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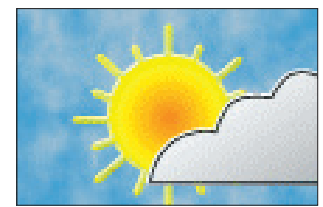


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Aquatics center opening faces delay



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Construction crews continue to work on the new Big Spring Aquatics Center at Comanche Trail Park. According to city officials, the contractor in charge of the non-pool portions of the project likely won't make the city's May 28 deadline for completion.

Should still be open this summer; officials address water usage

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If contractors working on the new Big Spring Aquatics Center at Comanche Trail Park seem hurried, it's no wonder, as city officials currently speculate the project will most likely miss its May 28 completion date.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said a problem with materials has the project's contractor — excluding work on the pool itself — showing concern his crew may not be able to meet the deadline.

"The contractor has shown me a little bit of concern for the first time in the process (about making the deadline)," Darden said. "The main reason is some of the material got here very late, mainly the block for the building. There was some communication between the contractor that's running the job — with the exception of the



Darden

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Dance troupe opens 3-night show Thursday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Broadway isn't something you have to travel far to see, at least not this month.

For three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Hall Center for the Arts Studio Theatre will be the stage for "Broadway Forte" and "Dark of the Moon."

"Dark of the Moon" was something that was done a long time ago, but we have decided to bring it back because of the magic in the dancers



McIntosh

that we have this year," Howard College Troupe Director Eulaine McIntosh said. "The quality of the dancers is comparable to the talent of TCU students 27 years ago."

"Dark of the Moon" was originally performed in the 1940s. McIntosh used the same play as her master's concert while

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Courtesy photo

The Howard College Dance Troupe will be bringing Broadway to the local campus. Tickets are currently on sale in the lobby of the fine arts building during lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for Howard College students, faculty and staff and \$5 for general admission.

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Coahoma pre-K, K registration nears

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Coahoma Elementary School is offering parents the opportunity to pre-register children for kindergarten. Registration for 2011-2012 kindergarten classes will be held Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To be eligible for this program, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2011. The district pro-

vides full-day kindergarten.

To register, parents will need to provide the school with the following items:

- A state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate, which can be obtained from the Howard County Courthouse or state your child was born in. A hospital issue certificate of birth is not a legal document.
- An updated, valid immunization record (shot record).


• A social security card for each child. Copies are not legal documents.

• Legal guardian's state driver's license or state-issued identification card.

• A proof of residency form (See information below).

If you do not have a student attending Coahoma schools at this time, go by Coahoma Independent School

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Obituaries

Raphael W. Buchanan



Raphael W. Buchanan, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 13, 1930, in Howard County and married Nora Della Davis in 1950. She preceded him in death in July of 1990.

Raphael grew up in Howard County and had worked as an engineering technician for NCR for more than 35 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Salisbury of Big Spring; two daughters, Darlene Hickey of Killeen and Deniese Warner of Conroe; two stepsons, Kurt Salisbury and Gregory Salisbury, both of San Antonio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Dorothy Buchanan of Lake Thomas and Bob and Terri Buchanan of Borden County; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Edna Buchanan; one brother, Gerald Buchanan; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

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• LONDA NICOLE COPELAND, 38, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

• KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 48, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

• STEVEN MEARL CORSON, 53, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.

• MICHAEL MENDEZ, 35, was arrested Monday by DPS on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• BRIAN ZACHRY PIERCE, 47, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on an Ector County capias warrant for contempt of court – non-payment of child support.

• KRISTI LOREE ELLIOTT, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check, a Howard County warrant for issuance of a bad check and municipal warrants for no valid inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.

• VALERIE MICHELLE MARTINEZ, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• RUBEN GUERRA JR., 32, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 6600 block of E. Robinson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Police blotter

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

• ROBERT RAY COBLE, 22, of 2710 S. Anderson Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended with a previous conviction.

• KRISTI LOREE ELLIOTT, 29, of 603 E. 12th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid, no inspection certificate and a warrant from another agency.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.

• THEFT was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 1300 block of Elm Street.

In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• ROBERT COBLE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• AMY LEIGH YANEZ, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

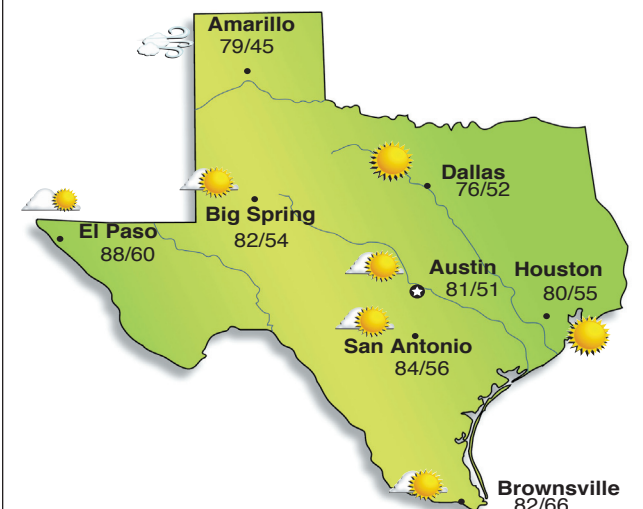
• ANTHONY THOMAS MCGRUDER, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 5/4	Thu 5/5	Fri 5/6	Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8
82/54 Plentiful sunshine. High 82F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	89/61 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	95/64 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	101/63 Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 60s.	102/65 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM

Texas At A Glance



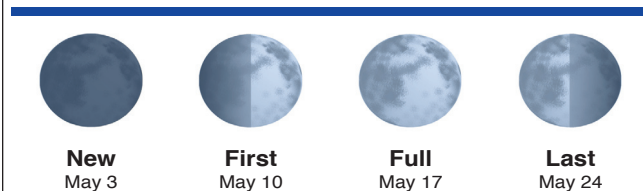
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	79	45	windy	Kingsville	82	60	mst sunny
Austin	81	51	mst sunny	Livingston	80	48	sunny
Beaumont	79	52	sunny	Longview	77	50	sunny
Brownsville	82	66	mst sunny	Lubbock	77	46	sunny
Brownwood	82	52	sunny	Lufkin	81	49	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	62	mst sunny	Midland	81	57	mst sunny
Corsicana	75	50	sunny	Raymondville	83	62	mst sunny
Dallas	76	52	sunny	Rosenberg	80	54	sunny
Del Rio	83	59	mst sunny	San Antonio	84	56	mst sunny
El Paso	88	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	82	52	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	81	54	windy	Sulphur Springs	76	50	sunny
Gainesville	73	49	sunny	Sweetwater	80	52	sunny
Greenville	74	48	sunny	Tyler	77	49	sunny
Houston	80	55	sunny	Weatherford	75	49	sunny
				Wichita Falls	80	49	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	42	pt sunny	Minneapolis	64	46	mst sunny
Boston	62	48	rain	New York	61	48	rain
Chicago	59	40	sunny	Phoenix	96	65	sunny
Dallas	76	52	sunny	San Francisco	76	56	sunny
Denver	64	37	t-storm	Seattle	64	48	pt sunny
Houston	80	55	sunny	St. Louis	67	49	sunny
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HERALD photo/Angela Pace

Sunday's announcement terrorist Osama bin Laden is dead has evoked much emotion. Locally, 87 Auto Sales put this comment on its sign.

