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Work crews pour concrete while constructing a sidewalk along Scurry Street Tuesday afternoon. Major street construction will continue on Scurry, Main and Gregg streets throughout the summer.

ISD officials put raises on hold for now

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials want to wait a little while before adopting a salary schedule for the coming fiscal year.

District trustees were to consider salaries during their Tuesday night meeting, but administrators asked them to wait a few more weeks before making a final decision.

The reason for the delay, they said, was two-fold.

The Texas Legislature recently passed a pay raise for all Texas public school teachers, counselors and paraprofessionals, but that bill is still awaiting Gov. Rick Perry's signature. In addition, local administrators are waiting to receive a bit more guidance on how best to implement the salary changes.

"We're waiting to see just how much revenue we will get and, of course, the bulk of that comes from the state," Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said. "It's

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Council addresses law enforcement needs

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved final reading of a budget amendment that will call for the addition of \$36,893 to the 2008-2009 budget to pay for upgrades to both hardware and software used by the police department, part of an ongoing effort to increase information sharing between

local law enforcement entities.

Also during the meeting, the council approved first reading of an inter-local agreement with Howard County for the reallocation of funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program Award and for the county to use the funds for the Combined Law Enforcement Technology Program.

According to Police Chief



Smith

Lonnie Smith, the agreement will allow both law enforcement agencies to build upon the opportunities the \$36,893 has provided.

"The grant can be used for technology upgrades. We asked for a budget amendment so we could get the software and upgrade our computers so they would be compatible with the sheriff's office," said Smith. "This grant became available after we submitted the other request, so this is just building onto that."

The council also approved an agreement between the city and the Texas Forest Service that Smith said will allow local emergency management officials to train with the state agency and possibly assist with emergencies in other areas.

"This will streamline our ability to have people training in incident command work with the forest service. It will also streamline a recouping of expenses for training and equipment," said Smith. "If we do have to use the forest

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Fiat closes deal to take bulk of Chrysler's assets

DAN STRUMPF
 AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — Italy's Fiat is the new owner of the bulk of Chrysler's assets, closing a deal Wednesday that saves the troubled U.S. automaker from liquidation and places a new company in the hands of Fiat's chief executive.

The deal clears the way for a new, leaner Chrysler Group LLC to emerge from bankruptcy protection minus billions in debt, 789 under-

performing dealerships and burdensome labor costs that nearly sank the storied automaker.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne immediately was named CEO of the new company, which said in a statement that it would soon reopen Chrysler factories that were idled during the bankruptcy process, costing the automaker \$100 million per day.

The new company will focus on smaller vehicles.

"Work is already under

way on developing new environmentally friendly, fuel-efficient, high-quality vehicles that we intend to become Chrysler's hallmark going forward," the new company said in a statement.

The Italian automaker won't put any money into the deal but will give Chrysler billions worth of small car and engine technology.

"We intend to build on Chrysler's culture of innovation and Fiat's complementary technology and expertise to expand Chrysler's product portfolio both in North America and overseas," Marchionne said in a statement.

The sale to Fiat SpA marks a victory for the Obama administration, which shepherded Chrysler into bankruptcy protection on April 30 with the hope that the company would emerge in a matter of months with a new partner.



AP photo
Italian automaker Fiat has taken over the bulk of Chrysler's assets in a deal closed today.

A senior administration official said last week that Marchionne will make management changes in short order.

Chrysler CEO Bob Nardelli is stepping down while Vice Chairman Tom LaSorda already has retired.

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3 Steers play on winning side in all-star game

Herald Staff Report

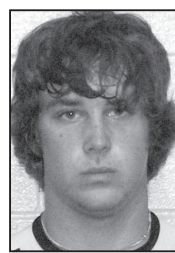
LUBBOCK — Three Big Spring Steers baseball players represented the program well May 31 at the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Moegle Field.

Jeremy Solis, Rance Terry and Kaegan Hunt all played on the victorious South team. The South defeated the North, 8-2.

Solis, who is headed to the

University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. to further his baseball career, went 2-for-2 in the game with a double and two RBI. He had one assist in the field at third base.

Hunt, who will join Solis at the University of the Southwest, was 0-for-3 but reached base once on a



Hunt



Terry

fielder's choice.

Hunt saw time at second in the game and had three putouts and one assist.

Terry is a Lubbock commit and played six of the nine innings behind the plate at catcher. He was 0-for-2 at the plate with a walk and a RBI.

Yarbar named top defensive player in 4-4A

Seven other Lady Steers placed on All-District team

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers softball team didn't make the deep postseason run it was hoping for in 2009, but it didn't keep the District 4-4A coaches from honoring some of the standout athletes on the squad.

Seven Lady Steers were elected to the 4-4A All-District team, while Linzee Yarbar was recognized for her efforts in the field.

Yarbar was named Co-Defensive Most Valuable Player, along with Frenship senior Megan Low. Yarbar, a junior, has played numerous positions in her three years on the varsity squad, including stints at second base and catcher. However, she spent most of the 2009 season in center field.

She was also a catalyst for the team offensively, batting in the lead off position and leading the team in runs scored.

Three Lady Steers — sophomore Jillian Valle, freshman Cerbi Ritchey and senior Jacklyn Porras — were elected to the first team. Valle manned third base for the Lady Steers for a second consecutive season and was a key component in the heart of the Big Spring lineup.

Ritchey, who was also a member of the All-District teams in basketball and volleyball during her freshman year, provided the Lady Steers with depth in the outfield.

Her biggest moment of the season came in



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Linzee Yarbar throws a runner out at first from second in spring action at Steer Park Feb. 24. Yarbar was honored as one of District 4-4A's top defensive players for the efforts she gave at second base and center field in the 2009 season.

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Magic touch

Orlando takes Game 3 from Lakers, 108-104

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Rashard Lewis stood at the free-throw line with less than one second left as several workers hurriedly broomed off confetti that had fallen prematurely onto the Amway Arena floor.

This was the sweep Orlando had waited to see for 14 years.

On their seventh try, the Magic swept in four straight games by Houston on their previous visit in 1995, got their first win in the NBA finals.

Shooting a finals record 63 percent from the field and clamping down on Kobe Bryant, the Magic closes within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series with a 108-104 win over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 3 on Tuesday night.

After two straight cold performances in L.A., the Magic were more accurate than any team in NBA finals history.

"They pretty much made all their shots," Lakers forward Trevor Ariza said.

Pretty much.

The Magic shot a blistering 75 percent (24 of 32) in the first half and cooled off in the second half when they were only 16 of 32.

The basket looked big, and Orlando hardly missed it. With a loss, the Magic would have fallen into an 0-3 crevasse — a hole no team has ever crawled from. Now, they have a chance to become the fourth team in finals history to come back from an 0-2 deficit and win it all.

"Why not?" Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu said. "We believe in each other and as long as we're playing our game, our system and fighting for 48 minutes — why not?"

In the series opener, the Magic

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Pacman who? Unknown DBs shine at Cowboys practice

By JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press Writer

CARROLLTON — Maybe the Cowboys won't need Adam "Pacman" Jones back in the secondary after all.

The biggest playmakers at organized team activities Tuesday were a pair of low-profile, third-year defensive backs: cornerback Alan Ball and safety Courtney Brown. Ball had an interception and each player had a

couple of deflections, earning praise from teammates and coach Wade Phillips.

The performances came one day after the team backtracked on owner Jerry Jones' comment that he was considering a reunion with Jones, the cornerback released following a troubled 2008 that included a fight with his team bodyguard and a six-game suspension.

Most of the offseason chatter about

the Cowboys' secondary has been about the free-agent signing of Gerald Sensabaugh, the return of a healthy Terence Newman and the development of second-year pros Mike Jenkins and Orlando Scandrick. But Ball and Brown stole the show Tuesday.

Although Ball is a corner and Brown a safety, Phillips said he hopes to engineer a switch. He wants each to learn the other position, and said he

thinks their skills are better suited to their new spots. Both are listed at 6-foot-1, but Brown is about 20 pounds heavier at 204.

