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Benefit concert tonight

Begins 7 p.m. at local hangar

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Supporting a cause doesn't take much and tonight that cost will be just \$15. McMahon-Wrinkle Airport north hangar building 1162 will again set the stage for a concert. This time, not one band but five bands will be performing. The first band will take the stage at 7 p.m. and the last band will wrap up at midnight.

No Justice — a Texas country band — will be performing for the first time in Big Spring.

"This is a big deal. No Justice has never performed in Big Spring before and the fact that they are coming is an honor," Kaleb Hill, concert organizer, said. "Not only will people get to hear them perform in Big Spring for the first time, but they will be helping out so many worthwhile causes at the same time."

Other bands performing will include Jared Thomas and the Vagabonds, Jaron Bell, Buzzkill and Dusty Smill. The profit goal has been set at \$5,000. According to Hill, any profit raised from that evening will be distributed among four local organizations: Toys for Tots, Relay For Life, Shop with a Cop and Little League

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Courtesy photo/BSHS Journalism Dept.

April Zavala performs the title role in "Eurydice," Big Spring High School's One Act Play competition entry. The BSHS Theater Department will present the play at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Child abuse awareness promoted in Big Spring

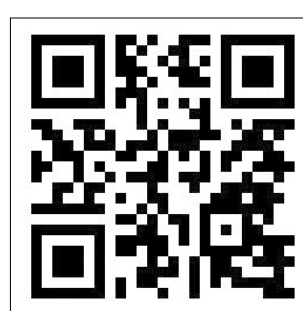
By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Unfortunately, child abuse is an everyday occurrence, even in West Texas.

A World for Children partnered Wednesday with CASA of West Texas to hold a balloon release and awareness event on the courthouse lawn.

"This is one of the ways we can promote awareness and allow the community to become more involved," Tracy Fryar, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program director, said.

Last year, CASA served 107 children in Howard County. This year, the number is already at 60. Six other counties are serviced by CASA



of West Texas, including Midland, Martin, Glasscock, Gaines, Dawson

and Andrews counties. There are 441 youth throughout the area being served within those communities.

"Sadly, that number is just the ones we are serving. There are some kids we had to turn away because we didn't have enough volunteers," said Patty Pisklak, CASA executive director.

An ideal number of volunteers would be 25 to 30; however, at this time CASA only has 17 volunteers in the local area.

Volunteers must be over 21 years of age, pass a background and CPS check, fill out an application and complete an in-person interview as well as attend 30 hours of training.

"Once a volunteer has completed the requirements they can be assigned to a case and serve as an advocate for the child's best interest," Pisklak said.

The ceremony was held in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, first introduced in 1974 when the Child Abuse Prevention

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Miami picks Tannehill in first round



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Trade show offers plenty for weekend

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Tack another thing to do on your list this weekend. Dee's Trade Show is returning to the Howard County Fairbarn Saturday and Sunday. Doors will open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday.

"There will once again be unique items, as well as homemade items," Denise McComb, co-founder of Dee's Trade Show, said.

Vendors will be coming from Dallas, Plainview, New Mexico and surrounding areas. The show will include 39 vendors with several

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Get your kicks at AL Post 506

Fajita contest Saturday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Warmer temperatures means it's that time again ... cook-off time.

American Legion Post 506 is continuing an eight-year tradition with its fajita cook-off Saturday.

Once again, there will be two categories, beef and chicken. Each entry must contain three pounds of the cook's choosing.

Cooking will begin at 9 a.m. and judging will take place at 11 a.m. Community members can stop in and enjoy the entries for \$10 a plate, starting at noon. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m.

In addition to the cook-off, there will be an opportunities for giveaways and a plant and cake walk.

American Legion Post 506 is located at 3202 W. Hwy. 80.

To find out more or to enter the cook-off, call 263-2084.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Bettie Wilcox

Bettie Wilcox, 74, of Lake Thomas died Thursday, April 26, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- CARLOS SANTANA YANEZ, 34, of Winters, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRANCISCO JAVIER PEREZ, 24, of Winters, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARIO RODRIGUEZ, 33, of Winters, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKY RICARDO LOPEZ, 22, of 601 Caylor Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 22, of 105 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign (two counts), failure to appear (four counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to use safety seat system for child.
- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 23, of 1809 Johnson, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- HENRY FRANCO, 20, of 507 N.W. 10th St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for parked (stand or stop) in area prohibited by signs.
- BRYAN ANTHONY RUBEN, 23, of Plainview, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- ADAN CHAVERA, 42, of 600 Holbert, was arrested Friday on warrants for theft, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Terry.
- THEFT was reported:
 - In the 1200 block of N. FM 700.
 - In the 900 block of Abrams.
 - In the 1600 block of E. 16th Street.
- Near the intersection of 16th Street and Owens
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 400 block of E. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.
- RICKY RICARDO LOPEZ, 22, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 22, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for disregarding a stop sign (two counts), failure to appear (four counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to use safety seat system for child.
- JOSE MANUEL AVINA, 35, was booked into the

county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no registration, driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and issuance of a bad check.

- ISAAC DANIEL PLATT, 23, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less, a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to appear.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 20, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for parked in prohibited area.
- ADAN CHAVERA, 42, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for theft, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- BRIAN RUBEN, 23, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of S. Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of W. 21st Street. Service refused.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY






- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent,

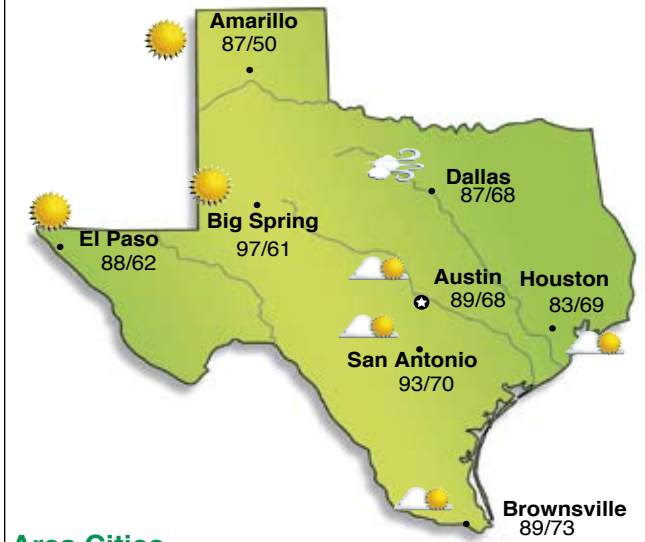
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/28	Sun 4/29	Mon 4/30	Tue 5/1	Wed 5/2
 97/61 Mainly sunny. Near record high temperatures. High 97F.	 94/65 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 85/65 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 86/65 Windy, a few thunderstorms possible.	 91/66 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	99	66	sunny	Kingsville	92	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	87	50	sunny	Livingston	84	65	pt sunny
Austin	89	68	pt sunny	Longview	85	67	windy
Beaumont	80	68	cloudy	Lubbock	92	57	windy
Brownsville	89	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	98	66	pt sunny	Midland	97	62	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	74	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	71	pt sunny
Corsicana	85	66	windy	Rosenberg	82	68	pt sunny
Dallas	87	68	windy	San Antonio	93	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	70	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	68	pt sunny
El Paso	88	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	67	windy
Fort Stockton	96	63	sunny	Sweetwater	98	64	windy
Gainesville	87	65	pt sunny	Tyler	85	66	sunny
Greenville	84	65	windy	Weatherford	89	64	pt sunny
Houston	83	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	63	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	61	pt sunny	Minneapolis	55	37	rain
Boston	56	35	windy	New York	57	40	windy
Chicago	50	41	cloudy	Phoenix	84	62	sunny
Dallas	87	68	windy	San Francisco	63	52	sunny
Denver	67	39	sunny	Seattle	55	45	rain
Houston	83	69	pt sunny	St. Louis	63	55	rain
Los Angeles	68	55	sunny	Washington, DC	63	45	sunny
Miami	84	74	mst sunny				

grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.



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April 28-29
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Members of the community, representatives of the city and county and Scenic Mountain medical Center personnel attended a balloon release ceremony held on the courthouse lawn Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was held in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month.

Garage sale set to aid in medical costs

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

The support of family and friends can go a long way in hard times.

Brittiney Phillips Smith, who is in need of a kidney transplant, is seeing just how far that support can go.

Friends and family have organized a benefit garage sale for Smith in order to help raise funds for medical and medicine expenses being incurred.

The garage sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church. The sale will also include baked goods and lunch items.

"We have had more than 50 people donate to this cause," Evie Batchelor, Smith's aunt, said.

Smith has been on dialysis for about a year and is scheduled for a kidney transplant June 14 in San Antonio. The donor will be Smith's first cousin, Casi Graves.

"If you ask Brittiney, she will tell you the real hero in this is Casi," Batchelor said.

Graves was a five-out of six-point match to Smith, which according to Batchelor is rare to find. The close match is usually only found between immediate family such as brothers and sisters.

"God has really been there through all of this and we know he will help us through this," Batchelor said.

A medical fund has been set up at Wells Fargo and several other fundraising ideas are in the works. More information is expected to be released as details are worked out.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

- Howard College Adjunct Instrumental Instructor Dan Kiley will present a trumpet recital Saturday at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church at Fourth and Scurry. The recital is free and involves several guest musicians and

is open to the public.

- Spring of Siloam CWJC will be hosting the spring graduation Saturday, May 5 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow the graduation in the Holy Grounds Cafe. The ceremony will take place at Spring Creek Fellowship at 501 Birdwell Lane.