Coahoma alumni gearing up for annual homecoming

All Coahoma High School alumni are invited to an all-school reunion on July 23.

This year's program will focus on CHS music, to include honoring anyone associated with former CHS bands, choirs, musical groups, etc. Please help spread the word by sharing this information with any CHS alumni among your family/friends.

The Reunion Planning Committee is meeting every other Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen.

Contact Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 432-267-6688 for additional information, or with mailing addresses for CHS alumni. Addresses can also be e-mailed to Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com.

DANCE

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attending Texas Christian University.

The first half of the show will be presented by the Howard Dance Troupe and feature contemporary Broadway music. The second half will be a ballet version of "Dark of the Moon." According to McIntosh, the entire show should be about an hour.

"This is something that everyone should come out and see because it's unique en-

tertainment to the Big Spring residents," McIntosh said. "There aren't a lot of opportunities to watch dance and this performance will include ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary."

According to McIntosh the original play has a dark undertone, but has been changed for the ballet performance. She said it has been described as a Romeo-and-Juliet-meets-McBeth type of storyline.

"This is really something for everyone," McIntosh said. "It's for elementary students to adults."

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District Administration Office, 600 N. Main in Coahoma and get a Proof of Residency Form. You will need to take one of the following items with you: Receipts for tax or utility bill/deposit, deed/mortgage/lease papers, or a notarized letter confirming residency when

living with another household.

Students currently enrolled in the district's pre-kindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. The student's permanent folder, which contains the student's birth certificate and immunization record will be moved to the next grade level.

Therefore, there is no

CENTER

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pool, which is being handled by Neuman Pools — and the block didn't get ordered. This isn't your standard block, so you can't just go grab it at the hardware store. So, it's going to be very, very close."

Darden said it wouldn't necessarily be impossible for the contractor to make up the lost time, although it's highly unlikely at this point in the project.

"He (the contractor) would have to bring in a lot more crew than he had anticipated to get caught up at this point," Darden said. "The clock is working against him. However, we're not going to sacrifice quality in an effort to get the aquatics center open on time. We're going to make sure the quality control of the job is on the mark. That's of utmost importance to us."

"Our goal was to be substantially complete by May 15. The actual day of completion — we wanted to have our grand opening on May 30, which is when the Splash-In is generally held — for the proj-

ect is May 28. If you remember, however, there was an alternate bid in the contract that allowed the contractor so many extra days that would have extended the project until the end of June. However, he chose, through his bid — which was \$7,500 more — that he could be finished with the project by May."

Darden said the contractor could begin being financially penalized as soon as May 29 if the project doesn't make the established deadline.

"For every day the project isn't complete (after the completion date), it will cost the contractor \$500 a day," Darden said. "While the project may run behind a bit, I'm still very confident the aquatics center will be ready very close to the completion date. The kids in the community will most definitely get the chance to utilize the center this summer."

In the meantime, as completion of the aquatics center approaches, Darden said concerns the project could have a negative impact on current efforts to conserve water in the Crossroads area are unfounded.

Efforts by the city of Big Spring and other Colorado River Municipal Water District customers to curtail water usage, especially when demands are at their highest, come on the heels of the district's announcement earlier this year that water deliveries would be cut by 10 percent.

"Our estimation from the water district (CRMWD) is we're only going to stay with the 10-percent reduction, barring any emergency situations, such as catastrophic failure of pipelines, pump stations or lake in-take," Darden said. "Bear in mind, if we don't get any substantial rains between now and this time next year, I doubt there will be any pools being filled at all. I feel like we'll be able to fill the pool and run it through the summer without endangering that 10-percent cut. The city is being very proactive in its conservation of water, and we have to since the city is the largest user of treated water — barring the Big Spring Refinery — we have. I assure you, we are doing more than our share of cutting back so we can meet that 10-

cent cut in water use.

"The aquatics center takes less than 200,000 gallons to fill, while the old municipal swimming pool took approximately 1 million gallons. The old pool also lost 6 inches of water each day, and most of that was due to the leaks, so that was water we were losing every day just in an effort to keep it open. I feel confident we'll be able to take care of the new aquatics center without causing water conservation problems. The difference in the amount of water used by the new facility and the old swimming pool is huge," Darden added.

Reservoir levels throughout the water district remain dangerously low, according to CRMWD officials, with sporadic rains early Monday morning having little effect on the situation.

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

Legal aid available

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, cus-

tody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Many of the students involved in the performance are serving in more than one role, according to McIntosh. She said having the students involved in multiple ways is beneficial to them.

"This way they are getting to do things they normally wouldn't do," McIntosh said. "They also gain that sense of camaraderie and build lasting, memorable friendships."

McIntosh said tickets for the performance are usually sold out before opening night. Starting Friday, students will

be selling tickets to the shows in the Hall Center for the Arts lobby from noon to 1 p.m. Howard College student, faculty and staff tickets are \$3 and general admission is \$5. Tickets can be reserved by calling 264-5161, but must be picked up before the first performance.

"The tickets are always gone the day before the performance and we usually have people waiting opening night to see if there are any seats," McIntosh said. "I would recommend they buy their tickets in advance to

make sure they get to see this performance."

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| CHAIN | RIDE | TIRES |
| GEARS | ROAD | TRAINING |

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THIS MANY PEOPLE.

ANSWER: 35

Bike Match

Match the word with its meaning.

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|----------|-----------------------|
| 1. Gear | A. Move without power |
| 2. Chain | B. Toothed wheels |
| 3. Coast | C. Propel by foot |
| 4. Pedal | D. Metal links |

Answers: 1. B, 2. D, 3. A, 4. C



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3 parts

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Engine

SPANISH: Maquina

ITALIAN: Locomotiva

FRENCH: Réacteur

GERMAN: Motor

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ANSWER: DIRT BIKE TIRE

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Mrs. Gator says someone stole a pizza, minus one slice she had eaten, from her picnic table while she retrieved her son from the playground. Slylock Fox suspects Shady Shrew took the pizza, but the shrew insists he bought it. Shady claims that he and his buddy shared the pizza equally, and that Mrs. Gator is welcome to eat the remaining slice. Why does Slylock think Shady Shrew is lying?



HOW TO DRAW a tiger



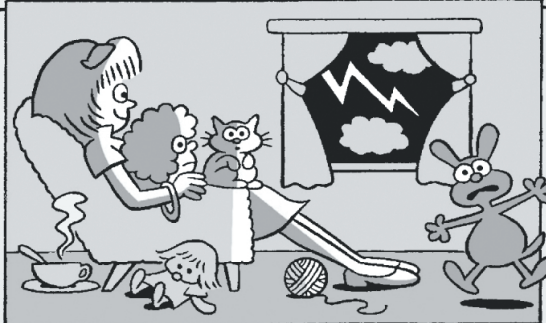
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Phone call by Kuwaiti courier led to bin Laden

WASHINGTON (AP) — When one of Osama bin Laden's most trusted aides picked up the phone last year, he unknowingly led U.S. pursuers to the doorstep of his boss, the world's most wanted terrorist.

That monitored phone call, recounted Monday by a U.S. official, ended a years-long search for bin Laden's personal courier, the key break in a worldwide manhunt. The courier, in turn, led U.S. intelligence to a walled compound in northeast Pakistan, where a team of Navy SEALs shot bin Laden to death.

