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By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

April 14.

Pearls of Wisdom for Good Health — the theme for the the 30th annual health fair, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be shining through

For 30 years the health fair - set from 8 a.m. until noon

for area residents to receive updated medical information and allow them to take advantage of free screenings.

In order to provide the information and medical screenings to the community, businesses in the medical industry are asked to register for a booth.

Booth spaces reserved by

reserved between March 16-26 will be \$100. According Debbye

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ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the health fair started at the Highland Mall, moved to the Big Spring Mall and eventually outgrew the facility, when it was moved to its current location

"We are very grateful for our corporate sponsors who have been with us, especially those who have been with us since the beginning — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the VA Medical Center and Dora Roberts Rehabiliation Center," ValVerde said.

The newest corporate spon-

The 2012 health fair has 14 sponsors and without their support, the health fair wouldn't be what it has come to be, according to ValVerde. Each year, more than 1,100

people visit the health fair. "It is because of our

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Sweet tradition resumes Saturday



Kiwanis Club to hold annual pancake supper this weekend

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Pancakes, pancakes and more pancakes.

The time is here for the annual Kiwanis Club of Big Spring pancake supper. All the pancakes you can eat will be in the Howard College cafeteria, located in the student



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p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday "This is a long-standing

tradition. We have people who remember having their grandparents take them and they have taken their children and grandchildren." pancake supper co-chair Ann Duncan said. The pancake supper has

been taking place for the past 60-plus years and no end seems to be in sight, according to Duncan. 'This is something people

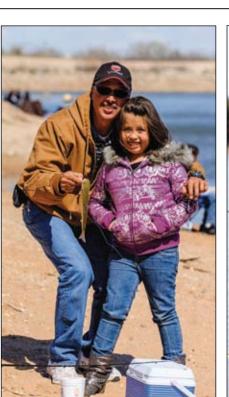
look forward to each year and it's something we want to keep going as long as we can," Duncan said. The money raised from the

supper will be used to benefit service projects involving the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, as well as the Westside Davcare Center. Tickets can be purchased

for \$6 by calling Duncan at 432-466-4887.

Contact Staff Writer Aman-

da Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com







HERALD photos/Bruce Schooler A good turnout and nice but cool weather made Saturday's Rotary Club-sponsored

Kid's Fishing Tournament at Comanche Trail Lake a success. From top, clockwise, Cara Morgan with father Mark Morgan, 3-year-old Noah Dubose and dad J.R., and a group of children casting their lines.

Monthly YMCA walks get under way

By AMANDA MORENO Staff Writer

Ready to walk?

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The YMCA has started

sponsoring a monthly jump start — Walking through 2012 the first Saturday of each

Saturday was the first walk, two "laps" around the YMCA. Those attending walked from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. The event was well-attended for its "kickoff."

"We want to get the month started on the right path," said Dathan Jones, YMCA director. "People don't realize walking is a lot like running. Doing something is better than doing nothing." The first 100 people received

a T-shirt, a water bottle and a pedometer.

"The walk is for everyone, not just members," Jones said. "Everyone is encour-

aged to come out from the age

cat or fish; anyone and everyone is encouraged to come walk." Walk through 2012 is aimed

of zero to 99. Bring your dog,

at tackling the obesity problem facing the nation. Jones hopes the walk will serve as a jump start for families and get them kicked off to a healthy month.

"Our focus is on strengthening the core of the community

said. "We want to help people walk to a better you, walk to a better family, walk to a better community." There is no fee to partici-

pate in the walk and no reservations need to be made. "We are just asking people

to show up the first Saturday of each month," Jones said. The next walk will begin at

8 a.m. April 7. For more information, con-

and that's the family," Jones tact the YMCA at 267-8234.

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Obituaries

Rommy Austin White



Graveside services for Rommy White, age Brownwood, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood with pastor Tony King officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Rommy passed away Friday, March 2, 2012, in the Brownwood Skilled Nursing Facility.

Rommy Austin White was born Jan. 25, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas, to Roland H. White and Dorothy E. Smart-White-Benes. He had been a resident of Brownwood since 1971 and had worked as a truck driver and in the oil fields. Rommy loved his friends and family; his dog, Snowy; and his Texas

Survivors are his longtime friend and companion Connie Olin of Brownwood; step-father, Anton Benes of Brownwood; son, Mike and wife Judy Coates of Keyes, Calif.; daughter, Dana and husband David Brantley of Merced, Calif.; daughter, Jodie and husband Larry Don Freeman of Dover, Ark.; brother, Johnny and wife Nina White of Plainview, Texas; sister, Dee Dee and husband Earl King of Coahoma, Texas; sister, Serena Carter of Kilgore, Texas; sister, Judy and husband Eddie Mann of Big Spring, Texas; sister, Ginger and husband JC Gosssett of Colorado City, Texas; brothers, Roland E. White and James White, both of Big Spring, Texas; seven grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland H. White and Dorothy E. Smart-White-Benes; and son, RD White.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.blaylockfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society. Blaylock Funeral Home in Brownwood is in charge of arrangements for Mr.

Paid obituary

Estelle Meeks

Estelle Meeks, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 3, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Toni B. Choate

Toni B. Choate, 73, of Midland died Saturday, March 3, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for with Parkinson's Dis Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in driving while license invalid with a previous conlearning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.atElbowElementary.ContactKerriRosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

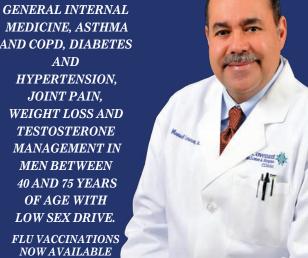
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• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Police blotter

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

- SAMANTHA CYBIL LINDQUIST, 26, of 1306 Tucson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public
- LORYN REA ESCOVEDO, 19, of 1216 E. 16th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. • ABEL MARTINEZ, 37, of 2515 Chanute, was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-CHRIS EUGENE DURHAM, 40, of 709 E. 12th St.,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 57, of 110 Scout Hut Rd., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from anoth-
- MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 28, of 1101 Marijo Ave., was arrested Sunday on a warrant from
- another agency. • TAMMIE KAY RICHARDSON, 31, of Montague, Texas, was arrested Sunday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 700 block of Johnson Street. In the 700 block of Johnson Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this

- JEREMY JAMES ARMSTRONG, 24, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief. VOY WAYNE EASON, 44, was booked into the
- county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated. CHARITY LEE HARPER, 31, was booked into the county jail Friday by the Glasscock County
- Sheriff's Office on a Glasscock County motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid. JACOB SEPOULUEDA MARTINEZ, 23, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of no safety belt - child and violation of a

promise to appear.

