

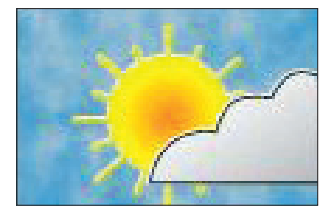
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City of Big Spring Finance Director Peggy Walker administers the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Tommy Duncan during the city council meeting Tuesday night. Duncan takes over the post after defeating Russ McEwen in a municipal election earlier this month.

Relay redo set June 19

Annual event will move indoors this time around

By NANCY KOGER
 Special to the Herald

Just like cancer survivors who have come back after treatment, the 2010 Howard Glasscock Relay For Life will spring back into being on Saturday, June 19, inside the confines of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Howard College is graciously sponsoring the "Relay Redo," which weather brought to a close last weekend.

and they may set up campsites and sell wares.

Registration will start at 9 that morning. The Survivor Lap and Caregiver Lap will begin at 10:15 a.m. Survivors will be given meal tickets and celebrate a birthday party with cupcakes at 1 p.m., which is also the time when all team money is due for counting.

At an emergency committee meeting Tuesday, Relay Co-Chairs Vicki Stewart and Diane Wood presented the schedule for the shortened event and emphasized that teams are still needed to bring baskets for the auction

Some of the previously-planned activities will go on between 1 and 2 p.m.. At 2 p.m. lights will be dimmed for the luminaria ceremony. That solemn moment will be followed by the Fight Back skit and the opportunity for

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Outgoing mayor lauds city personnel, council

'It's been an honor,' McEwen says

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

After a decade of service, Russ McEwen addressed the city council Tuesday night for the last time as mayor of Big Spring, offering heartfelt thanks to city officials and words of encouragement to newly elected mayor Tommy Duncan.

"God bless each of you," McEwen told the remaining council members. "It's been an honor to have made the decisions we've made. I say this to you with all sincerity, there are not six people who care more for our community than you guys. I know the new guys are going to a great job. Just because they are here, just because they were willing to run for office, it shows they are going to do the same thing. But you guys took the time and were diligent in making the decisions you did, and it really has been an honor to serve with you."

McEwen offered a great amount of praise for the city staff, saying the citizens' ability to count on running water and other city services serves as a reminder just how hard the men and women of the city of Big Spring work.

"Before I became mayor, I heard a lot of times where people were saying the city staff doesn't do this or doesn't do that," said McEwen. "They said, 'If you look at them, they're not doing their jobs.' What I have found in the last



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Former Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, left, presents former District 5 Councilman Troy Tompkins with a token of appreciation during Tuesday night's city council meeting. Both McEwen and Tompkins left office during the meeting.

10 years is there are not a set of citizens of the city of Big Spring that work harder than the people on the city staff. And that goes from the city manager to the last person out every day.

"All you have to do to understand how wonderful our city staff is, look at when we're home and it's New Years Eve and 22 degrees outside. We're

loving everything we have, we have water on and everything is going well. There are city workers out fixing water lines, and they are in waist-deep water. That is the type of service we've been fortunate enough to have and be able to say, 'You know what? You're the star employee of

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Forensic team raising funds for tournament

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School speech and debate team is giving Crossroads area residents an opportunity to own a piece of history.

The team will be having an alumni performance and silent auction at 6 p.m. Saturday in the high school li-

brary. The activities are to benefit students who will be attending the National Forensic League national tournament in June.

"We have a lot of cool autographed sports memorabilia to auction off," debate coach Clint Adams said. "If you

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Boys and Girls Club summer program nears

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

With just weeks left before area schools let out for the summer vacation, many parents will be faced with child-care dilemma.

Enter the Big Spring Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club of America, which has provided area families with affordable child care services during the summer months for the past several years and will kick off its 2010 program June 1.

"We have a lot of different activities planned this year," said Sonnet Hildebrand, director of the annual program. "Our program coordinator this year is Ste-

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Bats save the day for Buffaloes

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

ANDREWS — Scoring 17 runs can atone for a multitude of mistakes in baseball.

The Forsan Buffaloes didn't have good defense or pitching Tuesday against Ira, but they had excellent hitting, and that was enough to carry them to a 17-11 victory in the first game of a best-of-three regional quarterfinal baseball playoff series Tuesday in Andrews.

The Buffs jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and kept the hits coming throughout the game — 14 of them, in fact — and laid waste to three Ira pitchers.

That offensive production was sorely needed, because the other two facets of the game — pitching and defense — had off nights for both teams.

"That was ugly — ugly

as you can get," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said of the game, which featured 13 combined errors in the field and 14 combined walks from the teams' pitchers. "We didn't play very good defense and it showed. And we walked too many batters. The bright spot is we hit the ball well, but we definitely have to play better on defense."

Leading the hit parade for Forsan was the heart of the Buffs' lineup. Foster Burchett was 4-for-4 with two doubles, a pair of RBI and three runs scored, Evan Burton added a pair of doubles and scored two runs and Ryan Flores had only one hit, but it was memorable — a three-run home run to left in the third inning.

"The guys did a very good job of hitting (Tuesday)," Phillips said.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan batter Zane Herrin (8) waits on a pitch while teammate Trevor Burchett leads off first base during the second inning of the Buffaloes' regional quarterfinal playoff game against Ira Tuesday in Andrews.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College third baseman Patrick Palmeiro fields a grounder during the Hawks' Region V Tournament game against Odessa Tuesday in Fort Worth. Odessa won, 8-2, eliminating Howard from the tournament.

Area playoff schedule

Thursday

Forsan softball vs. Albany, 5 p.m., Trent.

Coahoma softball vs. Alpine, 7 p.m., MUGS field No. 7, Midland.

Saturday

Forsan baseball vs. Ira, 1 p.m., Andrews (if necessary, second game follows 30 minutes after conclusion).

Coahoma softball vs. Alpine, 1 p.m., MUGS field No. 7, Midland (if necessary, second game follows 30 minutes after conclusion.).

Forsan softball vs. Albany, 2 p.m., Trent (if necessary, second game follows).

Sports in brief

Hawks' season ends at Region V tournament

FORT WORTH — The Howard College Hawks' dream of a second straight trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series ended a few games short.

The Hawks suffered an 8-2 defeat at the hands of Odessa College at the NJCAA Region V baseball tournament Tuesday afternoon.

The defeat ends Howard's season, which saw the Hawks compile a 45-11 record and win their second straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference title.

Odessa (38-22) broke open a tie game with six runs on five hits in the top of the sixth inning.

Kickball tournament slated for Mize Field

A "Kick Off The Summer" kickball tournament is scheduled for May 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field.

The tournament features a four-game guarantee

and is open to players ages 10 and under. At least three girls must be on the field at all times, organizers said.

Cost is \$10 per player. Registration can be done by phone or until 10 a.m. at Mize Field the first day of the tournament.

All proceeds will go to "Mayhem," an 8 and under girls' softball travel team.

For more information, call 213-6156 or 599-3948.

Parent-child golf tournament scheduled

Big Spring Country Club will host a parent-child two-person scramble golf tournament June 5-6.

The tournament will have two divisions — trophy and open — and will be flighted by first day scores. A parent may play with more than one child.

Entry fee is \$80 per team in the open division and \$40 per team in the trophy division (second team registration is half price). Prizes in the open division will be golf shop gift certificates.

To register, call 267-5354.

Major fishing rodeo called off

GOLDEN MEADOW, La. (AP) — One of Louisiana's major fishing rodeos has been canceled by the oil slick that continues to spread in the Gulf of Mexico.

The 2010 Golden Meadow-Fourchon International Tarpon Rodeo had been scheduled for July 1-3. The rodeo's president, John Maurer, announced the cancellation Tuesday.

Maurer told The Courier of Houma the decision was made after meeting with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries officials. That agency said the coastal waters might be closed by July.

"They just wanted us to know that the waters may not be open for our fishermen, and we made the decision to close it," Maurer said. "It's heartbreaking to have to cancel it, but we just don't want people to come from Baton Rouge and all over the country to come fish the rodeo and then get here and not have areas to fish on."

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Obituaries

Micah Levi Pearson

Micah Levi Pearson, 24, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 13, 2010. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



He was born Oct. 3, 1985, in Big Spring. He worked in the oil field and he was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He enjoyed pool and barbecues with friends and family. He is survived by one son, Mason Levi Pearson of Coahoma; one stepdaughter, Lacy Taylor Pearson of Coahoma; parents, Joel Pearson of Ballinger and Cheryl Pearson of Big Spring; one brother, James Pearson and his wife Mary of Big Spring; one sister, Melissa Thomas and her husband Dan of Big Spring; grandparents, Bobby White and his wife Sharon of Big Spring and Sondra Littlepage and her husband Carl of Silsbee; numerous aunts and uncles; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Raymond Pearson; and grandparents June and Charlie Pearson.