The violent final minutes were the culmination of years of intelligence work. Inside the CIA team hunting bin Laden, it always was clear that bin Laden's vulnerability was his couriers. He was too smart to let al-Qaida foot soldiers, or even his senior commanders, know his hideout. But if he wanted to get his messages out, somebody had to carry them, someone bin Laden trusted with his life.

Shortly after the Sept.

11, 2001, terrorist attacks, detainees in the CIA's secret prison network told interrogators about an important courier with the nom de guerre Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti who was close to bin Laden. After the CIA captured al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, he confirmed knowing al-Kuwaiti but denied he had anything to do with al-Qaida.

Then in 2004, top al-Qaida operative Hassan Ghul was captured in Iraq. Ghul told the CIA that al-Kuwaiti was a courier, someone crucial to the terrorist organization. In particular, Ghul said, the courier was close to Faraj al-Libi, who replaced Mohammed as al-Qaida's operational commander. It was a key break in the hunt for bin Laden's personal courier.

Finally, in May 2005, al-Libi was captured. Under CIA interrogation, al-Libi admitted that when he was promoted to succeed Mohammed, he received the word through a courier. But he made up a name for the courier

and denied knowing al-Kuwaiti, a denial that was so adamant and unbelievable that the CIA took it as confirmation that he and Mohammed were protecting the courier. It only reinforced the idea that al-Kuwaiti was very important to al-Qaida.

If they could find the man known as al-Kuwaiti, they'd find bin Laden.

The revelation that intelligence gleaned from the CIA's so-called black sites helped kill bin Laden was seen as vindication for many intelligence officials who have been repeatedly investigated and criticized for their involvement in a program that involved the harshest interrogation methods in U.S. history.

"We got beat up for it, but those efforts led to this great day," said Marty Martin, a retired CIA officer who for years led the hunt for bin Laden.

Mohammed did not discuss al-Kuwaiti while being subjected to the simulated drowning technique known as waterboarding, former officials said. He acknowledged knowing him many months later under standard interrogation, they said, leaving it once again up for debate as to whether the harsh technique was a valuable tool or an unnecessarily violent tactic.

It took years of work before the CIA identified

the courier's real name: Sheikh Abu Ahmed, a Pakistani man born in Kuwait. When they did identify him, he was nowhere to be found. The CIA's sources didn't know where he was hiding. Bin Laden was famously insistent that no phones or computers be used near him, so the eavesdroppers at the National Security Agency kept coming up cold.

Ahmed was identified by detainees as a mid-level operative who helped al-Qaida members and their families find safe havens. But his whereabouts were such a mystery to U.S. intelligence that, according to Guantanamo Bay documents, one detainee said Ahmed was wounded while fleeing U.S. forces during the invasion of Afghanistan and later died in the arms of the detainee.

But in the middle of last year, Ahmed had a telephone conversation with someone being monitored by U.S. intelligence, according to an American official, who like others interviewed for this story spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive operation. Ahmed was located somewhere away from bin Laden's hideout when he had the discussion, but it was enough to help intelligence officials locate and watch Ahmed.

In August 2010, Ahmed unknowingly led authorities to a compound in the northeast Pakistani town of Abbottabad, where al-Libi had once lived. The walls surrounding the property were as high as 18 feet and topped with barbed

wire. Intelligence officials had known about the house for years, but they always suspected that bin Laden would be surrounded by heavily armed security guards. Nobody patrolled the compound in Abbottabad.

In fact, nobody came or went. And no telephone or Internet lines ran from the compound. The CIA soon believed that bin Laden was hiding in plain sight, in a hideout especially built to go unnoticed. But since bin Laden never traveled and nobody could get onto the compound without passing through two security gates, there was no way to be sure.

Despite that uncertainty, intelligence officials realized this could represent the best chance to get to bin Laden. They decided not to share the information with anyone, including staunch counterterrorism allies such as Britain, Canada and Australia.

By mid-February, the officials were convinced a "high-value target" was hiding in the compound. President Barack Obama wanted to take action.

"They were confident and their confidence was growing: 'This is different. This intelligence case is different. What we see in this compound is different than anything we've ever seen before,'" John Brennan, the president's top counterterrorism adviser, said Monday. "I was confident that we had the basis to take action."

Options were limited. The compound was in

a residential neighborhood in a sovereign country. If Obama ordered an airstrike and bin Laden was not in the compound, it would be a huge diplomatic problem. Even if Obama was right, obliterating the compound might make it nearly impossible to confirm bin Laden's death.

Said Brennan, "The president had to evaluate the strength of that information, and then made what I believe was one of the most gutsiest calls of any president in recent memory."

Brennan told CNN "there was no single piece of information that was an 'ah-hah' moment." He said officials took "bits and pieces" of intelligence gathered and analyzed over a long period of time to nail down the leads they needed.

Obama tapped two dozen members of the Navy's elite SEAL Team Six to carry out a raid with surgical accuracy.

Before dawn Monday morning, a pair of helicopters left Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan. The choppers entered Pakistani airspace using sophisticated technology intended to evade that country's radar systems, a U.S. official said.

Officially, it was a kill-or-capture mission, since the U.S. doesn't kill unarmed people trying to surrender. But it was clear from the beginning that whoever was behind those walls had no intention of surrendering, two U.S. officials said.

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BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



Watching for the service truck, she was finally relieved to see the cable serviceman turn into her driveway. Even though they were barely three feet apart, the noise from the traffic on the Snyder Highway often interrupted their conversation.

With both parties convinced on the particulars of the installation, she returned to her kitchen while he worked. With the aroma of baked cookies following her out the door, she decided to check on his progress.

As she approached the corner of the house, she was startled by what she saw. Cast aside was a nest she had been observing for weeks. Not aware of its initial presence, she had discovered it in a man-made alcove where the roof extended over a wall. She had been alerted to this creation of a home hidden from daily traffic due to the coming-and-going of secretive parents.

Inside the abandoned nest were two rather large nestlings. Worried that the parents might not follow their offspring to a different location, she decided to bring the nest and its occupants to us. Even though she knew the cable could have been attached well below the location of the tightly woven nest, her concern for the babies' welfare outweighed

her anger.

Grayish-brown above, and lighter underneath, the curve-billed thrashers had the typical spotting on their breasts and sides that denotes a member of the thrush family. When open, their long curved bills readily accepted the crickets we offered. Their gaping, yellow mouths were nature's way of telling us they were songbirds.

For four days, we relished feeding them. Snuggling close together for a nap after their previous meal, the nestlings would suddenly pop their heads straight up, with mouths open, at any sound or motion affecting their nest.

During the morning of the fifth day, the phone rang. Having noticed a loose rope dangling in the wind from his horse trailer, a New Mexico rancher had stopped at a forsaken filling station in Tatum. After securing the rope, he walked toward the rear to check the gate.

"Sure sounded like young birds," he continued. At first, he thought the calls for food were coming from an overhang where the pumps had been. Not finding any evidence of nesting material, he started examining his trailer. Near the front enclosure that protects the horses from the wind, he finally found a nest supported by the steel of the structure.

Inside were three large nestlings. They looked almost big enough to leave the nest. Figuring they had made it this far, he decided to let them "ride it out" until Big Spring.

Removing the nest with youngsters, we immediately realized our number of

curve-billed thrashers had increased. Two to three days older than our other two, the new arrivals were close to fledging. Under normal circumstances, thrashers remain in their nest for at least 18 days.

