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Aquatic center named in honor of McEwen



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Outgoing city manager Gary Fuqua, with microphone, speaks during Wednesday's dedication service. Behind him is newly elected mayor Larry McLellan.

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

The aquatic center so fervently embraced by Russ McEwen has officially been named in honor of the former Big Spring mayor and city councilman, who passed away in October 2012.



McEwen

Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center was formally dedicated during brief ceremonies Wednesday morning at the facility, which opened last year in Comanche Trail Park.

"Russ worked very hard to improve Big Spring. Although it was controversial, he really pushed to have this aquatic center built," newly elected Mayor Larry McLellan told those gathered for the ceremony. "He said he wanted to have something in Big Spring for all the kids whose families couldn't afford to take them to Six Flags. There isn't another place like this in West Texas."

"I want you to know that



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Former mayor Tommy Duncan listens attentively during a speech given in honor of the dedication and naming of the Big Spring aquatic center to the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center.

he loved all of you, each and every one of you. He wanted everyone to be happy," McEwen's widow, Laura, said.

McEwen helped push a bond

package with voter approval that expanded and renovated an athletic facility along

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Early voting dates set for District 5 runoff

Herald Staff Report

Early voting has been set in the June 8 runoff election to decide whether Raul Benavides or J.D. Smith will take over the District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council.

Early voting will begin

Tuesday and end a week later with all balloting to take place at the Howard County Courthouse Elections Office. Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Tuesday and on Tuesday, June 4. All other days, hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On election day, voting will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Benavides and Smith fell into the runoff after neither could win 50 percent of the vote in the May 11 council election.

Benavides received 187 ballots for 44.21 percent of the vote. Smith tallied 143 for 33.81 percent and a third candidate, Clint Collins, had 93 ballots for 21.99 percent.

After the election, both Benavides and Smith vowed to hit the streets in an effort to

win the runoff.

"I plant to continue with the same strategy I've used up to today, just to meet people, talk to people and put myself out there for the public and answer their questions."

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Gold Standard

Six BSISD campuses receive USDA awards

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Everyone knows eating right can have positive effects on people.

Turns out it helps school districts, also.

Six Big Spring Independent School District campuses were honored by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture for their work in promoting healthy lifestyle habits during a reception at Marcy Elementary on Wednesday afternoon.

Moss, Washington, Goliad, Marcy and Bauer elementaries and Kentwood pre-kindergarten were presented Gold Standard awards for exceptional work accomplished during the USDA's Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge (HUSSC) program in the 2012-2013 school year.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell, second from right, and Superintendent Steven Saldivar, far right, hand out awards to BSISD food service personnel during ceremonies at Marcy Elementary on Wednesday afternoon. Six Big Spring campuses won Gold Standard awards as part of the Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge.



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Obituaries

Wayne 'Bus' Renshaw



Grand Prairie — L. Wayne "Bus" Renshaw, 85, formerly of Big Spring passed away May 20, 2013, in Arlington, Texas.

Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013, at Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, Texas, with the Rev. Calvary Callender officiating. Family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Friday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home, prior to the service.

Pallbearers include David VanMeter, Arch VanMeter, Howard Callender and Greg Blackmore.

Bus was born Sept. 6, 1927, in Decatur, Texas, to Lafayette Wayne and Merle Margarette (VanMeter) Renshaw. He was a graduate of Rhome High School in Rhome, Texas.

Bus was united in marriage to Patricia Jean McGinnis in 1946 while serving in the United States Army Air Corp during WWII. Bus later married Greta Elizabeth Woods in 1968. He retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone as an engineer.

Bus enjoyed traveling and spending time with his children, grandchildren and friends in Grand Prairie.

Survivors include his three sons, David Renshaw and Marisela of Frisco, Doug Renshaw of Austin and Dan Renshaw and wife Maria of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Mary and Micki Renshaw of San Antonio and Elisabeth and David William Renshaw of Frisco; a brother, Larry Renshaw and wife Carolyn of Pittsburg, Texas; and a friend, Bobbie Cochran.

