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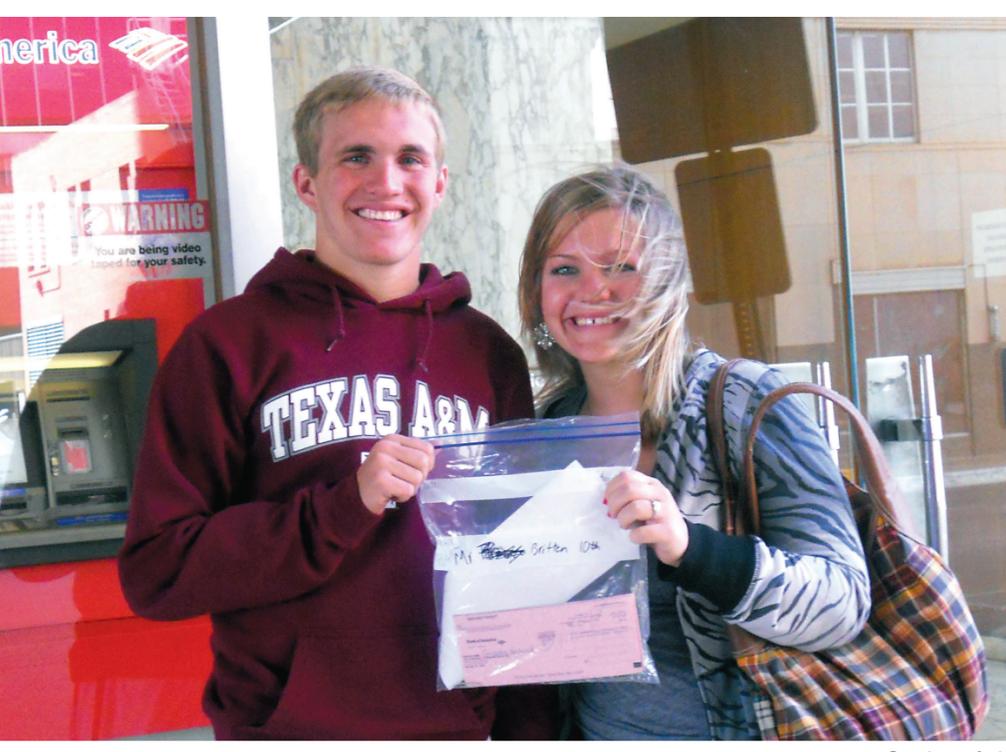
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Grady Student Council members Ty Beaty and Morgan McDonald display proceeds from a Pennies for Patients fund-raiser held to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In a district-wide effort, Grady students had a fund-raising competition between the elementary, junior high and high school. The elementary classes won, with the fifth grade being the overall winner by raising \$494.86. The school raised a grand total of \$2,416 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For having raised the most money, the fifth grade class will have a pizza party later this month.

Man charged with child indecency turns himself in

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Howard County man was taken into custody Tuesday evening after turning himself over to law enforcement officials on a charge of indecency with a child - sexual contact.



Waddill

William Waddill, 52, was arrested shortly after 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and charged with indecency with a child - sexual contact, according to officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

custody without incident," Sheriff Stan Parker said. "He turned himself in at the sheriff's office after the charges were brought against him."

Parker said the arrest was part of an ongoing investigation that began after law enforcement officers received a complaint.

"I really can't go into the specifics of this investigation because it is ongoing," he said. "I can tell you the victim lives in Howard County and was under the age of 17 years when the offenses occurred."

Parker said the alleged incidents of indecency with a child occurred during a two-

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Local entities brace for funding cuts

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It's no secret the state legislature is considering making numerous cuts when it comes to local funding. With those cuts comes backlash to the city and county government, school districts and mental health facilities, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

board members were told Wednesday. "There are no final decisions, but everyone knows that cuts are a big thing," Forsan Independent School District superintendent Randy Johnson said. "It's getting tough to do the job, but we will see what happens."

According to Johnson, For-

san ISD is expecting cuts ranging from \$500,000 to \$2.2 million per year.

Coahoma ISD is anticipating cuts ranging between \$500,000 and \$1.2 million, according to Superintendent Randy Brown.

"We need to keep in mind that politics are in play," Brown said. "So many of the

news articles say that school districts need to operate more efficiently, but in school districts more efficiently doesn't mean more effective."

Howard College is expecting a shortfall in the neighborhood of \$1.75 million and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is anticipating a loss of \$425,000, accord-

ing to Dr. Amy Burchett, executive dean of instruction for Howard College.

County Judge Mark Barr said Howard County is anticipating a possible \$150,000 cut. More importantly, he said, it is projected mental health will have to cut 250 beds

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GEO to host poker run, fund-raiser

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

GEO is sponsoring a poker run and party Saturday to benefit Special Olympics.

The Glitter-N-Chrome Easter Fun Run will be held at the Hog Heaven Party Barn at 3910 W. Highway 80. The poker run will begin at 11 a.m. Fee is \$20 per hand.

The "party" gets going at noon with

an all-class car and bike show. Registration is \$10 per vehicle.

"The public will vote by putting money in a bucket in front of each vehicle," explained Erica Melton, event coordinator. "So bring your change and help pick a winner."

A tally will be taken at 2:30 p.m. and People's Choice Best of Show trophies will be awarded in three categories: motorcycle, car and pickup.

There will be a silent and live auction, food and music. Youngsters will be able to have their faces painted and participate in a kids olympics.

At 3 p.m. Extremo and Back-Roadz will provide live music.

Those who have made other plans and cannot participate in the afternoon-long event are encouraged to stop by and make a donation. All proceeds go to Special Olympics.

"It should be a lot of fun and it's for a great cause. Come out and join us," said Melton.

GEO operates the privately-run federal prisons in Big Spring.

For more information, contact Melton at 264-0060, ext. 503.

Bill McClellan can be contacted at 432-263-7331, etc. 230 or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

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Storm brings light rain to burned North Texas area

DANNY ROBBINS
TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press

DALLAS — A nighttime storm brought cooler temperatures and a bit of badly needed rain and humidity to an area west of Fort Worth

where firefighters have been battling one of several wildfires burning in Texas.

Only a slight drizzle fell in the Possum Kingdom Reservoir area about 70 miles west of Fort Worth, where crews have been trying to contain a week-old blaze that has blackened

nearly 150 square miles of fields and woods and destroyed at least 160 homes. But any rain is welcome with nearly 70 percent of Texas in extreme drought.

Haven Cook, a spokeswoman for

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Obituaries

Jo Ann Reed Trevino



Jo Ann Reed Trevino, 60, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born July 19, 1950, in Haskell to Juanita and James Wilford Reed. She came to Big Spring in 1990 from Aspermont. She married Roy Trevino on May 2, 1971, in Houston. She was a beautician at Attitudes and previously at Regis. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Trevino of Big Spring; one daughter, Trish Hobdy and husband Jimmy of Big Spring; two sons, Shane Trevino of Big Spring and Eddie Buzbee and wife Erin of Nashville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Kristen, Hannah, Kyler, Bergan, Jetly, Baylor and Brilynn; one brother, James Reed and wife Nita of Abilene; one sister, Jane Dale Van Houten and husband Charles of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Yvonne Stanley.

Pallbearers will be Jim Grummitt, Jerome Phifer, Wes Massey, Ray Hiltbrunner, Heath Gillespie and Allan Johnson.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Paul Gomez



Robert Paul Gomez, 26, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 17, 2011. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Kenneth Carson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert was born Oct. 29, 1984, in San Antonio to Pamela and Robert Gomez. He came to Big Spring 18 years ago from San Antonio. He grew up in Big Spring and attended school at Elbow and Forsan. He was an electrician and also worked at the Garrett Ranch.

