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## Volunteer firefighters to say thanks Saturday at Walmart

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Last year, the community stood behind the firefighters and now they are returning the favor.

Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., rural firefighters will be at Walmart for Howard County VFD Community Appreciation Day.

"Last year, the community got behind us and offered food, monetary donations and encouragement," Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said.

Walmart has teamed with the HCVFD to help say "thank you" for all the support that was given. Firefighters will be on hand showing off their

new truck along with several other vehicles. There will also be food and giveaways for the children.

"We are very proud to be partnering with Walmart and doing this," Sullivan said. "We wanted to say thank you for all the support because without that support we wouldn't have made it."

"It was the support and encouragement that helped allow a bad season to have a positive outcome."

Sullivan said he wants to encourage all community members to come out, see the trucks, take pictures and let the firefighters show their appreciation for all the support they received.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno  
**Joy Armstrong and Judy Plumlee, retired teachers from Marcy Elementary, dig up a time capsule while Rita Faulkner, Marcy principal, helps. The capsule was buried 13 years ago and was set to be uncovered in 2014. With the construction of the new school, the capsule had to be uncovered early.**

## Don't forget

Run for the Wall, a group of motorcyclists making a trek from California to Washington, D.C., on behalf of military veterans, will be at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial between 9:45 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Saturday.

The public is welcome to attend a brief wreath laying ceremony and encouraged to greet the bikers as they motor through the city.

For a list of weekend activities, see Page 8A.

## Priest guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A jury has found a former Roman Catholic priest guilty of plotting the death of a man who accused him of sexual abuse.

According to the Dallas Morning News, the Dallas County jury of three men and nine women returned its verdict on John M. Fiala Thursday afternoon after a few hours' deliberation.

Then, testimony began in the penalty phase. Fiala could be sentenced to up to life in prison for solicitation of capital murder.

Prosecutors say Fiala tried to hire a neighbor's brother to kill the man who accused him of abusing him in 2008. That's when the man was 16 and Fiala was the priest at a rural West Texas parish.

The former clergyman was arrested Nov. 18 at his Dallas home and jailed on \$700,000 bond. According to court records, he was named in a lawsuit filed by the boy's family, who accused Fiala of molesting the young man, including twice at gunpoint.

The lawsuit also names the Archdiocese of San Antonio and Archbishop Jose Gomez, alleging the church should have been aware of Fiala's actions.

That accuser had said Fiala abused him at Fiala's former parish of Sacred Heart of Mary located in Rocksprings between 2007 and 2008 when the man was 16.

According to information

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## Run for God planned June 2

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Lace up your running shoes, another 5K run is coming to Scenic Mountain.

Saturday, June 2, residents will be taking part in a Run

for God at the Big Spring State Park.

Registration will take place from 7 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m.

"We are hoping people will register early, but for those who do want to register at the event there will be a time for that," said Shaunaci Armentrout, Run for God instructor.

Early registration can be

conducted online at [www.timingspecialist.com](http://www.timingspecialist.com) or by contacting Armentrout. Registration is \$25. All ages are welcome to participate.

"We want to encourage everyone who wants to come out and join us to do so," Armentrout said.

"For those who want to take part, but don't want to run, that is OK, too. We will have walkers and runners taking part."

The entire course will be 3.2 miles around Scenic Mountain. All the funds raised will benefit Go Life missions at Life Church.

For more information, contact Armentrout at 213-3202 or visit [freedomatthepeak5.webs.com](http://freedomatthepeak5.webs.com).

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## Sally holding fan drive

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Temperatures are rising and the Salvation Army is asking for the community's help.

Each year, the Salvation Army holds a fan drive in the

summer and a heater drive in the winter with hopes of helping area residents keep cool and stay warm. The time has come to transition and gather fans for the upcoming summer months.

"We have been doing this for at least 10 years and we continue to do it because there is always a need," Social Services Director Bessie Flores said.

The Salvation Army asks for people to donate new or used fans in working condition or monetary donations. The help offered through the program is dependent upon

the donations received.

"There have been times we have had to turn people away because we didn't have enough fans or money," Flores said.

According to Flores, the program usually is able to help between 10 and 20 people. At this time, the Salvation Army has no fans or monetary donations to provide fans if a need should arise.

"The donations are what we work on. It is a great way to give back to the community," Flores said. "We ask that

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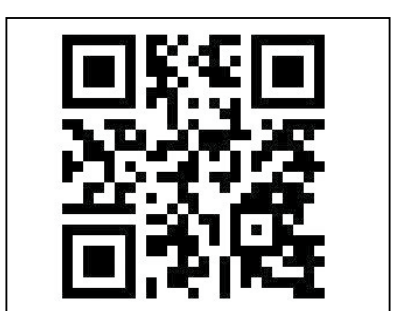
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# Obituaries

## Elijah Daniel Baltazar



Elijah Daniel Baltazar, 6-month-old son of Ismael and Amanda Baltazar of Knott, died Thursday, May 17, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Les Paul Deathrage officiating.

He was born Nov. 2, 2011, at his home in Howard County, Texas.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two sisters, Azaria Sanchez of Knott and Alayna Baltazar of Big Spring; two brothers, Izyk Baltazar and Malachi Baltazar, both of Knott; maternal grandparents, Josie Sanchez of Knott and Sanovio Molina of Lamesa; paternal grandmother, Lydia Saldana of Lamesa; maternal great-grandparents, Catarino and Chrestina Sanchez of San Benito; and one aunt.

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

# Police blotter

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

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- CATISHA DEANN MINTER, 28, of 2521 Dow, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for permitting unlicensed minor to drive (parent or guardian).
- FREDIA MAE OBRIEN, 56, of 3805 Connally, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- MELISSA KAY WHITE, 25, of 1810 Nolan, was arrested Thursday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed and a warrant from another agency.
- LANCE WAYNE LAND, 23, of 1606 Settles, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft - more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- MARIE VICKIE HERNANDEZ, 40, of 1605 Oriole, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JEFFREY PAUL CARTER, 49, of 1202 Jeffery Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 29, of 102 Merrick Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- EURVIN JAMALL WINTERS, 24, of Martin Luther King Blvd. (apartment not provided), was arrested Friday on warrants from other agencies (three counts).
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Jeffery Road.

