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Incumbents dominate in elections

By BILL McCLELLAN

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Not surprisingly, incumbents had their way at ballot boxes throughout Howard County on election day, though a few will have an opponent in the November general election.

Incumbent Emma Pugh Brown held off challenger Larry Torres, 56 votes to 41, to earn the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 County Commissioner. She'll face Oscar M. Garcia in November. Garcia outvoted Edwin O. "Ed" Ware,

112 to 98, to win the Republican nomi-In the only other locally contested

race, incumbent Sheriff Stan Parker hammered challenger M.O. Horton, 1,801 votes to 366 in the Republican Primary. "I am glad it is over," Parker, who

does not have an opponent in November, said this morning. "I'm happy with the outcome and ready to move forward with all the things we have going on. It's

time to go back to work." Running unopposed were a handful of Republican incumbents — Precinct 1 Commissioner Jimmy Long, 118th Judicial District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, County Attorney Josh Hamby, Peace Justice Precinct 1 Bennie Green and Precinct 1 Constable Knell Stallings. None have an opponent in November.

Diane Carter, an employee of the tax collection office, was also unopposed for the office on the Republican ticket. Unopposed in the general election, she'll take over for longtime Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles, who elected not

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Summer lunch program free to county's youth

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

There is such a thing as a free lunch — at least, if you're not an adult.

As it has for the past several years, Big Spring Independent School District is offering free breakfast and lunch to area children between the ages of 1 and 18 as part of its Summer Lunch Program.

The program, open to any child regardless of school district or socio-economic background, will run through June 30 at the Big Spring Junior High School and Goliad Intermediate School cafeterias.

Meals will be served Mondays through Saturdays at both sites. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m.



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Splish! Splash!



Several hundred people welcomed the second season of the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center at Splash In 2012 on Saturday. Those attending were able to take advantage of free admission and had a chance at several prizes given away by KBST.

Employee turnover n in city's side

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council and city administration met Tuesday evening in a specially called meeting to begin work on the 2012-2013 budget, a process that began with City Manager Gary Fuqua going over some of the challenges facing the municipality in the coming year.

As in past years, Tuesday night's meeting marks the be-

See council 'wants' in Thursday's edition

ginning of the budgetary process for the city, as Fuqua went over a number of issues that continue to task city coffers and resources. One of the most pressing issues, according to the city manager, is employee turnover.

In 2007-2008, turnover reached a critical point with the city

struggling to replace 73 employees — accounting for 26.5 percent of the city workforce — through the year. However, according to Fugua, the municipality is well on its way to shattering that total this fiscal year.

"As most of you already know, we're competing with the oilfield for employment," Fuqua told the council. "So far this (fiscal) year, we've already had 55 turnovers

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Educational 'fun' Saturday at Hangar 25 Air Museum

assessed.

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Butterflies of all colors are expected to be produced through the Holocaust Butterfly Project. Crossroads youth will be able

to take part in that project when Hangar 25 Air Museum hosts a D-Day workshop from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday. A butterfly making project will be held in addition to the workshop.



"I wanted to have

No extra fee will be

a workshop for kids to learn about World War II and D-Day, but I also wanted to incorporate a chance for anyone to come and make a butter-

fly for the Holocaust Museum," Hangar 25 museum administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.

The Butterfly Project was first

introduced to the Big Spring community when Stockburger spoke to fifth graders at Goliad Intermediate about Holocaust Remembrance Week. After her talk at Goliad, Stockburger said she received a call requesting a workshop focused on making the butterflies.

"In response to a request from my community I will have some time for kids to come out and

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7

- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 20, of 710 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- KAMEO TREVON HOLLOWAY, 18, of 710 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for no driver's license – when unlicensed. • ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1023 Stadium,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxi-• LATRICIA NICOLE TERRY, 30, of Waco, Texas,
- was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1500 block of State Park Drive.
- In the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.
- In the 200 block of N.E. 12th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of E. 18th Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this
- LUIS ANTONIO COLIN, 33, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of public intoxi-

• DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 20, was booked into

- the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for minor consuming alco-• KAMEO T. HOLLOWAY, 18, was booked into
- the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for no driver's license. • STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 28, was booked into the
- county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for fugitive arrest – driving while license invalid and fugitive arrest – failure to • LATRICIA NICOLE TERRY, 30, was booked into
- the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on McLennan County warrants for motion to revoke – driving while intoxicated and motion to revoke – assault.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a municipal capias warrant for displaying fictitious registration.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take Note

- camp. Summer camp will start May 29. Those wanting to apply for childcare help must be over 18, have high school diploma or GED, know first aid and CPR, must pass drug test and background check and FBI print. For more information, contact Rosie Franco at 267-8234. YMCA is located at 801
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
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- Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
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- YMCA is looking for childcare help for summer

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- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.,
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedi-
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to pro-

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

 Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

Anonymous

SATURDAY Alcoholics

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

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, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday

 Stepping Stone Group of 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.
- · Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY Big Spring Parkinsons

Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more. 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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to run.

Howard County joined the rest of the area in showing approval for District 19 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and State District 31 Senator Kel Seliger, both Republicans. Through District 19, Neugebauer wrangled 75 percent of the vote to defeat Chris Winn.

"I'm very humbled the people of the 19th District have asked me to continue working on their behalf," said Neugebauer. "In this environment right now, I think people are concerned about the direction of the country and are being very selective about the people they are sending to Washington." Seliger topped Randy

Rives, also reaping 75 percent of the vote.

Kay Bailey Hutchison's decision not to make a run at office for another term brought out plenty of contenders. When the ballots were tallied, Paul Sadler came out on top in the Democratic Primary while David Dewhurst and Ted Cruz will go to a runoff to determine the Republican nominee. Dewhurts received 48 percent of the vote while Cruz captured 34 percent — neither with a clear majority. Howard County also

mirrored state totals when it came to the nation's highest office. Mitt Romney, the Republican frontrunner, tallied 1,557 votes in county -71.59 percent of the vote. Even less surprising was that President Barack Obama won the Democratic nomination by 85 percent. He received 201 votes in Howard Coun-

ty. In one other race of note to the Crossroads area, Drew Darby was unchallenged in the Republican Primary for District 72 State Representative.

Voter turnout for the county was 16,595 or 15.96 percent. Some 2,244 votes were cast in the Republican Party; 256 in the Democratic Party.

