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Big Spring High School's Women's Varsity Choir and Meistersingers Mixed Varsity Choir received sweepstakes earlier this month at the University Interscholastic League concert and sight reading contest at Midland Lee High School in Midland. Look for more details and judge's comments in a future issue of the Herald.

Helping the weary

Mission center offers food, clothing, counseling

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Centro Familiar Cristiano Mission Center is extending a helping hand.

It is still in its early stages, but the mission center is offering food, clothing, spiritual help and friendship.

"It's not a religious thing, it's just a Christian thing to do," said Pedro Tobias, mission center director.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the first Thursday of the month, the Master's Harvest food pantry is open to help those in need of food. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the third Thursday of the month, the Creator's Closet is open to provide those with a clothing need. For those who are just in need of friendship or someone to talk to, the Coffee House is open Tuesday and Thursdays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

"There are lots of people who have problems and sometimes you just



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Pedro Tobias and staff are extending a helping hand to those in need throughout the community. The Centro Familiar Cristiano Mission Center, located at 2105 Lancaster, offers a food pantry, clothing closet and coffee house throughout the month.

need someone to talk to," Tobias said. "We are providing a place for them to talk about their problems. We offer them counseling, spiritu-

al guidance and the opportunity to turn an acquaintance into friend-

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Big Spring has disaster response plan

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Hurricanes and tsunamis may not be on the list of disasters likely to occur in West Texas, but it doesn't mean there are no emergency situations or damaging factors.

Big Spring, as small and secluded as it is, has an emergency plan set in place — almost 900 pages of preparation and procedure, to be exact.

According to Big Spring Chamness Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness, emergency management coordinator, the state provides guidelines and each county sets up its own emergency response plans.

"We aren't dealing with the same problems Houston, Dallas or San Antonio are," Chamness said. "Therefore we have plans that fit disasters we would see in our area."

The plans include any man-made or nature-made emergency, according to Chamness. Every five years the plan needs

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Elbow kindergarten registration due

Herald Staff Report

Forsan Elementary at Elbow will conclude pre-k and kindergarten registration Friday in the elementary office located south of Big Spring

at the corner of Nichols Road and FM 818.

The school office is open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for pre-kindergarten, the student

must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2011, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Must be unable to speak

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Grady students set for regional meet

Herald Staff Report

Grady High School will send a number of students to the University Interscholastic League Regional Academic Meet, to be held Saturday on the Abilene Christian University campus.

Grady students and the

event or events in which they will compete are:

Nicolaus Hernandez, literary criticism, social studies; Carsten Russell, literary criticism; Ty Beaty, literary criticism; Gerry Adkins, literary criticism, social studies; Brett Glaze, social studies; Taylor Polson, social studies; Abby Hanson, news writing; Jack-

elina Martens, news writing, computer applications; John Ramirez, news writing; Morgan McDonald, feature writing; Bransen Richards, current events; Josue Rodriguez, science; Joe Cook, informative speaking; Cody Mitchell, persuasive speaking; Charmynee Arnold, poetry; Jack Kennady, prose.

House panel takes up immigration

SOMMER INGRAM
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature is trying again to push forward legislation targeting illegal immigration.

A House committee on Wednesday evening heard a slew of Republican-backed bills, including one that would fine or put behind bars people who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. All of the bills were left pending in the committee.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Torres



Elizabeth Torres, 57, of Big Spring died Monday, April 11, 2011, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Oct. 20, 1953, in Alvarado to Maria Louisa and Valentin Torres and was raised in Garden City. She was a teacher for Big Spring Independent School District and taught ESL at the Federal Correctional Institute. She was a jailer for the Howard County Sheriff's Department for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Francisco Ramirez, Roejelio Ramirez and Lorenzo Ramirez, all of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; four sisters, Katarina Patino of Big Spring, Violanda Mercado of West Palm Beach, Fla., Sylvia Aurora of San Diego, Calif. and Blanca Kensey of San Antonio; and two aunts.

The family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland 79705.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ramon Torres and Valentin Torres Jr.

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

Police blotter

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

- RENE ACEVEDO, 40, of 1409 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for deadly conduct.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 28, of 1402 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.
- WALLACE TERRY VIASANA, 56, of 707 Abrams, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 39, of 1314 State Park Dr., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLES BLAIN NICHOLSON, 20, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- GARY WAYNE BRITO, 18, of 3902 E. Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on charges of racing on highway and driving while license invalid.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1400 block of Tucson.
- In the 1000 block of N. Runnels.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- RENE ACEVEDO, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant for deadly conduct.
- PABLO MORENO, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Martin County warrant for revocation of probation — driving while intoxicated.
- CHARLES NICHOLSON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.
- WALLACE TERRY VIASANA, 56, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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- SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY W. BRITO, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of racing on highway and driving while license invalid.
- EURVIN WINTERS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- PAMMY SUE PUGA, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MATTHEW WAYNE MERENDINO, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 9900 block of County Road 10. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N.E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of Circle. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

THURSDAY

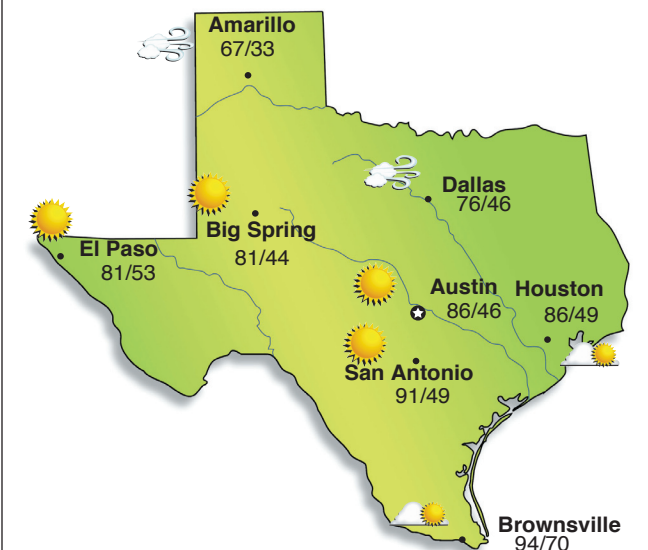
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/15	Sat 4/16	Sun 4/17	Mon 4/18	Tue 4/19
81/44 A mainly sunny sky. High 81F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	86/58 Mainly sunny. High in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	97/64 Sunny. High in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	98/64 More sun than clouds. High in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	92/57 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	77	43	windy	Kingsville	93	60	pt sunny
Amarillo	67	33	windy	Livingston	84	41	pt sunny
Austin	86	46	sunny	Longview	75	45	windy
Beaumont	83	50	pt sunny	Lubbock	73	38	sunny
Brownsville	94	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	42	pt sunny
Brownwood	82	44	windy	Midland	81	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	60	pt sunny	Raymondville	94	65	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	44	windy	Rosenberg	86	47	pt sunny
Dallas	76	46	windy	San Antonio	91	49	sunny
Del Rio	90	55	sunny	San Marcos	87	46	sunny
El Paso	81	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	45	windy
Fort Stockton	82	51	sunny	Sweetwater	79	43	windy
Gainesville	72	42	windy	Tyler	76	45	windy
Greenville	73	43	windy	Weatherford	76	42	windy
Houston	86	49	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	75	40	windy

Support Groups

of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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- 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.

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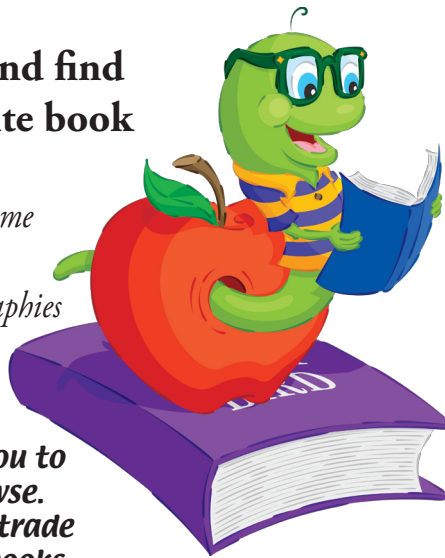
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Emergency responders sort through the aftermath of this traffic accident near the intersection of Goliad and 18th Street Wednesday afternoon. According to witnesses at the scene, the driver of the white Chevrolet pickup was hit on the passenger side by the black Silverado pickup at approximately 11:30 a.m. The driver of the white vehicle was transported by ambulance to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries, while the driver of the black vehicle refused medical treatment immediately following the collision.