Phillips said Ball, though undersized, is a good tackler capable of handling the physical play required of a safety.

"Smaller guys have played safety before," Phillips said. "Not many of

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Sports in brief

Hawks women's basketball team hosting shooting and position camp

The Howard College Hawks women's basketball team is hosting a Shooting and Positioning Camp, beginning Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The camps lasts through Thursday, June 18.

The camp is being led by Head Coach Earl Diddle and lasts from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$60 and serves seventh through 12th grade girls. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call Jamie Fisher at 816-4327.

Big Spring baseball and softball boosters hosting ragball tourney

The Big Spring High School baseball and softball boosters are teaming to host a ragball tournament June 19-20 at Lady Steer Park.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. June 19 with games starting at 7 p.m. that same day. Cost is \$10 per player with each team needing to contain five boys and five girls.

For more information, call John Sparks at 270-2711.

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 began today 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.

Volleyball Skills Camp

A Volleyball Skills Camp has been scheduled for June 17-19 at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

The camp is for incoming junior high and high school female athletes. Incoming seventh and eighth graders work out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while the high school aged girls take the floor from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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. Saturday 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.

Police blotter

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

- JUSTIN IVIN SPEER, 33, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- MICHAEL STEWART DEAX, 31, of 1310 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 64, of 508.5 Father Delaney, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLES USSERY, 54, of 604 W. 16th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BEN JOSEPH GARZA, 29, of 1410 E. 11th Place, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 300 block of Aylesford.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Lancaster.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 700 block of 13th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of 18th Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Brumley. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of N. Tubb Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Richie Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TODAY

- 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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.
- TANDI JO BARBEE, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a revoked bond for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - ATHEA RYANNE DARROW, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less and a local warrant.
 - MICHAEL DEAX, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation.
 - BEN JOSEPH GARZA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - CODY HAWKINS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - RAFAEL LOPEZ, 64, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - RICHARDO NUNEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
 - JUSTIN SPEER, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
 - CHARLES LUTHER USSERY, 54, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.
 - GERALDO VERA-LANDIN, 34, was arrested Tuesday (arresting agency not provided) on a charge of failure to appear.
 - HAROLD EDWARD WILSON, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense and a charge of probation violation — unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Take Note

- An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.

- Chorus rehearsals for Pops in the Park are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 16, 23 and 30 at the First United Methodist Church. Parking is on the corner of Fifth and Gregg streets. Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual symphony and fireworks show, will be held July 3 in the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

- Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:
 - Berea Baptist, June 22-26, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - Forsan Baptist, June 22-26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.k, ages 4 through sixth grade.
 - E. Fourth St. Baptist, June 29-July 1, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages first grade through sixth grade.
 - Coahoma First Baptist, July 6-10, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.
 - Gateway Baptist, July 6-10, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4 through sixth grade.
 - Central Baptist Elbow, July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through adult.
 - Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.
 - Hillcrest Baptist, July 26-30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.




- Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, will hold Operation Space Vacation Bible School from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 2-12 July 6-10.

- Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.

- 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 address.

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TODAY

- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery: 5-17-31-36-56; Mega Ball: 46.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10 - 26 - 28 - 30 - 35. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5 - 1 - 1 - 6. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8 - 7 - 6. Sum It Up: 21.

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an extra-inning game against Plainview April 7, when she hit a walk-off double to right field to knock in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Porras saw some playing time in right field during the season, but spent most of the year as a designated player.

Four more Lady Steers — Juniors Kenzie Hunt and Macy Briggs and sophomores Jessica Womack and Valerie Ross — were elected to the second team.

Hunt was selected as a pitcher. She manned the pitcher's circle for the majority of district play.

Hunt was also one of the team's leaders in RBI at the plate.

Womack made up the rest of the battery for the Lady Steers as the catcher. She was a first-year varsity member and was a consistent defensive presence.

Ross spent her second season on the

varsity squad. She started the year at shortstop, but made the move back to second base, where she played as a freshman, once district play began.

This was Briggs' first season as a varsity member of the Lady Steers, although she did have experience playing at the level.

Briggs was forced to play on the junior varsity in her sophomore year after transferring from Forsan where she played during her freshman year.

She split time between the outfield and designated hitter.

Finally, seniors Mirella Torres and Baylea Fox each received honorable mention.

Torres was a surprising find for the Lady Steers and Head Coach John Sparks. She turned out to be a solid option at shortstop.

Fox played four seasons at the varsity level, spending the first three at catcher.

She made the move to first base after suffering an injury during the non-district part of the schedule.

Of the seven girls elected to the team, six will return next season.

District 4-4A awards

MVP: Hope Baker, Sr. Frenship
Co-Offensive MVP: Lauren Hill, Jr., Plainview; Maddie Johnson, Soph., Frenship.

Co-Defensive MVP: Megan Low, Sr., Frenship; Linzee Yarbar, Jr., Big Spring.

Newcomer of the Year: Ashton Bell, Fr., Frenship

Coach of the Year: Robbie Dickenson, Frenship

First-team All-District

Pitchers: Cassandra Chavez, Fr., Plainview; Branell Falcon, Sr., Abilene Cooper.

Catchers: Lindsey Barton, Sr., Plainview; Chloe Grigg, Jr., Lake View.

Infield: Jillian Valle, Soph., Big Spring; Devan McCarty, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Jessica Delacruz, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Jourdan Varquez, Jr., Lake View; Nina Pallarez, Sr., Lake View; Ashleigh Nabors, Jr., Frenship; Tiffany DeLuna, Jr., Plainview.

Outfield: Afton Dutlinger, Fr., Abilene Cooper; Sarah Church, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Cerbi Ritchey, Fr., Big Spring; Abby Hinojos, Sr.,

Plainview; Bethany Chavez, Fr., Plainview.

Designated player: Jacklyn Porras, Sr., Big Spring.

Utility player: Caitlyn Carman, Soph., Frenship

Second-team All-District
Pitchers: Tori Holsey, Soph., Lake View; Kenzie Hunt, Jr., Big Spring.

Catchers: Daneille Delagarza, Jr., Abilene Coopers; Jessica Womack, Soph., Big Spring.

Infield: Corrinna Chavez, Jr., Plainview; Valerie Ross, Soph., Big Spring; Samantha Meisner, Soph., Abilene Cooper; Briana Coronado, Soph., Frenship; Sierra Sudberry, Soph., Abilene Cooper; Kasey Lane, Sr., Lake View.

Outfield: Tabi Carney, Sr., Lake View; Val Rivas, Sr., Lake View; Macy Briggs, Jr., Big Spring.

Designated player: Nicole Green, Jr., Abilene Cooper.

Utility: Allyson Frost, Fr., Lake View.

Honorable Mention (Big Spring only)

Mirella Torres, Sr.; Baylea Fox, Sr.

COWBOYS

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them can do it. I think he is one that can."

Ball appeared in 10 games last season, and had nine tackles and one pass deflection.

He took most of his reps Tuesday as the first-team safety, filling in for Ken Hamlin, who was out for personal reasons.

Ball's biggest fan Tuesday was line-backer Bradie James.

"Alan Ball is a guy I definitely would want to play with," James said. "He has a high motor. He knows what to do. And he is a guy you can be confident in."

Brown, who played corner in college at Cal Poly, appeared in nine games and recorded seven tackles last season.

Phillips said he is more of a natural cornerback who was forced to play at safety last season. On Tuesday, he had two deflections, including a deep pass from Tony Romo to Roy Williams that he knocked down at the last moment.

"If he can cover like he covered

today, he might have a home right there," Phillips said.

Phillips said he threw both into the Tampa game and that the 13-9 win was "one of our best games of the season."

Newman, who battled a groin injury last season, said his young teammates have shown they can handle the strain of learning two positions. Their flexibility, he said, ensures the Cowboys will have depth.