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

Paid obituary

Garland Smith

Garland Smith, 84, of Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 16, 2010, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Mount Olive Cemetery with Mike Sells officiating.

He was born Sept. 3, 1925, in Pell City, Ala. He married Linda Fay Human Dec. 16, 1970, in Midland. He lived in Big Spring and Sweetwater for more than 40 years and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a baptist.

He's survived by two brothers, D.T. Smith of Gadsden, Ala., and Noah Smith of Coal City, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Riley Wyatt

Riley Wyatt, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gene Simpkins

Gene Simpkins, 77, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were:
11-13-19-37-40, Mega Ball: 26

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-17-21-27-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-7-5-0. Sum It Up: 17

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-5-0. Sum It Up: 7

Police blotter

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

- **MARCUS JOE ANDERSON**, 29, of 4109 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, failure to identify – giving false information and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **PAUBLO RENE GONZALES**, 25, of 1901 N. Highway 87, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LEROY TREVINO**, 24, of 407 W. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- **ROD LEE PUGA**, 48, of 1409 Settles, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- **ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO**, 44, of 2804 Parkway Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft by check.
- **JUSTIN BLAYNE PUENTE**, 19, of 125 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- **ROBERTO VASQUEZ II**, 18, of 3610 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT**, 21, of 1408 Dixie, was arrested Tuesday on charges of fictitious/counterfeit inspection certificate or insurance document, altered/obscured/wrong license plate and driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- **PABLO RENE GONZALES**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RONALD LEE BURTON**, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.
- **ROD LEE PUGA**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information.
- **CINDY DIAN CHRANE**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a judgment/sentence for speeding.
- **KEITH VICTOR GARDNER**, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a capias warrant for driving while license invalid and a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **LEROY TREVINO**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a violation of parole.
- **PORFIRIO RIOS**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to change address.
- **JUSTIN PUENTE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of bond – protective order.
- **ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **ROBERTO VASQUEZ II**, 18, was transferred to

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 5/20	Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23	Mon 5/24
89/63 Mainly sunny. High 89F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.	93/68 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	90/67 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	95/66 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	89/66 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **ANTHONY LEE EVANS**, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a bench warrant issued by CPS.
- **MELISSA ANN OLIVER**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of dangerous drug.
- **CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BURNETT**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and wrong/fictitious/altered or obscured license plate.
- **ALFONSO BACA III**, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and expired registration.
- **CLARA RAMIREZ RANGEL**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- **GLORIA K. LUNA LOZANO**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – open container and failure to stop at proper place for traffic signal.
- **CASSANDRA KATHLEEN VILLA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, minor consuming alcohol (two counts), failure to appear (three counts) and failure to identify.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6000 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of E. FM 700 and Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

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UAE soccer shows status of female Muslim athletes

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — They only recently got a grass practice field. They've come under attack on their Facebook page, and some fear telling their relatives that during their spare time they play soccer.

Such are the troubles for the national women's team from the United Arab Emirates. And this is progress.

Recently, the UAE women scored their greatest triumph, making their first appearance in a major tournament. Playing live on national television — and in front of a boisterous crowd of several hundred men — the Gulf upstarts stunned reigning champion Jordan 1-0 in the West Asian Football Federation championship.

"It has made me so proud," said Alaa Ahmed, a 15-year-old midfielder who is one of the few players wearing a tightly drawn, black head scarf, leggings and long-sleeved shirt during matches. "Afterward, the other kids in school came up and asked for my autograph. They said I was a star. It's a great feeling."

The topsy-turvy journey of the UAE team is emblematic of the issues faced by female athletes across the Islamic world.

Helped by families moving to the cities, better education and increased government support, Muslim women from Indonesia to Morocco are taking up sports in small but growing numbers. They

are forming soccer leagues in Turkey, boxing clubs in Afghanistan and rugby teams in Iran. Nearly 150 female athletes from 18 Muslim countries took part in the 2008 Beijing Games, a record and a fivefold increase from the 1988 Seoul Games, according to the International Olympic Committee.

Yet the growth comes in fits and starts, and is vulnerable to age-old cultural pressures, modern rules and varying player commitment.

Saudi Arabia, for instance, does not allow women to participate in the Olympics and the once-banned Kuwaiti soccer team was denounced on its return from the WAFF tournament by conservative lawmakers who want a ban on all international competitions. In Iraq, a women's wrestling club disbanded last year after receiving death threats from religious groups.

Then there is growing debate on the wearing of head scarves at sporting events. While rugby, volleyball and taekwondo federations allow them, FIFA has resisted lifting a ban — standing by rules designed for safety but seen by Muslims as discriminatory.

Last month, FIFA initially blocked the Iranian girls' soccer team from competing in this summer's inaugural Youth Olympics over their insistence on wearing head scarves — which some Mus-

lims say protects the modesty of Islamic girls and women. FIFA allowed them back in this month after the team agreed to wear a cap that covers their hair.

"Despite the growth in participation rates, the biggest challenges remain legal prohibitions, social stigma and limited opportunity," said Meghan O. Mahoney, an expert on women's sports at Northeastern University's Sport in Society.

Formed in 2004 by a handful of young women in love with the game, the UAE team operated in name only for the first several years. Then in 2008, the group hired Australian Connie Selby, who instituted regular practices and games with opponents from other parts of the country and tours of Europe.

Their victory over Jordan in February raised the team's profile and turned many of the players into local celebrities.

But on a balmy night at the team's new practice field, a gift of the government located in the shadow of a men's soccer stadium, the limit of their newfound success was easy to see.

Selby, a 50-year-old former Australian national team captain, was running out of patience. She had spent the day gearing up for the intense passing drills and scrimmage. By the time practice was set to start, only Ahmed and an-

other player had bothered to show up. Practice had to be scrapped.

"I've been getting text messages all day from players saying they can't come, they can't come," said a frustrated Selby, who before taking the UAE job coached in Australia and headed women's soccer in the Oceanian Football Confederation.

Retaining players — all of whom are in school or have day jobs as police officers, bankers and administrators — is a huge challenge. Compared to thousands of players to choose from in nations such as Australia or Japan, the UAE only has a pool of 20 who are trying to balance family and work demands with the team.

There is no UAE league to motivate them and games are rare. The next match is another regional tournament in August.

Without a league, the team cannot qualify to play in Asian Football Confederation tournaments which could lead to a World Cup berth — a dream of Selby and many of the players.

"A lot of them see this as a job, rather than a love of the game," said Nadine Schtakleff, a 25-year-old banker whose family hails from Lebanon, and who looks a little like America's Mia Hamm with her ponytail and broad smile. She was typical of most of the players, who prefer T-

shirt and shorts over the head scarf and long sweats.

"It takes a lot to be committed," she said. "It is new here and there are not a lot of people willing to step out and invest in the team."

And there is the conservative culture to confront. While Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, and his wife, Princess Haya, have championed women's sports and two of Mohammed's daughters took part in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, many Emiratis have their suspicions about Western sports.

They fear that women's soccer forces their women to wear revealing uniforms that will expose their bodies, a taboo in a country of 4.8 million people where the preferred dress is the black, cloak-like abaya and hijab.

As a result, the team has lost several players, including one who left after a relative saw her playing in the championship game without her headscarf.

The job of changing the Emirati mindset falls to Nada Yousef al-Hashimi, a vivacious Ministry of Economy official who took up swimming and track in school. When she is not trying to lure foreign investment into the country, al-Hashimi can be found at the team's practice watching protectively over the players she fondly calls "diamonds" and "stars."

BRIEFS

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Maurer said it is the first time the rodeo, which takes place annually before the Fourth of July holiday, has been canceled in its 63-year history.

2 tied to Williams case accept pleas

DENVER (AP) — Two men who refused to testify in the trial of a man convicted in the death of Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams have pleaded guilty to being an accessory to perjury.

As part of a plea agreement, 21-year-old Kataina "Markie" Jackson-Keeling and 22-year-old Mario Anderson admitted they were in contempt of the court. They pleaded guilty Tuesday.

Denver prosecutors had accused them of lying to a Denver grand jury investigating Williams' death in a drive-by shooting early New Year's Day 2007.

Jurors convicted Willie Clark in March of first-degree murder and sentenced him to life in prison plus 1,152 years.

Jackson-Keeling and Anderson are free on bond. They are due to be sentenced June 7.

3 ex-Duke football players plead to gun charges

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Three Georgia men kicked off Duke University's football team won't return to the North Carolina school after pleading guilty to firearms charges.

