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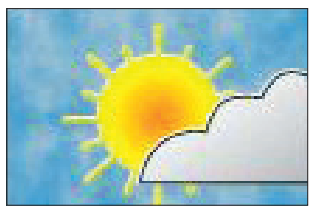
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# Remembering the fallen



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Bikers from all over West Texas lined the streets outside the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning, part of the annual Ride to Remember.

Event organizers said more than 700 bikes — many carrying two people — were counted making their way into the memorial grounds.



HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins

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## Ceremonies honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Nearly 2,000 people from all over the Permian Basin gathered at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning to offer their thanks and respect to the men and women of the armed forces who gave their lives in the line of duty.

For some, Monday was a chance to participate in the annual Ride to Remember, which brought more than

700 motorcyclists to the local memorial. For others, it was a chance to bow their heads and say thanks for the many freedoms we enjoy today, and at such a horrible cost.

“Memorial Day began in 1868 as a day to honor those Union soldiers that gave their lives during the civil war. After World War I, it became the day to honor all the men and women of this great nation that have given their lives in

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At left above, Jerry Groves, a member of the local Vietnam Memorial Committee, left, and a representative of the annual Ride to Remember bike run, prepare to place a wreath during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday afternoon. The ceremony drew close to 2,000 people, according to event organizers. In photo above, Tommy Welch, left, and Phillip Welch retire the colors following Monday afternoon’s Memorial Day ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Not pretty, but a win

*Howard overcomes sloppy fielding to down Shelton St. in World Series 2nd round*

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Cashing in on golden opportunities isn't coming easy for the Howard College Hawks at the 2009 Division I Junior College World Series.

After stranding 15 runners on base in the their first game of the tournament Saturday against Western Nevada, the Hawks continued to struggle to push across runs in their second game against Shelton State (Ala.) College on Monday. But thanks to some solid pitching and Shelton mistakes, the Hawks took a 7-4 victory.

"We're blessed to have won the first two games," said Howard Head Coach Britt Smith. "It hasn't been easy and we've got to start playing better and pushing more runs across when we get them on base."

The Hawks next play Wednesday, when they face the winner of today's game between Santa Fe Community College and San Jacinto College.

Despite stranding 12 runners Monday, the Hawks were tied with Shelton State 4-4 after six innings because Howard's pitching staff was able to work its way out of tough situations.

However, things changed for the Hawks in the bottom of the seventh as they took advantage of back-to-back errors by Shelton State shortstop Nick Vickerson to take a commanding lead.

With one out in the seventh, Will Calhoun doubled down the left field line, then scored on Vickerson's first error. Vickerson let a hard-hit grounder by B.J. Armstrong roll under his glove. Armstrong went to second on the mishap and then scored on a second error by the Bucs' shortstop.

Runey Davis, who was the hero in the Hawks' 4-3 win over Western Nevada on Saturday with a solo homer in the 11th inning, came up with another big hit, tripling to left center to score Andrew Collazo.

"Runey's had timely hits all season," said Smith. "Whether it's been in the first, third, seventh or 11th innings. When we need a hit, Runey seems to always be able to deliver."

"I just stick to my approach no matter the situation," said Davis, who transferred to Howard from the University of Texas in Austin. "It's really working out for me. Hopefully, it can continue."

Left-handed starter Dylan Cacciola pitched five innings for the Hawks and combined with righty reliever Will Calhoun to strand 12 Bucs on the bags. Calhoun picked up his first win of the tournament, giving up one run on one hit with three strikeouts in four innings of work.

For the second straight game, the Hawks trailed 2-0 after the top of the third inning. The Bucs pushed across one run in the first after Brett Whitaker doubled to deep right,



Christopher Tomlinson/Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

**Howard College's Dylan Cacciola pitches in action Monday from the 2009 Junior College World Series Monday at Sam Suplizio Field in Grand Junction, Colo. Cacciola and the Hawks picked up their second win at the World Series, defeating Shelton State (Ala.) College, 7-4. The Hawks face either San Jacinto College or Santa Fe (Fla.) College at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.**

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## Sports in brief

### Upcoming high school softball playoff dates

Softball teams from Coahoma and Forsan are on the verge of earning a trip to the University Interscholastic League state softball finals. Both teams play their respective regional finals this week:

#### Coahoma

The No. 5 ranked Bulldogettes hope to earn their 10th trip to the Class 2A state tournament when they face Early in a best-of-three series beginning Wednesday in Abilene.

Game One is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday. The second game will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, with the third game, if necessary, following about 30 minutes after Game Two's conclusion.

All games will be at the Abilene Christian University softball complex.

The Bulldogettes earned their trip to the region finals by sweeping Kermit Friday and Saturday in Midland.

#### Forsan

The Lady Buffaloes are on the verge of their first-ever trip to the UIL Class 1A state softball tournament, thanks to a victory in their best-of-three series with No. 2-ranked Albany this past weekend in Abilene.

Forsan dropped the first game of the series, 4-3,

before rallying to take a pair of victories, 6-5 and 6-2, Saturday. Amanda Longorio was the winning pitcher in both wins.

The Lady Buffs now face Marfa in the Region I-1A finals.

The best-of-three series begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Monahans.

Game Two, meanwhile, will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mugs Field in Midland. Game Three, if necessary, will follow immediately afterward.

Admission for all games is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

### 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.

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.



## Obituaries

### Wilma 'Billie' Hoffman Dillon

Wilma "Billie" Hoffman Dillon, 94, died May 21, 2009, in Big Spring.

Billie was born July 29, 1914, in Anthony, Kan., to Jake Hoffman and Myrtle Siebert Hoffman. She married George Franklin "Frank" Dillon July 7, 1933, in Perry, Okla.

The couple came to Big Spring in 1947 when Dr. Dillon began practicing urology here. Billie was a Quaker, a member of University Friends Church in Wichita, Kan.

Billie was a perfectionist and had many interests. She excelled at golf and held the ladies' championship at the Big Spring Country Club eight times. She enjoyed sewing and knitting and created many lovely garments. She was a talented artist, gifting friends and family with beautiful paintings before she moved on to other pursuits.

Billie and Frank were avid rock hounds. They studied geology at Howard College and enjoyed hiking in the Big Bend and many other sites throughout the country. Together, they collected a wide variety of fossil specimens, as well as many interesting or beautiful rocks which they displayed in their garden.