"For those guys to play corner and safety, and have to learn both positions as well as the nickel — they are playing three different positions and they are not making any MEs,"

Newman said. "Those are mental errors. It's a good thing when they can do that and play good football."

The team has been practicing at a high school stadium in suburban Carrollton since the collapse of its practice facility last month. A handful of players were sidelined with a variety of minor ailments that receiver Patrick Crayton said might have to do with the artificial turf.

"It's a nice high school stadium, but I hate this stuff," Crayton said. "(It's) pitiful on your legs and joints. I wish we could have found a grass stadium. You have got to work with what you got."

FINALS

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couldn't throw it in the Pacific Ocean. They made only 29.9 percent and were blown out by 25 points. In Game 2, they were only slightly better, shooting 42 percent in an overtime loss. But back on their home court, they shot themselves back into this series.

As Shaquille O'Neal, still a presence long after leaving both franchises, posted on his Twitter page follow-

ing the game: "By George I think we have a series."

Game 4 is Thursday night, and Game 5 — now necessary — will be at Amway Arena on Sunday.

Bryant, seeking a fourth title and his first since 2002, scored 31 points for the Lakers but the superstar, widely considered the game's best closer, was awful in the final minutes. He scored just 10 points in the second half, went only 4 of 15 from the field after the first quarter and looked tired in the fourth.

He also missed five free throws, points that could have given the Lakers that 3-0 lead.

"It was a bad night," he said.

With their season 48 minutes from all but disappearing, the Magic had five players score at least 18 points. Lewis and Dwight Howard had 21 apiece, Rafer Alston, who was just 3 of 17 from the field in the first two games, had 20 and Turkoglu and Mickael Pietrus 18 each.

"We lost two games, but there's no need to roll over," Howard said. "It's a seven-game series. A team has to beat you four times to end the series and we felt good knowing that we had three games at home."

Pau Gasol scored 23 points but had just three rebounds and the Lakers were only 16 of 26 from the line.

For a while, it appeared the Magic couldn't or wouldn't miss.

From 20 feet, swish. From 10 feet, nothing but net. Layups, runners, banks, pull-ups, didn't matter. You name it, if it went up, more times than not it went in.

"We lost this game on the defensive end," Bryant said. "We had been playing very good defense and the team tonight shoots 62 percent from the field."

Despite Orlando's unconscious shooting, the Lakers went into the fourth down just 81-75.

After Pietrus was long with a wide-open 3, Gasol was fouled at the other end and made two free throws to

make it 99 all with 2:41 remaining.

"Oh, boy," muttered one fan near the media section.

But Pietrus calmed fears by dunking in a rare miss to put the Magic up two, and when Lewis hit a jumper — it was originally called a 3 but replays showed his right foot was on the line — Orlando was up 104-101. Bryant then had a chance to pull the Lakers within one, but split two free throws.

The Lakers got the ball back but Bryant, who scored 17 in the first quarter and 21 by halftime, tried to do too much on the next possession. He crossed over to get past Pietrus, but Howard, the league's defensive player of the year known mostly for his blocks underneath, made like a point guard and tipped the ball away. Pietrus was fouled and made both to make it 106-102.

"It's disappointing," Bryant said. "I'm used to coming through in those situations. The team trusts me to come through in those situations and it just didn't happen tonight. Just got to bounce back."

The Lakers then became desperate, missing four straight 3s in the closing seconds.

Bryant finally dropped a putback to make it 106-104 with 0.5 seconds left, but Lewis was fouled and hit his free throws to close it out.

Game, set, Magic.

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1st civilian case against Guantanamo detainee to test U.S. legal system, court of public opinion

NEW YORK (AP) — Ahmed Ghailani already was a terrorism suspect with an unusual resume — alleged aide to Osama bin Laden, suspected bomb maker, former prisoner of war.

Now he's the first Guantanamo detainee headed for trial in the United States.

His military lawyers, frustrated by the failings of tribunals, said Tuesday that the government's decision to bring him to a Manhattan federal court to face charges in a deadly strike against U.S. embassies was a victory in itself.

"The rule of law is established here," said Air Force Maj. Richard Reiter. "We're not dealing with the due process issues that exist in Guantanamo. ... A fair prosecution that protects his rights is all we could ask for."

In theory, Ghailani will now have broader access to the evidence against him and more avenues to challenge it by emphasizing the circumstances of his capture, detention and treatment over the years. He'll also have regular access to his lawyers as he awaits trial in a jail that holds disgraced financier Bernard Madoff and the captured Somali pirate.

BSISD

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taken awhile ... for people to put together the figures we need."

Once those funding formulas are received from state education officials, Waggoner said BSISD would have a clearer idea how to implement the pay raises.

The good news is that the delay should be minimal, assuming Gov. Perry signs the state

budget into law.

"I think we'll have a firmer idea when we next meet," Waggoner said. "We should have some fairly good revenue numbers by then."

Another topic that will be explored at the June 23 trustee meeting is what to do about the district's aging facilities.

Dr. Michael Stevens, interim superintendent, and assistant superintendent Steven Saldivar have been meeting with architectural consul-

Investigators seek clues in Pakistani luxury hotel blast that killed 11, including aid workers

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Investigators searched a wrecked luxury hotel in northwestern Pakistan for evidence Wednesday after a bold suicide bombing killed 11 people, including aid workers, in what the U.N. condemned as a "heinous terrorist attack."

Elsewhere in the volatile region, security forces killed 70 suspected militants in an area close to two major Taliban tribal strongholds, intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack on the Peshawar Pearl Continental, but the blast followed Taliban threats to carry out major attacks in large cities to avenge an army offensive against insurgents in the nearby Swat Valley.

At least three suicide attackers shot their way past guards and set off the explosion late Tuesday outside the hotel, a favorite spot for foreigners and well-off Pakistanis and a site that the U.S. was considering for its consulate.

The attack reduced a section of the hotel to concrete rubble and twisted steel and left a huge crater in a parking lot. Senior police official Safwat Gh-

ayur said counterterrorism experts, police and intelligence agents were combing the rubble for clues Wednesday.

Frequent flyers: Travel by Pentagon employees paid by foreign governments, businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon employees have received millions of dollars in free travel and lodging from foreign countries, trade groups and companies with an interest in shaping policies or doing business with the U.S. military.

Defense officials say the arrangement is legal, saves taxpayers money and is carefully monitored to ensure there are no conflicts of interest. But government watchdogs say it allows donors to subtly exert influence for a small investment compared with the potential gain.

Between 1998 and 2007, hundreds of outside sources, including athletic shoemaker Nike Inc., the Chinese government and pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson, footed the bill for more than 22,000 trips at a cost of \$26 million, according to an analysis of government travel disclosure records by the Center for Public Integrity in Washington.

Rome, Paris, Rio de Janeiro and Las Vegas were among the destinations.

CITY

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service here, it will ease that process with them as well.

"This is basically a part of emergency management. With as much as the forest service has had people assigned out here to this area, they came in and talked to some of our personnel in emergency management and asked them about being trained... We would be able to get reimbursed as far as their training and travel is concerned. They would also cover their

salary while they are gone."

Also Tuesday, the council approved an industrial district agreement with Alon USA, a practice City Finance Director Peggy Walker said will compensate the city for services it delivers to the Big Spring Refinery.

"These are sometimes referred to payments in lieu of taxation because they are obviously not within the corporate city limits," said Walker. "We call it an industrial agreement because we provide various services and they, in turn, pay for that. There is a

tants to formulate possible plans of action.

Local school officials have spent the past three years looking for a way to modernize the district's infrastructure, including a \$34 million bond issue in 2008 that would have built a new elementary and significantly upgraded three other campuses. However, that bond was handily turned down by voters.

Stevens said trustees will further discuss

unexpected surplus.