He is survived by one daughter, Zoe King of Big Spring; parents, Pam and Robert Gomez of Big Spring; one brother, Jeromy Lee Gomez of Big Spring; grandmothers, Patty Chambers of Midland and Leone Gomez of San Antonio; great-grandmother, Vivian Etheredge of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jim Chambers and Sylvestre Gomez.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Zoe King account No. 594 503 4873 at Wells Fargo Bank.

The American Legion will be feeding the family following the burial.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy, Jace, Joseph, Cody, Clay, Alex, Daniel and Gabriel.

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

Paid obituary

Skipper Driver

Skipper Driver, 67, of Garden City died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, in a Temple hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- KIMBERLY MARIE CASTILLO, 27, of 1000 Howell, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.

- TEPHANIE MCCORMICK, 37, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for no inspection certificate and a warrant from another agency.

- JAMES PATRICK THOMPSON, 39, of 2300 S. Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft.

- CHARLOTTE JEAN BATEMAN, 48, of 1422 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

- JIMMY RODRIGUEZ, 53, of 501 N.E. Ninth St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- CHRIS ALAN NIX, 27, of 428 Hillside Dr., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1100 block of Lloyd.

- In the 200 block of Channing.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- ALFREDO COVARRUBIAS, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- TEPHANIE ANNE SHULTS, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft of property and no valid inspection certificate.

- CHARLOTTE JAMES, 48, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and failure to appear.

- JIMMY ESCOVEDO RODRIGUEZ, 53, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant for revocation of parole.

- JAMES PATRICK THOMPSON, 39, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear – forgery of a financial instrument (two counts), theft, forgery of a financial instrument and a five year sentence to TDCJ for fraud.

- CHRIS ALAN NIX, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a Mitchell County warrant for a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 189 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of Piper Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

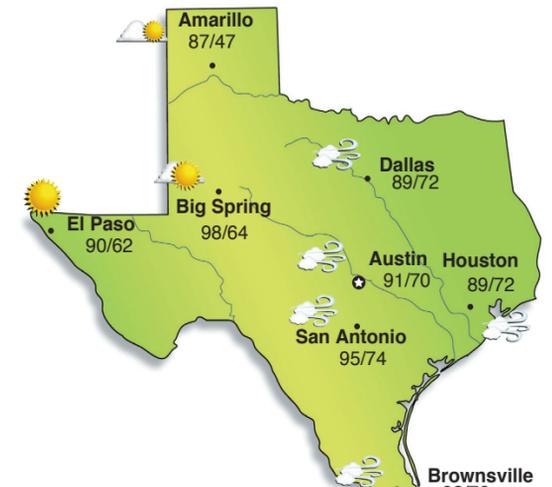
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/22	Sat 4/23	Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25	Tue 4/26
98/64	92/65	94/62	93/57	93/56
Mostly sunny skies. Near record high temperatures. High 98F.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Windy with times of sun and clouds.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	67	pt sunny	Kingsville	93	74	windy
Amarillo	87	47	pt sunny	Livingston	90	67	pt sunny
Austin	91	70	windy	Longview	90	70	windy
Beaumont	87	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	92	54	sunny
Brownsville	92	76	windy	Lufkin	91	68	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	69	pt sunny	Midland	98	67	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	88	75	windy	Raymondville	94	74	windy
Corsicana	88	70	windy	Rosenberg	89	72	windy
Dallas	89	72	windy	San Antonio	95	74	windy
Del Rio	95	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	71	windy
El Paso	90	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	72	windy
Fort Stockton	97	64	mst sunny	Sweetwater	95	65	pt sunny
Gainesville	87	67	windy	Tyler	91	70	windy
Greenville	87	69	windy	Weatherford	89	68	windy
Houston	89	72	windy	Wichita Falls	95	68	t-storm

National Cities

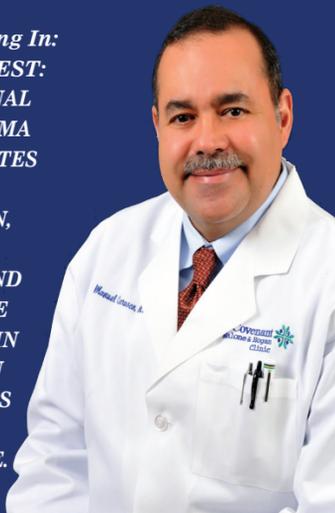
City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	60	t-storm	Minneapolis	48	38	rain
Boston	54	37	pt sunny	New York	51	45	rain
Chicago	46	44	t-storm	Phoenix	86	61	sunny
Dallas	89	72	windy	San Francisco	60	50	cloudy
Denver	60	35	windy	Seattle	57	40	pt sunny
Houston	89	72	windy	St. Louis	75	54	t-storm
Los Angeles	66	53	pt sunny	Washington, DC	49	45	rain
Miami	87	72	mst sunny				

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• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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Take Note

- A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire Wednesday. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.
- First Church of the Nazarene will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt at at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park on Saturday. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served following the hunt.
- Friday is live band dance night at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.
- May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at

7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

- Howard County A&M Club will host Aggie Muster at 6 p.m. tonight at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call Dustin Gaskins at 268-3493 to RSVP.
- The Coahoma High School (CHS) Alumni Committee has announced the next all-school reunion is planned for July 23 at the Coahoma school building. Coahoma alumni are asked to e-mail Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com with updated mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses, or call Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588. It would be helpful if you included the year of your graduation from CHS, as we hope to work with 10-year increments of alumni. We would appreciate help getting the date out to all CHS graduates and current and former CHS faculty members. Reunion planning is scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen and is open to all CHS alumni.

CHARGES

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year period, and there were multiple incidents. "Waddill is still in the custody of the Howard County Jail," Parker said. "He was arraigned Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, who set his bond at \$50,000. As of this morning, he has not been able to make bond." Investigators are still attempting to finalize the charges against Waddill, according to Parker. "Once we're able to hand the final case over to the prosecutor (District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson), it will be up to him to decide whether or not to take it before a grand jury," Parker said. If convicted of indecency with a child - sexual contact, a second degree felony, Waddill could face between two years and 20 years in prison for each count, as well as a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

CHAMBER

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statewide which would add more burden to county jails. "Mental health is ranked 49th in the nation when it comes to funding, behind schools at 46th," Barr said. "These cuts in mental health are devastating to the county jails. About 20 percent of our inmates have some kind of mental illness." Not everything is looking down, though. Coahoma ISD is taking the idea of a solar panel project to the board of

trustees at their next meeting, according to Brown. The \$1.12 million project would be paid for with a matching grant from the state comptroller's office, along with funds from Oncor. The result will save the school district about \$25,000 a year in energy costs. "Of course, \$25,000 a year saved isn't nothing when you look at the \$1.2 million cuts, but it's something," Brown said. Howard College is also gearing up for a celebration as its 65th anniversary approaches. September 30, Howard College

will celebrate the anniversary and show off the completed renovations paid for from a recent bond project. The work at the Settles Hotel is also looking good and moving forward, according to Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman. Renovation of the historic structure is projected to be completed by the end of this year. "There are several things in the future we are looking at that could bring up the tax revenue," Wegman said. "There are four or five

local businesses looking at expansions and we are working on those." According to Dr. Daniel Marsh, the VA Medical Center has completed construction of its rehabilitation facility, but is unable to move residents in because of air conditioning problems. Two new buildings for education space are also in the works, he said, as well as work on a community living center. Individual cottages are in the planning stages. Design work is expected to begin in 2012 and construction is estimated for 2013, Marsh noted.