ELBOW

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or comprehend English;

- The family fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches;
- The family is homeless;
- One or more parents are on active-duty military service ; or
- The children are in foster care

To register for kindergarten, students must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1.

Parents should bring the child's official birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), parent's driver's license, and proof of guardianship.

School administration believes it is vital to get an accurate count of the students who will be entering pre-k and kindergarten next year as this information helps in the purchase of supplies and making personnel decisions.

For more information, contact the district at 432-398-5444.

Anyone who is unable to pre-register their child this week can call or go by the school during school hours.

MISSION

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ship.”
 Donations are always accepted and keep the mission center functioning. From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month is Ingatheirng Day, when donations are accepted at Iglesia Bautista Central for the mission center. Donations of food, clothing and monetary contributions are accepted. The monetary donations contribute to the purchase of food.

Another mission coming soon, according to Tobias, is English as a second language (ESL). From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be three teachers helping teach English through the Bible and Book of Mark.

“This is another way that we are ministering to the people,” Tobias said. “We are helping them learn English, but we are also teaching them the Bible.”

The ESL classes will take place at First Baptist Church, located at 705 FM 700, starting

April 26. There will also be child care provided by Jonathan Raffini, minister of youth at First Baptist Church. According to Tobias, Raffini will be ministering to the youth while the adults are in the ESL class.

“There are many needs in the community and through faith and prayer we are hoping that we will be able to expand to meet more of those needs,” Tobias said.

He said the mission center is praying for the ability to purchase the St. Thomas build-

ing which is up for sale. With the purchase of the building, the mission center would be able to expand its missions and the times they are offered, said Tobias.

“Even if people can't make a donation, we would like for them to pray for us,” Tobias said. “It is through God's will that we will be able to continue this mission and eventually expand to help more of those in need.”

Also in the planning stages is a senior adult program, which would include a time for senior adults to gather and

share a meal, games, crafts and worship.

“Needs are all around us and we are trying to reach all those in need,” Tobias said. “Through God's will we will be able to do so.”

If you would like to donate to the mission center or receive more information on the mission center contact Tobias at 956-740-0073.

Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@big-springherald.com

RESPONSE

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to be updated and resubmitted to ensure procedures are up to date. However, the plans are also evaluated annually, Chamness said, to make sure no immediate changes are needed.

“There are 856 pages. It starts with the original plan, has 22 annexes and then those annexes have appendages,” Chamness said. “The main point of the plan is to be able to effectively provide people and resources to the emergency at hand.”

The two primary emergency situations Howard County is prepared for and focused on, according to Chamness, are wildfires and floods.

“Believe it or not, one

of the things that we prepare for are floods,” Chamness said. “We try to mitigate as much as possible because when the rains do come, they come hard and fast.”

Wildfires have posed a threat for the past several years, especially in recent weeks. Severe weather is another big concern for Chamness.

“You never know what mother nature is going to do,” Chamness said. “That is what makes it so hard to deal with.”

Though severe weather can show up unexpectedly, preparations can be taken. One is the Skywarn class, which educates people on the basics of thunderstorm development and what information needs to be reported.

“During severe storms, I have spotters

throughout the community who are active and communicate through HAM radio,” Chamness said.

Other emergency preparations include railroad incidents, accidents at Alon and even precautions concerning radiological waste.

According to Chamness, there is a common flow of radiological waste, private and governmental, traveling through Big Spring. One of the products going through here on a frequent basis is uranium.

“There are a lot of things that most people don't think about as far as things that could cause an emergency situation,” Chamness said. “I know it wasn't until I started in this position that I started

thinking about a lot of those things.”

Some emergency areas often overlooked are areas in close proximity of the prisons and hazardous materials passing through on the railroad. Natural factors, such as the direction of the wind and available resources, can be helpful in emergency planning, Chamness noted.

“You have to know the resources available to you,” Chamness said. “There are resources made available by the state, but if those aren't available, you have to know where to turn. You better believe that county and city officials don't have a problem spending money when it comes to saving lives.”

In dire situations an evacuation plan is in place, but it is always a

last resort. Chamness said he doesn't see a situation arising where an evacuation would be ordered.

“When it comes to an evacuation you have to think where will you send people, how far will you have to send them and is there anyone around who can handle that amount of people,” Chamness said. “Then there is the factor of those who can't be evacuated easily and who can't be evacuated at all.”

Other important areas that have been prepared for are mass vaccinations and situations involving response to accidents

at the wind turbines, he said.

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Sidney T. Clark, 86, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Anne Elizabeth Torres, 57, died Monday. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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ILLEGALS

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A bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, raised questions because it initially exempted people who hired illegal immigrants as domestic help. However, Riddle removed

that clause from her bill, leaving only those who attempt to verify the citizenship status of their employees as exempt from the state felony charges.

“This is a very low hurdle to clear with a high penalty if you don't make any effort to do so,” Riddle said.

Even after the clause

was removed, opposition to Riddle's bill was fierce.

Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, portrayed his bill that would make English the official language

of Texas as a cost-saving measure.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

We read in Luke 15 about a young man, who leaves home and squanders his money with a life of ungodliness. He is beaten down by life to the point that he desires to eat pig slop. However, he remembers the goodness of home and humbly returns to his father. The father welcomes this “prodigal son” but his brother shuns him.

Folks can be humbled in a lot of ways. Some people are awakened to reality when they drink away their job or health. Others come to their senses after gambling away their money and family trust. *Pigpens* come in a lot of styles. God can use pigpens to His glory. Never underestimate the power of home-style memories.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't text and drive; Read and drive?

It's too bad reading texts while driving was deemed OK by lawmakers

Well, it's better than nothing. The Texas House passed a bill that would make texting while driving a crime.

Most of texting, that is.

A last-minute change revised the bill to allow the reading of text messages while driving. Texas Rep. Tom Craddick, who sponsored the bill, opposed the change but bowed to the alteration so the bulk of the bill would pass.

"I think the main problem is the people with their hands off the wheel."

It's not the problem, it's part of the problem.

When a driver takes his or her eyes off the road to read a text message, that's distracted driving and increases the chances of being involved in an accident.

El Paso is ahead of the curve when it comes to the use of cell phones while driving. A ban on people using cellphones while driving began its enforcement phase on April 1, 2010 and as of March 11, 2011, 6,435 tickets have been given out.

And El Paso's law includes both texting and reading texts.

Texas already has a couple of laws on the books concerning cellphone use. Cellphones cannot be used in school zones and people under age 18 can't use a phone at all while driving.

Such laws are necessary.

According to an Associated Press story, studies have shown that texting while driving equates to having a 1.6 blood-alcohol level.

In Texas, someone with a blood-alcohol content of .08 or more is considered intoxicated.

It's too bad that reading texts while driving was deemed OK by lawmakers. Most people who read a text will want to return that text, negating the purpose of the law.

The law will be hard enough to enforce, anyhow, because a police officer will really have to witness the offense to enforce the law.

And in El Paso, anyone in traffic can see that, despite a large number of tickets, the city's cellphone law is widely flouted.

El Paso Times

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make decisions for our well being,
Lord, and make a decision to walk
with You.

Amen

Dreaming can open our eyes; only when we let them

If we took the time to listen to what we are telling ourselves, especially in the wee-hours of the morning, we just might find out answers that we didn't know we had.

Throughout the day we are apt to worry about numerous things; children, family, work, relationships, etc.

There are constant worries throughout the day. Most of them we brush off because we simply don't have time for them.