- Named trustee Irene Galan to be the district's representative on the Texas Association of School Board Region 18 Board of Directors.
- Approved the following hirings: Fabian Gomez, Bauer Elementary principal; Emily Andrews, Goliad band director; Daniel Garrett, junior high band director; Brad Hyde, licensed specialist in school psychology; Lisa Hyde, Kentwood special edu-

cation teacher; Georgia Molina; Moss special education teacher; Ashley Phinney, Kentwood second grade teacher; and Gina Schreiner, high school English teacher.

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CPI (consumer priced index) tagged onto that, and we've extended this contract from the prior five-year term to a 10-year term."

The council also approved the following items:

- Final reading of a resolution approving signatures for the city's depository contract.
- Final reading of an ordinance granting partial residence homestead exemption for 2009 and the same exemptions for individuals who are disabled or 65 years or older.
- Final reading of an ordinance calling for a

20-percent penalty for delinquent taxes to help defray attorney fees necessary to recover taxes after July 1.

- Awarded bids for two Xerox machines for city hall and approval to go out on bids for asbestos transportation, disposal and air monitoring for the demolition of buildings located at 901 Goliad.
- Approval of an agreement with Howard County for ambulance service.
- Consideration and approval of Howard County Appraisal District's budget for 2010.
- Approval of an agree-

ment for audit services with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP.

- Approval of an agreement and change order with Dowtech Specialty Contractors for wastewater treatment plant final clarifier and trickling filter rehabilitation.

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On Tuesday, Chrysler won its battle to erase its secured debt after the Supreme Court declined to rule on objections to the sale to Fiat from a trio of Indiana pension and construction funds.

The Indiana funds, which hold less than 1 percent of Chrysler's \$6.9 billion in secured debt, claimed the sale unfairly favors Chrysler's unsecured stakeholders such as the union ahead of secured debtholders like themselves.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg decided Monday to delay the sale while studying the appeals. But on Tuesday, the

court turned down the opponents' last-ditch bid by declining a hearing on the appeals.

Also on Tuesday, Judge Arthur Gonzales approved Chrysler's motion to terminate 789 of its dealer franchises, or about 25 percent of its dealer base.

Many of those dealers closed their doors for good on Tuesday, though some will continue to sell used cars or other brands.

Chrysler has maintained that the closures are a necessary part of its plan to cut costs. Jim Press, Chrysler's vice chairman and president, told a Senate committee that the poor performance of many of the dealers slated to lose franchises costs the company \$1.5 billion

in lost sales each year, along with \$150 million in advertising and marketing costs and \$33 million in administrative costs.

Under the agreement brokered in the days leading up to Chrysler's bankruptcy filing, Fiat will receive up to a 35 percent stake in the automaker in exchange for sharing the technology Chrysler needs to create smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The United Auto Workers union will get a 55 percent stake that will be used to fund its retiree health care obligations, while the U.S. and Canadian governments will receive a combined 10 percent stake.

Meanwhile, the automaker's secured debtholders would get \$2 billion in cash, or about 29 cents on the dollar, for their combined \$6.9 billion in debt.

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"The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 28, 2009.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEW

Pops in the Park still needing our financial support

With the annual "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park a little more than three weeks away, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation say they're still short of their fund-raising goal.

As of the committee's last meeting Thursday, only about a quarter of the money needed to stage the show had been received.

That means the community has begun responding to the committee's requests for support, but the job's still a very long way from being done and it's time for all of us to show our true colors and make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to be a mainstay of our community's July 4 holiday celebration.

Crowds exceeding 10,000 pack the park and amphitheater each year to be a part of the affair that Foundation members spend much of the year making plans for and gathering the almost \$40,000 needed annually to stage the event.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates free of charge.

Committee members are putting the final touches for this year's July 3 show that will feature the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, a choreographed fireworks show and performances by two warm-up acts — young country singer-songwriter Maren Morris and her band and the bluegrass music provided by Jim Kay and the Kay Grassband.

The committee still needs to raise about \$30,000 to make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to thrive.

Regardless of whether you or your business has been contacted or not concerning a donation, we hope you'll pitch in and help make sure this year's concert and show is a success.

The committee doesn't just need donations of \$500 or \$1,000 from businesses. Anything individuals in the community can do to help would be appreciated, even just a few dollars.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Debbye Valverde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

We've often said it before, but it always seems to bear repeating, let's make this our community's best and most patriotic Fourth of July holiday celebration ever.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can tell You anything, Lord, and You understand. Amen

Circumstances have changed but our economic foundation is strong

Now that the Texas Legislature has departed town, we are reminded how quickly circumstances change.

Only five months ago, as state lawmakers were about to convene, President Bush held his final press conference, the Detroit auto show opened to great fanfare and a judge said Bernie Madoff could stay out of jail — for now.

That was Jan. 12, the day that I performed my duty as the state's chief financial officer and told Texas lawmakers that they would have 10.5 percent less money to spend than two years ago.

One of my jobs is to predict the future — where the Texas economy will go over the next two years. Fortunately, I've got an excellent staff of revenue estimators to call on.

In January, the ripples of the global recession were just lapping at our boots and Congress was a month away from passing

what became the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Over the next five months, more Texans lost their jobs, but our jobless rate continued to trail the nation's. Housing construction fell, but our foreclosure rates did not spike. Sales tax revenues tumbled from their double-digit growth, but we had accounted for that.

Lawmakers approved a \$182.3 billion appropriations act to fund state government for 2010-11 — without cutting services or raising taxes. And, agree with it or not, they did it with \$12.1 billion in federal stimulus dollars.

Just as important, they left our Rainy Day Fund untouched and we expect it to grow to \$9 billion by the time they return in 2011.

They're likely to need it.

Even in good times, our revenues strain to pay for our expenditures. But, watching what's happening around the country, Texas is in an enviable position.

Unlike California, we're not considering double-digit budget cuts despite historic levels of federal subsidies. And unlike Michigan, we're not trying to diversify our economy as a once-

dominant industry struggles to survive.

Been there, done that.

Texas is in an enviable position because of what we learned during the oil bust of the 1980s.

Today, our economy is more diversified than Mexico's or Canada's. And that Rainy Day Fund was created in response to that watershed moment in the 1980s.

Still, Texas is not immune to a global recession.

A Chrysler bankruptcy threatens about 50 Texas dealerships. We're still waiting to see the full impact of General Motors going through bankruptcy. Our jobless rate may inch up before it finally drops.

But Texas has the right business mix to rebound sooner than later.

Circumstances changed after Jan. 12, but our economic foundation hasn't. Texas remains solid enough to weather these times.

As the state's chief financial officer, Comptroller Susan Combs on June 8 certified that the state will have enough revenue to support the 2010-11 General Appropriations Act.



Watch for credit card interest rate scams

Consumers across the U.S. and Canada are reporting automated telemarketing calls promising to lower credit card interest rates.

These calls are a nuisance and violate U.S. Do-Not-Call laws. Some companies behind the calls are charging large up-front fees to negotiate with credit card companies.

According to figures cited by the White House in January, credit-card debt increased 25 percent in the past 10 years, totaling \$963 billion — with per household credit card debt at nearly \$9,000.

Knowing many families are drowning in debt, telemarketers offering suspect financial assistance are taking advantage of the situation. Consumers reported receiving calls as early as three in the morning on both cell and home phones even when they have registered the numbers with federal Do-Not-Call lists. Consumers tell BBB, despite their requests for telemarketers to stop calling, calls continue.

While telemarketers are not forthcoming about the company they represent, BBB has identified some offenders by working with consumers who, unfortunately, paid for promised assistance.

tance.

BBB received numerous complaints about Orlando-based companies, CSTR Solutions, Inc. and Genesis Capital Management, and Tacoma-based company, Mutual Consolidated Savings. All promise to save people from \$2,000 to \$25,000.

Robocalls generally begin with recorded messages that include statements like: "There are no problems currently with your account, however it is urgent that you contact us concerning your eligibility for lowering your interest rates to as little as 6 point 9 per cent." or, "This is our final attempt to reach you since you've not responded to our other calls to discuss your credit card debt." Automated messages seldom include a company name, but may claim to be Card Services or Card Holder Services.