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

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

- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

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May 19  
**5th Annual Crossroads of West Texas Golf Tournament**  
Big Spring Country Club  
For more info contact the chamber at **432-263-7641**

May 19  
**Armed Forces Day Celebration**  
Hangar 25 Museum  
For more info contact the museum at **432-264-1999**

May 19  
**Be Still Woman's Conference**  
Howard College Cactus Room  
For more info contact **Marilyn Clark** at **432-816-9331**

May 26  
**Big Spring Family Aquatics Center "Splash In"**  
For more info contact **432-264-2501**

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**Today's Weather**

**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Sat 5/19	Sun 5/20	Mon 5/21	Tue 5/22	Wed 5/23
<b>94/66</b> Sunny skies. Hot. High 94F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	<b>96/64</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>90/64</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>90/65</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>93/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM

**Texas At A Glance**

**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	64	windy	Kingsville	90	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	60	sunny	Livingston	89	60	sunny
Austin	86	64	sunny	Longview	89	63	sunny
Beaumont	88	65	sunny	Lubbock	94	62	sunny
Brownsville	90	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	61	sunny
Brownwood	89	64	sunny	Midland	94	67	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	72	mst sunny	Raymondville	90	68	mst sunny
Corsicana	87	62	sunny	Rosenberg	88	64	sunny
Dallas	89	64	sunny	San Antonio	89	66	sunny
Del Rio	90	67	sunny	San Marcos	87	64	sunny
El Paso	95	68	sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	63	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	65	windy	Sweetwater	90	64	windy
Gainesville	87	62	sunny	Tyler	88	61	sunny
Greenville	87	60	sunny	Weatherford	88	62	sunny
Houston	88	65	sunny	Wichita Falls	90	65	windy

**Fire/EMS**

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5200 block of Craig Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Moore. Service refused.

# State briefs

## Dallas-based Atmos Energy warns of utility scam

DALLAS (AP) — A natural gas company serving a dozen states has warned customers that President Barack Obama will not be paying their bills. Dallas-based Atmos Energy says the scheme falsely claims Obama is providing credits or directly paying utility bills.

Atmos spokeswoman Jennifer Ryan said Thursday that scammers then asked for the customer's Social Security number.

Ryan says Atmos workers always carry proper identification and never contact customers requiring personal information.

Atmos is one of the country's largest natural-gas-only distributors. The company says it serves more than 3 million customers in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

## 2 convicted gang members in Midland get prison

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors in West Texas say two convicted gang members have been sentenced to prison in a federal drug and racketeering case.

A judge in Midland on Thursday sentenced 33-year-old Santos Almanza to life behind bars. Officials say 32-year-old Miguel Nieto was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

A jury in February convicted Almanza and Nieto of conspiring to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana. Both also were convicted of racketeering-related counts.

U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman says both convicted felons are members of the Barrio Azteca border gang. Trial testimony linked the pair to drug smuggling, robbery, extortion and intimidation in the Midland and Odessa area.

## Senate committee holds hearing on teachers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate's education committee is holding hearings on how the state prepares people to be teachers and principals in public schools.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has asked the committee to investigate both traditional and alternative certification programs. Specifically, senators want to know what the state can do to recruit high-quality teachers and keep them in Texas.

Friday's hearing comes the day after parents staged a mock bake sale outside the Capitol to raise \$1 billion for public schools. Last year the Republican-controlled Legislature cut \$4 billion in spending for public schools, the first such cut since World War II. That has forced school districts to lay-off teachers across the state.

Conservative Republicans argue that schools do not spend money wisely. Democrats say teachers are not getting enough financial support.

## Dallas boy, 4, allegedly took cocaine to school

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have arrested a 4-year-old boy's parents and his uncle after the child took a bag of alleged crack cocaine to preschool.

Jail records show 26-year-olds Joshua and Christy Ruiz, plus 21-year-old Moses Ruiz, remained in custody Friday. The parents have been charged with child endangerment. Police say Joshua Ruiz and Moses Ruiz are accused of distribution of a controlled substance.

The arrests came after officers were notified by the charter school that the boy was seen playing with the bag Wednesday.

Bond for Christy Ruiz has been set at \$100,000. Her husband is jailed on \$600,000 bond. Bond has been set at \$100,000 for Moses Ruiz. Online records did not list attorneys for them.

The 4-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sibling have been placed with Child Protective Services.

## Houston police seek robbers after clerk slain

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a clerk at a discount store has been shot and killed during a robbery and the two attackers remain at large.

Officials say the Family Dollar store was closed Friday during the investigation.

Police say the female worker was dead at the scene Thursday night shortly before closing. Her name wasn't immediately released.

Police say two masked men took an undetermined amount of cash from the register, then stole a customer's car.

Police have described the missing vehicle as a 2012 Toyota Camry with Louisiana license plate number N23-8302.

## 2 bank robbers get prison

WACO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge in Central Texas has sentenced two bank robbers to prison for 2011 holdups in Texas and Missouri.

Prosecutors in Waco say sentencing is pending for a third convicted robber. All three Macon, Mo., residents were caught last September in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Jacob Thomas Norris and Alexia Quentasha Baker in March pleaded guilty to bank robbery and to aiding and abetting bank robbery.

A judge in Waco on Wednesday sentenced Norris to six years in prison and Baker to more than three years behind bars. Prosecutors linked the suspects to robberies in Temple and Columbia, Mo.

Jeffrey Brent Heckman pleaded guilty to two counts of bank robbery with a dangerous weapon, three counts of bank robbery and to carrying a firearm during a violent crime.

## Ex-TWU student, vet gets prison

DENTON, Texas (AP) — An injured former U.S. serviceman has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for threatening a Texas congressman.

Christopher Gillette also was sentenced to 10 years of probation for making a threat in class while attending Texas Woman's University. The March 1, 2011, incident led to a lockdown of the Denton campus.

Gillette was later arrested at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Dallas.

Prosecutors say Gillette threatened U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess in a previous letter complaining about not getting enough medical help. Authorities say Gillette was injured in military training accidents and had lingering pain.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported Thursday that Gillette was convicted this month of making a terroristic threat that would impair public or government service.

His prison time and probation will be served concurrently.

## Convicted killer faked evidence

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A convicted killer from North Texas acting as his own attorney to fight his life prison term has been accused of faking evidence.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday that a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals order basically bars Jeff Dodson from another appeal.

Dodson was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his conviction in the 2007 robbery-slaying of a Bedford convenience store clerk. The victim was Gaurab Rajbanshi.

The appeals court this week ruled Dodson submitted trial transcripts that were altered to say his brother pleaded guilty as the gunman.

Theodis Dodson pleaded guilty in a plea deal but said he was not the shooter and also received life in prison.

Store surveillance video captured part of the incident.

## Texas boy suspended over NBA shave scores tickets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 12-year-old Texas boy who was suspended from school after shaving his head to resemble the face of Spurs forward Matt Bonner scored tickets to a playoff game and props from his favorite NBA player.

Patrick Gonzalez was suspended for a day from Woodlake Hills Middle School because the school district deemed his \$75 haircut a distraction. He returned to class Thursday after reluctantly shaving his head.

Gonzalez says Bonner is his favorite player, noting they're both redheads.

Bonner, whose mother is a teacher, says the school could have just moved Gonzalez to the back of the room. Bonner encouraged Gonzalez to "keep supporting us redheads in the NBA."

