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Dylan Nutter and Alexis Henry, 8 years old in this file photo, let their artistic imaginations run wild as they make teddy bears out of paper plates during the Salvation Army's Girls and Boys Club summer program. This year's program begins June 8 and several spots are still open, officials said.

# Summertime fun

## Boys & Girls Club still has room for a few more kids

### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring Salvation Army's Boys & Girls Club of America say they still have sev-



announced it wouldn't be opening the municipal swimming pool due to legal and safety issues.

"When we found out they (the city) were closing the pool down, it threw

# Click it or Ticket

Public complying with seat belt law, says PD lieutenant

### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Apparently, the importance of wearing a safety belt is getting through to local motorists, as law enforcement officials say their officers are having a hard time targeting violators during this year's Click it or Ticket campaign.

"The officers have written several citations, but overall, they are having a pretty tough time spotting safety belt violators," said Lt. Terry Chamness of the Big Spring Police Department.

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# Gaskins, Lucio Sands HS top students for '09

### Herald Staff Report

Sands High School principal Zelda Bilbo has announced the valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2009 graduating class.

Logan Gaskins has been named vale-

eral openings left for the annual program, which is set to begin June 8.

Program Coordinator Barry Barnett said the summer program, which is limited to 100 children, will be ready to go by the June start date.

"We really have a lot to do to plan everything," said Barnett. "My kids help with the muscular dystrophy camp each year, and they spend six months planning one week of camp. I came onboard with the program about a month ago, and we have to plan 45 days of camp. So there's definitely a challenge there, but I feel like we'll be ready to go by June 8." Barnett said the list of activities

for summer camp-goers took a serious hit when the city of Big Spring a pretty good monkey wrench into our plans," said Barnett. "However, we're working around it. We're planning some theme days, like crazy hat day, or crazy hair day. We're also working on some outdoor water activities. Just because the kids can't go to the pool doesn't mean they can't get wet and have some fun."

The program will run from June 8

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# Investigation continues into shooting that damaged sheriff's vehicle, house

### By THOMAS JENKINS

### Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials remain tight-lipped concerning the May 11 shooting that damaged a Howard County deputy's vehicle and narrowly missed a woman in a nearby home, citing an ongoing investigation.

Chief Deputy Mark Hall said it's still unclear if the bullet that shattered the windshield of a deputy's vehicle was intended for the law enforcement officer or was a stray shot.

"The investigation is still ongoing, so I really can't go into detail," said Hall.

Hall said his office has a suspect in

custody, but declined to identify the alleged shooter.

"The suspect was arrested the same night as the shooting on an unrelated charge," said Hall. "We still have him in custody, but he hasn't been charged with the shooting yet. We're also looking for a second suspect, but he knows we're after him, so he's made himself scarce. Until we can bring him in, I'd rather not release the name of the first suspect."

The shooting took place in the 100 block of Lamesa Highway, near the Casa Blanca restaurant, according to law enforcement reports.

Hall also declined to release the identity of the deputy who was traveling in the vehicle on Lamesa Highway when the shooting occurred. He did, however, confirm the deputy's injuries were minor.

"He got some of the glass in his eyes, but the wounds were minor," said Hall.

The unnamed deputy wasn't the only person to narrowly make it out of the altercation, according to Hall.

"Witnesses said they heard approximately six shots fired," said Hall. "Investigators located a second bullet at a nearby home, where it had entered the residence and missed a female subject by inches. Luckily, she is believed to have been the only person home at the residence at the time of the shooting."

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dictorian with GPA of 98.8. Logan is the son of Van and Chris Gaskins of Knott. He plans to attend Texas A&M University with a major in agribusiness



Lucio

Gaskins

and agricultural economics.

Richard Lucio has been named salutatorian with a GPA of 98.3. He is the son of Lisa and Sam Rodriguez of Ackerly. Richard plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in architecture.

Also graduating with honors are Tamara Nichols, daughter of Terry and Dorothy Nichols of Ackerly; Brittni

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## LOCAL

# Obituaries

### Jane Ray



Jane Ray, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Pat Ray officiating.

Jane was born June 30, 1929, in Coahoma to Fannie Mae and Homer White. She graduated from Coahoma High School and lived all of her life in Howard County. Jane

married John Ray on May 7, 1948, in Stanton. She worked a number of years at Malone-Hogan Hospital and Clinic in medical records and as a receptionist.

Jane was active in the Democratic Party and had served as county chairperson. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, and her hobbies included reading and bowling.

Jane is survived by her husband, John Ray of Big Spring; one son, Bob Ray and wife Alexa of Edmond, Okla.; two granddaughters, Allison Stephens and husband Bruce, and Whitney Lynn Ray, all of Edmond, Okla.; one brother, Don White and wife Pauline of Henderson; and two sisters, Mary Pitts of Lone Star and Grace Hunter of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Elmo White; and one sister, Dorothy Gay White.

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

Paid obituary

### Ressie Dempsey Priddy

Ressie Dempsey Priddy, 86, of Henderson died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Dec. 9, 1922, in Coleman and married J.D. Dempsey in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1978. She then married Virgil Lowell Priddy in 1980 and he preceded her in death in 1997.

She had been a resident of Howard County off and on since 1926 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and David Hajovsky of Canyon Lake; a stepdaughter, Carla Young of Waurika, Okla.; three grandsons, Gabriel A. Meruelo II, David W. Hajovsky Jr., and Daniel B. Hajovsky; and three greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Craig Dempsey; one daughter, Linda Knox; and three sisters.

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

Paid obituary

### Troy Nix

Troy Nix, 66, of Stanton died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton

# **Police blotter**

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

• PAUL WOOLMAN, 36, of 1306 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a local capias warrant.

- VICTOR PRUITT, 35, of Martindale, was arrest-
- ed Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief.

• THEFT was reported:

in the 400 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

in the 300 block of 14th Street.

• ROBBERY was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

in the 2500 block of March.

in the 200 block of Johnson.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2200 block of Main Street.

ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:

in the 1400 block of Virginia.

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 74 inmates at the time of this report.

• TONY MOJICA CASTELLANO, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for interfering with an emergency phone call.

DANIEL DELEON, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• NED RANDAL HILDEBRAND, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a local warrant and a motion to revoke probation.

• BRANDY LOPEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and no safety belt.

• RODNEY LAUDELL MASON, 30, was transferred to the county jail by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of murder.

• WILLIAM SAINT-GIRARD THOM, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a local warrant.

• SHERRIE ANN THOMPSON, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.

• PAUL MATTHEW WOOLMAN, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of Class C assault.

# **Fire/EMS**

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

# **Bulletin Board**

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

TODAY

 Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

 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.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

 Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

### 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.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

 Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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

# **Support Groups**

### CHANGING DATES

• The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 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.

### TUESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Aylford.

•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.

