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Headline acts for Funtastic Fourth set

By ALEX NEWSOM

Herald Intern

At a recent meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Association, The Afters and Capital Lights were confirmed as the two headlining acts of the annual Funtastic Fourth celebration. Allan Johnson, president of the DRA, has chosen to continue with the theme of "God and Country" that has been promoted in the past few years.

Johnson said, "We decided to go

Johnson

we believe that God gave us this great country, and the country as a whole doesn't appreciate Him for it. We'd like to set a standard of thanking the Lord for giving us this great country that we live in." While The Afters are

in that direction because rock act. However, one of the Oklahoma-based band's most popular songs, "Return," highly advocates their personal Christian beliefs. They have one CD titled "This is an Outrage!" and three singles currently available. The Afters are a band out of Dallas,

and have two CDs out. According to their website, their song "Beautiful Love" off their first album, "I Wish We All Could Win," was the most downloaded song off the iTunes inspiEnd Charts on the Radio & Records Web site ranks the title song of their sophomore album "Never Going Back to OK" as number one.

The DRA is also promising professional sound and stage with the same quality as last year. "We put on an awesome show last year, and we hope to make this one just a good as the last one," said Johnson.

So music is not going to be a prob-

Council to OK auction

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is set to meet Tuesday evening, with mostly routine items making up the meeting's agenda.

Among the consent items set for final reading are: A resolution authorizing the auction of Howard County Trustee properties to the highest bidder for cash, without reservation; and a resolution authorizing the city manager or a designated director to execute routine agreements between the city and other parties for short term lease, rental or use of city facilities. The second resolution would also authorize the city manager to execute repair and maintenance contracts.

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to award bids for utility upgrades on Lancaster, part of the change order for the city street bond

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Jane Lusk, a local member of the The Kingdom of Levant — a local medieval re-creation group — plays a recorder during the group's demonstration at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.

Routine agenda awaiting commissioners

for county buildings. Olson will also

present the court with an agreement

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Routine business items top the agenda

for Tuesday morning's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court, as the governmental body looks at the budget for the coming fiscal year and a possible donation for the 2010 Census. County Auditor Jackie Olson will discuss routine matters, including invoices

and purchase requests, as well as consid-

eration of bids for HVAC maintenance

with GovDeals to allow the county to list surplus items for sale and for potential buyers to bid on them through an online auction system. Olson is also expected to hold a budget

work session with the commissioners in an effort to plan for the coming fiscal year.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is slated to meet with the court to discuss and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will report on pipeline crossings and county road maintenance. District Clerk Colleen Barton is expect-

personnel considerations, while Road

ed to discuss possible action regarding software for her office, while local resident Mary Frances Malone will present the court with information regarding the Air Evac Lifetime Corporate Plan. See COUNTY, Page 3





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Obituaries

Concepcion 'Connie' Pineda Concepcion "Connie" Pineda, 78, of Big Spring

died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Gary Bryant and C.L. Lunsford officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home.

She was born July 6, 1930, in Marfa to Marciala and Sebastian Beseril. She moved to Big Spring in 1945 from Marfa, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1948. She retired from Wal-Mart in 1995 and was a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by two daughters, Debora Pineda and Diana Babcock, both of Big Spring; two sons, Jose

Pineda of Ft. Worth and James Pineda and wife Donna of Big Spring; one brother, Manuel Beseril and wife Maggie of Odessa; four sisters, Josie Badillo and husband Juan of Odessa, Anita Melendez and Betty Perry, both of Big Spring, and Gloria Madrid of Midland; 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

smith.com

Wesley Franklin Johnson Wesley Franklin Johnson, 75, of Big Spring died

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Graveside services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Johnson-Pogue Family Cemetery, 1607 Avenue X, with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Cowboy Church, officiating.

He was born Dec. 11, 1933, in Warrior Mine, W. Va., to Mae and William Johnson. He was a member of Ornamental Iron Workers Union. He moved to Big Spring Dec. 10, 2008, from Farmington. He was a member of Cowboy Church.

He is survived by two sons, Jon Johnson of Farmington, N.M., and Wesley Johnson Jr. and wife Tracy of Surprise, Ariz.; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two brothers, Bill Johnson of Seattle, Wash., and Bob Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

Alton 'Slim' Warren

Alton "Slim" Warren, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 23, 2009, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dan Griffith, officiating. Additional memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the Santo Community Center in Santo.

He was born Feb. 21, 1933, in Santo. Slim dedicated most of his life to education and sports and was

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Kellyanne Warren of New York City, N.Y., and Greg and Blanca Warren of Southbury, Conn.; five grandchildren; his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Dan Griffith of Cisco; several nieces, Davidson at (432) 213-0257. nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alta Warren; and one brother Charles E Warren.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of

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

Support Groups

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

- 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 Ay-
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and
- friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

FRIDAY AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- JAMEY JOHNSON, 46, of 2621 Chanute, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- LEONARD GUZMAN, 22, of 1504 Vines, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-
- YESENIA PENA, 26, of 701 Anna, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- JESUS GOMEZ, 18, of Ackerly, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LORI GARCIA FRANCO, 26, of 2627 Langley, was arrested Sunday on charges of theft and failure to identify. • THEFT was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson. in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 900
- block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1400 block of Main Street.
- in the 1600 block of Cardinal. in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- reported in the 700 block of Aylesford.

Take Note

- · A reception for retiring Coahoma Independent School District employees will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in the Coahoma Community Center. Everyone is invited.
- 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
- · 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-
- 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
- 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 pro-

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Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

Howard College Cactus Room.