After the initial recorded message, consumers must dial another number to be connected to a live person. The live "operator" usually starts by asking for the consumer's credit card number and the consumer's interest in lowering interest rates. From there, they ask if the consumer is willing to pay — usually \$700 to \$1,000 — to have their firm contact the credit card company and negotiate lower rates.

The 'negotiation' undertaken by these companies can be as simple as calling the contact

number listed on the back of the consumer's credit card and asking a representative to lower the interest rate.

Companies fail to uphold money-back guarantees when they are unsuccessful in lowering rates.

BBB advice: Never give personal information, including Social Security, bank or credit card numbers, to an unknown telemarketer.

When considering any company offering any type of financial assistance, insist on getting a contract in which all terms and conditions are clearly explained before signing or providing payment information.

Place phone numbers on the federal Do Not Call list by visiting www.donotcall.gov. If the number is already on the list but continues to receive telemarketing calls — or if robocalls come on a cell phone — the same Web site can be used to report the incident to the FTC.

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SUSAN COMBS



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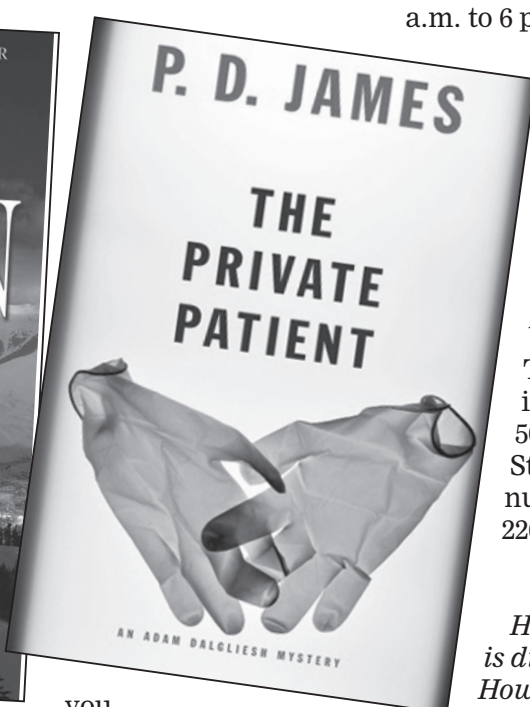
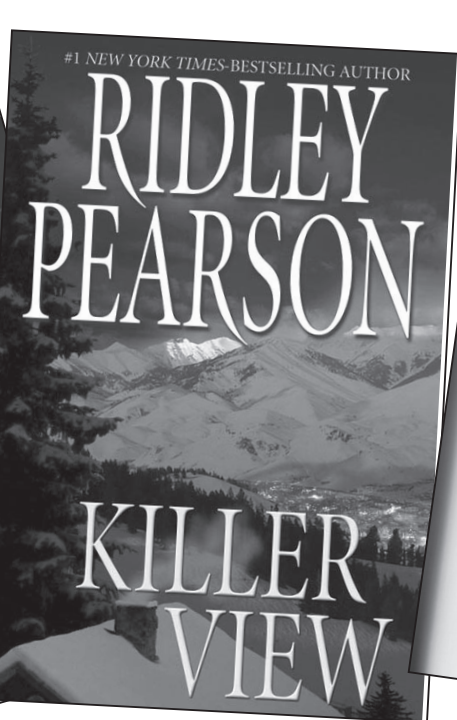
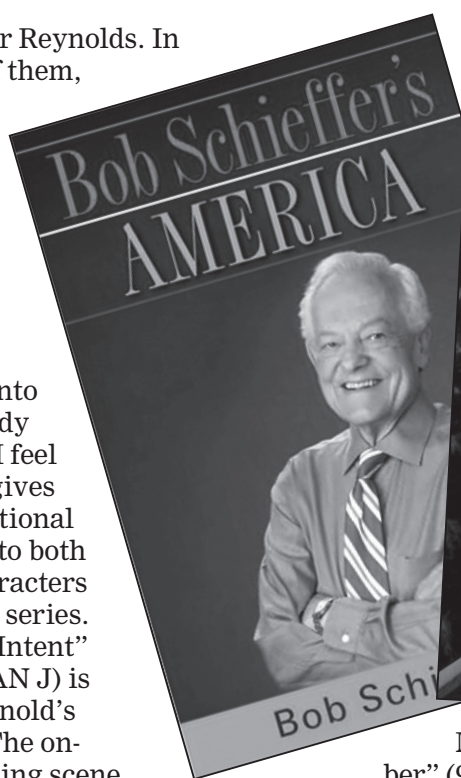
First published in November 2008, "The Private Patient" (RN JAM P) by P.D. James is perhaps the swan song of Police Commander Adam Dalgleish. Both James and Dalgleish are nearly 80 years old and perhaps slowing down. In a review from Publisher's Weekly, it appears that the charismatic police commander knows the case of Rhoda Gradwyn, a 47-year-old journalist murdered soon after undergoing the removal of an old, disfiguring scar at a private plastic surgery clinic in Dorset, may be his last; James' readers will fervently hope it isn't. Dalgleish probes the convoluted tangle of motives and hidden desires that swirl around the clinic, Cheverell Manor and its grimly fascinating suspects in the death of Gradwyn, herself a stalker of minds driven by her lifelong passion for rooting out the truth people would prefer left unknown and then selling it for money.

J.A. Jance writes the J.P. Beaumont, Joanna Brady and the Ali Reynolds mystery series. Her first book to be published was "Until Proven Guilty," introducing Beau. Since then, she has gone on to write 18 Beaumont books, 13 Brady books

and four Reynolds. In some of them, she does mix the characters from Beaumont series into the Brady series. I feel that it gives an additional "hum" to both the characters and the series. "Cruel Intent" (RM JAN J) is Ali Reynold's story. The online dating scene intrudes upon Ali's life when her contractor's ex-wife comes up dead and he is accused of it. But as always, it is much deeper than that. If you are interested in Jance, here is her Web site: <http://www.jajance.com/>. There are lists of her books and some essays that she has written. She also says that she answers all of her own e-mail, too!

Bob Schieffer is one of my favorite old style newscasters. He doesn't hesitate to call politicians on their positions nor does he tolerate any nonsense. Schieffer is from Texas, growing up in Fort Worth and worked for the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*. He joined CBS news in 1969 and has covered four beats: the White House, Pentagon, State Department and Capitol Hill. "Bob Schieffer's America" (RN 973.92 S) is a collection of essays he has written over the years on various subjects. Quite an interesting book.

I think you can now get "Valkyrie" the movie starring Tom Cruise on DVD. Would you like to read the book? Written by Philipp Freiherr von Boeselager, "Valkyrie: The Story of the Plot to Kill Hitler by Its Last



Member" (943.086 B) can be found on the New Book Shelf.

Elmer Kelton has written many a western. "Many a River" is the story of Jeffrey and Todd Barfield. Sharecroppers from Arkansas, in far West Texas, the family is attacked by the Comanche. Jeffrey escapes but Todd is taken captive. For the next seven years, each boy survives by his wits, hard work and good fortune — and each thinks the other is dead. When the Civil War arrives, the boys wind up on opposite sides during the Confederate Texas invasion of Union-held New Mexico, where meeting might mean death. As usual, Kelton ("Hard Trail to Follow") provides stirring action and gripping suspense. His portrayal of the chaotic and bloody Battle of Glorieta Pass in 1862 is thrilling, especially his chilling depiction of the murderous Union Major Chivington. This is vintage Kelton, a solid western story well-told. Review is from Publisher's Weekly.

Ridley Pearson can write a solid thriller, with many twists and turns. In "Killer View" (RN PEA R), Sheriff Walt Fleming in Sun Valley, Utah, must search for a missing

ski-er. A crack team is assembled, but an inexplicable incident occurs, resulting in the death of a team member and Marty Aker, Walt's best friend going missing. Of course, nothing is as it seems. Biohazards and mysterious illnesses all play a part in an insidious plot. Excellent book to read beside the pool or on the plane.

