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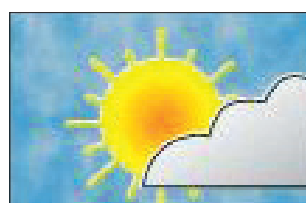


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## Hangar 25 to celebrate birthday

**What:** Hangar 25 Air Museum's 10th anniversary party.  
**Where:** 1911 Apron Drive.  
**When:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Hangar 25 Air Museum is throwing a birthday bash and we're all invited.

The museum, which formally opened its doors May 11, 1999, will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup>



Bias

anniversary a few days early when it hosts a come-and-go reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Director Meghan Bias said that in addition

to the wine and cheese reception, the museum will unveil a new photo exhibit Thursday evening.

Titled "Stories Told in Black and White," the exhibit will serve as a photographic history of Hangar 25, from its earliest days as part of the

U.S. Army Air Force's Big Spring Bombardier School, through Webb Air Force Base up to the present time.

"The photos are part of our collection and we just took the best of them and blew

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## 'Peaceful assurance'

Public encouraged to participate in National Day of Prayer gathering

Herald Staff Report

Crossroads area residents are invited to participate in The National Day of Prayer Thursday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.



Bender

"With the intensity of our society's current conditions comes this

## Early voting ends; election Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Early voting in Crossroads area elections wrapped up Tuesday afternoon, with voters poised to head to the polls Saturday to decide a number of local contests.

Voters casting their ballots in the Big Spring City Council and Big Spring Independent School District races will go to polls at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located on the Howard College campus.

Residents casting their ballots in the elections being held for the Coahoma City Council and Coahoma Independent School District will do so at the Coahoma Community Center.

Voters taking part in the Sands Consolidated Independent School District trustee election can cast their ballots at the district's business office, located at 101 First St. in Ackerly.

Martin County voters can cast their ballots at the County Election Office, located at 110 W. School.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Lakeview Head Start students are off and rolling as they participate in the school's annual Trike-A-Thon Tuesday morning. The event was held to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. In the photo below, Trandon Edmondson, left, pulls a wagon with Celestina Vela aboard.

## Lakeview youngsters roll on for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Some of Big Spring's youngest rode to help their own Tuesday.

More than 200 Lakeview Head Start students revved up their tricycles for a good cause as they participated in the school's annual Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Dominga Shockley, site manager at Lakeview, said all the school's 221 children took part in the event in one way or another.

"All of them participated, even if they didn't have a tricycle," Shockley said. "If they didn't have a trike, we had one they could use ... or we would tow them around the course in a wagon, whatever they wanted to do."

Tuesday marked the fifth year that Lakeview's students took to the road — well, the school playground, to be exact — for the worthy cause.

"We always do it around Cinco de Mayo," Shockley said. "We had a student who had cancer and I have a (relative) with leukemia ... so we thought that it was important that we do something to help."



In the weeks leading up to Tuesday's event, the students learned about St. Jude's Hospital and its mission to help young people stricken by cancer and other diseases.

The children then took home pledge envelopes to secure money from parents and others in their neigh-

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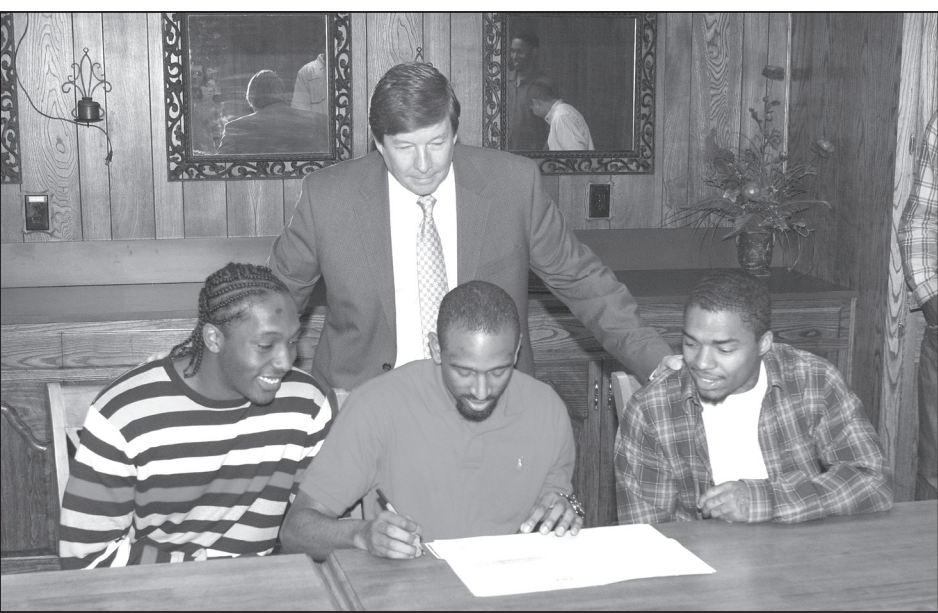
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Howard College sophomores Markeys Deans (left) and Denzel Barnes (right) watch as teammate Devon Baker signs a letter of intent to play basketball at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., starting in the fall. Deans also inked a letter of intent, signing with Central Connecticut State University.

## HC's Baker, Deans sign to play at four-year schools

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Two members of the core foundation that made up the 2008-09 Howard College Hawks basketball team officially declared their decisions to play at the next level Tuesday.

Forward Markeys Deans signed a letter of intent with Central Connecticut State, while guard Devon Baker inked with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

For Baker, there was a strong comfort level with Northwestern State, making the decision to sign easier.

"There are great people there and it's a great situation as far as basketball for me," said Baker. "There's a good team chemistry and I love it out there. I trust

the coaching staff and everything about the situation. Trust is a big, big factor for me. I don't want to play for nobody I don't trust. Comfort is the most important part. When you play somewhere, you want to be comfortable and able to trust the people you are dealing with."

He wasn't short of options, either.

"There were some other teams involved," said Baker. "I spoke to Kentucky, Stephen F. Austin, Cal State-Fullerton, Cal State-Riverside, Fresno State and a few other California schools. I'm going to play right away at Northwestern State and be a major part of the system. I wanted to go somewhere where I'm going to be a big part and

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## Jersey boys making difference for Hawks

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Most people treasure the opportunity to play sports with their family.

For cousins Andrew and Anthony Collazo, they get to share the experience of playing baseball for the top junior college team in the country, while being more than 1,800 miles away from home.

The Collazos hail from Paterson, N.J., and are in their second season as Howard College Hawks.

The decision to pursue baseball so far from home was almost automatic for Anthony, who automatically has been the Hawks' starting pitcher in Game 3 of four-game series this year. However, Andrew, who mans second base and bats eighth in the lineup for the Hawks, took some time to follow his cousin to Big Spring.

"Anthony came first to Howard. I originally went to Long Island University, but Howard was my second option," said Andrew. "Things didn't work out at LIU, so I came down

here, but everything worked out."

Anthony found himself convinced after meeting with the Howard coaching staff before and after his senior year in high school.

"We both went down to Florida in the fall of 2006 and J-Bob (Thomas) and Coach (Britt) Smith were both there. They liked both of us, but they were really talking to me and flew me down for a visit the summer after my senior year," said Anthony. "I just decided that this was the place to get away from home and some of the distractions with playing around a big city. It was comfortable and quiet here, so I could focus on baseball."

Competing with one another is nothing new for the Collazos. They played baseball together as kids, but have been on opposing teams as well, which is an experience the cousins will have to go through again next spring.

"It's great. We've played together since little league," said Andrew. "We went to different

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HERALD photos/Tony Claxton

Above, Howard College left-hander Anthony Collazo pitches in WJAC action March 28 at Jack Barber Field. At left, second baseman Andrew Collazo (left) slides safely into third as the ball skips past an El Paso Community College player March 20 at Jack Barber Field. The Collazos are cousins from New Jersey, who have played significant roles during Howard's unbeaten regular season.