However, just because we are rushing by them and paying no attention, doesn't mean a deeper part of ourselves isn't giving them the time they truly need.

According to studies, the worries and "brushed" off thoughts from our daily lives tend to manifest themselves in our dreams.

Through numerous years of research, scientists have come to understand the sleeping human brain almost as clearly as the waking human brain.

Even though this may sound like we are advancing, there are still numerous answers to be found and many explanations to be heard.

In their studies, they have discovered that the consciousness level is the same when we are sleeping, as it is when we are awake.

The major difference is that we are able to remember events in our waking moments, more vividly and for an extended period of time, compared to our dreams.

The dream world has a shield of mystery surrounding it, and therefore, has led many people to question it, but yet hasn't been willing to provide many answers.

The fact that we are often forgetting our dreams is what makes them so alluring.

Unlike real life moments, a dream is every fading from our grasp, even when we attempt to hold tightly to it.

There are many moments in life we would choose to forget if we could, but for some reason our minds don't let us.

Living in a dream world may seem like a great route to take, but in reality would it really be better to forget everything that happened after a short period of time.

There are moments that begin in the darkest subconscious part of our minds and somehow tend to revenate into our real life, and in those moments we have to pause and think, have I been here before?

The fact we aren't able to remember our dreams, the same way we do real life, may be a blessing in disguise.

Even though there are moments we would love to forget and dreams we would love to remember, the fact is we only truly retain what happens in one "world" prevents a lot of questionable moments.

Just imagine if we had to keep up with all the memories from the dream world and the real world; our memories would get full and become cluttered.

We would have numerous moments of asking ourselves if what we thought happened truly happened or was it merely a dream.

Beyond all the mystery, the simple explanation behind dreams is this: it is a chance for our inner self to give advice that our waking mind wouldn't hear otherwise.

It gives us the chance to go outside our comfort zone and push the limits, even if we would never dream of it in real life.

Dreams allow us to face the facts we don't want to face and allow us the chance to make some mistakes and confront the fears that we have.

There have been numerous dream books published, trying to explain what each dream means. Of course, the chances of two people having the exact same dream are rather slim

There is a common ground between feelings and depictions in the dreams that stand to tell us something.

They say if you are flying, in

your dreams, you are at a place in life that you are feeling free and your boundaries are limitless; confidence is yours.

If you dream of being naked, in public, you are feeling exposed or ashamed.

Really dreams can be dissected and provide us with numerous answers, if we were to take the time and listen.

Instead of focusing so hard to remember the dream itself, maybe, we should focus on the feelings that came in that dream, the thoughts we had during the dream.

Maybe the physical part of the dream is not what is important and is only serving as the connection to life while the true meanings lie within the feelings and emotions that occur during those dreams.

Doctors and scientists have tapped into this explanation of dreams and their meanings. If a problem is bothering you, it has been common for psychiatrists to advise the use of a dream journal.

The point is to keep track of little details, not the physical obvious ones, but the small, and more hidden details.

Reoccurring dreams may seem like a bother, to some, but then again, maybe it is our subconscious self trying to communicate a message to our waking mind.

Dreams can be the key that unlock every door, especially those that we are afraid to open.

In our day to day routines, it is easy to get lost and conform to what others around you want to see, but in the dream world there are no limitations.

In the dream world, the only people that are there are the ones that you allow.

It is a time to let the guard down, face the fears, and take chances.

Even if we receive the answers we don't want to see, we can always forget them—after all dreams don't stay in our memories for long.

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Consider where you are before you open your mouth

As my son and I left the family-friendly burger joint last Saturday, we got stuck

in the exit behind two men casually talking about nothing in particular.

Unfortunately, these two fellows, perhaps unaware that they were in public, chose to casually pepper their language with words that would make a sailor blush.

This, of course, led to my seven-year-old son — who calls me out if I say "butt" or "crap" — to start telling me, "he said the 'f' word, he said the 's' word" and so forth.

Fortunately, if you can call it that, many of the filthy terms these men used without regard to their surroundings did not register with a first-grader as bad words, so I was spared conversations about some of the more choice language.

This would not be quite so alarming if it wasn't such a regular occurrence.

Over the course of that day, my son and I visited a music recital for kids around age 6 through teenagers, ate at the

mentioned burger joint, visited a popular department store and went to the movies.

At every single one of these places, including the children's music recital, I heard words that I would not be allowed to say on the radio.

Apparently the use of "swear" or "curse" words has become so common that people no longer consider the surroundings before using them.

Now, I'm not going to pretend I don't use various inappropriate words when surrounded by adults. I'll also admit to swearing if say, something heavy falls on my foot.

I can remember one job where the actions of our CEO (he's dead now, deservedly so) caused me to let out a muttering string of bad words in the newsroom.

Sometimes life simply requires that you use an inappropriate word.

If I get hit in the face by a frying pan, my verbal response is not likely to be, "oh, fiddlesticks," but at times when one can control his language, I make every effort to.

It seems like not using foul language where children might be present should be a basic rule of society.

That hardly seems to be the case as even when I was run-

ning a giant toy store — a place ostensibly filled with kids — I constantly had to ask people to tone down their language.

Of all the basic societal courtesies this seems like one of the easiest to abide by, yet too many people seem either unwilling, or perhaps, unable to control themselves.

While people may have varying lines for what they consider appropriate, there are a number of words we all agree should not be used in public settings.

I'd prefer to not have to explain certain vulgar anatomical terms to a seven-year-old and can think of few reasons why those terms would be used in public.

It's a question of basic civility an understanding that you are not the only person in the world — a hard concept for some, but one that we should all keep in mind.

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More explosive wildfire weather expected in Texas

DALLAS(AP)—Forecasters expect the wildfire potential across the western half of Texas to expand and become more explosive Thursday. The area of significant fire potential, which had been confined mostly to West Texas and the Texas Panhandle this week, will expand to include North, Central and South Texas on Thursday, according to a Texas Forest Service statement. The expanded high-risk area will be generally west of a line extended from just west of Dallas-Fort Worth to Fredericksburg and Del

Rio, according to the agency. A persistent drought combined with an overabundance of tinder-dry vegetation made for a catastrophic combination this week. The Forest Service has responded to 81 fires in the past seven days that have charred almost 700 square miles. More than 900 firefighters from across the state and 33 other states have been called in to battle the fires. "The last week has been bad, but now even more people will be at risk. The wildfires could reach down into more densely populated

areas," said Tom Spencer, head of predictive services at the Forest Service. A fire that's blackened more than 100,000 acres in Presidio and Jeff Davis counties was 60 percent contained Wednesday. More than two dozen homes and businesses in the Fort Davis area have burned since Saturday, according to the agency. Nobody has been hurt. Nearly 13,000 acres have burned this week in Tom Green County, but dozens of homes about 13 miles west of San Angelo were saved, according to the Texas Forest

Service. The fire was 50 percent contained Wednesday. In all, more than 500 homes have been evacuated over the past seven days, according to the Forest Service statement. Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo is leading the 29-county diocese with prayers planned Sunday for rain. People are encouraged to pray wherever they find themselves on Sunday, according to Pfeifer. The priest has asked more than 100 churches to participate, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported.

The Forest Service said last month was the driest March in recorded Texas history. That combined with the usual gusty spring winds and oncelush, now-dead vegetation promoted by last fall's tropical storms to create extremely combustible conditions. "We've experienced accelerated drying for the last 14 days," said Mark Stanford, chief of fire operations for the Forest Service. "We're really in uncharted territory here where weather will dominate the landscape and vegetation is at record dry levels for this time of year."

Mexico battles proliferation of drug language

MEXICO CITY (AP) — There are a half dozen words for drug cartel informants, and double that for drug war dead. "Narco" has become a general prefix. The trend has people worrying that Mexico is developing a kind of off-hand jargon that anesthetizes people by making escalating violence seem routine. Some experts, however, say slang and euphemisms can help people deal with the horrors around them. Slang for those killed in Mexico's bloody drug war depends on how the victims are found. "Encobijados" are bodies wrapped in a blanket. "Encajuelados" are those stuffed in a car trunk.