CITY

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– 20.3 percent of our workforce — which puts us on course for a record-breaking year when it comes to employee turnover. "The majority of the

problem we are seeing right now is with finding and retaining employees who have a CDL (commercial driver's license). We're currently down six employees in the city's water collection and distribution department, which may not sound like a lot at first, but that accounts for 33 percent of that department's workforce."

Fuqua said the city has historically had problems retaining employees in its police and fire

departments. The police department is currently down five employees — 10 percent of the department's workforce — and just one employee in the fire department. "We have some police

officers who are going through rookie training right now, so they will be on the streets soon," Fuqua said. "However, over the years we've had problems retaining employees in both of these departments. "We talked to officials

with Howard County to try to compare what some of our employees are making to what the county is paying. A heavy equipment operator with the county is starting off at \$15.48 and hour, while a city employee in that same type of work is starting off at \$12 and hour. In utility service, county employees are starting off at \$13.98 and hour while city employees are starting off at \$10.87. That's just comparing the deficit between the city and county. It's not even taking into account the huge pay rates they are paying in the oilfield."

Another challenge facing the city in the coming year is the continued operation of the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, according to Fuqua, as the overall cost to keep the center open continues to take a bite out of municipal

operation of the facility in 2007-2008. Before that, the city contributed \$36,000 a year to the center," Fuqua said. "This

"The city took over

year, the city's contribution to the center will amount to \$163,000 and next year, when the county anticipates no longer subsidizing the operation, it will cost the city \$238,000."

Fuqua said problems with the building the center is located in have also caused city officials to look at other options. "There are some very

serious problems with the dance floor," he said. "We've looked at the possibility of moving the center to a new building, or even building a new one. However, that's more than \$1 million right there."

It wasn't all bad news Tuesday evening, however. Fuqua shared some rather encouraging figures with the council.

the number of water main breaks," Fuqua said. "Last year we repaired 559 main breaks, compared to 262 the year before that. This year we're looking at 266 breaks repaired. Also, we have been able to replace utility lines on Third and Fourth streets — as well as a portion of Birdwell Lane — ahead of the Texas Department of Transportation street improvement project.

"Last year we saw an

incredible increase in

the Municipal Auditorium was also a major accomplishment, the city used \$500,000 from the Conventions and Visitors Bureau to bring the facility up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines. The auditorium

"The reopening of

but there are still a number of renovations — lighting, sound, electrical, plumbing and roofing — which need to be made." Fuqua also listed the cooperative effort be-

was reopened in March,

tween the city and Howard County on the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center which is currently under construction as another accomplishment, along with several other projects the city made progress on during the past year.

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to 9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Adults are welcome, as well, but will be charged \$1.80 for breakfast and \$3.50 for lunch, officials

said.

"School takes a summer vacation, but hunger does not," BSISD Food Services Director Judi Rodriguez said. "This program is provided to ensure the children in our community do not go hungry during the summer months."

the program because the vast majority of Big Spring ISD students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, Rodriguez said.

"This area is considered a 'severe need' area, so the Texas Department of Agriculture

State officials require mandates we provide a summer meal program to our children," Rodriguez said.

> This summer's menu will be "kid friendly" in nature, she added, with items such as cheeseburgers, pizzas and chicken nuggets being offered.

"We're going to offer reporter@bigspringhermore of the things that kids really like," she promised. For more information.

contact the food services

office at 264-3635. Contact Staff Writer

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MUSEUM

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make butterflies," she

said. "I added the butterfly workshop because there was such a positive reaction from the Big Spring community. Holocaust education is so important in raising a humanitarian conscious generation.' Registration for the

workshop — open to ages 7 through 13 - is\$5. The butterfly workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and open to all ages, including adults. Cost for the butterfly project will just be \$2. which will help pay for supplies.

"There will be some supervision for the butterfly making, but it is encouraged that parents

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work with their children on this project and help them understand the significance. Education materials will be available to explain the purpose of the butterflies and where they are going," Stockburger

said. According to information found on Army. mil/d-day, 160,000 allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavfortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on June 6, 1944, on the beaches of Normandy. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory." By the end of the day more than 9,000 allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but more than 100,000

soldiers marched across Europe to defeat Hitler.

"Big Spring was home to the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier school. Bombing was an essential strategy in World War II and played an irreplaceable role in the allied victory over Germany. It is important that we not only remember the important moments of WWII, but also the contribution Big Spring gave to the war effort through the Bombardier school," Stockburger said.

"This workshop is our way of honoring D-Day, which is June 6.'

To find out more information or to register, go online to www.hangar25airmuseum.com or stop by the Hangar at 1911 Apron Drive. More information can be received by calling 264-1999.

Amanda Moreno at 263-

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Our Views

Superman on the mountain

veryone knows (at least by now anyway) that it's not a bird, or a plane ... it's Superman will be making a landing on top of Scenic Mountain this Saturday for the

The Big Spring Film Society will be kicking off their year with the original Superman The Movie, which will begin showing at dark.

first Movie on the Mountain of the year.

All Crossroads residents are invited to come see the movie that started it all and made the world believe a man can fly, staring Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman and Margot Kidder.

For those attending, concessions will be available. There is no cost for the showing — other than the purchase of concession items — but donations are welcomed.

Before the original man of steel takes over the big inflatable screen, there will be a showing of 1940 Superman cartoons presented by the Karat

More information can be obtained by visiting bigspringfilm.org or follow the page on Face-

Other presentations by the Big Spring Film Society include Movies on the Radio which are aired on KBYG 106.3 FM or 1400 AM every other Wednesday.

During these shows, Brandon Johnson, Chad Coleman, James Womble and other guests review and share their opinions about anything and everything film related.

For those wanting to find out more or simply get involved with the Big Spring Film Society there is an abundance of information on the website.

This Saturday, turn your heads to the sky, grab your lawn chairs and get ready to enjoy some time outside.

Superman is landing and is sure to bring an evening full of great entertainment and family

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we put our ambitions, Lord into Your hands.

Amen

Elizabeth Warren not a dumb blonde

t's hard to figure who looks worse in this story, Elizabeth Warren or Harvard Law School's affirmative action policies.

Warren is the former Harvard

law professor whom President Barack Obama pegged to set up the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Now she is running as a Democratic challenger to Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass. Last month, the



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Boston Herald reported that in 1996, Harvard Law School touted the blond, blue-eyed Warren as proof that it hired "minority women." Then spokesman Mike Chmura wrote in The Harvard Crimson, "Elizabeth Warren is a Native American." In a 1997 Fordham University law review article, Chmura called Warren Harvard's "first woman of color." Who knew Warren is a Native

American? Warren reacted by telling

reporters that she didn't even know Harvard was touting her as a minority until she read about it in the Herald. That's not credible; Warren listed herself as a minority in The Association of American Law Schools' directory from 1986 to 1995.