Multiple media outlets reported the three freshmen from Georgia will serve a year's probation, perform community service and pay a \$500 fine plus court costs. They pleaded guilty Tuesday to

charges of possessing a weapon on educational property and carrying a concealed weapon.

John Drew and Kyle Griswold of Midland, Ga.; and Brandon Putnam of Peachtree City, Ga., were dismissed from the football team after their arrest in January.

They were charged after guns were fired in the air near a residence hall on the Duke campus. No one was hurt and a pistol was recovered.

Sports doctor faces drug charges

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A Canadian doctor whose high-profile clients have included Tiger Woods and Alex Rodriguez was charged Tuesday with bringing unapproved drugs into the United States and unlawfully treating pro athletes.

Dr. Anthony Galea of Toronto, who is known for using a blood-spinning technique designed to speed recovery from injuries, is accused of injecting at least one current NFL player with Actovegin, a calf's blood derivative which is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and providing a retired player with human growth hormone after his playing days had ended.

A criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Buffalo charges Galea with smuggling, unlawful distribution of HGH, introducing an unapproved drug into interstate commerce, conspiring to lie to federal agents and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Galea, who is not authorized to work in the United States, is accused of repeatedly entering the country from 2007 to 2009 to treat professional athletes from Major League Baseball, the NFL and Professional Golfers' Association, U.S. Attorney William Hochul said.

Wizards win

one of their own — a five-run, four-hit fourth that reduced their deficit to 9-6.

For the remainder of the evening, the game resembled a tennis match of sorts — Ira would rally to make the score close, only to have Forsan extend its lead again.

Burton, the second of three Forsan pitchers, picked up the win while Lance Morris took the loss for Ira.

The teams resume their series at 1 p.m.

Saturday in Andrews. A third game, if needed, will follow afterward.

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NBA draft lottery

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — With a lucky charm from the franchise's best days, the Washington Wizards won the NBA's draft lottery.

Washington moved up from the No. 5 spot to earn the top pick in next month's draft, when it will likely choose between Kentucky freshman John Wall and national player of the year Evan Turner of Ohio State.

The Philadelphia 76ers, another disappointment this season, moved up from the sixth spot to grab the No. 2 pick. The New Jersey Nets continued the run of failure by teams with the best chance of winning, falling to the third.

Breeder sentenced on animal cruelty charges

CATSKILL, N.Y. (AP) — Thoroughbred breeder and former Wall Street executive Ernie Paragallo, who has earned more than \$20 million in purses in 20 years of racing, was led away in handcuffs after being sentenced to up to 2 years in jail and a \$33,000 fine for mistreating dozens of horses on his Hudson Valley farm.

The 52-year-old Long Island resident was charged after state police and animal welfare investigators raided his farm in Coxsackie in April 2009 and seized 177 starving, parasite-infested horses. Paragallo was convicted in March of 33 misdemeanor animal cruelty counts.

FORSAN

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"They hit the ball hard all night ... Offensively, we were fine, but almost everything on defense has to improve.

"Part of the problem for both teams was that the pitchers had a tough time adjusting to a pretty tight strike zone," Phillips said. "I'm not criticizing the umpire — he called it the same both ways — but we've got to do a better job

adjusting to the strike zone."

The Buffs threatened to run away and hide early, charging to a 9-1 lead after three innings. The main impetus in that early lead was a six-run third inning, fueled in large part by Flores' home run, back-to-back doubles from Burton and Burchett and an RBI double from Patrick Robles.

But the Bulldogs refused to go away, responding to Forsan's offensive outbursts with

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American Profile

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Over the next four weeks, many will come to a deeper peace and understanding on the topic of "mother." The bond between mother and child is one of the basic lines of code in our operating system. As Venus enters nurturing Cancer, we might be inspired to explore the maternal bond and the role it plays in our attitudes and relationships.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). Like a drummer sitting down and settling into his favorite beat, you've hit your groove. Everything is clicking, rock-steady and solid.



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Now it's your time to shine. Drum solo!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is no business like show business. And even though, technically, that might not be the business you're in, you'll be in it today. Put on the costume of a winner, make sure your lighting is right, and deliver your performance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Simple courtesies make you feel warm and comfortable. When others do not observe the graces that make society operate smoothly, it's disconcerting to everyone. But luckily, good manners are contagious.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a reason you are so drawn in by that masterful, talented person you know.

When you watch someone who is immersed in the present moment, it brings you into the present, as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sun shines down on everybody equally; some just choose to ignore it. You're smarter, healthier and protected by metaphoric sunscreen. You'll enjoy the rays lighting up your world. Look up and shout: Bring it on!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Resist the part of you that wants to procrastinate. Your talents are considerable, but they won't be satisfied unless they're delivered. A soft deadline won't suit your style of time management. Make a hard-and-fast promise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone is making trouble for you. You

know who it is, but it's not in your nature to retaliate. No matter, this person will step in his or her own trap. Expect some poetic justice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have gotten into some avoidable scrapes over the years, but that's par for the course for an adventurer like you. Plus, no one has better stories to tell than you, and you're about to get a new one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People are having a hard time getting to where they want to go. You feel lucky that most of your goals and destinations are directed inward and can't be disrupted by angry natural forces.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You feel like you're being pulled in five directions at once.

Do this: Turn off your phone and your computer for 15 minutes. Just breathe, do nothing else. It's remarkable how much this helps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are under considerable pressure, but it's hard to notice when you're having so much fun. Not everyone gets to enjoy his or her job as much as you do. You're one of the lucky ones. You and your work are a perfect fit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Like a fish, you find floating along to be an effortless endeavor. Also, you'll be traveling with your "school" today, and there will be strength and protection in numbers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19). You'll receive many of the things you desire this year, and

some even arrive on your schedule. You'll be figuring out a niche, understanding what others want and how to give it to them. This creates a flow of emotional wealth for you. In September, a new revenue stream opens up. Invest in October. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 22, 44 and 39.

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FUNDS

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remember the legendary 'Hail Mary' from Staubach to Pearson or you were a fan of the 2005 UT national championship team, there is a piece of memorabilia that you can bid on."

Other items for bid in the silent auction include gift certificates to local restaurants.

"There is something for everyone," Adams said.

In addition to the silent auction,

former NFL national qualifiers will return home to perform an "old time radio show."

Six BSHS students qualified to compete at the national tournament in Kansas City, June 12-19. In the past, the school district paid the way to the national competition. This year, however, budgets are tight and in order to compete the team will have to raise the estimated \$6,000 for the competition.

"The funds raised will go toward paying entry fees, hotel rooms and travel to Kansas City," Adams explained. "We really believe these students deserve this opportunity

to test their skills and represent Big Spring against people from all over our nation."

BSHS students have placed in the top five in national competition two times and once in the top 10.

This year's version of the BSHS speech and debate team won the Region 1-4A University Interscholastic League Academic Speech Championship and qualified three for state.

Featured silent auction items can be viewed, and bid on, at Well Fargo through Thursday. In addition, AMBUCS are offering the opportunity for a week vacation at Club Regina in Los Cabos, Mexico.

RELAY

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people to sign the "A World without Cancer Is a World with More Birthdays" banner.

Team and individual awards will be presented at 3 p.m., along with the community wrapup, followed by participants escorting survivors and caregivers out the east ramp for a balloon release.

"We want everyone to please come back for the great auction items we have to offer and to help in honoring our survivors and caregivers," stressed Wood.

CLUB

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phanie Painter, and we're really glad to have her. We have all sorts of activities planned, from arts and crafts to a splash day."

The program will run from June 1 until Aug. 13, according to Hildebrand, Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"For a lot of parents, day-care just isn't an option," said

Hildebrand. "The charge will be \$20 for the first two months, and \$10 for August. That's the whole summer for \$50, which is within the reach of most parents. And they have the option of paying the entire amount up front, or just paying on a month-to-month basis."

And while the program is certainly a godsend for many of the area's working parents, Hildebrand said it's also a chance for the children to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these chil-

dren, the alternative is pretty bleak," she said. "Boys and Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community. So it not only provides a much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. We feel like

that's very important."

Hildebrand said lunches will be provided during the first month, and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

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

The program is limited to 100 children, she added.

"Sign-ups for the summer

MAYOR

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the month.' To you guys, to each and every one of you, God bless you. I have no doubt you'll keep up the good work."

McEwen also thanked the citizens of Big Spring, calling his 10-years on the city council a privilege.

"An honor, a privilege it has been for me to serve as your mayor. I hope, in some ways, I've made you proud. I hope, in some ways, we've made some progress you are proud of. In some ways," McEwen said, pointing toward Duncan, "you are getting the best job in the United States because you're going to be the mayor of Big Spring, and the people you will be serving are outstanding."