"Encintados" are suffocated in packing tape. "Narco" is strewn through everyday speech. "Narcofosas" are pits where cartels dump victims. "Narcomantas" are the banners strung by gangs from highway overpasses with threatening messages. "Narco-tienditas" are small drug-dealing locations also sometimes known as "picaderos," if heroin is sold there. Contract killings are "jobs," kidnap-murders are "pick-ups," and "settling of accounts" means drug-dealer killings by rival gangs. "I think they had a falcon on me," Jaime Rodriguez, the mayor of a suburb of the

northern city of Monterrey, said after several dozen gunmen ambushed his convoy, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding several others. He meant a "halcon," a kind of cartel informant, often a taxi driver, who follows targets around. Informants who stand around on street corners have a different name — "posts" or "stakes." And there are "ventanas," or "windows" — informants who walk around, marking houses of intended targets with advertising fliers or graffiti. Some Mexicans are so terrorized by the especially brutal Zetas gang that they refer

to the cartel in hushed tones as "The Last Letter," or merely "The Letter." It's not unlike Sicilians adopting "Cosa Nostra," or "Our Thing," the harmless name that the Mafia created for its syndicate of crime and violence. Anti-crime activists like Isabel Miranda Wallace view such language as a dangerous kind of avoidance, leaving little room for outrage at the violence engulfing Mexico. "Calling it a 'pickup' takes away from the seriousness of it," said Wallace, who led a successful decade-long fight to bring her son's kidnappers to justice, though his body still has not been found. "You

become inured to the pain and suffering of these images." But having a word for a horrific event can make it easier to handle, counters Ricardo Ainslie, a University of Texas professor who has studied the psychological effects of violence in the border city of Ciudad Juarez. "Language helps you absorb things that are overwhelming ... people need the language because it structures the experience," Ainslie said, noting that residents of Juarez often refer to cartel victims as "muertitos" — literally "little dead ones."

State Briefs

Texas mom convicted in daughter's "exorcism" death

HENDERSON (AP) — A 20-year-old woman received an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole Wednesday after an East Texas jury convicted her of capital murder in the sexual assault and beating death of her infant daughter. A Rusk County jury found Jesseca Carson guilty of capital murder in the December 2008 death of her 13-month-old daughter, Amora. Carson's boyfriend, Blaine Milam, is on death row after his conviction for capital murder in the death, which Carson believed was an exorcism. Prosecutors didn't seek a death sentence for Carson. In closing arguments Wednesday, special prosecutor Lisa Tanner said that although Milam was the one who beat the child with a hammer and bit her about 30 times, Carson promoted, aided or tried to aid the crime. "Did she know he was going to hurt Amora? Or did she know he was hurting Amora?" she asked, according to the Tyler Morning Telegraph. Carson "sacrificed her daughter to a monster," said Tanner, a prosecutor from the Texas Attorney General's Office. She apologized to jurors for the sometimes-graphic evidence presented to them, but she explained that it was necessary to obtain a capital murder conviction. "We only did it because we had to," she said. Defense attorneys contended Milam dominated Carson and convinced her that her child was possessed by a demon. However, Tanner said the exorcism was Carson's idea, rather than the product of brainwashing by Milam.

"She allowed him to inflict unimaginable horror on that sweet baby. ... For that, she is responsible," Tanner said, according to the newspaper.

Texas soldier indicted, alleged assault of 2 girls

BELTON (AP) — A Central Texas soldier is accused of raping two Killeen girls who were abducted as they walked to school bus stops. A Bell County grand jury on Wednesday indicted Sgt. Raul Aragon Jr. on charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child and aggravated kidnapping. Conviction carries a penalty of up to life in prison. Aragon on Thursday was in the Bell County Jail on bond topping \$2 million. No attorney was listed for the soldier. The Killeen Daily Herald reports an October assault involved an 11-year-old girl. A 9-year-old girl was attacked in December. Police arrested Aragon during a Jan. 12 traffic stop. Investigators say DNA evidence has linked him to the attacks.

Texas ashram of fugitive guru gets name change

AUSTIN (AP) — A Central Texas temple is getting a new name after its Hindu guru was convicted of child sex charges and fled the U.S. The Austin American-Statesman reports an April 4 e-mail to followers of Prakashanand Saraswati announced the Barsana Dham will now be called Radha Madhav Dham. Saraswati was convicted March 4 of 20 counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact. Prosecutors say the religious leader, in the 1990s, molested two girls at the ashram in Hays County. Saraswati was free on a \$1 million bond but skipped sentencing in San Marcos, allegedly fleeing to Mexico. He was sentenced in absentia to 14

years in prison. Raj Goel, the organization's new president, says followers continue to feel the swami's grace in their devotional lives.

Dozens of old structures being torn down in Alice

ALICE (AP) — Nearly 60 abandoned homes and businesses in a South Texas city will be torn down at no cost to the owners as part of anti-crime demolition. Work has begun in Alice by municipal crews in a project to rid the city of old, empty structures. Officials say dozens of buildings are targeted for demolition in a free program through April 30. Starting May first, a \$1,500 removal lien will be filed on such properties. Police Chief Daniel Bueno says the demolition, which began Wednesday, will help eliminate places where people use drugs and keep stolen property. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports Bueno says there's bound to be some type of criminal activity with you have homes abandoned.

Forensic panel to discuss Willingham report draft

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Forensic Science Commission begins two days

of meetings to discuss a draft report on the investigative science used to conclude that Cameron Todd Willingham set a fire that killed his three young children. The arson ruling in the 1991 fire at Willingham's home led to his execution. Since then, several experts have concluded that the fire was an accident. The commission determines whether forensic science in cases like Willingham's was sound but it doesn't have the power to exonerate Willingham or reopen his case.

Perry to meet California group

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry will meet a delegation of lawmakers from California to discuss job-creation policies. The Republican-led group from California is scheduled to visit Austin for two days of meetings starting Thursday to learn about the Lone Star State's ability to attract businesses and create jobs. Perry, the longest serving governor in the country, has often criticized California for scaring off jobs with high taxes and too much regulation. He is scheduled to meet with reporters at the beginning of economic roundtable discussion with the group from California.

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2011 Community Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2011
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First Baptist Church
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The CEO, Diane Flanagan, Board members and staff will be present to provide updates on the council and what you can expect in upcoming months. Most of all we want to hear from you! What are your thoughts and ideas about Girl Scouting in your community, how effectively are we meeting the needs of girls, what are we doing right, where do we need to improve? Your opinions are valuable to us and we are listening!

Who should attend: Registered Girl Scout adults, girl members, age 14 and older, and interested community members. Council delegates and alternates are urged to represent their region and service units.

How to Register: RSVP to Marva Fonseca at mfonseca@gdsdsw.org or by calling (800) 895-7390 Ext. 222.

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ANSWERS

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Casual cooking



with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe is inspired by a dessert idea I came up with for our coffee shop at our church on Sunday mornings. Around the time of Valentine's Day is when it was to debut and I got sick. I kept putting off trying to make it, but finally did a couple of weeks ago. The only flaw is these need to be served warm from the oven or rewarmed slightly in a microwave to soften the chocolate hidden inside. This recipe calls for mascapone cheese which can be found at H-E-B in the specialty cheese section. This is super easy to make and, well, the title says it all. Enjoy! P.S. serve with a glass of milk.