Is she a Native American? Warren belongs to no tribe. The New England Historic Genealogical Society says it has no proof of Warren's Native American heritage. Warren says that according to "family lore," she is part Cherokee. Make that one-32nd Cherokee, thanks to her great-great-grandmother.

There's reason to believe Warren thought she is part Cherokee. She contributed recipes in 1984 to the cookbook "Pow Wow Chow." Even that bit of corroboration, however, turns out to be problematic.

The New York Times reported that some of those recipes "appear nearly identical to recipes by Pierre Franey, a chef and New York Times food writer, and hardly seem Indian (one is for 'Crab with Tomato Mayonnaise Dressing'). The Warren campaign has declined to comment on the recipes."

Why would a blue-eyed blonde who looks very white and who belongs to no tribe (who can only claim a great-great-great-grandmother Cherokee ancestor) nonetheless designate herself as a Native American? Warren bristles at any suggestion that she did so to enhance her employment prospects. She says she did so to "meet more people

who had grown up" as she "had grown up."

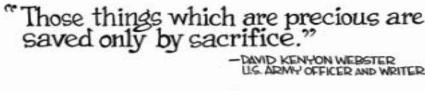
Why did she stop designating herself as a Native American after she won tenure at Harvard? She had wanted to meet people like her, she told the Herald. But: "Nothing like that ever happened. That was clearly not the use for it, and so I stopped checking it off."

Warren's campaign now is working overtime to pooh-pooh any notion that she was hired for any reason other than that she was a great law professor. I believe that.

I also believe that Warren was too smart not to know that she is 32 times more white than she is a Native American. She's too smart not to know that the designation could help her career while taking pressure off Harvard Law School to hire a real minority. But she was not so liberal that she cared.

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Enjoying laughter at any level

love to laugh. In fact, I enjoy laughter at any level, from the tiniest of smiles that only curl the very corners of my lips all the way to a tear-producing, knee-slapping, lean-upagainst-the-wall-for-support kind

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of laugh. It does a soul good, like medicine, so says the Bible and I believe everything that book says.

Having a merry heart is a wonderence. I feel sorry so much of what we humans are



In this age of the electronic communication almost everyone on the planet has access to an endless supply of comical programs on television and humorous stories and emails supplied by the internet. I average a significant number of forwarded stories, jokes, and other entertaining expositions every single day.

If those aren't things that a part of your daily routine there's always the human race, which is a perpetual living, breathing display of humor. Oh, I know there are lots of people who seem to have a goal of draining the joy and happiness from our lives with rudeness and scurrilous behavior, but I personally refuse to allow them control of, or even influence in, my life. There are certain segments of

the human populace that seem to be prolific at providing joyous entertainment. I don't use the "O" word when referencing people of advancing age, but those folks with extra maturity seem to be wonderful wells of

humorous refreshment.

I smiled when I recently read about an elderly woman who was taking her first flight, which happened to be at night. She sat and watched out the window of the plane as the wing-tip light flashed continuously. She finally rang for the flight attendant. "I'm sorry to bother you," she said, "But I think you should inform the pilot that his left-turn indicator is on and has been for some time."

Then those who seem to be woefully deficient in the area of common sense come to mind. In Pittsburgh, a man flew into a rage at the Giant Eagle supermarket when employees refused to cash a million-dollar bill. 66-year-old Samuel Porter slammed an electronic machine on the counter and refused to give his name to authorities. He was then taken to the Allegheny County Jail. I guess he missed the memo that the largest bill currently in circulation is the \$100 dollar bill.

A young man was scheduled to appear in court and take a drug test. The kid knew he was going to fail so he strapped a water bottle to his thigh with a hose to put water in the test cup instead of urine. The judge asked him if he understood what the normal body temperature was and the kid asked why. The judge told him his urine sample was very cold. The young man then explained that he had just drunk some ice cold water. If that wasn't stupid enough, it turns out that the content of the water bottle was Gatorade and he's still shocked to this day that he got caught. You gotta laugh at that level of intellectual incompetence.

But, hands down, children are the greatest source for free and priceless entertainment. A little boy wrote this letter to his

grandmother: "Dear Grandma,

I'm sorry I forgot your birthday

last week. It would serve me right if you forgot mine next

Tuesday. With love, Mike. A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent in bomb ers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

I honestly cannot remember a day when some level of laughter did not lighten my load and brighten my day to some degree In a world reeling from tragedy, sorrow, pain, and despair, and when \$10 worth of gas doesn't even extinguish my Low Fuel indicator it's a treasured privilege to discover the joy that is all around us ready to put a smile in our hearts and faces.

Keep your eyes open and listen carefully. There is laughter close by, just waiting to be birthed in your heart.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I

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News in brief

Syrian media criticize Western diplomatic protest, warn it may deal fatal blow to peace plan

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's state-run media on Wednesday criticized decisions by the U.S. and other nations to expel the country's diplomats, describing the moves as "unprecedented hysteria" and warning they might deal a fatal blow to an international peace plan.

The harsh rhetoric came as Syrian forces bombarded rebel-held areas in the same province where a recent assault killed 108 people, activists said.

Survivors of the Houla massacre blamed pro-regime gunmen for at least some of the carnage as the killings reverberated inside Syria and beyond, further isolating President Bashar Assad and embarrassing his few remaining allies. The Syrian government denied its troops were behind the killings and blamed "armed terrorists." Damascus had said it would conclude its own in-

vestigation into the Houla deaths by Wednesday but it was not clear if the findings would be made

The Houla killings prompted Western nations to expel Syrian diplomats in a coordinated protest.

Britain's Supreme Court backs extradition of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange to Sweden

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Supreme Court has endorsed the extradition of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange to Sweden, bringing the secret-spilling Internet activist a big step closer to prosecution in a Scandinavian court.

Assange, 40, has spent the better part of two years fighting attempts to send him to the Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning in sex crime allegations. He has not been charged there.

The U.K. side of that struggle appeared to come to a messy end Wednesday, with the nation's highest court ruling 5-2 that the warrant seeking his arrest was properly issued — and Assange's lawyer arguing that the case should be reopened.