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# Take Note

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful will hold a clean-up at Comanche Trail Park Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The clean-up effort is being held in conjunction with renovations under way at Kids' Zone. Those volunteering to help with the clean up of the park should meet at the first pavilion past the Kids' Zone on Golf Course Road, accessible from Wasson Road, where they can pick up their bags and assignments. For more information, contact Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

• The Kingdom of Levant — a group devoted to the research and dissemination of the arts, sciences and history of the Kingdom of Jerusalem – will hold a demonstration at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trails Park from 10 a.m. until dark Saturday. Some of the activities that will be recreated at Saturday's event are sword fighting, archery, knife, axe and spear throwing, medieval weaving and sewing, other crafts, dance and music and court ceremonies. The Kingdom of Levant is a nonprofit educational group with affiliates in Abilene, San Angelo and Big Spring. For more information on the group or their activities, visit www.geocities.com/kingdomlevant

• The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19. Please contact Debbye Salazar ValVerde at debbyev@bigspringchamber.com or Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@hotmail.com with any contact information, be it an e-mail address or physical address.



a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• 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.

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8 - 16 - 23 - 26 - 41 - 54. Number matching six of six: 0. Prize: \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 12 - 22 - 24 - 26 - 36. Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1 - 4 - 9 - 9. Sum It Up: 23

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8 - 1 - 1. Sum It Up: 10



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# LOCAL/WIRE

### **Appeals court affirms conviction** of Harbert, serving time for murder

### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Texas Court of Appeals recently affirmed the murder conviction of a Lamesa man found guilty of December 2006 shooting of former Big Spring High School track star Tory Mitchell.

Michael E. "Gibson" Harbert, 23, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison — accompanied by a \$10,000 fine by a jury in August of 2007. He was also sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined a second \$10,000 after being found guilty of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Both sentences were the maximum allowed by law.

The affirmation was issued May 14 per curiam memorandum opinion, delivered by the 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals Chief Justice Jim Wright, Justice Terry McCall and Justice Rick Strange.

According to testimony and law enforcement officials, the murder was the result of a dispute between Harbert and Mitchell.

"It appears that the defendant and Mr. Mitchell had their differences, and those differences appeared to have escalated, ultimately culminating in the state's allegation that Mr. Harbert shot Mr. Mitchell in the back with a .357 Magnum (pistol)," Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said prior to the guilty verdict.

Mitchell earned fame as a multiple gold medal winning track athlete at Big Spring High School in the 1990s. He won back-toback double gold medals at the state track meet in the 100 meters and 200 meters during that time and eventually signed a football scholarship with the University of Miami in 1999.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, Mitchell was shot multiple times.

"Patrol officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2600 block of Fairchild in reference to a shooting," said Everett. "Officers were advised that one subject had been shot and the suspect had left the scene in a small, red Ford. While en route to the call, a police officer saw a vehicle matching the description. He stopped and detained the two occupants of the vehicle."

Harbert, along with Felicia Aldridge, 20, of Big Spring, were arrested soon thereafter. Harbert was found to be in possession of a handgun that was ultimately proven by expert witnesses to be the murder weapon.

As Harbert was being led back to the county jail after receiving his life sentence, members of the Mitchell family taunted Harbert by waving and saying, "Bye-bye. Bye-bye for life."

Harbert responded in kind, saying, "At least I'm still breathing, and your cousin's still dead."

Family members of both the murderer and his victim exchanged heated words for a minute or two before police finally dispersed the crowd.

According to officials with the Howard County District Attorney's Office, the sentences must be served concurrently, meaning that Harbert must serve at least 30 years before becoming eligible for parole.

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

# Texas Legislature

### **VOTER ID**

AUSTIN (AP) — House Democrats said Wednesday they are prepared to put up a fight to stop a looming battle over efforts to require Texans to show more ID before they can vote.

The bill has already been a partisan flashpoint in the Republicanled Senate, where it was approved along party lines in March. But whether the proposal becomes law will depend largely on how it fares this week in the House, a still healing chamber that has seen more bipartisan harmony in the past five months under the rookie leadership of Speaker Joe Straus than in the past five years.

But Democrats, who helped propel the Republican into power, say their good relations with Straus won't hamper them from waging an all out war over voter ID, a bill they say is an unfair attempt to suppress votes.

"If anyone doubts our resolve to protect the voting rights of our constituents, they are sadly mistaken," House Democratic Leader Jim Dunnam said. "It's a very serious issue, anytime you are trying to prevent people from voting."

Straus' office refused to comment.

Dunnam and other Democrats did not say how they would stop the measure, but the most obvious option would be a quorumbusting road trip out of Austin, much like the trip Democrats took to Ardmore, Okla., in 2003 to halt a congressional redistricting effort. Without a quorum present, the House would not be able to conduct business.

#### WORK LEFT TO DO

With less than two weeks left in the legislative session, Democrats are complaining that the House has yet to deal with a number of substantive issues.

Among the legislation waiting for consideration are an effort to overhaul the Texas Department of Insurance, cap college admissions through the state's top 10 percent rule and lower college tuition rates.

"We have so many other issues that this Legislature has yet to address," said Rep. Jessica Farrar, chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "Our concern is that those issues won't be addressed. What's being placed at the forefront of the agenda is a very partisan issue."

# CLICK IT

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"They are parking in various locations and looking for motorists who refuse to buckle up, but it seems like they just aren't there like in years past.

"The program really seems to be working at this point. I'm very pleased with the citizens for taking the time to buckle up properly. It's a good thing for them, not just because it keeps them from getting a ticket, but because it increases their chances of surviving a traffic crash. From what I'm hearing from the officers on the street, the message is finally sinking in."

The state-funded, 14-day period — aptly named Click it or Ticket for its zero-tolerance policy on safety belt violations — began Monday and will continue through May 29, according to Chamness.

"The grant money allows us to keep an officer on the road for five fourhour shifts each day," said Chamness. "And these officers won't be doing their normal duties. They will be looking specifically for seat belt violations. So, if you decide not to buckle up, there's going to be an officer looking just for you.

"And if you do get caught, there won't be

for seat belt violations since 2002. You'll get a ticket, and the fine from Municipal Court will be \$147. It's also a moving violation, so it will effect what you're paying for insurance."

Chamness said the program, which focuses on the Memorial Day holiday, has been a big success in the past, and he and other law enforcement officials are happy with the results so far this year.

"When we quit doing Click it or Ticket about three years ago, safety belt compliance was at about 94 percent," said Chamness. "It's fallen to about 88 to 89 percent since then. However, number rise quite a bit. Officers have written citations, but they aren't writing nearly as many as we had originally expected."

Since the start of the Click it or Ticket campaign in 2002, Texas has seen a 15 percent increase in safety belt compliance. In 2008, a study by the Texas Transportation Institute revealed that 91.2 percent of Texans were buckling up. This year, TxDOT hopes to increase safety belt compliance to 93.25 percent, according to state officials.

And while Click it or Ticket certainly aims to get drivers to buckle up, passengers should also

driver, you're responsible for making sure all passengers are buckled up — especially the young ones," said "Children Chamness. under 17 buckle up only 70 percent of the time and 10 percent of those are buckled up incorrectly. The fact remains that nearly 3,500 people

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Hall said the bullet recovered from the home came from a 9mm handgun.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime should call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477) or contact the HCSO at 264-2244.

die on Texas roadways every year. Many of those deaths might be prevented by the proper use of safety belts."

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

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jane Ray, 79, died Wednesday. Memorial Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.



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if the last few days are any indication, I think we're going to see that

be a major concern, ac-

cording to Chamness. "When you are the

# SANDS

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Blagrave, daughter of Stan and Carla Blagrave of Ackerly; David Martinez, son of Venancio and Dora Martinez of Ackerly; Miranda Gutierrez, daughter of Pete and Emma Gutierrez of Ackerly; Kayla

Nelda Franco of Ackerly; William Carson, son of Douglas and Katricia Carson of Ackerly: C.D. Karns, son of Cary Karns of Big Spring; and Melissa Franco, daughter of Daniel and DeLeon, daughter of Mario and

Rita DeLeon.