Both Billie and Frank loved to work crossword puzzles. Billie loved to learn and was an avid reader. She enjoyed researching new medical procedures and medications.

After Frank's death, Billie attended Trinity Baptist Church, where she is remembered for her sweet smile. She had a kind and generous spirit, always ready to offer help to those in need. She was a devoted wife, sister and aunt, and a loyal friend.

Billie is survived by her much loved sister, Faye Sproul, of Andover, Kan.; several nieces and nephews; and many friends by whom she will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her adored husband of 65 years, Dr. G.F. Dillon; her parents; and her sister, Maxine Berg of Eugene, Ore.

In accordance with Billie's wish, no services are planned. In lieu of flowers, Billie requested memorials be sent to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721, or the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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### 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 was a dedicated educator, coach, farmer and oil field worker in his career. He was a man of great principle and a loving father, grandfather and friend.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Kellyanne Warren of New York, N.Y., and Greg and Blanca Warren of Southbury, Conn.; his special friend, Ruthie Stewart of Santo; five grandchildren, Gregory C. Warren Jr., Lindsey Warren, Nick Warren, Sam Warren and William Warren; his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Dan Griffith of Cisco; the mother of his children, Retha Godfrey Mason of Poolville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Fire/EMS

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Hilltop Road and Highway 350. Three people were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Cherokee. One person was transported to SMMC.

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### Jimmy Duane Griffith

Jimmy Duane Griffith, 70, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 21, 2009, in Hamilton, Ohio.

While living in Big Spring, he was employed by the Cosden Refinery, then drove a truck for several businesses in the Big Spring area. He moved to Pecos in August of 1971 and drove for East Texas Motor Freight until transferred to Ohio with ABF in September 1982. He retired in 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents, D.H. "Bub" and Ireba Griffith, and previous wife, LaDonna Rae Gunter Griffith.

His survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorothy Butler Griffith of Fairfield, Ohio; six children, Jimmy and Theresa Griffith of Hamilton, Ohio, Jody and Tammy Griffith of Coahoma, Tracy Griffith of Big Spring, Glenn and Gail Moore of Arlington, Garry and Neth Moore of Princeton, Texas, and Lucy and Louis Lara of Pecos; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family and friends visitation will be held at Peaceful Garden Funeral Home in Pecos from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009. Burial will be at Mount Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

### Harold Odom

Harold Odom, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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


- **MARK ANTHONY SALAZAR**, 18, of 212 E. Robinson, was arrested Monday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **ADAM MARCUS ORRANTIA**, 21, of 500 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- **CHARLES DANIEL**, 53, of Tennessee, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS**, 32, of 3312 Auburn, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- **DAMISHA LYNETTE ANDERSON**, 29, of 3312 Auburn, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **JOE ANGEL LUNA**, 30, of 1214 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on four Scurry County warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 2500 block of Wasson.
  - in the 200 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- **PURCHASING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Sycamore.
  - in the 2600 block of Langley.
  - in the 400 block of Circle.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

## Sheriff


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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DAVID ARGUELLO**, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
  - **LARRY BISHOP**, 59, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **THOMAS LEE BLAKENEY**, 38, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and theft by check.
  - **RILEY BROOKS**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
  - **ENRIQUE CALDERON**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and failure to appear.


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## Bulletin Board

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

### TUESDAY

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. 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 Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4 - 6 - 28 - 32. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: None.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5 - 14 - 25 - 29 - 34.

Number matching five of five: None.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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

3 - 7 - 2 - 3. Sum It Up: 15.

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

9 - 1 - 1. Sum It Up: 11.

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

9-4-9-0. Sum It Up: 22.




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# Nuggets even series with Lakers HAWKS

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets are so much more than just Carmelo Anthony.

A dominating effort on the boards and a great performance by the bench helped the Nuggets overcome a below-par effort from an ailing 'Melo on Monday night, when they raced past the Los Angeles Lakers 120-101, evening the Western Conference finals at two games apiece.

They did it with their star hobbled by

a sprained ankle and slowed by a stomach virus that had him hugging the commode before tip-off and getting IVs at halftime.

"Even before I twisted my ankle, with my stomach, I didn't have my legs early in the game," Anthony said. "I felt like I didn't have any energy. Those IVs were a must. They helped a little bit. I'll be OK for Wednesday."

Anthony finished with 15 hard-earned points on 3-of-16 shoot-

ing, but it hardly mattered because, unlike in Game 3 when his shot also wasn't falling, his teammates came to the rescue.

Six of them scored in double digits, led by Chauncey Billups and J.R. Smith with 24 apiece.

Kenyon Martin and Nene each had a double-double as the Nuggets posted their eighth blow-out of the postseason but their first against Los Angeles following three tight contests that came down to the final seconds.

"They whooped us, period," said Kobe Bryant, who scored 34 points. "They whooped us on the glass. They whooped us to loose balls."

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bringing in John David Smelser. Smelser also scored the Bucs' second run in the third on a throwing error by Hawks second baseman Collazo.

Howard responded to the early deficit, scoring three in the bottom part of the third. After Miles Hamblin singled and Monk Kreder walked to put runners on first and second, Nick Popescu drove both of them in with a double to right center. Popescu scored on a two-out single by Davis.

The lead increased to 4-2 in the fourth when Johns, who led off the inning with a double,

scored on a sacrifice fly by Hamblin to center field.

The Hawks committed five errors in the first game Sunday and were guilty of six more Monday. One of those errors allowed Shelton State to cut the lead to 4-3, when Coy Arrowwood scored on a throw by Armstrong from right that nearly ended up in the stands on the third base side.

"We're just trying too hard," said Smith. "The errors are not from a lack of effort. I think it's a bunch of guys just trying too hard to make the big play. This team doesn't commit this many errors normally. It's been an odd situation. We've probably committed 30 percent of our season total for errors in the first two games here. Our pitchers are throwing well, but runners are getting on base because our defense is atrocious."

The score was tied in the top of the seventh, when Greg Guy hit a pinch-hit single to score Whitaker.

Getting another day off might benefit the Hawks as several players are nursing injury or illness, including Cacciola and Johns.