Gonzalez's story prompted the Spurs to give him and his family tickets to Thursday's playoff game — against the Clippers.

## GUILTY

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from the Edwards County Sheriff's Office, Fiala previously set his victim up with an apart-

ment in Big Spring, where the young man reportedly had a girlfriend.

Fiala's defense attorney argued the former priest had no true intention of having his accuser killed.

But the man Fiala met with in November 2010 and instructed to kill his accuser for \$5,000 was actually an undercover police officer. Their entire conversation was recorded on video and played for the jury on Wednesday.

## FANS

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people think what if it was one of their family members sitting in a hot

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*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:*

- Wal-Mart, HEB, Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, Communication Access Ability Group, Howard College Diplomats, Big Spring Herald and Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, Big Spring for sponsoring the Job Fair held April 24 at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

- Dressed to a Tea for hosting a unique event which offered support to the Big Spring Symphony and provided a community activity.

- Dr. Keith Graumann for being recognized with the Good Scout Award for all his contributions to the community over the years.

- All those who took part in early voting and those who have cast their votes in the primaries already.

- All 19 graduates of Leadership Big Spring for not only completing their required tasks but also for doing their part in bettering the community through their project — installing new playground — at Comanche Trail Park.

*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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# 1960s, The Spirit of Ada Merritt

Perhaps it was the times we lived in; the 1960s were special to almost everyone. Or perhaps it had more to do with the unique place we found ourselves sharing. Our junior high school, in the heart of Miami's Little Havana, is legendary.

No one can really explain what made Ada Merritt Junior High School so special or why it had such a huge impact in our lives. But we all know it did. No one can explain why we still carry that school with us, but we do.

Anyone who went to Ada Merritt in the 1960s can tell you at least a dozen anecdotes about life-changing experiences there. Some of them were pleasant; some were tough; some still are hilarious; and some we would rather forget. But they were all very valuable lessons.

No one can explain why Ada Merritt still draws its former students together like a powerful magnet, but we know it does. We are an unofficial fraternity, a brotherhood of men and women who are bonded by some magical code we don't really understand.

Perhaps it was because most of us were recently-arrived Cuban refugees, and together we struggled to learn the English language, adapt to American foods, dance to rock 'n' roll music, and play American sports. We became as close as siblings because the circumstances made us depend on each other. Or, perhaps, we are all possessed by the spirit of Ada Merritt.

Named after a pioneer Miami educator and built in 1923, this was the first junior high school in South Florida. But in the 1960s, Ada Merritt was in the heart of an inner city plagued with social and economic problems.

If you went to school there, you were likely to be poor and living in a drug, gang and crime-ridden neighborhood. Remember the kind of eccentric, unconventional teachers you only see in the movies?

Whenever I see a movie about a troubled school and the inspirational teachers who take them on, I say to myself, "I went there. That's Ada Merritt."

After all, my teachers were tough-love educators, just like Sidney Poitier in "To Sir, with Love" or Edward James Olmos in "Stand and Deliver" or Nick Nolte in "Teachers" or Hilary Swank in "Freedom Writers" or Morgan Freeman in "Lean on Me."

Many of these actors represented real-life teachers. "So why aren't they making a movie about Ada Merritt?" I've been asking myself that for many years.

Seeking an answer to that question, when I became a reporter for The Miami Herald in the mid 1970s, I looked up the newspaper clippings for my

alma mater, and what I discovered was fascinating — an even better movie than I expected.

I found that many of our teachers had gone there voluntarily, seeking the challenge of educating inner city immigrant students, committed to leveling the education playing field. If I admired them before, the Herald archives made me appreciate them even more.

To teach at Ada Merritt, they had to be tough, strict disciplinarians and frankly, a little crazy.

And they were!

Ada Merritt was the kind of school where students who wanted to fight were handed boxing gloves and allowed to release their anxieties, where the vice principal wielded a huge paddle, where corporal punishment for unruly boys was almost a daily occurrence, where the cops would bring you back to school if you were out in the neighborhood skipping classes.

But it also was the kind of school where the teachers gave up on no one, where they cared enough to show up at your home uninvited, at dinnertime, when they knew they could address your discipline problems in front of your parents.

Each one of them was a perfect movie character, eccentric and inspirational at the same time.

There was the science teacher who apparently thought we understood English better when it was shouted; the history teacher who thought he was still a general in the U.S. Army; the Spanish teacher who called everyone "an animal;" the geography teacher who made more sense when he consulted the bottle of gin he kept in his desk drawer; and the woodshop teacher who engaged in rubber-band battles with his entire class. There was also the frequent substitute teacher who was strict about handing out assignments, but once encouraged to sing, he would end up standing on top of the teacher's desk and crooning like Frank Sinatra. I don't remember his name, but I do remember that we knew him as "Frankie."

There was the physical education teacher who also played third base for the old minor league Miami Marlins, and another teacher who was considered mean in school but a guardian angel when we got in trouble on the street while he was moonlighting as a cop. We looked forward to their stories about their outside jobs, especially from the civics teacher who also worked as a drummer at The Playboy Club. They gave us an unconventional education, but it worked!

Back then, there were fears that the children of refugees would not be able to make it past the factories and hotels that had provided jobs for our parents when we first arrived. There was fear that we would never join the American mainstream because Little Havana was going to shield us from the rest of the world. But it didn't turn out that way for my classmates. My

immediate buddies went on to become a judge, an IRS prosecutor, a hospital director, a doctor, a stockbroker, the president of a chain of restaurants, real estate developers, brokers, bankers, computer system engineers, and firefighters. Needless to say, they reached the mainstream and became contributing members of American society.

Yet the school was closed in the 1970s — finally defeated by many ailments. The building was used as a Job Corps center until it was demolished and a replica of the Spanish colonial-style structure was rebuilt in 2003 — still with its impressive main entrance guarded by two lion statues.

The replica was then incorporated into an even larger structure that became the new Ada Merritt — now an elementary "magnet" school, designed for commuters to drop off their children on their way to work in downtown Miami.

But the magnet has always been there. Ada Merritt alumni have gone in different directions, but the bonds of friendship that were fused there always keep pulling us together.

I went to that school from 1964 to 1967, and yet when I visit Miami, the friends I still seek are my Ada Merritt classmates. We may be scattered all over the country — dispersed by careers, families and responsibilities — but the spirit of Ada Merritt is unbreakable. We still are the best of friends.

Even if I don't see my Ada Merritt friends for a few years, I always feel I can count on them for anything, like you do with familia. And when I hear that a former classmate is doing well, bursting with pride but quietly, without having to boast, I simply say to myself, "Que Viva el Ada Merritt."

And now, through the magic of Facebook, the Ada Merritt family is growing again. Stranded alumni are locating each other, sharing photos from the 1960s and taking the spirit of Ada Merritt to a whole new level.

"Why is it that we feel so close even on FB?" one of my former classmates asked, rhetorically, in a Facebook posting. "Amazing!"