## Rangers post 6 runs in 10th for 4th straight victory

SEATTLE (AP) — Previously struggling Vicente Padilla baffled Seattle with perhaps the best no-decision in Texas history. Seattle's Erik Bedard matched Padilla with continual escapes from Rangers rallies.

Ultimately, all of that mattered less than a cruel, painful twist to a relatively unknown rookie.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a grand

slam that capped a six-run burst with two outs in the 10th inning off emergency fill-in Denny Stark, and the surging Rangers took advantage of a sudden injury to Seattle reliever Shawn Kelley to beat the depleted, first-place Mariners 7-2 Tuesday.

"I think they played so many extra-inning games with Oakland (last weekend) their bullpen was a little

tired," Texas manager Ron Washington said after his team's season-high fourth straight win.

"Thank god."

The 25-year-old Kelley, whom Texas hitters had never seen, entered to begin the 10th. He threw three pitches to Elvis Andrus and then fell in pain as if he was shot, from a strained muscle on his left side. A trainer

immediately rushed to the mound and escorted Kelley to the clubhouse — and likely onto the disabled list.

Stark, pitching in the major leagues this week for the first time in five years, was summoned on no notice and retired the first two batters before the Rangers broke loose.

"A tough situation for Stark to come in there," Wakamatsu said.

## Sports in brief

### High school baseball and softball postseason schedule

Interscholastic play is due to restart May 11 and local high school and softball teams have set their postseason schedules.

#### Big Spring

- Lady Steers softball plays Canyon Randall in a Class 4A bi-district playoff series beginning at 7 p.m. May 14 at Monterey High School in Lubbock. Game 2 is set for 5 p.m. May 15 with a third game taking place, if necessary, 30 minutes following the completion of the second game.
- Steers baseball faces San Angelo Lake View in a

game that will decide the third seed out of District 4-4A at 7 p.m. May 14 in Snyder.

#### Coahoma

- Buldogs baseball is taking on Grape Creek in a game to decide the top seed out of District 7-2A at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Abilene.

### Forsan High School Sports Banquet scheduled for Monday

Forsan High School will hold its annual sports banquet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for parents and guests at \$10 apiece and must be purchased at the high school office by Friday.

### Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning and free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

To be eligible, players must be at least 18 years old and out of high school.

Visit [www.bigspringtennis.com](http://www.bigspringtennis.com) for more info.

## Take Note

- A spaghetti supper to benefit Moss Elementary employee Sherra Harrell and her husband Trey will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at the school cafeteria. Carry-out and delivery only. Plates are \$5 include spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Please order by May 18 by calling 264-4148 or by e-mail at rbelew@bsisd.esc18.net. Trey has been ill and unable to work. The benefit is to help raise funds to pay for medical expenses and other bills.

- A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

- The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

- Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

- The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

- Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a nursing home in Big Spring. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

- Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night. This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD. Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates. More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. Class 267-2915 for information.

## Police blotter

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

- CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 26, of 1602 Sunset, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- SHELLBY HILL, 30, of 806 Ohio, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- ROSS BALANCE, 47, of Illinois, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRITTANY SIMER, 20, of 115 Simer Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant.
- CHASE OBRIEN, 20, of 132 Houston in Garden City, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.
- HENRY FRANCO JR., 17, of 507 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.
- COREY RAMEY, 21, of 1606 Canary, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.
- AKACIA RODRIGUEZ, 20, of 1410 Owens, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.
- SHAWNTINA THORPE, 41, of 1615 Lark, was arrested Wednesday on two non-local warrants.
- MICAH PEARSON, 23, of 1106 W. Third St. Apt. 4, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Owens.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of Golf Course.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20. in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.
- ROSS BALANCE, 47, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- SHELLBY RENE HILL, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — more than one gram less than four grams and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — less than one gram.
- KIRSTEN LEWIS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CHASE STEVEN OBRIEN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor.
- MICAH LEVI PEARSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and contempt of court (two counts).
- COREY ERIK RAMEY, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- AKACIA SADE RODRIGUEZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- BRITTANY SIMER, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a traffic charge for failure to appear.
- SHAWNTINA THORPE, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and contempt of court — disobedience of a court order.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lan-

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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

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- 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 Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement.

## Lottery

There has been a rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$17 million.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: five, 23, 38, 39, 54. The Mega Ball number was three.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-15-23-30.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-7-5. Sum It Up: 23.

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## WINDSTORM RALLY

Several dozen Gulf Coast residents gathered for a rally Tuesday demanding action on windstorm insurance, then they fanned out through the Capitol to try to persuade lawmakers to take action.

"We're going to windstorm the Capitol," proclaimed Foster Edwards, president and chief executive officer of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce. Rally-goers held banners and wore buttons reading, "Don't Kill the Coast" and "One State, One Economy."

Gov. Rick Perry declared reform of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association an emergency item this legislative session. Some lawmakers say the fund, depleted by Hurricane Ike's devastation last year, must be restructured this session before the next hurricane season arrives.

The Senate approved revamping the fund through bonding and an estimated rate increase of 5 percent a year for three years for policy holders in 14 coastal counties. But some coastal lawmakers and residents argue the cost of replenishing the fund should be spread statewide and not rest solely on coastal Texans.

The House has yet to act on the measure.

## HURRY UP AND WAIT

Time is running out for the Legislature to pass bills and the list of legislation waiting to be heard in the House is growing by the day. But the chamber seems in no hurry to get through the backlog.

While the Senate has finished most of the major bills, the House has yet to tackle such pressing issues as voter identification, a revamp of the way colleges set their tuition rates and sweeping overhauls of the Texas Department of Insurance and Texas Department of Transportation. Yet the chamber has been adjourning early, taking lunch breaks and postponing many of the bills on the schedule.

The biennial session, which convened in January, ends June 1.

On Tuesday, the House postponed several bills scheduled for debate, including an effort to prioritize college-ready students in divvying up grants and an overhaul of drivers' ed requirements in Texas high schools.

## MOTORCYCLE DISCRIMINATION

The Texas House on Tuesday passed a measure that would prevent businesses such as restaurants and hotels from refusing service to someone because they ride a motorcycle or wear motorcycle paraphernalia.

The House voted 100-36 in favor of the bill after some lawmakers argued the bill was creating a special privilege that would override businesses ability to refuse service.

## HANGAR

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them up to poster size," Bias said.

Also Thursday, officials will announce the winners of its Kid's Klub poetry contest.

In its 10-year history,

the museum has grown into an asset the community can be proud of, Bias said.

"We have more aircraft on display and the collection of artifacts has grown immensely," she said. "It's huge compared to when we first opened."

## PRAYER

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local opportunity to be inspired by insights and examples of God's abundant provision and assurance of faithfulness," said Everett Bender, local businessman and one of the speakers for the event. "This local observance will feature short testimonies and inspirational insights on the power of prayer, along with opportunities to unite our faith as a community

and bond with other believers."

The observance will be from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tea, coffee and water will be provided. Those who attend are welcome to bring a sack lunch.

Speakers will include Pastor Sharon Wiese, First United Methodist Church; Mayor Russ McEwen; Pastor Randy Cotton, Trinity Baptist Church; Pastor Sam Segundo, Family Faith Victory Center; and Bender. Joe Whitten will lead the music.

The theme this year is "Prayer

## RAILROAD COMMISSION

An effort to move oversight of the three-member Texas Railroad Commission to a single commissioner failed in the Texas House Tuesday.

The elected Railroad Commission regulates Texas' oil and gas industry, pipelines, and surface mining.

"It's too much power and it's too much responsibility to give one person in this state, therefore I'm going to vote no," said Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock.

The measure would require a constitutional amendment and voter approval.

## TAX RELIEF

The House gave final approval Tuesday to a measure that would give tax relief to thousands of small Texas companies.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate for consideration, gives businesses that make \$1 million or less annually a two-year break from the state's business tax.

The tax, which businesses are currently paying for just the second time, was designed to fix the state's franchise tax and school funding system. But small businesses have complained that the tax is hitting them especially hard.

The exemption currently stands at \$300,000.

But, increasing the exemption would cost the state more than \$172 million in lost revenue at a time when state revenue is already plummeting.