The project should cost about \$8.5 million. In other matters, the board achieved a quorum and approved the minutes and received financial reports. One new member was accepted, TexaStone Quarries. Leadership Big Spring will be taking part in refurbishing a swing set in the Comanche Trail Park May 7-8. The next meeting in the breakfast/luncheon community series is set for June 30 and will cover the topic of education and medicine. The next Business After Hours is May 5. at the commu-

nity center, hosted by Oncor from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

FIRES

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the federal incident management team coordinating the Possum Kingdom fire, said the overnight weather was damp enough in the nearby town of Mineral Wells that she had to use windshield wipers on her way into work Thursday morning. "I've seen a nice steady drizzle," Cook said. Ted Ryan, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said that while the storm system didn't bring significant rain to the affected area, it pushed overnight temperatures into the 50s and brought high humidity that would help the firefight. The forecast for the area called for a 20 to 30 percent chance of rain, winds of 10 to 15 mph and high temperatures in the 70s. Wildfires, including several still burning, have scorched more than 1.4 million acres, or 2,100 square miles, in Texas since Jan. 1, according to the Texas

Forest Service. More than 340 people, including firefighters from local departments and federal agencies and troops from the Texas Army National Guard, have battled the blaze that started in the Possum Kingdom Reservoir area. The lower temperatures and overcast skies should help make trees and vegetation less flammable, said Matt Mosier, a weather service meteorologist based in Fort Worth. However, a prolonged period of precipitation and an end to the drought would be needed to end the wildfire threat, he said. The improved weather conditions that rolled in Wednesday were expected to remain through the weekend, said David Boyd, spokesman for the federal incident management team coordinating the Possum Kingdom fire. "Right now, it looks like Monday before it's hot and windy again," he said. The prolonged firefighting efforts in cash-

strapped Texas have led to a big bill that's only growing. Since Sept. 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year, the Texas Forest Service owes \$36.3 million for firefighting costs, according to Robby DeWitt, the agency's associate director for finance and administration. Of that, \$23.8 million is due the federal government for air support, he said. A team of federal firefighters and officials from several U.S. agencies - the second one to help with a Texas fire this month - joined local personnel Wednesday, this time to help fight the Possum Kingdom blaze. Texas has been receiving federal help with West Texas wildfires for more than a week. Personnel from more than a half-dozen federal agencies - including the Forest Service, the National Park Service

and the Bureau of Land Management - have been battling some massive fires, including a 150,000-acre fire in Coke County north of San Angelo. "More of a federal effort is coming into the state now because of the severity of the fires and the number," said Bridget Litten, a spokeswoman for that team, adding that fire crews have made progress in containing that fire. Litten said firefighters have had trouble containing one corner of a 200,000-acre blaze in Jeff Davis and Presidio counties that started nearly two weeks ago, but hoped to use a tactic that would stop it by letting it burn to a road. Earlier Wednesday, nearly 1,000 people mourned Eastland firefighter Gregory Mack Simmons at a funeral service at the Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden, about 100 miles

west of Fort Worth. Simmons had been battling a blaze Friday when he and other firefighters fled their fire truck trapped in a pasture, and he died after apparently being hit by a vehicle in the smoky area, senior State Trooper Phillip "Sparky" Dean said. On Wednesday morning, Elias Jaquez of Cactus died 11 days after he was critically injured fighting a fire about 40 miles north of Amarillo, a spokesman for University Medical Center in Lubbock said.

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Deanie Burdette, 62, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 1030 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

James Lee Overton, 19, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Holy Father,

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Father, we are humbled when we realize that we need repentance and obedience regardless of weather. We humbly thank you that lack of rains has prompted us to reexamine how much we need to rely on you. Sometimes we get caught up in stinkin thinkin and act as if we can be self-sufficient. Due to the lack of rain, we readily acknowledge You are in control and we are not.

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OUR VIEWS

Easter is coming; Time for egg hunts and Easter bunnies

Spring has sprung and Easter has arrived.

It's time for the kids to pull out their baskets and get ready to find all those eggs.

This weekend there will be two community wide Easter egg hunts. Both events are free of charge and have something for the entire family.

The first will be at 10 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavillion and sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene.

Following the egg hunt will be hot dogs and refreshments. For more information on the hunt contact 267-7015.

If your kids don't make it to the first hunt at Comanche Trail Park, they have another chance at 2 p.m.

For the eighth year Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez is sponsoring a community wide egg hunt. There will be more than 55,000 eggs and lots of prizes.

There will be something for everyone. A train, four bouncers, sno-cones, hot dogs, pop-sicles and lots of water.

The entire community is invited to attend the event, which will also include a live band and a live remote from KBYG.

Of course, everyone knows Easter isn't just about hunting eggs or finding the Easter bunny. Community churches will be celebrating Easter with special services this weekend as well.

Take the time to enjoy the joy that comes along with watching the children hunt the eggs and the family time that is spent together.

It doesn't matter how you celebrate Easter as long as you remember the true meaning behind it and you take the time and give thanks for the blessings that you have been given.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, a new beginning is possible no matter what.

Amen

Pain is inevitable but can offer a world of wisdom in the end

Pain is a great motivator for writing.

It's amazing how much

emotion can come out in our darkest moments.

The unthinkable and unimaginable is approached and in the end a new realization comes to light.

It's about getting up after you've been knocked down.

It's about finding the strength to pick yourself up through all the rubble that came crashing down on you and prove that you are strong.

It's not about proving it to the person that knocked you down. It's not even about proving it to those around you; it is about proving it to yourself.

The pain is in everyone's life. There isn't a single person on this Earth that hasn't had to deal with hard times and there will never be a person that doesn't have to deal with hard times.

However, there are those that will choose to let those hard times defeat and define them and others will choose to define the situation and themselves.

The human spirit is only as strong as the person chooses to let it be.

We all make the choice, everyday; even when things are going well to have a strong spirit.

We choose to enjoy the good times, not worry about the bad times and look forward with hope to more good times to come.

The spirit, the drive and the courage that we have is there with us everyday.

It's when it comes to having the rug ripped out from under us and our hearts being shattered that it's really easy to forget the strength that lies within us.

It is easy in the moments of weakness to stop living and forget the good that surrounds us.

It's easier to lay down and admit defeat than it is to get up, go on and make that courage show

through.

Losing someone you love is a heart-wrenching thing. It's a pain that can knock the strongest person down to their knees and hold them there. It's a pain that gets down deep within your soul and tugs at the bottom of everything you are.

I've experienced loss through death and I've experienced loss through leaving. Both are painful, neither one is describable and both are unfair.

I'm not here to argue which pain is worse and which one is less important because it's an argument that would never be won; both are heartbreaking, knock you to your knees kind of pain.

In both cases there are no magic words, nothing to magically make the pain disappear. Friends can offer support, family can have your back, but at the end of the day you could be surrounded by people and still feel completely alone.

Loss is not easy.

It's in the moments of loss that you need to cry, scream, yell and do everything you can to push out every emotion that is locked within.

You have to deal with the situation otherwise you will continue to let it hang over you and define your life.

It's important to do whatever it is that serves as your release because it's when we don't release our pain that our pain has the power to consume us.

It is all too common to hear of lives being taken because of heartache and pain. It's far too common for people to stop living simply because they don't understand, know how or believe they have the right to deal with their pain. Everyone deserves to grieve in any loss. No loss is too small.

It seems that during the pain there are numerous words of wisdom that come to the surface, sometimes its through friends, sometimes its by our own thoughts and sometimes it's just God's way of telling us what we need to hear.

Some inspiring words of wisdom that I received recently is that God is in control and He knows exactly why we go

through what we go through. He never promised a heart full of singing, He only promised to carry us and take care of us.

There is no contract that says we will forever be happy or that there will never be bumps in the road. There is nothing that states our lives will be easy, but there is the promise that life will be worth it.

There are times the pain gets so intense that it's really easy to shut down and question why.

It's really easy to see no worth in yourself or anything around you, but it is in those moments that we need to look deeper and find the worth.

We have to be able to find the belief in ourselves and realize that we are worth it.

Every person deserves to experience real love. We are all worth finding that person that believes in us no matter what.

The one person that will stand by our sides through the thickest of thick and come out to experience the good. We all deserve to be trusted and live a life of joy.