"I had the privilege during the last week to sit down with Tommy and Craig Olson, and

I can tell you beyond a shadow of a doubt this city is in good hands. Both of these gentlemen care about our community, will make great decisions about our community, and I salute both of them for being good folks. We're in really good hands, folks."

McEwen's most emotional thanks, however, were directed toward his wife, Laura.

"This one will be a little hard. You," McEwen said with tears welling up in his eyes, pointing to his wife, Laura, seated in the audience. "I will not say I have the best wife in the world, because that means there are some who aren't as good as her. However, I can tell you there isn't one that's better."

Duncan offered McEwen a heartfelt thanks for his service to the city of Big Spring during the meeting.

"I met with Mayor McEwen a few weeks ago, and I can tell you the things he said to

your face are the exact same things he told me behind closed doors," said Duncan. "He's extremely proud of the staff of the city of Big Spring and the city council, and he could not say enough about each and every one of you. And I just want to say I look forward to working with you."

Also leaving the council Tuesday night was District 5 councilman Troy Tompkins, who stepped aside to newly elected council member Craig Olson during the meeting. Before the two newest council members were sworn in, McEwen offered his thanks to Tompkins for his service during his three years in office.

"He did an outstanding job as a city council person, and if there is anyone in Big Spring

nounced a recount in the District 5 race earlier that day had yielded identical results to the ones released by the Howard County Elections office. Tompkins lost the race by just six ballots.

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Young has game-winning hit for Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — So much for that potential pitcher's duel, which was all right with Texas Rangers starter C.J. Wilson even after his worst start of the season.

"It gives me a lot of confidence actually," Wilson said. "I had an off night but everybody else had a great night."

Michael Young had three hits and drove in three runs, including the tiebreaking RBI single for the Rangers in an 8-7 victory Tuesday night that gave the AL West leaders a sweep in their two-game set against the Los Angeles Angels.

Elvis Andrus had a one-out double in the sixth off Trevor Bell (1-1) for his third hit, then scored on Young's bloop to right.

Wilson and Angels starter Jered Weaver both allowed seven runs without making it out of the fifth inning.

"It's been a while since I had one like this. I feel terrible," Weaver said. "The guys picked me up and got some runs for me and I let them down.

... When your offense picks you up and you keep giving up runs, it's disappointing. I have to put the blame somewhere and you can put the blame on me."

Torii Hunter and Juan Rivera both hit two-run homers in the Angels' five-run fourth that was their highest-scoring inning of the season and made it 5-2.

Weaver left with a 7-5 lead but with two runners on who scored when Nelson Cruz greeted Bell with a two-run double.

Darren O'Day (1-1), the second of five Texas relievers who combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings, struck out two in his inning. Hard-throwing rookie Neftali Feliz worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his 11th save in 13 chances.

"Today was a pretty strange game, two starting pitchers who had been throwing the ball extremely well, kind of battling out there," Young said. "Our bullpen was the story of the game."

Young, Ian Kinsler and

Vladimir Guerrero homered for the Rangers, who recovered from being swept in three games at Toronto over the weekend by winning their first two games of the season against the three-time defending division champs.

"To be able to come back and get back on track is probably the biggest thing," Kinsler said.

Guerrero was almost on a knee with full extension of his arms when he homered leading off the fourth on a pitch almost in the dirt. The ball barely cleared the 14-foot wall in left, falling in a small gap between the fence and a video screen that initially made it look the ball was still in play and brought manager Mike Scioscia out to get an explanation from the umpires.

"That was freakish," Kinsler said. "There are not too many guys that play this game that can do that."

Guerrero's eighth homer this season was his first ever against his former team, giving

him homers against all current 30 major league teams. The Angels didn't re-sign the 35-year-old Guerrero after he helped lead them to five division titles the past six years.

Wilson hadn't allowed a home run since last July 9 until Hunter's homer that gave the Angels a 3-2 lead. That was a homerless span of nearly 88 innings over 44 appearances for the former reliever who earned a rotation spot this spring.

Wilson led the AL with a 1.48 ERA, but that rose to 2.55 after his 4 1-3 innings with five strikeouts. He had given up only eight earned runs in 48 2-3 innings his first seven starts.

The left-hander faced the minimum 10 hitters until Howie Kendrick had a one-out single in the fourth, stole second and moved to third on catcher Matt Treanor's throwing error. Bobby Abreau then had an RBI single before the homers.

"It was just a lack of experience in that situation," said Wilson,

who said he tried to too much the second time through the order. "I tried to go up a gear. ... The rule of the road, stay in your groove."

Weaver got only one more out than Wilson and inflated his ERA from 2.47 to 3.40. The right-hander allowed nine hits and walked three.

Kinsler's first homer of the season got the Rangers within 7-5 in the fifth, then Weaver was gone after allowing consecutive singles to Guerrero and Josh Hamilton.

"From the start, Weaver looked like he was having trouble with command of his fastball. When he did get ahead,

he was having trouble putting people away," Scioscia said. "They have a deep lineup that if you don't make good pitches, they'll let you know."

NOTES: Texas led 2-0 after Andrus singled and Young hit his fourth homer in the third. ... Andrus is hitting .414 over his past 18 games (29 of 70) to raise his average from .246 to .333. He also scored three runs. ... Angels C Mike Napoli had thrown out only four of 29 attempted base stealers before getting Cruz and Kinsler in consecutive innings. Julio Borbon stole a base in the eighth. ... Hunter homered in both games.

Dodgers down Astros, 9-3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dodgers weathered the storm caused by Manny Ramirez's 50-game drug suspension last year and won their second straight NL West title. So they are confident they can carry on without an injured Andre Ethier.

The Dodgers extended their winning streak to nine games with a 7-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night. Ramirez, James Loney and Casey Blake led the way with two RBIs apiece.

The victory was the 14th in 17 games for the Dodgers, who placed Ethier on the 15-day disabled list because of a fractured right pinky he sustained four days earlier while taking swings in the indoor batting cage at San Diego's Petco Park.

"Obviously it hurts, but every team goes through adversity like this," Blake said. "You hate to see it happen with one of the best hitters in our lineup. It just changes the dynamic of the lineup a little bit, but we've got guys who can step in. We've showed in the last few nights that we still have guys in the lineup who can hit."

Ethier, who leads the majors with a .392 average and 38 RBIs, went on the DL for the first time in his five-year career just hours before the sellout crowd of 55,662 received bobblehead dolls with his likeness as they entered the ballpark.

"He's just as much of a threat up there as Manny is," catcher Russell Martin said. "We're definitely producing a guy who can produce runs and hit the ball out of the ballpark. Obviously, you'd rather have him in the lineup. But if you don't, you do what you can and try to pick each other up. I think if we keep pitching and doing what we've been doing through this stretch here, we're going to

keep winning games." Hiroki Kuroda (5-1) allowed three runs and seven hits over six innings, striking out two and walking one. The Dodgers' staff hasn't allowed more than three runs in any game during the streak.

All three Houston runs were driven in by Carlos Lee, whose first three-RBI game of the season included a solo homer. But the Astros finished their eight-game road trip with five straight losses after a three-game sweep at St. Louis. They have dropped 16 of its last 21 altogether, and are an NL-worst 13-26.

Bud Norris (2-5) gave up six runs, seven hits and three walks over 4 1-3 innings in his first career appearance against the Dodgers. The right-hander was struck on the back of his

pitching arm and just above the elbow by a line-drive single off the bat of Matt Kemp with two out in the third and the score tied 3-all. He faced eight more batters and departed after giving a Ramirez's two-run single.

The Dodgers took a 4-3 lead in the fourth when Loney drew a leadoff walk and scored on Jamey Carroll's sacrifice fly. They extended the margin to 6-3 on Ramirez's hit, and Blake hit his fourth homer of the season in the eighth against Jeff Fulchino.

Los Angeles scored three in the first after Norris retired his first two batters. Ramirez walked on a 3-2 pitch, Kemp hit a ground-rule double into the right field corner, Loney hit a two-run single and Blake singled home

another. "When I go through stretches where I'm more consistent with my timing, I'm going to hit the ball better," said Blake, who came in batting just .159 since hitting two home runs on April 24 at Washington. "The way I hit requires pretty good timing. Hitting is timing."

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The most interesting deals are those where the outcome is in doubt and both sides play to their maximum potential. Eventually, one side must win out, but if the loser has put forth his best effort, he has nothing to be ashamed of.

Take this case where South is in three notrump and West leads a heart. Declarer can count eight top tricks, with the ten of spades the most likely candidate for a ninth.

Since the spades can be tested at any time, it is a good idea to keep that suit in reserve while exploring

the only other possibility — that the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3.