- An account has been established at

American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was injured in a motorcycle accident.

All donations will be appreciated.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. To find out more or to volunteer, contact Sherry Hodnett at calling 264-7599.

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Call 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647 for information.

SHOW

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returning from previous shows. New booths — there are 11 of them — include Queens of the Dude Ranch, Custom Woodworks Plus, It Works (Body Wraps), Wild West Soda and more. Some returning vendors include Ida's Jewelry and Purses, Linda's Doggie Doodles,

Kelly Rae's Kreations and Wind Song Gifts.

One of the biggest attractions, according to McComb, will be Texas Rockers and More as well as Pop's Kettle Corn.

"This show seems to just keep getting bigger," McComb said. "We love our vendors, which is one of the reasons we continue to do this and one of the reasons we started all this."

With several of the vendors coming in from out of town another added bonus is the stimulation to the economy. As McCombs said, while in town the vendors and those coming in from out of town for the show will be spending money at local restaurants, hotels and shops throughout the community.

"This show is one of the ways we can meet new people and in the

process it gives the people of Big Spring something to do," McCombs said.

Saturday, KBYG will be conducting a live remote from 10 a.m. until noon with several giveaways throughout. One of those will include Trade Show Bucks, which can be used at any of the booths at the show. Sunday, more Trade Show Bucks will be given away at ran-

dom intervals.

"This is sure to be lots of fun once again," McCombs said. "However, this will be the last show at the fairbarn. The next show we will be changing location and trying something new."

The next show is scheduled for Oct. 6-7 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Booths will be \$80 for a 10x10 space and include electricity

and table.

"This building is so much bigger, but due to the availability I was unable to keep the November date so we moved it up a month," McCombs said.

Admission to the weekend show is free.

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CONCERT

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youth sports.

"Toys for Tots helps kids all over the state. Little League youth sports gives kids the opportunity to learn sportsmanship and how to work together as a team and build self-

esteem and Relay For Life is an organization that reaches all across the United States and beyond," Hill said.

Hill also hopes to have a little extra money to set aside in case an emergency situation comes up and a worthwhile cause needs assistance.

"The main point is to help as many organiza-

tions as possible, but I also want to be able to be prepared in case a need arises that way I will be able to help out as well," Hill said. "This is a chance to be taken to think about how you can help make a difference in this town."

Food and drink vendors will be on hand throughout the show. Door prizes will also be

given away.

The concert is an all-ages show. Tickets can be purchased at Wards Western Wear and Buckeasys Drive Thru.

To make a donation to the benefit concert funding, contact Hill at 432-213-5761.

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CASA

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and Treatment Act was put into place. Congress hoped to improve awareness in the early 1980s by declaring June 6-12, 1982, National Child Abuse Prevention Week. One more step was taken in 1983 which declared the first National Child

Abuse Prevention Month, according to the History of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout the month of April, several ceremonies, events and activities are planned in order to bring awareness to the problem.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Big Spring's Ryan Tannehill, who was a first-round selection (eighth overall) during Thursday evening's National Football League draft in New York. Tannehill was drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and all those who responded to Wednesday's fire in the Bates Road area.

- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and other sponsors who teamed up to host the community job fair.

- All area students who qualified for the University Interscholastic League state academic meet.

- Organizers of the eighth annual Powwow for providing another great show, as well as the community for showing support once again.

- Sponsors, teams, volunteers and survivors for making Relay For Life 2012 another big success and for bringing cancer awareness to the community.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep our eye on Your heavenly target, Lord, for a successful future.

Amen

The first Latino vice president

Mitt Romney doesn't have a choice. Without a Hispanic running mate, he doesn't stand a chance of winning a significant portion of the Hispanic vote, which is what he needs in the swing states that will determine who gets to be president.

Perhaps this is the reason why Romney has been so dismissive of Latino voters while pandering to xenophobic extremists during the GOP primaries. Perhaps all along he has planned to thrash immigrants in the primaries and then — in a quick Etch-A-Sketch revision — name a Latino running mate who can help him in the general election, just because of his surname.

It wouldn't be surprising. After all, that has been the Republican approach to winning Latino votes in recent years. They don't even try to win us over on the issues, because they know they would lose. But they can always find a Tío Tomás who will stand against the interest of his own community and still get some support from Latinos — just because his name might be Rubio or Martinez.

Unfortunately, this Machiavellian strategy works. Blinded by nationalistic pride, too many Latinos still will vote for another Latino, even when the candidate clearly is following a partisan, anti-Hispanic game plan.

But would this strategy work for Romney? After going further than any other GOP candidate to alienate Latinos, after falling 69 to 22 percent behind President Barack Obama in a recent poll of Latino voters, can Romney be saved by putting a Hispanic surname on the ticket?

Mind you, Republicans never expect to win a majority of the Hispanic vote. All they want is a portion — at least 40 percent — that is large enough to divide and neutralize the Latino voting bloc and to prevent Latinos from swinging some key states for Democrats. Barack Obama is

president because Sen. John McCain got only 31 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2008. Romney is at 22 percent!

So can Florida Sen. Marco Rubio or New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez take Romney up to the 40 percent of Latino voters he would need to beat Obama?

No way, Jose! Perhaps one of them could help Romney win a swing state such as Florida or New Mexico. Perhaps Rubio could give him a boost among Cuban-Americans. But nationally, among Latinos, either a Romney-Rubio or Romney-Martinez ticket would be soundly defeated by Obama-Biden.

It might have been different if Romney had not gone over a cliff while running to the right during the primaries, and if Rubio or Martinez had demonstrated some compassion for undocumented immigrants instead of pandering to fanatical immigrant bashers.

If Romney had managed to at least remain as moderate as McCain in 2008, if he had stuck to the typical "secure the border first" GOP rhetoric and then picked a Latino running mate who actually stands for Latino issues, Obama would be in trouble.

After all, the president still has many Latinos criticizing his failure to drive comprehensive immigration reform through Congress.

But this year, while trying to prove that he is a "true conservative," Romney obviously decided to scapegoat undocumented immigrants, and Latino Republicans who condoned his draconian ideas — including Rubio and Martinez — lost the respect of many Latino voters.

Unlike Rubio's predecessor, former Sen.

Mel Martinez, who often challenged his fellow Republicans to find some compassion for undocumented immigrants, Rubio and Martinez are Tea Party darlings, especially because they are willing to dis their own people. While his fellow Cuban-Americans gave Rubio a majority of the Latino vote when he was elected in Florida, Martinez became New Mexico's governor without even the support of a majority of Latino voters in her

own state.

These are the two Latinos who could be running with Romney and the ones who could easily start a firestorm debate among Latinos: Do we vote for issues or surnames?

Do we vote for Rubio or Martinez, even if they are making excuses for Romney's insensitivity toward Latinos?

Romney was the first of the GOP candidates to reject legalizing undocumented immigrants, even after the U.S.-Mexico border is secured. He supports English-only measures that could disenfranchise many Hispanic-Americans and disempower many Latino voters. He pledged to veto the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act and pounce on Gov. Rick Perry for supporting a Texan Dream Act.

Although his Etch A Sketch already denies it, Romney is the one who said Arizona's racial profiling, immigrant-bashing SB 1070 is "a model" for the nation; he is the one who said he would withdraw federal lawsuits against states with such discriminatory laws. He was the first to admit that Republicans intend to make undocumented immigrants so miserable that they would want to "self-deport."

Perhaps this is the reason why Romney reportedly admitted last week that he would be "doomed" without more support from Latinos. Perhaps this is the reason why we may see the first Hispanic nominated to the vice presidency by a major party. Romney may not have a choice but to pick a Hispanic running mate.

But the Latino politician who has to defend that agenda in the Hispanic community would have to be amazingly cynical, willing to insult his own people's intelligence — a terrific snake-oil peddler.

Yet we would have "the First Latino Vice President." What a job!

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Bring the diapers and the wine

"Bring diapers and wine." It was 20 years ago. Los Angeles was burning. I could smell the smoke. There were reports that a camera store a few blocks away was on fire. I called my friend who lived in the hills and had a police car in front of her house because her husband was an elected official.

I put my daughter in the car seat, a case of wine in the trunk and all the diapers I had in the back seat, and I crawled across a paralyzed and terrified city.

I had lived in the city for three years. I remembered the "problems" in Boston when I was a kid and the schools were being integrated. I remembered the demonstrations against the Vietnam War. I had seen pictures of the riots in 1968. I had never smelled smoke like this.

In retrospect, it seems like everyone but the Los Angeles police knew that there could be trouble. No Internet, but the tape of Rodney King being beaten by police officers must have been played a thousand times.

Years before, I'd met Daryl Gates, the legendary and notorious police chief, at a conference on policing at Harvard. New data was being discussed that showed that a small percentage of all criminals commit a large percentage of all violent crimes. The question was how you identify the most dangerous offenders early enough in their careers to make a dent in crime, without infringing on the civil liberties

of those who might be wrongly identified. The statistics guys were evaluating various criteria that could be applied to those already in prison to determine who should be incapacitated for longer. The room was full of police chiefs, many of them part of the new wave of African-American chiefs. The attorney general was there, along with top Justice Department officials. The discussion was serious.

Then Gates, the chief of the LAPD, walked in — tanned, sporting sunglasses, casually dressed. He almost laughed at the serious discussion. In Los Angeles, he said, we know who they are. "How do you know?" one of the statistics guys asked, since the conclusion was that there was really no way to know for certain.