Despite all the positive thoughts that can be thought, all the advice that friends can offer, it's important to remember you are the only one who can decide how much strength you have.

It's not going to be easy. It will continue to hurt, especially if the connection ran deep. The pain will not disappear over night and it will not be forgotten.

There will be days, years after the hurt has healed, something will remind you of what once was.

As painful as it may be, as much as your heart may break, try your hardest and embrace those moments.

For some reason those moments touched you enough to leave a mark. They existed long enough to make you experience something you never would have experienced otherwise.

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America deserves more than just a novelty type president

A businessman would make an excellent president. If someone like Jack Welch who knows how to manage a complex company with varying departments, huge egos and thousands of working pieces were to run, I'd consider supporting him.

Unfortunately, no person who actually has run a successful huge company would ever consider taking on the miserable job of president of the United States. Being president pays poorly, the hours are bad and, though, the perks are pretty good, they're hardly worth having half the country question every decision you make.

We're long past the point where anyone actually runs for president out of duty or for the glory of their country. Instead, the only reason anyone runs for president is that from an ego point of view, there's no better job. No matter the downsides being president makes you the most powerful person in the world (sorry Oprah) and only someone with an outlandishly large sense of self-worth would

even consider taking on the job.

That, of course, brings us to one Donald J. Trump – a cartoon businessman and a shameless self-promoter. The only difference between Trump and actual promoters like Don King and Vince McMahon is that Trump uses his personal fame to make real estate deals instead of boxing or wrestling matches.

If the United States needed someone to get other countries to change their names to variations of "United States of America," then Trump would be our guy. Since we need someone to downsize government, figure out healthcare and, oh yeah, end the at least two, perhaps three, wars we are in, than we might want someone with a little more substance.

Being really rich and famous may make you a viable candidate for the presidency, but it does not make you qualified for the job. Trump gives good press conferences because he's an amusing buffoon who knows how to get attention.

He has done that by launching himself into the presidential election on the back of the "birther" controversy. Instead of laying out policies or explaining his positions on anything or orange friend with the bad comb-over has chosen to revive the debate about whether President Barack Obama was born in the

United States.

Putting attention on that issue is sure to win you support from Tea Party radicals and other talk-show-fueled nut-jobs, but it has no bearing on the actual running of the country. And, realistically, Trump has about as much business running this country as he does taking over for Mick Jagger in The Rolling Stones.

Being famous does not equal being smart. Even being wealthy does not equal being smart, though, it would be hard to call Trump dumb – it's impossible to see how his particular brand of intelligence translates to being president of the United States.

We have lots of successful people in this country, but does anyone think Eminem or Snooki should hold the presidency? Kobe Bryant has a ton of money, but I wouldn't turn over the nuclear football to him just yet.

The sad thing is that if any of those folks ran, they would probably have a shot.

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Wishing You a Blessed Easter

Forsan Baptist Church

Sunday School
9:50 am
Morning Service
10:50 am

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Pastor Courtney Ballard
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6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service
Overton/Evans Ranch - Wildfire & Overton Rd.
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10 am
Worship Service
11 am
Evening Service
6 pm



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Saturday, April 23rd
10 a.m - 12 p.m.
Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m.
Comanche Trail Park,
Old Settlers Pavilion

For children 2-10 years of age
Games! Inflatable Bounce House!
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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, Sunday, 10 a.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

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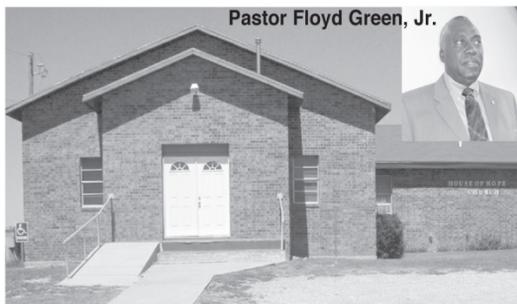
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Holy Thursday Mass/Adoration - April 21, 2011 - 7:00 pm Foot washing and with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with lighting of the candles and adoration after mass until 12 midnight in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Hall.

Good Friday Service - April 22, 2011 - 3:00 pm Station of the Cross, 6:00 pm Procession of the Cross in the neighborhood. 7:00 pm - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion.**

Easter Vigil Mass - April 23, 2011 - 8:00 pm (No 5 pm Mass).

Easter Sunday Masses - April 24, 2011 - 8:30 am, Bilingual Service and 11:00- am

Divine Mercy Weekend - April 30, May 11, 2011 5:00 pm Sunday afternoon-Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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11:00 AM: Easter Services

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Public Records

Japan declares no-go zone near nuclear plant

FUTABA, Japan (AP) — Residents rushed back into the 12-mile (20-kilometer) evacuation zone around Japan's radiation-spewing nuclear power plant Thursday, grabbing whatever belongings they could before an order went into effect legally banning entry to the area.

A stream of evacuees ventured into deserted towns near the plant, some in white protec-

tive suits and others in face masks and rain gear they hoped would protect against radiation. Most raced through the zone with car windows closed, their vehicles crammed with clothing and valuables.

"This is our last chance, but we aren't going to stay long. We are just getting what we need and getting out," said Kiyoshi Kitajima, an X-ray technician, who dashed to his hospital in Futaba, a town next-door to the plant, to collect equipment before the order went into

effect at midnight.

Officials said the order announced Thursday was meant to limit exposure to radiation leaking from the plant and to prevent thefts. Almost all the zone's nearly 80,000 residents left when the area was evacuated on March 12, but police had not been able to legally block them from going back.

Police had no estimate Thursday of the exact number of people who have returned to the zone or who still might be living there.

Army, Navy help immigrants become citizens faster

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP) — Military service has long been one route to U.S. citizenship. Now the Army and Navy, in need of specialists and language skills in wartime, are speeding things up by allowing recruits to wrap up the process while they're still in basic training.

It means a change in a no-visitors policy during boot camp, to allow federal immigration officers access to the recruits. But military officials say it's a well-deserved break for volunteers who otherwise would have to slog through the bureaucratic ordeal during deployments around the world, often far from U.S. embassies.

The military route is

not a short-cut for foreigners abroad to get into the U.S. Only legal immigrants can apply, officials stress, and they must complete five years of honorable service or chance having their citizenship revoked.

"The moment the Soviet Union broke up, I decided America was the place for me to be," said Spec. Rima Rusnac, 33, of the former Soviet republic of Moldova, just after taking her oath of citizenship recently. "In America, I can exercise my full potential and be free."

Rusnac, who holds a college degree in English and German, was finishing boot camp at Fort Jackson, the Army's largest training installation. She was headed for further training as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, a skill that is at a premium because of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

As she spoke, eight other soldiers from countries including Iran, Haiti, Australia and Bangladesh celebrated and showed friends and family their new citizenship papers, just a day before they were all due to graduate from their 10 weeks of Army basic training.

Legislatures trying to make online dating safer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Something just didn't seem right when Ilana Angel met her Internet date at a bar. He furtively looked around the room and immediately suggested they go someplace else in his car, leaving hers behind at the bar.

Aware of the risks of that come with looking for love online, Angel thought better of the suggestion and said no.

"People are shady," said Angel, who writes a blog in Los Angeles about dating and being over 40. "You just have to be aware and you have to be careful."

Amid accounts of sex offenders using match-

making sites to find victims, lawmakers in several states are trying to pass legislation to help make online daters more aware of the potential pitfalls of the process. Bills are pending this year in Connecticut and Texas to provide users with more information to protect themselves.

Connecticut's bill, mirroring a law in New York, requires Internet dating services to provide a safety awareness notice during registration that offers advice such as never including your last name, email address, place of work, phone numbers or identifying information in an Internet profile. Similar laws are already on the books in Florida and New Jersey.

Bomb, propane tanks found at Colo. mall

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Investigators want to question a person of interest about a pipe bomb and propane tanks found after a fire at a Littleton mall, a discovery that raised the possibility of a connection to the Columbine massacre anniversary.