"We are beat up right now," said Smith. "We've got several guys, who aren't feeling well. I hope getting a day off

helps, but we haven't pushed these guys too hard yet. Dylan was up all night throwing up. Johns has had four or five migraine headaches since he's been here. He's been to the field and then stayed in his room. He hasn't seen much of Grand Junction at all. Joe started feeling pretty dizzy after he caught a foul ball in left. I've been telling these guys that they've got to stay hydrated. I know this is Colorado, but this place can be more like a desert. It gets pretty hot here and the humidity here with all the rain has made it worse.

"It could be a problem. We don't have a lot of bodies available, particularly for the infield," he continued. "We decided to carry an extra pitcher instead of an infielder. It was so bad we were asking these guys who had ever played third base in high school. We were going to have to make a total shift in our infield. The worst part is we're having to worry about this when Shelton State was tying the game up."

SSC 101 001 100-4 6 2  
HC 003 100 30x-7 12 6  
Trey McNutt, Jon McKinney (4), Michael Carden (8) and Matt Kirkwood. Dylan Cacciola, Will Calhoun (6) and Monk Kreder. W - Calhoun (6-0). L - McKinney (2-1). 2B: SSC - Brett Whitaker, Dustin Dunn; HC - Bryan Johns, Nick Popescu, Calhoun. 3B: HC - Runey Davis. SF: HC - Miles Hamblin.



By Steve Becker

## How to Unseat a Monarch

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 5 3 2  
♥ 10 7 4  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ A Q 8

**WEST**  
♠ 6  
♥ 9 8 5 3  
♦ J 10 7 5  
♣ 10 7 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ K Q J 10 8  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ K 9  
♣ J 9 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 7 4  
♥ A Q J  
♦ A 6 4 3  
♣ K 6 2

South could also count six top tricks in the combined hands — a spade, a heart, a diamond and three clubs — and since East had to have the king of hearts, he could assume that two successful heart finesses would yield two more. Declarer's problem, therefore, was how to manufacture a ninth trick.

The only real possibility was to turn dummy's queen of diamonds into a trick, which would normally be attempted by leading low toward the queen in the hope that West had the king. But because East was marked with the king, this approach was certain to fail.

Declarer found the winning solution nevertheless. After taking the spade at trick two, he crossed to dummy with a club, led a heart to the queen, re-entered dummy with a club, repeated the heart finesse, then cashed the heart ace and club king.

Having reduced his holding to only spades and diamonds in both hands and, more importantly, having done exactly the same to East, South now led a spade, deliberately allowing East to cash three tricks in that suit.

This brought the defense's total to four tricks, but that was all they could get. After cashing the last spade, East was forced to lead from the K-9 of diamonds, allowing declarer to score dummy's queen, and the contract was home.

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♠ 1NT Pass 2NT  
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of spades.  
When the bidding tells declarer that a key card is likely to be unfavorably located, he should try to find a way to turn what he knows to his advantage. Consider this deal where declarer emerged victorious from what appeared at first to be certain defeat.

South ducked the opening spade lead and won the continuation with the ace as West discarded a low heart. Declarer could count 26 points between his own hand and dummy, marking East with virtually every missing high card for his opening bid.

Tomorrow: The resistible impulse.  
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**SHERIFF**

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- **BRIAN CARLSON**, 22, was transferred to the county jail by Martin County on a charge of murder.
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- **ERNEST CLARK**, 68, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RHETT DAYLON DEDMON**, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
- **MARK EDWARDS**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle with a previous conviction or suspension, theft and no insurance.
- **RICKY JAY EDWARDS**, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a local warrant.
- **KELLY DAWN FORSHEE**, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense (two counts).
- **LORI GARCIA FRANCO**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **CHON GARCIA**, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ERIC GODINEZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.
- **JESUS GOMEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- **RICHARD MANUEL GOMEZ**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and no driver's license.
- **LEONARD GUZMAN**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VINCENT DOIS HAGGARD**, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **JAIMEY JOHNSON**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ELIAS SOL LEDESMA**, 23, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of intoxicated assault with a vehicle (two counts), possession of a controlled substance, assault of a public servant and driving while license invalid.
- **SONIA LEOS**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, no driver's license and a local warrant.
- **NICHOLAS H. LIMON**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- **JOE LUNA**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a building, a motion to revoke probation, assault causing bodily injury – family violence and criminal mischief.
- **JACE MINCE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- **PATRICIA ANN MULLER**, 58, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a local warrant.
- **RYAN WAYNE NORMAN**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.
- **ENRIQUE OLIVARES-ARREGUIN**, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery/possession of a controlled substance and a local warrant.
- **ADAM MARCUS ORRANTIA**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- **YESENIA PENA**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and displaying an expired motor vehicle registration.
- **BRENDA SUE RAMON**, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify – giving false information and theft.
- **GENE ALBERT RODRIGUEZ**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation and a Bexar County warrant.
- **MARK ANTHONY SALAZAR**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **LAPAU SCAGGS**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of Class C assault.
- **WILLIAM SEALE**, 55, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- **LAURANCE DARNELL STRICKLIN**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.
- **ANGELINE TORRES**, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER WELSH**, 37, was arrested (agency not provided) Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

# BSHS students fare well at state academic meet

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students won several individual honors and one team award at the University Interscholastic League State Academic Meet in Austin.

James Bowen and Kade Parker each won first place awards at the Class 4A state meet, held at the University of Texas campus.

Parker placed first in number sense. Trevor Davila of Denton High School was second, while Feiran Chen of Mount Pleasant

was third.

Bowen, meanwhile, placed in three events.

He earned a gold medal in news writing, edging out Stephanie O'Connor of Lindale and Alexa Hart of Longview Pine Tree, who placed second and third, respectively.

Hart narrowly edged Bowen for first place in feature writing competition, while the BSHS senior was third in headline writing, behind Samantha Vasquez of Pleasanton and Brett Walker of Mansfield Legacy, who placed first and second, respectively.

Also placing for Big Spring at the state meet was Lacy McMurtrey, who finished third in ready writing. Maysie Ocera of Crosby High School and Robert Guidangen of Kingsville High School claimed the top two spots.

Bowen's medal haul helped BSHS claim first place in journalism team competition, edging Longview Pine Tree, which finished second.

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## HONORED

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defense of this country and freedom," said Don Boling, a longtime member of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee and a Vietnam veteran. "Over the years, more than 1 million American men and women have given their lives for freedom in every corner of the world. American blood has stained and enriched every battlefield on the face of our planet.