Placed side-by-side in our nesting container, the nestlings competed for feedings



Courtesy photo

Often heard but not seen, the curve-billed thrasher appreciates the tops of local mesquites. Its melodious song is often interrupted by a perceived danger. At that time, the bird utters a sharp whit, whit, whit, wheet.

and refused to settle down until stuffed with insects. An hour later the late arrivals had managed to "buddy-up" with the others. Then it became a matter of keeping track of who-had-been-given-what. Since the soon-to-be fledglings needed space for strengthening flight, the next day our five guests were delivered to Lubbock.

Wanting thrashers in her neighborhood, Gail Barnes, who is federally and state licensed, took the quintet to her flight cage. The fledg-

lings would be fed until they could readily access food, water, and various sizes of branches. As their flight abilities increased, the five orphans would easily master the entire length of the facility.

Knowing the time had come for her protégés to gain their freedom, Gail propped open a door at the west end. As they gained confidence, each fledgling, when ready, could leave the building, yet return to access a feeder if needed.

When mature the thrashers would be larger than a mockingbird. Their long tails, dark curved bills, and yellow eyes would add to their distinguishing characteristics. In flight, buffy-white wing bars and the white corners of their tails would be evident.

Once outside the flight cage, they soon discovered the closest trees were in Gail's back yard. Devouring insects and their larvae, the thrashers would also search for fruits and berries. On the ground, they would hunt for grubs and ants by digging with their strong beaks while tossing dirt and leaves aside.

Before taking flight and upon landing, these juveniles would imitate the behavior of their parents by running and hopping over the ground. Entertaining to watch, the curve-billed thrashers exemplified the old adage, "the more the merrier."

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Alluring hummers

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



Recently, I have found a new hobby: watching hummingbirds. These little hummers are so fascinating. I am totally amazed by their actions, color and speed.

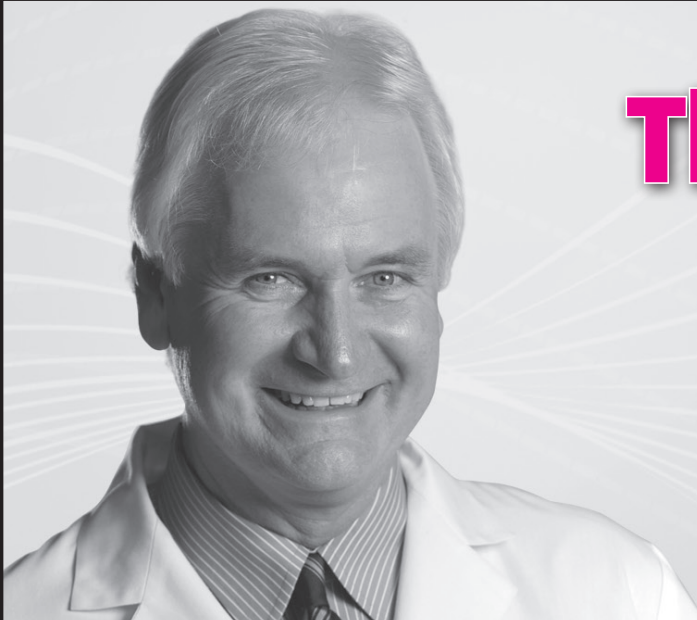
My wife and I have hung a couple of feeders to attract them, but I am told this is just for our enjoyment and not for their survival for they have a powerful sense of self preservation and a keen ability to hunt for the nectar they require.

After watching them a while I decided to do a little research to learn more about them. Did you know that hummers are the only birds able to fly backwards, straight up, down and hover? They are able to do this using unique figure 8 ball and socket shoulder joints and extremely muscular shoulders.

They beat their wings an average of 20 times per second, though while performing a mating ritual they can beat their wings up to 100 times per second and they can fly at the speed of 25 miles an hour.

A ruby-throated hummer weighs about one-tenth of an ounce and the smallest of all types is the size

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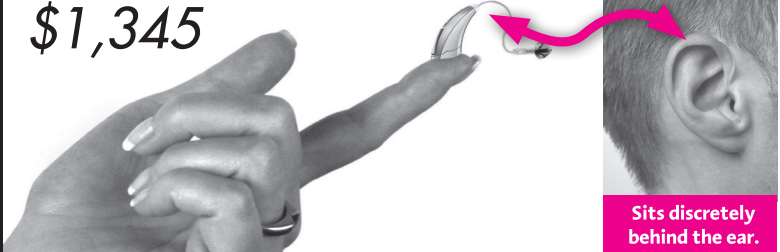
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The Big Spring observance of the 60th Annual National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Local businesspeople, city and county government officials, pastors and chaplains will join together to pray for our country.



SCOTT JIMENEZ

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since

the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress issued a proclamation recommending "a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer" and asking the citizens to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history. President Lincoln proclaimed a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual National Day of Prayer.

Then, in 2010, U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb said the proclamation of a National Day of Prayer was unconstitutional because it crossed the line from a mere acknowledg-

ment by government of religion and of things religious.

"The sole purpose of the proclamation," she said, "was to encourage all citizens to engage in prayer." However, on April 14, 2011, a U.S. appeals court overturned her decision, ruling the people who brought the case, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, lacked the necessary legal standing to file their lawsuit.

Chief Judge Frank Easterbrook wrote, "Although this proclamation speaks to all citizens, no one is obligated to pray, anymore than a person would be obligated to hand over his money if the president asked all citizens to support the Red Cross and other

charities. The president has made a request; he has not issued a command. No one is injured by a request that can be declined."

The appeals court remanded the case to Judge Crabb with instructions that it be dismissed.

The National Day of Prayer theme for 2011 is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," based on the verse from Psalm 91:2 which reads: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Please join with me this year as we celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

Scott Jimenez is a local chaplain.

RYAN

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of a bumble bee and lays eggs about the size of a pea. The female does pretty much all of the work. She scouts for a suitable nesting area, builds the nest and then seeks a mate. Once she has mated she leaves her mate, continues to build her nest of plant fibers bound together with spider webs, lays her bean-sized eggs, usually two or three at a time, sits on her eggs, later feeds the fledgling young and will often build another nest and lay a couple more fertile eggs before the original family is ready to take care of themselves.

She will do all of this while feeding and

fending for herself. She is the ultimate single super-mom.

Each mature hummingbird will drink eight to 10 times their weight per day, much of which is derived from the nectar that they constantly seek. All hummingbirds are native to North and South America and there are more than 100 types in existence. Arizona is considered "the place" for hummingbird sightings and provides home to the widest variety of species.

Hummingbirds are not very social and live very solitary lives, only coming together to mate or grudgingly share a hummingbird feeder. They like to do their own thing.

They will create and aggressively protect their territories. Each territory is chosen

based on the abundance of food, nectar and water. The male will set up his territory and will chase off any male that comes near which helps the males eliminate the competition for the females in the area. However, males will also attack a female hummingbird that enters his territory unless she is one of his mates.

It is interesting that hummingbirds will not attack humans, but it sometimes appears that they will in their search for food and to satisfy their curiosity.

I am enjoying being a part of the life of our little hummers and I thank them for the entertainment they are providing me.