Firefighters found two propane tanks and the bomb near the Southwest Plaza Mall's food court after a small fire broke out Wednesday that was quickly squelched. The mall was evacuated around noon. No one was injured and the bombs didn't explode.

Wednesday was the 12th anniversary of the shooting rampage at nearby Columbine High School and officials expressed concern that the mall incident could be somehow linked.

"The fact that has happened on April 20, 12 years later, near the school and with similar devices is very disturbing," Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said.

A possible connection to Columbine will be explored.

The mall is about two miles from the school, where two student gunmen killed 13 people and

themselves on April 20, 1999 in a rampage that stunned the nation.

Court weighs whether tape destruction did harm under records law

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A citizen activist says he was wronged by the failure of a small Ohio city to give him 20 years of 911 tapes he sought, which were long ago recorded over. The city says he can prove no harm and that he didn't even want the tapes — he wanted the thousands in penalty dollars for requesting records that no longer exist.

Attorneys for both sides argued Wednesday before the Ohio Supreme Court, disagreeing on whether Timothy Rhodes was "aggrieved" by the failure of the city of New Philadelphia to retain the thousands of daily tapes he requested in 2007.

If the court decides in his favor, Rhodes and plaintiffs in about half a dozen similar suits around Ohio could collect big — and, their lawyers say, they will also have scored a big victory for government transparency.

Rhodes' attorney Craig Conley argued it is wrong to paint his client as a money grubber, after Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor asked whether only one party could "cash in" under the law as he read it.

Lengthy battle looms over oil spill disaster

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — While solemn commemorations marked the first anniversary of the calamitous BP oil spill, legal claims filed by the oil giant and other companies involved in the disaster show that lengthy court battles lay ahead.

Around the Gulf Coast Wednesday, residents said prayers on the beach and lit candles in the heart of New Orleans, while relatives flew over the sea where 11 rig workers died a year ago. In New Orleans courts, BP filed lawsuits alleging negligence by the rig owner and the maker of the device that failed to stop the spill. The blowout preventer maker and rig owner filed their own claims.

BP said in its lawsuit filed in federal court in New Orleans that Cameron International provided a blowout preventer with a faulty design, alleging that negligence by the manufacturer helped cause the disaster.

The lawsuit seeks damages to help BP pay for the tens of billions of dollars in liabilities it has incurred from the disaster.

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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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HEALTH AND FITNESS

LEAVE THE PAST, 2011 WILL BE A BLAST. BIG SPRING YMCA MAKING A SPLASH SPRING 2011 * REVISED

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5:30 to 6:30 AM	SPINNING Rhonda	POWER PUMP Kim Evans	SPINNING Rhonda	POWER PUMP Kim Evans	SPINNING Rhonda	
8:45 to 9:30 AM		ZUMBA Jamie W.		ZUMBA Jennifer		
9:30 to 10:30 AM	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	ZUMBA Jamie	
10:00 to 11:00 AM	Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne	ZUMBA Elvira
11:00 to 11:45 AM		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		
4:30 to 4:55 PM	ZUMBA Jennifer		ZUMBA Jennifer			
4:30 to 5:30 PM		POWER PUMP Marlena		POWER PUMP Marlena		
5:00 to 5:30 PM	Absolutely Abs Dianna		Absolutely Abs Dianna		ZUMBA Toning Elvira	
5:30 to 6:30 PM	Pump Step Dianna	KICK BOXING Jenni	Cardio Jamie W.	ZUMBA Elvira		
		Aqua Exercise Gayla		Aqua Exercise Gayla		
		SPINNING Rhonda		SPINNING Rhonda		
6:30 to 7:30 PM	YOGA Rhett	ZUMBA Elvira	YOGA Rhett	*K-BOXING/Toning Jenni		

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Better Way

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 7
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ K Q 10 8 7 5
♣ K 9

EAST
♠ 8 4
♥ J 5 4
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ A 6
♦ A J
♣ 5 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 4 ♦* Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass
6 ♠

* singleton or void in diamonds.
Opening lead — King of diamonds.

Many declarers are guilty of choosing the line of least resistance in trying to make their contract. When the chosen approach fails, they blame the outcome on an unfavorable lie of the cards.

That was the excuse South used on this deal after he went down in six spades. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and ruffed a diamond in dummy.

Since it appeared that the slam could not be made unless East had the king of clubs, declarer next

cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to the queen. West won with the king and returned a heart to South's ace. Declarer later lost a club to East to finish down one.

South's line of play left something to be desired in that it made no provision for the possibility that West might hold the doubleton king of clubs, in which case the slam was makable provided the proper preparatory steps were taken.

After winning the ace of diamonds and drawing two rounds of trumps, declarer should have cashed the A-K of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed the jack of diamonds and ruffed dummy's last heart. The purpose of these plays would be to eliminate West's hearts so he could not later safely exit with that suit.

In the process, South would have learned that West had started with four hearts as well as a singleton spade and five or six diamonds for his overall. And if West had six diamonds, then he could hold only two clubs. This in turn would mean that, whether West had the king of clubs or not, the slam was assured.

After ruffing dummy's last heart, declarer next plays the ace and another club to the queen. This loses to West's king, but it no longer matters. Since West has nothing but diamonds left, he must return one, allowing South to discard dummy's remaining club as he ruffs in his hand, and the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

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ANSWERS

8	7	9	4	2	5	3	1	6
5	1	2	6	8	3	9	7	4
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7	6	4	8	3	2	5	9	1
6	5	7	9	4	1	8	3	2
2	9	1	3	5	8	4	6	7
4	3	8	2	7	6	1	5	9

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Steers stand 5th at tourney

BSHS only 3 shots out of contention for UIL state berth

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring High School boys' golf team is part of a seven-team logjam at the top of the standings following first-day play at the Region I-3A tournament Wednesday.

The Steers are in fifth place with a team score of 327, eight strokes behind leader Borger and a mere three shots back of second-place Andrews. Glen Rose is third with a 325, followed by Levelland at 326. Big Spring and Abilene Wylie are tied with identical 327 scores.

The top two teams qualify for next month's University Interscholastic League state tournament in Austin.

"It was really tough conditions Wednesday, and the course is in horrible shape," BSHS Coach Chris Joslin said. "That kind of evened it out for everybody."

Blake Brorman is tied for third place in the medalist standings with a score of 74, three shots behind leader Hunter Wade of Perryton. Other Big Spring results included Andrew Fillingim with 83, Devin Roberson at 84, and Tate Kennedy and Ryan Pollard, who both shot scores of 86.

Joslin said the outing was sub-par for

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School's Blake Brorman, shown lining up his putt during a recent practice, is tied for third place in the medalist race at the Region I-3A golf tournament, which concludes today in Lubbock.

Forsan netters advance to regional finals

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Forsan High School's Kyle Stevenson and Sydney Holdampf are one win away from a trip to the state tennis tournament.

Stevenson and Holdampf,

both juniors at FHS, each recorded two victories Wednesday to reach the boys' and girls' singles semifinal round, respectively, at the Region I-2A tennis tournament at Ratliff Stadium Tennis Complex.

Stevenson opened tournament play by defeating Cody Asbury of Ingram Tom Moore, 6-3, 6-1. He then knocked off Ricardo Chavez of Dimmitt, 6-0, 6-0 to reach the semifinals, where he'll face Jesse Guerra of Tornillo at 8:30 a.m. today.

A win over Guerra will put Stevenson in the singles championship match against either Tyson Turnbow of Muleshoe or Stefan Wilson of Ozona and guarantee him a spot in the University Interscholastic League state ten-

nis tournament next month (the top two finishers qualify for the state meet).

Holdampf opened girls' singles play with a 6-0, 6-0 whitewash of Jessica Pinon

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In brief

Area playoff possibilities

As area softball and baseball teams wind down their seasons, several playoff scenarios are still in play.