## INTERNET PREDATORS

Registered sex offenders in Texas would have to list their e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers and any Internet IDs with law enforcement under a bill moving its way through the Legislature.

The bill is designed to let officials monitor what registered sex offenders are doing in cyberspace and remove the anonymity of the Internet.

"The more secret, the more private they can be, the more they can do their dastardly deeds," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, a Plano Republican who sponsored the bill that passed the Senate on Monday and was sent to the House.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott joined Shapiro and Rep. Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg, at a Capitol news conference Tuesday to support the bill. A Republican, Abbott has aggressively tracked sexual predators on the Internet.

The registration bill is "another vital tool for cracking down on child predators who are using the Internet," Abbott said.

The bill also requires some high-level offenders, for crimes such as rape and assault of a child, to be banned from using social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook as a condition of their pa-

That growth is directly attributable to support from the community, Bias said.

"I think it has to do with the people who got together and said there was a lot of history out here that needed to be preserved and they fought to bring it to real-

ity," Bias said. "I'm talking about our founding directors and our current board members, as well as our membership throughout the community."

"I'm very proud to be a part of it now and I hope to help it move even further in the future," she

role. While some judges currently ban such activity, it is not required under law.

## POLLUTION COMMOTION

A small group of Senate Democrats tried but failed to derail Gov. Rick Perry's appointment of Texas A&M professor Brian Shaw to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Perry appointed Shaw, whose research speciality is air pollution, in November 2007, meaning this legislative session was the first time his nomination would be considered by the Senate.

Led by Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, the Democrats criticized Shaw over several recent permits awarded over staff objections and other issues.

"TCEQ today in Texas is a lapdog for polluters," Shapleigh said.

The remarks drew a sharp rebuke from Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, who said the opposition to Shaw amounted to "character assassination."

Shaw was confirmed on a 22-7 vote.

## COCKFIGHTING

The Texas House has given final approval to a plan that expands the ban on cockfighting in Texas.

The measure would make it illegal to attend cockfights or make money from them. It also would prohibit owning or selling training equipment.

## RELIEF FOR LANDOWNERS

The Texas Senate voted Monday to expand the rights of property owners who face having their land taken by the government.

The bill by Sen. Craig Estes, a Wichita Falls Republican, would limit eminent domain land takings to projects for public use only and would require governments to make a "bona fide" offer for the property before condemnation.

A property owner would be entitled to be paid for any loss of market value if the taking impairs their access to the land they still have. Any land taking would also have to be done by a record vote in a public meeting.

"Private property and the right to profit from it is fundamental to not only our economic liberty, but also our personal liberty," Estes said.

Gov. Rick Perry vetoed in 2007 an eminent domain bill that addressed diminished access. Perry, a Republican, is now pushing a constitutional amendment to safeguard landowners' rights.

Perry said the bill has "essential" safeguards to "shield landowners from abuses of eminent domain for generations to come."

The Senate bill requires property owners be given an initial offer for the land in writing, and prohibits governments from requiring confidentiality agreements.

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## TRIKE

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give, whether it's \$1 or \$10 or \$100."

Those who collected enough money qualified for different prizes from St. Jude's, ranging from T-shirts to Teddy Bears, she noted.

Although the event has a serious purpose,

the actual riding was anything but serious for the participants, Shockley said.

"We just try to make it as fun as we can for them," she said.

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## OUR VIEW

# Day of Prayer observance is important

Tomorrow is the day. That's right, during the lunch hour Thursday, from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., many of us will be gathering for reflection and prayer in our community's observance of the National Day of Prayer in the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

In the past, local observances of varying amounts of time have been staged both during the noon hour in downtown parks and during the evening in venues as large as the Municipal Auditorium.

But the focus has always been the same — giving individuals in our community a chance to unite their faith and acknowledge The Lord, thank Him for our many blessings and pray for His continued benevolence in each of our lives, as well as throughout our community and the nation.

Tomorrow, the local National Day of Prayer observance, like those around the nation, will observe the theme "Prayer...America's Hope," which is based on the verse from Psalm 33:22 — "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

Remember, the event is simple and non-denominational, designed to bring together people from various walks of life, professions and religious beliefs, all seeking guidance from a single God. Everyone is encouraged to attend and unite in a public expression of thanks as well as to ask for God's guidance for our community.

Be sure to include tomorrow's observance in your schedule if at all possible. There will be plenty of room for all comers.

And if you can't join us in Garrett Hall, join us by taking part in prayer some time during the day.

That's right, taking the time to pray is what's truly important. Not just tomorrow, but today and every other day. Take time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope. And we'd appreciate you asking the Lord's blessings for us all.

As we've noted before, there simply is no better investment in your life, the lives of your family members and the life of our community.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we offer a helping hand to someone who is down, Lord.

Amen

# A Supreme Court shoo-in?

She meets all the politically correct qualifications the Obama administration is seeking in its first Supreme Court nominee. As a woman, Sonia Sotomayor would help balance the court's lopsided 8-1 gender scale. As a Latina, she would give Hispanics long-overdue representation on our highest court. As a Bronx, N.Y., native and product of a single-parent home, she has the real-life experiences that President Barack Obama considers necessary.



MIGUEL PEREZ

As a sitting federal judge who has been nominated by both Republican and Democratic administrations, she could be a shoo-in when she seeks Senate confirmation. As a child of the projects who got to study at Princeton and Yale and became a successful career woman, she would become a huge role model. As a left-of-center jurist on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, she probably meets all the litmus tests the Democrats deny they will apply when searching to replace retiring Justice David Souter.

But do those assets alone qualify her to be a Supreme Court justice? Of course not! They are just the icing on the cake!

"She also happens to be brilliant," insisted one of my lawyer friends, who called me from Washington. His unexpected wake-up call is part of a growing outcry for President Obama to "do the right thing" and nomi-

nate Sotomayor, not only because the time has come for the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice but also because even without many of her aforementioned attributes, she still would be on everyone's shortlist of jurists who could be nominated by a Democratic president.

"Her reasoning, her decisions, her suggestions tell me that she has one of the best legal minds in the country," my friend added as he lobbied for me to write a column about Sotomayor.

Coming from this friend, who happens to be a Republican and never even has met Sotomayor, this was an impressive endorsement. "She may be left-leaning," he added. "But she is so brilliant that I can live with it."

My friend, a Hispanic lawyer who follows the Supreme Court almost as closely as he follows Major League Baseball, bases his admiration of Sotomayor on the judge's role — a sitting federal district judge in New York — in ending the 1995 baseball strike.

In an e-mail he sent me to back his phone call, my friend argued that Sotomayor's brilliant reasoning "not only terminally demolished the owners' legal case, but their eventual compliance with the parameters she set therein led directly to the recent financial popularity of baseball, until the present recession."

Her decision's suggestions for stable labor relations, followed by both the owners and players since then, led to a trouble-free/strike-free period of revenue sharing during our recent bout of extended national prosperity."

My friend and others argue that Sotomayor's brilliant thinking on the critical and

unresolved social issues of our time eventually could become as influential as that of past Supreme Court icons. Those who are lobbying for Sotomayor, especially through e-mail and blogs, argue that as a former constitutional law professor, Obama has no excuse for bypassing their candidate. Never mind the fact that the high court could use a little more Hispanic and feminine perspective; just based on merit, they say, she should get the nod.

In a press briefing Monday, when White House press secretary Robert Gibbs described the qualifications the administration is seeking from potential nominees, he said, "Excellence, somebody with a record of integrity, somebody who understands the rule of law, and somebody who understands how being a judge affects Americans' everyday lives." Sotomayor's many supporters were picturing her face.

Because Sotomayor was appointed to a federal court in Manhattan by a Republican, George H.W. Bush, in 1992, and elevated to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals by a Democrat, Bill Clinton, in 1998, her supporters say that her almost-certain Senate confirmation could be one fewer headache for the Obama administration.

Her political standing, her qualifications and her record as a jurist already rank her among the best. But given the current composition of the Supreme Court, the fact that she is a Latina makes her even better.