Chocolate Covered Cherry Supreme Muffins

1/2 cup of unsalted butter, melted and cooled
2 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk
1-3/4 cups of all-purpose flour
2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1-1/4 cups light brown sugar
1 tps baking powder
1 tps baking soda

1/2 tps salt
1-1/2 tps of vanilla
1 can of cherry pie filling
1 container of mascapone cheese
1 tbs of powder sugar
6 mini Hershey dark chocolates
12 muffin paper liners

Preheat oven to 375 degrees, place muffin liners in muffin pan. In a bowl, whisk together the melted/cooled butter, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla extract. In a larger bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Gently fold wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir only until they are combined. Do not over mix or muffins will be tough. Fill each liner about 1/4 full, spoon in 2 cherries with a little glaze. Using half of the container of mascapone cheese, mix in a small bowl the cheese, powder sugar and splash of vanilla. Spoon a small amount into each cup on top of the cherries. Add the rest of the muffin mix equally atop everything. Cut mini chocolates in half and push gently down into the middle. Bake for about 15-20 minutes.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Taking laundry for a spin

Dear Readers: Here are some helpful Heloise hints for you if you use a public laundry:

- Sort the laundry before leaving home. Put white clothes in a white pillowcase, dark clothes in a dark pillowcase, and others in another. You can stick all the pillowcases in a large laundry basket, and you are ready to go.



HELOISE

- Don't forget your detergent. This will save you a lot of money, rather than buying it there. Measuring out the detergent before you go will save you from having to carry the heavy container all the way to the laundry room or location. Measure powdered detergent in a plastic zippered bag, or liquid in a container with a tight lid. A yogurt cup is perfect.

- Big hint: Shake the wet clothes out before putting them in the dryer (don't just throw in a lump!), and the clothes will dry faster, which will save you money, and be less wrinkled!

- Take a magazine, book, laptop or portable media player with you so you have

something to do. Or just catch up with friends on the phone.

- Check the dryers before the time ends, because you may be able to add some extra time, which is cheaper than having to restart the machine.

— Heloise

P.S. If you see the lint filter, clean it out before drying your clothes, and always check the washer to be sure there is nothing red in there.

Dear Heloise: Many times, athletic socks come in multipacks. I invariably do laundry with only some of the pairs. As time goes by, you have socks in different stages of wear and tear. Spending time trying to "match" the worn ones and the newer ones when folding is a chore.

So, I take a permanent marker and put dots on the underside of the toe when the pack is new. This way, after laundering, all I do is match the number of dots. Saves time and ensures that they wear evenly.

Next hint: We have a large knife "block" in our kitchen, and it has eight identical steak knives on the bottom row. It seems I always grab the one on the outside of the block. To keep them

wearing evenly, I routinely rotate them along the row to always keep a different one in that last spot. — Britt Barkley, San Antonio

Bagless sweeper

Dear Heloise: I have a bagless sweeper, and to save a mess, before I sweep each time, I spread a two-page sheet of newspaper in the middle of the floor. I empty my canister in the middle of that. I then roll up the newspaper nice and tight, and throw it in the garbage. If any dust escapes the newspaper, which rarely happens, I just catch it when I am doing my sweeping. I found that this saves me a lot of mess. — Ruth, via email

Glad it works for you, as I've never had good results dumping that cupful of dirt and dust without it releasing yuck! — Heloise

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or e-mail it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My 29-year-old daughter works at a large multinational corporation. On numerous occasions and in different divisions of the corporation, she has heard anti-Jewish comments. In fact, at one event,

she was so upset by what was being said at a group dinner that she had to leave the table for fear she would cry.

For whatever reason, she chooses to remain silent when these remarks are made. We are Jewish, and her

grandparents were Holocaust survivors. I have told her she needs to speak up, but she doesn't want to make waves.

It pains me to know that my daughter is working in an environment where the employees have no qualms about displaying their bigotry, and that anti-Semitism is alive and well in the USA. I am also upset that she lets these opinions go without challenging them or, at a minimum,

telling the bigot that she is Jewish and such statements are inappropriate in the workplace.

Any suggestions as to what I could say to my daughter to convince her that it is her duty to confront the bigotry head on? — *Dismayed in the Boston Area*

Dear Boston: While we understand your daughter's reluctance, it is incumbent upon everyone to speak up when they witness bigotry of any kind.

We contacted David Kurzman, assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League in Greater Chicago and the Upper Midwest. He said the law protects workers against religion-based harassment, intimidation and repeated insult, especially where it harms the employee's employment, position or compensation.

Most large companies have complaint processes (usually through HR, an ombuds office or an ethics line). They will often take the complaint seriously, investigate the situation and take action to change the environment. Your daughter may also have legal claims against the company and may wish to talk to an employment lawyer. Organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League (adl.org) and Workplace Fairness (workplacefairness.org) may be able to offer further advice on how to proceed.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Midwest," who has a criminal record and can't find a job. Your answer was helpful, but you left out the fastest growing source of employment available to everyone: self-employment.

In today's economy, it doesn't take a bundle of

money to go into business for yourself. And there are thousands of companies looking to put people to work as freelance representatives, with a small investment, frequently less than \$50. If "Midwest" decides to reenter the job market later, employers are willing to take a good look at someone who can show she started a business from scratch.

Please don't get caught up in the idea that in order to make a living, you have to work for somebody else. — *Florida Entrepreneur*

Dear Florida: You make an excellent point, although setting up your own business is not necessarily as simple as you make it seem. But for those who are having difficulty finding other employment, it is definitely worth looking into.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Close Call

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 6
♣ A K 8 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 2
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ Q J 10 4

EAST
♠ A Q J 8 6 4
♥ 10
♦ A 9 8 5
♣ 9 3

SOUTH
♠ K 10 5
♥ K Q J 8 5 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ 6

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♠ 2♥ Dble
Opening lead — two of spades.

Good defensive play is usually the result of a concerted partnership effort. Unlike declarer, who is essentially on his own during the play, the defenders must depend on partnership cooperation to achieve the best result possible. As a case in point, consider this deal from a team event some years ago.

Both Wests made a very close penalty double of two hearts in the auction shown. Defeating the contract then became a matter of precision defense.

The play at both tables began the

same way. East won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned the queen. West ruffed South's king and led a diamond to East's ace. East then cashed the jack of spades for the defenders' fourth trick as West discarded a diamond.

East now had two choices. A diamond return is best if West has the king. Alternatively, a spade return puts West in a potentially desirable overruffing position, but allows dummy's remaining diamond to be discarded if the overruff occurs.

At the first table, East decided to return a diamond. South won with the king and cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding his remaining diamond. He then led a heart to the king and, after West took the ace, claimed the remainder, making two hearts doubled for a score of 670 points.

At the second table, East returned a spade at the critical point and so defeated the contract. Here, East reasoned that if West had the king of diamonds, he should have cashed it at trick three before leading the deuce in order to avoid giving East a problem. In other words, East decided to trust that his partner had not made a mistake.

East's spade return was ruffed by declarer with the jack, but West simply discarded and later scored the A-9 of hearts to register a 200-point set.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Steers win track title

BSHS girls finish second at District 5-3A meet in Snyder

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

SNYDER — Quality trumped quantity.

The Big Spring boys' track team didn't have the numbers heading into the District 5-3A track meet, but the Steers definitely had the star power, which was enough to allow them to edge Brownwood for the league title here Wednesday.

The Steers amassed 186 points, compared to 182 for

Brownwood. Abilene Wylie was third with 148 points.

The meet, which was nip and tuck throughout, came down to the final event, the 1,600 meter relay, before the team title was decided. With BSHS and Brownwood tied heading into the event, Big Spring's quartet of Elias Bihl, Abraham Ellert, Seth Pearson and Robert Barraza finished second, while Brownwood placed third. That point differential was enough to give the Steers the meet title.

The Steers claimed the district championship despite having one of the thinnest squads in the competition.

"I knew we weren't going to have depth — we only had 14 kids — but those 14 kids competed hard," BSHS boys' coach Mitch Woodard said. "We were able to get enough first, second and third place finishes to hold everybody off."

Leading the way in the individual events was Mike Menefield, who finished first

in the long jump, triple jump and 100-meter dash.

Menefield, the defending state champion in the triple jump, won that event Wednesday with a leap of 46 feet, 3.5 inches, more than four feet better than Pearson, who placed second with a distance of 41-9.5. Menefield captured the gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 222-11.75, then crossed the tape first in the 100-meter dash in a time of 10.70 seconds.

"I don't think Mike's been

beaten in the jumps this year," Woodard said. "We were counting on him for points, and he definitely delivered."