In the District 3-2A baseball race, Forsan and Coahoma separated by one game in the standings for the district's third and final playoff representative.

Forsan, currently third, can clinch a playoff spot by winning its final two games. However, if the Buffaloes lose one of their remaining games and Coahoma wins both its contests, the two teams would end the season tied and would face each other in an extra game to decide which squad makes the playoffs.

In softball, the Coahoma Bulldogettes are a game behind Post for the third and final playoff spot from District 3-2A and need to win their final game against Denver City and hope Colorado City defeats Post.

If that scenario comes to past, Coahoma would face Post in an extra game to determine the playoff representative. That game, if necessary, will be played Tuesday in Snyder.

Forsan softball schedule change

FORSAN — The start time for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes' softball game at Lubbock Roosevelt Friday has been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., FHS Coach Shanna Taylor said today.

The reason for the time change is that the junior varsity game has been cancelled.

The Lady Buffs, who have clinched a spot in the state playoffs, will open the postseason next week against Crane. The best-of-three series has been tentatively set for April 29-30 at the MUGS Complex in Midland.

Hawks to honor military veterans

The Howard College baseball team will host "Military Appreciation Days" at Jack Barber Field Friday and Satur-

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Golf — Big Spring boys at Region I-3A golf tournament, Meadowbrook GC, Lubbock.

Tennis — Forsan at Region I-2A tournament, Ratliff Stadium Tennis Complex, Odessa.

THURSDAY

Baseball — Coahoma at Denver City, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Coahoma at Denver City, 5:30 p.m.

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day. The doubleheaders will be played against New Mexico Junior College and the first pitches will be thrown by local veterans.

Games are slated for a 1 p.m. start. Concessions will be available and there is no charge to enter the ballpark. Visit www.hchawk.com for more information.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found at www.hchawk.com.

For more information, contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

Ginobili's return key to Spurs' win

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili felt rusty. He played with a bothersome, bulky black brace on his sprained right elbow and didn't shoot particularly well.

But it was good enough.

Making his playoff debut after top-seeded San Antonio dropped Game 1 without him, Ginobili scored 17 points and lifted the Spurs to a 93-87 win over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night, evening the first-round series.

"It was uncomfortable," Ginobili said of the brace, which he plans to continue wearing through this week and possibly beyond. "But I felt I did OK. I took some risk. I went for some steals and rebounds and it wasn't that I played worried about getting hit or something."

That much was clear as the 33-year-old dived and crashed to the court, looking as physically reckless as usual. He stayed questionable until just before tipoff, yet even with Ginobili, the top-seeded Spurs didn't have it easy.

The Grizzlies opened the series with a stunner for their first franchise playoff win. And a 2-0 lead seemed possible down to the final seconds, when Sam Young hit a 3-pointer with 14.9 seconds left to cut the lead to 89-87.

It was the closest Memphis had been since trailing by three midway through the fourth. But George Hill sealed the win at the free throw line, and the Spurs assured that the series will come back to San Antonio.

Game 3 is Saturday in Memphis.

"Manu's Manu, come on," Grizzlies forward Shane Battier said. "I don't care if he's in a body cast, he's going to be out there and he's

going to be a handful to deal with. That's why he's a great player."

Young led Memphis with 17 points.

Tim Duncan had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, and Hill and Richard Jefferson added 16 apiece.

But the Spurs didn't win this game without Ginobili.

Exactly one week after spraining his right elbow in the regular-season finale, Ginobili finally returned after unsuccessfully lobbying Spurs coach Gregg Popovich to play in Game 1.

Ginobili struggled with his shot, going 5 of 13 from the field, but got to the foul line 13 times. He had seven rebounds and four assists.

"I haven't played in 10 days. It's not that much, but when you come from 80 games, playing every other game, I was a little rusty," Ginobili said. "Hopefully by the next one, I'll feel better. Used to wearing the thing (brace). Truth is I didn't feel I was having a good offensive game."

Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol, who combined for 49 points in the opener, were far less dominant in Game 2. Randolph scored 11 points on 5-of-14 shooting and Gasol had 12 points, making just 2 of 9. Gasol had 17 rebounds.

Duncan fouled out of the game in 35 minutes, a sign that the Spurs were far more physical this time around.

"They clogged the paint up," Gasol said. "They came at us from the weak side every time. They said, 'Well, if you guys are going to beat us, you're going to beat us with something else.'"

Tony Allen scored 15 points and Mike Conley had 13 for Memphis.

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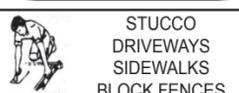
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus journeys through Aries initiating a fiery romantic spark. However, even the hottest spark can't ignite without something there to burn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The great outdoors will be the location of your good fortune. In nature, you will feel connected to all things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone who is receptive to you will bring out your very best. The barriers to your creativity come down, and you feel momentarily invincible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll do all that is expected of you, and then you'll do a little bit more. It's the extra edge that leads to your success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you do from nine to five will not be nearly as crucial to your happiness as what you do from five to nine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're loyal, and you take care of your people. That's why you're likely to do more to forward the agenda of a group than you would do on your own behalf.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone close to you has become too isolated, and you're just the one to help. This person is floating along in his own bubble, but you can burst the bubble with honesty and

plain words.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're usually not interested in making the hard sell, but today is different. You see how good a situation could be for you or someone you love, and you'll do whatever it takes to make it happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You won't knock what you haven't tried. Furthermore, you're not likely to believe the reviews, regardless of whether they are good or bad. You feel compelled to experience it all for yourself, so dive in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A friendly visit will have far-reaching benefits. You will touch on a variety of interests and topics, which will be most enlightening. Bring things back around to your main point at the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Persuasion is a combination of science and artistic application. You'll go by the book until you sense that something more is needed. That's when you use your instinct to strike a deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be presenting a case to a group. They are likely to remember the beginning and the end of what you say — the middle, not so much. So focus on a strong opening and a closing that makes them say "wow."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Drama relies on conflict. And though you like a good story as much as the next person, when it comes to your everyday life, you'd rather everyone just get along. You'll be the peaceful agent that makes that possible today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 21). There's a windfall within the next four weeks. The way you use your resources will favorably influence how others feel about you. All efforts to be creative and memorable will be a joy to execute. You'll acquire new skills in May. June brings a bold career move. You'll celebrate family additions in September. Capricorn and Scorpio people adore you. Your

lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 50, 15 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "This might sound like I'm joking, but I'm really not. I feel like I spend my whole life rolling my eyes. My husband says something stupid, and I wait until he leaves the room and then roll my eyes. I roll my eyes in traffic, in stores at unhelpful clerks, when my child is acting spoiled and when I talk to my mom on the phone. I feel like a petulant teen. Help!" — Eye-Rolling Cancer

Eye rolling is disrespectful, and it is passive-aggressive. It is indicative of an attitude of defeat. Eye rolling is an act of defiance one takes because one feels powerless to do more. The reason eye rolling is associated with teenage behavior is because teenagers are still children — old enough to want more from the world, but still powerless to take matters into their own hands. Use your Cancer intuition and creativity to solve this one. Every time you roll your eyes, ask yourself what other actions you would like to take. Replay the scene in your mind, and see yourself responding in various ways until you find one that you think you would like to try in real life the next time you come to a potentially eye-rolling trigger.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The reign of Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, is one of the longest for a British monarch. The graceful queen has been in service to her country as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England for 59 years. Taurus is known for tenacity and longevity. Her natal moon and Neptune in Leo signifies creative flair, a penchant for pomp and circumstance, and a love of children.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Nearly 20 years ago, I was convicted of drunk driving and given a year's probation.

My brother, "Joe," immediately cut off all contact. I got treatment for my drinking problem and have been sober ever since.

I know Joe was hurt and embarrassed by what I did, and I would like to make amends. I have sent him Christmas and birthday cards wishing him well, but have never received a response.