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for failure to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- DERECK WILLIAM POPE, 28, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTONIO ARGUELLO, 26, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless damage or destruction. • JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 33, was booked into
- the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of • LISA GALE GAMBLE, 47, was booked into the arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving
- ounty jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of while intoxicated. viction or suspension. • MARIO IRENIO YANEZ, 31, was booked into the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 28, was arrested
- Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- · ABEL MARTINEZ, 37, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 57, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on an Austin parole warrant.
- LORYN RAE ESCOVEDO, 19, was booked into · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
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Chicago	36	31	mst sunny	Phoenix	84	54	pt sunny
Dallas	75	51	sunny	San Francisco	63	47	pt sunny
Denver	63	36	sunny	Seattle	45	31	rain
Houston	75	54	sunny	St. Louis	48	38	sunny
Los Angeles	77	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	49	28	cloudy
Miami	76	59	mst sunny				

 TAMMY KAY ROGERS, 31, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.

 ROBERT LEE GIBBS, 29, was booked into the county jail Sunday by another agency on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JACKIE MURPHREE JR., 18, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of unlawful restraint.

CHANCE LANG, 25, was arrested Monday by

DPS on a charge of public intoxication. • JOHNATHON LANCE ANTHONY, 24, was

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of

Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of

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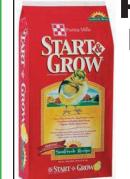
Sycamore. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of

Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of

Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Major and Driver Road. One person

- was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Settles. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.



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4-year-old boy's body pulled from 30-foot hole

CARLSBAD. N.M. (AP) — Crews pulled the body of a 4-year-old boy from a narrow, 30-footdeep hole in Carlsbad Monday, two days after he disappeared from his home next door, state police said. Spokesman Robert

McDonald said police confirm the body is Samuel Jones. Efforts to recover

the body began Sunday afternoon after a detective shined his flashlight down a hole and saw what appeared to be a boy dressed in clothing Samuel was last wearing when he disappeared Saturday. Searchers later sent a camera down the hole and confirmed a child was about 30 feet down. Temperature and oxygen levels were later taken and showed no signs of life.

An Amber Alert in effect for him was canceled Sunday night. A large tracked exca-

vator was used in the recovery along with metal shoring typically used in pipeline construction projects. A specialized search and rescue team from Roswell went Carlsbad to oversee the operations.

A renewed houseto-house search had just started shortly after daybreak Sunday morning when a detective found the 14-inchwide hole in the backyard of the home next door to Samuel's house, said Carlsbad police spokeswoman Lt. Jennifer Movers. The boy's mother and

father were told of the discovery of the body while at the scene.

There is no indication of foul play, and police know of no history of child abuse at the home, but detectives are treating the case as a homicide as a precaution, Moyers said. Samuel lived in the

home with his parents and two older siblings, a boy and girl ages 6 and 7, Moyers said. Some young cousins were at the house Saturday when the boy was last seen playing in the yard. The rural neighbor-

hood is a mix of homes and vacant lots. A 4-foot chain link fence separates the boy's home from his neighbor's. It's possible the boy could have climbed the fence and simply fallen into the hole, which was dry and may be deeper than where the body was wedged, Moyers said. There are no curbs or sidewalks in the neighborhood on the city's south side.

Obama possible re-election ignites boom in gun sales

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Gun sales are booming across Texas, and some buyers say their growing belief that President Barack Obama will inevitably be re-elected is fueling their race to bear more arms.

And sales haven't just risen in Texas. There's been a rush nationwide, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (http://bit.ly/y3YDO6) reported in Sunday's edition.

The Cheaper than Dirt gun store in Fort Worth set a sales record for February, said store owner DeWayne Irwin, who described the rush as similar to one seen shortly after Obama's 2008 election. "We're at the top of the roller

the Star-Telegram. "It's fixing to happen again. I don't know if it will be to the same extent it was before, but I see it coming.' Alan Korwin, author of nine books on gun laws and operator of a gun laws website, said people are worried that Obama's re-elec-

coaster, and we're about to plum-

met down the side," Irwin told

tion would embolden a major gun control push. "I'm constantly getting questions from people in the community about this," Korwin told the newspaper. "People are concerned that if Obama wins, as a lame duck, he will go after fire-

"We saw a fire sale when he was elected last time. But the speculation is that now ... with his need to get re-elected gone, the sky is the limit on attacking the Second Amendment (right to bear arms)."

arms in a way we have never

seen before.

First ladies conference

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas conference to explore the influence and mystique of first ladies will feature two women who have held the post: Laura

"We saw a fire sale when he was elected last time. But the speculation is that now ... with his need to get re-elected gone, the sky is the limit on attacking the Second Amendment (right to bear arms)."

FBI records show the bureau in 2011 received more than 16.3 million inquiries from firearms sellers running criminal background checks on potential buyers, compared to 12.7 million in 2008. Texas had around 1 million such requests in each of the past four years, ranking second to Kentucky's total nearly doubling that, the FBI records show.

John Woods, a University of Texas graduate student whose girlfriend died in the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting rampage that left 33 dead, has lobbied for legislation to keep guns off campuses. He doesn't believe the fears that are sparking the gun sales have any basis.

