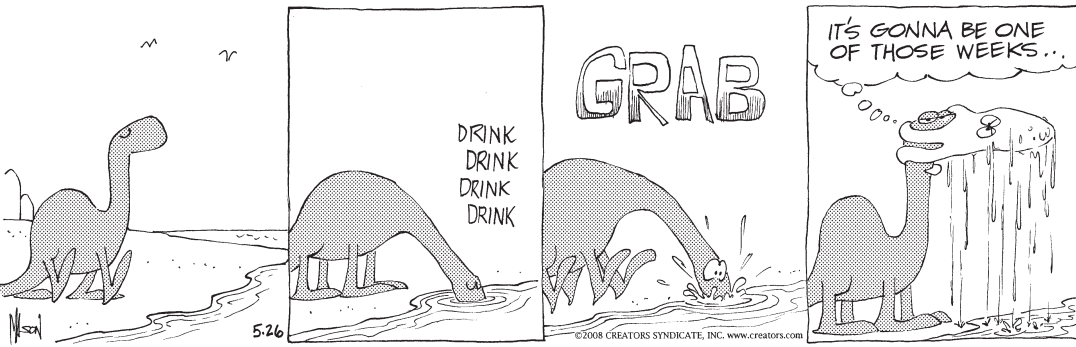
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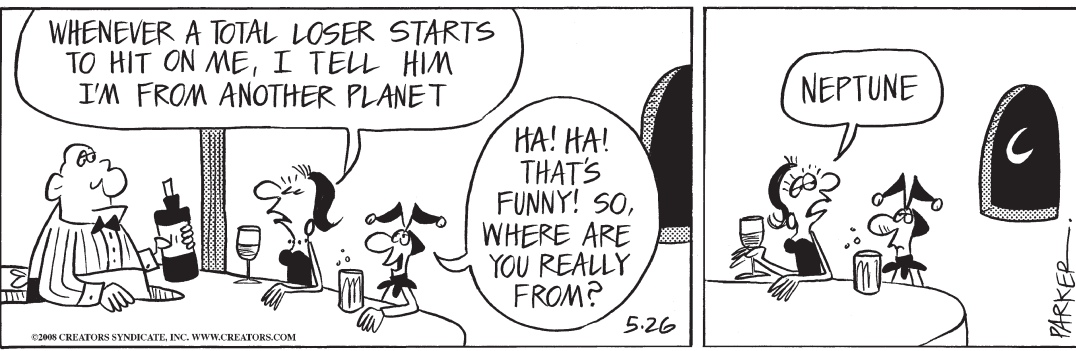
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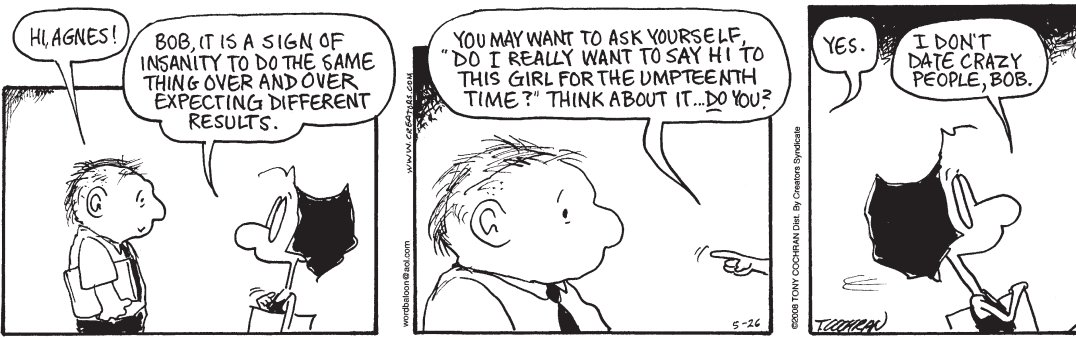
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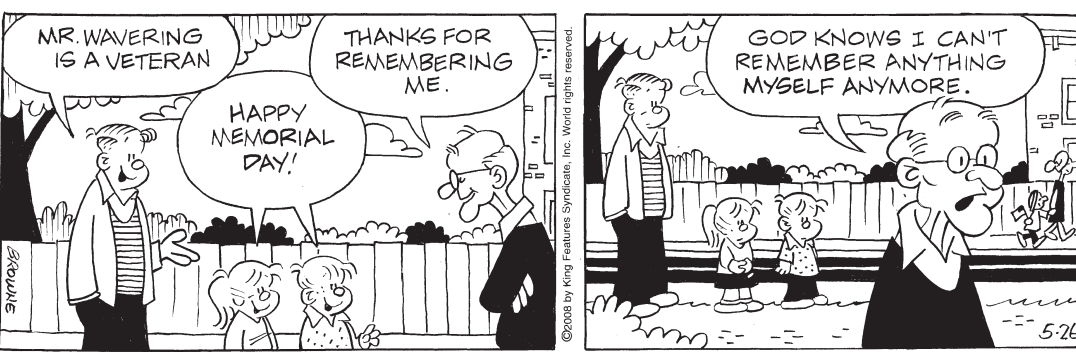
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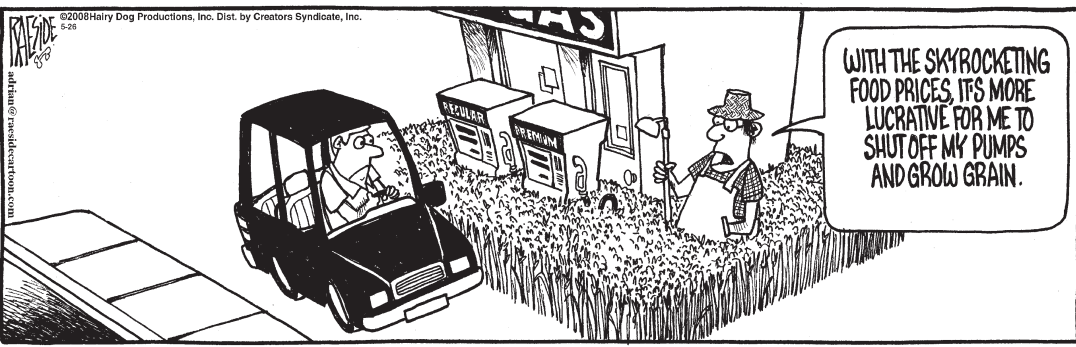