The Steers were hardly a one-man show, however, receiving first-place finishes from Pearson in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles, Gustavo Lugo in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs and Sergio Torres in the 800-meter run.

Aside from the 1,600-meter

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Jury convicts Bonds

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AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds stepped outside the Phillip Burton Federal Building for the first time as a convicted felon, and a school bus went by. The home-run king flashed a victory sign with two fingers.

After a 12-day trial and four days of deliberation, a jury had deadlocked on three charges he lied under oath. But Bonds was convicted on one count of obstruction of justice.

"Are you celebrating tonight?" one fan asked.

"There's nothing to celebrate," Bonds replied.

A mixed and muddled verdict Wednesday left both prosecutors and the defense feeling sorry-grateful.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on the three charges that Bonds made false statements when he told a grand jury in December 2003 he never knowingly received steroids and human growth hormone from trainer Greg Anderson and he allowed only doctors to inject him.

But a trial that had all to do with performance-enhancing drugs ended with a conviction that had nothing to do with them. The count the jury agreed on stated Bonds gave an evasive answer under oath. Rather than say "yes" or "no" to whether he received drugs that required a syringe, Bonds gave a rambling response to a grand jury, stating: "I became a celebrity child with a famous father."

Though unsatisfied, both sides expressed a fraction of fulfillment following a trial that uncovered the dark practices of baseball's Steroids Era.

"The counts which alleged steroids,

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Connie Fowler of the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association lines up her putt on the ninth green during the association's tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Wednesday.

Spurs lose, Bulls gain home edge in playoffs

By **BOB BAUM**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — The San Antonio Spurs lost a shot at home-court advantage throughout the playoffs and saw a grimacing Manu Ginobili leave the court in pain early in the game.

Not exactly a beautiful ending to a powerful regular season.

"Now," coach Gregg Popovich said, "the fun starts."

Despite the 106-103 loss to Phoenix on Wednesday night, the Spurs are the No. 1 seed in the West and early indications were that Ginobili's hyperextended elbow wasn't serious.

Popovich sat Ginobili, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker in a loss to the

Lakers in Los Angeles on Tuesday night, but all three were in the starting lineup Wednesday.

"You can't predict anything and there's no reason to second guess and I don't think any one of us are going to do that," Duncan said. "Luckily, it's not serious and hopefully he can be ready to go once the playoff starts. You cross your fingers, you hope for that, and you move on."

The Spurs move on to a first-round playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies, a team that seemed to want to face San Antonio.

"They sat their guys for the last three or four games," Duncan said.

"They're trying to stay where they're at. Obviously, they've chosen their

matchup and want to stick with it."

Marcin Gortat had 21 points and 13 rebounds to help the Suns avoid being swept in the four-game regular season series.

The Spurs, at 61-21, finished a game behind Chicago for the best record in the NBA.

Had San Antonio and the Bulls finished tied and faced each other in the NBA finals, home-court advantage would have been determined by a random drawing because all other tiebreakers were equal.

Ginobili went down with 9:46 left in the first quarter. The star guard slid to the floor near the San Antonio free throw line, then the Suns' Grant Hill fell on top of him.

X-rays for a more serious injury were negative. An MRI was planned Thursday.

Ginobili, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker sat out the Spurs' 102-93 loss to the Lakers in Los Angeles on Tuesday but all three were in the starting lineup against Phoenix. Duncan had 17 points and 12 rebounds in 31 minutes. Parker scored 12 points on 4-of-12 shooting in 25 minutes. Neither were on the court when the game ended.

"Tony's been under the weather. He got 25 minutes so I thought that was about enough for him," coach Gregg Popovich said. "We got Timmy about 30 so that was good. They needed to get a good run and they did."

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Baseball — Howard College at New Mexico Military Institute (DH), 3 p.m. MST, Roswell, N.M.

Baseball — Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Forsan at Ralls, 5 p.m.

Softball — Howard College at Frank Phillips College (DH), 1 p.m., Borger.

Softball — Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Coahoma at Lubbock Roosevelt, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 1 p.m.

Baseball — Howard College at NMMI (DH), noon MST, Roswell, N.M.

Softball — Howard College at Clarendon, (DH), 1 p.m.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

There are times to "wing it," and this is not one of them. The organizing forces of the Virgo moon are not to be wasted! The "who, what, where and when" must be addressed, and this is the best of all times to sort them out. The high-energy Aries sun will fuel the industrious Virgo moon's plans. Busyness and happiness are interrelated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have an unusual bag of tricks, and you'll have the opportunity to show off one or two. This will impress your peers. If you can make them laugh, too, you'll be doubly

satisfied.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People depend on you. You will enjoy this as long as you are satisfied that you can deliver what they need. If you can't, you can avoid stress by quickly delegating the responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your company will be requested. You're a treat to be around, as you act on your whims and follow through on your impulses. Your spontaneity will not soon be forgotten.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What a loved one

wants from you feels more like a dare than a request. And though you're not certain you can pull it off, you'll enjoy trying. Success depends on a combination of preparation and chutzpah.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beware of a person who apparently knows everything. No one knows everything. A truly knowledgeable person will share judiciously and admit when he or she doesn't know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where someone else sees a problem, you'll see dollar signs. As you stretch your imagination in a financial direction, you'll come up with hypothetical solutions with the potential to make you rich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Like a cheerful animated version of yourself, you will whistle as you work. It will seem as though you are in harmony with all of nature, including birds, butterflies and small animals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll make a gesture of good will that could catch others off guard. It will take a while for the recipients of this kindness to understand completely what has transpired. When they finally do, they will be very grateful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will seem as though the world is just waiting for your interaction. People will extend a hand to help you before you ask and will answer your phone calls on the first ring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a reason for the spring in your step and a secret behind the sparkle in your eye — one that you're not likely to tell, even to your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be lucky twice today. The first time will be an accident, but it's an accident you can re-create. Remember the steps you took that brought good fortune to you the first time, and take them again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are reticent to ask for guidance because you're afraid it will obligate you. But don't worry — you don't have to follow the advice you get. The only obligation you'll have is to say thank you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14). You see substantial change this year, and you quickly realize how to make the current state of things work in your favor. The next four weeks reinforce to you that you are a valued member of your team. June provides new motivation for a goal. August features a role reversal. You'll do work that's on the cutting edge. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 23, 14, 39, 2 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries getting ready for a summer of traveling and meeting up with old friends — in particular, one ex-boyfriend I'd really like to impress. Any style suggestions?"

As I mentioned in my book "Rock Your Stars," Aries should start with a strong silhouette. Think about what you look like from a distance. What is the overall effect? You realize that the bulk of people you run into are going to get a feeling about you and that it starts when you're still in their peripheral vision. The total image, not the details, is what they'll remember. So your best style choices are crisp, simple lines that convey the strength, energy and vibrant tone you prefer to put across.

As the warrior of the zodiac, you sometimes think of your clothing as a uniform. It pleases you to know what goes with what. When you hit on something that works for you — makes you feel empowered, appropriate and attractive — there's comfort in duplicating the outfit, from earrings to socks, whenever you need that feeling again.

Your lucky fashion piece is a red dress, evocative of the rapturous passion of your ruling planet, Mars. Your red dress will stir souls and inspire poetry and song.

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Shake up your your routine



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Understanding the emotions behind your food choices can be very helpful in making changes.

Try It: Incorporate New Foods. According to the newly released Dietary Guidelines, incorporating plant-based proteins into a daily diet can help maximize overall health. Soybeans in their whole, natural state are the only plant-based source of complete protein. A reasonable goal should be to consume two servings of whole soy a day (a total of 15 to 20g soy protein).

New and improved SOYJOY, made with whole soy, real fruit and other all-natural ingredients, is a great way to fit whole soy into your daily routine. SOYJOY is the perfect snack to throw into your backpack, gym bag or glove compartment to fuel you through a long work day or intense workout. SOYJOY provides a nutrient-dense combination of complete protein, complex carbohydrates, and fiber to help supply sustained energy with only 130-140 calories.