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

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. • Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m.
- to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care. 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.
- **THURSDAY**

in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant. Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard
- College Cactus Room. · League of United Latin American Citizens
- LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

FRIDAY Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday

Winning numbers drawn: 9-7-50-22-5-46.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing:

\$9 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 35-12-29-34-21 Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

7-5-5-4. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

2-7-6. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:

4-7-6-0. Sum It Up: 17. The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday

afternoon, in order: 6-7-0. Sum It Up: 13.

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Texas News Briefs:

Woman awaits word on DNA tests on her missing sailor brother

ficer believed killed in the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor is awaiting the results of DNA tests that may identify her brother's remains more than six decades after the infamous attack.

TROPHY CLUB (AP) — The sister of a naval of-

In early May, 88-year-old Meryl Patton, who lives in the North Texas town of Trophy Club near Fort Worth, was contacted by the U.S. Navy's casualty

Officials asked her for a DNA sample as part of an effort to identify the remains of unknown servicemen, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Patton's brother, Starring Winfield, a 22-year-old

petty officer third class in the Navy, was stationed in the radio room of the USS Oklahoma when Japanese torpedo bombers fired on the ships along "Battleship Row." The USS Oklahoma was a massive battleship anchored along Ford Island.

As many as nine torpedoes struck the USS Oklahoma within minutes, tearing holes in the hull, filling the ship with water and killing 429 men on

The remains of 44 sailors who could not be identified are buried as unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. But in the last six years the government has started using mitochondrial DNA to try to identify the men.

It is unknown how long it will take to get the results from Meryl Patton.

Lubbock man linked to slayings apparently commits suicide LUBBOCK (AP) — A murder suspect has died

after being found a day earlier hanging in his jail Thirty-one-year-old Tyrone Jermaine Robinson

had been on life support at University Medical Center in Lubbock after the suicide attempt on Saturday. He died early Sunday at the hospital, never gaining consciousness, according to a statement from Lubbock County jail officials.

The sheriff's office and Texas Rangers were investigating the death. Robinson was charged late Friday in the shooting

death of Angela Holt, 36, on May 14. He was already in jail on an aggravated assault warrant related to a February night club shooting.

Robinson had also been named as a person of interest in the shooting deaths of two others.

Body of 22-year-old drowning victim pulled from Lake Como FORT WORTH (AP) — Divers have recovered the

body of a man who drowned in Lake Como after he went for a swim. Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent

Worley said the 22-year-old man was about 20 feet from the east shoreline when he started having trouble Saturday morning, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. The man was at the lake with a family friend,

according to witnesses, who said they heard the friend scream for help. Two men dove in the water, but they were unable

to save the him.

The man was pronounced dead after divers retrieved his body from about 10 feet of water.

Worley said police contacted the man's father who came to the lake and identified his son.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office has not yet released the man's name.

Eighth horse burned in stables fire dies after being euthanized BURLESON (AP) — An eighth horse has died af-

ter a fire that destroyed the stables at the Circle L 5 Riding Club in east Fort Worth. A veterinarian had to euthanize Freckles on Sat-

urday after the 4-year-old mare developed complications from her burns.

Six horses died in the May 18 blaze and another had to be euthanized a short time later. Dr. Harold Putnam said the horse was trying

hard to live but her conditions turned for the worse Saturday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. The cause of the fire hasn't been determined.

Houston police officer critical after being injured by two drivers HOUSTON (AP) — Two people are facing intox-

ication-related charges in connection with separate crashes that left a police officer in critical, but stable condition, according to a police department Moroof Kareem, 28, was charged with one count

of DWI and Richard Sandoval, 22, was charged with one count of intoxication assault on Saturday, according to Houston police department spokesman Kese Smith. Smith did not know whether they had bonded out of jail. It was not immediately known whether they had

Houston police officer Lloyd Morrison II, 51, was

investigating a one car accident early Saturday morning on Interstate 45 when a Honda driven by Kareem struck Morrison's patrol car. Smith said Morrison was not in the vehicle and

radioed in that it had been hit. Then a Ford Escort driven by Sandoval struck

Morrison's vehicle, pinning the officer against a firetruck which had responded to the original ac-Both of Morrison's legs were broken and his

shoulder crushed. He was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital where he had surgery. He was scheduled to have a "second surgery" on Sunday, The wreck came at the start of a crackdown on

drunken driving during the Memorial Day week-Houston officials launched an around-the-clock

"no refusal" weekend in Harris County in which search warrants were expedited for blood samples from drunken-driving suspects who refuse breath "During no-refusal weekends, we're getting more

evidence that makes it easier for us to convict those intoxicated drivers," Harris County Assistant District Attorney Brent Mayr told the Houston Judges, nurses and prosecutors are centralized in one location to issue warrants, collect the blood

and file charges. Officials said 20 drivers had been

arrested and charged and five or six more cases

were pending under the "no refusal" weekend

Last year's program resulted in DWI charges against 164 drivers, 48 of whom were repeat offend-

Irving, state disagree on which building can keep records IRVING (AP) — Irving and state officials dis-

agree over which building records should be kept

on file for nonresidential construction — a difference brought to light after the collapse of the Dallas Cowboys practice facility.

The city believes state law requires them to retain only building permits and certificates of occupancy. However, state officials say the law also includes blueprints and specifications, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

The newspaper said its review of documents on

file for several Irving properties and the Cowboys' headquarters showed no uniformity in the city's Irving's policy regarding building documentation was questioned after the Cowboys' tentlike practice

facility collapsed on May 2, paralyzing scouting assistant Rich Behm and injuring 11 others. Irving officials said they no longer had the documents detailing the structure's design and construction. "I don't see, nor does our lawyer see, a retention schedule for blueprints and specifications," Brenda McDonald, Irving's real estate and development

director, told the newspaper. But the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, which oversees state document retention requirements, believes state law does cover those documents.