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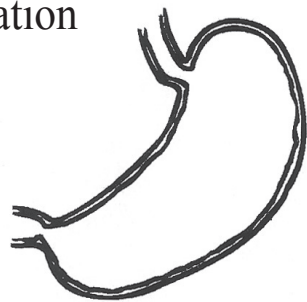
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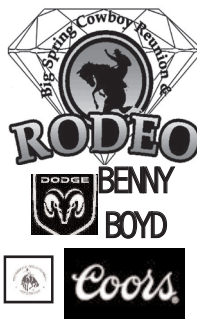
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Parent's Corner: Our moods can effect others

I found an article a few days ago from Medscape Medical News entitled:

Happiness May Be Contagious. Since I have accepted the quote made by Abraham Lincoln that folks are usually as happy as they choose to be, I was particularly interested in this study. Allow me to share



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some of the thoughts with you. According to the authors, a person's happiness is largely influenced by the happiness of those they are connected to. We've also found that an individual's emotional state may depend on the emotional experiences of people we may not even know, and the effect isn't just fleeting. Happiness is a fundamental component of human health determined by a complex set of voluntary and involuntary factors. While previous studies have identified a broad

range of stimuli identified with happiness or unhappiness, none has examined the happiness of others as a key determinant of human happiness. There is evidence that emotional states can be transferred directly from one individual to another by mimicry. People can "catch" emotional states they observe in others over time, ranging from seconds to weeks. To put it simply, when other people are happy it can influence our happiness.

To examine whether happiness can spread through social networks that include direct as well as indirect relationships, the investigators used data from more than 5,000 participants to reconstruct the social fabric in which individuals are meshed and analyze the relationship between social networks and health. The investigators found that when an individual becomes happy, friends experience a 25 percent increased chance of becoming happy and friends of those friends

experience a nearly 10 percent chance of increased happiness and continues as a perpetual influence to individuals in the social network clusters. This study certainly shows that our attitude influences those we are around and our happiness or unhappiness may come to us through doors we didn't even know we opened!

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bridge Is a Psychological Game

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q J 9
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ J 10 4

WEST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 8 6 2
♣ 9 8 5 3

EAST
♠ K 6
♥ K 2
♦ A K Q 9 5
♣ Q 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ A 10 9 8 7
♦ J 4
♣ A K

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ 2♦
2♠ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — two of diamonds.
To know what an opponent has and what he is thinking, and to then put this knowledge to good use, is the mark of a very good player. Sometimes you have to put yourself in the opponent's shoes to get the best result.

This deal is an exercise in card-reading and psychology. Suppose you're sitting East, defending against four hearts. West leads a diamond, and you take two diamond tricks. What would you lead now?

When the hand occurred, East returned the six of spades! As a result of this play, he defeated the contract. **Of course**, South could have made

11 tricks once the spade was led, and anyone reading this column would surely do so after seeing the East-West hands. But to understand why declarer went down, you have to imagine you're South and see only the North-South hands.

From South's viewpoint, the spade play at trick three has all the earmarks of a singleton. Why else would East return a spade into dummy's A-Q-J when he has a natural club return?

So when you win the spade in dummy and lead the queen of hearts, and East follows low, it seems risky to finesse, because if West has the king, he'll take it and give his partner a spade ruff to defeat the contract.

You therefore go up with the ace of hearts and return a heart. East takes the king and leads a club. You win and confidently take the spade finesse, but East, the rascal, produces the king, and down you go. If you're not too upset by what East did to you, you congratulate him for his fine play.

East's spade return makes lots of sense when you think about it. He knows South must have the A-K of clubs for his opening bid, and that a club return is therefore futile. If South is left to his own devices, he is sure to take a heart finesse and make the contract. East's only hope, therefore, is to try to divert South from the winning line of play by giving him something else to think about.

Tomorrow: A delicate operation.
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: A few months ago, my daughter got into an argument with her brother. During the course of this very heated disagreement, my daughter said she never liked his stepson because of something that happened 10 years ago. My son's wife overheard the remark and was very hurt. When she came into the family, her son was very young and we all accepted him.

I asked my daughter to apologize for making such a damaging comment. She replied that she didn't understand what the big deal was and they should get over it. I cannot get through to her what an awful thing she said and how much it hurt them. Because of this, none of them are speaking to each other. This means we can't get the family together. It is literally making me sick.

When I ask her to apologize, my daughter accuses me of taking sides. I told both of them they need to resolve this before it

begins to fester. Is the situation hopeless? — *Crying Mom*

Dear Mom: Not hopeless, but it will take some effort from both of your kids to fix it. Your daughter must apologize, and your son must forgive. And you are right — the longer they wait, the harder it will be.

Talk to your daughter first. She may be reluctant to admit fault, so explain that whether right or wrong, it is important to say you are sorry when you hurt someone, especially a person you care about. She doesn't have to apologize for her opinion of his stepson (and she should keep future opinions to herself), but she absolutely needs to tell her brother that she didn't mean to cause pain to him or his wife and she is sorry. Period. If she agrees, speak to your son and urge him to accept his sister's apology so they can rebuild their relationship. It will not be easy and it may take some time, but this is a good start.

Dear Annie: My hus-

band is 64 and I'm 59. We are independent and active and only have a few minor health issues. We are planning to retire to a beautiful area about a four-hour drive from where we live now.

The problem is our daughter feels it is wrong for us to move away because it will be too hard for her to care for us when we get too old to care for ourselves. We think that time is fairly far in the future, and even so, our new community includes a hospital and there are two other medical facilities nearby. I think our daughter feels guilty because someone told her they couldn't believe she would let us move so far away. What can we say to help her deal with this better? — *Confused*

Dear Confused: Your daughter isn't thinking about hospital care. She's worried about the day you can no longer drive to the grocery store or clean your house, and she has a point. However, you are still young enough to

enjoy many more years of independence, and there's no reason you can't do it where you prefer. Assure her that if it becomes too difficult to remain self-sufficient, you will consider moving closer to her. In the meantime, please visit as often as you can.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Still Single in California," the 35-year-old woman who wants to pre-arrange her burial and memorial plans. Please tell your readers about the Funeral Consumers Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting a consumer's right to choose a meaningful, dignified, affordable funeral. Readers can gain a wealth of advice, find a friendly ear and save a ton of money by joining one of the affiliates in their state. We are in 43 states and Canada. The website is www.funerals.org. — *Bayside, Calif.*

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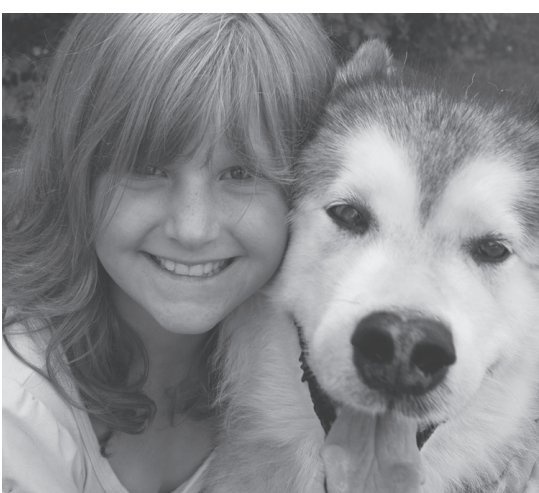
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- Animal abuse and child abuse are closely related.
- Animal abuse is often a tool used by batterers to emotionally control or coerce victims.
- Threatening, injuring, or killing animals can indicate the potential for increased violence or lethality.
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- Identifying animal abusers can help identify other victims of violence within the family.



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Deputy Tases woman, 72, during traffic stop

AUSTIN (AP) — She dared a deputy constable to shock her with a Taser. So, he did. Video released by a Travis County Constable's Office shows Deputy Chris Bieze confronting 72-year-old Kathryn Winkfein after stopping her for speeding on May 11 just outside Austin.