Accordingly, after taking East's jack of hearts with the ace, South leads a diamond and allows West's ten to hold the trick. West returns the queen of hearts, ducked by South, and another heart drives out the king as East discards a club.

With the 5-2 heart division disclosed, declarer cannot afford to concede a second diamond, since West may gain the lead and cash his hearts to set the contract. South therefore plays the A-Q and another spade, hoping the jack will fall, but when West discards a club on the third round, that hope goes aglimmering.

So, after taking the third spade with the king, declarer turns his attention to diamonds once again, cashing the ace and continuing with another diamond. With ordinary defense, this plan works, as East wins the king of diamonds on the third round and cannot reach West's hearts. After cashing the jack of spades, he must return a club, and South winds up with nine tricks.

But if East allows this to transpire, he has not played to his best potential. Instead, foreseeing what will happen if he has to win the third diamond, he should deposit his king under the ace! No matter how declarer proceeds from this point on, he cannot succeed, and the defense prevails on a well-played hand.

Tomorrow: Sylvia misapplies a rule.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEW

Businesses can 'cowboy up' and sponsor banners

It's time to "cowboy up." That's right, the 77th annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is right around the corner, and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to get involved by sponsoring rodeo banners.

Scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, June 17-19, at the Rodeo Bowl, the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion is the oldest continually operating professional rodeo in Texas, and that's something in which our entire community should take pride.

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said area businesses are being asked to "cowboy up" again this year by sponsoring the red, white and blue tapestries.

And while the chamber staff will be calling last year's participants and offering them another chance to take part in the banner program, that doesn't mean other businesses aren't welcome.

In fact, business owners who don't receive a call for some reason, are encouraged to contact the chamber by calling 263-7641, or they can go by the chamber office at 215 W. Third Street.

The size and cost of the banners are as diverse as the annual rodeo itself, ValVerde noted. "There are several different sizes and prices to fit any business budget," she explained.

The chamber and rodeo association are working together to decorate the town with rodeo banners which are red, white and blue with a panel that has the word "Welcome" in the middle.

As has been the case for a few years now, Flying J Flag and Banner Service will be putting up the banners and taking them down, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

But be sure and hurry. The deadline for signing up to sponsor the banners, May 28, is rapidly approaching.

We think it's important that local businesses take part in helping Big Spring deck out in its rodeo finest.

That way, when out-of-town visitors arrive for the rodeo, they'll see a community that takes pride in its western roots and its cowboy and rodeo traditions.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make the changes that we need to make, Lord, and trust in You for our future.

Amen

There's always more to a story

Living in an age where participation on social networking websites such as Facebook are an active part of our day, we get a glimpse of how many of us are reacting and responding to national and world events. And lately, I've been thinking about how quickly we seem to form an opinion.

Indeed, whenever some story hits the air waves, my Facebook friends get busy sharing their two cents worth. Don't get me wrong here — I'm not passing judgment. I've certainly done the same.

But I do know better than to jump to conclusions. It's just so easy to make that jump!

Anyone who has ever been reported on or interviewed by some news outlet would probably agree with me when I say that agenda or biased-free reporting is almost impossible to come by. Or at least that has been my experience and observation.

I have been part of a news story many times, and I don't know of a time when some detail wasn't misrepresented or my words weren't misstated.

Now I'm not saying inaccuracies have always had malicious intent.

But there have been times when it was obvious that ill-will was the motivation.

Consequently, when I read or hear any news story online, in print or over the air waves, I'm not quick to assume that all the facts have been gathered and reported accurately.

Often, omission is as blatant and purposefully done as what was wrongfully communicated. And both serve the purpose of presenting a biased perspective.

So whether talking to myself, to my husband or anyone else, I've found myself saying, "Remember, there's more to this

story than we know or have been told."

This type of cautious reasoning, when successfully practiced, has enabled me to stay calm, kept my mind open and made me capable and willing to learn and know the truth in the situation.

Furthermore, this practice has kept my emotions under control and hopefully not let me draw premature — and therefore probably wrong — conclusions.

The entire first chapter of the epistle of James is full of wisdom and offers some constructive ideas when considered in regard to our perceptions and opinions as well as in our communications.

He writes, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (James 1:4)

I've found it important to utilize patience when gathering information on a news event or when waiting for the event to play out.

In other words, predictions and fears are not always right and generally only hindsight offers the most accurate perspective.

And when gathering facts and details, it's important to utilize many sources in order to obtain the entire story.

A little further into the chapter he writes, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." (James 1:14)

Watch out for news coverage that pulls at the heart strings and stirs the emotions.

Truly we do need to be sensitive to the plight of others and increase our empathy. But I've also found it important to be certain that the reporting is not trying to sensationalize a story in order to distort the truth to the point of making the truth unrecognizable. Maintaining our objectivity is pretty much impossible when our emotions guide our reason.

And he writes, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak,

slow to wrath." (James 1:19)

In our current times, news travels the globe at amazing speed. And I'm still awed that I can be in Texas and Google chat with a friend in Jerusalem. While this verse encourages the idea of being informed,

I think it is also a warning against jumping to conclusions or letting our emotions confuse our reason and judgment — and they surely will do so.

Toward the end of the first chapter, he writes, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." (James 1:25)

When forming opinions and responding to news coverage, more and more I'm realizing the importance of prayer and meditation.

I can't ponder and imagine what God sees and knows, and not perceive that anything is possible, fixable and recoverable.

I can't ponder and imagine God's love for all of His children, and not have compassion, acceptance and forgiveness of those I think are making wrong decisions or behaving inappropriately.

And I can't ponder and imagine God's power and presence, and not have hope, faith and trust that everything will work out, that progress will be made, that lessons will be learned perhaps in spite of all our human failings and harmful actions.

While I will continue to spend hours of my day on Facebook and listening to and reading many news sources, I will continue to remember that there is always more to every story.

And undoubtedly I will continue to learn that indeed there always is.

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Let's leave television to the pros

Regular people who have time to stand outside of a television studio holding a sign do not have anything interesting to say. While that might be too general of a statement, I challenge anyone to find a single instance where a TV show host interviewed one of these sign-waving yahoos and something compelling resulted.

Let's take the "Today" show (by far the worst offender) as an example.

Usually, Al Roker will venture outside to interview a group of people from some woebegone town who are inevitably wearing hand-printed matching T-shirts and/or poorly made matching hats.

These probably kind, but in no way entertaining, country folk will then share their reason for getting up at 4 a.m. to stake out a prime spot in front of the camera.

"It was grandma's birthday" or "we always wanted to meet Matt Lauer" is the inevitable, completely uninteresting answer.

Nothing compelling or funny has happened (which does not stop the host from laughing)

and the "Today" show has kept alive the idea that yokels should appear on TV for no reason. This apparently keeps the dream of someday standing near Al Roker and saying nothing of interest alive for other yokels, which somehow overrides just how much time these segments waste.

While this phenomenon of putting people from the audience on air was largely popularized by "Today," the disease has spread to other shows. Now, all the nightly entertainment/tabloid programs have segments where viewers on cheap Web cams ask questions to various celebrities.

It's hard to imagine that the public can ask dumber questions than Mario Lopez, but at least Lopez has a team of writers behind him.

The viewer-submitted questions are like the softball questions at the beginning of the "Parade" newspaper supplement. "Hey Tom Cruise, how did you get to be so great?" or the even more probing, "Tell us what it was like to work with Julia Roberts."

It's hard to imagine that anything could make "Extra," "Access Hollywood" and "Entertainment Tonight" even less hard-hitting, but compared to the viewer submitted questions, Maria Menounos is Woodward and Bernstein rolled into one

mini-skirt.

Regular people don't have TV shows because regular people aren't interesting. We want professionals (even ones hired primarily for their abs like Lopez) to ask the questions because we should want to see the interview subjects be probed a little harder than the fan club drivel that the audience questions always are.

The Internet and emerging technologies like Twitter, Web cams and phones with cameras have made it possible for everyone to have their say on everything.

Possible, though, does not mean necessary and it's time for viewer participation to go away.

I don't want to feel like I can be part of the show.

I want to feel like the producers of the show have some interest in entertaining me or informing me. The "Today" show window and entertainment program Web cam interviews are gimmicks that add nothing to their respective programs. Let the people in matching T-shirts with crudely-printed slogans on them send grandpa a postcard to celebrate his birthday.

The rest of the nation does not need to participate.

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Andy Williams' signature song was "Moon River" and that is also the title of his biography. "Moon River and Me: A Memoir" (B WIL A) is an extraordinary story of a very long career. Born in Wall Lake, Iowa, he had little idea of how his life would turn out. From singing at funeral homes, radio shows, night clubs and on television, Andy Williams is truly a "national treasure."