To make new habits stick, it's important to hold yourself accountable. Dare yourself to take on one of these new challenges or invent your own, and then share your dare with friends on Facebook as part of SOYJOY's Do you Dare? program. SOYJOY is sweetening the deal by offering prizes and incentives to those who take a dare and stick to it. Check it out at www.facebook.com/soyjoy.

Source: SOYJOY

(Family Features) — If you feel stuck in a rut, it may be time to shake things up. Finding new ways to approach exercise and diet can make your efforts to improve your overall health more engaging and help you stay on track.

Pittsburgh Steelers dietitian and author Leslie J. Bonci, RD, advises athletes on how they can stay at the top of their game. Here, she offers some tips to help you find new ways to stay on top of yours.

Groove It: Get Moving to a New Beat. If you've never tried working out to music, now's a good time to start. And if you do have an exercise playlist, try out some

new tunes. The American Council on Exercise (ACE) has found that the faster the beat of the music, the higher the intensity of the workout.

Your body naturally moves to whatever beat it's listening to, so speeding up the beat can help you get more from your workout. The ACE research also showed that a faster tempo also makes intense exercise seem less stressful.

Change It: Take on a new workout. Doing the same kinds of exercises all the time can get boring — which makes it harder to keep doing them. Shake things up and dare yourself to get moving in a new way: try a dance-based workout such as Zumba, kickboxing, ballroom dancing, a spinning class or circuit training. Or if you really want to challenge yourself, join a local, high-intensity

boot camp. Many gyms and fitness centers have low-cost, short-term "try-it" options that let you sample the different options before you commit to a long-term class. Some memberships also let you work with a personal trainer a few times for free. That's a great way to get some tips and training customized for you.

Log It: Keep a Food Journal. Improving your overall health also means learning how to make better food choices. Keeping a food journal can help you take an honest look at your eating habits so that you can make healthy changes.

- Record everything you eat and drink right away.
- Make a note of what you did while eating (watched TV, worked at computer, etc.)
- Describe your feelings while you ate.



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which alleged needles, which alleged human growth hormone, those were mistried," lead defense lawyer Allen Ruby said as Bonds, with a few days of stubble on his chin, stood slightly behind him and to the side. "There was no conviction, no verdict, no finding adverse to Barry Bonds."

Melinda Haag, the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, focused on the one count where the jury of eight women and four men was unanimous the government had proven its allegations beyond a reasonable doubt. "This case is about uphold-

ing one of the most fundamental principles in our system of justice — the obligation of every witness to provide truthful and direct testimony in judicial proceedings," she said in a statement. "In the United States, taking an oath and promising to testify truthfully is a serious matter. We cannot ignore those who choose instead to obstruct justice. We will decide whether to seek a retrial of the defendant on the remaining counts as soon as possible."

Defense lawyers will try to persuade Illston or the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to toss out the lone conviction. Federal prosecutors must decide whether it is worth the time and expense to try Bonds for a second time on the deadlocked charges.

Dennis Riordan, one of the lawyers on Bonds' legal team that numbered as many as 13 some days, asked Illston to throw out the guilty verdict and for a new trial on that count. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella asked the judge to set a sentencing date. Instead, Illston announced a May 20 date for a status conference.

Now 46 and far trimmer than he appeared in the final years of his career, Bonds faces up to 10 years in prison on the obstruction conviction. Yet federal guidelines call for 15-21 months.

For similar offenses in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroids ring case, known as BALCO, Illston sentenced cyclist Tammy Thomas to six months of

home confinement and track coach Trevor Graham to one year of home confinement.

Less than two miles from the ballpark where he broke Hank Aaron's career home run record in August 2007, the seven-time National League MVP stood on the sidewalk on the courthouse's north side while the jurors went out the south entrance. Many lingered to answer questions — but for now, most only would give their first names.

Amber, a 19-year-old blonde woman who was the youngest juror, said the final votes were 8-4 to acquit Bonds of lying about steroids and 9-3 to acquit him on lying about HGH use. The panel voted 11-1 to convict him of getting an injection from someone other than his doctor, with

one woman holding out, she said.

Baseball's season (73) and career (762) record-holder for home runs, Bonds testified before a grand jury that Anderson told him the substances he was giving Bonds were flaxseed oil and arthritic balm, and that Bonds didn't know they were designer steroids.

The holdout on the "needle" count was a juror who identified herself as Nyiesha. She said she didn't believe the testimony of Bonds' personal shopper Kathy Hoskins, who told the jury she watched Anderson inject the slugger in the belly.

"They were family," Nyiesha said of the Hoskins siblings. "That left me with reasonable doubt."

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relay squad's finish, BSHS' 400-meter relay contingent finished second while the 800-meter relay was third.

The Steers advance to the Region I-3A track meet, to be held May 2-3 at the Fuller Complex in Lubbock.

Lady Steers finish second

SNYDER — The BSHS girls' track team, which was in first place at the end of the first day of competition, was unable to withstand a second-

day charge from defending District 5-3A champion Abilene Wylie.

Wylie claimed the district title with 178.5 points, while BSHS was second with 163. Brownwood finished third.

"It was a great district meet," BSHS girls' coach Nick Roberson said. "The girls fought to the bitter end. Out of 18 events, we probably had personal bests in 14 ... It was an incredible competition, and Wylie was just a little bit better."

The Lady Steers received strong performances from their 400-meter and 800-meter relay squads, which

both finished first.

Individually, BSHS was paced by Bridgette Tuitt, who finished first in both the long jump and 200-meter run, Desiree Anderson, who won the 100-meter dash, and Jaycee Williams, who won the 3,200-meter run.

With BSHS sending a strong complement to the upcoming regional meet in Lubbock, Roberson likes his team's chances there.

"I've said all along that we might have a better chance to win the regional meet than the district meet, because of our quality points," Roberson said.

The Region I-3A meet will be held May 2-3 at the Fuller Complex in Lubbock.

Here are results from the District 5-3A track meet, which concluded Wednesday in Snyder:

BOYS DIVISION

Team totals — 1. Big Spring, 186; 2. Brownwood, 182; 3. Wylie, 148; 4. Snyder, 65; 5. Sweetwater, 28.

Shot put — 1. Early Snyder, 45-7; 2. Westerman, Brownwood, 43-9; 3. Shy, Wylie, 42-8½; 4. Linn, Wylie, 42-3; 5. Ramirez, Big Spring,

41-9½; 6. Smith, Big Spring, 41-5½.

Discus — 1. Longoria, Brownwood, 157-6; 2. Nunez, Big Spring, 140-2½; 3. Key, Wylie, 139-5½; 4. Newton, Brownwood, 136-4; 5. Lunney, Wylie, 135-10½; 6. Ramirez, Big Spring, 134-5.

Long jump — 1. Menefield, Big Spring, 22-11¼; 2. Bryant, Brownwood, 21-3¼; 3. Malone, Snyder, 20-8½; 4. Townsend, Wylie, 20-8½; 5. Lloyd, Big Spring, 20-5½; 6. Lewis, Big Spring, 20-4.

Triple jump — 1. Menefield, Big Spring, 46-3½; 2. Pearson, Big Spring, 41-9½; 3. Lewis, Big Spring, 41-2¼; 4. Horton, Brownwood, 40-10½; 5. Mascorro, Wylie, 40-9¼; 6. Herrera, Wylie, 40-0½.

High jump — 1. Childress, Wylie, 6-2; 2. Roberson, Wylie, 5-10; 3. Dodd, Wylie, 5-10; 4. Pearson, Big Spring, 5-10; 5. Davis, Snyder, 5-8; 6. Martinez, Snyder, 5-8.

Pole vault — 1. Ratliff, Brownwood, 14-6; 2. Johnson, Brownwood, 13-0; 3. Childress, Wylie, 13-0; 4. Lewis, 11-6; 5. Donald, Wylie, 11-6.