Paid obituary

Mathew Ryan Hernandez

Mathew Ryan Hernandez, infant son of Marie and Manuel Hernandez of big Spring, passed away Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

In addition to his parents, Mathew is survived by his twin brother, Manuel Rudy Hernandez Jr.; his grandparents, Olga and Cruz Sanchez and Viola and Richard Villa, all of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Wanda Dolores Wickline

Wanda Dolores Wickline, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- LUPE MENDOZA CHAVARRIA, 59, of 605 S. Abrams, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (three counts), disregarding a stop sign, parked with wheels more than 18 inches from curb and driving while intoxicated.
- RUDOLPH LEO GUTIERREZ III, 21, of 2613 S. Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- DARRYL LEE MILLER, 37, of 710 Pine St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for speeding in school zone and no driver's license - when unlicensed.
- BRADY BALDWIN III, 32, of Dallas, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for expired driver's license and failure to appear.
- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 1400 block of Wood Street.

Dorothy Helen Stanley



Dorothy Helen Stanley, 87, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in a Midland nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 24, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born May 2, 1926, in Big Spring, Texas, and married John R. Stanley on May 11, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death April 5, 1996.

Dorothy had worked for the Howard County Tax Assessor Collector and the First National Bank. She then worked for the T&P Federal Credit Union, where she retired as president after 21 years.

She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Cindy Kellough and husband Ron of Midland; four grandchildren, Brandon Hamblin and wife Misti and Christina McMillan and husband Scotty, all of Midland, Marty Hamblin of Waco and Tasha Kellough of Lubbock; and six great-grandchildren, Aeryn Hamblin, Madelyn McMillan, Sydney McMillan, Ewen McMillan, Marty Hamblin and Alyssa Kellough.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

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- In the 1500 block of Princeton.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 800 block of W. Marcy.
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
In the 800 block of Johnson.
- FORGERY was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- DARRYL LEE MILLER, 37, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check and municipal capias warrants for speeding in a school zone and no driver's license.
- BRADY BALDWIN III, 32, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired driver's license and failure to appear.
- JEFFERY EUGENE MCCASLIN, 61, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by DPS on a Tom Green County warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- CYNTHIA LORRA KENNEDY, 51, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER RIVERS JORDAN, 39, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- AVA GONZALES, 44, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 5/24	Sat 5/25	Sun 5/26
90/68 Scattered showers and thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe. High around 90F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	83/66 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	92/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	68	t-storm	Kingsville	92	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	81	62	t-storm	Livingston	90	65	pt sunny
Austin	89	70	pt sunny	Longview	86	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	67	mst sunny	Lubbock	84	63	t-storm
Brownsville	90	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	67	pt sunny
Brownwood	89	68	t-storm	Midland	89	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	75	mst sunny
Corsicana	87	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	pt sunny
Dallas	88	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	93	74	t-storm	San Marcos	90	70	pt sunny
El Paso	94	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	82	67	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	86	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	87	67	t-storm
Gainesville	84	67	t-storm	Tyler	88	67	pt sunny
Greenville	85	67	pt sunny	Weatherford	86	68	t-storm
Houston	89	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	67	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	49	sunny	Minneapolis	71	52	mst sunny
Boston	65	50	rain	New York	66	52	rain
Chicago	62	43	sunny	Phoenix	95	68	sunny
Dallas	88	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	50	sunny
Denver	83	54	sunny	Seattle	64	50	rain
Houston	89	69	pt sunny	St. Louis	73	55	sunny
Los Angeles	72	58	sunny	Washington, DC	65	50	rain
Miami	90	74	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 5/24	Sat 5/25	Sun 5/26
9	7	11
Very High	High	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

- SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Armed marshals bill awaits Perry's approval

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas schools could train teachers as armed marshals to exchange gunfire with potential attackers under a bill approved by state lawmakers and sent to Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday, while a key lawmaker said attempts to allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into college classrooms is likely dead.

A bipartisan 28-3 Senate vote gave final approval to the marshals bill, which was proposed after the December mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. It had already passed the House over the objection of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican, had pushed lawmakers to help school districts provide teachers or other employees with special weapons and tactical response training.

The bill allows school districts and charter schools to place one armed marshal on campus for every 400 students. After 80 hours of training, the marshals could bring a weapon on campus. Their identities would not be subject to public records law.