The state agency does not have any enforcement powers over the retention of documents but it is against state law to intentionally destroy public documents. Local district attorneys' offices typically investigate the misdemeanor crime.

Terri Moore, Dallas County's first assistant district attorney, said it is too early to comment on whether her office is looking into Irving's practic-

Federal bribery probe exposes corruption in Waller County HEMPSTEAD (AP) — An ongoing federal bribery.

fraud investigation which has already resulted in the resignation of four officials who pleaded guilty to accepting kickbacks, has exposed a culture of corruption in rural Waller County, northwest of In FBI surveillance recordings and court records

public officials speak about bribes using coded language and talk about ways to inflate bids to cover the cost of kickbacks, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday edition. In February, Larry W. Wilson Sr., the then-mayor

pro-tem of Hempstead, and Paris Kincaid Jr., who was a Hempstead alderman, both pleaded guilty to soliciting kickbacks. They are scheduled to be sentenced this summer and face up to five years in Also that month, Keith Woods, the former Brook

shire mayor and Henry Cheney, who was public works director from the opposite end of Waller County, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to solicit and accept kickbacks.

They were both arrested last year and are already serving time in federal prisons for the same crime

In the FBI investigation, which began four years ago, a demolition contractor who was working undercover for the FBI offered cash "packages" to officials in exchange for contracts. He sometimes met the officials outside convenience stores, at a fast-food restaurant, at a shopping mall in Katy and even a casino in Lake Charles, La., the newspaper reported.

The federal indictments of the four officials mention the involvement of others, referred to as "unnamed associates," "unindicted co-conspirators" and a "judge." In fact, one unnamed perpetrator appears to be the kingpin, facilitating deals with other elected officials.

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In addition to the two headlining bands, the Funtastic Fourth boasts live music from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with food,

venders, jumpers for the

kids, a washer tournament and a talent show. The talent show will be limited to solo artists with a prize of \$500. Other possible attractions are being discussed, but they're still in the works. Both of the headliners

will play for an hour to an hour and a half, but the DRA is looking for

ested in participating. The Coble Family will also be performing some time during the day. as well as other gospel groups that have yet to be announced.

any local bands inter-

Those interested in having a booth at the Funtastic Fourth are able to go ahead and sign

up now. Since space is limited for food booths, Johnson urged people to register as soon as possible. Food booths are \$150 and all other booths are \$50. The DRA is still in the

process of raising the money necessary to put on the event. While organizers are planning a

will include prizes such as a \$1,000 gift certificate to Allan's Furniture, tickets to the Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Six Flags to name a few, they still need donations to make it all possible.

fund-raising effort that

"We do still need sponsors. We are looking for both individual and corporate sponsors who would like to chip in and be a part of everything.'

For more information or to register a booth, call Johnson at 267-6278, Kalea Watson at Jaguar Bearing Supply at 263-0400 or check out MySpace at www.myspace. com/funtasticfourth.

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project that will allow the municipality to use left over funds to make repairs to Lancaster; and award bids for asphalt and aggregate for the city's seal coat proj-The council is expect-

ed to elect a mayor pro tem during the meeting, as well as consider first reading of a resolution to approve the signatures for the city depository contract.

The Big Spring Police Department will also get some attention Tuesday, as the council gets ready to vote on the first reading of a budget amendment that will allow for

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computer upgrades and new software for the law enforcement agency. Taxes will also take

center stage during the meeting, as the council considers first reading of an annual ordinance that adds a 20 percent penalty to delinquent taxes received after July 1 to cover the city's cost to recover the taxes. The council is also ex-

house. For more infor-

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mation, call 264-2202.

pected to call for a special work session June 2 to discuss possible actions concerning the municipal swimming pool, which the council decided not to open this summer due to its inability to meet federal regulations. The meeting will get

under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, lo-

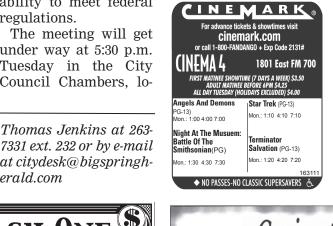
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Also during Tuesday's meeting, commissioners are expected to discuss and possibly take action on making a donation to the 2010 Census effort,

contract for the county's IT (information technology) position. The meeting is set to | get under way at 10 a.m.

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Our View

Our fallen heroes may they never, ever be forgotten

s is the case most years, the calendar for 2008 lists two Memorial Days: May 25, Memorial Day (observed) and May 30, the **∟**"real" Memorial Day.

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

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

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers. The women were thankful that even though their

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

At that time, the observance was known as Deco-

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

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

In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a • JOHN CORNYN role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is U.S. Senator the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming 517 Hart Office Building pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts.

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

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

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

However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans who died in service of this country dating back

to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775. Today, we had a chance to salute our own veterans not once, but twice; by attending ceremonies at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial and at the 26th annual Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony at step back and sleep Trinity Memorial Park.

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

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

You, Lord, make our life content.

Honoring our fallen heroes

he fabric of Texas' rich history is woven with legendary stories of sacrifice and remarkable acts of valor. From the battle of the Alamo, when Colonel William Barret Travis and his men stood their ground,

declaring "no retreat, no surrender" and sacrificed all for the freedom of their nation to the young men and women who are laying down their lives on foreign battlefields today — generation after generation, our state's men and women have exhibited the indomitable Texas spirit of service



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and patriotism.