I understood perfectly. A couple of weeks ago, when I discovered the Ada Merritt Junior High School Facebook page, thanks to an old classmate who sent me an invitation, I joined the group immediately. But there was so much I wanted to say in my first posting, so many emotions I wanted to share, that it took a whole column to express it.

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MIGUEL PEREZ

# Another school year over, graduation is here

It's that time of year. What's the old song? "I can still remember..." And I do. It's what I talk about when I'm invited to be a graduation speaker and what I write about every year at this time.

It's about all those painful memories. For many people, graduation is a day full of joy, a day about pride and accomplishment, about family and friends, a day of celebration. I hope it will always be that kind of day for my children — and, yes, for me in celebrating them.

But that's not how it was for me when I was the graduate.

In high school, I missed out on being valedictorian by a tenth of a point (and if they'd considered my last semester grades...). OK, not a biggie. When people asked where I

was headed to college, I had to say that, actually, I'd been rejected by my first through fifth choices and was headed for number six. OK, Wellesley certainly did well by me, and hopefully, I've done well by them. My parents' marriage was falling apart.

By the time I graduated from college, it had fallen apart. I was raped 36 hours before. My father didn't come because his wife of six months — who didn't like me one bit — was angry that I didn't have a ticket for her. My mother came with her then-boyfriend. I was too much of a mess for a dinner out, so we had bagels afterward at my sister's. Then I went "home" to the apartment — the one where I'd been raped in the parking lot.

And when it came time to attend my law school graduation, I didn't go. Having no money at all, I'd already started work a few weeks before at a firm in D.C.

My father was dead. I didn't have

money for the airfare back. My mother said it was just as well.

So when I think about graduation days, I think about all of the sadness of people who are missing, who aren't there to come or don't come, of graduating and not going where you wanted to go, of looking out on a sea of what looks like people who are so much happier than you are.

And here is what I've learned in the years since. Life is not about learning to deal with success. That's easy. It's about learning to move past disappointments and failures, to move on, to make the best. I won't say everything works out for the best. It doesn't, not always. Sometimes what is, is.

There's an old study I always invoke in talking to disappointed seniors. It was a study of a class of Harvard graduates from decades ago that found that the happiest were not the ones who were dealt the best hands, but those who played their hands —

whatever the cards — well. There are things you just can't change, and you confront them on big days like graduation. And there are things you can change, and you will. And then there is the serenity to know the difference.

A few years ago, a friend asked me — in a situation not entirely unlike the one my father faced so many years ago — whether he should go to graduation even though his wife had not been included. My advice: walk over coals or broken glass. You never know what the future will hold. He went.

Some good comes from everything. It does. Sometimes it just takes a while.

Congratulations, graduates. Congratulations, parents. God bless.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

## Church News

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Tom Koger.

Mike Robinson, elder from First Presbyterian Big Spring is preaching while Tom is attending the graduation of his granddaughter in New York City. We appreciate Mike's willingness to share his talents with us.

The lectionary for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. There will be a farewell reception for the Jensen Family and Bell Schwarzenbach on Sunday following morning service in the parish hall.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at Crispy's Cafe at 8:30 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

### First Assembly of God

Big Spring First Assembly of God is hosting a community cookout Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the church parking lot on the corner of Fourth and Lancaster. There will be food, games, live music and inflatable jumper. There will be no charge for the event.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The children's choir is taking off for the summer. The chancel choir will not practice this week or next.

Youth Sunday school class, led by Christine and Don Boling, is beginning a new study by Scott Rubin called "The Red Stuff."

Covenant class, under the leadership of John Ferguson and Max Green, began its final unit of the study "God's Creative Word" from the gospel of John. This unit, entitled The Word Will Be explores Jesus as the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, and the Way, Truth, and Life.

Presbyterian Women will host a mission presentation by Karen Winkler, elder and deacon from First Presbyterian Midland on Tuesday, May 22. The program "Hope: Behind the Red Bamboo" is

about her experiences from three mission trips to Burma/Myanmar. The program will begin at 11 a.m. in the theater room, with the annual birthday luncheon following in the fellowship hall.

Ann Farley is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for May is Christine Boling.

The lectionary is Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19. We will honor our two graduates, Jodi Jones from BSBS and Diana Heurta from GCHS, during worship Sunday. The chancel choir will present "Alleluia, Alleluia!" by Deborah Governor as the offertory anthem. Wes Moulton from Abilene is the guest organist.

The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m.

To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org).

### College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church reached their goal for the Annie Armstrong for North American Missions Offering this past Sunday. Thank you to all who gave.

The graduating seniors from CBC will be honored with a banquet at the church Friday at 6 p.m. This is for the seniors and their families. They will also be recognized in the morning worship service Sunday morning, May 20.

Sunday school leadership meeting will be held May 20 at 5 p.m. at the church and at 7 p.m., after evening services, there will be a wedding shower for Johnathan McMeans, our pastor's son and his soon to be bride, Brittany Marr, in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Ken McMeans will be preaching Sunday morning on Living and Loving from God's Point of View.

This week's sermon will be: "The Effects of The Love of God, Point One."

Our King's Kids, a group of children from first grade through sixth, will perform during the evening service Sunday, May 20. They always do an outstanding job.

For anyone interested, there is a community wide Bible Study for women taking place in the basement of the library Friday at 1 p.m. It is "Pursuing More of Jesus" by Anne Graham Lotz. There is a video to watch and discussion.

If ladies can come on their lunch hour they are welcome to bring their lunch and eat while watching the video.

### Alive in Christ

## Knowing when to put a plug in the jug

"It's time to plug the jug," the radio talk-show host announced at the end of his broadcast.

While I must confess that I don't remember what the verbal exchange between the host and his callers had been about, I was impressed with his last few words.

Plugging the jug provokes a slew of implications about the subject of self-control. In the case of the talk-show host, putting the plug in the jug was a simple recognition that he was out of time and it was necessary for him to curtail his words. There was also the suggestion that the plug would be pulled from the jug again at a future time.

Plugging the jug can also be an acknowledgement that the imbiber has absorbed enough food, drink, or information for one occasion.

Plugging the jug, laying down the fork, or closing the book can be a demonstration of self-discipline.

When we put the plug in the jug of knowledge, we may be pacing ourselves to take in only as much as we can digest at one time. We may need time to process what we have already soaked up before we can absorb more information.

Putting a stopper in the bottle, regardless of the bottle's contents, may be a display of discernment.

Even when there is a flow of wisdom pouring out of our mouths, knowing when we have said enough is crucial to good judgment.

Sometimes our verbal output needs to be saved for a more appropriate time.

Sometimes, however, plugging the jug needs to be a permanent action.



BONNIE WHEAT

When the contents of the jug are destructive to our physical, mental, or spiritual health, the plug needs to stay in the jug, and the jug needs to be thrown away.