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I did not watch much of the Beijing Olympics, so I missed the story of the Lopez family and their triumphs in taekwondo. The Lopez family had three siblings on the U.S. Olympic team. Coming home with three medals (a silver and two bronze), "Family Power" (B LOP M) is their story.

Another inspirational story is that of Josh Sundquist. Diagnosed at age 9 with Ewing's Sarcoma, a virulent form of cancer that would take Josh's leg, "Just Don't Fall" (B SUN J) is his story of coming to terms with his leg being removed at the upper thigh, finding his place in the world of skiing and a wild ride to the Paralympics in Turin, Italy, where he competes. I have skimmed the book and it is very personal and very interesting.

Lots more biographies are in: Mike Huckabee's "A Simple Christmas" (B HUC M); "How to Be a Movie Star: Elizabeth Taylor in Hollywood" (B TAY E); "Paul McCartney: A Life" (B McC P); and one from the headlines — "Betrayal: The Life and Lies of Bernie Madoff" (B MAD B), by Andrew Kirtzman. There are quite a few more new biographies that are in — please check the new book binder at Circ.

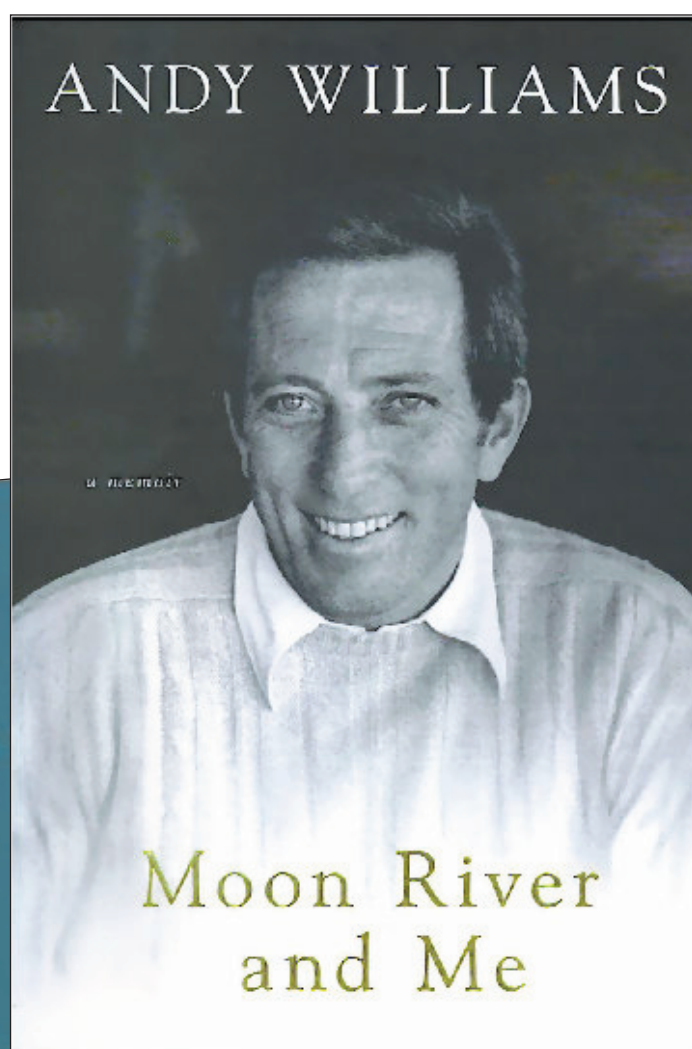
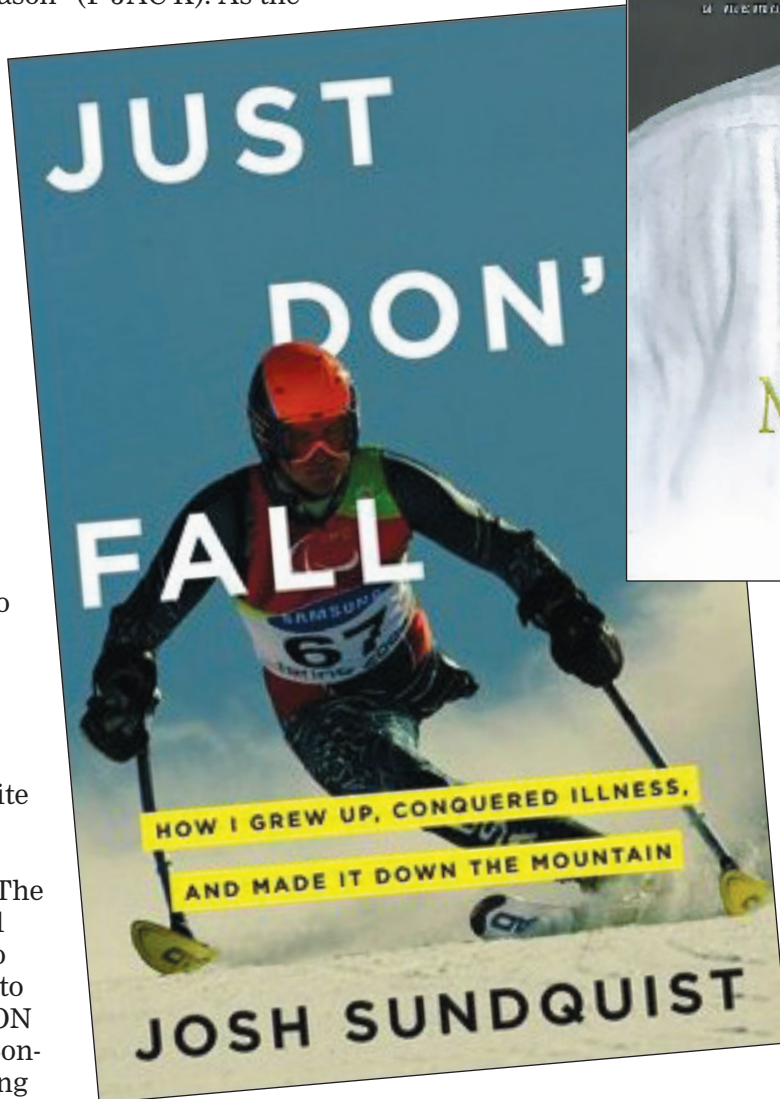
Here is a book that will make you even more unlikely to undergo an operation. No, I am just joking. Michael Palmer in "The Last Surgeon" (F PAL M) pits a flawed doctor against a psychopath bent on revenge. Dr. Garrity, a vet suffering from PTSD, spends his days and nights minister-

ing to the homeless in D.C. and Baltimore. Nurse Jillian Coates wants to find her sister's killer. The police say suicide, but Jillian knows better. These two will join forces to see who is killing the participants who were involved in a botched operation.

Kate Jacobs' Friday Night Knitting Club series comes to life again in "Knit the Season" (F JAC K). As the year draws to a close, Peri, Darwin, Lucie, KC and Catherine gather to plan the wedding of Anita and Marty. A story about the richness of family bonds, memories and joys of friendship combine into a very heart warming book. Very charming series.

I didn't quite know how to write the review for "The Gates of Hell Are About to Open: Want to Peek?" (F CON J) by John Connolly. Looking to Publisher's Weekly, this is "In this frothy fantasy thriller from bestseller Connolly, 11-year-old Samuel Johnson witnesses an inadvertent intersection of science and the supernatural while trick-or-treating at the Abernathy household in Biddlecombe, England. Something nasty reaches through an atomically engineered portal to Hades and possesses four suburban sorcerers. From that point on, Samuel finds himself battling hordes of invading demons and desperately trying to convince disbelieving adults that the impending end of the world is not a fancy of his overactive imagination. Connolly plays this potentially spooky scenario strictly for laughs, larding the narrative with droll jokes, humor-

ous asides and the slapstick pratfalls of Nurd, an amusingly incompetent sub-demon whom Samuel ultimately befriends. Though billed as an adult book for children, this light fantasy will strike even adult readers as divertingly whimsical." I read



smudged with tears, these letters capture what JFK meant to the country. One 16-year-old girl wrote "The coffin was very small to contain so much of so many Americans." This is a very moving collection of letters and the editing is exquisite.

Howard County Library is open from 9 to 6, Monday through Friday and 10 to 2 Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from noon-1. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog should be working; our e-mail address is hollise@hotmail.com

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

through it and it is a neat book.

"Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation" (973.922 FIT E) by Ellen Fitzgerald is a collection of 250 letters from more than 1.5 million letters received in the two years after JFK's assassination. Messages written in pencil, pen, typewriter,

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How to protect your baby's teeth from cavities

As I have mentioned in previous articles, dental decay runs rampant in the mouths of young children in Howard County. This results in needless suffering for the kids and great expense for the parents for dental visits and even hospital operating room sessions.