Video from a camera mounted in the deputy's car shows Winkfein cursing and challenging the deputy and even daring him to use the Taser on her. "You're going to shove me? You're going to shove a 72-year-old woman?" she yelled. Winkfein told KTBC-TV in

Austin that she did nothing to provoke the use of the Taser. But Precinct 3 Sgt. Maj. Gary Griffin said Bieze used the Taser only after Winkfein became combative. There was no immediate comment from Winkfein on Wednesday. A call to her home was answered by a fax machine.

Israeli woman mistakenly junks \$1 million mattress

IAN DEITCH
 Associated Press Writer
 JERUSALEM — An Israeli woman mistakenly threw out a mattress she said had almost \$1 million inside, setting off a frantic search through tons of garbage at a number of landfill sites on Wednesday.

The woman searching through garbage at a dump in southern Israel. The picture shows the woman, dressed in a white top and black pants with her back to the camera, picking through a huge pile of trash that fills the frame about 10 feet in all directions.

The woman told The Associated Press that she bought her elderly mother a new mattress as a surprise present on Monday — and threw out the old one. The next day, she said, she remembered that she had hidden her life savings inside the old mattress. "I woke up in the morning screaming, when it hit me what happened," said the Tel Aviv woman, who asked not to be identified.

Yitzhak Borba, the dump manager, told Army Radio that his staff was helping the woman, saying she appeared "totally desperate." He said the mattress was hard to find among the 2,500 tons of garbage that arrives at the site every day.

She went to look for the mattress, but it had already been hauled away by garbage collectors, she said. Subsequent searches at three different landfill sites turned up nothing. She said the money was in U.S. dollars and Israeli shekels. She refused to say how she acquired such a large sum. "It was all my money in the world," she said. The Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot published a pic-

ture of the woman searching through garbage at a dump in southern Israel. He said the increased security at the site to keep would-be treasure hunters away. The woman said the money had been stashed in a mattress because she had had "traumatic experiences with banks" in the past. She would not elaborate. She said she is trying to remain hopeful the money would be recovered, but she fears someone may already have found it. Even so, she said it could be worse. "People have to take everything in proportion, and thank God for the good and the bad," she said.

Administration to issue Wall Street pay curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — An up and coming Wall Street executive might want to hold off on buying that condo in Aspen. The Obama administration is ready to issue broad new guidelines that would rein in pay at financial institutions. Eager to remove incentives that they say contributed to last year's financial crisis, President Barack Obama's economic team plans to unfurl broad executive pay principles, possibly as early as Wednesday, that put a premium on long-term performance over short-term gain. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke want to give the Fed, which regulates banks, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, which oversees the financial markets, greater powers to guide compensation practices on Wall Street

and beyond. In anticipation of the new guidelines, Geithner scheduled a private meeting Wednesday with SEC Chairwoman Mary Schapiro, Federal Reserve Governor Dan Tarullo and executive pay experts to discuss compensation policies. Those overarching guidelines for the industry come as the administration prepares to issue new, more specific regulations governing pay at financial institutions that have received infusions from the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. The regulations, prompted by legislation passed by Congress earlier this year, would limit top executives to bonuses no greater than one-third of their annual salaries. Those regulations, expected later in the week, would replace administration restrictions on banks that receive

"exceptional assistance" from the government. Those limits set a \$500,000 cap on pay for top executives and limited bonuses or additional compensation to restricted stock that could only be claimed after the firm had paid the government back. On Tuesday, 10 of the nation's largest banks got permission to pay back their share of the money, just in time to avoid the new pay regulations. But executives at several other high-profile firms, including Citigroup, Bank of America, the American International Group, Chrysler and General Motors, would fall under the new bonus limits. Executive pay is a politically charged issue. Bonuses totaling \$165 million issued by AIG in March set off a public and congressional outcry.



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6-10

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

6-10

"Why do I hafta wash my HANDS? I'm eating with a knife and fork."

HAGAR

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE I SEE THE DOCTOR!

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

CHECK OUT THE COBWEBS!

BC

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HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

RIGHT UP UNTIL YOUR WEDDING DAY.

BLONDIE

THE BOSS MADE ME WEAR ONE OF THOSE 'GPS' ANKLE BRACELETS TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T STRAY FROM MY DESK TODAY

I CAN'T REMEMBER EVER HAVING TO WORK SO HARD

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW DIFFICULT THOSE THINGS ARE TO SLIP OUT OF

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FOR A SECOND THERE, I THOUGHT HE'D GONE SOFT...

This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

On this date:

In 1865, the Richard Wagner opera "Tristan und Isolde" premiered in Munich.

In 1907, 11 men in five cars set out from the French embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

In 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a pro-

posed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern senators.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a U.N.-mediated cease-fire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1978, Affirmed won the Belmont Stakes and with it, horse racing's Triple Crown.

In 1982, the play "Torch Song Trilogy," by Harvey Fierstein, opened on Broadway.

In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, R.I., at his retrial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 88. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 84. Actor-director Lionel Jeffries is 83. Author Maurice Sendak is 81. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 76. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 70. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 68. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 68. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 66.

Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 57. Former Sen. John Edwards is 56. Actor Andrew Stevens is 54. Singer Barrington Henderson is 53. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer is 50. Rock musician Kim Deal is 48. Singer Maxi Priest is 48. Actress Gina Gershon is 47. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 46. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 45. Actress Kate Flannery is 45. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 44. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 44. Actor Doug McKeon is 43. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 42. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 42. Rapper The D.O.C. is 41. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- Where Tibet is
- Chew the scenery
- Currier's partner
- Statuesque
- Throw out
- Pricy buy
- State w. of Montana
- Meadow murmur
- Sporting blade
- Model maker's buy
- Pond-dwelling croaker
- Tiger Woods org.
- Flame fanciers
- Type of star
- Ambiance
- Chem-lab liquids
- Whorlic bit
- Historic Nova Scotia town
- Party givers
- Tenet
- Times to remember
- Midmorning
- In the center of
- E-mail provider
- Use the microwave on
- Alaska's state fossil
- Separate
- Festive nights
- Black-and-white cookie

DOWN

- Suspect's story
- Very angry
- Rolex rival
- Toward the Orient
- Moneybags
- Port near Kyoto
- Carpet feature
- Rainy-day fund
- Italian master poet
- Something owed
- Type of cereal
- Be scared of
- Pronounced
- A few of
- Toastmaster
- Contemptible one
- Greek vowel
- Good name, for short
- Took up or let out
- White wader
- Walkman successors
- Genghis
- Popular side order
- Buddies
- Pesky bug
- Cash sources
- Nativity-scene figures
- What we share
- Disney World transportation
- Desktop symbol
- Spring month
- Held gently
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- Leadership position
- Nice and warm
- Blood line
- Microscopic swimmer
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- Elite squad
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- Decline
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- excellence

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I THOUGHT YOU SAID "NO GIRLS ALLOWED"

I CHANGED THE RULE.

"NO SISTERS ALLOWED"

THE OTHER COAST

C'MON, GIVE IT UP, KOKO. GIVE IT UP. C'MON, LET IT GO!

HAH! GOT IT!

DO YOU THINK MAYBE KOKO IS GETTING TOO OLD FOR FRISBEE GAMES?

SNUFFY SMITH

BUT, MIZ TUTTLE, IT'S ALMOST NOON !!

SORRY, LOWEEZY !!

TH' PARSON'S STILL THINKIN' !!

THOUGHT FER TH' DAY

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I NEVER GET ANY MAIL.

News in brief

Perry says he will call special session

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday he will call a special legislative session so lawmakers can address unfinished state business, but he wouldn't say when.

"We now are to the point that we can say that there will be a special session. When is still a little bit up in the air," Perry said.

The Legislature adjourned its 140-day regular session June 1 without passing key "sunset" bills that would have kept important state agencies running, including the transportation and insurance departments and the Texas Racing Commission.