Supreme Court President Nicholas Phillips, speaking for the majority, acknowledged that Assange's case "has not been simple to resolve," but that the court had ultimately concluded that "the request for Mr. Assange's extradition has been lawfully made and his appeal against extradition is accordingly dismissed."

Assange won't be sent to Sweden immediately no matter what happens. His lawyer, Dinah Rose, stood up after the verdict to say that court's ruling was based on evidence that was not argued during the appeal, requesting time to study the verdict further with an eye toward trying to reopen the case.

Judges sentence Charles Taylor to 50 years for supporting Sierra Leone rebels in civil war

LEIDSCHENDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Judges at an international war crimes court have sentenced former Liberian President Charles Taylor to 50 years in prison following his landmark conviction for supporting rebels in Sierra Leone who murdered and mutilated thousands during their beautiful hotel and being with so many friends. my tears when I saw her."

country's brutal civil war in return for blood dia-

The Special Court for Sierra Leone found Taylor guilty last month on 11 charges of aiding and abetting the rebels who went on a bloody rampage during the decade-long war that ended in 2002 with more than 50,000 dead.

Presiding Judge Richard Lussick says the crimes Taylor was convicted of were of the "utmost gravity in terms of scale and brutality."

The 64-year-old warlord-turned-president is the first former head of state convicted by an international war crimes court since World War II.

40 years: Funky Winkerbean and creator graying together, giving cartoonist grown-up stories

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) — Like two aging baby boomers, "Funky Winkerbean" and creator Tom Batiuk have turned gray and have experienced their share of life's ups and downs in a 40-year run on the fun-

Batiuk, 65, has morphed his characters over the years from mop-headed beatniks to graying 60-somethings, much like the changes for Batiuk, his hair over his collar in the 1970s but now graying and cut short.

The story lines have changed, too, from high school hijinks and awkward teen dating moments in the early years to dealing with more adult issues like alcoholism, suicide and fighting cancer. His latest hot topic story line during May: two boys who want to go to the high school prom together. The strip debuted in more than 70 papers on

March 27, 1972, and has grown to about 400. The first strip introduced the high school-age characters, including Funky ("I'm just an average kid") and Les ("I really want to be far out like Roland") and issues important to teens, including meeting a girl, getting a date and dealing with acne.

To Batiuk, delving back into the high school years with the gay prom issue underscores the generational changes and contemporary challenges his characters faced once he decided to let them begin aging along with Batiuk and the rest of us.

Romney clinches GOP presidential nomination, but Trump overshadows

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mitt Romney has won the Republican presidential nomination after years of fighting, though his triumph was partially overshadowed by the celebrity businessman who helped him along the way. As primary voters in Texas on Tuesday pushed

win the nod, Romney was raising money in Las Vegas with Donald Trump, the real estate mogul who has stoked doubts about whether President Barack Obama was born in America. It's the start of a weeklong push to raise millions of dollars during a West Coast swing as Romney

him past the 1,144-delegate threshold he needed to

looks to bring in as much cash as possible ahead of a ramped-up campaign schedule later this sum-"Mr. Trump, thank you for letting us come to this Thank you for twisting the arms that it takes to bring a fundraiser together," Romney told the approximately 200 people who paid thousands to attend the event at the Trump International Hotel. "I appreciate your help."

The Trump event and surrounding controversy overshadowed the Texas primary win that officially handed Romney the nomination, a triumph of endurance for a candidate who came up short four years ago and had to fight hard this year as voters flirted with a carousel of GOP rivals. According to the Associated Press count, Romney surpassed the 1,144 delegates needed to win the nomination by winning at least 97 delegates in the Texas primary.

Few takers for Obama's health care tax credit; Congress unlikely to fix flaws

WASHINGTON (AP) — It seemed like a good idea But a health insurance tax credit for small busi-

nesses, part of President Barack Obama's health care law that gets strong support in public opinion polls, has turned out to be a disappointment. Time-consuming to apply for and lacking enough

financial reward to make it attractive, the credit was claimed by only 170,300 businesses out of a pool of as many as 4 potentially eligible million companies in 2010. That's put the Obama administration in the awk-

ward position of asking Congress to help fix the problems by allowing more businesses to qualify and making it simpler to apply. But Republicans who run the House say they

want to repeal what they call "Obamacare," not change it.

On first trip out of Myanmar in 24 years, Suu Kyi visits impoverished migrants in Thailand

MAHACHAI, Thailand (AP) — Kicking off her first trip abroad in nearly a quarter-century, Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi offered encouragement Wednesday to impoverished migrants whose flight to neighboring Thailand is emblematic of the devastation wrought on her homeland by decades of misrule.

"Don't feel down, or weak. History is always changing," she told an exuberant crowd of thousands southwest of Bangkok. Many held signs saying, "We want to go home," and Suu Kyi said her visit was aimed at learning how she could help

"Today, I will make you one promise: I will try my best for you," she said.

Suu Kyi, who arrived in Bangkok late Tuesday, left her luxury hotel and the skyscraper-packed capital Wednesday for the nearby town of Mahachai, home to Thailand's largest population of Burmese migrants. Thousands of Myanmar's downtrodden crowded around her and chanted: "Long Live Mother Suu!"

"I had only seen her on TV and in newspapers," said Saw Hla Tun, who left Myanmar's Karen state seven years ago and earns a meager wage carrying heavy salt sacks on his back. "I couldn't hold back

Conservatives cruise in primary

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The Texas primaries brought little change to the state's political makeup, with incumbents overwhelmingly fending off internal challenges ahead of November's general elec-

National conservative groups won a major victory by forcing Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst into a runoff for the U.S. Senate with Ted Cruz, the former Texas solicitor general running for his first elected office. The anti-tax group Club for Growth and South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint's Senate Conservatives Fund spent millions backing Cruz and opposing Dewhurst.

Cruz declared his second-place finish proof

that he was the true conservative in the race. Cruz was a virtual unknown at the beginning of the year and has managed to earn a two-way race with Dewhurst, who has been in statewide office since 1998 and spent \$15 million of his own money on his race to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The two men will now engage in what will certainly be a fierce, and expensive runoff on July 31.

Gov. Rick Perry, who had endorsed Dewhurst, doubled-down on his support for his long-time colleague, even though many of the people who supported his bid for the GOP presidential nomination backed Cruz.

"Now, more than ever,

a proven conservative leader like David Dewhurst to Washington," Perry said.

Perry has been less supportive of his Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, with whom he's had an often frosty relationship.