Stretching back to the American Indian Wars, 70 Texans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroic service. And many of them died earning that distinction. During World War II, a young

B-24 pilot from Fort Worth named Horace Carswell was flying a single-craft mission to take out a convoy of Japanese ships in the South China Sea. After scoring direct hits on the target, Maj. Carswell's aircraft was badly damaged. Through skillful flying, he kept the staggering bomber in the air long enough to make it to land so his crew could safely parachute onto the Chinese shore. Maj. Carswell and his copilot were killed in the crash landing, but through his courageous actions, the rest of his crew survived. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and Carswell Air Force Base outside of Fort Worth was named in his honor.

Another Texan who made an indelible mark on our nation's history is Master Sgt. Roy Benavidez, a daring and fearless soldier in Vietnam from Cuero. Sgt. Benavidez and his soldiers were ambushed on a secret mission in Cambodia, and despite suffering a broken jaw, sustaining 37 bullet wounds and being stabbed with a bayonet, he exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire and carried gravely wounded soldiers in his arms to safety. He was so badly maimed that his commander nominated him for a Distinguished Service Cross award because the Army was afraid he wouldn't survive long enough for the extensive Medal of Honor process to be completed. But he did survive, and was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor. Sgt. Benavidez made service to his country his life's work. A bust of Sgt. Benavidez is on display at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where it serves as a tribute to his life and an inspiration to future leaders.

Preserving these legacies is critical, because, as President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.'

Today, a new generation of patriots is serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Like many before them, some are paying for our freedom with their lives. In the early days of the war in Iraq, a 23-year-old Texan named James Kiehl was killed when

al Nasiriya. His remains were brought home to Comfort, and on the day of his funeral something remarkable happened. Hundreds of men, women and children from across the community lined the streets to honor their hometown hero and show support for his family as the funeral procession wound its way through the small town. He was one of the first Texans to lay down his life in combat. To date more than 400 Texans have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of today's military heroes have not yet made it into the pages of history. But they are already solidifying a legacy of valorous service. Unlike many of the wars that were fought in previous generations, none of the

his convoy was ambushed near

of today's soldiers stood and volunteered to go. If you ask one of our troops or the family of one of our fallen heroes why they volunteered, their responses are almost always rooted in patriotism and the desire to be a part of something greater than themselves.

men and women serving in Iraq

and Afghanistan were drafted

into service. Every single one

Every day, I think of those Tex ans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I think about the loved ones who miss them.

It is fitting for our nation to pause and remember them on Memorial Day.

But to truly honor their service, we must always cherish liberty, work to keep America free and strong, espouse the values for which our troops have fought and died, and pass down their memory to future generations.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

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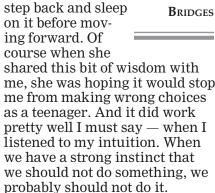
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What to do when you can't decide

his was the question my daughter recently asked on her online journal. For her, the indecision was about which field of study to select for her next Master's degree.

I suspect we've all been faced with indecision at various points in our

My mamma told me long ago that if I'm questioning a decision or choice, then is the time to on it before moving forward. Of course when she



ANNETTE

There isn't a perfect formula that will assure we will always Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a make the best decision. But a good 'ole pros and cons list is always a good thing to do.

It's rarely — probably never actually — true that there is only one course of action to take. So when considering a decision, list your options — any and all alternatives that come to mind. Don't take the time to evaluate while you're doing this kind of possibility thinking. Since it's often helpful to ap-

proach a decision from as many perspectives as possible, don't just ask friends and family members for their ideas — ask strangers as well. The goal is to choose a course

of action that is the most reasonable and balanced. So be sure to weigh the possible outcomes. Visualize the result you hope for. You want to feel comfortable with your decision. You want to feel what is right. Don't question what feels right with logic.

I have an example of this. We were trying to select fabric to have our living room furniture upholstered. I loved a certain fabric — its color, pattern, the way it felt. But logic kept telling me I should select a different fabric that was probably more durable and potentially longerlasting. I did. And I never liked my decision. Unfortunately, I was stuck with that furniture buy new. When I did, I bought exactly what I wanted without analyzing its practicality.

What we don't want to do is get stuck wavering between two possible courses of action and remain unable to decide, move or act. Hesitating, wavering and waffling are often seedlings of fear that can become habitforming. Indecision is a decision to do nothing — not the decision we want to make.

Mary Baker Eddy wrote, "Each individual must fill his own niche in time and eternity." I love the word — must — in this statement of promise. I love the assurance that there must be a right decision, a right place, a right choice for each of us at all times. That includes right now at this very moment.

Perhaps sometimes we get so focused on trying to make decisions for tomorrow, we neglect today. Maybe we need to begin

our decisions today — making

the most of the present moment,

our present situation, our present job, our present home and so

forth. Sometimes, too, we can get so busy analyzing all of our options and possible outcomes, that we don't ask God what His will for us is. He most certainly has a perfect divine plan for all of His creation. The problem is that we don't always ask, listen or follow

His direction. Remember the story of Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. We read that "the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:" (Exodus 13:21) It took them a long time to reach their Promised Land because they relented many times to fears and doubts and stopped trusting in God's guidance.

I feel certain that God is leading each of us each day. And we can each reach our divine heights as we follow and trust His lead. But we must ask and listen first — moment by moment, step by step.

Yoda, the most powerful Jedi Master of the Star Wars universe, assured a young Luke Skywalker — and it works for us, too: "The answers are within

And so they are.

God places the right answers in our heart. Trust your heart. God will enable you to feel what the best decision is.