He laughed, for real. "We know."

Maybe not.

On the night of the L.A. riots, Gates went to a fundraiser being held to oppose Prop F, a measure put on the ballot in the wake of the Rodney King beating to give civilians more control over the department. Gates was reportedly reluctant to leave the fundraiser, which was held in one of the city's richest neighborhoods, far from the riots.

There were many memorable things about those days and nights. Learning that the police chief and the mayor were not on speaking terms was one. Realizing that the LAPD had no plan to deal with the possible reaction should the all-white jury in Simi Valley (home to many retired police officers) acquit the officers shown on tape beating King — which they did — was another. Accounts of patrol officers who had been warning for months

that a plan was needed and higher officers returning to work to find that no one was in charge were pretty stunning in light of the department's reputation for almost militaristic discipline and control. Many people, to this day, believe that the absence of a plan was intentional.

When he finally left the party, Gates commented that there would be some people who would be unprotected. There were. Ironically, most of them were among the city's poorest.

I went home with my diapers and wine after two nights. Even then, there were dusk-to-dawn curfews. My longtime housekeeper's apartment had burned down. She and her family had been camping at my house even while my daughter and I headed for the hills. We all got pizza before the curfew. We drew the shades. You could hear the sirens, but they were some distance away. There was all kinds of talk about how the rioters might come to Beverly Hills; there were pictures of SWAT teams outside the posh stores. But it never happened. It was not the 1 percent at the top who suffered; it was those at the very bottom.

Much has changed since then. Prop F passed. The LAPD is different, and so are the demographics of the city. Barack Obama is president. Even so, the furor surrounding the killing of Trayvon Martin, the flood of suspicion and distrust it unleashed and the prospect of a racially polarized trial make clear that many things have not changed in 20 years.

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Church News

Forsan Baptist Church

"Experiencing God" Bible study is continuing. To be a part of this group, call the church or Pastor Darren Weaver.

Sunday evenings we are going through the book of James verse by verse and Wednesday evenings we are studying the major points of Christian theology.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school is at 9:50 a.m. with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and devotional time at 6 p.m. Wednesday adult services are at 6 p.m.

Our youth are planning a trip to Camp Eagle this summer and the Truth Project is Sunday at 4:30 p.m. for Challengers. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time.

Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., worship service is at 10:50 a.m. and night service is at 6 p.m. for adults and Bible study for saturate youth.

Our children's schedule is Mother's Day Out on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night gym time is at 5:30 p.m. with mission time and choir at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday night will be store night for AWANA and the awards ceremony will be May 6. Summerama begins May 29. Sign ups are open for those entering first through sixth grade. There will be arts, crafts and field trips.

For senior adults LLL meets Tuesday, May 1 at noon for lunch and a special program by pastor Mark Lindsey.

Saturday vans will leave the east parking lot for AWANA workers going to Lamesa for fellowship, food and a drive-in movie.

Following the worship service May 6, there will be a church-wide lunch honoring senior adults. A special program is planned for all ages with skits and our youngsters performing on string instruments.

May 3 the mission center will be open for serving the needy with food and clothing. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry. Grocery shelves are empty again. Please help with this important Acts 1:8 mission located at Iglesia Bautista Central.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Between The Lines" women's ministry garage sale and brisket lunch take-out in the church parking lot is Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit "Manna House" food pantry.

Brisket plates will be \$9 and include all the trimmings.

'Relay for Life' was a great success and so much fun. Thank you to all "The Cure Connection" team members and everyone who supported them.

Thank you to all who came out to give blood at the blood drive. Thanks to Barbara Harkness for doing such a wonderful job planning this event.

Our next free movie will be "Fireproof" on Saturday, May 19. Nursery is available for age 4 and under. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Donations are accepted and go toward youth camp and events.

"Church Unplugged" is scheduled Saturday at 7 p.m. except on movie night.

BSHS Prom is May 5. "Prom Dresses for Princesses" ministry is asking for your old prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses or other formals to be given to girls in our community for prom. If you know a young lady who needs a dress or want to donate, contact Kim Cantrell 517-4751.

The Lyrical Dance Academy classes for girls ages 4-12 meet Tuesday evenings. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek has a prayer ministry at 1:45 p.m.

Thursdays at the church. Childcare for 4 years old and under is available.

Sunday school classes/Connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m., Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and praise team practice at 7:15 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad.

Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Ken McIntosh will deliver the message "Not the Only Road, but Our Road Only" from Acts 4:5-12.

Elders will be Frank Sickles and Shirley Burgess. Deacons will be Josh Hamby, Michelle Hamby, Laura Sickles and Shirley Lee. Worship leader will be Mary Terrazas and communion prep will be Michelle Hamby and Laura Sickles. Greeter will be Michelle Hamby and homebound communion will be Frank Sickles.

Each week Isaiah 58 is open at 4:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Volunteers are needed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. sorting and cleaning items from Walmart.

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. the education committee will meet at the church.

Wednesday at noon the stewardship committee will meet at the church. At 6 p.m. there will be choir practice. Youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for their weekly meeting.

There will be a board meeting Sunday after church at 12:10 p.m. Samaritan Counseling takes place Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship is at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday school is in the fellowship hall after. The last Sunday of each month we share a pot luck lunch after Sunday school.

Wednesday Bible study is taking up study of Francis Chen's book, "Crazy Love." We meet at 10:30 a.m. in the pastor's office.

Wednesday we meet at 6 p.m. to discuss the previous Sunday scripture in the fellowship hall.

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given by Charlie and Ruby Pate to the Glory of God.

Wednesday mid-week school is for all ages. Join us from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the meal and at 6:30

p.m. to 7:15 p.m. for Bible studies.

The last Wednesday for mid-week school and meals will be May 9. Classes and meals will resume in September.

May meetings will take place in the church at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The Board of Education will meet May 8. The LWML will meet May 10. May 14 the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Elders meet May 17. The Board of Assimilation will meet May 22.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church will began a week of prayer for North American Missions on Sunday. Sunday school departments will each prepare foods from an assigned area of North America to be shared with everyone and serve the meal after the morning worship services. A representative of each assigned area will give a talk about their area and foods eaten there. This kicks off our Anne Armstrong offering.

Sunday school leadership meeting will take place at 5 p.m.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and our worship services at 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, there will be a trumpet recital at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary featuring David Kiley, Howard College student and member of First Methodist's music program. The public is invited to the recital as well as to a reception following in Garrett Hall.

There will be a new member fellowship in the parlor Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Nursery and Sunday school classes are available.

Pastor Bill will be preaching at both services Sunday. Sunday's sermon is taken from Joshua 3:5-16 and is entitled, "The Law of the First Step." Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

EPIC invites you to an Italian dinner and auction following the late service Sunday. There will also be a cake and quilt auction with all proceeds going to the summer ministry program.

There are 46 children and 10 teachers in our Children's Day Out program. Wednesday, May 9 will be "Muffins with Mom" in the youth hall. Monday, May 14, there will be a Pre-I Graduation celebration in Garrett Hall at noon and Wednesday, May 16 is the final day of the spring session. Registration is in progress for the summer session which will begin June 4.

This summer, there is going to be a program for school age children as well, "Kids with a purpose" which will be June 4 through July 25. Contact Becky Woodall for additional information.

First Methodist is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry Streets. Wednesday is Bible study and lunch at noon and Real Life beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Check our website at www.fumcbs.org for a full schedule of events.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library.

Children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m.

The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m. and the youth group meets at First Christian Church at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, we will host a church dinner to welcome U.S. Flight Academy student trainees from India to Big Spring.

The afternoon of Mother's Day, May 13, the children's choir, begun this year and directed by Susan Dawes, will present a concert, assisted by our chancel choir and The Tardy Bells bell choir in our

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Never would have guessed, but what's your narcotic of choice?

What is your narcotic of choice? If you're like me, you probably never thought of yourself as a drug user. However, I recently read an account of a young mother, entertainer, author and cancer survivor who confessed that she had a favorite narcotic.

The writer's cravings weren't for some illegal drug that she had tried during her college years or some miracle drug used in her chemotherapy treatment. The mood-altering, pain-killing drug she had become addicted to at an early age was applause.

It seemed that to a little girl being raised in a family of entertainers, applause always made her sing louder and dance better. An injection of energizing applause boosted her self-esteem, making her feel that she could do just about anything. But applause soon became addictive,

and each heaping plateful left her even hungrier for approval.

If the truth were known, most of us have a narcotic of choice. Our drug of preference may not be an illegal substance or even a medically acceptable painkiller. The thing that motivates us and leaves us craving more may be something as tangible as money and recognition or as elusive as fame or power.

Some may have even given up on reaching even the smallest peaks in life and chosen a narcotic that soothes and numbs both physical and mental ills. Many have learned to swallow a daily dose of rejection, abuse, and self-pity because it leaves them feeling comatose and alleviates responsibility. Their narcotic of choice drowns happiness and stifles ambition. It distorts reality and destroys purpose.

In the Bible, no one had a greater addiction than the apostle Paul. His narcotic of choice was service to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He

wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21NASB).

The apostle's dependency of Christ was so great that he considered his life without Him not worth living. He found all of his meaning in life from Christ. Even to die and be with Christ in Heaven would be gain for Paul.

Perhaps when we select our narcotic of choice, we like the apostle Paul, would do well to choose an opiate that motivates, stimulates, instigates, and navigates our entire lives for the glory of God. What will your narcotic of choice be?