"It has been said, 'Poor is the nation that has no heroes, and poorer still is the nation that has them and forgets.' Obviously, we have not forgotten our heroes. Our heroes have given us the right to be arrogant, the privilege of knowing we live in the greatest nation on Earth, and the honor to never have to apologize to anyone for being an American. God bless the U.S.A., all the men and women of our military and their families."

During the ceremony, Boling read a poem written by Maj. Michael Davis O'Donnel while he was serving in Vietnam. Boling said O'Donnel

was listed as missing in action March 24, 1970, when he was shot down over Cambodia. His remains were recovered and interred at Arlington National Cemetery Aug. 16, 2001.

"If you are able, save them a place inside of you," said Boling, as waves of emotion washed over him. "And save one backward glance before leaving for the places they can no longer go. Be not ashamed to say you love them, though you may not or may not always. Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying, and keep it with your own. And in that time when men decide... to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind."

Also part of the ceremony, a local Native American chief performed a smudging ceremony to bless the grounds surrounding the Vietnam memorial and all those in attendance.

And while some might have found the ceremony strange, VMC member Randy McKinney said the Native American people have played a very influential role in



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**A local Native American chief performed a smudging ceremony to bless the grounds surrounding the Vietnam memorial during Monday morning's**

the history of our nation and the success of our armed forces.

"Native Americans have played a very important role in our military history before this country was even a country," said McKinney. "New England tribes fought alongside the colonial army to help win our independence. In 1812 Cherokees fought with Andrew Jackson to defeat the British.

"We had Plains Indians that acted as scouts and trackers for the cavalry, and then World War I came along and many Native Americans enlisted, and with World

War II, there were many more... There are Native Americans listed on the wall, who gave their lives in Vietnam. And today, there are more Native Americans in the military than ever before in history."

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## EMS

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- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia. One person was transported to SMMC.
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEW

# Make plans now to have an entry in rodeo parade

We've said it before and we'll say it again, there's no better term one can apply to the sport of rodeo than tradition. And that's especially true in this community, where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 76th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday through Saturday June 18-20, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

That's still almost a month away.

So why start thinking about that now?

Well, we can think of a few reasons.

First, it's time to be making plans for your entries in the rodeo parade that officially kicks off the festivities at 5 p.m. on June 18.

Participants in the parade will again snake their way through downtown Big Spring, but with a much different route due to the street construction taking place on Main and Scurry streets. This time around the rodeo will begin at the intersection of Third and Owens Streets, move west on Third until turning south one block on Scurry and then heading east on Fourth Street, ending at Owens.

Once again, though, the pot's been sweetened with prize money for the best parade entries.

The six divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and motorcycles.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receive \$75. A \$50 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the six entry categories will receive plaques.

So, start making plans now. Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form, which will be included in numerous editions of the Herald between now and the deadline for entries, which is Monday, June 15.

Just fill them out and return them to our office.

So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Participation is the key when rodeo time rolls around, the the parade offers virtually all of us an opportunity to get in on the fun.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Actions speak louder than words, Lord, may our actions speak Your words.

Amen

# It's just Hugo being Hugo

Say you saw Hugo Chavez shaking Barack Obama's hand and you thought the Venezuelan president was a different person. Say you no longer saw him as an arrogant, anti-American socialist dictator but as someone who could be swayed to rule by democratic principles and to act like a civilized human being. Do you still feel that way?

If you have been following Venezuelan news lately, you know it was only wishful thinking!

In fact, since Chavez met Obama, instead of at least slowing his blatant efforts to turn Venezuela into a Cuba-style socialist dictatorship, Chavez has intensified them. Instead of pretending that he still rules by democratic principles, Chavez has taken off his mask and begun a new campaign to strip Venezuela of its few remaining vestiges of democracy.

He expresses complete disregard for Venezuelans' constitutionally protected right to own private property and continues to confiscate and nationalize everything he can get his hands on.

He tries constantly to circumvent the authority of mayors and governors who belong to opposing political parties. He manufactures corruption charges and sends his puppet prosecutors after his political opponents, including Manuel Rosales — perhaps Chavez's main rival — who recently had to flee Venezuela and seek political asylum in Peru.

But perhaps the most blatant display of dictatorial behavior is the new war he has declared on the only remaining TV network that dares to quote opposition leaders.

In Venezuela, many believe Chavez is on the verge of censoring the all-news Globovision network, thus eliminating the only remaining on-air station providing an alternative to the state-run Chavez propaganda channels.

In what was clearly a cheap excuse for censoring Globovision, Chavez described the network's

executives as "white-collar terrorists," and the government's broadcast regulators announced they are investigating the station for inciting "panic and anxiety" — all because Globovision practiced sound journalism and scooped everyone else in reporting that Caracas had endured a minor earthquake. The May 4 pre-dawn Globovision announcement was an embarrassment to the Chavez regime, especially because instead of coming from Venezuelan government seismologists, the information came from the Web page of the U.S. Geological Survey. And that embarrassment has several of Chavez's puppet legislators calling for sanctions against Globovision. Claiming that stations that incite fear and unrest will not be tolerated, the Chavistas apparently are setting the table for Chavez to take Globovision off the air, as he did to RCTV, another critical station, two years ago. RCTV now reaches a much smaller audience, through cable and the Internet. And other once-critical stations, apparently fearing reprisals, have stopped criticizing the Chavez government in order to survive.

It's really amazing.

While Venezuelan state television blatantly is used to attack the opposition, Chavez tries to censor the stations that allow the opposition to speak! Some democracy!

Nevertheless, as Globovision waits to be sanctioned and perhaps taken off the air, the network's courageous general manager, Alberto Federico Ravell, keeps telling reporters that his job is to stand for freedom of expression.

"This is not a station that believes in communism," he told Univision in an interview seen throughout the United States last week. "This is not a channel that agrees that all the power should be in the hands of one single person."

Ravell's stance is worthy of respect and admiration, especially because Chavez has vowed to censor the general manager and his network. "We're not going to tolerate a crazy man with a cannon shooting it at the whole world," Chavez said of Ravell during the president's Sunday radio and television program. "Enough! ... This has to end, or I'll stop calling myself Hugo

Rafael Chavez Frias."