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writer who lives in North Texas. Her columns are published weekly by numerous newspapers. E-mail her at annettebridges@ gmail.com

for a few more years and was so happy when I was finally able to

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Jennifer Castilaw, shown here batting in action earlier this season, provided the Bulldogettes' winning hit in a 2-1, extra-inning win over Kermit Saturday.

Bulldogetts take Game 2 win over Kermit in eight innings

Herald Staff Report

 $\overline{\mathrm{M}\,\mathrm{I}\,\mathrm{D}\,\mathrm{L}\,\mathrm{A}\,\mathrm{N}}\,\overline{\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{C}\,\mathrm{o}}$ a h o m a ' s Bulldogettes have once against earned the right to play for a Region I softball

The Bulldogettes wrapped up a sweep in a best-of-three regional semifinal series over Kermit Saturday, defeating the Lady Yellow Jackets, 2-1, in eight innings.

For a second straight game, the Bulldogettes received timely production from an unlikely source.

Freshman Jennifer Castilaw picked the right time to get her first hit of the postseason, hitting a single to right with no outs in the bottom of the eighth to score Heather Newton for

The first five innings of the game featured a pitcher's duel between Kermit's Lauren Nutt and Coahoma's

The Lady Jackets finally broke through in the sixth. Lucero Porras led off the inning with a triple and later scored on a fielder's choice ball hit by Nutt to Coahoma second baseman Minnie Goodblanket.

Another surprising source tied the game for the Bulldogettes in the bottom of the seventh. With Kalea Neff on second, Katie Dunn, pinch-hitting for Goodblanket, singled to drive in the tying run, pushing the game into extra innings.

The Bulldogettes, currently ranked fifth in the state, will meet No. 8 Early in a best-of-three series for the Region I title with Game 1 beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. Game 2 is set for 4 p.m. Friday with a third game, if needed, taking place 30 minutes after.

Kermit

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Lots of hype surrounding Hawks

Howard now primed to take on Alabama school in second round

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

 $\operatorname{GRAND}\operatorname{JUNCTION}-\operatorname{There}$'s a lot of hype surrounding the Howard College Hawks at the Divsion I Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

And why not?

The Hawks have lost just one game all season, broke the all-time win streak record at any level of collegiate baseball with 57 consecutive victories and have been ranked No. 1 in the nation since the first poll of the year was released more than two

The turnout for the Hawks' first game in Grand Junction Saturday against Western Nevada College's Wildcats was more than maybe anyone could have expected, though.

Fans for both the Hawks and Wildcats were joined in the stands by thousands of locals to watch the most dramatic game at the 2009 World

The Hawks got a walk-off solo home run from center fielder Runey Davis in the bottom of the 11th inning, sealing a 4-3 victory. An estimated 6,889 spectators watched the drama unfold, making the opening game of the series by far the most attended contest in

the event's first two days. After a day off, the Hawks meet Shelton State (Ala.) College (43-16) in the next round at 8:30 p.m. today. Shelton State run-ruled Iowa Western, 16-6, after six innings to open its bid for a national title.

Shelton State had six extra base hits in the game, including five doubles. The Bucs did trailed early, falling behind 3-1 to Iowa Western after three

They rallied to score six in the bot-

tom of the fourth on five hits and two errors, making the score 7-3. Iowa Western answered with three in the top of the fifth, cutting the deficit to

Shelton State put two up in the bottom of that frame and erupted for seven in the sixth to finally put the game away. A David Kindred single brought in Dustin Dunn to end the game.

Shelton State does have one edge over the Hawks. The Bucs have World Series experience after finishing second to Grayson County College last year. Grayson defeated Shelton State, 13-2, in the title game.

As a team, the Bucs hit .316 and have 39 home runs on the season. They've scored 502 runs. Leading them offensively is Kindred, who plays left field, with a .398 batting average, seven home runs and 43

First baseman Brett Whitaker has knocked in the most runs this season for Shelton State with 59.

The team's ERA is 4.67. The Bucs used their top starter, Josh Wirnsberger, against Iowa Western, leaving their No. 2 pitcher Trey McNutt with the daunting task of facing the Hawks.

McNutt has a 7-2 record in 12 starts. He's posted a 3.82 ERA with 86 strikeouts and 36 walks in 66 innings

Howard Head Coach Britt Smith said he was uncertain who would pitch this game, although No. 2 starter Dylan Cacciola might make the most sense.

Cacciola, a left-handed transfer from Brookhaven College in New Jersey, has been the typical starter for the Hawks in the second games of



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College shortstop Bryan Johns fields a ball in Region V Baseball Tournament action May 13 at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth. Johns and the Hawks have been a big draw in Grand Juction, Colo., at the 2009 JUCO World Series. Howard plays its second game of the national tournament at 8:30 p.m. today against Shelton State (Ala.) College.

series this season. He has a 3.25 ERA with a 10-0 record in 12 starts and 15 appearances.

He's third on the team with with 88 strikeouts, while walking just 22 batters in 63.2 innings pitched.

The winner of tonight's game receives another day off before they're forced to retake the diamond Wednesday. A true advantage because their opponent -- either Cowley County (Ark.) Community College, Santa Fe (Fla.) or San Jacinto College -- will have played Tuesday.

World Series notes: Howard's first opponent, Western Nevada, dominated Shelton State's first casualty,

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Sports in brief

Lady Buffs advance to regional final knocking off Albany

Forsan's Lady Buffs softball team advanced to the Class A reginal finals over the weekend by taking a pair of wins Saturday.

After suffering a 4-3 loss in the first game of the semifinal showdown with the No. 2-ranked Albany squad, the Lady Buffs managed 6-5 and 6-2 wins in a doubleheader Saturday to advance.