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Reflections

We do not grieve alone

Most of us first experience grief as a child with the death of a pet who shared our childhood wonder. But it eventually comes more forcefully in the death of a parent, a brother, sister or friend. If we live long enough, it will come to each of us when we part with those we love most.



BILL TINSLEY

David, who wrote the Psalms, was famous for his grief over the death of his son Absalom. Even though Absalom led a rebellion against him seeking to unseat him from the throne of Israel, when David heard that Absalom was dead, he was inconsolable. He wept and cried, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33). On another occasion, when David grieved over the death of an infant son, he said, "I will go to him, but he will not return to me." (2 Sam. 12:23). Confidence in Heaven and the resurrection does not eliminate grief, but it takes away the sting. That is why the Apostle Paul writes, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus."

I once visited a cemetery in old Boston where the tombstones date back to some of the earliest residents of The Colonies.

I discovered an interesting pattern. Those grave makers erected before 1730 bore skulls and cross

bones. They were the picture of death and despair. The markers erected after 1740 bore the images of angels and cherubim and were often inscribed with verses about heaven. The only event that could have made such a difference in the Boston markers is the Great Awakening that swept the Colonies in the 1730s and 40s. Benjamin Franklin wrote of the Awakening that there was a "wonderful...change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. ... so that one could not walk thro' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

Grief as a believer in Jesus Christ is deep and real, but it is not a grief without hope. Even Jesus grieved when he stood outside the tomb of his friend Lazarus. Although he knew he would call Lazarus from the grave and raise him from the dead, the Bible says, "Jesus wept." When Jesus wept, he demonstrated to us that God not only knows our grief, he feels it. We do not grieve alone or in isolation nor do we grieve without hope.

Knowing His followers would experience grief, Jesus spoke these words to them only hours before His own death, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

Bill Tinsley is a 1965 graduate of CHS. His columns reflect on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

'Choose ye this day ...'

I love the revelation of who God is and his character. It says as I walk into your presence, as I walk into the Holy of Holies, I see more than just a covenant, I see more than just a mercy seat. I see you. Then I see what it is to be holy; I see what it is to be you when I see you.



JOELLE LUDINGTON

Describing God in just one word would be the word Holy. A lot of people going to church today don't have the concept of what it is to be holy.

2 Timothy 3: 5 states it's more than just a form of holiness; it's about having a form of godliness and denying the power there of and from such to turn away. There is something to be said about Lot's wife when she was told not to look back and the consequences of her disobedience cost her life. She became a pillar of salt. So it is today with people when they don't separate themselves from the world. They become carnal and as it is written, to be carnally minded is death.

Proverbs 23:7, says the way a man thinks, so he is. Romans 8:7: So the carnal mind is enmity with God. It is against God. It does not submit to God neither indeed it can not.

In Daniel 5:3 it talks about how men and their families set themselves against the Lord of heaven and praised other Gods that could not hear, understand or see with the things he gave them.

And in the end this is what God said to them, "But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and your ways."

Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is quick and more powerful than a two-edged sword and sharper than any

two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discernor of thoughts and intents of the heart.

I understand we all come from different walks of life. Some of you were abused and rejected, but because of those who either neglected or abused their authority in our lives, even some from a religious upbringing, we don't do well when ever it comes to submitting ourselves to God.

But I believe if we take our eyes off of people and begin to read the word of God and come to know and understand him better, our trust in God will grow and we will release those things that have hindered us and see what it is to be holy. You will be set free from the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life. The sins of the world all fall under one of these categories. Honor God's written word and enter into the holy of holies and know what it is to be holy. Don't look back. God wants us to go forward without regret.

As he blesses you, bless him, honor him in the authority he has given you today. You have a high position. You are a child of God.

Your life is in his hands and so are your ways. The sin of this world will only harden your heart and sear your conscience.

Your conscience is given to you by God to do what is right and good. I don't want to be remembered as a pillar of salt, but one who was obedient to God's word, who quoted Joshua 24:15: And if it seems evil unto you this day to serve the Lord choose ye this day whom ye shall serve.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Be Blessed in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Joelle Ludington is a freelance local writer.

Women's Community Bible study

Friday will begin a women's community Bible study at Howard County Library. The Bible study will run from Friday until June 1. Each meeting will take place at 1:15 p.m. each Friday. The topic is Pursuing More of Jesus by Ann Graham Lotz. The book cost is \$14 and scholarships are available.

CHURCH

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sanctuary.

The Presbyterian Women are again supporting the Mother's Day card project "Healthy Women, Healthy Families." For a donation one receives a Mother's Day card to send. Proceeds help improve the lives of women and children in Africa through health education, prevention and treatment projects. See Jo Dell Myrick or Helen Glass to purchase the cards.

Faith Villarreal is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments. Liturgist for March is Jamie Walker and ushers are Lucy and Paschal Odom and Susan and David Wilson.

The lectionary is Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18. The chancel choir will present the anthem "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" by Craig Courtney and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" arranged by Thomas Matthews as the offertory anthem. Mike Robinson will deliver the sermon. The noisy offering, which is used to feed the hungry, will be collected during the service.

Following worship, we will have a fifth Sunday fellowship lunch, a "salad share" in the fellowship hall. Call Susan Mc Daniel for information about the lunch.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website at www.fpcbs.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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Tom Koger will return to lead the worship service Sunday.

He is indebted to Dan Miracle for filling the pulpit the past two Sundays.

The lectionary is Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

"Be Still" women's conference set for May 19

Everyone is invited to the "Be Still" women's conference scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room in the student union building.

The conference is based on Ps 46:10 — "Be still and know that I am God."

It will be a time of worship that focuses on resting in the presence of the Lord.

This conference is hosted by a group of women from various churches in Big Spring who want to provide this opportunity of worship to the community.

There is no charge for the conference, but if you would like to eat lunch with us, the cost is \$8 at the door and you need to register by calling Bean's Cafe at 263-1133. Registration must be completed no later than noon Friday, May 11. Child care will also be provided.

Music worship will be led by Rhonda Harding, Amanda Kleev and Desiree Mayez-Fizer.

Speakers include Kim Shafer, Bernadette Young, Kathy McGee, Donna Sue Looney and Marilyn Clark.

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Tannehill goes to Miami

Former Big Spring athlete selected by Dolphins with eighth overall pick

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

NEW YORK — Former Big Spring High School athlete Ryan Tannehill was selected by the Miami Dolphins in the first round of the NFL draft Thursday. Tannehill was the eighth pick overall and the third quarterback chosen behind Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III.

The Dolphins must think highly of Tannehill. He is the first quarterback the organization has used a first round pick on since the legendary gunslinger Dan Marino.

That doesn't seem to be bothering the young superstar, as he told the Miami Herald, "I don't think there is any pressure or anything like that from that connection."

Tannehill is ready to get to work.

"I'm just excited to get down to South Florida, get to the organization, get back to football," Tannehill said.

With Tannehill being drafted, that makes the 19th athlete to play football at BSHS that has gone on to the NFL.

Jeff Ireland, general manager for the Dolphins, has high expectations for the Texas A&M grad.

"I didn't take him with the eighth pick in the draft for him to be a backup quarterback," Ireland told the Miami Herald. "I picked him to be a starting quarterback."

Mike Ritchey, BSHS principal, has been following Tannehill's career and believes Miami is the perfect place for the rookie quarterback.

"I think (Tannehill) going to a place where there is a need at QB is a big advantage," Ritchey said. "He

can step in there and play as fast as he develops. His learning curve might not be so steep. I couldn't think of a better team for him."

Ritchey said he would be among the first in the Big Spring area to don a Dolphins jersey.

"This is exciting for Big Spring and the community. We are excited to have another Big Spring alumni headed to the NFL," Ritchey added.

Tannehill's first official NFL start could be right here in Texas. The Dolphins' — who finished last season with a 6-10 record — first regular season game will be Sunday, Sept. 9 at Reliant Stadium in Houston as they take on the Texans.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

Forsan downs Crane in bi-district

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Forsan Head Softball Coach Shanna Taylor was happy to get away with an 11-3 win last night against the Crane Ladybirds in the opening round of District 3-2A play.

Despite the lopsided score, Forsan gave Crane several opportunities to snatch the victory from their hands, but when the situation appeared to be turning dire, the Lady Buffs' offense came alive and timely hitting saved the season.

It started off smoothly for Forsan as they plated three runs in the top of the first on three straight singles by Ali Knight, Shelby Roemer and Kayla Tilley, a wild pitch by Crane's hurler and a Stevie Wilson single.

The scoreboard was frozen until the bottom of the fourth when the Ladybirds scored two runs — partly as a result of three Forsan errors — which cut the Lady Buffs' lead to only one run.

Answering back, however, were Tilley, Roemer and Ashley Buzbee who each picked up singles in the top of the fifth. Ashley Buzbee stole third base, then Wilson ripped a grounder up the center to score Buzbee.

Gabby Womack followed suit with a single and Brittney Cline flew out to center but picked up a two-run RBI as Wilson and Womack were driven in.

Just like that, it was an 8-2 ball game.

Crane added a run in the bottom of the sixth inning as a result of a throwing error charged to Forsan, but that would be the last Ladybird to safely cross home plate.

The Lady Buffs tacked on some insurance runs in their last at bat in the top of the seventh.

Roemer led things off with a stand-up triple then Tilley singled her home. Tilley connected and was tagged out trying to turn a double into a triple but it was enough to get Tilley in for another run.