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Why not check this out at the library?

spoke too soon last week (sigh). We didn't have cold air blasting from the vents Tuesday. In fact, Tuesday was the day the contractor began work and the A/C unit is being installed as I write this column. Library hours are kind of in a state of flux, so if you are coming in the afternoon when it is really hot, please call first to see if we are open. Our number is 264-2260.

With the movie out, "The Hunger Games" have become a hit everywhere. The library has several copies of the complete set and we have just gotten the audio version in. You can find "The Hunger Games" (AUCD F COL S) BK 1; "Catching Fire" (AUCD F COL S) BK 2; and "Mockingjay" (AUCD FD COL S) BK 3, all by Suzanne Collins, in the Audio CD section, ready to be checked out.

Broadcast journalist Lynn Sherr has been a swimmer since she was a toddler and today still enjoys swimming both as a sport and as exercise. Just recently, she performed a personal challenge in swimming the wild waters of the Hellespont, the iconic strait separating Europe from Asia, made famous by the Greek myth of Hero and Leander. In her book, "Swim: Why We Love the Water" (797.210 SHE L), she explains the effect swimming has on

lives and why one swims and why people enjoy swimming.



Hollis McCright

Lori Andrews is one of the authors I saw while in Houston at the **Texas Library** Convention. She spoke about her latest book, "I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did" (323.028 AND

L). It is particularly apropos in the light of the sentencing of Dharun Ravi, the Rutgers student sentenced for secretly filming his roommate.

Andrews is a leading specialist on social networks and writes a shocking expose of the widespread misuse of our personal online data and creates a Constitution for the web to protect us. Social networks are the defining cultural movement of our time. Social networks offer freedom. But as we work and chat and date over the web, traditional rights may be slipping away.

Colleges and employers routinely reject applicants because of information found on social networks. The same power of information that can topple governments can also topple a person's career, marriage or future.

What Andrews proposes is a Constitution for the web, to extend our rights to this wild new frontier. This vitally important book will generate a storm of attention.

Delia Ephron is the sister of Nora Ephron and the screenwriter for the movies "You've Got Mail" and "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." She has also written for Vogue, O, Oprah's Magazine, and the New York Times. In her latest book, "The Lion Is In" (F EPH D), Tracee is a runaway bride and kleptomaniac. Lana's an audacious beauty and a recovering alcoholic. Rita is a holy-roller minister's wife, desperate to escape her marriage and discover if she actually has a mind of her own. On a warm summer's night, these three women go on the lam together. Their car breaks down on a rural highway in North Carolina and they're forced to seek shelter in a seemingly abandoned nightclub — which is where they meet Marcel and soon everything changes. Marcel, you see, is a lion, a retired circus performer stuck in a cage in this godforsaken roadhouse. And through admiration, you could even say love for Marcel, our heroines find a way to confront their complicated pasts and fight for the relationships they've formed out in the middle of

nowhere. They ultimately navigate their way back to their own hearts.

In Adriana Trigiana's "The Shoemaker's Wife" (F TRG A), the first scene is a meeting of Enza, a practical beauty, and Ciro, a strapping mountain boy, who meet as teenagers, despite growing up in villages just a few miles apart. At the turn of the last century, Ciro catches the local priest in a scandal and is banished from his village and sent to hide in America as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Little Italy.

Without explanation, he leaves a bereft Enza behind. Soon, Enza's family faces disaster and she, too, is forced to go to America with her father to secure their future.

Unknown to each other, they both build separate lives in America — Ciro as a shoemaker and Enza as a factory worker. Fate intervenes and reunites them, but it is too late: Ciro has volunteered to serve in World War I and Enza, determined to forge a life without him, begins her impressive career as a seamstress at the Metropolitan Opera.

Lush and evocative, told in tantalizing detail and enriched with lovable, unforgettable characters, "The

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> Shoemaker's Wife" is a portrait of the times, the places and the people who defined the immigrant experience, claiming their portion of the American dream with ambition and resolve, cutting it to fit their needs like the finest Italian silk.

Hopefully we will soon have our A/C repaired and cold air coming out of the vents. Call if you have any questions. The library is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., with the Internet/Video room closing at 5:30 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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First lady: Daughters need thick skin in politics

WASHINGTON (AP) Michelle Obama says her daughters are learning that even the kids of

politicians have to have

a thick skin. "Politics is tough," the first lady said Tuesday. "That's just sort of the

nature of the beast." But she said daughters Sasha and Malia, at ages 10 and 13, also know that no matter what happens in the November election, "their life is good either way."

Mrs. Obama chatted about family life, this year's re-election campaign and what's not ahead for her — a career in politics — during a round of interviews promoting the release of her new book.

As for the personal attacks that swirl around her husband in a campaign year, the first lady said: "You just sort of have to have a thick skin in this thing. And your kids do too."

Malia and Sasha "understand that their world is secure no matter what," Mrs. Obama said on ABC's "The View." "They've grown to understand that home is wherever we are. ... And Dad is always going to be Dad."

The first lady left no doubt on the question of a political future of her "Those are other peo-

ple's rumors," she said. "I have no interest in politics. Never have. Never will." Mrs. Obama said her

work to support military families "is a forever proposition. They will always need a voice out there."

Later, with Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show," Mrs.Obamatalkedabout the virtues of fresh veggies and wouldn't bite at a Stewart suggestion that she use her higher poll ratings as a weapon in any argument with her husband.

"I don't wield it over him." she said. "One of the things I've seen over the last 3 1/2 years, I've seen what it takes to be president. I kind of

watch this thing pretty closely. You know, the president is getting all the hard decisions, where there is no easy answer."

During her media tour the first lady offered other tidbits about the Obama family, and her efforts to promote healthy eating and exer-

-The president isn't much of a griller-inchief. "He doesn't mind grilling, but I was the griller in our household ... I love to grill anything," she said in an interview airing Thursday on "Rachael Ray."

-She doesn't have to worry about deer or other animals nibbling on plants in the White House garden, thanks to "a big fence and men with guns," she said.



By Steve Becker

A Precautionary Measure

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **↑** 10 5 3 ♦ KQJ9 SOUTH ♦ 10 8 5 3 The bidding West South East North Pass Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

It is normal for suits not to break as well as declarer would like them to. However, there are many countermeasures a declarer can employ to overcome an unfavorable division in a key suit, so a substantial part of his thinking should be devoted to seeking a solution to such a problem.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades against four hearts and continues with a low spade to East's ace. Declarer ruffs,

and, whether or not he is aware of it, he is now at the critical point of the

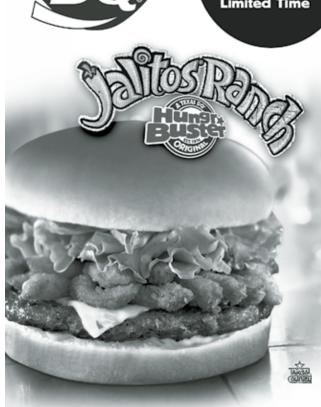
Let's say he decides to draw trumps at this stage, as many players would do. Because of the 4-2 trump division, South is forced to exhaust his remaining trumps in the process.