In his epistles, the apostle Paul never mentions putting the plug in the jug, but he does speak of self-control: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23 NASB).

For Christians, having the wisdom to know when to plug the jug and the self-discipline to do it, is evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The apostle would have identified that trait as the fruit of self-control. God has given us control of the plug and the responsibility to plug and unplug wisely.

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### Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is [aliveinchrist@crcom.net](mailto:aliveinchrist@crcom.net).

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Bob Boyce will conduct the worship service Sunday. His sermon title will be "Sanctified In Truth" based on the readings for Sunday.

Richard Knocke will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-15, and John 17:11b-19.

The flowers on the altar are given by Ike and Quida Watznauer for their 22nd anniversary. Sunday, the LWML will host a reception for our graduates: Ashley von Hassell and Meagan Walker. The reception will be held between church and Sunday school.

Board of Assimilation will meet May 22 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Tomorrow our church will be hosting a barbecue luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you, Pastor Bob Boyce, for your talented and blessed Gospel and Cowboy music. Tickets will be available at the door.

A women's conference has been scheduled for tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. This conference, "Be Still and Know I am God," is a free event for women of all faiths.

June 11, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet June 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. The LWML will not meet until Sept. 13. The elders meet June 21. The Board of Assimilation will meet June 26 at 7 p.m. at the church.

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# Never would use it, but now I do ... blessed

When I was young, I didn't use the word, "blessed." I thought it seemed shallow and artificially religious, something you say to sound religious when you don't know what else to say. I wasn't even sure what it meant. But, as I have grown older, I have changed my mind.

Growing up in Texas, I learned that when someone asked, "How are you?" they rarely wanted an honest answer. Anything other than "Fine," or "Great," tended to throw the conversation off course. When I lived in Minnesota, an understated culture, I learned that the appropriate response to "How are you?" was "Not too bad."

When I tried to use that response in Texas, it raised all kinds of complications. But, whether in Minnesota or Texas, I discovered that African Americans had developed an entirely different response. When I asked my African American friends who are Christians, "How are you?" they almost always responded, "I'm blessed." I like the African Ameri-



BILL TINSLEY

can response.

Jesus used this term when he introduced the Sermon On the Mount: "Blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are those who mourn ... blessed are the meek ... blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness ... blessed are the merciful ... blessed are the pure in heart ... blessed are the peacemakers ... blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake." (Matthew 5:3-10). He used the work makarios which some have translated "happy." But, I think blessed is the right word.

Being blessed has nothing to do with prosperity, health, comfort or security. It is all about a relationship with God that blesses us whatever our circumstances happen to be. In fact, those who suffer poverty, illness and difficulty are more likely to experience God's blessing than those who are wealthy and well off.

I grew up listening to Billy Graham each week and looked forward to listening to the Hour of Decision. Dr. Graham's messages, books and, most of all, his conduct always inspired me. He ended every broadcast by saying, "God bless you real good." It wasn't proper grammar, but we all understood

what he meant and, when we listened to him we always felt blessed.

Liturgical churches still conclude their worship services with the "benediction," a blessing of the worshippers as they leave the worship experience. In African American churches the benediction is the high point of the service. Some churches end with a rush toward the doors to get a jump on parking lot traffic and early seating at nearby restaurants. It feels good to take time to be blessed.

When God called Abraham to follow Him, he promised him He would bless him and make him a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:2). Perhaps the secret to following Jesus is living every day knowing that we are blessed and seeking ways to bless others. When we are blessed, we can sing with the Psalmist, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to thy name, O Most High; to declare thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness by night." (Ps 92:1-2)

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit <http://www.tinsleycenter.com>. Email [bill@mckinneytoday.com](mailto:bill@mckinneytoday.com).*

## CHURCH

### First United Methodist Church

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Friday evening our Confirmation Class 2012, their families and mentors will be honored with a barbecue dinner in Garrett Hall. These 10 young people have completed a four and one half month course of study and have made their decision to profess Christ and become full members of the church. This will reach its completion at the 10:50 a.m. service of worship Sunday morning. We will welcome 12 guest musicians who, under the direction of Eddie Vandewalker will perform for us after having been part of the Big Spring Junior High Choir concert on Friday. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 and 10:50 with Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday noon Bible study and luncheon is held in Garrett Hall each week with serving at 11:50 a.m. This week's meal is being catered by Al's Barbeque.

Real Life Wednesdays begins at 5:30 p.m. with a meal followed by Bible study, EPIC youth and children's activities.

The spring session of our Children's Day Out (CDO) program has concluded with registration for the summer session "All American Fun" underway. The newest summer program, for school age children through the 5th grade is "Kids With A Purpose" registration is also underway. Both programs will begin June 4. Contact Brenna Hoff or Beck Woodall at the church office for additional information.

Families with young children have an opportunity to get a break from their regular routine in early June with a "River's Inn Retreat" in Hunt, Texas. Becky Woodall has all the information.

Stay up with the regular schedule as well as special events at First Methodist by checking the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com). We are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring, at Fourth and Scurry.

**Forsan Baptist Church**  
Sunday we will be recognizing our high school graduates.  
Sunday evening our youth will be conducting the worship service.  
Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins 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 underway Sunday afternoons 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.

**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church**  
North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading the service.  
Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Adult class discussion will be taken from John 11:17-27, "The Resurrection and the Life" and will help us understand Jesus' words "I am the resurrection." Discussion will be led by Dewayne Wagner.  
Our thanks to Nancy Wagner for tributes to mothers.  
If you need to get in touch with the church or for the use of the food pantry, call 267-3241 or 267-2203.  
North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

## Three local churches come together for VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School experience invites children, youth and adults to travel back to Babylon to join Daniel who was torn from his home and forced to live in a new place.

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According to church representatives, kids will get to interact and learn from Daniel himself, one of the best-known Old Testament persons in the Bible.

Each day kids will consist of learning a Bible point through a Bible verse and Bible story about Daniel that has been woven through that day's content.

An assortment of rotation tents, along with a palace playground for group games and a busy marketplace that will offer a dinner each evening, will keep kids and adults alike engaged each evening.

Each evening will begin and end with the entire group coming together for singing and worship. And each participant will have the opportunity to share their faith through Operation Kid-to-Kid, a mission project to save the African nation of Mali from malaria.

Contact any of the three churches - St. Mary's Episcopal 267-8201, First Presbyterian 263-4211, or First Christian 517-4821 to register your kids for this year's VBS Babylon adventure.

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## Howard College Cactus Room hosts a Be Still conference

Be Still women's conference is set for Saturday, 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."

There is no charge for the conference. Child care is not provided.

Music worship will be led by Rhonda Harding, Amanda Kleeb and Desiree Mayes-Fizer. Speakers include Kim Shafer, Bernadette Young, Kathy McGee, Donna Sue Looney and Marilyn Clark.