Marshals working directly with students would have to keep their guns in a lockbox "within immediate reach," according to the measure. Marshals not working with students would be allowed to carry concealed weapons.

Although many larger school districts employ their own police forces, many smaller districts cannot afford to do so. In testimony early in the session, several small rural districts said they needed marshals or armed teachers to protect students because police response might be too slow in a shooting incident.

Teachers groups had complained that school safety should be provided by professional security and not thrust on educators. They were disturbed when law enforcement experts testified that armed teachers could be shot by police responding to an incident.

Efforts to allow license holders to carry guns into college classrooms appeared dead this session after being stalled for weeks. Although the mea-

sure has already passed the House, Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, said Democrats had effectively blocked it in the Republican-controlled Senate.

DRUG TESTING

The Texas House approved a bill that allows the state to drug test unemployment applicants. But Democrats successfully used a parade of stalling tactics to run out the clock on a similar measure mandating such screening for welfare applicants.

Rep. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, sponsored the proposal approved late Tuesday night. It would require applicants to answer a questionnaire to see whether they are at risk of abusing drugs. If there is reasonable suspicion, the Texas Workforce Commission would require a drug test.

Creighton said the proposed law was carefully designed to be constitutional, adding that only first-time applicants working in occupations that require drug tests would undergo screening. Applicants who test positive could ask for a retest or keep their benefits if they enroll in a treatment program within seven days. Otherwise, the person could reapply after 30 days.

"We've had an effort across the nation of over 29 states working on related issues and measures to require a drug screen that could lead to a drug test," Creighton said. "The Texas Workforce Commission would use a nationally accepted screen to determine if a test is needed."

Opponents say the measure would hurt the families of workers who paid unemployment insurance while they were working. Civil liberties advocates also call it a warrantless search.

"We don't have any data that people who have lost jobs due to no fault of their own ... that there is a large number that are using drugs," said Rep. Chris Turner, D-Fort Worth. "Aren't we just adding insult to injury when someone is unemployed?"

PERRY PROTESTS

Hecklers demanding that Texas expand the Medicaid program under the

White House-backed health care law repeatedly interrupted a speech by Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday, then descended on his office for a meeting to keep pressing their case.

Perry was speaking at an Austin business forum and had barely begun singing the state's pro-entrepreneurial praises when a woman shrieked "Expand Texas health care!" After nobody moved to throw her out, she asked, "What do you think about that?"

Visibly embarrassed, Perry replied, "Expand Texas health care. I gotcha."

As he continued to speak, a man rose and demanded Medicaid expansion. "You leave here," Perry offered, "I'll invite you to the Capitol and we can have a face-to-face debate. Your manners will be greatly appreciated."

Texas has the highest rate of uninsured in the nation, with about 6.2 million of its residents lacking health care coverage. Advocates say extending Medicaid as directed by federal health care reform could provide up to 1 million Texans with some coverage.

But because Medicaid is a jointly funded federal-state program, Perry says embracing expansion could bankrupt Texas. He has endured such heckling before, with demonstrators even calling for Medicaid expansion during a recent speech he gave in Washington.

Wednesday's protesters were representing the Texas Organizing Project advocacy group, which has demonstrated previously outside Perry's office in the state Capitol. When the speech was over, about 40 of them headed there — and Perry allowed three in for a closed-door chat of about 20 minutes.

"We had a good meeting," the governor said afterward. "I don't think we came to any great epiphanies in there, but we actually found that there was a lot of things that we agreed on. Medicaid's broken."

REGENTS DELAYED

Senate confirmation of three University of Texas System regents ap-

pointed by Gov. Rick Perry will be delayed at least until Friday, but one key lawmaker said he is "very confident" they will be approved.

Sen. Glenn Hegar, chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee, said delayed the confirmation vote by a day to give some senators time to prepare remarks. The regents appointments are being closely watched as the potential tipping point between the board of regents and Austin campus president Bill Powers and his supporters.

Powers is believed to be fighting to keep his job and until recently held a slim majority of approval on the board.

Local briefs

Coahoma reunion

COAHOMA — Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coahoma.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Invitations will not be mailed and everyone is asked to help spread the word to all CHS alumni. E-mail information will be sent upon request to Michael Hinsley at mdhinsley@mac.com.