Of course, with Chavez being Chavez, don't expect him to be satisfied with just censoring Ravell and Globovision. He slowly has been restricting the opposition's criticism by gradually censoring more and more news outlets, and no one expects him to stop until Venezuela's news media is just like Cuba's — totally controlled by the government. In one of his uncivilized diatribes recently, Chavez threatened not only Globovision but also all news media in Venezuela. "You are playing with fire," he said, "manipulating, inciting hatred and much more. All of you: television networks, radio stations, newspapers. ... Don't make a mistake with me."

While Chavez has been able to limit, intimidate or strongly manipulate television coverage of his government, fortunately many Venezuelan radio and newspaper critics still are able to expose their president's undemocratic behavior. And incidentally, many of them conclude that Chavez's new offensive is an act of desperation. Given the fragile state of Venezuela's economy — thanks to the fallen oil prices — they believe he is trying desperately to consolidate his dictatorship before the failed economy thrashes his popularity. Although Chavez still enjoys high poll ratings, his critics say that once he no longer can use Venezuela's oil wealth to buy the loyalty of more than half the voters, his days as a democratically elected president could be numbered. And that's why they believe he is in a hurry.

"He has decided to subjugate the vast sectors of our society that don't share his ideological project, and he doesn't care about the consequences," noted columnist Fernando Ochoa Antich in El Universal, which is a Venezuelan daily newspaper.

Chavez is already the most totalitarian freely elected president in the world, controlling everything from the courts to the armed forces to the legislature. But in case he has to go to plan B and bypass the electoral process, in spite of his new friendship with President Obama, Chavez may be getting ready to become a full-fledged dictator.

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# The Michelle of it all

She is the most popular and most admired woman in the world. She has smarts, beauty, style, a great husband, a great mother, two beautiful children and a very handsome dog.

Everyone loves Michelle Obama.

Except for half the people I run into every day.

"Do you really like her?" they say in a whisper.

"Leaves me cold," I hear all the time.

"Ice cold." I should add that most of the people saying these things are Democrats, and many of them are women who will be the first to admit that they might actually have a lot in common with her. Not liking Michelle Obama is not politically correct. Everyone who says it, at least to me, whispers. I bet they lie to pollsters, too.

What's going on? Do I just know a lot of weird outliers? Maybe. But what about all those people in markets who sidle up and say the same thing? What about the flight attendants who tell me how much they like him, but that she makes their skin crawl?

Mind you, I'm not worried about Michelle. She looks like she's having a fine time. I'm not taking anything away from her for all the work she put in to get them both to where they are. But let's face it: She's one lucky lady.

No, it's what people's reactions to her say about our attitudes toward powerful women that interests me. She may be fine, but what about everybody else? Hillary Clinton was supposed

to be a "transitional figure." Remember that? But transitional to what? Not a woman president, as it turned out, but another powerful wife in the White House.

Michelle has avoided some of Hillary's "mistakes." She doesn't have an office in the West Wing. She is not, at least from the public view of it, picking the next Supreme Court Justice. Her announced initiative — work-family balance — is about as far as you can get from running the health reform task force (not staying home and baking those chocolate chip cookies) and firing the head of the White House Travel Office. Maybe I'm not hanging out at the right water coolers, but I haven't heard too many stories of Michelle using her husband's power to reward her friends or punish her enemies.

So why do people resent her? Why do I hear it said that she is too pushy and too power hungry?

Because she wears nice clothes? Expensive sneakers? Gets professionally made up every day? Come on.

With Hillary, people complained that she didn't care enough about her appearance, that she wasn't the fashion-setter Jackie Kennedy had been. So here comes a woman who does and is, and what do we say? Poof on that. She spends too much on clothes, even if it's her own money. J.Crew looks fancier on her than it does on the rest of us. And she's not even skinny!

And then there's the vegetable garden. I hear lots of complaints about that. What's wrong with a vegetable garden? Isn't that just the sort of thing a nonthreatening 21st-century first lady should do? I think if Barbara Bush had had a vegetable garden, every-

one would have thought it was nifty.

Michelle Obama made a very large mistake when she said that her husband's run for the presidency was the first time she'd been proud of her country. But she said that a long time ago. It is very difficult to be on the road and on the record every day for 19 months or so and not make one or two mistakes. When you compare her to Joe Biden, who's been in the business for decades, I think the only fair conclusion is that she has been a disciplined, savvy, articulate player in a very tough arena.

If people don't like her — and I have no doubt that many people don't, whatever the polls say — it's not because she gave them ammunition; it's not because of race (OK, maybe race plays in, but they like her husband); it's not because she's done anything to offend.

Figuring out how to "be" is one of the challenges women face in the public world.

Sure, family matters a lot — the primary reason women haven't made it to the top is because we raise kids. But women who don't have kids, or whose kids have long since been raised, still run into formidable obstacles, unconscious discrimination based on unspoken assumptions about how powerful women are supposed to act.

In the literature, it's called the comfort zone — the little teeny zone between too sexy and not feminine enough; between a tiger and a marshmallow; between pushy and pushover.

That's what Michelle Obama is up against. And she's not the only one.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Cancer moon is a nurturing yet stern mother who points out the instances in which we are acting out of emotional immaturity. Well, not even the oldest grown-up can act like an adult all of the time. The children inside, preserved at their youthful ages, will find their opportunities to have a voice -- and there's nothing wrong with that!



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're serious about doing business and your professionalism is unparalleled. You still have to win over the other people involved, though. It's through a bit of silliness that you'll make a connection.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). One of life's quizzes has been canceled. The pressure is off. And here's another relief: You won't have to

fight for your principles. All you have to do is live them, which is so much trickier than it sounds.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll wield all kinds of power today -- sensual, intellectual, political -- your presence is definitely respected. However, what makes you the most proud will be the power you wield over your own thought process.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's easier to start over at square one than it is to fix a problem. You'll get a "do-over" in a relationship. This time, let your defenses down and show up just as you feel, no pretense. You're loveable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You can lean on your loved ones. You should lean on them. Otherwise, they don't get a chance to support you. A support system that doesn't get used will atrophy. Ask for help.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like a challenge. You need a chase. If a

goal is too easily accomplished, it's a bore. That said, you need to get a few of those "boring" goals out of the way before you tackle the big ones today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Opportunities are fleeting. Move fast to catch up to where you know you need to be. No need for fond farewells. No need for graceful movement as you transfer. Simply gather yourself and go.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you are midstream, you get to begin again! This time around, integrate the ideas of those with whom you are traveling. When everyone is say is validated and incorporated, you will achieve success.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Romance is mysterious. When you seek to create passionate scenarios, they often elude you. And then out of the blue when you're no longer trying, a certain smile rocks your world.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Recent