3,200 — 1. Lugo, Big Spring, 10:27.72; 2. McLaughlin, Brownwood, 10:30.45; 3. Monroy, Snyder, 10:50.74; 4. Williams, Big Spring, 11:02.59; 5. Garcia, Wylie, 11:17.24; 6. Person, Brownwood, 1:19.62.

400 relay — 1. Brownwood, 42.16; 2. Big Spring, 42.88; 3. Wylie, 43.11; 4. Sweetwater, 44.56.

800 — 1. Torres, Big Spring, 2:03.22; 2. Garcia, Wylie, 2:03.74; 3. Yruegas, Snyder, 2:05.82; 4. Rosato, Brownwood, 2:05.95; 5. Herrera, Wylie, 2:06.74; 6. Randall-King, Big Spring, 2:08.87.

110 hurdles — 1. Person, Big Spring, 14.61; 2. Longoria, 15.16; 3. Whinery, Brownwood, 15.34; 4. Walker, Wylie, 15.35; 5. Nemir, Sweetwater, 40.48; 6. Dodd, Wylie, 15.51.

100 — 1. Menefield, Big Spring, 10.70; 2. Ward, Snyder, 10.78; 3. Malone, Snyder, 10.81; 4. Johnson, Wylie, 10.88; 5. Perez, Brownwood, 10.96; 6. Nasser, Wylie, 11.06.

800 relay — 1. Brownwood, 1:29.86; 2. Snyder, 1:29.96; 3. Big Spring, 1:30.82; 4. Wylie, 1:32.28; 5. Sweetwater, 1:33.80.

400 — 1. Kirbo, Brownwood, 51.77; 2. Bloodworth,

Wylie, 51.95; 3. Barraza, Big Spring, 52.51; 4. Hoffman, Wylie, 51.95; 5. Bill, Big Spring, 53.68; 6. Arriaga, Brownwood, 54.20.

300 hurdles — 1. Pearson, Big Spring, 39.41; 2. Walker, Wylie, 40.33; 3. Nemir, Sweetwater, 40.48; 4. Stephens, Brownwood, 40.85; 5. March, Wylie, 41.07; 6. Dodd, Wylie, 41.46.

200 — 1. Reece, Brownwood, 22.05; 2. Vaccaro, Brownwood, 22.07; 3. Lloyd, Big Spring, 22.56; 4. Bloomer, Wylie, 22.66; 5. Ellison, Big Spring, 22.68; 6. Nasser, Wylie, 22.73.

1,600 — 1. Lugo, Big Spring, 4:45.03; 2. McLaughlin, Brownwood, 4:48.82; 3. King-Randle, Big Spring, 4:55.06; 4. Moore, Brownwood, 4:56.65; 5. Torres, Big Spring, 5:01.44; 6. Herrera, Wylie, 5:02.68.

1,600 relay — 1. Wylie, 3:27.56; 2. Big Spring, 3:30.06; 3. Brownwood, 3:31.06; 4. Sweetwater, 3:37.88; 5. Snyder, 3:55.13.

GIRLS DIVISION

Team totals — 1. Wylie, 178½; 2. Big Spring, 163; 3. Brownwood, 137½; 4. Sweetwater, 80; 5. Snyder, 55.

Shot put — 1. Harry, Brownwood, 36-0½; 2. Henry, Brownwood, 34-11; 3. Ryle, Big Spring, 32-2½; 4. Ritchey, Big Spring, 32-0; 5. Finn, Sweetwater, 32-0; 6. Wright, Snyder, 31-8.

Discus — 1. Henry, Brownwood, 117-7; 2. Finn, Sweetwater, 112-10½; 3. Ritchey, Big Spring, 107-10; 4. Mack, Wylie, 105-1; 5. Mayes, Big Spring, 102-8; 6. Gillam, Wylie, 98-10.

Long jump — 1. Tuitt, Big Spring, 17-9½; 2. Anderson, Big Spring, 17-9¼; 3. Shipley, Brownwood, 16-4¾; 4. Little, Wylie, 16-2½; 5. Green, Wylie, 16-0¾; 6. Yarbrough, Wylie, 15-8¾.

Triple jump — 1. Lytle, Wylie, 37-0¼; 2. Anderson, Big Spring, 36-5½; 3. Tuitt, Big Spring, 36-5½; 4. Shipley, Brownwood, 34-4¾; 5. Browning, Sweetwater, 34-10¾; 6. Wesley, Snyder, 34-2½.

High jump — 1. Little, Wylie, 5-0; 2. Campbell, Sweetwater, 4-10; 3. Seaton, Big Spring, 4-10; 4. DeLeon, Big Spring, 4-10; 5. Montemayor, Brownwood, 4-8; 6. Light, Wylie, 4-8.

Pole vault — 1. Walker,

Wylie, 9-6; 2. Pollard, Snyder, 9-0; 3. Tucker, Wylie, 9-0; 4. Burton, Snyder, 9-0; 5. Jones, Big Spring, 8-6; 6. Laws, Brownwood, 8-6.

3,200 — 1. Williams, Big Spring, 12:38.62; 2. Rush, Wylie, 12:43.73; 3. Jacobs, Brownwood, 13:06.70; 4. Hood, Brownwood, 13:20.38; 5. Smyser, Wylie, 13:26.64; 6. Torres, Big Spring, 13:27.51.

400 relay — 1. Big Spring, 47.89; 2. Brownwood, 50.12; 3. Sweetwater, 51.23; 4. Snyder, 51.58; 5. Wylie, 52.74.

800 — 1. Haynes, Brownwood, 2:26.90; 2. Mitchell, Wylie, 2:30.46; 3. Preston, Wylie, 2:31.32; 4. Griggs, Snyder, 2:33.09; 5. Darrow, Wylie, 2:37.80; 6. Bernal, Brownwood, 2:41.45.

100 hurdles — 1. Shelton, Sweetwater, 14.53; 2. C. Walker, Wylie, 15.06; 3. K. Walker, Wylie, 15.27; 4. Shipley, Brownwood, 15.57; 5. Riebe, Big Spring, 16.28; 6. Shipley, Wylie, 16.77.

100 — 1. Anderson, Big Spring, 12.17; 2. Green, Wylie, 12.37; 3. Torres, Snyder, 12.53; 4. McGee, Big Spring, 12.56; 5. Browning, Sweetwater, 12.75; 6. Cuviello, Big Spring, 12.97.

800 relay — 1. Big Spring, 1:41.13; 2. Wylie, 1:45.83; 3. Brownwood, 1:47.59; 4. Sweetwater, 1:50.18; 5. Snyder, 1:50.62.

400 — 1. Yarbrough, Wylie, 1:00.40; 2. Mitchell, Wylie, 1:00.49; 3. Harlan, Snyder, 1:00.97; 4. Darden, Brownwood, 1:02.87; 5. Scaggs, Big Spring, 1:03.34; 6. DeLeon, Big Spring, 1:03.31.

300 hurdles — 1. Shelton, Sweetwater, 44.90; 2. C. Walker, Wylie, 45.11; 3. K. Walker, Wylie, 47.59; 4. Vaccaro, Brownwood, 48.08; 5. Riebe, Big Spring, 48.71; 6. Vaccaro, Brownwood, 49.11.

200 — 1. Tuitt, Big Spring, 24.57; 2. Wesley, Snyder, 25.38; 3. Turner, Big Spring, 25.40; 4. Salazar, Brownwood, 26.31; 5. Crosson, Sweetwater, 26.42; 6. Puckett, Wylie, 26.62.

1,600 — 1. Haynes, Brownwood, 5:47.69; 2. Rush, Wylie, 5:51.32; 3. Hood, Brownwood, 5:57.29; 4. Williams, Big Spring, 5:58.14; 5. Jacobs, Brownwood, 5:58.49; 6. Griggs, Snyder, 6:02.78.

1,600 relay — 1. Wylie, 4:03.08; 2. Sweetwater, 4:07.76; 3. Brownwood, 4:12.61; 4. Big Spring, 4:15.31; 5. Snyder, 4:20.96.

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