Forsan will face Marfa in the regional final at a time, date and location that has yet to be announced.

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.

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 grad-

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.

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

Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

For more information or to make reservations, contact WBU Head Coach Brad Bass at (806) 291-1157 or Assistant Josh Milner at (806) 291-1158.

Memorial Day Remembrance

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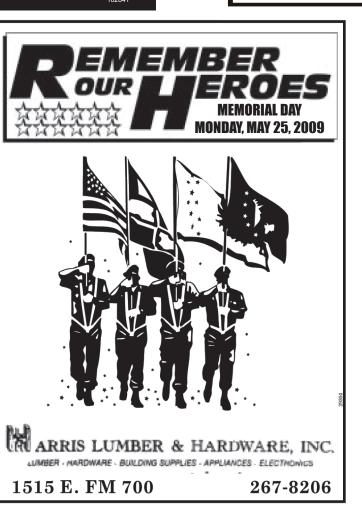
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In these uncertain times, we realize more than ever the vital importance of the men and women who serve in our country's military. On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to our fellow countrymen who died in wartime, fighting to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. On this solemn day, let us also remind ourselves that we must not take these freedoms for granted, but gratefully remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect them.

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holiday leave. Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341 or crmwd.org

THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions. Central Control Operator- Responsible for monitoring water flows, pressures, and tank levels using SCADA system. Perform administrative support including recording readings, monitoring phones, and basic data entry. Basic computer skills including Exce This position involves shift work.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

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of issues. (March 21-April 19). It is your opinion that everyone is free to have their own opinion — only you don't have to listen to it. You'll be changing the channel even if the views you're exposed to

(April **TAURUS** 20-May 20). You'll enjoy peace and quiet if you can find it — try the library. Your household

aren't on the television.

has become hectic and you need to get away from it for a while. When you come back, you'll know how to recreate the harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A belief that once made you feel secure is now stifling. What if you could be more without that belief? You'll be inspired to throw off your mental chains in hopes of experiencing a surge of genius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will take physical labor to better your surroundings. All your hard work will pay off. You'll have the respect of your family, the benefit of a pretty environment plus the peace of mind that comes with a good night of sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You refuse to appease the crowd by doing what they want. But if the thing you want to do makes them happy, too, you both win. So follow your muses, not the chants of your audi-

22). The theme is: All for one and one for all. You'll stand up with someone who cannot stand alone. You will also be helping future souls who find themselves in this position. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Reconnecting with someone dear to you is paramount. Turn off the television, the computer and the phone. Focus your attention on the face, voice and emotion of your beloved. **SCORPIO** (Oct.

24-Nov. 21). You're the one who will always try to create precious and beautiful pearls from irritating grains of sand. And now you don't have to try. Good happens naturally without any interference. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). Who is like you? A few will try, but none will succeed. Even you don't know how you come up with your brilliant, endearing quirks. But they just keep coming now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. finally get a reward that a work-at-home mother

was a long time in coming. Celebrate, but don't rest. You are uniquely equipped to make the most of this. The real work is just beginning. Keep looking ahead so that you do not fall behind. **AQUARIUS** (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Relationships challenge you. It's critical that you do not go back on your word. It's likely that you don't understand what the other person is doing, but if you gave this person your trust, honor that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you decide who you want to be by determining who you don't want to be. But different strokes for different folks, right? A person who has made choices you don't approve of requires your tolerance.

ASTROLOGICAL "Are **QUESTIONS:** Capricorns just real men who don't want to help out with the housework and childcare? I'm

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of a toddler and my husband works, too. When he comes home from his job, I basically wait on him and my toddler hand and foot. Sometimes I resent the fact that I have absolutely no time to myself and what little time I do have is spent doing basic life-maintenance things like grocery shopping. Whenever I bring up the inequity in our relationship, he says he'll help me more. But then he never does. I'm beginning to think that my life is no easier than it would be if I were a single mom. My friend who is a single mom has a happier, more manageable schedule than I. So what can you tell a Scorpio tearing her hair

Capricorn men are very responsible and enjoy helping out if they know exactly what is required of them. You need to give him your scheduling requests for childcare in writing and when it's his turn, hand him your child and leave the house to do you own thing. If you're there, he'll fall back into the habit of letting you take over.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am in my early 20s and attending college. I recently found out that my mother had been having an off-and-on affair with a married man for years. Ever since, I have not been the same. I am angry, hurt, humiliated and confused.

My friends at school tell me that Mom is still the same person. She has always been a good mother to my sisters and me, but after hearing this news,

I am devastated. I feel like I don't know her anymore. Part of her essence included her morals and ethics. She was a good role model. I am ashamed to think she was not only having sex with a married man all over town, but was cheating on my dad.

My parents live in a small city, and when the wife of this man found out, she told half the town. Why didn't my mother consider how we would feel when this affair came to light? She was selfish, not caring that she was hurting her family. I love my mother, but I am so disappointed in her. I no longer see her the way I once did, nor can I talk to her the same way. What do I do? - Lost and Confused Daughter

Dear Lost: It is perfectly understandable that your impression of your mother has changed, but that doesn't mean your relationship is over. It means you have to accept that she is fallible, while understanding that she still has many decent qualities. We are certain she loves you. You do not have to approve of what she has done, but try to forgive her for her faulty judgment and selfish behavior so you can develop a new relationship. It will be different, but in

time it can be good again.

D e a r Annie: My husband met "Leslee" when was a summer intern at office. his She is 20 years younger than he is.

They developed a friendship during that time that has continued. They now average 100 text messages a day between them and several phone

throughout the week.