Graduation ceremonies will take place at 8 p.m. Friday in the new auditorium of Sands High School.

## SUMMER

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until Aug. 14, according to Program Director Sonnet Hildebrand, Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"For a lot of parents, daycare just isn't an option," said Hildebrand. "The charge will be \$20 for the first two months and \$10 for August. That's the whole summer for \$50, which is within the reach of most parents. And they have the option of paying the entire amount up front, or just paying on a month-to-month basis."

Hildebrand said lunches will be provided during the first month, and after that, the children

a sack lunch. "The first month we'll

be busing the kids to the (Big Spring) High School for lunch," she explained. "After that, the children will be responsible for bringing their own lunch, while we'll provide a snack for them."

The program is limited to 100 children, she added.

"We're currently taking applications now,"

will be expected to bring said Hildebrand. "There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a waiting list in case any of the children drop out."

For more information on the program, contact Hildebrand at 264-0455.

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## **O**PINION

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# **EDITORIAL**

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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# **OUR VIEW**

# Let's make sure park's clean up is a big success

pring has arrived and it's time for some more "spring cleaning" manche Trail Park, and that means volunteers are again needed for a Keep Big Spring Beautiful effort scheduled for Saturday.

Organizers hope as many local volunteers as possible will join them in the effort to help beautify a facility that all Big Spring residents should take pride in.

Pat Simmons, the local coordinator for the event, is seeking anyone interested to come out and take part, and just as in past clean up efforts in the community, volunteers are welcome whether they enlist as individuals, groups or organizations.

"The idea is that we need to take our park • BARACK OBAMA back," Simmons said, "to get more people going to the park and to put more eyes and ears in the park. That not only will help deter vandalism, but create more pride in a facility every other city and town in West Texas would love to have."

Volunteers will meet to pick up bags and get 703 Hart Office Building their assignments at 9 a.m. Saturday at the First Pavilion located on Golf Course Road.

Those planning to volunteer are asked to call Simmons at 263-4607, because KBSB members will be providing a picnic lunch during the noon hour and organizers would like to make sure they have prepared enough food. "Please come and help us clean up or park, Simmons said. "After all, this is important for the entire community, and is especially important because they should complete the rebuilding of Kids Zone sometime that afternoon." We encourage anyone who can to take part in this weekend's clean up effort. As we've noted before, you'll not only get a sense of achievement, but you'll help make sure Big Spring continues to be what we consider the most beautiful city in West Texas.

**Put cheaters in Hall of Fame** 

he question on every sports-fan's lips these days (and sports-fans being what they are, their lips are moving as they read this) is: "Did Roger (the Rocket) Clemens use steroids

late in his career or didn't he?" And the corollary, of course, "Should he be allowed to enter Baseball's Hall of Fame?"

The answer to the first part is: "Yes he did. And I have more bad news: Santa Claus is a fake too."

A crew of New York reporters

have just published a book, "American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime," that pretty much proves it on him. They report that the FBI has DNA samples from needles used to inject steroids that match Roger's DNA. Ballgame over. Rocket, you're busted. Not that Roger admits it, even now. As impervious to reality as Dick Cheney, he insists that the DNA match is "impossible," because he never took steroids.

Or, as the old saying goes: "Are you going to believe what I'm telling you or are you going to believe your lying eyes?

The good liar is somebody who can convince others of his innocence; the great liar is one who can convince himself. Clemens is a great liar. I honestly think that he has convinced himself



DONALD KAUL that he didn't take steroids or human growth hormone or anything else stronger than aspirin. But he did. Everything we know about the case points to it, from his size (he is as big as a two-car garage) to the regeneration of his dying career at the same time steroids came into use, to the testimony of friends and family to DNA results. Roger juiced.

So on to the second part of the question. "Should he be in Baseball's Hall of Fame?"

Of course he should, as should Barry Bonds, Mark McGuire Alex Rodriguez and the rest of the miscreants, real and suspected, of the Steroid Age. (I've suggested that they should institute a Hall of Shame within the Hall of Fame where disgraced figures like Pete Rose, the Chicago Black Sox, Hal Chase and the suspected juicers could be remembered. I still think it's a good idea.)

To do otherwise is to have a Hall of Fame that's missing the very best players of an entire epoch, holders of the sport's most important records. Moreover, if you do exclude the steroid suspects you really can't be sure whether the players voted in didn't use steroids or merely never got caught.

What about rewarding cheaters, you say? You can call it cheating if you want but when everybody out there seems to be doing it and the rules against it aren't being enforced, using performance-enhancing drugs is more self-preservation than cheating. The fact is we don't know comprehensively

who used the drugs, when they started, when they stopped or even what the exact effect was. We know very little and that little filtered through the selfrighteousness of sports writers who are, as we know, as moral as a Methodist picnic.

I don't think the steroid business would be such a scandal if baseball fans weren't so reverential about statistical comparisons. Football, for example, went through its steroid era and fans didn't seem to care much. Football isn't about records.

Baseball is. Despite the fact that every era in baseball is different, played with different rules, different balls, on different-sized playing fields, with different eligibility (no blacks allowed for most of its history), different equipment and different strategy, fans still insist on comparing achievements on the basis of comparative statistics that are not really comparable.

So when players are seen to be "cheating," it is not merely their opponents they're cheating, they're cheating on the Holy Church of Baseball. They're cheating on Babe Ruth.

I know, it's nuts, but that's baseball.

Look at it this way: These players, at great risk to their health, took drugs to make baseball more enjoyable to the fan. Cut them some slack.

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# Abortion doublespeak part of pattern **T** ith due respect to the tinue using military tribunals to adjudicate

President Barack Obama, I just don't understand what causes people to hear only his lofty rhetoric and appeals for unity while turn-

to adjudicate terrorists is not a flip-flop because he has put new protections in place. This will fool the uninitiated, but experts, such as Andy McCarthy, have shown these changes are merely cosmetic, designed to provide Obama political cover to conceal his flagrant reversal. And they talked about President George W. Bush's unwillingness to admit his mistakes! In his speech at the University of Notre Dame, Obama said he doesn't believe people should demonize those holding opposing views and that each group can "make its case to the public with passion and conviction ... without reducing those with differing views to caricature." But is that the spirit he and his colleagues exhibited at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner? Is that the spirit he demonstrated on the White House Web site when he "caricatured" all pro-lifers as "right-wing ideologues who want to take away a woman's right to choose"?

Truth be told, it's hard to escape the conclusion that Obama. like other extreme pro-abortion advocates, doesn't care much whether the unborn is a human life, because he has strongly endorsed partial-birth abortion, which occurs at a stage at which even the most morally darkened soul couldn't deny the baby is fully human. And he argued pas sionately against Illinois legisla tion that would have provided for medical protection to babies already born as a result of failed abortions. He says he wants to "honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion," yet he reportedly intends to reverse a Bush regulation to protect health care professionals who refuse, as a matter of conscience, to perform abortions. He says he wants to work together to reduce abortions but has signed an executive order restoring funding for overseas abortion providers, which will necessarily increase abortions. So will his appointing judges who will uphold Roe v. Wade and continue preventing states from democratically deciding this issue. Neither act is a demonstration of respect for the opposing view or an avenue toward common ground. The only ground Obama will join us on is the real estate on which he is standing, firmly and immovably, especially on abortion. He understands that ultimately there can be no common ground about the life of a baby. Those purporting to lobby for it are demanding that we turn the wisdom of Solomon on its head and split the baby in half — literally. Obama won't talk straight about the horrors of abortion or most of the rest of his agenda because if exposed to the disinfecting light of day, it would be stopped dead in its tracks.