I was not invited to his wedding, and now I have a sister-in-law and two nephews I have never met.

My parents are in poor health, and I fear my next meeting with Joe will be at their funeral.

Mom says I should wait for Joe to contact me, but since that has not happened, I feel I should make another effort to let him know I

am sorry.

I want to bury the hatchet. Any advice? — Midwest Brother

Dear Midwest: Joe seems very unforgiving. You cannot force him to contact you, but it is OK to try periodically.

We assume your parents have informed Joe that you have been sober and responsible for the past 20 years.

We also hope they have encouraged him to give you another chance. Please ask them to find out what it would take for Joe to consider you his brother again.

Dear Annie: My best friend, "Kim," and I moved into an apartment together a couple of months ago. We've known each other since high school and always got along wonderfully.

However, she is a control freak when it comes to our living space. From Day One, she

insisted on taking charge of the decorating and deciding which one of us would do what chores and when. She goes nuts if the dishwasher isn't emptied immediately or if the utensils are not put away in a certain order.

If a throw rug is a little crooked, she complains that the place is a pigsty and blames me. I dread spending time in the apartment. I am not a slob. I do my best to keep the place clean, but Kim is never satisfied. I work two jobs and always pay my share of the bills on time. I am tired of being treated like a maid. We have nine months left on our lease, and



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

I'm not sure I can stand it. Please help. — Fed-Up Roommate

Dear Roommate: Someroommates are wound a little tighter than others. You can try talking to

Kim, explaining calmly that you find it too difficult to adhere to her standards, and that unless things can lighten up, it may be best to part ways when the lease expires.

Until then, absent yourself as much as possible, take a lot of deep breaths and hang in there.

Dear Annie: I saw the letter from "Texas Single Woman," who

read about the "pass the piggy" game in your column and recounted how her father traumatized her with the use of a pig trough to remind her of mealtime manners.

My husband and I also read about the "pass the piggy" game in your column and thought it was a great idea for our manners-challenged 5- and 3-year-old boys.

The next day, we bought a cute little pink plastic pig, explained its purpose and commenced dinner.

The boys competed eagerly to see who could have the worst manners and win the pig. I can't speak about their psyches, but our dinner-time peace was battered.

The next day, we changed our approach and awarded the pig to displays of good manners.

That brought about even more competition and so many demands for recognition of good

manners that no other dinner conversation was possible.

We have since retired the pig to a sideboard where it reminds us that where our boys are concerned, there are no easy fixes. Thanks for the laughs. — Lana from Torrance, Calif.

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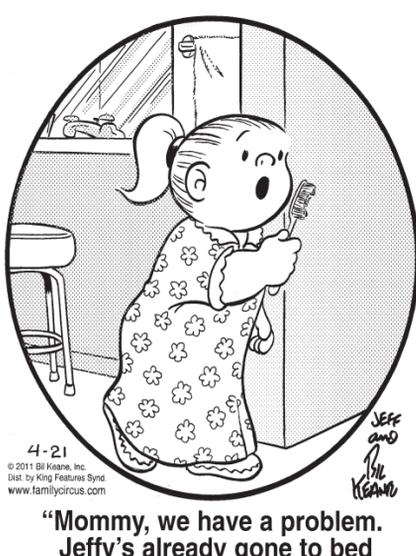
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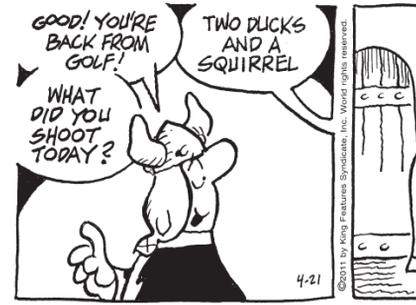
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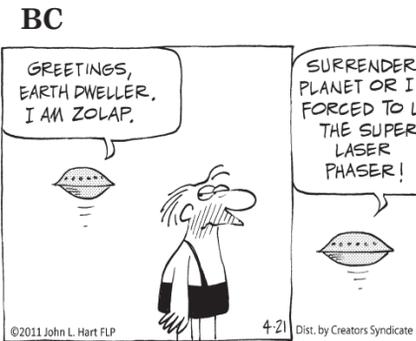
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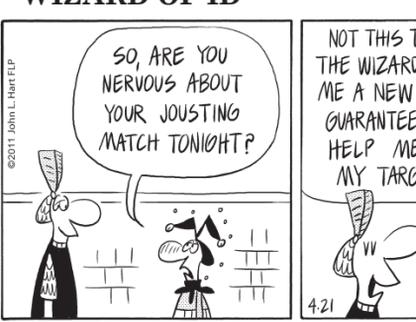
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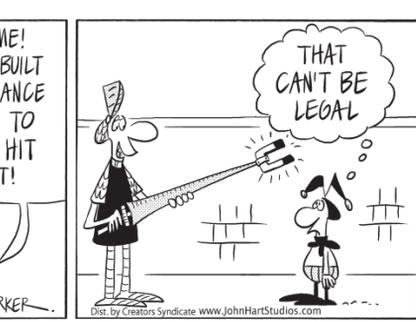
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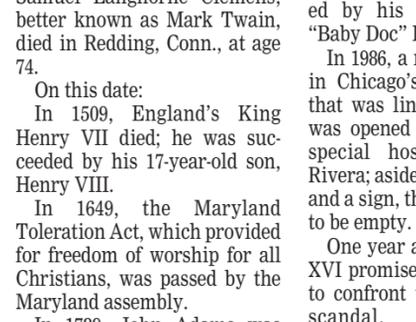
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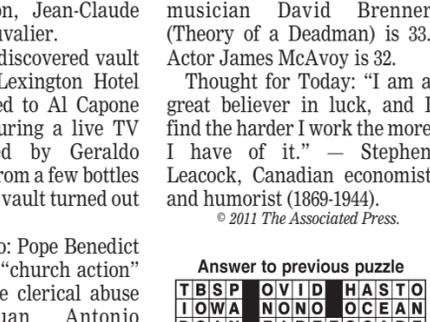
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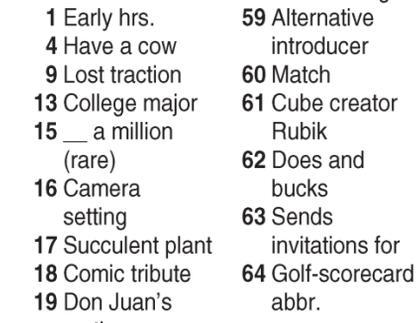
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 21, the 111th day of 2011. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1930, a fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1971, Haitian President Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier died at age 64; he was succeeded by his son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

In 1986, a rediscovered vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel that was linked to Al Capone was opened during a live TV special hosted by Geraldo Rivera; aside from a few bottles and a sign, the vault turned out to be empty.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI promised "church action" to confront the clerical abuse scandal. Juan Antonio Samaranch, 89, who'd served as president of the International Olympic Committee for 21 years, died in Barcelona, Spain. Former Nuremberg prosecutor Whitney Harris, 97, died in Frontenac, Missouri.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 85. Actor Charles Grodin is 76. Singer musician Iggy Pop is 64. Actress Patti LuPone is 62. Actor Tony Danza is 60. Actress Andie MacDowell is 53. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 52. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 52. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 48. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 45. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 41. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 41. Rock musician David Brenner (Theory of a Deadman) is 33. Actor James McAvoy is 32.