With two outs, Womack belted a solo homerun over the center field wall to give Forsan an 11-3 lead before the third out was recorded on an infield pop-up.

The Lady Buffs shut the Ladybirds down in the bottom of the seventh to win the bi-district trophy.

Roemer, who went 4-4 at the plate, was happy she could make such a contribution when it was needed.

"It was good. I treated it like our life was on the line and I did what I had to for the team," Roemer said.

As for Taylor, she said her frustration from the early innings subsided when her offense finally started clicking.

"I'm going to take the win, but we have a lot to work on," Taylor said. "If we play again like we played tonight, I don't see us advancing. We have to start hitting the ball sooner and we have to work on fielding. I knew we could do it, we just have to stay focused. It's do-or-die from here on out."

Though not finalized yet, Forsan could be meeting Littlefield in the second round. Times and dates are to be determined, though it is possible that the game will be played in Seminole next weekend.



HERALD photos/Brian McCormack

Forsan's Stevie Wilson (top) gets a hit during Thursday's playoff opener. Wilson picked up three RBI in the 11-3 victory over Crane. Shelby Roemer (bottom) scores a run for Forsan. Roemer went 4-4 at the plate, helping to guide the Lady Buffs to victory.



Cowboys trade up for LSU CB

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The surprise for LSU cornerback Morris Claiborne wasn't that he got picked sixth overall in the NFL draft. It was when he got a call from Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

Claiborne said that he had never spoken to Cowboys executives before they traded up eight spots Thursday night to take the All-American who was considered by most as the best defensive back available.

"I didn't see it coming in a million years. I had no idea," Claiborne said. "We didn't talk none, and that's why it was shocking to me when I got the phone call."

While the Cowboys went into the draft in need of defensive playmakers, Jones said Claiborne was the only player they were willing to make such a significant deal to get.

The Cowboys made a trade with St. Louis, sending their No. 14 pick and their second-round selection, 45th overall, to the Rams. That left Dallas with only one pick Friday, 81st overall in the third round, though Jones certainly

could try to make more moves.

The Cowboys couldn't pass up the chance to get Claiborne, the No. 2 player on their draft board behind only Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, who as expected was the first overall pick by Indianapolis.

"Use the word elite, we think he is," Jones said. "I think he's the most consensus pick and the most consensus move I can ever remember on our draft day."

This was the 59th draft-day trade for Jones since he bought the team in 1989. It was the 18th time one of those deals involved his first-round pick.

Claiborne led the Tigers with six interceptions last season and won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back. He had 11 picks in 26 games the last two seasons. He was also LSU's top kickoff returner, averaging 25 yards per return including a 99-yard touchdown at West Virginia.

"I know they sacrificed to come down to get me, but I feel like I'm worth it," Claiborne said. "I know my talents, I know what I'm able to do

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Sports Calendar

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• New Mexico Junior College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m., Jack Barber Field.

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

Despite World Series loss, Texas dominates MLB

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers are sending a clear message to anyone wondering how they would recover from that crushing World Series loss.

There is no hangover effect from being so agonizingly close to winning it all.

The Rangers (15-4) entered Thursday's off day with the best record in the majors. The two-time defending American League champions have won their first six series in a season for the first time in franchise history. They lead the majors in hitting, with a .295 average and 31 home runs, and have one of the top pitching staffs as well.

"It tells you that they've put the World Series behind them and they're dealing with this season, and they feel like that they're as good as any team in baseball," team president Nolan Ryan said. "And I think they want to prove that."

Only six months ago, the Rangers were twice within a strike of a World Series-clinching victory before losing Game 6 in extra innings at St. Louis. They jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning of Game 7 before losing that game as well.

"Yeah, it hurt at the time. Of course it did," second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "But it has no bearing on the games we're playing now. We all love to compete and we want to win as many games as possible."

At their current pace, they would win 128 games this season.

While it's highly unlikely they will reach that total, the fast start reinforces what the Rangers consistently said throughout the offseason and during spring training. They are focused on 2012 and trying to get to the World Series again, not what happened last October.

"We're a confident group. We go out to win every day, we kind of expect to go out there to win and play a good game on defense, offense and get good pitching," catcher Mike Napoli said. "We're playing good team baseball right now. We're playing how we want to play. We expect to play good, so I don't think it's surprising that we're having a good start. But we're glad we're off to this start."

Texas already leads Oakland and Seattle by 5½ games in the AL West. The Los Angeles Angels, one of the preseason favorites, are off to a rough start and are nine back.

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Courtesy photo/Joel Miller

Joel Miller recently caught two large bass in Lake Ivie. One tipped the scales at 9.5 pounds, the other weighed 7.2.

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and feel like I can come in right away and get with the team, learn the system and compete."

Claiborne was asked about reports that he scored poorly on the Wonderlic test, which is designed to gauge a prospect's intelligence, problem-solving ability and cognitive skills.

"I know what type of person I am, I know that tests don't reflect how I learn or what type of person I am,"

Claiborne said. "I looked at the test, no questions that came with football, so I pretty much blew the test off. ... I'm here for football."

Jones said the test results were "just not an issue with us at all" and that the Cowboys understand Claiborne's "ability to play the game and play the defense." Jones said those scores don't take into account how the player takes coaching, or his football instincts and skills.

Among people Dallas spoke with about Claiborne was LSU coach Les Miles, a former assistant with the

Cowboys.

Claiborne is recovering from surgery done after the NFL combine to repair ligament damage in his left wrist.

The Cowboys don't consider the injury serious even though he is wearing a cast and then will have to wear a brace, keeping him out of action during the rookie minicamp next week and other organized team activities in May and June. But they expected him to be ready for the start of training camp in late July.

The Cowboys have been looking to add impact players for defensive coordinator Rob Ryan.

They were active in free agency last month, signing cornerback Brandon Carr to a \$50 million, five-year deal that includes \$26.5 million guaranteed. Among other free agents they signed were safety Brodney Pool and linebacker Dan Connor.

Now they have used their highest draft pick since 2003 — when cornerback Terence Newman was picked fifth overall — on another top corner.

Newman, a starter all nine of his seasons in Dallas, was released by the Cowboys when free agency started and has since signed with Cincinnati. Newman was a two-time Pro Bowl

pick and started 131 of his 133 games for Dallas.

The No. 6 pick Dallas got from St. Louis was one of the selections the Rams got from Washington, which moved up to second overall to get Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Robert Griffin III out of Baylor.

Last April, in what was an unusual year with the NFL lockout, it was an unusual draft for the Cowboys and Jones. Dallas used only two of its eight picks on defenders in 2011. And for only the second time under Jones' ownership, the Cowboys didn't make any trades during the draft.

The Cowboys still have six more picks in this year's draft, including two fourth-round picks.

Earlier Thursday, the Cowboys signed offensive tackle Jerney Parnell to a three-year contract. He appeared in six games last season.

Claiborne is from Shreveport, La., about a three-hour drive from Dallas. Being unexpectedly picked by the Cowboys was a nice surprise for his family.

"To see the look on their faces ... all those guys are Cowboys fans," Claiborne said. "Always my whole household was Cowboys fans. I had no choice but to root for the Cowboys."

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Mavericks lose to Hawks, Atlanta clinches home court advantage

ATLANTA (AP) — Having already exceeded expectations, the Atlanta Hawks weren't about to let home-court advantage slip away in the final game of the regular season.

Led by Josh Smith, Atlanta raced to a 23-point lead in the opening quarter on the way to a 106-89 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, ensuring the Hawks will open the playoffs at home.

"We showed a lot of determination," Joe Johnson said. "You could see that hunger in our eyes even before the tip."

The Hawks (40-26) wrapped up the fourth-best record in the East and host Boston on Sunday. The defending NBA champion Mavericks (36-30) begin the playoffs Saturday at Oklahoma City.

Atlanta pounced on the Mavericks right from the tip, making 16 of 23 shots (69.6 percent) in the opening period. Smith had the outside jumper working and seemed to be everywhere, scoring 12 points, grabbing seven rebounds, dishing out five assists and making a steal. A 28-7 run, capped by Willie Green's 3-pointer, pushed the lead to 36-13.

"It just opens up my game when I have the opportunity to gauge whether I should be driving in or shooting the jumper," said Smith, who finished 10 for 14 from the field. "Whenever I'm shooting the ball like that, it just makes me that much more deadly on offense."

The Hawks led 60-44 at halftime and held off a brief spurt by the Mavericks at the start of the third quarter, capping a season in which Atlanta improved on its winning percentage from 2011 even after losing All-Star center Al Horford early in the lockout-shortened year.

Horford, who is still recovering from pectoral surgery, has ruled him

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Short-handed Spurs down Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — For the second straight night, Patty Mills showed San Antonio he's capable of scoring in bunches.

The timing is good, too, with the Spurs racing into the postseason as the top seed in the West — even though Mills will be back in a reserve role.

On a night San Antonio played without its top three players and coach Gregg Popovich, Mills looked a lot like the player many have compared to Spurs teammate Tony Parker.

While Parker joined Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili back in San Antonio to rest for the playoffs, Mills had career highs of 34 points and 12 assists to help the short-handed Spurs beat the Golden State Warriors 107-101 on Thursday night.

"Chances don't come up very often where you send your three big dogs back to San Antonio," Mills said. "I was very pumped to have this opportunity. I felt very comfortable to just slide in there and take it on with both hands."

DeJuan Blair had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and James Anderson added 19 points for San Antonio (50-16), which finished with the best record in the Western Conference despite having one of the league's oldest rosters.