events, some of them unpleasant, were essential for your success. And now you understand in certain and simple terms what you must do next. It's like you are standing barefoot, feet in the dirt ready to bloom.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Follow your heart and hire the happy person to assist you -- even if this person is your friend. The skills you have cultivated over the last seven years enable you to do the work you want. Delegate and achieve.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). For a project to hold your attention, its end reward must include more than money. It must engage your talent and your imagination. Focus only on projects that attract you on many different levels.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Why won't a Taurus guy call a super-attractive Pisces woman who really loves him? He admitted that he had strong feelings for me. We had six won-

derful dates. I confess that I talked about where things might be going with him, and he said that he liked me and wanted to pursue the relationship wherever it might lead. And then suddenly he got distant. He didn't pick up his cell phone when I called and would sometimes wait several days or even over a week to call me back. I'm just frustrated and don't understand -- was all of what he said a lie? Signed, Frustrated Fish."

Oh, Pisces, you're so intuitive that often you sense the depth of a very real connection that the other person has yet to realize or come to terms with. Men in general have their own sense of timing and Taurus in particular is methodical and slow moving in relationships to the extreme. This is the sign of baby steps. Taurus men resent being rushed into any situation, especially one that calls them to invest their innermost feelings. It sounds like you

rushed him when he wasn't ready. The only thing left to do is back off and move on.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Imaginative Gemini Mike Myers has created such characters as Wayne of "Wayne's World," Austin Powers and the love guru, and his comic genius just keeps flowing. Under the influence of ruling planet Mercury, Gemini's love to communicate in playful and mischievous ways, but don't be fooled. What comes across as good fun often has a more poignant or important message.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I live in a close-knit neighborhood of eight young couples. Naturally, there is some gossip, so we feel personally involved in situations that may not be our business.

How do you help someone whose wife says she is leaving (although she is still living there)? She claims to have no feelings for her husband, refuses counseling, belittles him for getting counseling, won't discuss the problems, and prefers to hang out with single friends and act like a teenager. They have four beautiful kids, whom we are now helping to take care of so she can play.

This couple has no family nearby. They are both dear friends in

their late 20s, and neither is innocent in creating the problems they now have. What can we say to help ease the burden when they ask for answers and there are none? We all read your column and discuss it, so maybe everyone involved will see themselves and take appropriate action. -- Caring Neighbors

**Dear Caring:** Many people in that situation don't want advice. They want to be heard and have their position validated. You can do this by being a sympathetic but neutral listener, while encouraging each of them to talk to a professional to see whether the marriage can be improved -- for the sake of their children, if for

no other reason. Children need stability. Seeking help is not a sign of weakness. It indicates having the courage to face the hard problems and learn how to deal with them.

**Dear Annie:** I'm 61 years old and my two remaining sisters are not speaking to each other. "Elsa" is married, but "Lois" is single and has never liked Elsa's husband.

Two years ago, our older sister, the one who kept peace in the family, suddenly died. Soon after the funeral, Lois wrote a very hateful letter to Elsa, saying she'd ruined 19 years of Christmases, didn't like her husband and never wanted to speak to her again.

However, Elsa still gives me \$100 to buy Lois birthday and Christmas presents, but asks that I not mention who they are from. Needless to say, Lois thinks I'm really giving her great gifts. Any bright ideas on how I can get these two hardheads to talk to each other again? -- Tired of Being in the Middle

**Dear Tired:** First, stop taking credit for Elsa's gifts to Lois. Either tell Lois who is really being so generous, or stop accepting the job of go-between. As long as you act as an enabler, they can avoid fixing the problem.

But you can still be a temporary facilitator and mediator. Talk to Lois first. Tell her she

doesn't have to like Elsa's husband in order to have a relationship with her sister, and that life's too short to throw away family members who love you. Ask if she would meet you and Elsa (no husband) at a local coffee shop. If she agrees, approach Elsa with the same offer, set it up and help them keep the conversation civil. If they refuse, the best you can do is stay out of it.

**Dear Annie:** I am responding to the suggestion of donating sample shampoos and conditioners to women's shelters. I work in a homeless shelter, and although this is a fantastic idea, we often get big bags of donated personal care items that

are either from the 1970s or half used.

Please remind your readers that dates on the items should be fairly current, and not to send us the dredges of items they enjoyed using most of. We just end up throwing all of it out, which increases our garbage bill. Thank you. -- Sheltered

**Dear Sheltered:** People often mistakenly believe their leftovers are still usable for someone else. Please, folks, we know you mean well, but don't donate your trash. It is neither wanted nor appreciated.

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**Bird Poop:**

# Eastern phoebe proves to be anything but drab

At the end of Duke Street, the flood plain begins. The low-lying area adjacent to Beals Creek accommodates infrequent overflows to satisfy the seldom seen, boiling muddy waters that pour down its channel. From the wallows and catch basins west of town seasonal deluges replenish the thirsty salt



**BEBE McCASLAND**

side of town, and along

cedar and scrubby growth that threaten to choke the stream. Under the bridge that spans the creek on the east side of town, and along the open land near its banks, are the best locales to appreciate birds that frequent the water, trees and surrounding areas during the year. Soaring over the landfill northeast of the creek, vultures fill hot summer skies. The underside of the long bridge attracts nesting swallows. In their pursuit of flying insects they are joined by numerous flycatchers. With fall, migrating hawks rest on power lines. Winter water fowl dip and dive in the murky waters while sea gulls scavenge the dump.

South of the creek, an abandoned baseball field and waste-water treatment plant also offer unusual sightings.



Courtesy photo

**A medium sized flycatcher, the eastern phoebe lives near water. Bridges, rock ledges, barn rafters, window and door sills, and trestles, are attractive building sites for nests made of mud and moss, and lined with grass and feathers.**

Several years ago, when a caller described her location as the closest neighborhood to Stink Creek, I knew she was referring to the latter. Even the old ball park, in addition to the city facility and stream, bare the colloquial, odoriferous title.

After the woman described the bird brought by her cat to her front doorstep, I was puzzled as to its identification. Holding it in my hand, I was still confused.

At first, I thought the injured bird was a flycatcher. By May 30, the kingbirds were easily seen on power lines. Yet this bird was different.