"The gun lobby has long known that fear is a remarkable marketing and fundraising tool," Woods told the newspaper. "But the Supreme Court ruled recently that the Second Amendment is an individual right, so that fear is completely misplaced."

Furthermore, "it's bad politics to be on the wrong side of the Second Amendment at election time," said Wayne LaPierre, National Rifle Association execu-

Bush and her mother-in-law, Barbara Bush.

Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will moderate a conversation with the former first ladies Monday. The conference also will include a discustive vice president.

Denton County gun owner Robert Chafin concurs. Chafin stockpiled firearms and ammunition during Bill Clinton's presidency for fear of future unavailability. However, he said the 10-year assault weapons ban Congress passed in 1994 and other guncontrol efforts proved to be disastrous to Democrats in the 1994 elections.

"I'm sure that Barack Obama himself would institute a total ban on gun ownership if he could," Chafin said. "He would never be able to put together any sort of consensus in Congress for additional restrictions on private firearms ownership."

However, Chafin suspects the administration has waged an underground war on private gun ownership. He cites the Operation Fast and Furious gun-smuggling operation that officials say was aimed at tracking down and capturing those running guns from the United States to Mexican drug cartels. Chafin said the operation was simply "trying to build a case for banning private

sales." Mark Greene, hunter and former member of Gun Owners for Obama, disagrees. He said he still owns guns — and still supports Obama.

"And I still have very little in common with the fear-mongers and bunker-mentality gun nuts who will tell any lie they think they can get away with to try and bring down this president they hate so vehemently and irrationally," he said.

sion with historians on the sway of first ladies throughout history, a panel on the role of their social secretaries and a discussion by photographers, who will talk about documenting the first

▶ Texas briefs Southwest flight canceled after box

cutter found A Southwest Airlines flight

from Houston to Dallas has been canceled after a passenger spotted a box cutter in the plane's overhead bin. Southwest spokeswoman Olga Romero says a

passenger on the scheduled 6:15 a.m. Monday flight

from Houston's Hobby Airport found the box cutter and turned it over to the crew. The plane's captain alerted airport security.

All 97 passengers were taken off the plane and re-The plane was searched, but no other hazards

were found. Romero says the passengers have since been re-

booked and arrived in Dallas.

The Transportation Security Administration didn't immediately return a phone call seeking

N Texas jail escapee sentenced after guilty plea

BONHAM, Texas (AP) — A parolee who pleaded guilty to multiple charges less than two weeks after his escape from a North Texas jail has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Jimmy Lee Brock was awaiting trial on charges related to the alleged killing of his girlfriend's cat in November when he walked away from a Fannin County Jail work detail on Feb. 21. He was captured several days later when he returned to Bonham to visit his girlfriend at work.

Brock served 17 years for robbery before getting paroled in 2010. He said he escaped because

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he thought previous convictions were being held Could these calls be investigated by you?" against him in the cat-killing case.

tenced to 25 years on the escape charge and 20 years on animal cruelty and burglary charges.

Reward going up in activist's death

HOUSTON (AP) - Authorities in Houston are set to announce an increased reward in the investigation into the January shooting death of an Iranian human rights activist.

The Houston Chronicle is reporting that the reward will go up to \$10,000 on Monday in the case of Gelareh Bagherzadeh. She was found shot to the death in her car Jan. 16.

The 30-year-old was an outspoken supporter of women's rights in Iran and had recently converted from Islam to Christianity. Bagherzadeh moved to the U.S. several years ago and was studying molecular genetic technology.

In January, investigators had not found evidence suggesting she was targeted for her nationality or activism. Though nothing was taken from her vehicle, authorities haven't ruled out robbery as the motive.

Texas nurse faces death penalty LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Paramedics were making

so many trips to a dialysis clinic in the East Texas city of Lufkin, a top fire department official wrote an anonymous letter to state health department inspectors pleading for somebody to take a look at the "In the last two weeks, we have transported 16 pa-

tients," the mid-April 2008 note said. "This seems a little abnormal and disturbing to my med crews.

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mobile will be on hand and Safe Kids safety car seat checks will be taking place. To reserve booth space,

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State medical surveyors within days showed up Brock pleaded guilty Thursday and was sen- at the DaVita Dialysis clinic in the Texas Piney Woods By then, EMS had been called as many as 30 times that month, including seven for cardiac prob-

> lems, and made at least 19 runs. Four people had died. Over the previous 15 months, there had been two calls.

On Monday, Kimberly Saenz, a 38-yearold nurse who worked at the clinic, was set to face trial for one count of capital murder that accuses her of killing as many as five patients and five counts of aggravated assault for injuring five others.

With the inspectors present April 28, 2008, two patients undergoing dialysis said they suddenly didn't feel well and two others reported separately they saw Saenz inject bleach into dialysis tubing used by fellow patients Marva Rhone and Carolyn Risinger.

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▶ World Briefs

Obama says force an option against Iran, but will try to talk Israel out of striking now WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama

says he doesn't want war but insists he would attack Iran if that was the only option left to stop that nation from getting a nuclear weapon.

"Loose talk of war" only plays into Iran's hands,

Obama said Sunday. On Monday, he will try to persuade Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to slow quickening pressure among many in his hawkish government to attack Iran's disputed nuclear development sites. Obama is trying to avert an Israeli strike that could come this spring, and which the United States sees as dangerously premature.

The president is expected to tell Netanyahu in private at the White House that although the U.S. is committed to Israel's security it does not want to be dragged into another war. Obama is unlikely to spell out U.S. "red lines" that would trigger a miltary response, despite Israeli pressure to do so.

U.S. officials believe that while Tehran has the capability to build a nuclear weapon, it has not yet decided to do so. They want to give sanctions time to pressure Iran to give up any military nuclear ambitions. Israel says the threat is too great to wait and many officials there are advocating a preemptive strike.

Obama did not directly call on Israel to stand down, and made a point of saying Israel should always have the right to defend itself as it sees fit.