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




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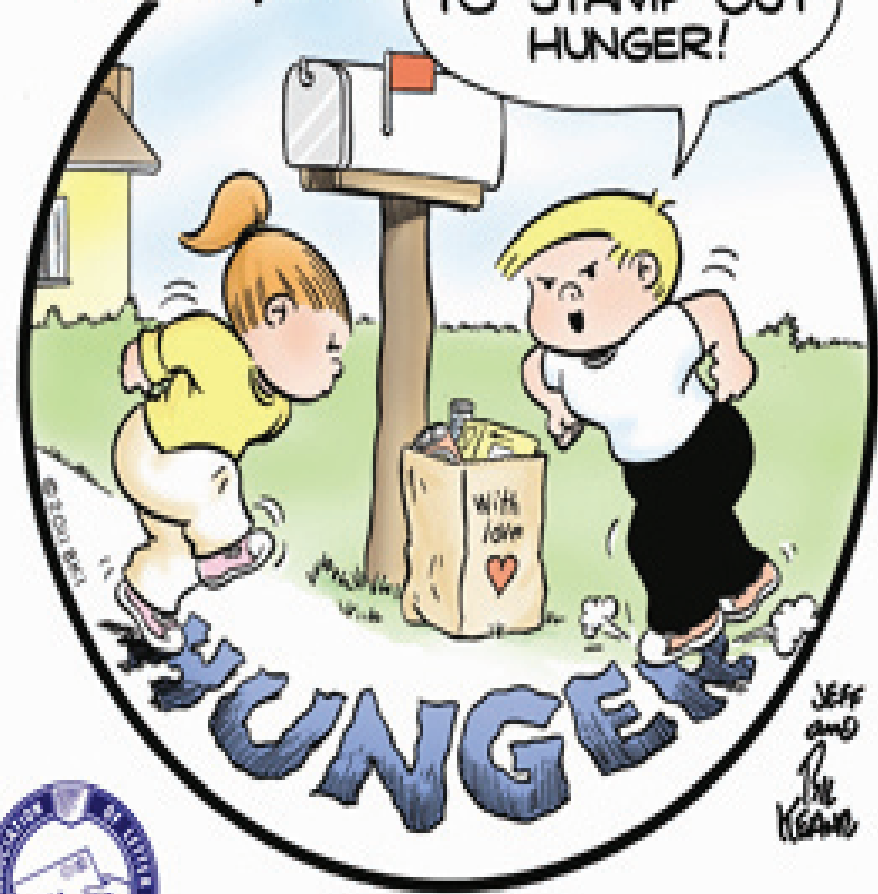
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BSHS trio state-bound

Menefield, Anderson, Tuitt medal at regionals

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — It doesn't pay to doubt Mike Menefield.

The Big Spring High School track star earned a return trip to the Texas high school track meet in dramatic and convincing fashion, setting the triple jump record at the Region I-3A Track Meet in Lubbock Monday.

Menefield scratched on his first two attempts Monday, but on his third and final try, he uncorked a leap of 49 feet, 6.5 inches to both win the event and set the meet record at the same time.

His winning jump was more than three feet better than that

posted by runner-up Dillon Wilkins of Mineral Wells.

He now gets a chance at a second state gold medal — he placed first in the triple jump at the 2011 Class 4A state meet — at the state 3A meet in Austin later this month.

Joining Menefield at the state meet will be Desiree Anderson and Bridgette Tuitt, who qualified by placing first and second in the girls' long jump event.

Anderson passed Tuitt on her final jump, claiming the gold medal with a distance of 19 feet, 1.5 inches, a mere quarter-foot better than Tuitt's best effort.

The duo weren't done with

the high jump, however. Later Monday, they teamed with April Turner and Dyrshae Vandervilt to set a regional meet record during qualifying in the 800-meter relay.

The BSHS quartet finished the event in a time of 1 minute, 41.96 seconds.

Anderson and Tuitt weren't finished, however. Tuitt had the top preliminary time in the 200-meter sprint, while Anderson recorded the second-best time in the 100-meter sprint prelims.

Gerbi Ritchey failed to qualify for the state meet, placing fourth in the girls' discus.

Sports calendar

TODAY

Track — Big Spring boys and girls at Region I-3A meet, Lubbock.

Track — Coahoma and Forsan boys and girls at Region I-2A track meet, Odessa.

THURSDAY

Softball — Howard College vs. Frank Phillips College (Region 5 Tournament), noon, Lubbock Christian University.

FRIDAY

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Littlefield, 7 p.m., Seminole.

Class 2A baseball playoffs — Forsan vs. Tornillo, 5 p.m., Pecos.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235.

1 down, 3 to go

Dallas takes playoff series opener vs. LA

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — When Kobe Bryant drained a 3-pointer to put the Los Angeles Lakers up by 16 points in the second half, nobody would have been surprised if the Dallas Mavericks packed it in. After all, these perennial underachievers aren't exactly known for their playoff tenacity.

Their stirring comeback against the two-time defending champions showed that Dirk Nowitzki and his Mavs just might be capable of creating whole new reputations this spring.

Nowitzki scored 28 points and hit two go-ahead free throws with 19.5 seconds left, Jason Kidd forced a crucial turnover moments later, and the Mavericks escaped with a 96-94 victory in Game 1 on Monday night when Bryant missed two late chances to steal it back for the Lakers.

Jason Terry scored 15 points and Nowitzki had 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, who erased that huge third-quarter deficit before the dramatic finish to the perennial playoff teams' first postseason meeting in 23 years. The Mavericks trailed 92-87 with 3:32 to play, but finished on a 9-2 run.

"I thought we did a great job hanging in there," Nowitzki said. "It wasn't looking good, but we talked about in the huddle. Just stick with it, try to get some stops, don't turn the ball over, and get a shot up every time. Just at least give ourselves a chance to make it."

They made it, all right — but only when Bryant, who scored 21 of his 36 points in the second half, couldn't provide his usual late-game heroics.

"You've got to make plays, and you've got to dodge some bullets," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We did both."

After Nowitzki's free throws gave Dallas its first lead of the second half, Bryant fell down while trying to get past Kidd to collect the ball from Pau Gasol with 5 seconds to play. After one free throw by Kidd, Bryant missed a catch-and-shoot 3-pointer off the back rim just before the buzzer.

"I think they always had hope," Bryant said of the Mavs. "They're in the second round. They're here to play. I don't really see it as a big deal. We've got to improve."

Game 2 is Wednesday night at Staples Center.

Gasol had 15 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the second-seeded Lakers, who lost their second straight Game 1 after winning six straight openers over the previous two seasons. Their loss to New Orleans two



Courtesy photo

Toby Rodgers, 17, recently caught these three black bass, which weighed a combined 16.5 pounds, using crank bait at Water Valley. He is the son of Misty and Jimmie Rodgers of Big Spring.

In brief

Big Spring boosters to meet Thursday

The Big Spring Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the annual Spring Sports Banquet.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

FHS sports banquet set for May 16

The Forsan High School All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 16, at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the FHS main office. High school athletes will be admitted for free.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, May 12.

For more information, contact the high school at 263-6571, ext. 1.

Women's tourney slated for Big Lake

The Elnora Chamberlain Memorial four-lady scramble Golf Tournament will be held June 18-19 in Big Lake. Cost is \$300 per team.

For more information, call 325-450-6150.

Sports world reacts to Bin Laden's death

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Before the top of the fourth inning on Military Appreciation Night at Nationals Park, the public address announcer encouraged everyone at the baseball stadium to cheer for the active or retired members of the service who were in the stands Monday, recipients of free tickets.

As Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" blared through the ballpark, and the message "Thank You for Your Service and Sacrifice" dominated the HD scoreboard, a group of military personnel seated a few rows behind home plate waved their red Nationals baseball caps.