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### A SMALL PRAYER

### by K. Rae Anderson

If one thing won't work, Lord, with You another one will.

Amen

ing a deaf ear to his polarizing language and actions, for example, on the subject of abortion.

In his book "The Audacity of Hope,' he seemed determined to address every issue from the perspective of achieving some kind of common ground. We'll give a little bit of this to

liberals and a little bit of that to conservatives and all live happilv ever after.

I'm sorry, but I believe Obama calculatingly employs this approach mainly as a smoke screen to hide his real agenda, which resides anywhere but on common ground. He specializes in paying superficial respect to his opponents' arguments while proceeding to bury them. The examples are endless.

He calls forced union membership "free choice." He masquerades as a fiscal disciplinarian while authoring nationally bankrupting budgets in perpetu-

He endorses capitalism as a superior economic system while undermining it with other words and actions. He condemns it as "unfair" and decries achievers as "selfish" and "greedy." He's set on restructuring our economy away from the free market and toward government control, from taking over private businesses to setting executive salaries to subsidizing mortgages to nationalizing health care. But he knows better than to condemn capitalism outright, because if he did, the American people finally would wise up to his endgame.

He tells us his decision to con-

Yes, he said he changed that language on the Web site, but he also said he had not changed his position.

That is where his heart is; that is what he believes. He certainly changes his outward language when necessary to be less incendiary and appear less extreme, but there is no evidence he's changed his convictions regarding the people who disagree with him on this issue — some 51 percent, by the way, according to the most recent poll.

Indeed, I think his duplicity is most pronounced on the issue of abortion. On the one hand, he champions a mother's right to destroy her baby in the womb, presumably believing it is not a human life. But on the other, he says the decision of whether to abort has both moral and spiritual dimensions. But if the unborn is not a human life, what moral or spiritual components are involved?

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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### 4 men charged in plot to bomb NYC temple, shoot down military planes with guided missiles

NEW YORK (AP) — Four men arrested on charges of plotting to bomb a Jewish temple and shoot down military planes are expected to appear Thursday in federal court in White Plains.

Officials told The Associated Press the arrests came after a nearly yearlong undercover operation that began in Newburgh, N.Y., about 70 miles north of New York City.

James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen, all of Newburgh, were charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction within the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Three of the defendants are U.S. citizens and one is of Haitian descent, officials said.

The men had planned to detonate a car with plastic explosives outside a temple in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale and to shoot military planes at the New York Air National Guard base at Stewart Airport in Newburgh with Stinger surfaceto-air guided missiles, authorities said.

### AP poll: When campus stress goes beyond a case of the blues; students grapple with depression

WASHINGTON (AP) — Got stress? Oh, yeah, college students say, what with roommates, GPAs, student loans and all the rest.

But where's the line between feeling simply stressed and being truly depressed?

Eighty-five percent of college students surveyed in an Associated Press-mtvU poll reported feeling stressed in their daily lives in recent months: Worries about grades, school work, money and relationships were the big culprits.

At the same time, 42 percent said they had felt down, depressed or hopeless several days during the past two weeks, and 13 percent showed signs of being at risk for at least mild depression, based on the students' answers to a series of questions that medical practitioners use to diagnose depressive illness.

These students complained of trouble sleeping, having little energy or feeling down or hopeless and most hadn't gotten professional help. Eleven percent had had thoughts that they'd be better off dead or about hurting themselves.

That's not just a case of the blues to be shrugged off by taking a break with Facebook or going for a workout.

### Obama in political box over closing Guantanamo, looks for way out in Thursday speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama finds himself in a political box — at home and

abroad — on closing the Guantanamo Bay prison, and he has prepared a major address on national security in hopes of working out of the tight spot.

Obama was taking on the explosive topic Thursday, a day after the Senate, at the behest of majority Democrats, denied his request for \$80 million to close the prison. The 90-6 vote followed a similar move last week in the House and underscored widespread apprehension among Obama's Democratic allies in Congress over the issue.

In spite of lawmakers' concerns, the Obama administration plans to send a top al-Qaida suspect held at Guantanamo Bay to New York to stand trial for the deadly 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa, an administration official told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The suspect, Ahmed Ghailani, would be the first Guantanamo detainee brought to the U.S. and the first to face trial in a civilian criminal court.

On his second day in office, Obama announced that within one year he would close the prison that was constructed by the Bush administration at the U.S. naval base in Cuba to hold terrorism suspects, most of them captured in Afghanistan.

The Obama administration says the lockup had become a "recruiting poster" for al-Qaida because prisoners were being held indefinitely without charges and some were subjected to "enhanced interrogation," including waterboarding — a simulated drowning technique that Obama has called torture.

But when prisons close, inmates must either be released or sent to other jails, and Obama still "has not decided where some of the detainees will be transferred," spokesman Robert Gibbs said Wednesday.

### In a shocker, Kris Allen takes 'American Idol' title from Adam Lambert after 100 million votes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kris Allen beamed with disbelief, shook his head as if to reject that this was really happening and struggled to find words.

The fact that he'd just beaten rollicking vocal powerhouse Adam Lambert for the "American Idol" title wasn't going to sink in quickly for the unassuming underdog from Arkansas. The only downside to this stunning victory: He'd have to sing "No Boundaries" one more time.

"Adam deserves this. I'm sorry, I don't even know what to feel right now. This is crazy," said the 23-year-old from Conway, Ark.

Allen's smooth vocals and boy-next-door image gave him the edge after nearly 100 million viewer votes were cast, turning the theatrical Lambert into the most unlikely of also-rans. When the season started, Allen seemed unsure he had a right to take center stage, let alone stand there and snatch victory from such a formidable rival.

During his "Idol" audition last summer, Allen, hands in his pockets and a newsboy cap pulled down around his eyes, was asked by the judges if he was the best singer around. "You know, there's probably people who are better than me," was Allen's response, offered in the quiet, low-key spirit he retained despite his growing profile.

Conversely, Lambert's commanding vocal range and stage presence — and the judges' lavish adoration — at times turned "Idol" into "The Adam Lambert Show," with the other contestants mere guests. But it turned out that "Idol" viewers could embrace a gifted performer like Lambert, one who sported black nail polish and bold self-assurance, only to a point.

### Credit reform bill marks end of an era for college students who survive by using plastic

WASHINGTON ( $\overrightarrow{AP}$ ) — It's an end of an era for the thousands of college students who rely on MasterCard or Visa to get them through tight times.

Under a new law awaiting President Barack Obama's signature, credit card companies will be prohibited from giving cards to people under 21 unless they can prove they have the means to repay the debt or a parent or guardian co-signs for the loan.

Congress passed the bill this week, and Obama was expected to sign it into law Friday. The changes will go into effect in nine months.