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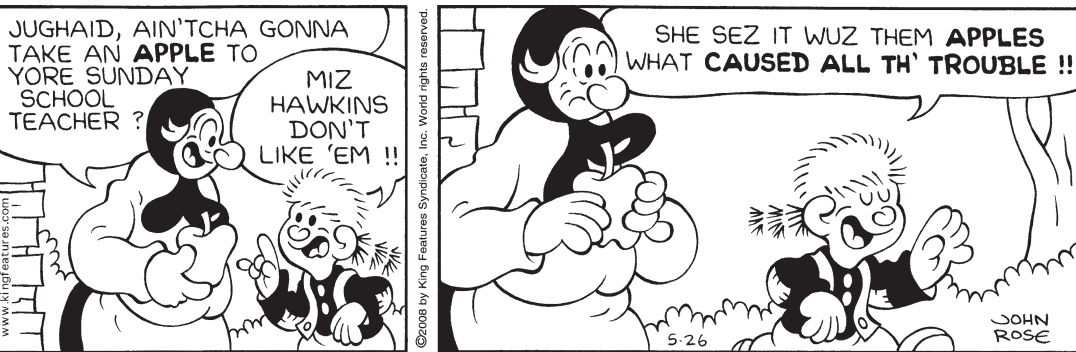
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 26, the 147th day of 2008. There are 219 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on May 26, 1908, the first major oil strike in the Middle East took place as engineers working for British entrepreneur William Knox D'Arcy and led by George B. Reynolds hit a gusher more than 1,100 feet below ground in Masjid-i-Suleiman, Persia (Iran).