The best declarer can do after this is to cash his four club tricks and lead a diamond. This gets him nowhere when East takes his ace of diamonds and returns a spade, whereupon West cashes two spade tricks to put the contract down one.

But if declarer appreciates at the outset that — in accordance with the opponents' percentages trumps are more likely to be divided 4-2 (48 percent) than 3-3 (36 percent), he makes the contract simply by leading a diamond to the jack at trick three. If East ducks the jack, declarer draws trumps and cashes his clubs to secure 10 tricks.

So let's assume East wins the diamond and returns a spade. In that case, South discards a diamond in order to guard against a 4-2 trump division. West wins the spade with the queen — it is the third trick for the defense — but is then helpless. If he leads another spade, it can be ruffed in dummy, while any other return also gives South the rest of the

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Cookbook author Fred Thompson, who's traveled the country gathering recipes from backyard barbecuers, says we're all friends around a grill.





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Howard College outfielder Jordan Allen (sophomore) was selected as WJCAC's MVP of the year. Allen — along with three other Hawks — also received All-Region honors.

Hawks baseball squad receives conference, regional honors

The Howard College Hawks baseball team Hawks Head Coach Britt Smith. "They certainwho finished with a 45-12 record — might not have reached all of their season goals, but the squad has been showered with recognition from both the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) and Region 5.

The 2012 WJCAC All-Conference team recognized three players while also giving the nod to Coach Britt Smith as the WJCAC Coach of the Year as he led the team to a record four consecutive conference championships.

Jordan Allen (outfield), Paul Hendrix (infield) and Logan Ehlers (pitcher) were each selected as part of the All-Conference team for their respective positions.

Additionally, Allen was recognized as the WJCAC Most Valuable Player while Ehlers was tagged as MostValuable Pitcher.

"We have watched these players grow and mature and could not be more proud of the individuals and players they have become," said ly are deserving of the honors."

The postseason tournament proved to be a tough gauntlet for the Hawks after coming up short in the Region 5 championship game vs. Cisco College. The recognition of the student athletes on the All-Region 5 Baseball Team is indicative of the strength of the team as well as the individual players.

Among the Region 5 selections were Ehlers, Hendrix, and Allen with designated hitter Elliot Richoux rounding out the representatives.

"Each of these young men have a bright future ahead of them," added Smith. "They have a great work ethic and know how to reach their goals. I wish them the best of luck."

WJCAC Honorable Mentions went to HC's Brett Bell, Hector Lorenzana, Todd Ritchie, Colt Bickerstaff, Reed Seeley, Dexter Kjerstad, Nick Sawyer, Reid Scoggins, Clayton Crum and Dominic Moreno.

Numerous Bulldogettes, Lady Buffs selected for 3-2A All-District

The Coahoma Bulldogettes and the Forsan Lady Buffaloes each enjoyed a successful year in 2012 District 3-2A softball action. Both squads had several players selected for All-District honors.

Forsan senior Ashley Buzbee was named co-MVP in the competitive region. Sophomore Ali Knight was chosen as the Offensive Player of the

Also making the cut for the Lady Buffs were first team picks Kayla Tilley (jr.), Stevie Wilson (sr.), Gabby Womack (so.), Shelby Roemer (jr.)

and Maria Ortiz (so.). Second team selections from Forsan were Jahnia Willard and Brittney Cline.

Representing the Bulldogettes with Pitcher of the Year honors Sophomore Kyla Clanton. Jennifer Castilaw (sr.), Laurel Nix (jr.) Savannah Neff (so.) and Minnie Goodblanket (sr.) received first team recognition for Coahoma.

Second team nods went to Emilea Brumley, Bree Hilario and Jordan Matthews. Honorable mentions were received by Tobi Robinson and Kara Fuentes.

Red hot Spurs down OKC, take 2-0 series lead

CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs are making this look way too easy.

Parker had 34 points and eight assists, Manu Ginobili added 20 points and the Spurs stayed perfect in the playoffs with a 120-111 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals Tuesday night.

So far, the Spurs have turned a hotly anticipated matchup between the league's top two scoring teams into a lopsided mismatch more befitting of an early round.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Oklahoma City, and the Thunder can only hope that a change of venue throws San Antonio out of its groove. The Spurs put on an offensive clinic for three quarters on Tuesday night, shooting 60 percent and building a 22-point lead.

"We like to play like that," said Parker, who hit 16 of 21 shots. "That's

the way we play. The Spurs set an NBA record with their 20th consecutive victory bridging the regular season and the playoffs. They came in sharing the longest such streak with the 2000-01 Lakers, who won 19 straight before losing to Philadelphia in the first game of the finals.

Those Lakers went on to win the championship and Parker's performance is yet another reason to think the Spurs will do the same.

"It's great and it is a great run," said Tim Duncan, who had 11 points and 12 rebounds. "But we are only worried about the next two wins in this series. That is all that matters, at this point."

The Thunder made a late surge to get within six points, but Parker, Ginobili and Duncan helped San Antonio finish them off. Oklahoma City is 5-0 at home in the playoffs, but only 14 teams have come back from 2-0 deficits to win a series in NBA playoff history.

"First, we've got to worry about Game 3," Thunder guard Russell Westbrook said. "Regardless of what's going on with this last game or the next game, we've got to worry about Game 3 and come in with the same mindset and try to get a win."

Kevin Durant had 31 points, Westbrook had 27 points and eight assists and James Harden rebounded from a rough Game 1 to score 30 for the Thunder, who have lost two straight for the first time since early April. Oklahoma City dropped to 15-4 in games after losses this season.

"There are no moral victories for us," Durant said. "We were down. We dug ourselves a hole. We did what we normally do, which is fight all game, and we lost."

San Antonio picked up where it left off from the 39-point fourth quarter that turned Game 1 on Sunday. With sharp passes and hot shooting, the Spurs jumped to a 19-9 lead after the

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Hamilton sick, still all Texas' offense in 10-3 loss to Seattle

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton felt no better Tuesday night, still dealing with the sinus infection and upper respiratory problem that had kept him out of the lineup the previous day.