They see nothing wrong with this level of communication and insist they are just friends. I say this much daily contact means it has gone way beyond friendship.

Leslee is married, and



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

in on the phone conversations? If your husband is hiding these things from you or tries to exclude you from the relationship, it is a betrayal of the marriage and he should stop. However, it's possible your husband considers himself Leslee's mentor and nothing more, and would have no problem if you were part of the friendship. We recommend you invite Leslee and her husband over for dinner and see for yourself how they interact. **Dear Readers:** Today is

Memorial Day. Please remember our fallen heroes by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of veterans. It is also customary to fly the flag at half-staff until noon. Taps

by Maj. Gen. Daniel Butterfield

Day is done, gone the sun, From the hills, from the lake, From the skies. All is well, Safely rest,

God is nigh. Go to sleep, peaceful

sleep, May the soldier or sailor. God keep. On the land or the deep,

Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go, When the day,

And the night Need thee All is well. Speedeth all

To their rest. Fades the light; And

afar, goeth day, And the stars Shineth bright,

Fare thee well; Day has gone, Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days, 'Neath the sun, Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky. As we go, This we know,

God is nigh.

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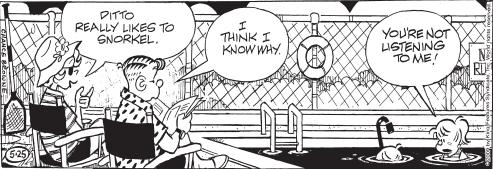








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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 25, the 145th day of 2009. There are 220 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance. Today's Highlights in History:

On May 25, 1979, 273 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport. Six-year-old Etan Patz disappeared while on his way to a school bus stop in lower Manhattan; his fate has never been determined.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began meeting in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to two years in pris-

In 1916, the Chicago Tribune published an interview with

Henry Ford in which the American industrialist was quoted as saying, "History is more or less bunk.'

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the

714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates. In 1946, Transjordan (now

Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, Abdullah I. In 1961, President John F.

Kennedy, addressing Congress,

called on the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. In 1968, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis was dedicated by Vice President Hubert Humphrey

Udall. In 1969, the motion picture "Midnight Cowboy," starring Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight, opened in New York.

and Interior Secretary Stewart

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America," forming a line across the country to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

Today's Birthdays: Lyricist Hal David is 88. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 75. Country singersongwriter Tom T. Hall is 73. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 70. Actress Dixie Carter is 70. Country singer Jessi Colter is 66. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 66. Movie director and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 65. Actress Karen Valentine is 62. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 61. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 58. Actress Connie Sellecca is 54. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 51. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 46. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 42. Actor Joseph Reitman is 41.

Thought for Today: "A historian is a prophet in reverse." Friedrich von Schlegel, German diplomat and writer (1772-1829).

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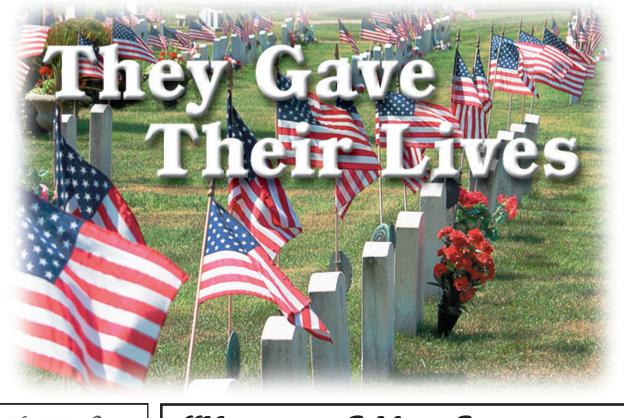
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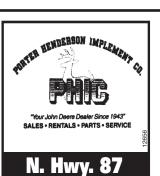
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Longhorns top Missouri for Big 12 crown

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sporting a banged-up hand and a new nickname, Cameron "fourfinger" Rupp still was able to provide the pop that pushed Texas to its fourth Big 12 baseball

Playing with his right ring finger bandaged up, Rupp hit a grand slam during an 11-run outburst in the fourth inning as the top-seeded Longhorns beat Missouri 12-7 Sunday to repeat as conference champions.

"It felt a lot better today than it did yesterday, that's for sure," said Rupp, who split his finger open a day earlier when he smashed against a Kansas State player's bat while trying to throw out a baserunner from behind the plate.

moved from Rupp catcher to designated hitter and had the big hit in an inning filled with free passes from the Tigers. He earned a hearty pat on the back from his coach, who called him "four-finger Rupp" in his postgame news conference.

It took four relievers to get out of the fourth after Missouri starter Scooter Hicks (5-3) let the first two hitters reach base. Texas' big inning was fueled by four walks and two batters who were hit by pitches.

Rupp then delivered the exclamation point with a line drive that cleared the 400-foot mark in center field at the Bricktown Ballpark to make it 11-1.

"I didn't think it was going to get out of the ballpark," Rupp said. "I knew I hit it good off the bat. I wasn't sure if it was going to be high enough."

The Longhorns (41-13-1) became the first team to win back-to-back titles since they pulled off the feat in 2002 and 2003. They also matched Nebraska with a leaguehigh four conference

crowns. "I think it's a feel-good tournament," said Texas coach Augie Garrido,

runs in four games after coming in with the nation's top ERA. "I think it was a tournament where the hitters could take a lot of confidence from their performances. They were steady. They were good.

"We've been criticized for being a weak-hitting team, and we responded. We're hitting the ball hard, we're hitting it often and we're hitting it

During the inning, Texas learned that it would host an NCAA tournament regional at Disch-Falk Field for the first time since 2006. The Longhorns also hosted a regional in 2007, but at a minor-league ballpark in Round Rock, Texas.