Thought for Today: "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." — Stephen Leacock, Canadian economist and humorist (1869-1944).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 15 ___ a million (rare)
 - 16 Camera setting
 - 17 Succulent plant
 - 18 Comic tribute
 - 19 Don Juan's mother
 - 20 "Go fry an egg!"
 - 23 Soup extra
 - 24 First responder
 - 25 Noshed on
 - 26 Voice-mail sound
 - 28 Wine-label word
 - 31 Fictional West Egg resident
 - 35 The Music Man setting
 - 36 In progress
 - 37 Ripen
 - 38 Bass notation
 - 39 "Phooey!"
 - 40 Color similar to robin's-egg blue
 - 42 Rob's preposition
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 - 51 Desserts with eggs
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 - 57 Brideshead Revisited author
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 - 44 Trumpet effect
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MLB takes control of Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Commissioner Bud Selig is taking away control of the Los Angeles Dodgers from owner Frank McCourt, whose troubled finances and unresolved divorce settlement have seemingly paralyzed the once-proud franchise.

Selig told McCourt on Wednesday he will appoint a MLB representative in a few days to oversee all aspects of the business and day-to-day operations of the club.

However, McCourt appeared to signal his intent to challenge Selig's decision.

"Major League Baseball sets strict financial guidelines which all 30 teams must follow. The Dodgers are in compliance with these guidelines," McCourt said in a statement issued late Wednesday night. "On this basis, it is hard to understand the Commissioner's action."

At the same time, McCourt was preparing to sue MLB, a baseball executive familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity before McCourt issued his statement.

"It's hard to imagine it would happen somewhere like the Dodgers, but there's crazy stuff going on every-

where. You're seeing monster major banks going down, so obviously it can happen," first-year manager Don Mattingly said before the team beat the Atlanta Braves 6-1 without McCourt in attendance.

The Dodgers have been mired in controversy since Jamie McCourt filed for divorce in October 2009 after 30 years of marriage and a week after her husband fired her as the team's chief executive.

"I have taken this action because of my deep concerns regarding the finances and operations of the Dodgers and to protect the best interests of the club," Selig said in a statement.

A person familiar with Selig's thinking said the commissioner may choose to force a sale. The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because Selig's statement did not mention that.

"It's not a good day when you have turmoil within an organization," said general manager Ned Colletti, who admitted he wasn't sure what happens next.

"I'm waiting for Major League Baseball to give me some insight into it."

Former Atlanta Braves and

Washington Nationals chief executive Stan Kasten is a possible candidate to oversee the club, the person familiar with Selig's thinking said. Reached by telephone, Kasten declined comment.

MLB Executive Vice President John McHale Jr. is another possibility, as is Corey Busch, the baseball team executive said. Busch, a former San Francisco Giants executive vice president under Bob Lurie, helped negotiate the McCourts' acquisition of the Dodgers.

"My office will continue its thorough investigation into the operations and finances of the Dodgers and related entities during the period of Mr. McCourt's ownership," Selig said. "The Dodgers have been one of the most prestigious franchises in all of sports, and we owe it to their legion of loyal fans to ensure that this club is being operated properly now and will be guided appropriately in the future."

Colletti held a closed-door meeting with the players to assure them Selig's decision would not affect them on the field.

"I'm sure Major League Baseball isn't trying to hurt the franchise or isn't trying to derail the Dodgers," he said.

Baseball officials could not recall another instance in modern times when the commissioner seized control of a team from its owner. Before Tom Hicks sold the Texas Rangers last year, Selig appointed McHale to monitor the Rangers but technically left Hicks in charge of the franchise while McHale worked behind the scenes.

Even when suspending George Steinbrenner from the Yankees in 1990 and forcing Marge Schott to sell her controlling interest in the Cincinnati Reds in 1999, the commissioner's office allowed the owners to choose their successors as the controlling executive.

"This is one of the great franchises. It's hard to imagine a mess like this ever having happened," former commissioner Fay Vincent said. "It's a very sad situation. I feel very bad for baseball and for Bud."

In December, Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon in Los Angeles invalidated a March 2004 postnuptial agreement giving Frank McCourt sole ownership of the team, allowing Jamie to seek one half of the franchise.

"As the 50 percent owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers,

I welcome and support the commissioner's actions to provide the necessary transparency, guidance and direction for the franchise and for Dodgers fans everywhere," Jamie McCourt said in a statement.

The couple's divorce was finalized in October, but no agreement has been reached to finalize their assets.

"It's sad," said Tom Lasorda, who managed the Dodgers to their last World Series title in 1988 and serves as special adviser to McCourt.

"I've spent 62 years in this organization and I've never seen anything like this happen. Frank loved the Dodgers. A lot of people may not realize that, but he really loved the Dodgers."

Selig's move came after the Los Angeles Times reported this week that Frank McCourt had arranged a \$30 million loan from Fox, the team's television partner. Selig has not approved a \$200 million loan from Fox to the club, which was first proposed by the Dodgers last summer, and the Times said the money was needed to make payroll.

"I don't think it's going to affect us," catcher Rod Barajas said. "They're not going to break us up."

SPURS

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"They did a great job of taking Zach Randolph out of the game, and we

took a lot of jump shots," Allen said.

Popovich said following the morning shoot-around that since Ginobili's elbow was still sore, the decision came down to whether the ailing All-Star might hurt more than help.

Fearing an 0-2 deficit,

the Spurs decided a sore Ginobili was better than none at all.

Despite the bulky brace on his non-shooting arm, Ginobili hardly played with caution. He crashed to the court at least a half-dozen times in the first half alone, charging to the basket

with his signature recklessnes, and diving for loose balls.

Ginobili was physical enough to fluster Allen, who cursed back down court after getting tangled with Ginobili, then greeted Ginobili for some more words when he returned to the

bench.

Tony Parker added 12 points for the Spurs.

Notes: Battier, whose wife gave birth to their daughter following Game 1 on Sunday, returned in time for the Game 2 after not practicing with the Grizzlies all week.

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of Spearman, then bested Evelyn Godinez of Tornillo, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 in the quarterfinal round. She faced Lauren Zackett of Comfort in the semifinals.

If he qualifies, it will mark Stevenson's second straight trip to the state tournament, while Holdampf is seeking her first berth at the state meet.

In other results from the Region I-2A tennis tournament:

• Coahoma's boys' doubles team of Aaron Gonzales and Jason Martinez were defeated in the quarterfinal round of the tournament. They opened play with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Houston Casco and Josh Raiford of San Saba before falling short against the Wall duo of J.J. Cestero and Brice Conoly, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

• The Forsan girls' doubles team of Cheyenne Galloway and Rachael Haggard lost their opening round match against Tarah Crosby and Joannah Crosby of

San Saba, 6-1, 6-1.

• Stanton High School's boys' doubles team of Tyler Fulton and Grayson Gray lost their first-round match to Joe Torres and Justin Gannaway of Childress, 7-6, 7-6.

• Both Stanton mixed doubles teams also lost in the first round. Josh Powell and Ashton Snellgrove fell to Garrett Nichols and Devin Wilde of Wall, 6-2, 6-4, while SHS' Tim Anderson and Whitney Brantley fell to Taylor Abercrombie and Sarah Crawford of Tuscola Jim Ned, 6-0,

6-3.

Region II-1A tennis tournament

ABILENE — Mixed doubles teams from Garden City and Grady assured themselves spots in the state tennis tournament by reaching the mixed doubles finals at the Region II-1A tennis tournament at the Rose Park Tennis Center Wednesday.

Aaron Long and Taylor Hughes of Garden City will face the Grady duo of Shane Teague and Kelly Cook in today's regional championship.

Grady boys' singles player John Ramirez also earned a trip to the state meet by reaching today's finals, as did the boys' doubles team of Johan Wiebe and Anibal Medina.

Garden City's boys' double duo of Brett Chudej and Josh Cologna lost their semifinal match, but will play for third place — and the possibility of play-back match — today.

Garden City's other regional qualifier, the girls' doubles team of Cathy and Rachel Hirt, lost in the quarterfinal round Wednesday.

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his team, but added that things could be worse.

"We're really fortunate, considering the

way we played," he said. "But all the teams played pretty badly. We know we can improve ... so that makes us feel better."

Play concludes today at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock.

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