And Hamilton was still all the offense for the Rangers, hitting his majors-leading 21st homer and driving in all their runs in a 10-3 loss

to the Seattle Mariners in the most lopsided loss of the season for AL West leaders.

ington said. "He went out, he worked, he said he felt good enough to play and he played, and he delivered three runs for us, but it just wasn't enough because we couldn't get anything going."

Hamilton's two-run homer to straightaway center in the sixth cut the Texas deficit to 4-3.

But the first seven Seattle batters reached in the eighth, six hits and an error by shortstop "It's Josh Hamilton," Elvis Andrus, against manager Ron Wash- two of the Rangers' top setup relievers — Alexi Ogando and Mike Adams. Ichiro Suzuki then greeted the third Texas pitcher of the inning with a sacrifice fly.

"I don't think you'll see again I have to out and get Mike and Ogando in the same inning," Washington said. "They

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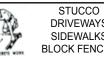
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury has been on our side lately, lobbing ideas bright into conversation, removing obstacles to understanding and opening channels of selfexpression. So perhaps winged

messenger be can forgiven for today's thoughtless confrontation with Mars. It's never a good idea to anger

HOLIDAY warrior. **M**ATHIS Watch your words to \equiv

avoid doing the same. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's mighty difficult to stay focused when you're extremely bored with the task at hand. Break it up somehow. You need new perspective. Welcome the

Legals

EXHIBIT A OF INTENTION NOTICE ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF **BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, to issue one or more series of the interest bearing certificates of obligation of the City for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to incurred in connection with: (i) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, extensions and improvements to the waterworks and sewer system, including upgrades and improvements for the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant; and (ii) paying fees for legal engineering, architectural and other professional services in connection with these projects. The City Council tentatively proposes to adopt on second and final reading an ordinance authorizing issuance of said certificates of obligation at a meeting to commence at 5:30 p.m., on July 10, 2012, at the Council Chambers 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$12,000,000. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law, and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and wastewater system remaining after payment of operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and waste-water system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your belief that things happen for a reason will hold you in good stead. You don't have to understand the reason now or ever. Just knowing that there is one will give you power, the power of faith and of acceptance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships are knitted together with shared experiences, not a shared point of view. You and a loved one will each tell a different story about what happens today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While some jabber on and actually say very little, your tendency will be to pack so much information into short correspondences that the other person really ought

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Howard College will be holding a one (1) day silent, public auction. The auction will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Storage building, 809 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720. The public may bid on items between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Friday, June 1, 2012. Bids shall be evaluated between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM at which time winning bidders will be notified. Winning bidders shall pick up items between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Any items unclaimed by winning bidders remaining at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 1, 2012 will not be sold and may be returned to Howard College surplus. Items include Office Desks, Office

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All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director or Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big TX 79720. jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167.

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to be taking notes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. Your exceptional taste will be an important part of the presentation you make to the world. If you have to compromise on these matters, you won't like the end result. Persuade others to do it your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your work is coming together, slowly Consistent surely. progress will be better for you than getting what you want all at once. Document where you are for future reference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll partner with people who are needier than you, and you'll selflessly give. This is not always easy for you to do, but you know that it's the difficult acts that build character.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll start off on a cheery note, but sustaining that mood will be a challenge. forgotten responsibility or some offhanded remark will test your resolve. Don't give in. See how long you can stay upbeat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You singlehandedly could make things better, but you may find that there's not much fun in that. When you pick a few friends to work alongside, a task becomes most pleasant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because philanthropy and social conscience are second nature to you, you forget that not everyone possesses these qualities. You may have to remind others to be good to one another today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Finally, a certain person understands what you've been trying to express. Next, you'll win this person's support, too, which will make it easier for you to move forward.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 30). June's developments keep you on your toes. There's a new chapter unfolding, and a special relationship reflects the change in you. Through July, your perspective broadens and your resources double. August and November are the best months financially. You'll reach status expert September. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 1, 24, 38 and 18.

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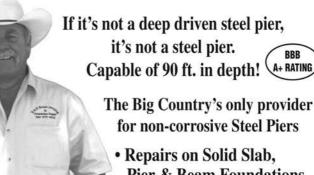
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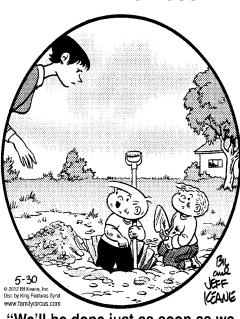
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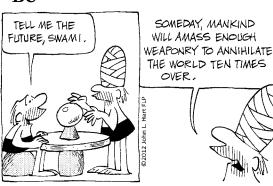




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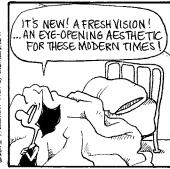




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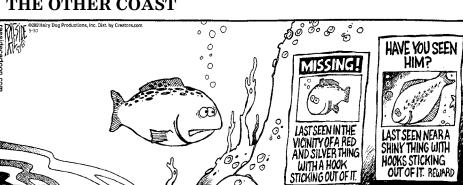


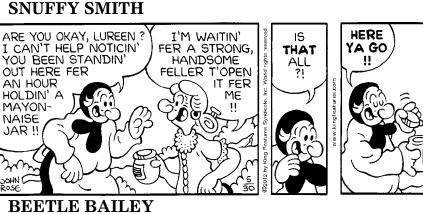
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 30, the 151st day of 2012. There are 215 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On May 30, 1922, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.,

was dedicated in a ceremony attended by President Warren G. Harding, Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Robert Todd Lincoln. On this date:

In 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen (roo-AHN'), France.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in a stampede sparked by a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in danger of collapsing. In 1911, the first Indy 500

took place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner was Ray Harroun, who drove a Marmon Wasp for more than 6 hours at an average speed of 74.6 mph and collected a prize of \$10,000. In 1912, aviation pioneer

Wilbur Wright, 45, died in Dayton, Ohio, of typhoid fever more than eight years after he and his brother, Orville, launched their first airplane. In 1937, ten people were killed

when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in South Chicago. In 1943, American forces

secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II. 1958. unidentified In American service members

killed in World War II and the

Korean War were interred in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1962, Benjamin Britten's War Requiem had its world premiere at the new Coventry

Cathedral in England. In 1971, the American space probe Mariner 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla. on a journey to Mars.