For more information, contact Joyce Willis at 264-6444 and leave a message or call Marilyn Clark at 816-9331.

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By Steve Becker  
**Bidding Quiz**

**You are the dealer** and bid One Diamond. Partner responds One Heart. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠KQ6 ♥QJ74 ♦AK93 ♣A2
- ♠5 ♥K863 ♦AQ94 ♣AQ54
- ♠AK98 ♥Q65 ♦AKQ82 ♣10
- ♠KQ74 ♥A2 ♦KQJ972 ♣8
- ♠AQ8 ♥97 ♦AK85 ♣KQ106

**1. Four hearts.** It's hard to imagine losing four tricks after partner responds one heart, so you can't very well settle for less than game. The leap to four hearts is not a closeout bid; on the contrary, it shows about 20 points because partner's one-heart bid might have been based on only six points.

It would be dangerous to bid only three hearts because if partner held six or seven points, he might pass. The jump to four hearts is much more accurate for both game and slam purposes.

**2. Three hearts.** Although your high-card count comes to only 15, your good trump support and singleton spade raise the value of your hand to about 18 points. A simple raise to two hearts would therefore be grossly inadequate.

Partner might pass three hearts, but if he does you should feel that 10 tricks are unlikely and that even nine tricks are not certain. It should be

borne in mind that partner would have to have a very weak hand to pass.

**3. Two spades.** Prospects for game are excellent, so you should not run the risk of partner passing a one-spade rebid. The jump-shift to two spades is forcing to game. After partner's one-heart response, a game or slam in spades, hearts, diamonds or even notrump is possible. Partner's next bid should help clarify the issue.

**4. One spade.** Here you obviously have more than a minimum and might therefore feel tempted to show your extra values at once by jumping to three diamonds. However, this is undesirable because you might miss a 4-4 spade fit. All factors considered, it is better to bid the spades now, intending to take strong action at your next turn.

**5. Two notrump.** The jump to two notrump indicates 18 or 19 points, as well as notrump distribution. The bid is not forcing but strongly urges partner to continue bidding with anything more than six points.

As usual, the amount of notrump you bid - whether in opening, responding or rebidding - draws a fairly accurate picture of your hand. Notrump is the one area where high-card points and distribution can usually best be represented with one simple stroke.

Tomorrow: Choosing a line of play.

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# Elbow students enjoy Family Fun Night



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Elbow Elementary students and parents enjoyed end of year fun at Family Fun Night. The event is held annually as a way of ending the school year. Families were able to enjoy a cake walk, Coke toss, video game trailer, dunking booth and more. Above: Students test their aim at the dunking booth. Right: Several of the students enjoyed jumping on the inflatable houses and obstacle courses.



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When: 8 a.m. start/ Registration 7 a.m.  
Cost: \$20 per person
- What: 5<sup>th</sup> annual Crossroads of West Texas Golf Tournament  
Where: Big Spring Country Club  
When: 1 p.m.  
Cost: \$200 per two-man team
- What: Run for the Wall wreath ceremony  
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- What: Be Still Woman's Conference  
Where: Howard College Cactus Room  
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### Hawks win one, lose one in first day of tourney



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Howard College's Megan Granado smacks a 3-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 1-1 stalemate with Lakeland College (Ill.) and put the Hawks up 4-1. Kara Isbel, the next batter hit a solo homerun to make it 5-1 game, which would be the final score of the Hawks' first game of the National JUCO Softball Tournament in St. George, Utah. HC lost Game 2 to St. Lake City Community College by a score of 9-5. The Hawks will try to avoid elimination today when they take the field in Game 3 against an opponent yet to be determined.

### Streaking Spurs go up 2-0 on Clippers

PAUL J. WEBER

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — On his 30th birthday, Tony Parker first kept the San Antonio Spurs on pace for what might be another lopsided play-off sweep. Then the All-Star who's always quick to needle Tim Duncan about his age finally acknowledged his own.

"I'm old. Used," said Parker, laughing.

Chris Paul, meanwhile, isn't acknowledging anything: Not his aching body that everyone but him is talking about, or the Los Angeles Clippers' season careening toward the end this weekend unless things change fast.

Parker scored 22 points, Duncan had 18 and the Spurs beat the fading Clippers 105-88 on Thursday night, taking a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinals and winning their 16th

in a row with yet another playoff blowout.

For the 13th time in a winning streak that seldom run this long in the NBA playoffs, the Spurs won by double digits. Only two other teams have sustained a longer winning streak in the playoffs: the 2004 Spurs (17) and the 2001 Lakers (19).

"I think for us, is to not look at that," Parker said about the streak. "Concentrate on the task. We know Game 3 is going to be very, very hard. I think we should focus on that and not focus on the winning streak, or what we're doing good."

Paul responded to his awful Game 1 with only a slightly better encore, scoring 10 points as the Clippers now head home desperate to steer out of what's starting to get the feel of a sweep.

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### A's overcome bad call, down Rangers

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brandon McCarthy thought he had a double play. Instead, the Texas Rangers had a successful squeeze bunt and the lead, and the Oakland A's had a mess on their hands.

The A's bounced back from the disputed sequence that ended with manager Bob Melvin ejected and McCarthy in the dugout, and Kila Ka'aihue had a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning to give Oakland a 5-4 victory against Texas on Thursday.

After Mitch Moreland's second home run off McCarthy tied the score in the sixth inning, the Rangers took the lead when speedster Craig Gentry broke from third as Elvis Andrus popped up a bunt between the mound and home plate. McCarthy thought he caught the ball on the fly and threw to third for what he figured would be a double play, but home plate umpire Laz Diaz ruled he trapped it. Gentry was ruled safe for a 4-3 Texas lead, and Oakland didn't get any-

body out.

Melvin ran from the dugout to argue, gesturing repeatedly at Diaz before he was finally thrown out. Replays were inconclusive.

"I threw the ball to third. Then he said I trapped it. I said, 'What?' and sort of flew off the handle," McCarthy said. "I was pretty furious once the disbelief set in."

Reliever Grant Balfour replaced McCarthy after the disputed bunt and didn't give up a run even though the Rangers had men at second and third with one out. Oakland then tied the score again in the seventh on Josh Reddick's 10th home run. The shot into the Rangers bullpen in right-center field ended Texas reliever Alexi Ogando's scoreless streak at 15 1-3 innings.

"That was a huge momentum swing," Melvin said. "They have the lead, with guys who have had a lot of success in the bullpen. It was a huge pick-me-up for us."

The Rangers had runners at first and third with one out in the ninth but couldn't score off

Ryan Cook (1-0), who picked up his first major league win and has 19 2-3 scoreless innings this season, most among AL relievers.

Michael Young reached on a two-base error by Josh Donaldson and went to third on a groundout. Nelson Cruz struck out between intentional walks to David Murphy and Mike Napoli, then Brandon Snyder grounded out with the bases loaded. Texas ended up stranding 14 runners.