The Spurs host Utah in the first round of the playoffs beginning Sunday and head into the postseason on quite a roll. They've won 10 straight and 21 of 23 overall, even though Popovich has been resting his starters for much of the past two weeks.

Popovich wasn't at the game in Golden State but had to have liked what he saw from Mills.

Mills scored 14 points in the first quarter, then made three key baskets in the final four minutes.

NFL draft spurs tradeathon

RICHARD ROSENBLATT

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Once the NFL draft got past quarterbacks Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III, it was like a day on Wall Street. Everybody wanted to make a trade.

The wheeling and dealing started even before the Colts opened the proceedings as expected Thursday night by taking Luck and the Redskins followed by selecting RG3.

Behind closed doors, general managers around the league were gabbing away, jockeying to position their teams to land the most coveted player on their draft board.

When it was over, there were eight trades involving 12 of the league's 32 teams and draftniks breathlessly trying to keep up with the organized mayhem. It all started when Minnesota swapped its No. 3 choice for Cleveland's No. 4 pick. The Browns, who also gave up a fourth, fifth and seventh-rounder, desperately wanted Alabama running back Trent Richardson. The Vikings still got the guy they sought in Southern California tackle Matt Kalil.

"Unfortunately, we had to make a little trade to secure the pick," said Browns coach Pat Shurmur, who later added quarterback Brandon Weeden with the No. 22 selection. "We knew as we went through the process that he was our guy and so we did what we had to do to secure it. We had pretty good knowledge that there were teams behind that wanted him as well, so we gave up a couple of picks to make sure we got him. We're thrilled a bunch about Trent."

The move allowed the Vikings to deal for another first-round pick, gaining the No. 29 spot in a trade with Baltimore and choosing Notre Dame safety Harrison Smith.

"That trade with Cleveland kind of set the tone for this draft, and us being able to do some things," Vikings GM Rick Spielman said. "That was a huge, huge thing to get done right before the draft started."

The Jaguars, Cowboys and Eagles also traded up, and the Patriots did it twice to select players they wanted.

Credit the rookie wage scale for so much buying and selling, with GMs making last-minute moves knowing that extravagant salaries for top picks have been replaced by a compensation plan.

There were no such concerns for Indianapolis and Washington.

Stanford's Luck heads for Indianapolis and the burden of replacing Peyton Manning, who merely won four MVP awards and a Super Bowl. Baylor's RGIII answers the call in Washington, where he will try to soothe a devout but highly critical fan base.

"You don't really replace a guy like that," Luck said. "You can't. You just try to do the best you can. Obviously, he was my hero growing up."

His selection as the top pick was hardly a stunner. The Colts informed Luck last week that Commissioner Roger Goodell would announce his name first. Right behind him was Griffin; no suspense attached to that pick, either.

After being loudly booed at the start, Goodell told a raucous crowd at Radio City Music Hall that "the season begins tonight, so let's kick it off." Then he did, congratulating Luck to chants of "RG3, RG3."

Luck left the stage, slapped hands with some fans in Colts shirts and headed to the interview room.

"I realize you could go crazy trying to measure yourself to Peyton Manning every day. That would be an insane way to live," Luck said.

"I know his legendary status, really. Huge shoes to try and fill if you're trying to do that. ... If one day I can be mentioned alongside Peyton as one of the football greats, that would be a football dream come true."

To get Griffin, Washington had dealt a second-round pick this year and its first-rounders in 2013 and '14 to St. Louis to move up four spots. They wound up with the QB that beat out Luck for the Heisman Trophy.

RG3 sang the team's fight song during a conference call:

"Hail to the Redskins! Hail vic-tor-y!" Griffin said. "That's how I felt. It felt that good."

After Minnesota took Kalil, Jacksonville jumped up two spots to No. 5, trading with Florida neighbor Tampa Bay to get Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon, the top receiver in this crop.

"It just goes to show you that anything can happen," Blackmon said, referring to the Jaguars going after him.

St. Louis must have liked dealing down because the Rams did it again, trading with Dallas, which was 14th overall. The Cowboys selected LSU's Morris Claiborne, the top cornerback, adding him to free agent signing Brandon Carr and shoring up what was a Swiss cheese secondary.

RANGERS

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"It's good to see the guys with the same mentality and attitude that they had last year," said Rangers star Josh Hamilton, who is hitting .390 with eight home runs and 19 RBIs.

Manager Ron Washington is basically using the same everyday lineup he did last season, since the top-hitting team is unchanged.

"We have a good understanding of what we expect out of each other," said Kinsler, the leadoff hitter whose new \$75 million, five-year contract through 2017 makes him one of league's top-paid second basemen.

After a career-best 30 homers last season, Napoli already has seven this year. Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger in his 12th season, is hitting .356.

The Rangers have scored a majors-best 107 runs, more than twice as many the AL-low 52 runs they have allowed. That means they're outscoring teams by an average of nearly three runs a game.

They're the only team this season that hasn't lost consecutive games — the only time they have since losing three in a row against Boston last August were those final two World Series games. They have won a franchise-record 12 consecutive regular-season series, dating to last season.

C.J. Wilson, who signed with the Angels in the offseason, has been replaced in the starting rotation by Yu Darvish (3-0, 2.42 ERA), who has gotten better in each of his four starts. The Japanese standout, the Rangers' big offseason acquisition, struck out 10 in 8 1-3 scoreless innings against the

New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

Matt Harrison (3-0, 1.66 ERA) and Colby Lewis (2-0, 2.03 ERA) are off to solid starts. Derek Holland (2-1), the 25-year-old left-hander who got a new five-year contract during the offseason, has a team-high 4.78 ERA only because of one rough outing against the Yankees.

The Rangers' 2.62 ERA is the AL's best. Only one other time have they gotten this far in a season with that number so low, back in 1983.

Joe Nathan, their new closer who came from Minnesota, has five saves and bounced back from two early losses. Rookie Robbie Ross (4-0), the only lefty in the bullpen though he wasn't even really in the team's plans before his impressive spring, was tied for the major league lead in victories. He is first

pitcher in the majors since at least 1918 to earn four relief wins in his first six career appearances.

Along with the hitting and pitching, the Rangers have made only seven errors. Shortstop Elvis Andrus has been flawless in his 82 fielding chances, and has gone 51 games without an error.

"We're playing good baseball. ... We're just playing complete baseball," Washington said. "Our mindset is let's try to play the best game we possibly can that day, try to do the things the game asks us to do, and you find out that you'll have more fun than that. And we're having fun."

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Texans choose DE Mercilus

HOUSTON (AP) — Looking for another pass rusher and more linebacker depth, the Houston Texans selected Illinois defensive end Whitney Mercilus with the 26th overall pick in the NFL draft Thursday night.

The 6-foot-3, 261-pound Mercilus is an early-entry junior who only started for one season in college, but he led the nation in sacks (16) and forced fumbles (8). He earned All-Big Ten honors and won the 2011 Ted Hendricks award.

"He's a smart player, he's athletic, he's tough," Texans defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "You want those high-motor guys, but you want them to have that kind of ability."

Phillips said if Mercilus would've stayed in school, he would've been a top-10 pick in next year's draft. Mercilus says he's ready to contribute immediately, despite his relatively light experience.

"I answer that criticism as I just became more of a student of the game," Mercilus said. "Definitely, when I got my opportunity, I made the most of it. Instead of being behind a starter, who was ahead of me in my last years, 2009 and 2010, once I got my opportunity, I was able to make the most of it and just shine through."

Mercilus only started one season at Illinois, but Phillips said his lack of experience didn't deter the Texans.

"They say 'one-year wonder,'" Phillips said. "You wonder why he didn't play, is what I wonder. The guy went out and played against the Big Ten and I'm sure they did the right thing. He was ready this year, you see in all the athletic ability you look for in a player, especially with his pass-rush skills."

Houston took some key losses in free agency, with career sacks leader Mario Williams, right tackle Eric Winston and right guard Mike Brisiel signing with other teams. The Texans cut Winston and traded All-Pro linebacker DeMeco Ryans to Philadelphia.

Houston opted for another defensive addition, even though Houston coach Gary Kubiak and general manager Rick Smith both said they were eyeing the deep pool of receivers in the draft. Five-time Pro Bowler Andre Johnson, who turns 31 in July, missed nine full games with hamstring injuries last year and the Texans never found a consistent replacement.

The Texans finished 10-6 last season and won their first AFC South title to earn the franchise's first playoff berth. A year ago, Houston used six of its eight picks in 2011 on defensive players, and the first two — defensive end J.J. Watt and outside linebacker Brooks Reed — played well in starting roles.

The Texans' defense ranked second last season and made the biggest one-year improvement of any team since 1970, allowing about 91 yards fewer per game than it did in 2010.

Mercilus played defensive end in a 4-3 defensive scheme for the Illini, who ranked seventh in total defense last season (286.2 yards per game). Phillips said Mercilus projects to an outside linebacker in the 3-4 alignment that Houston now employs.

"He's a really strong pass rusher," Phillips said. "He fits in really well."

Mercilus says he doesn't know much about Phillips, but he got a good vibe when he met with the team at the combine. He acknowledged that he needs to improve his run defense, but he's confident in transferring his pass-rushing game.

Jordan's Bobcats are NBA's worst ever

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan's No. 23 has long been synonymous with greatness. Now that number has a completely different meaning for him.