Republican hopefuls sprint to Super Tuesday, with Ohio a neck-and-neck race

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The stakes enormous, Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum were making last-minute appeals to woo Ohioans in a Rust Belt state where polls show a neck-and-neck race just one day before the Super Tuesday primary.

Ten states across all regions of the country will hold GOP nominating contests Tuesday, presenting a critical test of momentum and organization for the GOP hopefuls in what's become a prolonged battle for the right to take on Democratic President Barack Obama in November.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press, Santorum said Romney's inability to wrap up the nomination, despite an enormous financial advantage, "raises a lot of questions in people's minds whether this is the man who can unite the party and be effective as a foil against Obama."

He suggested that the GOP nomination may not be settled until this summer's party convention.

In Knoxville, Tenn., Romney didn't mention his GOP rivals, instead quoting verses from the theme song to Davy Crockett and exhorting the hundreds who showed up to vote for him Tuesday.

Romney and Santorum both were to campaign across Ohio on Monday. While Romney has a significant advantage in northeastern states like Vermont and Massachusetts and Santorum sees advantages in conservative states like Oklahoma, Ohio is a critical battleground that also has a history as a key general election swing state.

Death of Ind. baby dropped in field by tornado brings toll to 39 as survivors pick up pieces

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Fifteen-month-old Angel Babcock seemed to be the miracle survivor of a deadly tornado that killed her parents and two siblings when she arrived Friday night at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, Ky. Though critically injured, she was opening her eyes, and hospital workers said that was a hopeful sign.

But the New Pekin, Ind., girl's condition deteriorated Saturday as her brain swelled, chief nursing officer Cis Gruebbel said. As the day went on, Angel's eyes ceased to move, and there was no sign of brain activity. Medical staff told her family there was nothing more they could do.

Angel's death Sunday ended a hopeful tale for survivors in the Midwest and South and brought to 39 the number of people killed by the storms that devastated five states.

As residents picked through the rubble and made

plans to bury their dead, they also began trying to find a semblance of normalcy as officials continued to assess the damage. The National Weather Service in Louisville, Ky.,

The National Weather Service in Louisville, Ky., said the tornado that struck New Pekin measured an EF-3 on the enhanced Fujita scale, while another tornado that struck nearby Henryville, Ind., measured an EF-4 and packed winds of 175 mph.

International observer group says 'serious problems' in Russian presidential election

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the major international election observer mission in Russia says there were "serious problems" in the vote that returned Vladimir Putin to the presidency.

Tonino Picula said in a statement Monday that "there was no real competition, and abuse of government resources ensured that the ultimate winner of the election was never in doubt."

Picula headed the short-term observer mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

A brief synopsis of the mission's findings did not address Russian independent observers' contentions that there were widespread cases of people casting multiple ballots, but said the election "process deteriorated during the vote count, which was assessed negatively in almost one-third of polling stations observed."

The Central Elections Commission says Prime Minister Putin, who was president in 2000-2008, got more than 63 percent of the nationwide vote, but the independent Russian elections watchdog Golos says incomplete reports from its observers of individual polling station counts indicate he hovered perilously close to the 50-percent mark needed for a first-round victory.

Officials: 106 dead in Yemen fighting between al-Qaida and army; 55 troops taken prisoner

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Military officials say the death toll from fighting in southern Yemen between army troops and al-Qaida militants has risen to 106, with another 55 soldiers taken prisoner.

They said Sunday's battle in Abyan province left

78 soldiers and 28 militants killed and wounded scores from both sides. Medical officials confirmed the latest death toll.

Speaking on Monday, the military officials said the militants took hostage another 55 troops during the surprise attack against army bases just outside Abyan's provincial capital of Zinjibar.

The captives were paraded late on Sunday through the streets of Jaar, a nearby town that has been under al-Qaida's control for nearly a year.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to speak to the media.

Relatively light sentences challenge image of Guantanamo's tough tribunals

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)

– The military tribunals held at this isolated U.S.

outpost have been lambasted as kangaroo courts, heavily weighted in favor of the prosecution. But most of the convictions so far have led to lighter than expected sentences.

Legal experts note, with some caveats, that all but one of the seven convictions at what are known as military commissions, including a plea bargain

finalized Wednesday for a former Maryland man, have resulted in lower sentences than those routinely handed out in U.S. civilian courts for similar offenses.

"There is no evidence, zero, none, zip, that the justice delivered in military commissions is harsher than the justice delivered in federal court," said Benjamin Wittes, a senior fellow and terrorism

specialist at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

"And there is a fair bit of evidence, based admittedly on a very limited universe of military commissions cases to date, that the quality of justice is more lenient," said Wittes, one of the founders of

Some critics challenge the whole concept of the military trials and note that a majority of the 171 prisoners never will be charged with a crime, let alone face trial, despite the fact that most were captured more than a decade ago.

the influential Lawfare blog.

Officials: Gang of gunmen kills 25 police in early morning shooting spree in western Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A gang of gunmen disguised in military-style uniforms and carrying forged arrest warrants killed 25 police Monday, then hoisted the battle flag of al-Qaida in a carefully planned early morning shooting spree in western Iraq, officials said.

The killings began with an attack on a suburban checkpoint and the kidnapping of two police commanders from their homes in the western Iraqi city of Haditha around 2 a.m. It ended with the gang disappearing into the desert in this latest bloody strike against Iraq's security forces.

At least one of the attackers was killed in a raid that lasted about a half-hour.

"We consider this attack as a serious security breach and we believe that al-Qaida or groups linked to it are behind this," said Mohammed Fathi, spokesman for the governor of Iraq's western Anbar province where Haditha is located.

Iraqi officials described a systematic plot to kill police in Haditha, 140 miles (220 kilometers) northwest of Baghdad, with attackers disguising themselves in military uniforms and driving cars painted to look like Iraqi interior ministry vehicles.