Last week, Perry said his staff was studying all options to decide whether a special session was necessary to continue the operation of the agencies. By Tuesday, he said, it was clear a special session would have to be called.

The Texas governor can call multiple special sessions lasting up to 30 days each. Perry can add any number of items to the agenda of a special session. He wouldn't say whether a contentious GOP-backed voter identification proposal — which would require Texans to show more ID before casting a ballot — would be on the agenda.

"When I decide on the date, I'll let you all know what we're going to discuss, but it's a little bit premature," Perry said.

Fighting between Democrats and Republicans over the voter ID measure bogged down the regular session and, in the Texas House, caused the death of other legislation.

Perry answered reporters' questions as he began a meeting at the Capitol with business leaders about energy. At the start of the meeting, Perry

criticized Washington politicians for proposals they are considering that he says would strangle Texas' energy industry.

Perry, whose denunciations of Washington have intensified the past few months, faces a tough Republican primary race for re-election in 2010 against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The timing of a special session affects his ability to raise money for that expensive campaign.

He cannot collect campaign cash during a regular or special legislative session. He also must wait to hold fundraisers until after the June 21 conclusion of the veto period for the regular session.

When the Texas Senate adjourned last week without approving legislation to keep the state agencies running, a Republican senator suggested the governor could keep the agencies operating by executive order.

Governor breaks collarbone in bike accident

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry broke his collarbone while riding a mountain bike near his home.

The governor's office said in a news release that Perry was treated in the emergency room at Seton Medical Center in Austin and released Tuesday night.

He broke his right collarbone and had a minor abrasion to his right elbow.

Governor's spokeswoman Allison Castle says Perry was wearing a helmet, but she had no other details on the accident.

The accident forces the postponement of Perry's planned trips to Galveston, Corpus Christi and South Padre Island to sign bills recently passed by

the Legislature.

Cleburne hires geologist after earthquakes

CLEBURNE (AP) — A fourth earthquake prompted city officials to hire a geologist and then another earthquake happened about an hour before the emergency meeting.

The fifth earthquake took place Tuesday at 6:19 p.m. and the U.S. Geological Survey measured it at a 2.1-magnitude. Cleburne officials called for an 8 p.m. emergency meeting Tuesday after the fourth earthquake, measuring a 2.6, happened that same day at 5:10 p.m.

No damage or injuries have been reported from the tremors.

Mayor Ted Reynolds said residents want to know whether the earthquakes are connected to natural gas drilling in the town, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The other earthquakes within the last week had magnitudes of 2.3, 2.6 and 2.8.

Galveston's trees hard-hit by Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — Forestry officials touring areas of Galveston flooded by Hurricane Ike determined the city lost as much as 80 percent of its tree canopy.

The Texas Forest Service estimates that about 11,800 trees on public property and 31,000 trees on private property are dead or dying.

Officials from the Texas Forest Service, Texas A&M University tree experts and members of the city's tree committee checked out the trees on Tuesday.

U.S. Forest Service regional urban forester Ed Macie said the loss of trees would adversely impact wildlife, cause more flooding and increase energy costs, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"It was nothing short of an eco-disaster," said Macie.

A meeting is planned later this week with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to determine which trees need to be removed, according to Pete Smith with the Texas Forest Service.

Smith would like the tree removal to start in mid-June and be completed by the hurricane's anniversary in September.

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Blue Jays take second straight over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Once the Toronto Blue Jays started scoring runs, the daunting task of facing the Texas offense became a little easier for Brian Tallet.

Tallet and two relievers combined for a two-hitter, Adam Lind homered and the Blue Jays beat the Rangers 9-0 Tuesday night.

Toronto gave Tallet a 4-0 cushion in the second to help the left-hander silence a Rangers team that is second in the majors with 89 home runs.

“Without a doubt, getting four runs in the second inning was big,” Tallet said. “After that you can say, ‘Here it is.’ Let them hit and let your defense do the work. Then they just kept tacking on the runs. By the seventh inning, I was on cruise control.”

Tallet (4-3) went seven innings to match the longest start of his career. He walked two, struck out three and retired the last eight batters he faced to win for the second time in three

starts. Dirk Hayhurst and B.J. Ryan each pitched a scoreless inning of relief.

Tallet has pitched at least six innings in eight consecutive outings.

“He pitched a great game,” Toronto manager Cito Gaston said. “To hold that team down without a score is really good.”

Lind, who hit two homers and drove in four runs in Toronto’s 6-3 victory Monday, had a solo shot in the fifth. He is 20 for 45 his last 11 games.

Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer in the eighth, and Scott Rolen went 3 for 4. Rolen is 6 for 8 in the first two games of the series against the Rangers.

The Blue Jays, who lost a nine a row on the road coming into the series, posted their fifth shutout of the season.

“If you have to depend on one or two guys every night to hit, it’s tough,” Gaston said. “It was a team win.”

Doug Mathis (0-1) gave up five runs and seven hits over five innings in his first start of the season. The right-hander replaced Brandon McCarthy, who was placed on the disabled list Tuesday with a stress fracture in his right shoulder blade.

Mathis had a spotless first before struggling in the second. He walked two batters and threw 35 pitches in the inning.

“I didn’t help myself,” said Mathis, who finished with 98 pitches. “I fell behind too many guys. I can’t blame anyone else for that.”

The first-place Rangers were shut out for the third time this season and lost its third in a row at home for the first time this season. Boston’s Jon Lester threw a two-hitter against Texas on Saturday, and the Rangers were held to one hit by Detroit on May 19.

Tallet allowed a double to Brandon Boggs in the second and single to

Chris Davis in the fourth. Toronto pitchers retired the last 14 Rangers hitters.

“It was a frustrating night,” said Texas designated hitter Andruw Jones, who was 0 for 4. “The balls were disappearing. (Tallet) pitched like Tom Glavine.”

Vernon Wells led off the second with a triple over center fielder Marlon Byrd’s head and scored on Lind’s ground out.

After consecutive walks, Kevin Millar had an RBI single to make it 2-0.

Marco Scutaro capped the scoring in the second with a bases-loaded single that brought in two runs and stretched Toronto’s lead to 4-0.

Lind hit a one-out home run in the fifth off Mathis, who made his fifth career start, that barely cleared the 14-foot fence in left field.

It was his fifth homer in five games.

Rangers select Klein left-hander Matthew Purke in first round of MLB draft

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers selected high school left-hander Matthew Purke with the 14th overall selection in baseball’s amateur draft on Tuesday.

Purke, who played at Klein High School just outside of Houston, was 4-2 with a 1.18 earned run average as a senior. He struck out 91 and walked only seven in 47 1-3 innings.

The 18-year-old worked out at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington on Sunday and impressed the club with his 95-mph fastball.

“We like his ability,” Texas general

manager Jon Daniels said. “He has an easy arm. He throws strikes. He has above-average life to his fastball. We like his makeup.”

The Rangers selected four players on the first day of the draft.

Right-hander Tanner Scheppers was taken in the supplemental first round and 44th overall.

Scheppers, who played at Fresno State, was drafted in the second round by Pittsburgh last season but didn’t sign.

Texas also chose Fresno State third baseman Tommy Mendonca in the

second round and high school left-handed pitcher Robbie Erlin from Scotts Valley, Calif., in the third.

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Purke represented the United States in international competition the past three years.

He pitched a four-hit shutout, which included 11 strikeouts and no walks, against Mexico in the World Junior Championships last July.

Purke has signed a letter of intent at TCU.

“We wouldn’t have taken a player if we didn’t feel we have a chance to

sign him, especially in the first round,” Daniels said.

This is the fifth time in the last seven drafts that the Rangers have nabbed a pitcher with their first overall pick.

The Rangers have taken nine Texas natives with their top selection. The most recent was right-hander Blake Beavan from nearby Irving in 2007.

“It’s always a nice bonus to take a player from Texas,” Daniels said. “That helps us get to know him better. But we drafted him on his ability, not his area code.”

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