As Jordan watched from his luxury box, his Charlotte Bobcats lost their 23rd consecutive game Thursday night 104-84 to the New York Knicks and finished the shrunken season with the worst winning percentage in NBA history (.106). That means the man recognized globally as the greatest basketball player ever is the not-so-proud owner of the worst NBA team ever.

A spectacular resume that includes six NBA championships and five league MVP awards would also include one very forgettable season for the record book.

It had been 39 years since an NBA team finished with a worse winning percentage than the Bobcats. In a full season, the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers finished 9-73 (.110).

In this lockout-shortened regular season, the Bobcats finished a woeful 7-59 — and they are every bit as bad as the numbers indicate.

They were last in league scoring and shooting percentage. They lost 22 games by 20 points or more. And it's hard to decide what was worse, their offense or their defense.

This year's Bobcats were everything Jordan wasn't as a player — unproductive, uncompetitive and unwatchable.

Jordan didn't talk with the media after the game, but guard Gerald Henderson called the season "unacceptable."

"This doesn't sit very well with me," Henderson said Thursday night. "These last 10 games, we've really tried to get after it, compete and not get that record. It just didn't happen for us. We just didn't have enough. We couldn't come up with

the plays.

"When you look back at it and see we lost 59 games, you always think 'We could've won one more.'"

Jordan told the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday that he knew this was going to be a trying year, but didn't expect it would turn out this bad.

"But did we want to chase the most pingpong balls (in the May 30 draft lottery)? No way," Jordan told the newspaper. "Ever since I've owned the team I think we've made some very positive moves on the business side. We had to make a difficult decision to turn over the talent. This year the talent we had didn't respond, but that doesn't cause me to turn my back on the plan."

While Jordan was sticking to his plan, the Bobcats were painful to watch.

No one on the roster comes close to having Jordan's charisma — not to mention his ability to dominate. They lack a face for the franchise, at least on the court.

And all that's on Jordan.

His reputation as an executive continues to take hit after hit, just the way he used to make game-winning shot after shot.

Jordan's questionable decision-making has landed the Hall of Famer at the center of a debate about which former star turned NBA executive has done the worst job.

Jordan spent a season-and-a-half in Washington as team president and later as a part-time player. And while the Wizards were attractive at the box office, they were horrible as a team and owner Abe Pollin ultimately fired Jordan.

Jordan was criticized for trading Juwan Howard and Richard Hamilton, drafting Kwame Brown with the No. 1 overall pick and signing Larry Hughes to a big contract.

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self out for the Boston series but still hopes to play if the Hawks advance from the opening round for the fourth year in a row. While the team hasn't gotten past the second round since moving to Atlanta in 1968, Johnson feels a special vibe with this group.

"I'm very proud of what we've accomplished," he said. "You saw a lot of guys come into their own this year."

Dirk Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 22 points, but it was another tough night for the reigning champs. Dallas wasn't nearly as dominant coming off its first NBA title, finishing far behind the top seeds in the West, San Antonio and Oklahoma City. With only its first-round opponent in doubt, the Mavericks had little to play for in Atlanta —

and their performance reflected it. "

"The first quarter was horrible," coach Rick Carlisle said. "It'd be a stretch to say we're playing our best. At this point, we have to move forward. We're going to have to flush this one — very quickly."

Jason Kidd rested up for the playoffs, watching the game from the bench in street clothes.

"The dress rehearsal's over," he said. "Now it's time for us to protect our crown."

Jeff Teague added 17 points for the Hawks, Johnson had 15 and Kirk Hinrich contributed 12. Smith finished with nine rebounds and seven assists.

With the home court no longer in doubt, Atlanta was finally able to rest its starters in the final quarter. Green scored 11 points, Ivan Johnson finished with 10 and the Hawks got 33 points overall from their reserves.

Rodrigue Beaubois scored 13 points for Dallas. Jason Terry had 11.

"We're ready," Terry insisted. "That's what you play for, another championship."

The Mavericks closed the season losing four of their last six games.

"It doesn't matter if you're on a high or a low," Terry said. "The last few games don't matter. It's irrelevant. The only thing that matters is how we come out in Game 1."

The Hawks are looking forward to matching up with the Celtics. The teams faced in the opening round in 2008, after Atlanta made the playoffs for the first time in nine years and surprisingly forced top-seeded Boston to seven games.

This season, the Celtics won two of three meetings by a total of 10 points, including an overtime victory in Boston.

"We've had a lot of chippy moments with them, a lot of good games," Smith said. "We've played this team well. It's going to be an exciting series."

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By Steve Becker

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- ♠ J ♥ Q7652 ♦ 9632 ♣ J84
- ♠ Q94 ♥ K86 ♦ J93 ♣ Q872
- ♠ K65 ♥ 94 ♦ A863 ♣ 9762

1. **Six diamonds.** An opening three-notrump bid normally indicates a balanced hand containing 25 or 26 high-card points. Opposite your hand, it is therefore highly likely that a slam can be made with diamonds as trumps.

Unfortunately, there's no way of bidding this hand scientifically; the best you can do is to take a shot at what you think you can make. There could even be a grand slam if partner has exactly the right cards, but it would be foolish to take a blind stab at it. Partner is not barred from bidding seven over six, but in practice he will nearly always pass.

2. **Pass.** Here there's virtually no chance for a slam, so the only problem is whether to pass or bid four hearts (or four diamonds if you play transfers). Four hearts would essentially be a shutout bid and would not

suggest interest in a slam.

A pass will probably work out best in the long run, since the combined high-card point count is somewhere around 29 or 30 points — surely enough for partner to make nine tricks at notrump. The trouble with bidding four hearts is that partner might have only a doubleton heart, creating the possibility of losing two or three trump tricks that would not have to be lost in a notrump contract.

3. **Six notrump.** This hand is unimpressive in its own right, but opposite a three-notrump opening it assumes sizable proportions. Your combined count of 33 or 34 points makes a small slam very likely. Hands of this sort illustrate the great value of point count in assessing the number of tricks your side can make. You nearly always belong in a slam when you and partner together have 33 or more high-card points.

4. **Four notrump.** This bid has nothing to do with Blackwood, but is instead intended to ascertain how many high-card points your side possesses. Partner should pass with minimum values for his three-notrump bid, but should carry on to slam with a maximum.

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications and resumes for the position of Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities include assisting the General Manager with administrative duties of the District. This is a skilled level position, additional information can be found at www.crmwd.org CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave. Resumes are desired. Applications are required and available at the District's administrative office, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432)267-6341 or www.crmwd.org

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DELL'S CAFE is looking for a Cook Helper. Come by 1608 East 4th Street. Please No Phone Calls.

Help Wanted

DAY CAMP Worker Needed at The Boys & Girls Club. Must have outgoing personality, patience, & love children. Apply at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 811 West 5th.

DAY'S INN needs Front Desk person. Apply at Front Office @ 2701 South Gregg Street.



DUE TO the continued trust being placed in our staff by Big Spring residents & physicians, Crossroads Hospice is hiring for the position of RN/LVN full-time. We will gladly train the candidate who is selected for this position to OUR STANDARD OF CARE. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to Debbie Read (432)263-5304 or come by the office.

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HOWARD COUNTY will be hiring a COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER or COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATOR for their unit road system.

The ENGINEER must have supervisory skills and must be a licensed professional engineer experienced in road and bridge construction and maintenance and meet the qualifications required by the Texas Department of Transportation for its district engineers. The ROAD ENGINEER must have supervisory skills and have had experience in road & bridge building or maintenance or other types of construction work qualifying the person to perform the duties of the position but need not have had any particular amount of professional training or experience in engineering work.

Applications may be picked up and returned to the County Judge, Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main, Room 207, Big Spring, TX. 79720 Phone 432-264-2218. The deadline for applications is May 4, 2012. E.O.E.

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IMMEDIATE JOB Opening Part-time position for a Housekeeper. Hours will be Monday thru Friday, 4 hours per day as scheduled. Competitive applicants will have a dependable work history and good references. Apply in person Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. 3rd Street, Big Spring

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THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following position:

Electrician- Responsible for maintaining the District's control panels, motors, electric substations and power lines. Entry to intermediate level position, good understanding of electronics/electricity preferred. CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave. Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432)267-6341 or crmw.d.org.