AP source: Holder will address targeted killings of overseas Americans who pose threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five months after the CIA sought out and killed an American-born cleric and al-Qaida operative in Yemen, Attorney General Eric Holder is expected to explain how the U.S. can legally kill U.S. citizens on foreign soil.

According to the official, Holder plans to say in a major speech on Monday at Northwestern University law school in Chicago that lethal force is legal under a Sept. 18, 2001, joint congressional

The Authorization for Use of Military Force enacted a week after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks authorizes the use of all necessary force in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States.

The official said Holder also will address how the Obama administration reformed military commissions and how both the Obama and the George W. Bush administrations have successfully used civilian courts to convict and sentence terrorists. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the contents of the speech haven't been released.

In recent months, the Obama administration has engaged in an internal debate about how much to reveal about the legal justification for the killing of Anwar al-Awlaki.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Jordan Allen hits a walk-off home run to conclude a Saturday doubheader sweep of the Odessa College Wranglers at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks took all four games of their conference-opening series with Odessa.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Austin, here they come.

A last-second shot from Michael Jimenez propelled the Grady Wildcats to a 45-43 victory over the Sands Mustangs in the championship game of the Reg. I-1A Div. II boy's basketball tournament Saturday in Levelland.

The victory gives the Wildcats a berth in the University Interscholastic League State Tournament, set to begin Friday in Austin.

With the clock winding down and the score tied 43-43, senior guard Bryson Richards drove the lane to the basket, then dished the ball to a wide-open Jimenez, who sank the game-winner.

The victory capped a wild comeback for Grady, which rallied from a 14-point third quarter deficit.

The Mustangs had controlled the early going, building a 30-19 lead at the half and increasing their advantage before Grady launched its comeback with an 18-4 run that ended when Richards hit a pair of free throws that tied the game at 39-39 with a little less than six minutes remaining.

The teams then traded baskets down the stretch before Jimenez hit his game-win-Caleb Thomason led the

Mustangs (28-8) with 13 points, while Richards and Zeke Clay led the 30-5 Wildcats with 20 and 13 points, respectively.

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BSHS boy's golf third at Andrews

ANDREWS - The Big Spring High School boy's golf team finished third behind host Andrews and El Paso Coronado at the Andrews Invitational Saturday.

Andrews A won the tournament with a two-day team total of 158, followed two strokes back by Coronado.

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McIlroy holds off Tiger

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. Rory McIlroy was six holes away from winning the Honda Classic and going to No. 1 in the world, an outcome that looked inevitable as he stood on the 13th green Sunday at PGA National.

That's when he heard the roar. Even from the farthest corner of the course, McIlroy knew it was for Tiger Woods. And McIlroy could tell by the sheer volume that it was an eagle.

"I could hear the huge roar," McIlroy said. "And it definitely wasn't a birdie roar."

For Woods, it was a moment that finally put some color into that red shirt, a birdie-eagle finish for a 62, the lowest final round of his career to get within one shot of the lead and force the 22-yearold from Northern Ireland to play the final hour with little room for

But this is no ordinary kid.

McIlroy answered with clutch shots of his own, a performance that showed why he's the new No. 1 in golf.

He poured in the 8-foot birdie putt on the 13th for a two-shot lead. He gouged out a wedge from grass so deep he could barely see the ball to save par on the 14th, and he twice saved par from the bunker on the scary par 3s for a 1-under 69 and a two-shot win.

"It was tough today, especially seeing Tiger make a charge," McIlroy said. "I knew par golf would probably be good enough. To shoot 1 under in these

conditions, when you go into the round with the lead, is very nice. And I was just able to get the job done."

McIlroy became the 16th player to be No. 1 since the world ranking began in 1986, and the fourth player in the last 16 months since Woods abdicated the top spot after a five-year reign. McIlroy replaced Luke Donald and became the second-youngest player to be No. 1 behind Woods, who was 21 when he first got to the top after the 1997 U.S. Open.

"It was always a dream of mine to become the world No. 1 and the best player in the world or whatever you want to call it," McIlroy said. "But I didn't know what I would be able to get here

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

Big Spring at Brownfield, 7 p.m. Howard College at McMurry (DH), 3 p.m., Abilene.

Softball

Abilene Cooper at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m. Forsan at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball

Forsan at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Hamlin takes checkered flag at Phoenix Raceway

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Denny Hamlin spent nearly two months of the offseason in the Scottsdale area, hoping to get away from racing for a while, reinvigorate himself for the 2012 season.

It seemed to do wonders, leading to a win at a place where he had one of the biggest disappointments of his career.

Hamlin pulled away when NASCAR's best closer ran out of gas and then had to sweat out his own fuel mileage before completing a confidence-boosting win at Phoenix International Raceway on Sunday.

"It's a little bit of satisfaction there, for sure," Hamlin said. "It's a bittersweet track."

It was, in fact, the site of one of his worst memories as a driver.

Hamlin seemed to have a comfortable lead over Jimmie Johnson in the penultimate race of the 2010 Chase when his title hopes were derailed by a fuel strategy that backfired. Forced to pit for fuel late in the race, he scrambled just to finish 19th while

Johnson was fifth. Hamlin left the desert dejected after his lead was trimmed to 15 points and ended up losing the title the next week to Johnson, who earned his record fifth straight Sprint Cup championship.

Hamlin then had bit of a hangover to start the 2011 season and never really clicked, ending up ninth in the Sprint Cup standings.

That's where his return to the desert comes in.

Trying to get away from the constant race chatter around the Charlotte, N.C., area, Hamlin rented a house in Paradise Valley for seven weeks during the offseason. He came back strong to start this season, finishing fourth at the Daytona 500 with new crew chief Darian Grubb after qualifying 31st.

Hamlin started 13th at PIR and briefly led a couple of times before beating Kevin Harvick off the line after a caution with 59 laps left. Harvick, NASCAR's best finisher, put a scare into him toward the end, but ran out of gas on the final

Hamlin was concerned about gas as well, but had just enough for a celebratory burnout after his 18th career win and his first lead in the points since dejectedly leaving Phoenix in 2010.