"The hope is that when they spend, they'll spend under better terms and there'll be fewer traps for them," said Pedro de la Torre, a spokesman for Campus Progress, a progressive group in Washington that tracks issues affecting young people.

Congress is hoping to break a vicious cycle: A cardholder falls behind in paying the bill and watches helplessly as the interest rate spikes on the existing balance. Buried in higher rates and late fees, the cardholder spend less, which hurts local businesses.

College students are particularly vulnerable.

### With Guantanamo closing money pulled, Senate set to approve Obama war funding request

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is likely to get a sweeping bipartisan endorsement when the Senate votes on his request for continuing military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The \$91.3 billion measure being taken up by the Senate on Thursday closely tracks Obama's request for war funds, although the \$80 million he was seeking to close the U.S. naval prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was dropped Wednesday.

A vote to limit debate was scheduled for Thursday. It was expected to succeed easily and pave the way for a final vote later in the day. A final House-Senate compromise is likely when Congress returns in June from a weeklong Memorial Day recess.





# 76TH BIG SPRING COWBOY REUNION RODEO PARADE



Look For The Graduation Section In This Sunday's Edition Of The Big Spring Herald It's A Momento You'll Treasure Through The Years.

### 5 p.m. — Thursday, June 18

Let's make this the biggest and best rodeo parade ever! Award categories include floats, tractors, riding clubs, motorcycle, custom and classic cars and bicycles. First- through third-place entries will receive cash awards of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively; while the top entries from the six categories will receive a plaque.

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### LOCAL

# Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: My 41-year-old fiance, "Michael," recently started a new job that requires some overnight travel. Last week while out of town, a 21-yearold female co-worker asked Michael's help to put air in her tires. He got in her car and they drove together to a gas station. This week, while out of town again, he and the same coworker texted and phoned each other a few times, which I found disturbing.

When I confronted him, he became defensive and said he did nothing wrong. T explained it was inappropriate to be riding in a female co-worker's car and for the two of them to call each other.

Even if it was completely innocent, there is always the possibility of an accusation of sexual harassment or that other co-workers will think negatively of him.

There are several male co-workers Michael could associate with, so I don't get why he has chosen to bond with this young girl. And what bothers me more is that he doesn't see how inappropriate it is. He says I have blown it out of all proportion and there is nothing further to discuss.

Is this just my insecurity surfacing, or do I have a legitimate con-Worried in cern? Virginia

Dear Virginia: Both. The fact that a female co-worker asked a male co-worker to help her fix a tire is perfectly understandable and it's not a stretch that he would accompany he to the gas station in he car.

You are right the these things can be mi interpreted and the Michael puts his job risk if he continues behave in a way th others believe is que ionable.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

But who else is there? — California

Dear **California**: There is no blame to be had. Your son had a disease for which there is no cure, only management, but he either didn't recognize the problem, or didn't have the wherewithal to stay sober. Even if you knew everything about alcoholism, you could not have prevented this from happening. Selfrecrimination can be part of the grieving process. Please get some short-term counseling so you can come to terms with this. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: I had to respond to "Just Wondering for Future Reference," who asked if menopausal women can still have a satisfying sex life.

As a woman in her mid-50s who had not been in a relationship for over eight years, I had pretty much given up on meeting a man who piqued my interest. I asked my doctor about my lack of sex drive, which had never been a problem before. Her response was, "When you meet the right guy, it will happen."

I met a guy five months ago, and my sex life has never been better. In fact, he complains that I wear him out and he's 15 years younger. Having Fun at 50-Plus

Dear Having Fun: We're glad you found someone who helped you rediscover your libido. It doesn't work for everyone, but you've given hope to the rest.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists. the Creators visit Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. <sup>®</sup> 2009 CREATORS

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### **Customer Notice**

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) seeking approval to implement a minor rate change to the following services: 1-Party Exchange Access Line rates for residence and business customers; Key Trunk Hunting Exchange and PBX Trunk Exchange Access Line rates for business customers; and non-recurring rates for the Primary Service Ordering Charge, Subsequent Service Ordering Charge, Central Office Access Line Charge, Premises Visit Charge, and Returned Check Charge in its Member Services Tariff. The Cooperative also proposes to remove the 2-Party Exchange Access Line rates for residence and business customers as Wes-Tex has no subscribers for these obsolete services.

In its Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff (LDMTS), Wes-Tex proposes to increase the following Two-Point Service Charges: Operator Assisted, Station-to-Station Service, Person-to-Person Service and Other Services; and the local and intraLATA Directory Assistance Services. The Cooperative also proposes to eliminate the free three-call allowance for a single-line and subsequent call allowance for additional lines to Directory Assistance Service. In addition, Wes-Tex proposes to remove the obsolete Two-Point Service Charges for Operator Assisted, Fully Automated, Station-to-Station, Collect Calls and Billed to Third Number Calls that are no longer provided by the Cooperative's Directory Assistance and Operator Service Provider, AT&T Texas.

The proposed effective date for the minor rate change is July 31, 2009 for the following exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Cooperative is \$25,163.28 for the first year of service, which is 1.58% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues.

Current and proposed rates are:

Member Services Tariff	Class	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Local Exchange Service - Section 4 Exchanges - Ackerly, Lenorah, Lomax, Luther and West Stanton			
Key Trunk Access Line	Business	\$14.00	\$15.40
Exchanges – Garden City, St. Lawrence and Vincent			
1-Party Access Line	Residence	\$9.40	\$10.34
1-Party Access Line	Business	\$11.90	\$13.09
Key Trunk Access Line	Business	\$12.50	\$13.75
PBX Trunk Access Line	Business	\$18.75	\$20.62
Exchanges - Coahoma and Sand Springs			1
1-Party Access Line	Residence	\$6.50	\$7.15
1-Party Access Line	Business	\$11.45	\$12.59
PBX Trunk Access Line	Business	\$19.25	\$21.00
Service Charges - Section 5			-
Primary Service Charge	All	\$12.00	\$15.00
Subsequent Service Charge	All	\$8.00	\$10.00
Central Office Access Line Charge	All	\$8.00	\$10.00
Premise Visit Charge	All	\$15.00	\$20.00
Returned Check Charge	All	\$15.00	\$25.00

Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff	Class	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
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Fully Automated	All	\$0.40	\$2.50
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Semi-Automated	All	\$1.15	\$3.00
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Non-Automated	All	\$1.15	\$5.30
Semi-Automated	All	\$1.15	\$3.95
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Non-Automated	All	\$1.15	\$3.95
Semi-Automated	All	\$1.15	\$3.95
Person-to-Person Service			
Non-Automated	All	\$2.80	\$8.95
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Busy Interrupt	All	\$2.20	\$7.00
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However, we aren convinced anythin untoward has bee going on. The "ev dence" of misconduct pretty flimsy. Say not ing more, but keep a eye on the situation if bothers you.

Dear Annie: I just los my son to alcoholism He was 55 years old and for five years had been progressively drinking himself to death. We were totally unaware. His multitude of friends and business associates knew he had an alcohol problem, but didn't realize the gravity of the situation and didn't think to notify me, his father.

My son was divorced, had no children and lived alone. I've since been told that I couldn't have done much unless he was willing to admit he was an alcoholic and wanted to quit.