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# Mainstreaming extreme liberalism

A fellow conservative I highly respect told me last week that he doesn't see how Republicans can ever regain the majority without reaching out to moderates, because, he said, only 30 percent of Americans are conservative. Let me try to clear up this growing misconception.

The issue is quite timely, considering that GOP-defecting Sen. Arlen Specter is rationalizing his self-serving move as necessitated by an increasingly intransigent conservatism in the Republican Party. He echoes the David Frum Republicans that the party is too conservative, backward-looking, stale and out of fresh ideas.

It's true that a recent Washington Post/ABC News poll shows that only 21 percent of Americans now identify themselves as Republicans, compared with 35 percent as Democrats and 38 percent as independents. But there's a huge difference between party identification and ideological identification.

The bipartisan Battleground Poll, as recently as Aug. 20, 2008, revealed that 60 percent of Americans identify themselves as conservative and only 36 percent as liberal.

So it's the Republican Party that's in trouble, not conservatism. The GOP's shrinkage can't be because it's too conservative. George W. Bush, our most recent Republican president, was hardly an extreme conservative. His most outspoken critics today include wide swaths of conservatives who decried his failure to rein in federal spending and control illegal immigration, among other things.

And the GOP's 2008 presidential candidate, John McCain, was hardly a staunch conservative, either, lest he would never

have been the liberal media's favorite Republican. McCain didn't lose because of any extreme conservatism. Nor did Obama win because he was honest about his liberalism, which he denied every time he was confronted about it.

Even though the nation is mostly conservative and "liberal" is still a dirty word, President Obama is moving us leftward at a breakneck pace by disguising his actions through smooth rhetoric and slick salesmanship. Obama is a consummate practitioner of presenting his extreme leftist agenda as moderate and mainstream.

Obama tells us he's a disciple of capitalism while he gobbles up big chunks of the private sector and refuses to allow them out from under his government thumb when they try to refund their TARP money. He declares an end to earmarks as he signs a bill bloated with almost 9,000 of them. He boasts of his fiscal responsibility as he schemes to quadruple the deficit. He claims he's making America safer as he shares with terrorists our classified interrogation techniques and plans to release terrorist detainees on American soil, against the advice of his national security advisers.

With his upcoming Supreme Court pick, Obama will surely select an uncompromising liberal activist but present him or her as an objective, non-activist jurist — as another step on his mission to mainstream extreme liberalism by masking it as centrism.

In his statements about his ideal justices, Obama, as always, has spoken out of both sides of his mouth as he has attempted to re-educate the public about the proper role of the high court.

On the one hand, he says he seeks a nominee "who shares (his) respect for constitutional values on which this nation was founded and who brings a thoughtful understanding of how to apply them in our time." On the other, he says he wants

a pragmatic justice with "empathy" — one who understands "how our laws affect the daily realities of people's lives — whether they can make a living and care for their families, whether they feel safe in their homes and welcome in their own nation."

But a justice who respects the Constitution would not be guided by pragmatism or empathy, which are irrelevant to the appellate judge's primary interpretive function.

He would honor the court's role as interpreter of laws and would resist the temptation to become a part of an unelected super-legislature, understanding that to do otherwise would jeopardize our liberties.

From preserved audiotapes, we know Obama's vision for the high court. For all to hear, he lamented that the universally-recognized-as-liberal Warren court was not radical after all, because it didn't legislate what Obama calls economic justice: massive redistributions of wealth.

It's outrageous enough when the political branches redistribute the nation's wealth and the court lets them get away with it. But it would be taking it to an entirely new level if the court were to start doing it on its own — a prospect that probably gives Obama goose bumps.

Obama knows that the advancement of his extremist agenda depends on his sophisticated propaganda campaign to fraudulently package extremism as mainstream and marginalize mainstream conservatism as extreme.

He will only succeed "to fundamentally change" America if the conservative majority stays silent, credulous and compliant and some of its would-be leaders keep covering for him. The upcoming Supreme Court nomination would be a good place to break this silence.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have a strong presence and will shine

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

more brightly than many around you. It is not wise for you to outshine a superior at work, though. Silently to yourself, give this person credit for being smart enough to hire you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It's tough to prioritize because you care deeply about the different people and areas of your life. Saying you need to do "this" almost feels like you are being disrespectful to "that." Use your intuition instead of logic to guide you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It benefits you to take yourself out of a situation so that the other players involved will miss you. Choose the moment of your exit carefully and stay away for a strategic length of time. Your absence will make them value you more.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Though you have a definite knack for multitasking, it doesn't serve you now to double-time things. If you tax your mind, not to mention your hands, with too many demands at once, mistakes occur. Focus on one task at a time.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's sad that you cannot be with your loved ones all the time, and yet there is an upside, too. You will soon discover the joys of reconciliation. The distance and time between your visits will make the connection ever sweeter.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a competitive mood. Study your opponent. You could defeat someone at their own game, so long as you learn their game first. Patiently watch. You'll have plenty of time later to make a move.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's difficult for you to ask others to act on your behalf. But once you ask, you'll find out that people need to give, they want to help and they

project, cause or personal whim.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will spot heroes and villains in every scene. Watch longer and the good guys will show flaws and the bad guys will show compassion. You'll be entertained by the complexities of human nature.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a talent for wheeling and dealing and will be able to put together a successful enterprise as long as you have a fairly solid plan. A business-minded Capricorn has advice you can take to the bank.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). About 5,000 new asteroids are found in our solar system every month. You will make a large discovery of your own in the coming days, not of a celestial body, but of a body of knowledge, vast and fascinating.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are in a hyper-giving mode. You cannot keep yourself from caring, helping and doing. However, when presented with the opportunity to relax, don't miss out on some well-deserved enjoyment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You automatically try and make everyone around you comfortable. Focus on yourself for a change. The others will be at ease when you are equally at ease. Cut yourself some slack. Exhale.

**ASTROLOGY 101: WHAT IS PISCES LIKE?** The symbol for Pisces is two fish swimming in opposite directions and this sign is as complex as that symbol implies. Life is never one way. There are many layers to reality and many dimensions operating simultaneously. Pisces is able to understand the breadth of experience and still, miraculously, operate simply. Pisces spiritual

nature limits the amount of time Pisces spends caught up in the world of the intellect. Sure, Pisces is an intelligent sign. But most

Pisces do not consider reason to be the best way to sort through life. Pisces is comfortable following intuition even when it defies logic to do so. Wisdom and faith go hand in hand for this sign. Pisces people do not always know exactly what they think about God or the afterlife and these beliefs may change several times throughout a Pisces lifetime.

However, usually Pisces honors some kind of faith and it is a strong current that runs through everything Pisces does. Pisces is a compassionate sign, deeply empathetic to what others are going through. Sometimes

Pisces is a sponge, picking up on the good and bad vibrations all around. Because of their sensitivity, Pisces need to be extra vigilant to expose themselves to as much happiness and goodness as possible.

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Some new DVDs include "Henry Poole is Here" with Luke Wilson and George Lopez. Josh Brolin stars in "W" and Viggo Mortenson, Ed Harris, Jeremy Irons and Renee Zellweger star in "Appaloosa." This is based on Robert B. Parker's novel by the same name.

New Fiction: While I would call this a disturbing book, it really isn't, it is a look at our own mortality. "The Leisure Seeker" (F ZAD M) is by Michael Zadoorian. In this affecting road novel, an elderly married couple leave their Detroit home and take off in their camper for one last adventure together. Ella Robina has more health problems than a third world country, and her husband, John, is suffering from progressive dementia. Despite protests from their adult children and doctors, Ella and John hit the road and head west to Disneyland. By day, they stop off at cheese-ball tourist attractions, and at night they relive old memories by watching slide shows of their previous family vacations. Along the way, they receive unexpected aid from a rueful goth teenager, outmaneu-

ver some roadside predators, get stopped by the police and consider running for it, and have sex. The ultimate decision Ella makes might seem life affirming to some and a callous betrayal to others, but it's impossible to deny that Ella's wise, feisty voice turns what could be a sappy melodrama into an authentic and funny love story. (This review is from Publisher's Weekly.)