"When I come back here (and

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Rangers drop exhibition opener

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) Kansas City's Billy Butler has been heeding the advice of his manager Ned Yost.

Butler hit a two-run home run with two outs in the first inning and the Royals defeated the Texas Rangers 6-1 in the exhibition opener for both clubs on Sunday.

Yost does not care if Butler sacrifices a few points off his batting average to drive in more runs.

'That's a fair judgment," Yost said. "I think it was more of a mindset adjustment more than anything else. He's got the power and the ability to do it. He's such a good hitter at times he would just focus early in the atbat in putting the ball in

After hitting .318 with 95 runs.

proach early in the at-bat and then get two strikes

and do what he does best,

put the ball in play," Yost

78 RBIs in 2010, Butler's average dropped to .291 last year, but he drove in "I want him to adopt to more of a haymaker ap-

"I do think he's a total hitter. I think he's a run producer, a power hitter and an (high) average hitter. I think the last year the second half he did a really, really good job with that mindset."

After the All-Star break last season, Butler hit 13 of his 19 home runs, while driving in 57 runs, which tied for the third-most RBIs in the majors. He also hit 24 doubles after the break, which ranked fourth in the majors.

Rangers right-hander Colby Lewis got ahead of Butler 0-2 when he drove the next pitch out to leftcenter with Johnny Giavotella aboard.

"I wasn't looking for a home run," Butler said. "Obviously, I got the barrel on it and got a good result. Usually, you're chasing something or hitting their pitch on 0-2 and I just didn't miss it."

Butler noted the Royals beat the team that won

the past two American League pennants. "It's definitely a good judge of where you're at as a team," Butler said.

"I don't care if it's Day 1

or not. Those guys over there are as talented as they come. That's the best team in the American League until somebody

knocks them off." Luis Mendoza, who is vying for a rotation slot, and four Kansas City relievers limited the Rangers to four singles and a Mitch Moreland home

"I got 2-0, in a hitter's count," Moreland said. "The main thing I did was I saw some pitches and I was able to work the pitcher a little bit better than what I did toward the end of the year last year."

Moreland hit .241 with five home runs after the All-Star break last year. He said "there weren't many" swings the second half of last season like he had in the fifth.

The Royals broke the game open with a fourrun fifth off left-hander Michael Kirkman. Lorenzo Cain, who went 2 for 2, led off the inning with a double. Ian Kinsler committed his second error of the game to make one run

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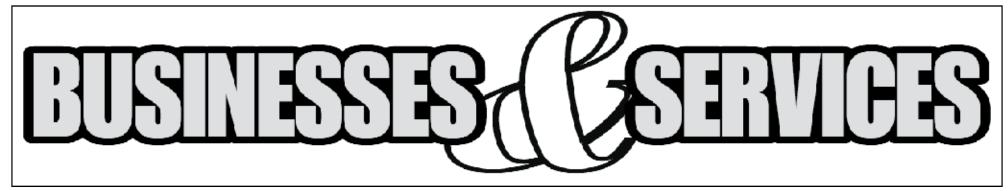
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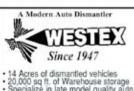
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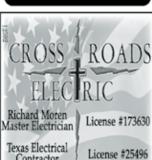
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you'll do well to remind yourself of the over course of this transit, which lasts until April

HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-19).

You feel emotion deeply and with a consuming passion. Let it out. Internalizing all of this intensity isn't good for you. Go where you can safely express yourself to the fullest extent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If everyone would

replace things they move and stay where they belong, a lot of confusion and accidents could be avoided. Everyone won't. But some will, especially if vou do your part. Many will follow you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll love the way people around you seem to be working just for you. Really, it's because your needs are alignment with what others want most to give.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Make sure your whole team is on the When same page. working everyone is together, you'll turn out a result that's a source of both pride and revenue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be sorting out many opinions that differ from your own. You'll stand your ground, but you'll also give in now and then for the sake of smooth relationships with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever games and battles you take on now, you're likely to win. So before you take on the fight, make sure it's something that would benefit you in the long run. Think it through to the end.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. delightful Your 23). balance of freewheeling spontaneity and disciplined organization will attract opportunities for friendship and new business. People feel they can trust you and also have some fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your talents are strong, especially ones that are hard to explain. Work that makes you use your powerful intuition to extract knowledge that is in some manner hidden will be the most satisfying to vou.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are loyal and ferociously committed to doing all vou can for those lucky enough to have won your

devotion. Your high level of personal responsibility will be understood for the beautiful gift it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life will bring a bit of surprise and chaos to liven things up. It will take extra effort to set things straight again, but you'll feel better when your surroundings are neat and orderly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get along with others because you "get it." Your individuality remains intact, but you also realize that you are equal to and in some ways united with everyone else around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your incredibly laidback mood is pleasant this morning, though you'll find the afternoon shift of gears equally pleasant. Suddenly, you want something new that requires you to develop more structure in your activities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 5). This month brings movement in the area of romance and business partnerships. When you meet people, you'll have a sense about how well you can get along and where to take the relationship. In June, there's a chance to establish yourself as an expert. Loved support and forward your interests in July. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 12, 30 and 14.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Pisces actress Jenna Fischer plays devoted wife and mom Pam Halpert on the hit television series "The Office" and then repeats the role at home with her husband and new baby. Fischer was born under a health-conscious,

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me she was glad to see me, but her eyes reflected anxiety. hope and happiness come back into her eyes.

I then joined a local volunteer organization Paws called Across Texas.

Kadie and I work as a registered therapy team, visiting nursing homes and hospitals. I witnessed a hardened street kid turn into a caring child when he gave my tired

dog a drink of water out refund. He said, "Sorry, of a paper cup.

I saw a handicapped person bury her face in the dog's fur and laugh with delight. And I've seen how it brightens the day of lonely seniors in a nursing home when Kadie cuddles next to them in bed. -L.A. in Euless, Texas

Dear L.A.: Get out the wet noodle. My grandmother was wrong. The beautiful, warmhearted letters from lovers have convinced me that a dog can indeed be man's best friend.