I'm a well-educated person, but didn't know the true symptoms of alcoholism. My son is dead, gone from my life, because I didn't know how alcoholics act and think. My friends tell me not to blame myself.

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Opening lead — king of clubs. "What can defeat me?" is a question every declarer should ask himself as he embarks on the play of any

hand. Here is a striking example that illustrates the wisdom of asking this question before proceeding with the South reached four hearts on the

sequence shown, and West led the king of clubs. Declarer played the ace, ruffed by East, who then returned a diamond.

Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps and led a low spade toward the queen. He was hoping West had the king, in which case he could later

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discard a diamond loser from dummy on his ace of spades. Bu after the queen lost to East's king South had to go down one, losing a spade, a diamond and two clubs.

However, declarer could and should have made the contract. He neglected to apply the principle espoused above. The fatal misstep occurred at trick one, when South should have ducked West's king, knowing from the bidding that there was an excellent chance the club ace might be ruffed. If West then continued with the queen, dummy would duck again, and if West played stil another club, declarer would duck once more and ruff in his hand.

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These three plays would enable South to maintain the 10 tricks he had started with - five trumps, a spade, two diamonds, a club and a spade ruff in dummy. He would lose only two clubs and a spade, eventually discarding his diamond loser on the club ace.

Before making a play from dummy at trick one, South should ask himself: "What can possibly go wrong?" In the present instance, given West's three-club bid, the danger of playing the club ace should be apparent.

The next step in the process follows almost automatically — 10 tricks can be maintained by the simple expedient of letting West win the first two club tricks.

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# Local teams have big games over the weekend

### By JONATHAN HULL

### Sports Editor

Over the next three days, the trio of teams from Howard County remaining in either the softball or baseball playoffs are going to learn exactly where they stand in the contention for regional and even state titles.

Forsan's softball squad and Coahoma baseball and softball teams continue their postseason runs this weekend, hopeful its seasons won't be coming to a sudden end.

Two of the three remaining Howard County squads play highly-ranked opponents, while the other is out to prove that its time at the top of Region I isn't over yet.

### Bulldogs take on No. 1 Holliday

Coahoma's Bulldogs (20-4) begin a best-of-three regional quarterfinal series with top-ranked Holliday at 7 p.m. tonight at Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University in

Abilene.

Game 2 is set for the same location at 4 p.m. Friday with a third game, if needed, taking place 30 minutes after.

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Holliday (24-1) has been ranked atop the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 2A poll for a majority of the season. The Eagles defeated Coahoma's District 7-2A rival Jim Ned in the area round, 8-0.

The Bulldogs will face Holliday's See AREA, Page 12

senior left-hander Matt ace, Buckmaster, in the first game. Buckmaster (9-0) scattered four singles and struck out nine batters against Jim Ned in six innings of work.

While he just pitched Tuesday, Buckmaster only threw 60 pitches against Jim Ned, meaning he'll be ready for the opener against Coahoma.

# Rangers turn triple play, fall to Detroit, 5-3

DETROIT (AP) — Justin Verlander struggled for one inning Wednesday night and that wasn't quite enough for the Texas Rangers.

After not allowing a hit for the first four innings, the Detroit Tigers' ace threw 41 pitches in the fifth. Unfortunately for the Rangers, the last one became a bases-loaded groundout by David Murphy, allowing Verlander to escape with the score tied at 1.

Detroit, which hit into a triple play in the fourth inning, scored four times in the sixth, starting with a solo homer by Wilkin Ramirez in his major league debut, and the Tigers went on to a 5-3 win, their fifth straight.

Verlander acknowledged his preparation leading to the fifth was a little rushed after the Rangers brought abruptly ended the bottom of the fourth with their first triple play since 2002.

"I'm usually ready for a team to turn an inning-ending double play, but I didn't even think about them doing that," he said.

Verlander (6-3) gave up one run and walked two to improve to 4-0 with a 1.02 ERA in his last five starts.

He did fall short of becoming the first pitcher in Tigers history to strike out 10 or more batters in four straight starts, finishing with eight.

Matt Harrison (4-3) took the loss, allowing five runs and nine hits in five-plus innings.



#### AP photo

Detroit Tigers catcher Ryan Rayburn, left, is tagged out by Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus to complete a triple play in the fourth inning of an AL baseball game in Detroit Wednesday. The Tigers picked up their fifth straight win, 5-3, despite the triple play.

# Magic stun Cavs

### **TOM WITHERS**

**AP Sports Writer** 

CLEVELAND(AP)-LeBron James chewed on his fingernails as he talked quietly with Mo Williams in the corner of Cleveland's muted locker room.

As they reviewed the game's final seconds, the two stars stared blankly at a boxscore floating in an ice tub above James' feet.

They looked stunned. And for good reason.

No longer untested, no longer unbeaten. The Cavaliers finally met their match in the playoffs.

Dwight Howard scored 30 points, Rashard Lewis added 22 and the Orlando Magic rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to hand James and the Cavaliers their first loss of the postseason, 107-106 on Wednesday night in the Eastern Conference finals opener.

Lewis made a 3-pointer with 14.7 seconds left and the Magic, who dethroned the champion Boston Celtics in seven games in the previous round, survived two shots by Cleveland the closing seconds. in Williams missed a catch-andshoot jumper off a jump ball as the horn sounded, dropping the Cavs to 8-1 in the postseason.

### JAIME ARON

### AP Sports Writer

CARROLLTON — Tony Romo took the field under unusual circumstances Tuesday: For the first time since he's become the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, Terrell Owens wasn't part of the organization.

T.O. was released months ago, so his absence wasn't a surprise. Still, the start of organized team activities marked the start of life without Owens

and Romo's first chance to comment on it.

Cowboys QB Romo begins life after T.O.

He didn't say much, offering up cliched lines such as, "The organization and management decides those things," and, "We have to go with the guys we have here now, go forward and keep improving."

Coincidence or not, Romo never mentioned Owens by name, initials, jersey number or anything more personal than "he." (He did avoid using, "The player," as Bill Parcells referred to Owens for most of their story season together.)

"He's a great player and it's always difficult to replace someone who's had the success and been the dominant player he's been over the years," Romo said.

On the field, Owens and Romo clicked from the start. T.O. caught the first touchdown pass Romo threw and was a big part of his rise from undrafted,

See COWBOYS, Page 12

"It's a big victory," said Howard. "We kept fighting the whole game."

# Sports in brief

### Upcoming high school softball and baseball playoff dates

Coahoma's baseball and softball teams and Forsan's softball squad are all that remain in the postseason. Here's a look at the upcoming playoff matchups.

### Coahoma

• Bulldogs baseball will face the No. 1 team in the state in the regional quarterfinals. Holliday is 20-1 and has been atop the state poll for a majority of the season. Game 1 of the best-of-three is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Driggers Field in Abilene. Game 2 will be played at the same location at 4 p.m. Friday. A third game, if needed, occurs 30 minutes after.

 Bulldogettes softball advances to face Kermit in the regional semifinals. The Bulldogettes are currently ranked No. 8 in the state. The best-of-three series is taking place at MUGS softball complex in Midland. Game 1 is at 7 p.m. Friday with Game 2 set for 1 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if needed, takes place 30 minutes after Game 2.

### Forsan

• Lady Buffs softball meets No. 2 Albany in the regional semifinals. This is the second time in the four-year history of the softball program Forsan has advanced to this stage of the postseason. Game 1 of the best-of-three series with Albany is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University. Game 2 is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, taking place 30 minutes after.