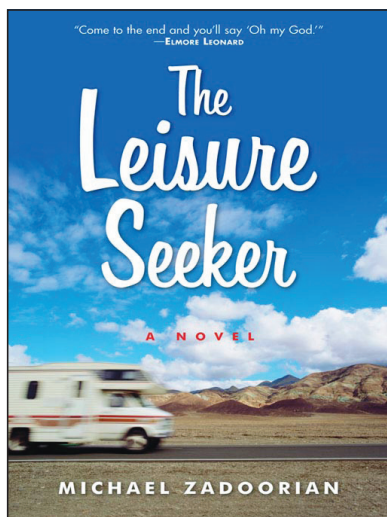
Going in another direction, "Everyone is Beautiful" (F CEN K) by Katherine Center is about the start of married life. In a review by Patty Engleman in Booklist, everything in Lainie Coates' life is changing. Her husband receives a scholarship to a prestigious music school, so the family moves from her native Houston to Cambridge, Mass. While Peter is involved with his studies, Lainie feels lost and alienated caring for her three young sons until she meets Amanda, an acquaintance from high school, at a local park. Lainie is at her frumpiest — in sweatpants, still carrying the weight from her baby — when a stranger asks when her baby is due. Mortified, she lies. How does one explain her error to gorgeous Amanda with her perfect daughter? This embarrassing incident starts Lainie on the path to her own self-discovery, that is, if she can find the time and the outlet. Center takes a woman at her most vulnerable time and sets her on a journey to find herself without losing what she holds most dear in a superbly written novel filled with unique and resonant characters.

Ray Bradbury has just published a collection of short stories that was a National Book Award winner. "We'll Always Have Paris" (F BRA R) will delight you with sparkling prose and examines human foibles

with a deft hand. A most enjoyable book.

Anne Perry is known for her Thomas Pitt and William Monk series but she also writes general fiction. In "At Some Disputed Barricade" (F PER A) she introduces you to warfare in the trenches in France. World War I introduced a dreary, heart-soul killing of the darkest kind. As in many wars, the competent die and remaining leaders cannot lead. This is a rather dark story, but out of it comes a sense that goodness can come out of despair.

Now for a fun book: "Match Me If You Can" (F PHI S). RITA award-winning and best-selling author Susan Elizabeth Phillips fashions a deliciously fun romance between a testosterone-rich, irresistibly sexy hero and a sweetly endearing, yet feisty-to-the-core heroine who proves to be more than his match. A secondary romance between rival matchmaker Portia Powers



and Heath's business associate, Bodie Gray adds another measure of sexy humor, and readers familiar with the Chicago Stars series will especially enjoy the appearances of characters from those books in Phillips' latest dazzling contemporary romance. (Review is by John Charles in Booklist.) This was first published in 2006, so it isn't really new. The library does have quite a few of Phillips' books available for checkout.

Our Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us). Johnny is tinkering with it, and we will begin adding items to the calendar, book reviews, cool sites to visit and anything else we can think of. You can reach Johnny at the reference desk at [hclref@hotmail.com](mailto:hclref@hotmail.com).

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### An Unnecessary Finesse

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	A J 4		
♥	A 7 2		
♦	K 8 5 3		
♣	A Q 6		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	10 8 5 3		
♥	9 6 4		
♦	Q J 9		
♣	J 9 7		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	Q 9 7 2		
♥	5		
♦	A 10 7 6		
♣	K 10 5 3		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	K 6		
♥	K Q J 10 8 3		
♦	4 2		
♣	8 4 2		

The bidding:  
East 2♥ South Pass West Pass North 4♥  
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

One of the great rewards in bridge derives from salvaging a hand where all the key cards seem to be badly placed for declarer.

Take this case where West leads the queen of diamonds against South's four-heart contract. West is unlikely to have the ace, so South ducks the queen as well as the J-9 when West continues the suit.

Declarer ruffs East's ten and

notes the possibility of losing two club tricks if he finesses the queen. Unwilling to expose himself to this danger, South draws three rounds of trumps and plays the K-6 of spades, finessing the jack. If West has the queen, South gains his 10th trick; if West doesn't have it, the club finesse is still available.

In the actual case, the spade finesse loses and South is obliged to ruff the diamond return. Down to his last chance, South tries the club finesse, but this, too, goes awry, and the contract fails.

Admittedly, it is very unlucky to find three cards — the ace of diamonds, queen of spades and king of clubs — all badly placed, but even so the unsatisfactory outcome is essentially declarer's fault, as he missed the surest line of play.

After ruffing the diamond at trick three, South should draw three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and then lead the king of diamonds.

When East produces the ace, declarer discards a club — a loser-on-loser play. This forces East to return a spade or a club, either of which hands South his 10th trick. The luck element is totally eliminated by this method of play.

Tomorrow: Steppingstone to good defense.

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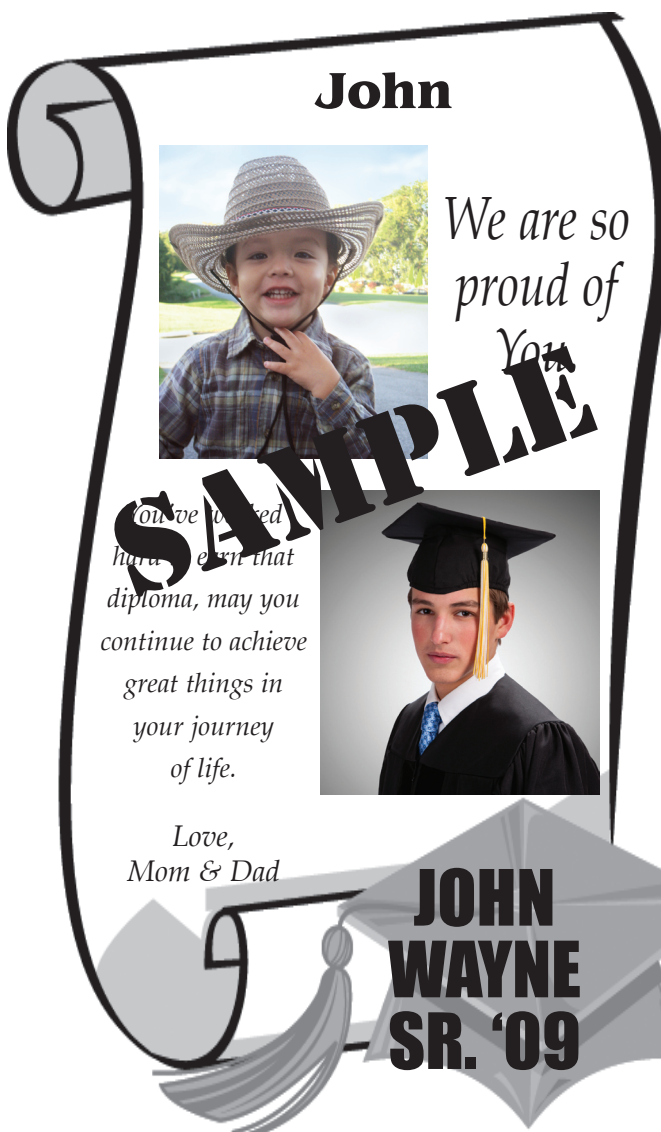