Dear Ann Landers: A co-worker in my office told me she wanted to see When Kadie started to a Broadway show. I have lick Mom's face, I saw a friend, "Harry," who gets tickets for me.

> This co-worker (I'll call her "Mary") asked if he could get her two good seats. She gave me the money, and I paid for the tickets. When I handed them to Mary, she said the seats weren't very good and asked for her money back.

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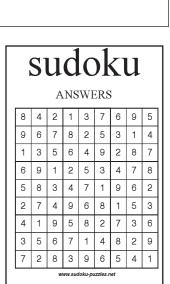
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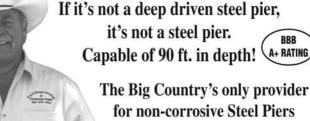
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Today is Monday, March 5, the 65th day of 2012. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On March 5, 1512, cartographer Gerardus Mercator, creator of the Mercator Projection map of the world, was born in Flanders in the Holy Roman Empire.

On this date:

In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people. In 1868, the Senate was orga-

nized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in tne Keichstag

In 1934, the first Mothers-in-Law Day celebration and parade took place in Amarillo, In 1946, Winston Churchill

speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades

delivered his "Iron Curtain"

in power. In 1959, a fire at the Negro Boys Industrial School in Wrightsville, Ark., claimed the lives of 21 teenagers trapped inside a locked dormitory

In 1960, Cuban newspaper photographer Alberto Korda took the now-famous picture of guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara during a memorial service in Havana for victims of a ship explosion. Elvis Preslev was discharged from the U.S. Army.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" "Hawkshaw" Copas and Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot Randy Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1970, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

space probe flew past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 90. Actor James B. Sikking is 78. Actor Dean Stockwell is 76. Actor Fred Williamson is 74. Actress Samantha Eggar is 73. Actor Michael Warren is 66. Actor Eddie Hodges is 65. Singer Eddy Grant is 64. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 60. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 58. Magician Penn Jillette is 57. Rock singers Charlie and Craig Reid (The Proclaimers) are 50. Rock musician John Frusciante (froo-SHAN'-tee) (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 42.

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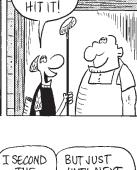
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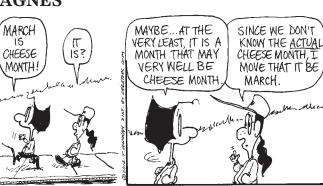
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64 " _ no idea!"

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66 Ooze

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HAMLIN

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win), it puts 2011 to rest," Hamlin said. "It's a year I'd soon like to forget and now we can focus on winning a championship.'

Hamlin had to hold off NA-SCAR's version of a closer to get it.

Harvick, who won three races at the finish last season, had Hamlin lined up for another last-second victory.

But as he closed in on the No. 11's bumper, Harvick's car turned off. His team had been concerned about having enough fuel to get to the end

and just missed it, the No. 29 coasting over the line just ahead of Greg Biffle for sec-

"Those are the types of things you've got to do to take the chances and when you're close enough to at least coast around, they did a good job," Harvick said. Johnson did the best he

could after his right rear wheel started shaking midway through the race. The five-time Sprint Cup

champion led early in the race, but had to pit twice during a caution because of a vibration and returned to the track in 25th.

Johnson clawed his way

back toward the front to finish fourth, a nice result after he was docked 25 points for his car failing inspection the first day of Speedweeks and wrecked two laps into the Daytona 500.

SPORTS

"We'll take it," said Johnson, still 71 points behind Hamlin.

"I'm not really satisfied. I really felt like we had a car to win the race with. Unfortunately, things didn't work out there. We had a little hiccup early in the race, but we still rebounded back and got a strong finish." Johnson wasn't the only

one feeling a little pride.

Grubb led Johnson to a vic-

tory in the 2006 Daytona 500 with crew chief Chad Knaus suspended and guided Tony Stewart to his third Sprint Cup title last year.

But just a week after winning the title, Grubb was fired by Stewart, who later hired Steve Addington away from Penske Racing to serve as his crew chief. Grubb landed with Joe

Gibbs Racing and seems to

have clicked right away with Hamlin. "I guess you could say it's a

little bit of vindication, but I really don't think that way, I just try to take the high road," Grubb said. "I feel like I came into a very good situation

and we're building a heck of a team with the No. 11 car."

The teams didn't have much time to prepare after one of the most bizarre Daytona

Weather pushed the start of the race to Monday night and Juan Pablo Montoya's didthat-really-happen crash into a safety truck during a caution led to a two-hour delay of flames and suds as crews tried to clean the track with laundry detergent.

Adding to the long weekend, many drivers weren't able to get home after the race because the airports in North Carolina were shut down due to bad weather.

HONDA

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quickly. this Hopefully, I can hold onto it for a little longer."

He celebrated by flying to New York to spend time with his girlfriend, tennis star Caroline Wozniacki, before returning to Florida next week for a World Golf Championship.

Donald responded quickly to the victory, tweeting "Congrats (at) McIlroyRory enjoy the view!"

Woods made two eagles in the final round and wound up two shots

behind, his best finish on the PGA Tour since he was runner-up in the 2009 Tour Championship. Tom Gillis birdied the last hole for a 69 to join Woods as a runner-

McIlroy, who finished on 12-under 268, won for the fifth time in his career. Three of those are on the PGA Tour, including his recordsetting victory in the U.S. Open last summer at Congressional.

He has finished out of the top five only once since the PGA Championship last August, winning three times, including the Shanghai Masters in an unofficial event against a worldclass field.

"There's very few players as good at him at his age out there winning tournaments," threetime major champion Harrington said. "There are guys with potential, but he's already delivered. And he has a good balance in his life. He doesn't look like a guy who is going to burn out. He looks like he's going to be here for a while."