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Location of Polling Place: The Foyer of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at the northwest corner of the campus of Howard College, on the corner of Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 South Main, Big Spring, Texas, on weekdays beginning April 30, 2012, and ending May 8, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except that on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, and Thursday, May 3, 2012, early voting by personal appearance will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Howard County Elections Department Attn: Sandra Bloom, Elections Administrator P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, Texas 79721 Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012. Issued this 27th day of April, 2012 Tommy Duncan, Mayor

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Righteousness doesn't solve anything and instead promotes a sense of inequality and division. That's why you'll focus on yourself and on doing what it takes to make your life better, regardless of the

wrongdoings of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be playing a social game of sorts. Some will take it far more seriously than you do, and this gives you an advantage. You'll rise above the situation and form a strategy instead of reacting to the play-by-play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be brimming with cool, novel ideas for creating fun times with your loved ones. Of course, until you try them out, you can't tell just how cool they are. Follow through, and bring a camera.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Like a silk cloth dropped from a monument, life reveals itself to you with a degree of pomp and circumstance. You'll enjoy the way events will be framed in a certain context with accompanying rituals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You recognize the sound of a soul's cry, and it won't be heard with your ears but with your heart. You'll be in tune with the way others are feeling, and you'll be a healer when those feelings are raw.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Usually, your actions are motivated by many different factors at once. What you do today will be motivated by a sense of duty, your own aesthetic enthusiasm and the chance for political gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you know what it's like to love a certain person and not have that love returned, then you may also understand that it is just the kind of loss from which great art springs. You'll turn past pain into something beautiful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a true friend and a stellar partner, which you'll prove with today's approach to relationships. You'll loan your strength to another instead of using it as a weapon of control.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll plan your day intelligently in the hope that less time will be wasted in mindless activities and useless chatter. Your forethought works brilliantly to keep you moving along your path.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 27). You'll break

big goals down into small chunks and get to work in May. June puts a new person in your life, and you'll be creatively inspired because of this influence. August is your chance to trade up on a big-ticket item. With great emotional maturity, you'll lead the way for loved ones in September. Virgo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 17, 39 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** When you can make a person feel good, you have done something remarkable that will not soon be forgotten. **TAURUS:** You don't need to fit the mold. Just be you; it's working. **GEMINI:** If you're not giving the perfect answers, you can be sure that you're making people think. Your charms are working. **CANCER:** You may feel like being alone to regroup, and you deserve this courtesy from your loved ones. **LEO:** You know how to be happy. Don't forget it. Share it with those who you know need it. **VIRGO:** You'll follow your heart, which is not always an easy process. **LIBRA:** You're happy with your current social status, and that makes someone else crazy! This one wants to get mixed into your life and world. **SCORPIO:** You don't like to create and compromise at the same time. You'll be at your best when making your own creative decisions. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your options are most exciting. **CAPRICORN:** With a simple gesture, you'll make a difference and perhaps start an important relationship. **AQUARIUS:** You are on an adventure, a true co-creation. **PISCES:** You'll be attracted to charismatic and perhaps somewhat overpowering people. Don't lose who you are in this.

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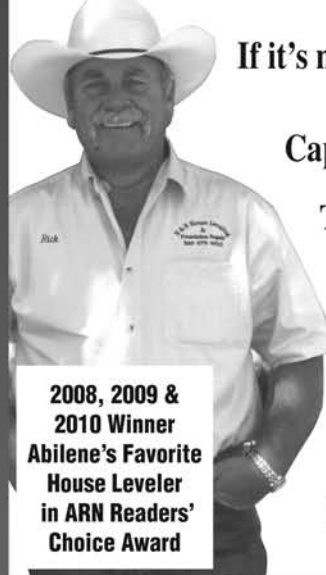
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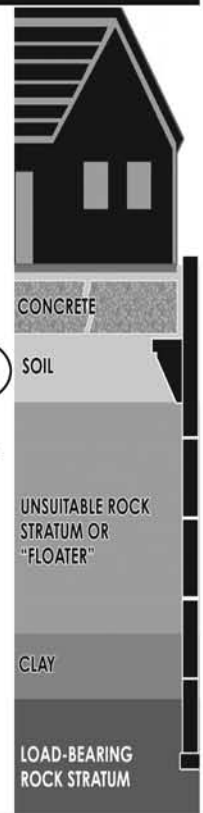
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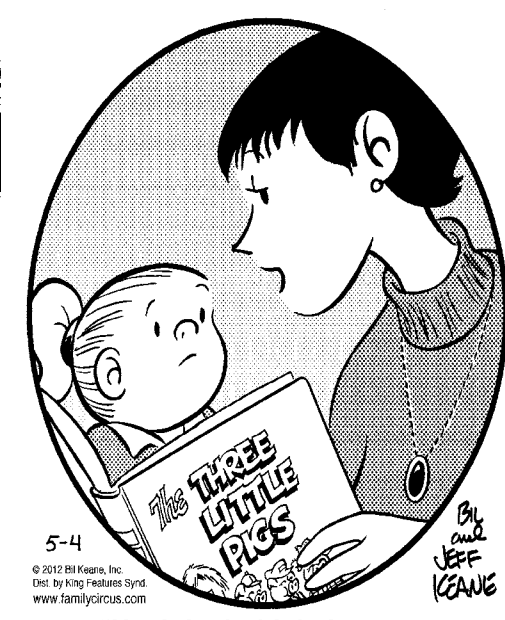


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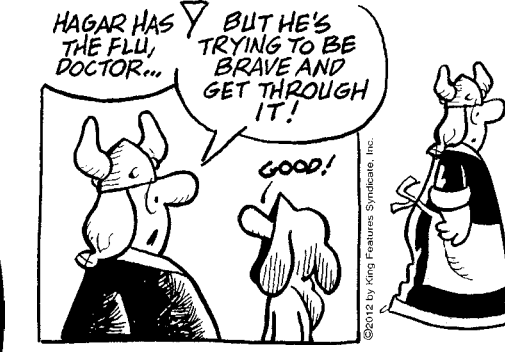
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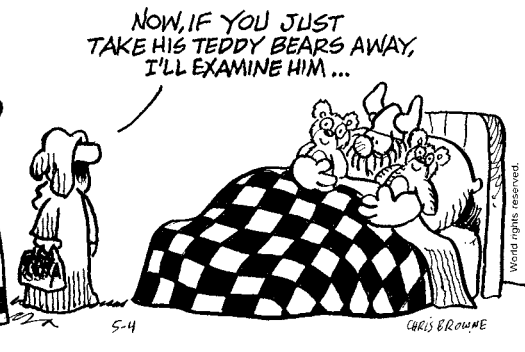
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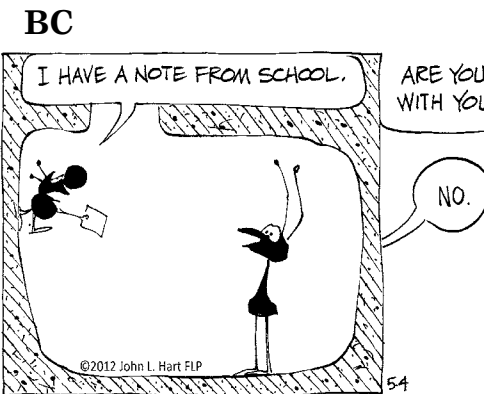
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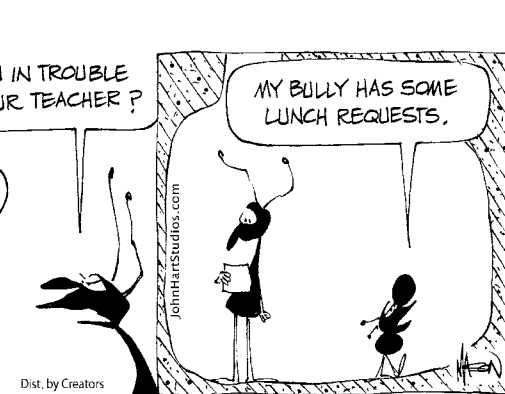
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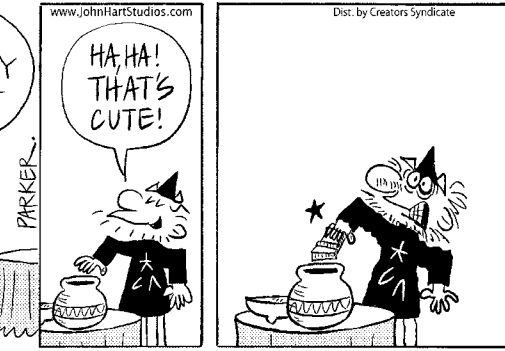
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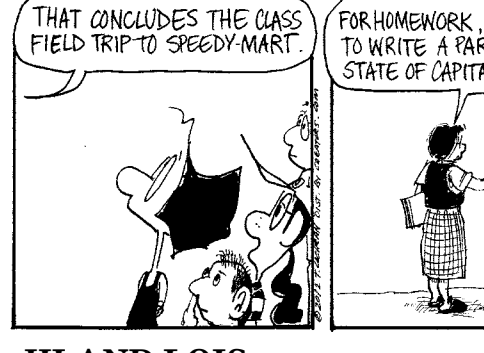
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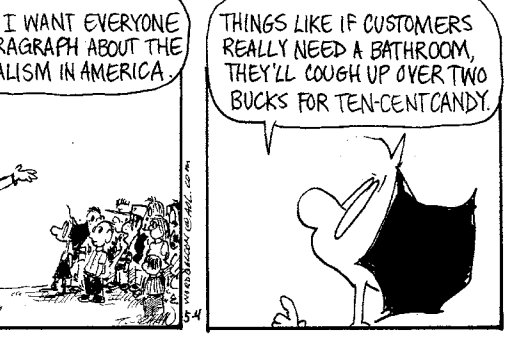
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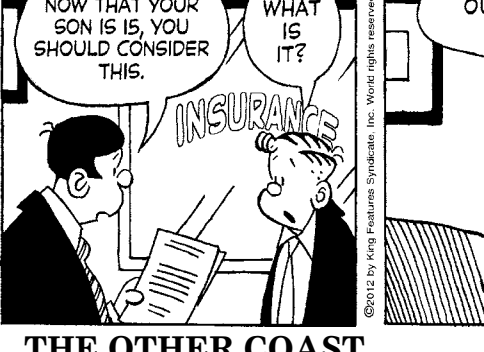
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- 42 Torment
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- 46 "Strange!"
- 48 Peanuts expletive
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 4, the 125th day of 2012. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Imperial Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1862, after a monthlong siege, Union forces prepared to unleash a massive bombardment against Confederate troops at Yorktown, Va., only to discover the Confederates had slipped away during the night.

Answers to previous puzzle

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