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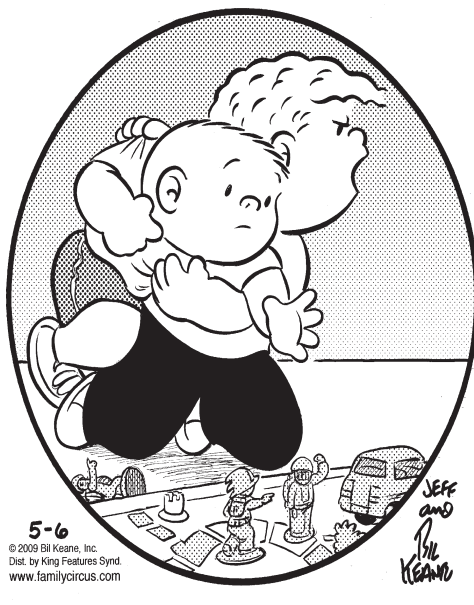
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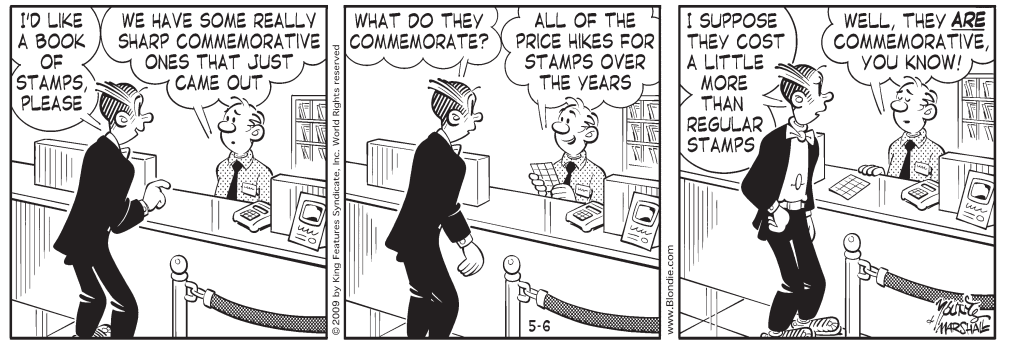
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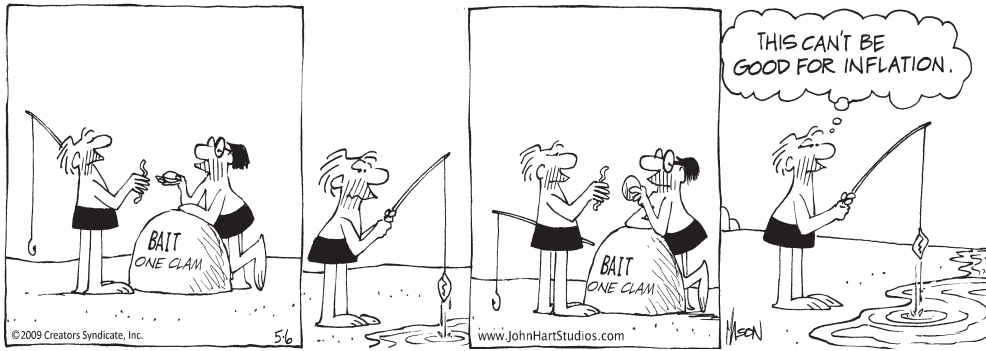
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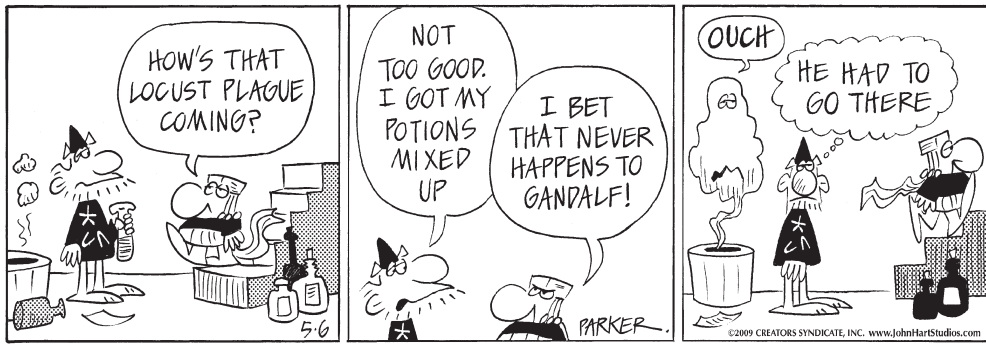
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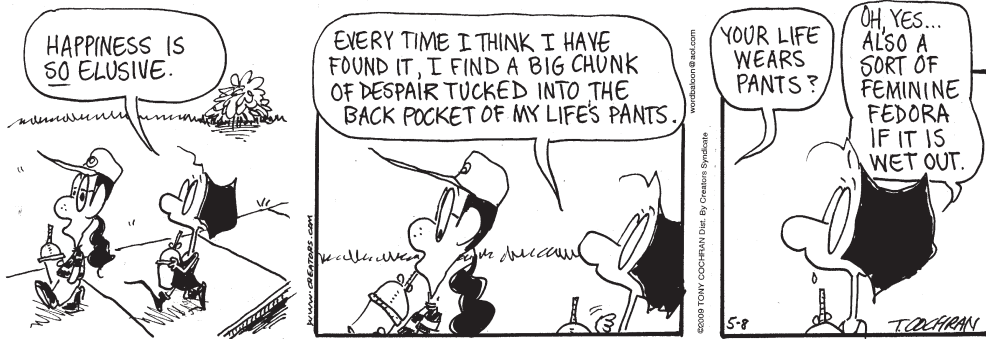
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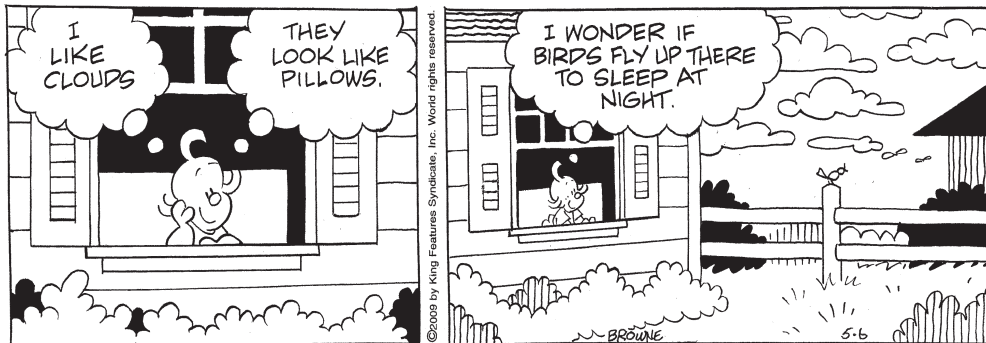
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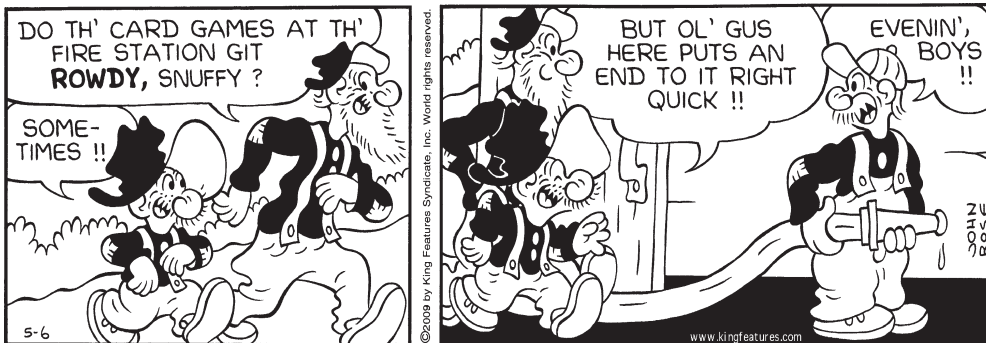
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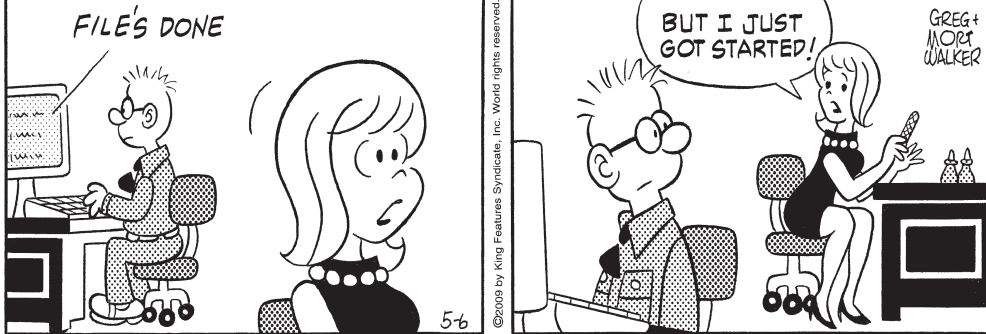
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2009. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date: In 1859, Georgia miner John H. Gregory discovered a lode of gold in Colorado.