### Physicals for athletes being given at ATC today

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department

has set aside today for anyone who needs an athletic physical for next school year to receive one at the Athletic Training Center from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 and the appropriate forms must be filled out.

### **Big Spring ISD announces** sports skills camps

The Big Spring High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports skills camps during the summer. Call Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center with any questions at 264-3662.

### **Camp of Champs**

Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program geared to helping increase strength, quickness, speed and agility.

The program begins June 1 and continues through June 18 at the Athletic Training Center. There are two different sessions for different age groups.

Third through fifth graders attend from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., while sixth and seventh graders work out 11 a.m. to noon.

The camp is held Monday through Thursday during the allotted dates.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

### Steers Basketball Skills Camp

The Big Spring Steers boys basketball coaching staff, headed up by Marcus Morris, will be leading a skills camp June 1-3 at the Big Spring Junior High gyms.

Second through fifth graders will work out from 9 a.m. to noon in the east gym, while sixth through

eighth graders man the west gym also from 9 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

### Lady Steers Softball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Coach John Sparks is hosting a Softball Skills Camp June 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Lady Steer Park.

The camp is for girls entering third through eighth grades.

Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

### **Steers Baseball Skills Camp**

Big Spring Steers Head Coach Burt Otto will host a baseball skills camp beginning June 8 and ending June 11 at Steer Park for first through eighth graders.

Cost is \$25 with an optional T-shirt fee of \$10.

### Lady Steers Basketball Skills Camp

Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren will lend his skills in teaching a basketball camp for girls entering second through eighth grade June 22-25.

The camp will be split into two age groups. Second through fifth graders participate from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day at Steer Gym, while sixth through eighth graders take the court every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee.

### **Steers Football Skills Camp**

A skills camp for first through eighth graders interested in football will be held June 15-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Athletic Training Center.

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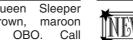
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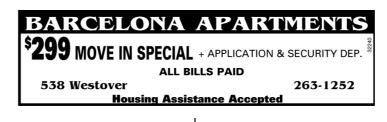
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Stone walls do a great job of defining the landscape with their mass and lines; plants soften and decorate these walls. (AP Photo/Lee Reich)

### Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Aries moon gives a zesty kick to this first full day of the Gemini sun. No matter how busy you are, take advantage of the high-energy vibes by fitting in time for exercise and fun. No matter how much you get done, you won't feel very productive unless you do something enjoyable for yourself. Tonight is the best choice for date night this week.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some

people take you so literally! You'll be asked to explain yourself or teach someone a process in minute HOLIDAY increments. MATHIS When communication is challeng-

ing, it's a lesson in

show it. Try not to expect

this person to automati-

cally know how to please

you. Drop major hints or

just tell this person direct-

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). The aggravations of

daily life are absorbed

into your body. That's

why it's important to take

measures to discharge

negativity; for instance,

with a vigorous run or a

long, hot bath. You need

**CANCER** (June 22-July

22). Unlikely companions

fill your heart with joy.

It's a funny colleague

from a different genera-

tion or a sweet animal

friend that makes you

laugh. Revel in the whim-

sical interplay of strange

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You have that certain

mysterious X factor that

keeps you in the limelight

now. But what do vou do

with all of this attention?

You need to make it work

for vou. Perhaps it's time

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

MasterCarc

22). You tend to under-

to get into sales.

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company.

loving care, so go get it.

ly what to do.

to

play your talent. And when you've toiled and struggled over a piece of work, you modestly say "it was nothing." Well, it wasn't nothing. It was something. Stand and accept recognition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might be so bold as to upgrade one of your dreams into the status of "goal." What does it take? Make a commitment to do it and name a time in which it will be completed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get out and mingle. Even if you don't make a love connection or a stellar contact for your business, you could still make a friend. And as you shake hands and swap stories, you'll be collecting valuable social experiences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how much vou have to spend today, you will be in a frugal mood. Every cent you have is rich in potential. You'd rather invest it in something that is likely to pay you back than squander on momentary pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be determined to make your relationships harmonious, even if it means swallowing the words you'd really like to say. You're not sure if the other person could hear you anyway, and you're probably right.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There has been an unusual turn of events and you might wish you had handled it differently. You did the best you could, and that was better than most. Be proud of yourself for being open to new experiences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Social stars are on the rise. You'll be drawn to someone who has many of the same qualities that vou have — that is to say, the person is intelligent, cultured and able to converse on a variety of topics.

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If only that were as simple as dropping a row of pebbles in the ground, stepping back, and waiting a few weeks or months for a wall to appear. But, of course, what I mean is to grow plants in a stone wall.

The nooks and crannies in any unmortared stone wall cry out for a bit of decoration. So much so that, without any helping hand, plants — too often weeds — frequently insinuate themselves into such walls here and there.

Stone walls do a great job of defining the landscape with their mass and lines; plants soften and decorate these walls.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Nooks and crannies in a stone wall can have microclimates quite different from the rest of your yard. For one thing, the soil in the wall usually drains off water extremely well. And temperatures are a bit different, the stone itself shading plant roots but absorbing and retaining heat to modulate temperature swings in the air nearby.

Microclimates vary, depending on a wall's exposure. North and east walls stay cool even in summer, while south and west walls bake.

### WALLS ARE A GREAT BACKGROUND

The hard part is building a wall; the easy part is finding plants for it.

The best plants for walls are those that enjoy dryish soils.

As far as looks, the best wall plants are those with relatively small leaves and flowers. And if the plants trail or drape, so much the better; foliage and flowers can drip like water from planted crevices.

The neutral grays and browns of stones provide ideal backdrops for setting off any color flower. A

list of wall plants might include lavender, sea pink, lavender-flowered aubrietia, pink or white maiden pink, and purple flowered thyme.

A couple of natives that should do as well in built walls as they do in natural rock crevices are Dutchman's breeches and wild columbine. Both are dainty plants with flowers that call for the close, individual attention they'll get poking from a wall.

With some plants, it is their leaves, rather than their flowers, that earn them a backdrop of stone. An obvious choice here is hens-and-chicks; its fat whorls of succulent leaves multiply to tightly pack any cranny into which it is planted. Rock cress not only has downy leaves, but is covered with fragrant white flowers in early summer.

Some plants that self-seed too aggressively "on the flat" are kept suitably in tow on a wall.

Chamomile — although lovely with its ferny, down from nook to nook in a stone wall.

Walls pretty much take care of the plants they house, but the plants do need occasional tidying. Most of the plants mentioned look better if they're cut back after a flush of flowers. This cutting not only keeps them more compact, but sometimes encourages another flush of blossoms.