Texas has been eliminated in regional play each of the past three years after wining the College World Series in 2005.

"Even though we've hosted, we haven't hosted on a field where we have the home-field advantage," Garrido said.

Missouri (34-25) ran out of pitching depth in only its second appearance in the Big 12 championship game, following a 13-inning loss to Oklahoma State in 2004. Led by strong starts from pro prospect Kyle Gibson and Adam Tepesch, the third-seeded Tigers had advanced to the title game despite having the fewest hits in the eight-team field during pool play.

Mizzou still became the first team in conference history to play in the football, men's basketball and baseball championship games in the same academic year. And it seemed like the Tigers had karma in their favor after the men's basketball and softball teams had both won Big 12 titles in Oklahoma City this year.

even gave coach Tim Jamieson a fresh reminder as the team left campus.

That all fell apart when Hicks ran out of steam in the fourth. He had never thrown more than 4 2-3 innings in a college game and said he

whose team scored 34 was trying to get over an illness on top of that.

> "That was probably my biggest opponent," Hicks said. "I just tried to go out there and give it everything I had today and try to win this game. I just came up a little bit short."

> Hicks issued a leadoff walk to Brandon Belt and then gave up a single to Michael Torres, who had been trying to sacrifice before swinging away with a full count.

> Ian Berger replaced Hicks and didn't retire any of the three batters he faced, sandwiching walks around a tworun single by Brandon Loy. It snowballed from there as left-fielder Aaron Senne misplayed Preston Clark's fly ball into a single and relievers Ryan Clubb and Phil McCormick beaned consecutive batters.

"We gave them eight base-runners. One was a bunt they tried to give us and we couldn't capitalize on that, and then the dropped fly ball. It wasn't an error, but it should have been an out. You add those two to the walks and hit-bypitches, that's tough to overcome," Jamieson said.

The Tigers came back with three runs off of reliever Austin Dicharry (7-2) in the top of the fifth, but the rally fizzled after center fielder Connor Rowe made a diving catch on a sacrifice fly by Greg Folgia that made it 12-4. Missouri added another three runs in the ninth without getting a hit.

Garrido said the sloppy finish, featuring the last of the Longhorns' 10 walks and four errors in the game, would give the team some areas to focus on heading into NCAA regional play.

"We need to put the wheels back on the School administrators car," Garrido said. "It was a rough race. And we've got to tune up the engine again and get everything straightened out."

> Notes: Jamieson had held out hope that Missouri's appearance in the title game, com-



Texas' Travis Tucker (2) celebrates with his team after the Big 12 baseball tournament championship game against Missouri in Oklahoma City Sunday,

bined with geography, would land the Tigers an NCAA regional site for only the second time since 1965. But he was more disappointed the Big 12 got only two regional sites, Texas and Oklahoma. "I think the conference, whether it be us or Kansas State or somebody else, certainly earned a third site," Jamieson said. "People are on us about, 'You need to get a team to Omaha."

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Iowa Western, 11-0 Sunday. The game was called after five innings. The loss made Iowa Western the first team eliminated from this year's tournament. Seminole State (Okla.) College followed suit later in the day with a loss to Middle Georgia College, 16-6. ... The other Texas college in Grand Junction, San Jacinto, also represented the state well, defeat-Spartanburg Methodist, 7-1, in the final opening round game of the tourney Sunday night. ... Rain has caused some problems at the World Series. Saturday's third game between Cowley County and Seminole State was delayed 70 minutes after the sixth inning was completed. There were no delays Sunday, but an early morning shower left the field soggy at best for the rest of the day. As of this morning,

no rain was yet to fall, but a 30 percent chance

of precipitation exists

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable NORTH **↑** A J 5 **♥** Q 10 9 6 WEST **EAST** ♠ K 10 7 6 4 ♥42 ◆J752 ♥J8753 **♦** 10 6 3 SOUTH **♦**Q93 **♥**AK

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Not much is written about "table - the ability to sense where certain missing key cards are located. Nevertheless, it is a fact of bridge life that all players try to draw inferences from the actions of their opponents and that some players are much

better at it than others. Take this case from the 1996 Spingold Teams. South, Bart Bramley, and his partner, Sidney Lazard, reached seven clubs as shown, and it was up to Bramley to find the way to

Declarer's only problem was how to avoid a spade loser. With the king

Bramley was destined to go down

one, but he proved otherwise.

After taking the heart lead with the ace, he drew three rounds of trumps, East discarding a spade, and then cashed the heart king. This was followed by a diamond to the ace and the queen of hearts, East and declared each discarding a spade. Bramley then ruffed the ten of hearts, East discarding a third spade, and led the queen of spades, on which West fol-

At this point, Bramley stopped to review all the accumulated information — including what his "table feel" told him. From the standpoint of pure probabilities, East was far more likely to hold the spade king, since he had started with only two clubs and two hearts. This left him with nine cards in spades and dia-monds as opposed to only five cards in those suits for West. Then, too, West might have covered the queen of spades with the king if he had it.

increasing signs of distress in choos-ing his three discards, and this made had the spade king.

So Bramley put up the ace of spades and cashed dummy's last trump, discarding his remaining spade. East, who at this point had the J-7-5 of diamonds and lone king of spades guarding against dummy's jack, elected to let go of a diamond, and declarer's K-Q-9 of diamonds took the last three tricks.

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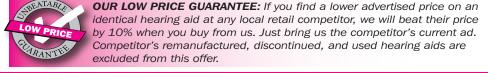
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