Drab to the point of being dull, its upper plumage, except for its blackish crown, was grayish brown, while underneath it was a buff-white. On its breast it seemed as if nature had left a dirty thumb print or smudge. In the afternoon sunlight, a faint hint of olive appeared on its upper parts, breast and sides.

Without wing bars or facial markings, the bird did have a black bill and long, dark tail. Black legs and feet, a white throat and deep brown eyes were the only other distinguishing factors.

To combat the effects of infection from the cat's mouth, we followed the advice issued by a volunteer at the Lubbock wildlife center. If given in time, an antibiotic might save the bird's life. Without internal damage caused by a crushing bite or

the weight of the cat as it held the bird, it would have a chance.

Having done all I could do, I had time to think about the bird I had just handled. Then a recollection of a day in the Big Bend part of Texas gave me the answer.

Down river from Presidio away from the River Road, our off road trek had led us to tall, sandstone bluffs. With the sun overhead, there was no shade. In spite of having the windows down and tail gate open, the air was stifling inside our vehicle.

Halfway through our improvised lunch, we saw a movement on the bluff beside us. Inside a crevice created by nature was a nest filled with four hungry babies. Extending their necks to reach the highest for the insect their mother had brought, they pushed against each other for the prize. As quickly as she had come, she left.

Reappearing, she fed the next eager offspring. Her comings and goings were fascinating. Timing her, Art could predict her next arrival. In spite of the heat, she continued finding the winged food to appease growing appetites.

Since we always travel with several bird books, we easily identified the Say's Phoebe. A member of the flycatcher family, she was far more colorful than our hopefully recovering bird.

What had prompted my memory was the

shape of the head of our Beals Creek visitor, which we finally identified as an eastern phoebe. Held upright as if perching, our bird and the Say's phoebe appeared to be hunched because of their shoulders' closeness to the back of the head.

If our patient had been with other eastern phoebes, we now had an opportunity to see healthy birds in flight as they caught their next meal in mid-air. Driving to the bridge, we parked and waited.

Forty-five minutes later a phoebe landed on the railing not far from our vehicle. Noticeable was its flitting, swinging tail. Flying out to grab a dragonfly, the bird landed once again. First, its tail went down, then up, and to either side. The sweeping of its tail had been one of the identifying traits mentioned by our books.

As it continued hunting, the phoebe demonstrated an agility in flight as it turned and twisted to catch wasps, flies, moths and small grasshoppers. Hopefully, our phoebe and others were nesting under the bridge and would continue their controlling influence on insects.

With our bird slowly improving from its encounter with a cat, we looked forward to the time when it could be released near the bridge. To know that as it flew away it would be calling its name, "fee-bee, fee-bee, fee-bee," over and over, it might be nondescript in color, but to us it was anything but drab.

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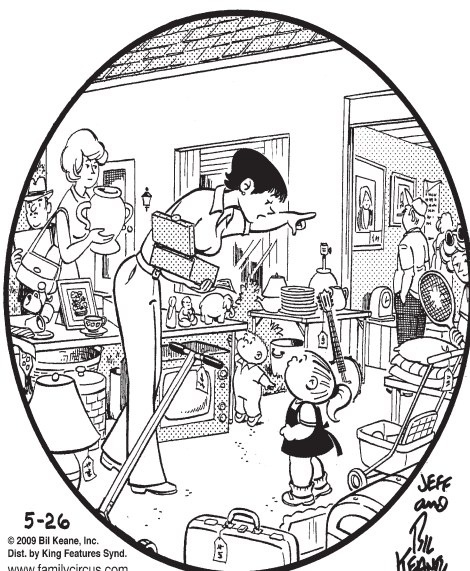
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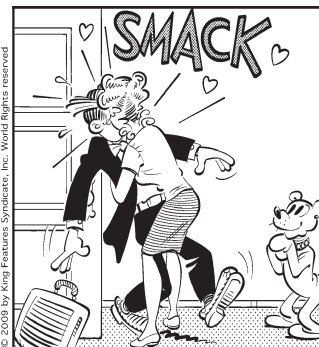