Another point of maintenance is the base of the wall. Sure, you could weed-whip the grass that presses up against the stones, but you can avoid this by planting the base of the wall, too. How about a thick stand of davlilies or oriental poppies there?

patience. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone who loves you may nonetheless be clueless about how to

### WALL CONTROL

lime green foliage and cheery white daisy flowers is one such plant, as is forget-me-not, an especially fecund annual. Snow-in-summer is a perennial that does not self-seed, but quickly blankets the ground with its creeping stems, which lope



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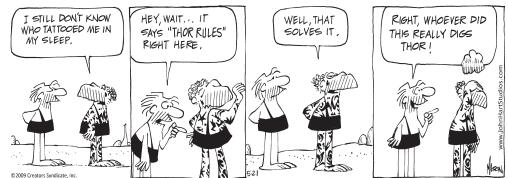
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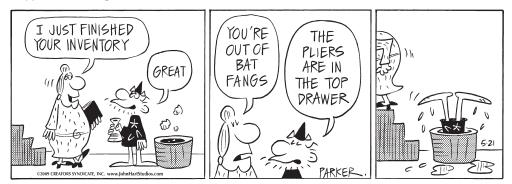


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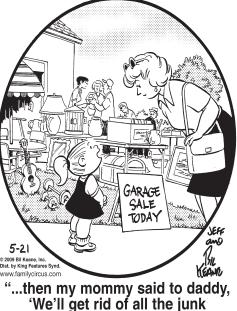
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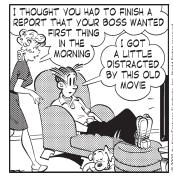
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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 21, the 141st day of 2009. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean. On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer

Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River. In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under

way, in Baltimore. In 1881, Clara Barton founded

the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard

became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years, eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and committed suicide in 1985.)

Today's Birthdays: R&B singer Ron Islev (The Islev Brothers) is 68. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 66. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 64. Musician Bill Champlin (Chicago) is 62. Singer Leo Sayer is 61. Actress Carol Potter

producer Stan Lynch is 54. Actor Judge Reinhold is 52. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 50. Actor Brent Briscoe is 48. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 41. Actress Fairuza Balk is 35. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 35. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 22. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 19. Actress Sarah Ramos is 18.

Thought for Today: "Our present addiction to pollsters and forecasters is a symptom of our chronic uncertainty about the future ... We watch our experts read the entrails of statistical tables and graphs the way the ancients watched their soothsayers read the entrails of a chicken." - Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).

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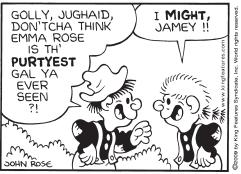




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### **SNUFFY SMITH**



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# AREA

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The Bulldogs defeated Eastland, 1-0, in the area round and haven't lost a game since April 6. Holliday hasn't lost since the early part of the season, though, as the Eagles cruised through District 5-2A play.

### Lady Buffs look to challenge No. 2 Albany

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes (22-9) are getting ready for their biggest challenge of the season, when they meet second-ranked Albany in a best-ofthree regional semifinals series in the Class A playoffs.

Game 1 is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University. The two teams hope to get Game 2 started at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, but another playoff game will be occurring before it. If a third game is needed after the previous game, then the Lady Buffs and Lady Lions will be forced to wait until that game is completed.

Albany defeated Seymour, 6-4, Tuesday in the regional quarterfinals. The Lady Lions being ranked so high didn't faze Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts.

"I didn't even realize they were ranked No. 2," said Roberts. "As far as I'm concerned, we will approach each game as if we were playing for a state championship. That means committing no errors and getting lots of hits. We will continue to stay focused on our goal, which is getting to state.'

The Lady Buffs got off to a slow start against Eldorado in the regional quarterfinals as the Lady Eagles took a 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Forsan proceeded to put four runs on the board in three of the next four innings, eventually winning, 13-5.

The Lady Buffs played nearly error-

less softball through the first two rounds of the postseason. That's a trend Roberts says could be the deciding factor against Albany.

"I know Albany is pretty sound defensively and they have several hitters," said Roberts. good "Fortunately, we are just as good defensively and we also have a lot of good hitters. I think that this will be a series where the team with the least amount of errors wins. Hopefully, that will be us. We have been working hard this week to get ready for them."

### **Bulldogettes face Kermit** in regional semifinals

Coahoma's Bulldogettes (27-11) haven't had anything come easy to them thus far through the Class 2A playoffs.

That's not expected to change this weekend.

The No.7 Bulldogettes meet Kermit's Lady Yellow Jackets (30-9) in a best-

last season, but third-Tuesday. made the most noise through the line, Choice with each step.

of-three regional semifinals series, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday at MUGS Softball Complex in Midland. Game 2 is at the same location at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Kermit defeated 10th-ranked Slaton in the regional quarterfinals, 2-0, Tuesday.

Coahoma advanced after knocking off Coleman, 1-0, Tuesday. The Bulldogettes were powered by the pitching performance of Heather Newton. Newton struck out 15 batters in the victory and also knocked in the only run of the game with a triple that scored senior Shelbi Paige.

The Bulldogettes almost didn't make it out of the area round after being taken to their limit by Clyde. Clyde took the opening game of the best-of-three series, 2-1. Coahoma rallied to win a doubleheader Saturday, 3-1 and 3-2, with the third game going into two extra innings.

The winner of this game will face Early or Alpine in the regional finals.

## COWBOYS

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unheralded backup to starlet-dating Pro Bowler. Romo-to-Owens produced more touchdowns over the last three seasons than any other quarterbackreceiver tandem in the NFL.

But things weren't the same between them last season as Owens complained about how he was being used and the team collapsed in the final months, ultimately getting routed in their finale to knock them out of the playoffs. Team owner Jerry Jones made it clear when he released Owens in March that the move was made for harmony in the locker room more than anything else.

Asked if he's spoken to Owens since then, Romo said, "I'm just going to keep that stuff personal between me and him."

He also dismissed a question about whether personality problems ruined the 2008-09 season.

"When you win, do you have great chemistry?" Romo said. "I don't know that the chemistry was that different last year than the year before, but we went 13-3. So, I think injuries were a part of it. I think people not performing up to all of our own levels that we might be able to perform up to. I think we all looked at ourselves and wished we would have played better last year in certain games and in certain situations. You go back and you look at it and you try to improve and you try to fix it for the next time." When Romo lined up with the first team Tuesday, Roy Williams and Patrick Crayton were the receivers. Miles Austin and Sam Hurd were the secondteamers. The production of those four will go a long way toward determining whether dumping T.O. was the right move. "Guys have to step up and pick up the slack," Romo said. "Guys are working hard, I know that. Whether they're going to do it, we're going to find out this year.' Whether Williams can handle being the lead receiver already is a major storyline for this season. Those posing the question include former Cowboys greats Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders. Williams thinks people are basing their opinions too much on how he played late last season, after he arrived in a midseason trade from Detroit. Romo was

hurt at the time, then Williams was playing through an injury by the time the quarterback returned. Of course, there also was the issue of Owens wanting the ball thrown his way.

When the ball did go to Williams, he didn't always catch it, either. He caught only 16 passes in seven games with Romo.

"Last year, we didn't really talk because we didn't know each other," Williams said Tuesday. "I was scared to cross his boundary and I guess he was afraid to cross my boundary. But now we are talking, good friends, co-workers trying to achieve the same goal. We respect

Williams said he and Romo have been throwtogether ing since March 2, which is just a few days before Owens was cut.

"It's paying off so far," he said. "But we still have a long way to go."

For Williams, Tuesday was his first time as the No. 1 receiver in Dallas. It also was his first time wearing No. 4 since he's joined the Cowboys. He'll switch back to No. 11 for games, but broke out the number he wore during his standout college career with the Texas Longhorns "to remind myself where I come from and for all the doubters."

Extra points: RB Felix Jones returned to full squad activity for the

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