A barbecue lunch will be prepared by school organizations as a fundraiser, and pre-payment of \$10 per person is requested by July 1 to: CHS REUNION, PO Box 84, Coahoma, TX 79511. Include the names; tickets will be waiting at the registration desk. The reunion will include an auction and drawings to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Attendees are asked to bring new or novelty items for the auction. That evening, a CHS Reunion social for all classes will be held in Big Spring at Kokapelli's.

For information, contact Joyce York Baumann at jefnjoyce@yahoo.com or 432-816-1588; Barbara Ballard Reilly at 432-263-7808; Cindy Parrish Klaus at cindy.klaus@whiting.com or 432-466-1298; or Rose Marie Thixton Teele, at rmtteeler@gmail.com or 432-816-4402

MCEWEN

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Interstate 20 and spruced up the downtown area and Main Street. But it may have been the fact that he didn't take his desire to build a water park to public vote that made it controversial.

The existing pool at the time — said to be

80 years old and once considered a showplace — suffered continual problems as it aged, and was finally shut down in 2009 when it failed to meet federal and ADA requirements. Officials said the pool was operating at an annual deficit of \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year at the time.

The city council studied various types of pools and water parks

and costs before settling on a \$4.2 million aquatic center. McEwen said it was the right thing to do.

"About 65 percent of the people in Big Spring are economically disadvantaged," McEwen said in February 2010, "and when you look at a program like this, I'd like to be able for the city to provide to those children who can't leave

town for vacation or for fun. It's hard to understand, but there are kids in Big Spring who don't have a Christmas. There are kids who will never get the chance to go to Schlitterbahn or Disneyland. They simply won't get to leave Big Spring, and this aquatic center will be their Six Flags or their Schlitterbahn."

The decision to build

the facility drew the ire of some and arguably cost McEwen the next mayoral election.

An effort to scale back the \$4.2 million project by a newly elected mayor and councilman failed by a 5-2 council vote in mid-2010 and the project went on. The project was, however, later reduced to \$3.7 and the park opened in 2012. Several community

leaders lauded McEwen's efforts Wednesday. None, however, worked any closer with him than outgoing city manager Gary Fuqua.

Showing McEwen's dedication to the project, Fuqua told the crowd, "I'm sorry the water isn't the right color today. He (Russ) would probably be gripping at me because the water isn't blue."

RUNOFF

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Benavides said at the time.

"From here, I'm going to have to make

sure I put the time in and go back and approach the voters from that standpoint," said Smith. "We're going to have to revitalize the troops — our supporters and volunteers who

have helped us throughout the campaign — and we're going to have to keep plugging away at this."

The current District 5 councilman, Craig Olson, had decided not to

seek another term. He continues to serve, however, until the runoff has been decided.

The runoff will be for the District 5 only. In the only other Big Spring city election

May 11, Larry McLellan defeated Roger Rodman for the mayor's post.

For more information on the election, contact Elections Administrator Saura Bloom at 432-264-2273.

BSISD

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Those campuses were six of only 189 schools in Texas to receive Gold Standard awards in Texas and the only ones in Region 18, which encompasses most of West Texas, said Beth Thorson, director of Nutrition Outreach and Education for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Aside from plaques, each school receives \$1,500 from USDA for use in their respective wellness programs.

Thorson said the

schools were honored for their efforts in promoting healthy lifestyle habits, both on and off campus.

"Schools win these awards based on four criteria: they meet USDA nutritional standards; they achieve positive results from the physical education program; they have cooperation from parents and other family members; and they are effective in community outreach efforts," Thorson said.

"These awards represent a lot of teamwork between the schools and the community," she said. "Everybody has to

work together ... and develop a comprehensive approach to what we're doing in the wellness arena."

Judi Rodriguez, director of food services for BSISD, said the monetary awards would be put into an account to help students without lunch money, as well as purchasing placards which will encourage students to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

"I think this is a huge accomplishment for Big Spring ISD and the food services department," Rodriguez said. "The ladies in food services

worked very hard on this program and we're very proud of them."

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Comfort us, we ask, dear Lord, when we need comforting.