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Now, I'm going to give you a series of "did you know's."

Did you know that? Babies are born without the bacteria that cause tooth decay.

Cavities are the most common infectious disease of childhood.

The best predictor of cavities in a child is the number of cavities the mother has

had. The bacteria that cause cavities in the child are generally passed from the mother or other care giver. They can also come from an older sibling that has been infected.

Diet (what we put into our babies' mouths) certainly has an effect also. Even in the baby and toddler stages, parents must be careful. The bad bacteria eat what your baby eats, and produce the acid as their waste product that decays the teeth.

So what's a mother to do to keep her child's baby's mouth healthy? Here's a series of suggestions that will help.

Get your own mouth healthy, preferably during pregnancy. Routine dental care can be safely performed during pregnancy and may even help you carry to full term.

Do not put anything in your baby's mouth that has contacted your saliva. This includes spoons, cups, anything.

Do not clean a dropped pacifier, or anything else, with your saliva. Yes I have seen many a mom stick a dropped pacifier in their mouth to clean it off.

As soon as teeth become visible, start cleaning them on all sides with a small, soft toothbrush and a tiny amount of tooth paste. The size should be about as little as you can get on the brush. When the child learns to spit, more tooth paste can be used.

You should brush your baby or preschoolers teeth twice a day. The most important time is right before bed and then the child should have nothing but water before going to sleep. You should not give the child the responsibility to brush their own teeth at least until they

can tie their own shoes.

Do not put your child to bed with a bottle of milk (or anything else but water). Anything with any type of sugar (milk sugar, fruit sugar, table sugar) can cause cavities, especially at night when salivary flow is low.

Do not let your toddler run around all day with a bottle (or sippy cup!) with anything but plain water in it for the same reason. It's not how much sugar is in the diet that causes the problems as much as how often that sugar is in the mouth. Kids need milk and juice is good at times. Just remember to make sure they are not in your baby's mouth all of the time.

Train your child to enjoy healthy lower sugar snacks like cheese, fruit and yogurt. This is harder to do once they've become addicted to high sugar drinks and snacks.

I recommend that children

see a dentist no later than when they are 3. If you see any white or brown spots on the teeth before then, take them immediately.

I also recommend the fluoridated bottles of water that are available at the grocery store for kids 6 and under. Fluoride levels vary considerably according to what type of water (well, city, RO) the child is drinking. The bottled fluoridated water has the right level consistently.

Finally, ask your dentist or pediatrician questions. They will be happy to answer them.

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Stargazer: Halley's Comet 100 years ago

About every 76 years, Halley's Comet becomes visible in our night sky for several weeks, and like surely many of you, I vividly recall its most recent return in 1986. Having heard of the famous comet from my 81-year old



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stargazing mentor, Margaret Willits, in 1954, I was thrilled to finally see it after a three-decade wait.

It was Ms. Willits who ignited my childhood interest in astronomy, but it was seeing Halley's Comet that rekindled the flame that has been burning brightly ever since. While Ms. Willits told me of her excitement at seeing the comet during its 1910 visit, she didn't tell me about the stir it caused at the time.

Comet Halley is one of several comets whose orbits intersect with Earth's orbit. Of course, should Earth and a comet pass through the same place at the same time, there would be a major catastrophe, such as the one believed to have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs — but fortunately that's quite rare.

However, the intersection of the orbits of Earth and a dozen or so comets does have some

interesting consequences, the most common of which are annual meteor showers. Comets leave tiny pieces of dust, ice and rocks scattered along their orbital path. So when Earth, which is orbiting the Sun at the incredible speed of 67,000 miles per hour, passes through the debris-laden path of a comet, friction between the debris and Earth's atmosphere causes bits of debris to burn and glow, producing meteors, those brilliant streaks that flash across the night sky, also called shooting stars.

Twice each year we pass through Halley's path, producing the Eta Aquarid meteor shower in May and the Orionid shower in October.

But when Halley came by in May 1910, the encounter was closer than usual as Earth actually passed through the end of Halley's 24-million mile long tail.

Throughout history comets have elicited fear and dread. They have even been seen as harbingers, if not the causes, of dreadful things like earthquakes, volcano eruptions, wars, epidemics, fires, and even massacres. (Isn't it curious how natural events are so often blamed for human-caused catastrophes?)

When scientists announced that Halley's tail contained traces of poisonous cyanide,

though not nearly enough to be of concern, the last part of the message wasn't heard by all. Some panicked while others cashed in on the irrational fears by selling "anti-comet" pills and "comet-protecting gas masks." Of course, Halley's Comet passed uneventfully, only to return 76 years later to help inspire me to begin writing this column.

SKY CALENDAR

19 Wednesday evening: The Moon is below Mars.

20 Thursday evening: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

22 Saturday evening: The Moon is below Saturn.

27 Thursday all night: The full Moon, called Milk Moon, Flower Moon, Corn Moon and Planting Moon, accompanies Scorpius' reddish star Antares across the sky all night.

June 4 Friday morning: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

• Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: "Evening star" Venus now dominates the early evening

sky in the west; Mars is high in the southwest; Saturn is high in the south. Morning: Jupiter, now rising 3+ hours before sunrise, is well up in the southeast by morning; Mercury is at its best late in the month low in the east at dawn.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paul-derrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.

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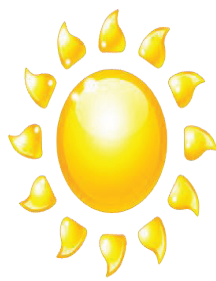
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On May 14 the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club awarded student of the month awards to two local high school students, Jonathan Womack and Mat Ritchey of Big Spring High. Pictured left to right are parents John and Clarissa Womack, Jonathan Womack, Shelley Smith, Mat Ritchey and parents Robin and Mike Ritchey.

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Betty Varela, center, is joined by Big Spring Councilwoman Joann Staulcup, left, and Keep Big Spring Beautiful spokeswoman Pat Simmons in the 200 block of Brown Street. Varela earned the "Doing Your Part" award for the beautification work in her yard.

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U.S. faces opposition from Turkey, Brazil, Lebanon on proposed new Iran sanctions resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States and its Western allies won crucial support from Russia and China for new sanctions against Iran over its suspect nuclear program, but they now face a tough campaign to get backing from the rest of the U.N. Security Council.

The draft resolution, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, would ban Iran from pursuing "any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," freeze assets of nuclear-related companies linked to the Revolutionary Guard, bar Iranian investment in activities such as uranium mining, and prohibit Iran from buying several categories of heavy weapons including attack helicopters and missiles.

It would also call on all countries to cooperate in cargo inspections — which must receive the consent of the ship's flag state — if there are "reasonable grounds" to believe these activities could contribute to Iranian nuclear activities.

On the financial side, the draft calls on — but does not require — countries to block financial transactions, including insurance and reinsurance, and ban the licensing of Iranian banks if they have information that provides "reasonable grounds" to believe these activities could contribute to Iranian nuclear activities.

The agreement appeared to be a significant victory for the Obama administration, which has doggedly pursued sanctions since Iran rebuffed U.S. overturestype:bold,italic; lasttype:bold,italic; year. Iran has insisted its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Candidates linked to power beware; latest primaries show anger at D.C., party establishments

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the electorate's intense anger reverberating across the country, this is all but certain: It's an anti-Washington, anti-establishment year. And candidates with ties to either better beware.

Any doubt about just how toxic the political environment is for congressional incumbents and candidates hand-picked by national Republican and Democratic leaders disappeared late Tuesday, when voters fired Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter in Pennsylvania, forced Democratic Sen. Blanche Lincoln into a run-off in Arkansas and chose tea party darling Rand Paul to be the GOP nominee in Kentucky's Senate race.

"People just aren't very happy," Ira Robbins, 61, said in Allentown, Pa.

With anyone linked to power, it seems.

Taken together, the outcomes of primaries in Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Kentucky — following voter rejections of GOP Sen. Bob Bennett of

Utah and Democratic Rep. Alan Mollohan in West Virginia — provided further evidence that voters are in the mood to choose outsiders over insiders.

Interior secretary admits regulatory lapse in oil oversight office; scientists watch spill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are anxiously awaiting signals about where a massive oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico may be heading, while containment of the looming environmental catastrophe proves elusive.

With fears growing that the gushing well could spread damage from Louisiana to Florida, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told a Senate panel Tuesday that his agency had been lax in overseeing offshore activities and that may have contributed to the disastrous spill.