"That situation with a man on second and nobody out in the bottom of the ninth, you just have to figure out a way to let nobody score," Cook said.

Ka'aihue's winning hit off Mike Adams (0-2) drove in Jonny Gomes, who had three hits.

Moreland pulled Texas to 3-2 with a two-run homer just over the tied fence in fourth and tied it with a deeper shot to right in the sixth. He has six homers.

Josh Hamilton watched both of those from the dugout and was supposed to have the day

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### Astros cruise past slumping Brewers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers had several opportunities to score Thursday night. They couldn't capitalize on any of them.

The Brewers stranded more runners than they had hits in a 4-0 loss to the Houston Astros that ended their latest road trip on a sour note.

"Right now we're not doing anything right," said right-hander Shaun Marcum, who pitched five innings in his second loss of the season. "We're not playing good baseball and we're not catching any breaks."

Or scoring runs, for that matter.

Milwaukee loaded the bases with one out in the third, but left the inning empty-handed. The Brewers also faltered in the fifth and sixth despite having runners at third with one out against Houston starter

J.A. Happ (3-3).

The Brewers went 2 for 9 with runners in scoring position and stranded 11, a fact not lost on manager Ron Roenicke.

"We are not coming through with any of the guys," Roenicke said. "We are not coming through and getting those runs in."

It was Milwaukee's fourth shutout loss of the season and first since May 2 at San Diego. All four have come on the road.

Happ pitched six effective innings for the Astros, who scored all four runs in the fourth for their second straight victory after losing four straight on the road.

Jed Lowrie hit a two-run homer off Marcum, and Chris Snyder and Jordan Schafer each drove in a run for Houston, which improved to 12-8 at Minute Maid Park.

Wesley Wright, Wilton Lopez and Fernando Abad completed the shutout for the Astros, who improved to 17-21, good for fourth place in the NL Central.

The Brewers fell to 16-22 and went 1-3 on their latest road trip, which included a series split against the New York Mets.

"Terrible," Marcum said.

Norichika Aoki was Milwaukee's lone bright spot. He waukee's lone bright spot. He struck out five and walked one in his first loss since April 14 at Atlanta.

Happ allowed seven hits and one walk while striking out four for his first win in three

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### New \$26 bratwurst named for Texas slugger Hamilton

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A 2-foot-long bratwurst dubbed the "Great Bratbino" and selling for \$26 will be offered at Rangers Ballpark in honor of Texas slugger Josh Hamilton.

Delaware North Companies Sportservice on Thursday announced plans for its next big gastric delight to go on sale May 25 as Texas hosts Toronto.

The former AL MVP hit .467 with two doubles, nine homers and 18 RBIs over seven games. Hamilton was out of Thursday's starting lineup against Oakland but appeared as a pinch-hitter in the eighth inning, grounding out.

Sportservice last month unveiled a 1-pound, 2-foot-long hot dog at the Ballpark, also going for \$26. The bratwurst creation will come with sauerkraut but can be topped with chili, nacho cheese, grilled onions and jalapenos.

## SPURS

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Game 3 is Saturday in Los Angeles, and Game 4 is Sunday.

When the Clippers land in California early Friday, they'll be home for the first time in nearly a week. They've played seven games in 13 days, and they'll have played nine in 16 by the time the weekend is over.

Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro knows his team needs rest. Blake Griffin scored 20 points but added another injury to the list, this time what he described as a hip flexor strain. He's already battling a sprained left knee and shaking off a turned ankle in Game 1.

He had just one rebound.

"We're not going into these next two games thinking 'Oh, let's try to keep it close,'" Griffin said. "There's no moral victories or moral losses here. We're not worried about how many points we lost by."

The All-Star matchup of Paul vs. Parker went from a Game 1 bust to a lopsided mismatch, and appeared to prove Paul is hurting more than he's letting on. Del Negro says his star is still struggling with an aching hip and groin, even as Paul insists he's OK.

He again looked anything but. While Parker — the last of the Big Three to finally hit the big 3-0 — celebrated by more than tripling his

seven points and dreadful 1-for-9 shooting in Game 1, Paul shot 4 of 9 and had just five assists.

At halftime, the third-place finisher in the league's MVP voting had more personal fouls (3) than points (2), assists (2) or rebounds (2). He finished with eight turnovers, a career play-off high.

"No excuses, I've just got to play better," Paul said. "But I don't ever recall having that many turnovers."

Del Negro said his star will bounce back.

Duncan, on the other hand, stayed in a playoff time warp. At 36 years old and playing in his 182nd postseason game — and with no contract beyond these playoffs — Duncan turned in another solid performance that sometimes recalled the former MVP who was winning championships in his prime rather than the old-timer who's chasing a fifth ring now.

He scored 14 points in the first half — almost as much as the rest of the starting lineup — and finished 9-of-14 shooting. Points in the paint weren't even close: The Spurs had 50, and the Clippers 18.

Boris Diaw added 16 points and Danny Green had 13 for the Spurs. Manu Ginobili scored 10 and was held scoreless in the second half.

If this keeps up, a near-historic postseason for the Clippers will end this weekend unless they figure out a plan fast.

This is only the third time in the woeful 41-year history of the franchise that Los Angeles' long-maligned "other" team has survived to the second round.

Their momentum started with a stunning 27-point comeback on the road against Memphis in their playoff opener, but the Clippers haven't made a rally stick in San Antonio.

A bumbling start had the Clippers already down by 15 in the first quarter before clawing back with a 9-2 burst. Getting to within 46-42 at halftime had the Clippers' bench heading to the locker room clapping and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich storming off fuming.

Halfway through the third quarter, however, the lead was back to 16.

As the deficit deepened, so did the Clippers' frustration.

DeAndre Jordan seethed and slammed the ball when a missed rotation gave Green an uncontested 3-pointer that stretched San Antonio's lead to back to double digits in the third. Less than a minute later, Foye trotted upcourt shaking his head after Paul's fumbled dribble gave Kawhi Leonard a clear path for a break-away dunk.

Following another 3-pointer by Green — this one pushing San Antonio's lead to 70-60 — the turned-around Clippers looked so disjointed that Green darted back down and knocked the ball out of Paul's hands on the ensuing inbound.

## Leishman looking for first PGA Tour victory at Nelson

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Marc Leishman is still looking for his first victory on the PGA Tour, three years after being the top rookie.

After an opening 5-under 65 at the Byron Nelson Championship, putting him within a stroke of leader Ryan Palmer, Leishman doesn't have to worry about some of the mental hurdles he's been working to overcome.

"I obviously still want to win, but I think I was pushing a bit too hard," Leishman said after Thursday's round. "Thinking about it too early in the week. Making a bogey or a couple of bogeys on the front nine and thinking, 'Oh, I'm done.' ... You don't have to play perfect to win. I'm learning that. I think it takes a fair while to learn that."