McIlroy shared a big hug with his father, Gerry, as he walked off the 18th green. His parents have come over from Holywood to stay with him in south Florida through the Masters, where McIlroy figures to be a top favorite.

After a Sunday like this, no one will be quick to rule out Woods.

He was nine shots behind going into the final round, and even a 31 on the front nine in blustery conditions left him five shots behind McIlroy. But the finish especially that 5-iron into the 18th green was vintage Woods, and it at least gave him a chance.

"To me, it was the old Tiger back, the guy that I remember," said Ernie Els, who played alongside him. "He never missed a shot or made a bad swing.'

Lee Westwood, playing two groups ahead of Woods, closed with a 63 to finish alone in fourth.

"It was a lot of fun out there," Graeme McDowell said. "It was just roars going up all over the golf course. "For Rory to go out today with a two-shot lead and have Tiger shoot 62 on him and Westwood shoot 63, it just shows how hard it is to win golf tournaments on any tour in the world, but especially this tour.

"This golf season just got a lot more spicy."

McIlroy wasn't at this best on the front nine, though he did what the best players tend to do by turning a suspect round into a decent score. Despite having two reasonable birdie chances on the

front nine — he made one of them — McIlroy saved himself with a pair of par putts from 12 feet and another one from 8 feet.

No one looked capable of catching him.

Woods was still five shots behind until a finish that served as a reminder why this guy can't be counted out not at PGA National, certainly not with the Masters around the cor-

"I figured I had to go birdie-birdie to have a chance," Woods said.

He did one better.

First, Woods dropped a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, followed by a big tee shot on an aggressive line that left him a 5-iron into the par-5 18th, with the pin tucked over a bunker to the right side of the green near the water. Woods said it reminded him of his famous shot on the 18th at Glen Abbey in the 2000 Canadian Open, a 6-iron out water to a tight pin.

of a bunker and over the

This one cleared the

sand and settled 8 feet away, and Woods swept his fist when it dropped for eagle.

He finished at 270, his lowest 72-hole score since he had a 265 at the 2009 BMW Championship, his last PGA Tour

The roar of his eagle didn't rattle McIlroy. "I heard the roar on 18

when Tiger made eagle and I was just about to line up my putt for birdie on 13," McIlroy said. "I was able to hole that putt, which was very important. I knew if I could just play the last five holes at even par, it was going to be good enough.

"Great to get the job done, and very happy to come out on top."

With so much emphasis on his swing, the final hour was all about his will. No shot was more impressive than the par save on No. 14, when he was 65 feet away in such a mangled lie that he easily could have hit it too hard and gone over the green, or left it well short.

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Famous Hand

Both sides vulnerable NORTH **♠** A K J 8 **EAST ↑**10762 **♥**J643 **♣**Q3 SOUTH

East dealer.

The bidding: East South West North Pass Pass 2 NT 3 NT Pass Pass

jack of clubs.

Opening lead -

It is said that one learns best by making mistakes — either your own or someone else's — and this is especially true in bridge. For example, take this deal from the match between Argentina and the United

States during the 1962 world team championship.

At the first table, where Bobby Nail and Mervin Key (believe it or not) were North-South for the U.S., the Argentine West led the jack of clubs against three notrump, dummy playing the deuce, East the three and

South the seven. West continued

with the nine, taken by declarer's ace. Key then cashed the A-K of diamonds, caught West's queen and wound up with 11 tricks for a score of 660 points.

At the second table, where the Argentine South was also in three notrump, the defense likewise started with two rounds of clubs. But here declarer made a costly error when he played the ace of diamonds at trick three, led a spade to the king, then returned the jack of diamonds and finessed. West took the queen and cashed his clubs to put the contract down one, giving Argentina a 760point loss on the deal. It is hard to justify declarer's dia-

mond finesse. Presumably, he hoped to find East with the queen. But if that was South's reason for taking the finesse, it was unsound, because he was risking the loss of the contract without in any way improving his chances of making it.

Cashing the A-K of diamonds

offers a much better chance for the contract. If the queen falls from either hand, South is home. If the queen does not fall, declarer can play a third diamond, hoping East has the

If East has the queen, the contract is secure even if he has another club to return, since in that case West could not have started with more

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Big Spring A was third with a team total of 633.

Tyler Bryan and Take Kennedy led the Steers with individual scores of 153 and 155, respectively. Jason Guevara followed with a 168, Ryan Pollard with a 170 and Devin Roberson with a one-round

Big Spring's B squad shot a team total 762 to finished 19th in the field. Individual scores included Tyler Hester, 177; Stormy Brown, 181; Nolan Beal, 192; Sam Harris, 212; and Tobyn Tannehill, 110 (one round score).

Big Spring girls sixth at Midland

MIDLAND – The Big Spring girl's golf team shot a team total 848 to finish sixth in Div. II play at the Tall City Invitational Saturday in Midland.

Abilene took the division team crown with a 724, followed by Odessa High School with a 752.

Individual scores for Big Spring were: Kelsie Guinn, 180; Mariah McIntosh, 207; Brianna Cobos, 226; and Gabrielle Fair, 235.

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Lady Steers conclude

tourney with two losses The Big Spring High School softball team lost a pair of games in final-day action at the Tournament At The Crossroads tournament at Roy Anderson Complex Saturday.

The Lady Steers dropped a 6-5 decision in extra innings to Odessa Permian, then were defeated by Midland High School's junior varsity, 4-3, to conclude play at the tournament.

Big Spring returns to action today when it hosts Abilene Cooper at 6:30 at the Big Spring ISD Soft-

Schedule changes for baseball games

Big Spring ISD officials have announced time changes for several baseball games scheduled this

The BSHS varsity's game with Brownfield, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will be played at Brownfield at 7 p.m. today.

The junior varstiy Gold team's Tuesday doubleheader against Monahans at Steer Park has been cancelled, as has their March 12 doubleheader against Reagan County.



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