"There will be tremendous lessons to be learned here," Salazar said in his first appearance before Congress since the April 20 blowout and explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 people.

Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen told another committee that the growing size and scattershot nature of the spill were creating "severe challenges" in containing it and cleaning it up. He called it more complicated than any spill he's ever seen.

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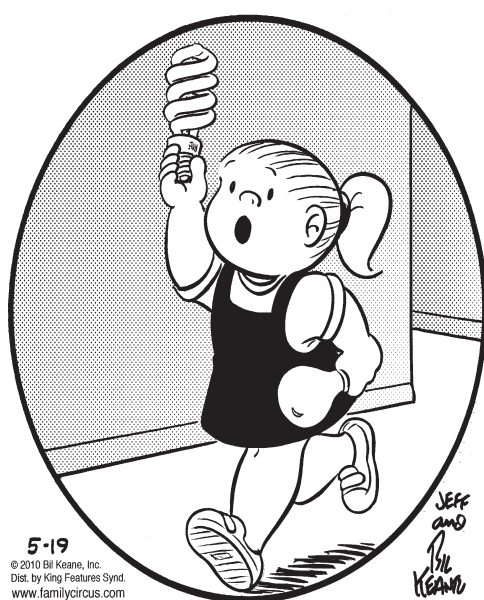
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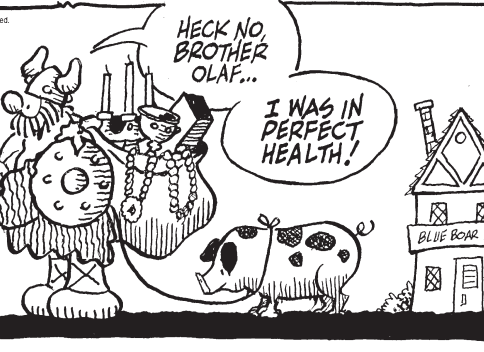


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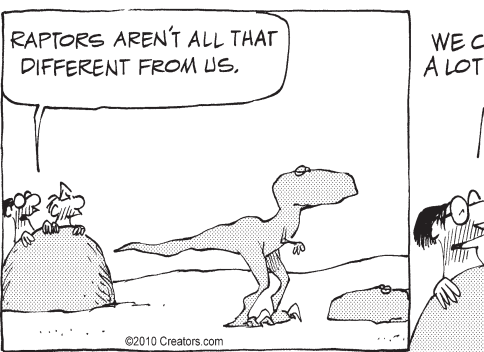
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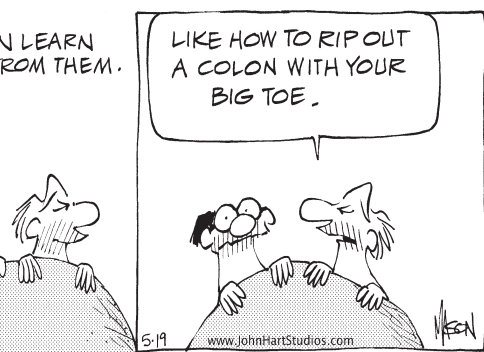
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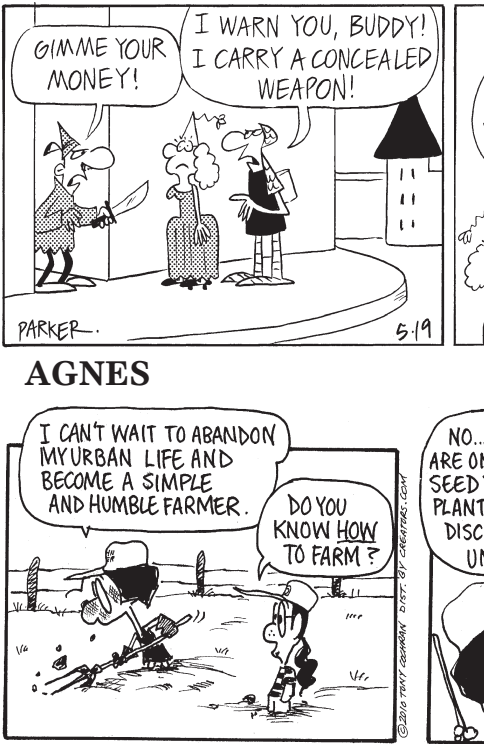
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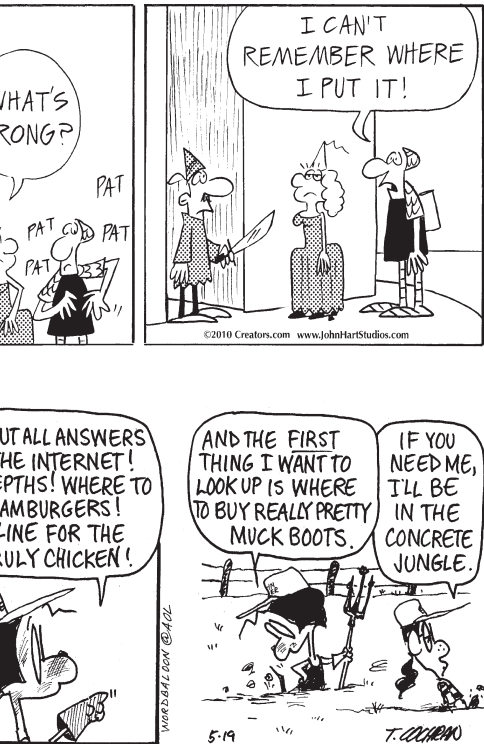
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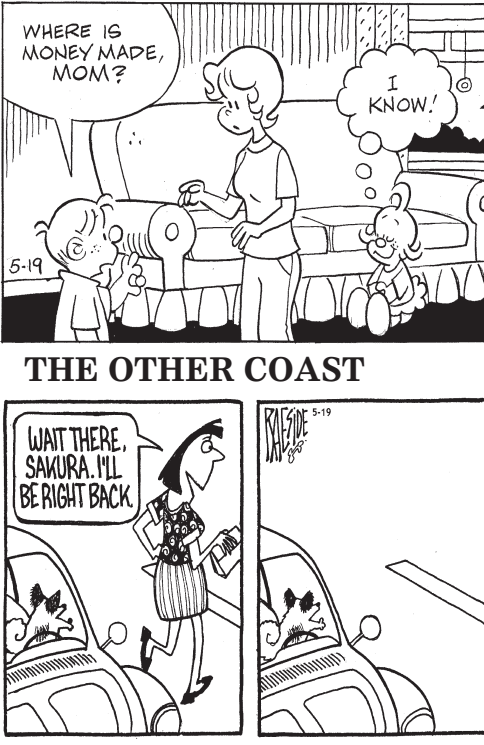
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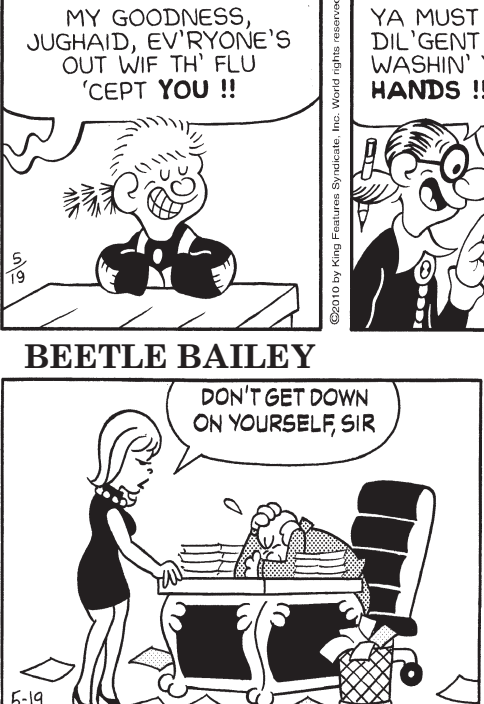
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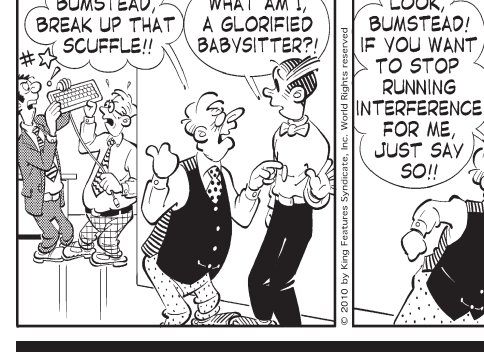
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On this date:
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In 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon.
In 1909, the Ballets Russes (Russian Ballets), under the direction of Sergei Diaghilev, debuted in Paris.
In 1921, Congress passed, and President Warren G. Harding signed, the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.
In 1943, in an address to the

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