Leishman was close to flawless to start the Nelson, with only one bogey before two eagles on the back nine. Alex Cejka also had a 65.

That is a good start for the local resident thinking about redemption and a chance to hold up the Nelson trophy.

A year ago, Palmer birdied the 72nd hole to force a playoff against Keegan Bradley. Palmer then hit his approach into the greenside water to hand Bradley his first tour title.

"I didn't lose it last year by any means," Palmer said. "But to get back in the same setting with the same people watching, here where I live, and just to have that feeling again, this time be the guy standing with the trophy, that's been my focus."

## SMU fires Athletic Director Orsini

DALLAS (AP) — SMU athletic director Steve Orsini was fired Thursday, just four weeks after he and the Mustangs hired Hall of Fame basketball coach Larry Brown.

The move was announced by SMU President R. Gerald Turner in a news release, and was effective immediately.

"After several discussions over the last few weeks, it became apparent to me that it was necessary to make this change," Turner said. "While we both are committed to the support of our student-

athletes and coaches, a unified effort is required for future progress in our athletics programs."

Orsini had been SMU's athletic director since 2006. In January 2011, he had been given a contract extension through May 2015.

Turner thanked Orsini for his contributions to SMU athletics and said a national search for a new AD would begin immediately. Tim Leonard, the senior associate director of athletics for external affairs, was named interim AD.

SMU is set to move

from Conference USA to the Big East Conference in July 2013, a transition that Orsini was overseeing. TCU, the other NCAA Division I program in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, had been set to go to the Big East but instead accepted an invitation to join the Big 12.

After going 1-11 in Jones' first season, SMU ended a 25-year bowl drought the next year, in 2009. The Mustangs won the Hawaii Bowl for an 8-5 record, only their second winning season since the resuming play in 1989.

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## ASTROS

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starts.

Lowrie gave the Astros the lead with a two-run homer in the fourth on a 3-2 count. It was his team-leading fifth home run of the season.

"He tried to come in on him and it's either a great pitch or it's going to get hit hard," Roenicke said of Marcum's fastball. "It came back over the plate a

little bit too much and he got him."

"I kind of pushed through and just went out there and did OK for a few innings," he said. "Then had that one rough inning in which they scored four."

Roenicke said the game came down to his team's inability to score. "We need to get it going," he said. "We have a lot of things that we have to start doing better offensively. Regardless of what happened in the fourth inning with Marcum, we don't score, and we need to start scoring."

## RANGERS

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off. He came on as a pinch-hitter and stayed in the game in center field. He made the first out in the eighth and 10th innings, ending his AL-best 16-game hitting streak.

Moreland never got a chance for a third home run. Manager Ron Washington decided to replace him in the seventh with Snyder when Oakland went to left-handed reliever Jordan Norberto. Snyder flied out to right with the go-ahead run at second and ended up missing on two chances to give to the Rangers the lead.

"I always want to play," Moreland

said. "He's the manager. He makes the decision."

McCarthy gave up eight hits and four runs in 5 1-3 innings, with three walks and four strikeouts.

Matt Harrison allowed the first five batters to reach base in a three-run Oakland first inning before pitching four shutout frames. He allowed at least one hit in all five innings, then was replaced by Mark Lowe after striking out Ka'aihue to start the sixth.

Harrison allowed eight hits and three runs in 5 1-3 innings. He walked three and struck out three.

Kurt Suzuki had a two-run double in the first for Oakland after Gomes drove in the first run with a double.

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DENNIS THE MENACE THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Comic strips for Dennis the Menace and The Family Circus. Dennis strip shows a doctor examining a stethoscope with gum in it. Family Circus strip shows a scene at a mall.

HAGAR

Hagar comic strip panels showing Hagar talking to a boy about someone who thinks the world owes him a living.

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Blondie comic strip panels depicting a business meeting or office scene with Blondie and a man in a suit.

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BC comic strip panels showing a character talking about leftovers from a previous night.

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Wizard of Id comic strip panels featuring a wizard and a character discussing a horrifying beast and a vow.

AGNES

Agnes comic strip panels showing Agnes and a character talking about tweed overcoats and a pony.

HI AND LOIS

Hi and Lois comic strip panels showing Hi and Lois talking about a net.

THE OTHER COAST

The Other Coast comic strip panels showing a real estate agent describing a village with goats and chickens.

SNUFFY SMITH

Snuffy Smith comic strip panels showing Snuffy talking about a game of checkers and gambling.

BETLE BAILEY

Beetle Bailey comic strip panels showing Beetle Bailey talking about Bella being attached to him.

This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 18, the 139th day of 2012. There are 227 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 18, 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif. (McPherson reappeared more than a month later, saying she'd escaped after being kidnapped and held for ransom, an account that was greeted with skepticism in some quarters.)

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Trattoria course, 6 Really moved, 10 Deduction experts, 14 Double quartet, 15 Mythical ship, 16 Vagabond, 17 Out of \_\_ (x2), 20 Wine specification, 21 German article, 22 Began to like, 23 Actor/director Branagh, 27 Language ending, 28 Far from fearless, 30 It's not so, 32 Airport board stats, 35 Full understanding, 36 Wavy, 38 Eat in the evening, 39 Out of \_\_ (x3), 42 Neurologist's order, 43 Omelet ingredients, 44 Michelangelo sculpture, 45 Very, in Verdun, 47 Seafood bistro handout, 48 Tyrant, 49 Lapse of behavior, 51 Predicted, 53 Charlie's successor on Two and a Half Men, 56 Continental merger partner.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues including 'Freudian concept', 'Word of warning', 'Select', 'Out of \_\_ (x3)', 'Border on', 'Just fair', 'Tear apart', 'Antagonist', 'Become less burdensome', 'Rather cold', 'Employees, to Personnel', 'Shoelace tip', 'Diner device', 'Large species of deer', 'Because of', 'Dieter of rhyme', 'Where Mt. Whitney is', 'Oh no!', 'Tennis shot', 'Marge and Homer's middle child', 'Prime-time category', 'Manuscript marking', 'Kin of kabuki', 'Music of India', 'Flight paths', 'Word on a theater ticket', 'Great Plains st.', 'Footnote abbr.', 'Brazilian', 'national hero', 'Will Smith', 'Suggested nutrient amt.', 'Room to relax'.

Answer to previous puzzle: BEARD SRA AAHED, ANGER YEN CRAVE, LEAVE INSTITUTE, EMI ARCTIC HANK, DYNAMO SCENE, ISNT DOSIDO, SOUR UNLIT NOW, THREADTHE NEEDLE, ENG FAULT DYED, POETRY SOLE, HOSTS DENTAL, THEE PIETIN IDO, BURSTATTHESEAMS, ALIEN LIU EERIE, RUNAT END SLATS