Amen

In the end, it is we who are the idiots

Dr. Henry Miller, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and Gregory Conko, senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, in their Forbes article "Rachel Carson's Deadly Fantasies" (9/5/2012), wrote that her 1962 book, "Silent Spring," led to a world ban on DDT use. The DDT ban was responsible for the loss of "tens of millions of human lives — mostly children in poor, tropical countries — have been traded for the possibility of slightly improved fertility in raptors (birds).

This remains one of the monumental human tragedies of the last century." DDT presents no harm to humans and, when used properly, poses no environmental threat. In 1970, a committee of the National Academy of Sciences wrote: "To only a few chemicals does man owe as great a debt as to DDT. ... In a little more than two decades, DDT has prevented 500 million human deaths, due to malaria, that otherwise would have been inevitable." Prior to the DDT ban, malaria was on the verge of extinction in some countries.

The World Health Organization estimates that malaria infects at least 200 million people, of which more than a half-million die, each year. Most malaria victims are African children. People who support the DDT ban are complicit in the deaths of

tens of millions of Africans and Southeast Asians. Philanthropist Bill Gates is raising money for millions of mosquito nets, but to keep his environmentalist credentials, the last thing that he'd advocate is DDT use. Remarkably, black congressmen share his vision.

Wackoism didn't end with Carson's death. Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University biologist, in his 1968 best-selling book, "The Population Bomb," predicted major food shortages in the United States and that "in the 1970s ... hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death." Ehrlich saw England in more desperate straits, saying, "If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000." On the first Earth Day, in 1970, Ehrlich warned: "In 10 years all important animal life in the sea will be extinct. Large areas of coastline will have to be evacuated because of the stench of dead fish." Ehrlich continues to be a media and academic favorite.

Then there are governmental wacko teachings. In 1914, the U.S. Bureau of Mines predicted our oil reserves would last 10 years. In 1939, the U.S. Department of the Interior revised the estimate, saying that American oil would last 13 years. In 1972, the Club of Rome's report "Limits to Growth" said total world oil reserves totaled 550 billion barrels. With that report in hand, then-President Jimmy Carter said, "We could use up all proven reserves of oil in the entire world by the end of the next decade." He added, "The oil and natural gas we rely on for 75 per-

cent of our energy are running out." As for Carter's running-out-of-oil prediction, a recent report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office and private industry experts estimate that if even half of the oil bound up in the Green River formation in Utah, Wyoming and Colorado is recovered, it would be "equal to the entire world's proven oil reserves." That's an estimated 3 trillion barrels, more than what OPEC has in reserve. Fret not. Carter, like Ehrlich, is still sought out for his opinion.

Our continued acceptance of environmentalist manipulation, lies and fear-mongering has led Congress to establish deadly public policies in the name of saving energy — such as Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, which downsize autos and cause unnecessary highway fatalities. That's on top of the stupid 1970s 55 mph laws. The next time an environmentalist warns us of a pending disaster or that we are running out of something, we ought to ask: When was the last time a prediction of yours was right? Some people are inclined to call these people idiots. That's wrong. They have been successful in their agenda. It's we who are the idiots for listening to them.

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WALTER E. WILLIAMS

May they never, ever be forgotten

As is the case most years, the calendar for 2013 lists two Memorial Days: May 30, the "real" Memorial Day, and May 27, Memorial Day (observed).

Memorial Day was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., on April 25, 1866.

The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead.

While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers.

The women were thankful that

even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day.

In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South.

In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memo-

rial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity.

In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts.

While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate.

Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and

painful, as it is today with thousands of U.S. military personnel in harms way.

But this holiday weekend is still a time for celebration.

However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775.

Locally, there will be ceremonies in several locations commemorating the holiday and we encourage readers to take part.

But on Memorial Day, take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices.

Remember our fallen. May they never, ever be forgotten.

Walking tall: Making strides in prosthetics

The room is very large and full of the usual exercise equipment. There are treadmills and stationary bikes, weight machines and even a climbing wall.

About a dozen chairs are scattered around the edges of the room. As I enter, six people are sitting there. They have four legs between them.

There are usually children around. The first time I came here, shyly watching from the doorway, I heard a "beep-beep" behind me, and as I turned, a 5-year-old sped past me at a remarkable speed, hopping on her one leg.