Thousands of fans rose to applaud. Members of the Nationals, spread around the diamond, preparing to play defense — and wearing what the team called "patriotic" uniforms, with stars-and-stripes curly "Ws" on the chests of their blue jerseys — provided their own standing ovation. The World Series champion San Francisco Giants stood in the visiting dugout and bullpen, clapping, too.

Talk about a coincidence: Less than 24 hours after President Barack Obama announced that terrorist leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces in Pakistan, the Nationals honored the military — an event the team said it began planning in the off season and announced to the public a week ago.

"That's amazing, the way the timing worked out for that," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said before the game. "Really a great opportunity for our fans ... to honor our military vets and wounded warriors. Those who are here tonight are going to be beaming with pride about

"It's funny how things work out sometimes: The day after we take down one of the biggest individual terrorists in the world, we can come out here and kind of celebrate it."

Tyler Clippard,
Washington Nationals

what took place last night."

As part of Military Appreciation Night, military personnel were allowed to receive up to four free tickets; a member of the Army threw out the ceremonial first pitch; a member of the Navy sang the National Anthem; two red Coast Guard helicopters did a flyover before first pitch; and other uniformed military personnel jogged out as if to play defense position before being joined by the real ballplayers.

In addition to meeting baseball players, some members of the military in attendance also got to shake hands with NASCAR driver Kyle Busch, who was at the stadium.

"It's funny how things work out sometimes: The day after we take down one of the biggest individual terrorists in the world, we can come out here and kind of celebrate it," Washington pitcher Tyler Clippard said. "For it to fall on the day after is sort of ironic."

While Washington's players are used to being in the nation's capital, of course, the Giants were excited to be in town — they toured the Supreme Court before Monday's game.

After playing four games in Washington at a historic time, they now open a three-game series at the New York Mets on Tuesday.

"We're in our nation's capital here, and we get that kind of news, and now we're off to New York — Ground Zero," San Francisco pitcher Brian Wilson said. "It's going to be quite an emotional week for a lot of people — baseball being one of them, playing America's sport here."

In the wake of bin Laden's death, security was a prime concern.

The NBA told all playoff teams to check fans with metal detector wands as they entered. The policy was in effect as crowds came to the United Center in Chicago on Monday night for the Eastern Conference semifinal opener between the Bulls and Atlanta.

Kristina Palacios of Chicago appreciated the extra measures, saying they "make you feel safe." Her boyfriend, John Comia, said the search was "quick and efficient."

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the league had been "in contact with each of our remaining venues and they will be taking steps as they deem appropriate given the information we have."

Major League Baseball said it would continue working with its teams and local law enforcement "to monitor what's occurring on a day-to-day basis."

Salutes to the military poured in throughout the sports world.

"I think that the word 'heroes' are used far too often when you talk about athletes and actors," New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez said. "The real heroes

Rangers slip up again vs. Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Hideki Matsui hit the first pitch of the 10th inning from Darren Oliver into the right-field seats for a game-winning home run, lifting the Oakland Athletics to a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday.

Grant Balfour (2-1) walked three batters in the top of the 10th to load the bases for pinch-hitter Yorvit Torrealba, who struck out swinging on the right-hander's 30th pitch.

Josh Willingham hit a tying home run leading off the eighth against Texas reliever Arthur

Rhodes, and the A's took three of four from the reigning AL champions.

Matsui's clout against Oliver (1-3) was just the third of the season for the designated hitter and Oakland's first walkoff homer of 2011. Matsui added an RBI groundout in the fifth.

Texas has lost six of eight and 12 of 19 following a 9-1 start. Michael Young hit a two-run double and a sacrifice fly but the bullpen couldn't hold a one-run lead for Texas starter Derek Holland, who allowed eight hits and three runs in seven

innings.

The Rangers were hoping to gain some momentum from the series finale heading into a three-game series at Seattle in which Texas will miss Mariners ace and reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Felix Hernandez.

Oakland's Kurt Suzuki homered for the second time in three games and went 6 for 16 with two homers, five RBIs and three runs scored during the series. The first-time father was activated from the paternity leave list before Friday's opener with the Rangers following

the birth of daughter, Malia, on Thursday.

Young and Adrian Beltre had back-to-back sacrifice flies in the fifth but Texas couldn't bounce back from a 7-2 loss Sunday. Texas manager Ron Washington sat second baseman Ian Kinsler and used third baseman Beltre as the designated hitter to give him a day off his legs.

Brandon McCarthy, facing Texas for the first time since 2006, was tagged for four runs and six hits in six innings, struck out four and walked two.

The A's overcame two more errors that gave

them an AL-leading 27, one more than the Rangers after Texas also had one Monday. Oakland is also tied with Houston for most errors in the majors.

David DeJesus put the A's ahead when he scored on a safety squeeze bunt by Cliff Pennington in the second. Suzuki hit his third home run leading off the fourth.

Oakland third baseman Andy LaRoche did his part to keep himself in the lineup with a pair of base hits.

He batted 6 for 11 during the four games with Texas.

A's center fielder Coco Crisp had the day off as a precaution after he returned Sunday from a three-game absence with tightness in his left hamstring.

Lee Greenwood's "Proud to Be An American" blared between the first and second innings a day after President Barack Obama announced the death of terrorist Osama bin Laden. A public address announcer Dick Callahan asked fans to "Raise their Budweisers" in appreciation for those who serve our country. One female fan sported a short-sleeved flag shirt.

OSAMA

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are out on the battlefields, protecting our well being, allowing us the opportunity to play baseball or take our daughters or kids to the park. They're the real heroes."

Tweeted tennis star Andy Roddick: "Words cannot do justice to the amount of thanks we should bestow upon those whose life mission it is to keep the world safe. Thank you."

Rory McIlroy, the 21-year-old golfer from Northern Ireland, posted on Twitter: "Bye bye bin Laden!! Good riddance I say!!"

"The biggest thing I'm happy for is that the troops that were in there all came back in one piece. That's dangerous. That's the No. 1 thing," Atlanta Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

All over ballparks

and arenas, there were sights, signs and sounds it was an extraordinary day.

A day after Phillies fans shouted "USA! USA!" when the news spread during the New York Mets-Philadelphia game at Citizens Bank Park, Flyers rooters echoed the chant before the NHL playoff match-up against the Boston Bruins.

At Fenway Park, a large American flag was draped over the 37-foot Green Monster before Boston hosted the Los Angeles Angels. Members of the military lined up along the warning track in front of the wall and helped carry the flag off the field.

The Red Sox and Angels stood along the foul lines in for a moment a silence to honor the 9-11 victims and those who have been killed fighting for the country. The PA announcer also asked fans to thank those who have risked their lives.

At San Diego Padres, who bill themselves as the team of the military, wore their camouflage jerseys for the game against Pittsburgh. The Padres normally put on the special tops for Sunday home games, but players requested that they wear them Monday night. The Navy SEALs train on Coronado, just across San Diego Bay from downtown.

"I think a lot of the fans are going to take it that we're wearing it because Osama bin Laden's dead. That's not the reason we're wearing it," said Padres pitcher Mat Latos, who displayed a Team USA basketball jersey.

"We're wearing it because we're in support of our troops. That's the reason my Team USA jersey is hanging up in my locker, for my friends that I personally know that are overseas right now," he said. "This night is for our military troops, the men and women that protect and serve us. It's not for Osama bin Laden, it's not for the triumph or whatever you want to call it. It's strictly for what those people have

done for us."