In 1972, three members of the Japanese Red Army opened fire at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, killing 26 people. Two attackers died; the third was captured.

In 1981, the president of

Bangladesh, Ziaur Rahman, was assassinated in a failed military coup.

In 2005, American teenager Natalee Holloway was last seen leaving a bar in Aruba before vanishing; her fate remains unknown, although Joran van der Sloot (YOHR'-uhn VAN'dur-sloht) remains the prime suspect in her disappearance.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Johnny Gimble is 86. Actor Clint Walker is 85. Actor Keir Dullea is 76. Actress Ruta Lee is 76. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 73. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Gayle Sayers is 69. Rock musician Lenny Davidson (The Dave Clark Five) is 68. Actor Stephen Tobolowsky is 61. Actor Colm Meaney is 59.

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Newsday Crossword

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put the ball in play, found holes."

Despite having their four-game winning streak snapped, the still Rangers (31-19) matched their best 50game record in team history.

Seattle starter Jason Vargas (6-4) allowed three runs and five hits over 6 2-3 innings. The left-hander struck out two and walked three.

John Jason homered and drove in three runs for Seattle, which matched its highestscoring inning and game of the season.

Third baseman Adrian Beltre's throwing error

with two outs in the fifth led to two unearned runs and ended the night for Scott Feldman (0-3).

That troubled fifth for Feldman (0-3) and the Rangers came at the same time team president Nolan Ryan and general manager were announcing that Texas had reached a minor league deal with free agent right-hander Roy Oswalt.

Feldman was making his second start in place of injured Neftali Feliz since the closerturned-starter went on the disabled list May 21 with right elbow inflammation. The big righthander gave up four runs (two earned) with three strikeouts and three walks over 42-3 innings.

Rangers reach minor league deal with Oswalt

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -The Texas Rangers agreed to a minor league deal with freeagent pitcher Roy Oswalt with the anticipation that he will join the rotation within a few weeks.

Assuming Oswalt passes a physical, he is expected to join Triple-A Round Rock at some point this week.

The deal was announced in the middle of the Rangers' game Tuesday night against Seattle.

The three-time All-Star was interested in joining the two-time defending American League champions during the offseason, but the Rangers were then set with their starting rotation.

The Rangers signed Japanesea star Yu Darvish in January, a month after C.J. Wilson left in free agency. Plus, the Rangers had already decided to move hard-throwing closer Neftali

Feliz from the bullpen into the starting rotation.

But Feliz was put on the 15-day disabled list May 21 with right elbow inflammation and is not even expected to pick up a baseball again until late June. Scott Feldman, a 17-game winner as a starter in 2009 but who has since been primarily a long reliever because of an injury, made his second start in Feliz's spot Tuesday night.

Oswalt likely will make several minor league starts before joining the Texas rotation. Rangers officials went to Oswalt's home in Mississippi two weeks ago to watch him pitch.

Several teams had interest in Oswalt during the winter and in recent weeks. He had decided to wait until the right situation for

Houston Astros, Oswalt had connections with Ryan, the Hall of Famer pitcher who played and worked for both teams.

In 11 major league seasons with Houston (2001-10) and Philadelphia (2010-11), the 34-year-old Oswalt has a 159-93 record with a 3.21 ERA in 339 career games.

Oswalt had two stints on the disabled list last season because of lower back inflammation. He went 9-10 with a 3.69 ERA in 23 starts for the Phillies. His 139 innings pitched were his lowest total since 2003.

In eight career starts at Rangers Ballpark, Oswalt is 2-5 with a 4.78 ERA. He lost his last five starts there, but those were against the power-packed Texas lineup that would now be playing behind him.

Oswalt last pitched against the During his 10 seasons with the Rangers on June 27, 2010.

SPURS

Thunder missed six of their first seven shots and had three turnovers in the first 4 minutes.

of the second quarter, and Parker and the Spurs put together a 14-4 spurt to stretch the gap to 13 points. Westbrook hammered Parker's arm on a drive and he crumpled to the court. That didn't faze Parker, who scored the Spurs' next seven points to keep San Antonio rolling.

The Spurs shot 58 percent (22 of 38) and had 13 assists in the first half. They also cut down their turnovers, committing only six in the first half after giving away 14 in the first two quarters of Game 1.

"You never go out and say, 'We're going to start out fast," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "You don't know what is going to happen. You just want your team to be aggressive."

After the break, the Spurs resumed picking apart Oklahoma City's defense with precision passes, scoring on five straight possessions. The biggest cheer from the crowd came after Ginobili flipped a behind-the-back pass to Parker in the corner for another 3 and the lead ballooned to 78-58.

Late in the third quarter, the Thunder began intentionally fouling Tiago Splitter, a 32 percent free-throw shooter during the playoffs.

That backfired, too. Splitter went 5 for 10 over a 54-second span before Popovich replaced him with Duncan, and Oklahoma City trailed by the same margin -16 — that it did when Brooks called for the "Hack-aSplitter" strategy.

It may not have showed on the scoreboard, but the Spurs seemed to lose their edge after that.

"There's a reason why you do it, to kill the rhythm," Parker said. "I think it got us out of our rhythm."

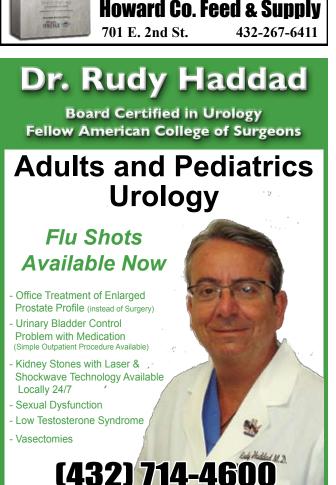
Parker, Ginobili and Duncan were on the court together at the 8-minute mark, after the Thunder cut the deficit to eight. Ginobili's floater in the lane was only the Spurs' third field goal of the fourth quarter and put San Antonio up 99-89.

The Thunder had the deficit down to six with just over 5 minutes remaining. The Spurs missed 12 of 15 shots during one stretch, but Parker hit an off-balance, high-arcing jumper with 3:39 left for a 107-96 lead and San Antonio controlled the game from there.

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Durant was on the bench at the start

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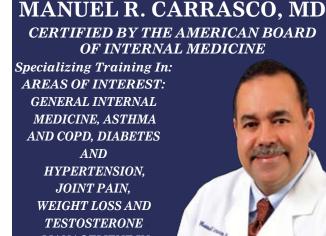
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