On this date:
In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.
In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.
In 1908, British character actor Robert Morley was born in Semley, England.
In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized in New York.
In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.
In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.
In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.
In 1972, President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)
In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.
One year ago: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and American Cmdr. Gen. David Petraeus flew to Iraq's blistering western desert in a rare joint outing to highlight gains there in the fight against insurgents.
Today's Birthdays: Actor James Arness is 85. Actor Alec McCowen is 89. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 63. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 68. Country musician Gates Nichols

(Confederate Railroad) is 64. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 63. Singer Stevie Nicks is 60. Actress Pam Grier is 59. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 59. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 59. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 57. Actress Genie Francis is 46. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 46. Singer Lenny Kravitz is 44. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 42. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 40. Actor Joseph Fiennes is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Joey Kibble (Take 6) is 37. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 37. Contemporary Christian musician Nathan Cochran is 30.
Thought for Today: "Show me the man who has enjoyed his school days and I will show you a bully and a bore." — Robert Morley, British actor (1908-1992).
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fuse metal together
 - 5 Talks a lot
 - 9 Reside
 - 14 Woodwind instrument
 - 15 Mouth-related
 - 16 Spooky
 - 17 Sounded a bell
 - 18 Bike wheel
 - 19 Elevate
 - 20 Fabric worker
 - 21 Stop temporarily
 - 23 Lambs' mothers
 - 25 Be a snoop
 - 26 Film's scene-starting effect
 - 29 Watch the grandchildren
 - 30 Female opera star
 - 34 Pub beverage
 - 35 No longer fresh
 - 37 French coins
 - 38 Stop temporarily
 - 41 Abrasive material
 - 42 Be admitted
 - 43 Golf-ball platform
 - 44 British conservative
 - 45 Plane without propellers
 - 46 Generous ones
 - 48 Buddy
 - 49 Home for Adam and Eve
 - 50 Stop temporarily
 - 55 Antlered animals
- DOWN**
- 1 Noun or adverb
 - 2 Internet auction center
 - 3 Solitary
 - 4 Thermometer unit
 - 5 Reached
 - 6 30 Across solos
 - 7 Spaniel sound
 - 8 Most ready for a nap
 - 9 Stiff hat with a rounded top
 - 10 Be dressed in
 - 11 Cleveland's lake
 - 12 Mona _
 - 13 Onion relative
 - 22 Statue or portrait
 - 24 _-washy (inconsistent)
 - 26 Aspect
 - 27 San Antonio attraction
 - 28 Discourage
 - 29 Frozen rain
 - 30 Expected soon
 - 31 Angry
 - 32 Ballot caster
 - 33 Barbecue residue
 - 36 Very thin spaghetti
 - 37 Bert's Sesame Street friend
 - 39 Shout out
 - 40 Important events
 - 45 Boxer's target
 - 47 Certain sweaters
 - 48 Birthday celebration
 - 49 High-class
 - 50 Poison-ivy symptom
 - 51 Reverberate
 - 52 Cook by simmering
 - 53 _ the line (behaved)
 - 54 Does not exist
 - 56 Narrow street
 - 57 Pants-leg part
 - 58 Makes a dress

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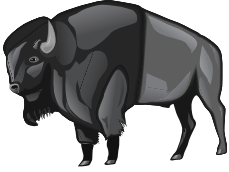
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sliding into second on a steal attempt. Hawley's shortstop Ally Cobb came over in an attempt to take Hart out, but had her knee collide with Hart's jaw.

Play was stopped for close to 30 minutes as Cobb, who returned later in the game, was helped off the field with a knee injury. Hart, however, had her neck restrained and was taken off the field on a stretcher as a precaution. She sustained gum damage because of her braces, a laceration on the chin that required stitches and a concussion. She is doubtful to play in Austin.