The Padres said they would give two free tickets to any active or retired military personnel. The Mets donated 4,000 tickets to military members and their families for Tuesday night's game against San Francisco.

At Oakland, where the Athletics took on Texas, Greenwood's patriotic anthem played over the sound system between first and second innings. A's public address announcer Dick Callahan asked fans to "Raise their Budweisers" in appreciation for those who serve the country. One female fan sported a short-sleeved flag shirt.

Bin Laden's death drew reaction from a trio of Yankees who were with the team when the terrorist attacks occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

"All I said was, 'Justice,'" closer Mariano Rivera said. "Justice prevailed. You do something like that, somewhere along the way, you're going to pay, and this was the time."

Said longtime star Jorge Posada: "I'm hap-

py for the city of New York. I think the firemen and the policemen, and everything that we went through. I think this is one of those steps that we needed to cross, and it's good to see."

Captain Derek Jeter said he was in "disbelief" when he heard the news.

"I don't know if this puts closure. I'm sure there's no closure to someone losing a relative or a loved one, but in some sense I guess it is, from what I've seen in a lot of the interviews with people that lost family members. It sort of brings some closure to it. Not total closure, but some," he said.

"Last night and this morning, watching the news, you remember a lot of the stories and the people that you had the opportunity to meet. Like I said, it was 10 years ago, but it almost feels like it wasn't," he said.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully recalled a time long ago.

"I remember D-Day in June, and the games were extremely important as an escape. And that's what they are to-

day, whether it's terrorism or a bad day on Wall Street, or whatever," he said.

"I'm sure people are happy, but it's a momentary happiness. It doesn't remove the threat, or anything like that. I mean, that's one head off the snake, but there will be another one for sure," he said.

New York Jets coach Rex Ryan said he was watching "Celebrity Apprentice" with his wife Sunday night when NBC broke into the program to announce Obama was about to address the country.

"That thing came across," Ryan said Monday, "and I thought, 'Whoa, this must be some big news here.'"

The Jets open their season — if there is one this year with the NFL lockout currently in place — at home on the night of Sept. 11 against the Dallas Cowboys. Ryan said it's an honor to play that night, especially since so many fans who were personally affected will be at the game.

"Quite honestly," he said, "I was happy we got him."

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weeks ago was much more surprising than this loss to the playoff-tested Mavs, but the Lakers' lack of poise down the stretch should be scary to anybody anticipating a threepeat.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson blamed the loss on one stretch of awful basketball: Right after Los Angeles completed a 21-2 run spanning halftime to take a 60-44 lead on Bryant's 3, Dallas made a 20-6 run.

"We felt like we gave the game away," Jackson said. "I'm not so

sure Dallas didn't outplay us, but the players felt like we gave it away. ... The game was won in the third quarter when we got the lead and stopped playing defense and stopped playing offense. It took a lot of energy out of us, and put a lot of energy in them, to be able to do that. That shows a lot of heart on their part."

Terry scored 13 points in the first half to lead the Mavs' reserves, who outscored Los Angeles' bench 40-25. But the Lakers took a 53-44 halftime lead with a 14-2 run that included four points in the final 0.7 seconds.

Terry got too close to Lamar Odom's last-ditch heave from halfcourt right before the buzzer, and Odom — who finished with 15 points — made three free throws. Nowitzki then got a technical foul for throw-

ing an aggressive elbow under the hoop while scrapping with Ron Artest, and Bryant hit a final free throw.

Both teams put aside the ugliness of their ejection-filled meeting on March 31 while preparing for the franchises' first postseason meeting since the 1988 Western Conference finals.

Jackson and Mavericks owner Mark Cuban declined to rekindle their history of mutual sniping in the media, instead praising each other in recent days. Jackson even said Cuban would be an excellent prospective owner for the troubled Los Angeles Dodgers, although Cuban declined to comment on the much-rumored prospect before Game 1.

Both clubs finished off their first-round series in six games after

splitting the first four. The Lakers took control against the Hornets after the opening stunner, while the Mavericks bounced back admirably after blowing a 23-point lead in a Game 4 loss to Portland.

NOTES: Bryant had the 81st 30-point game of his playoff career, trailing only Michael Jordan (109) in NBA history. Bryant has scored in double figures in 156 straight postseason games. ... Fans near courtside included Eddie Murphy, Justin Timberlake, David Beckham (on his 36th birthday), Gordon Ramsay, Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, January Jones, Jennifer Carpenter, singer Seal, Mekhi Phifer, Anthony Kiedis, New York Jets TE Dustin Keller and Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon is void-of-course in Taurus, giving a slow, sensual feel to the day. It's a prime opportunity to laze around like Ferdinand, the flower-loving, peaceful bull in the story by Munro Leaf. If you'd rather be lazing around in the meadow than fighting the matador, no one will blame you for going with your natural rhythms and inclinations.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You go out of your way to get mental perspective. No one can accuse you of missing the forest for the trees. You'll see the trees, the forest, the continent they are on and the curve of the planet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not sure how far to take an idea. There are expenses involved, and you're not sure whether it would be worthwhile to incur those expenses. The answer is: not yet. Don't put your money into this until you are certain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Staying on course

will be a challenge. Your mind fires in many directions at once. Your social interaction may feel unfocused. Yet the whimsy of your mood produces bits of creativity that turn out to be both interesting and lucrative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something you could do better if you had formal instruction in it. The training is not as difficult to get, time consuming or costly as you think it will be. Go for it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a person who goes in after you clean, polish and present all the work you've done. Honor and praise this often-unsung helper. Make your appreciation widely known.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have thoughts that are inappropriate or prejudiced, keep them to yourself and don't worry too much. This is only a sign that you have let down your guard and are in a highly creative mode.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What a bit of fun you'll get into today. Some might even call it trouble, and they wouldn't be far off, either. But it's the kind of fun/trouble that bubbles up and then recedes just as quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might take certain shortcuts when you're walking alone, but you wouldn't bring others down the same potentially treacherous path — too risky. Your protective nature emerges tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've worked hard to achieve a certain standard in your work, and now you need to work just as hard to market it. The response you receive will be directly correlated to the number of times you put yourself out there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You infuse your activities with the qualities that make you shine: attitude, vision and creativity. A little nuisance project could be

the start of a huge enterprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have double the energy of yesterday, so don't let it go to waste. Go beyond what you did yesterday. If you walked a mile, walk two. If you read an article, finish the whole magazine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll benefit by trying to see the other side of an equation. For instance, maybe it's not the people involved in a problem who are to blame for it, but the situation and environment they are in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 3). You have skills, and the next 10 weeks bring several opportunities to apply them and gain maximum personal and financial satisfaction. July brings the attainment of a treasured possession. Domestic life gains fresh energy in August. You'll attract fans in September. You share a special connection with Scorpio and Cancer people. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 18, 43 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a

Virgo. A few years ago, I was deeply in debt. Then I made a large sum of money unexpectedly, and I paid it all off. Now I'm married with children and in even deeper than the first time, although this time it's mostly real estate so it's considered 'good debt.' However, there is still a car payment and two credit cards that are nearly maxed. I feel the pressure of this financial debt at all times. I even dream about it. My husband, an Aquarius, says I'm worried unnecessarily and I should loosen up. But how am I supposed to do that, knowing that the financial situation is so dire?"