In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-

minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in three minutes, 59.4 seconds.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their countries.

In 2002, right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (Volkert van der Graaf was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 78. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 75. Rock singer Bob Seger is 64. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 64. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 63. Actor Alan Dale is 62. Actor Ben Masters is 62. Actor Gregg Henry is 57. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 56. TV personali-

ty Tom Bergeron is 54. Actress Roma Downey is 49. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 49. Actor George Clooney is 48. Actor Clay O'Brien is 48. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 45. Actress Leslie Hope is 44. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 42. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 38. Cowboys tight end Jason Witten is 27. Actress Adrienne Palicki is 26.

Thought for Today: "No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks." — Mary Wollstonecraft, British writer and philosopher (1759-1797).

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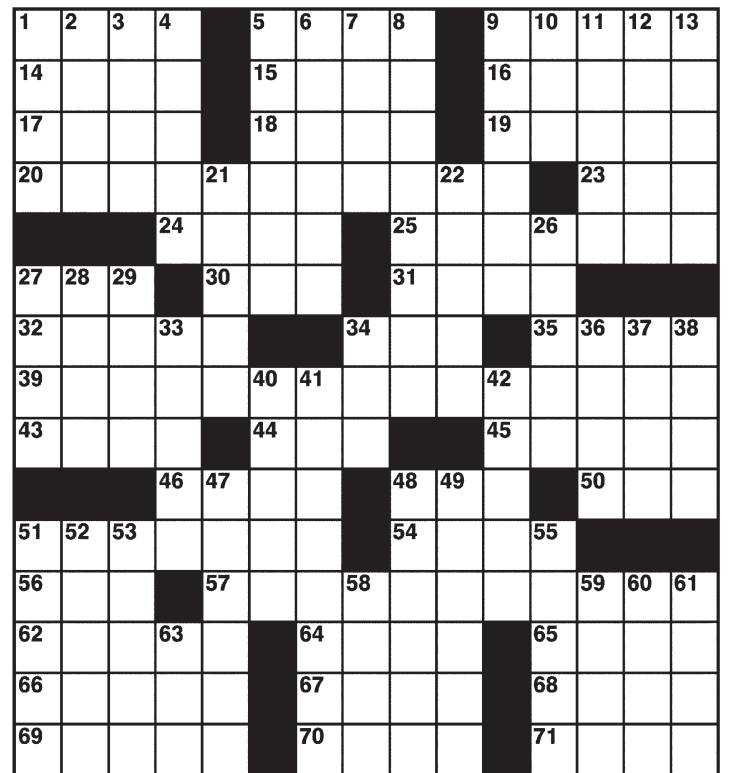
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## News in brief

### Obama to press Pakistan, Afghanistan leaders to step up fight on extremists

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants Pakistan to step up its commitment to fighting Taliban militants who are growing in strength and compromising vital U.S. interests.

In meetings at the White House on Wednesday, Obama will press Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari to do more against the Taliban, which recently has alarmed the U.S. and its allies by striking out from strongholds on the Pakistani-Afghan border to areas closer to the capital of Islamabad. Obama also will seek renewed commitment from Afghan President Hamid Karzai to better coordinate operations with Pakistan and the U.S., which will expand its military presence in Afghanistan under the president's revised war strategy against the Taliban.

Obama and his foreign policy and national security team were to meet separately and then together with Zardari and Karzai.

The U.S. team also will seek assurances from Zardari that his country's atomic weapons are secure.

"The president is deeply concerned about the security situation," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Tuesday. "That's why we're sending additional troops to Afghanistan and that's why we'll talk with both the Afghans and the Pakistanis about our renewed commitment in helping them seek the aid that they need to address those extremists."

### Banks must shed FDIC guarantees if they want to return bailout funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks that want to pay back their federal bailout funds and free themselves from government restrictions on compensation and dividends will have to sever their ties to another financial assistance program.

Financial firms eager to return infusions from the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program will have to demonstrate that they can operate without debt guarantees provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., a senior government official said Tuesday. The FDIC program allows financial institutions to borrow money at lower costs.

The new requirement will make it harder for some institutions to get out from under government rules attached to the bailouts, another shift in a changing landscape for banks. It also illustrates the government's desire not to have banks abandon the bailout program if they are not financially prepared to do so.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the standards have not been made public. The Treasury and the Federal Reserve are expected to issue TARP repayment guidelines on Wednesday, a response to banks that want to get out from under bailout conditions. The change was

first reported Tuesday evening by The Wall Street Journal.

### Draft Justice report says no charges should be filed in interrogation memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department investigators say Bush administration lawyers who approved harsh interrogation techniques of terror suspects should not face criminal charges, according to a draft report that also recommends two of the three attorneys face possible professional sanctions.

The Obama administration decided last month to make public legal memos authorizing the use of harsh interrogation methods but not to prosecute CIA interrogators who followed the advice outlined in the memos.

That decision angered conservatives who accused President Barack Obama of selling out the CIA, and from liberals who thought he was being too forgiving of practices they — and Obama — call torture. The president's rhetoric, if not actual policy, shifted on the matter as the political fallout intensified.

Officials conducting the internal Justice Department inquiry into the lawyers who wrote those memos have recommended referring two of the three lawyers — John Yoo and Jay Bybee — to state bar associations for possible disciplinary action, according to a person familiar with the inquiry. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the inquiry.

### Quarantined Mexicans flying back home as country emerges from flu lockdown

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dozens of Mexican nationals who were quarantined at hospitals and hotels in China despite showing no symptoms of swine flu headed home early Wednesday.

Scheduled to land before sunrise, the travelers are returning to a capital that has begun emerging from a government-ordered lockdown designed to contain the spread of the virus that has caused 31 deaths in Mexico and the U.S.

On Tuesday, a day before stores, restaurants and factories were officially being allowed to reopen, Mexico City started to show its usual ebullience. Thousands of newspaper vendors, salesmen hawking trinkets and even panhandlers dropped their protective masks and joined the familiar din of traffic horns and blaring music. Some shops opened early.

There were still signs, however, of the virus that has set off world health alarms. A Texas woman who lived near a popular border crossing was confirmed as the first U.S. resident and the second person outside Mexico to die after contracting swine flu.

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high school but we were always close. We played against each other every year. It was great to be back playing together here, but next year we'll be against each other again in the Big 12."

Andrew has committed to play at Texas A&M, while Anthony will attend the University of Oklahoma.

For now, Anthony will relish in the comfort of having his cousin back him up defensively.

"It's exciting just to have a family member out there," said Anthony. "There's a comfort level with having him out there because we've played together since we were kids and I know what he can do in the field. I'm comfortable knowing he's there."

Andrew is batting .423 this season with 10 home runs and 62 RBI. He's also third on the team with 25 stolen bases and has been caught stealing

just twice this season.

He played third base and pitched last year, but feels second is more to his liking. Andrew hasn't been needed to pitch much this season — he's thrown just two-thirds of an inning, but didn't give up a hit and struck out two batters — allowing him to concentrate on playing his position and batting. However, he stays prepared should the occasion arise for him to take the mound.

"I think second base suits me better than third," admitted Andrew. "I don't mind playing any other position, but I think the best fit for me is second base. I just believe I can make the plays there, especially with our great shortstop Bryan Johns. We really have a good chemistry."

"I'm still ready to get on the mound if there's ever a need for another pitcher," he added. "I still look at myself as capable of filling a spot, if we ever need another arm."