Gonzales took Hart's place on second when play resumed and immediately scored courtesy of an RBI-double by Laci Sterling. Sterling didn't linger long on the base paths either, scoring Coahoma's third run of the inning on a single by senior Christie Rich.

"They had more problems with the long layoff than we did," Tadlock noted. "We got two hits and three runs right after that. Nothing was done on purpose. It was a freak thing and it just happens sometimes. Hopefully everyone comes out all right."

Hart's teammates admitted being motivated by her sacrifice.

"We knew we had to do it for Aricka," Kerby said. "She wouldn't have slid

and taken that hit if she didn't want to win, so we knew we had to win it for her."

The Bulldogettes carried that lead into the final inning. Hawley was down to its final out of the game before a rally was mounted.

LaShea Keith singled to center to keep the Lady Bearcats' hopes alive. Keith scored the tying run as catcher Kassi Barbee lifted the ball to the left field wall, ending up with a triple. Newton was able to strike out Hawley's clean-up hitter Pee Wee Burton to retire the side.

Two Hawley miscues in the field allowed Joanna Gonzales and Newton each to reach base in the bottom of the seventh, setting the stage for Kerby's heroics.

"Definitely," Kerby said when asked if that single was the biggest hit of her career. "I needed that. This team needed that."

"Coach Tadlock asked me to lay a bunt down, but I couldn't get it done," she continued. "So I knew I had to help the team out and just make contact. It felt good to get that shot back up the middle."

The win marks the third straight time Coahoma has beaten Hawley in the Region I finals.

Becca Barbee — pitching in place of Hawley's typical starter Burton — took the loss for the Lady Bearcats, giving up four runs — two unearned — on seven hits and a walk while striking out three batters.

Newton picked up the win, giving up three runs — one earned — on seven hits while striking out seven batters. Rich was the only Bulldogette with more than one hit, going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

For Kerby, this is her fourth trip to the state tournament in Austin and, in her opinion, the 2008 version of the Bulldogettes have the best chance of any to bring a championship back to Coahoma.

"We've all known each other since we were young. The other teams knew each other, but hadn't played together as much as this one has," she explained. "This team has known each other forever and having worked together for so long, helps us get through."

"We're two games away. That's all I know," Tadlock said. "We'll see how prepared we are for it when we get down there. I don't know for sure how ready the team is, but I know I'm better prepared this year. It was crazy for me last year cause I had never been. I think this team is a little better than last year's, but that doesn't guarantee anything. We're going to have to go down there and play our best. I think we've got a great shot, though."

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Becca Barbee and Kassi Barbee. Heather Newton and Janice Gonzales. W - Newton. L - B. Barbee. 2B: HHS - Ally Cobb, Chelsea Phillips; CHS - Laci Sterling. 3B: HHS - K. Barbee. RBI: HHS - K. Barbee; CHS - Krista Kerby, Laci Sterling, Gonzales, Christie Rich.

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On Sunday, they took the lead midway through the second quarter and never looked back, despite a late surge from league MVP Bryant.

The Spurs squandered a 20-point lead to lose Game 1 in Los Angeles and the Lakers routed them in Game 2.

Up 69-57 entering the fourth, the Spurs opened

with a 12-4 run, and Parker's layup gave them a 20-point lead with a little over eight minutes to play.

Then Bryant did what Bryant does: almost single-handedly pulled his team out of the hole. He hit four 3-pointers in less than 2½ minutes and his last one brought the Lakers to 88-76 with 5 minutes to play.

But the Lakers would get no closer, not when the Spurs' title defense would be all but ruined with a loss in Game 3.

Duncan answered with a three-point play to put the Spurs back up by 15 and not long after Brent Barry's steal that resulted in a three-point play for Ginobili made it 97-78 with 3:26 to go.

"We didn't move the ball very well," Lakers guard Derek Fisher said. "We did have some decent opportunities on the inside, but those shots didn't go in. We didn't shoot the ball terribly, but we didn't move it well enough consistently."

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