Your husband is right. The worry won't do you any good and will only restrict you from the flow of good fortune. The stressful feelings will go away when you have a plan on paper that makes sense to you. This will require you to face your financial scene honestly, thoroughly and head on. Take it on as you would any other project. Try not to be so emotionally involved. Read books on personal finance, or get a financial mentor. Look at it as a math equation to be solved instead of a judgment about you.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Strength, stamina and classic good looks are gifts of Venus-ruled Taurus, the first earth sign of the zodiac. David Beckham is a fine example of all of these qualities. Beckham was born when Mars was in Pisces, suggesting a powerful intuitive guidance system and a deeply soulful nature. His Aquarius moon reveals a need to be generous and philanthropic.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Forewarned Is Forearmed

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 2
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 7 5 2
♣ J 10 6 3
EAST
♠ J 9 8 4
♥ 5 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ 9 5 4
SOUTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A Q 8
♦ Q 4
♣ K Q 8 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass Pass Dble
2♥ 3♦ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of hearts.
There are many hands where, when the play begins, declarer has no idea how the opposing cards are distributed. If he then adopts the most promising line of play and it happens to fail, he cannot be faulted, even though some other approach might have proven successful.
But there are also many instances where declarer knows a great deal about the unseen hands because of the bidding. If there is sufficient information available to him to find the winning method of play and he does not do so, then the blame can be

laid squarely on his doorstep.
Consider today's deal where South arrives at three notrump on the bidding shown. Given West's opening bid, declarer should have no trouble finding the winning route to nine tricks. But if he makes the slightest slip along the way, he will fail.
The critical play comes at trick two, after South wins the opening heart lead with the queen. If he next leads the queen of diamonds, West wins, continues hearts and later gets in with the ace of clubs to put the contract down two.
If instead declarer leads a club at trick two, West takes the ace, continues hearts and eventually scores a one-trick set.
But observe the difference if South leads a low diamond at trick two. If West puts up the ace, declarer has nine tricks — four diamonds, two hearts and three spades. And if West ducks the diamond instead, dummy's jack wins. South then abandons diamonds and drives out the ace of clubs to assure nine tricks in the form of three clubs, three spades, two hearts and a diamond.
The winning line of play is not difficult to find given West's bidding, which marks him with both missing aces. Armed with this information, South simply arranges the play so that he is sure to score nine tricks before West can get five.

Tomorrow: A one-shot decision.
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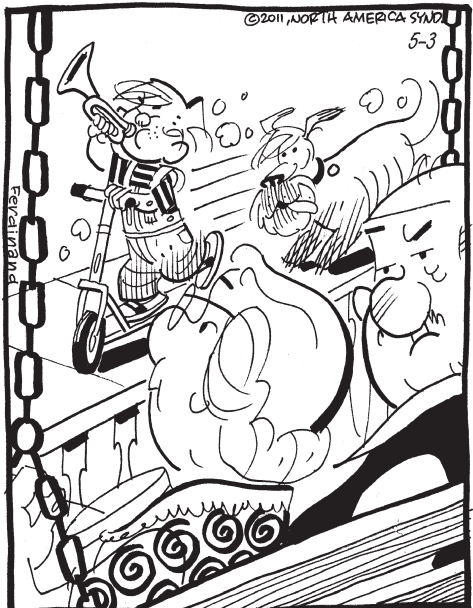
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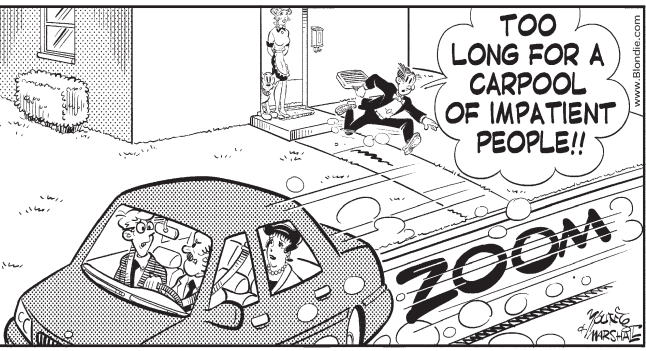
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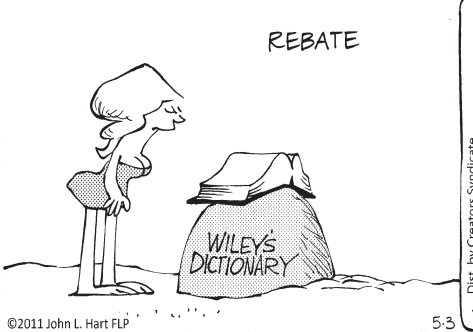
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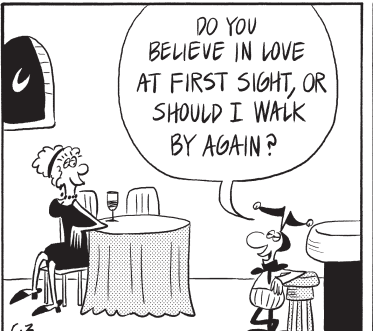
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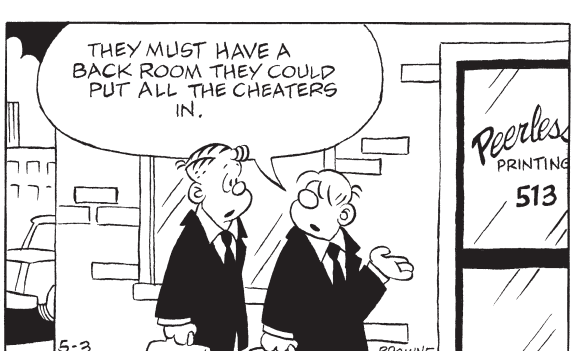
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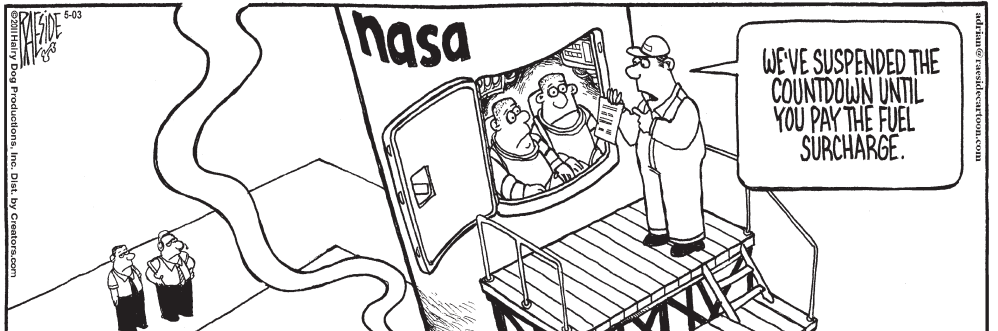
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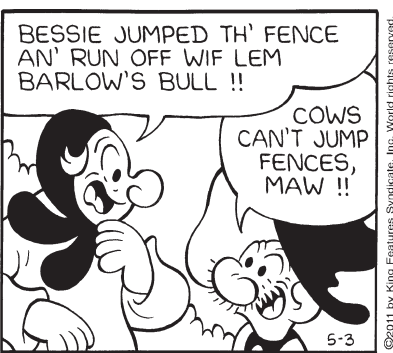
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This Date In History

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blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable. In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 52. Country singer Shane Minor is 43. Actor Bobby Cannavale (ka-nuh-VAL-'ee) is 41. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 40.

Newsday Crossword

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