Andrew's biggest hit of the season came against Midland College at Christensen Stadium in Midland. The

Hawks trailed 5-4 going into the final inning, but Andrew hit a home run to lead off the frame, tying the score and igniting a 6-run rally for the Hawks. Howard won 10-5.

"My focus was the get on base," said Andrew. "I knew if I could get on base then I can be a big threat on the basepaths. I just wanted to get on, not to hit a home run. The outcome just happened to be a home run."

Anthony has posted a 9-0 record with a 3.76 ERA. He leads the team with 83 strikeouts and has held opposing batters to a .203 average.

Anthony closed the regular season with a strong outing, striking out 12 batters in a 12-4 win over Frank Phillips. This was after not making it out of the second inning in his previous two starts.

"That last outing was a big deal for me," he continued. "I had had a couple tough starts, but I was able to fight and stick in that game for a while. Frank Phillips was hitting my fast ball, but I was to use my curve really well. My goal now is to get to

the regionals and keep it up."

This season has been a little bit of a surprise for the Collazos. Both expected Howard to be a contender, but finishing the regular season undefeated has been a bonus.

Of course, it means nothing if Howard is ousted from the Region V Tournament, which starts at 1 p.m. Sunday for the Hawks. Both players are confident in the team's ability to win a regional title, though.

"I didn't see the undefeated season coming, but I did see a good season coming," said Andrew. "I knew we were going to be tough coming into the season, mentally and physically. We're more prepared for the postseason this year. Last year, we got a rude awakening at the regional tournament. This year, we want it more and we just want to get to Colorado."

"That's tough. I don't want to sound cocky or anything. This team has been pretty humble," added Anthony, "but I don't know that anyone can beat us if everyone comes out and plays their best baseball."

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not just a role player. I've only got two years left."

Howard College Men's Basketball Coach Mark Adams believes Baker could make a significant difference for Northwestern State over the next two years.

"Devon will be great at the next level after preparing for two years to go to Division I. Northwestern State is going to be a great fit for him," said Adams. "Their coaching style and need for a two-guard that can shoot like he can will make it an easy tran-

sition for him."

For Deans, who is from the New York City area, getting closer to home was important, but finding a structure similar to the one he had available at Howard also factored in.

"I feel like it was a family structure at Central Connecticut, kind of like here at Howard," said Deans. "The coach reminds me of (Mark) Adams with what he demands and what he wants. It's a lot like the program here and that made me better as a player. I figure if I go there for another two years, it's going to make me an even better player."

"Being closer to home played a factor, too," he added. "It's just two hours away from home so my family can come see me play."

Adams feels Deans can fit right in with the solid scheme already in place at Central Connecticut State.

"Markeys wanted to get back closer to home, so this is a great decision for him," said Adams. "They put a big emphasis on defense and toughness. Those are two strong traits for Markeys. He's also a very versatile big man and they're looking for someone who can step out and face the basket. It's going to be a situation in which he's going to have a chance to be very successful."

Like Baker, Deans had his choice of schools to play for.

"I had considered Pacific, Cal State-Riverside, High Point, Long Island University, Grambling and many others," admitted Deans. "Central

Connecticut stood out because of the success they've had since 2000. They've been to the national tournament for three years this decade. They have four player of the years in their conference. There's also a high percentage of graduation in my major, education, which is a big factor."

"I'm going to have a chance to start and at least get some playing time at the three or four positions, depends on how things work out for which one," he added. "I'll get plenty of playing time."

Howard has one more player who should be signing with a team some time this summer. Denzel Barnes manned the point for Howard the last two seasons and has garnered plenty of interest from multiple schools.

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## Relatives grieve for Texas woman with flu who died

HARLINGEN (AP) — This week should have been a joyous time for Judy Trunnell, a 33-year-old schoolteacher who had just given birth to a healthy baby girl.

But the friends and relatives whose cars lined the quiet street in front of her home in a quiet subdivision Tuesday instead were mourning her, the first U.S. resident with swine flu to die.

"We're grieving now," said a woman with tear-streaked eyes who declined to give her name.

In Maryland, her cousin told WMAR-TV in Baltimore that Trunnell had died after spending two weeks in the hospital. She slipped into a coma, and her baby was delivered by Cesarean section, Mario Zamora said.

"She was just a beautiful person, warm at heart. She worked with disabled children as a teacher," Zamora said. "Those that knew her will always remember her."

Texas health officials stopped short of saying that swine flu caused Trunnell's death. State health department spokeswoman Carrie Williams said the schoolteacher had "chronic underlying health conditions" but wouldn't give any more details.

She died early Tuesday after being hospitalized since April 19, said Leonel Lopez, Cameron County epidemiologist.

The only other swine flu death in the U.S. was that of a Mexico City toddler who also had other health problems and had been visiting relatives in Brownsville, near Harlingen. He died last week at a Houston children's hospital.

There have been 29 other confirmed swine flu deaths, all in Mexico. Hundreds of cases of the disease have been confirmed in several countries, but mostly in Mexico and the U.S.

## Houston transit officer kills assault suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston transit police officer shot and killed a knife-wielding man who authorities said lunged at the officer during efforts to take the man into custody for questioning about an alleged assault.

The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday's fatal shooting was the first involving the Metro's law enforcement division since its creation in 1982. A bystander was wounded.

Houston police said a woman flagged down an officer mid-morning and said she had been assaulted. Two officers used Tasers on the man after he failed to comply with instructions and acted threateningly. Authorities said motorcycle officer R.L. Harrington shot and killed the man when he started swinging his knife.

Metro Police Chief Thomas Lambert said Harrington would be reassigned to administrative duties while the shooting is investigated.

## Inmate indicted in truck stop death in Texas

PAMPA (AP) — A man has been indicted in Texas over the death of a woman whose murder was linked to a string of truck stop slayings in several states.

John Robert Williams, 32, was indicted Thursday on a charge of capital murder in the death of Vickie Helen Anderson.

Her body was found in Gray County off Interstate 40 in the Texas Panhandle in 2003.

She was last seen at a truck stop in Sayre, Okla.

Jessica Brown, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, says Anderson's death has always been considered one of several involving women taken from truck stops whose bodies were later found in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi between 2003 and 2004.

Six of the victims were known truck-stop prostitutes.

Williams remains incarcerated in Mississippi on separate charges, including murder. Authorities have previously named Williams as a suspect in the murders. It isn't clear if Williams has an attorney.

## House OKs 'Choose Life,' 'Choose Adoption' plates

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House tentatively approved proposed "Choose Life" license plates Tuesday and threw in an addition for "Choose Adoption" plates.

Sales of both specialty license plates would raise money for groups that assist women considering adoption and infants waiting to be adopted.

A separate bill approved by the Senate would create the "Choose Life" plates, but not "Choose Adoption."

The measure for the specialty plates in the House was tacked on in a slew of amendments to a bill that would transfer some duties of the Texas Department of Transportation to a new Department of Motor Vehicles. Other efforts by Rep. Larry Phillips, R-Sherman, to create "Choose Life" plates have stalled after debate in a House committee.

Anti-abortion groups and Gov. Rick Perry have advocated "Choose Life" plates this session. If the plates are approved, Texas would join 19 other states with similar plates. Supporters say states that have the plates on the road have raised more than \$9 million.

But abortion rights groups have said the "Choose Life" message is too political and could face legal free-speech challenges. The measure approved Tuesday brought up renewed debate about the message.

"(Choose Life) can be a very polarizing tool, and I'm trying to make sure that it's not and that we are achieving a balanced public policy in this state," said Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston.

Farrar had originally proposed changing the entire slogan to "Choose Adoption."

## Increasing demand for health care hits budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers, grappling with higher demands on state services in a sour economy, will have to come up with an extra \$1 billion to pay for rising health care costs, officials said Tuesday.

The higher-than-expected spending needs are being fueled by the growing number of people signing up for Medicaid, the health care program for the poor.

Amid job losses and economic turmoil, more and more Texans are becoming eligible for the state-federal entitlement program.

The news comes just as House and Senate negotiators are trying to resolve their differences on a state budget of about \$180 billion.

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