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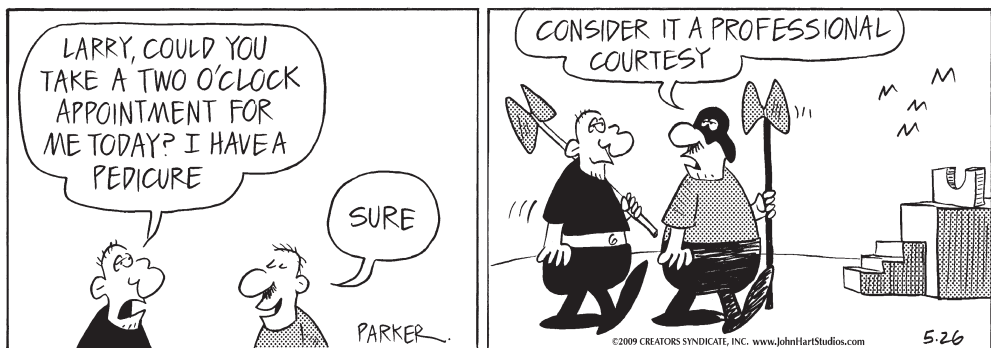
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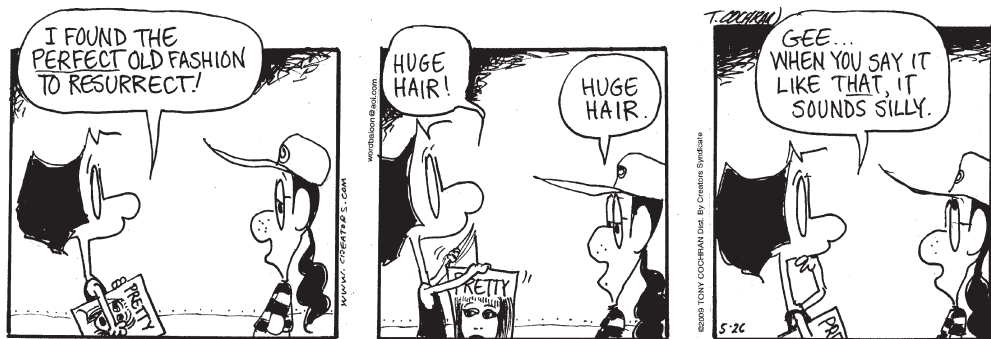
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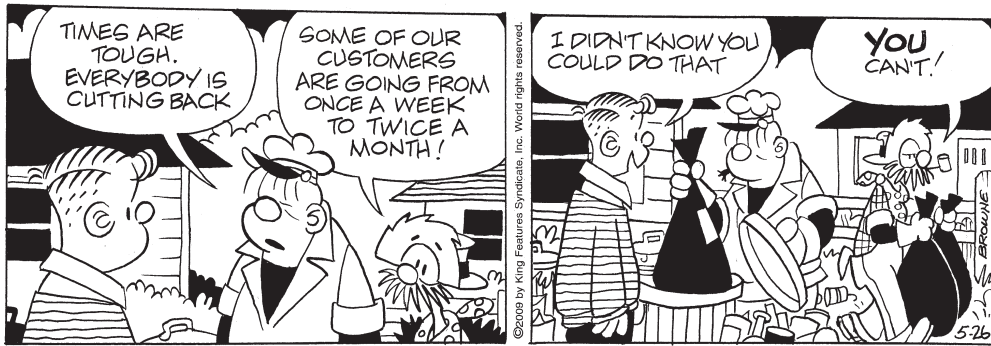
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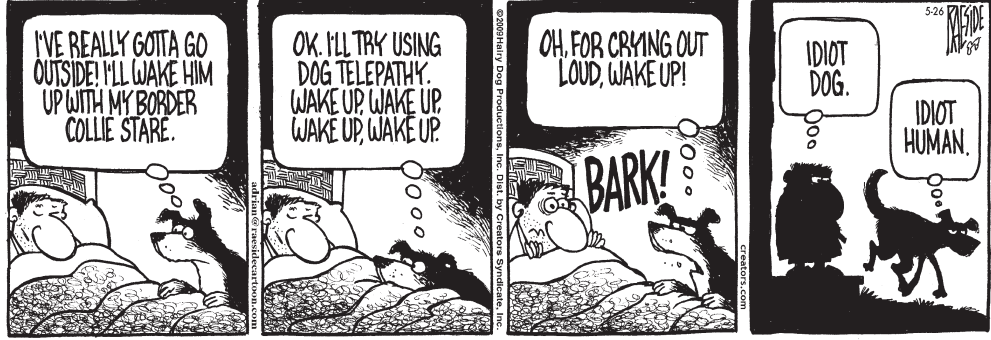
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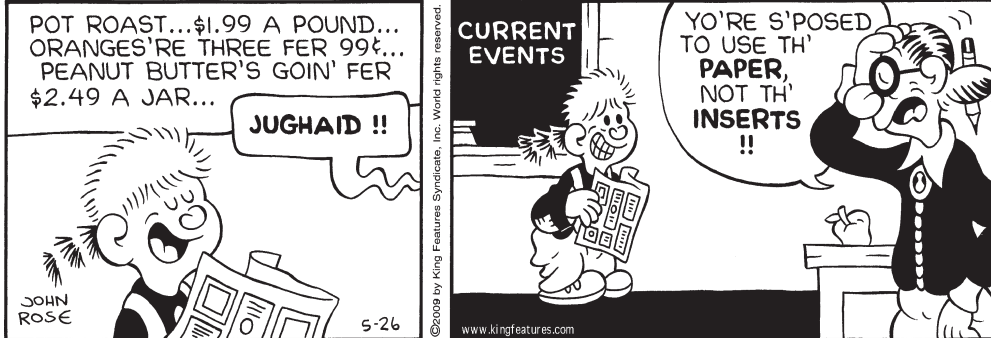
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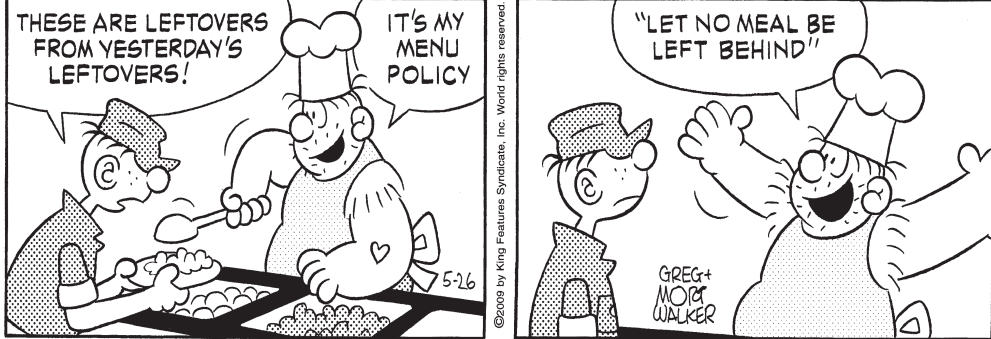
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This Date In History

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returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing. In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow.

Peterson (Guess Who) is 64. Singer Stevie Nicks (Fleetwood Mac) is 61. Actress Pam Grier is 60. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 60. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 60.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words like SAGA, ACHED, NASA, PLUS, THEME, OWED, UTAH, TULIP, SAND, NOR, TENDTOWARDS, DRINK, SALES, STRAND, PRINT, TOAST, ROUTE, WAN, ATIP, ESS, PARE, GEL, ASSET, RATIO, OMITTS, TINCAN, FILED, TENTH, MINDREADING, BEE, ANTE, BLEND, SAGS, PARS, ADAGE, SNAP, SLOT, RARER, EDDY.

Newsday Crossword FASHION STATEMENTS by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for fashion-related terms. Clues include: 1 Theater worker, 6 away (saves for later), 10 Music-score symbol, 14 Pilot-light appliance, 15 Cincinnati's state, 16 Exist, 17 Made simpler, 18 Needing a patch, 19 In the center of, 20 Final practice sessions, 23 Portion of corn, 24 Touch on the shoulder, 25 Needle insert, 29 Make preparations, 31 Doctors' org., 34 Surprise attack, 35 Phrase of understanding, 37 Of cities, 39 Spruce up the wall, perhaps, 42 Agenda listings, 43 Col.'s superior, 44 Not doing anything, 45 Partner of neither, 46 Jury member, 48 Bowling lanes, 50 Moving truck, 51 Health club, 52 Doing badly in poker, 61 Just slightly, 62 Brainstorm, 63 Male voice range, 64 Carbonated drink.