This is Prosthetic and Orthotic Associates, one of the largest facilities in the country. The walls are filled with pictures: People with one or no legs crossing the finish line at marathons or triathlons, legless golfers in mid-swing, a one-legged pitcher glowering from the mound, legless skiers and a one-legged tennis player hitting a ferocious backhand.

The mood in the room is cheerful. I

have never seen anyone cry, though I have heard a few muttered swear words over the occasional stumble. Mostly people here have worked through the "why me?" stage and the depression stage and the anger stage. They are here for the last stage: the rebuilding stage.

The last time I was here, there was a teenager from the Dominican Republic, I think, whose church had scraped together enough money to fly him to POA. POA does a lot of work for free. He was getting the first legs he had ever had.

He had never, in other words, been more than about 3 feet tall, and now he would be about 6 feet tall. He would be about a million miles tall.

He was always smiling, even through his first halting steps. I asked him why. "I am thinking about when I go back to my town and see all the kids who used to make fun of me," he told me. "I will look at them and walk right past them. I will not say a word. I will just walk past them." His grin got wider.

I met a vet, who, judging by his age, probably had served in Vietnam, and was now testing out a new multimillion-dollar leg developed by the government. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have led to huge ad-

vances in prosthetics, and there are now legs crammed with electronics, gyroscopes and cybernetic wonders.

I asked the veteran how he liked his new wonder leg. "Ah, I think I'll go back to the old one," he said, pointing at a scratched and battered prosthetic leg leaning against the wall. People get attached to their legs.

Stories on amputees have filled the media since the Boston Marathon bombing in which at least 17 people have had one or both of their legs blown off. Public response was immediate and extremely generous. Tens of millions of dollars have been raised, and free prosthetics offered. Not having to worry about money will be a huge burden lifted from the shoulders of those wounded, but they will face other burdens: They will want to hit a tennis ball again, water ski again or just walk again.

They will want to be what they were: whole. That is not just a physical process, but a mental one.

My picture is on the wall here, but not because of me. It is because my wife and I are at the annual White House holiday press party, standing between President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama. Six months before, I had interviewed him in the

Oval Office. I had lost both legs about six months before that and was in a wheelchair unable to walk. "I'll see you at the party in December," he said at the end of the interview, "and you'll be walking by then. You will be."

It turned out he was right. I was a little afraid of falling over as I walked toward him and his wife, but I made it. I wasn't ready for any dance numbers, but I made it.

After the bombing in Boston, Obama went there and made a speech, grieving for those whose lives had been ended and then turned his attention to those whose lives had been shattered.

"We will all be with you as you learn to stand, and walk and, yes, run again," he said. "Of that I have no doubt. You will run again."

I believe they will. The president has pretty good powers of prediction when it comes to such things.

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News in brief

With warnings about continued threats to U.S., Obama seeks to open secretive terror policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid lingering concerns about his national security policies, President Barack Obama is outlining measures to clarify the deadly use of drones against terror suspects, make good on a pledge to close the controversial prison at Guantanamo Bay and warn Americans about dire threats they continue to face — even from fellow citizens.

On the eve of a speech Thursday at the National Defense University, the Obama administration revealed for the first time that a fourth American citizen had been killed in secretive drone strikes abroad. The killings of three other Americans in counterterror operations since 2009 were known before a letter from Attorney General Eric Holder to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy acknowledged the four deaths.

Obama's speech is expected to reaffirm his national security priorities — from homegrown terrorists to killer drones to the enemy combatants held at the military-run detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — but make no new sweeping policy announcements. The White House has offered few clues on how the president will address questions that have dogged his administration for years and, critics say, given foreign allies mixed signals about U.S. intentions in some of the world's most volatile areas.

Obama will try to refocus an increasingly apathetic public on security issues as his administration grapples with a series of unrelated controversies stemming from the attack on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, the IRS' targeting of conservative groups and government monitoring of reporters. His message will also be carefully analyzed by an international audience that has had to adapt to what counterterror expert Peter Singer described as the administration's disjointed and often short-sighted security policies.

"He is really wrestling with a broader task, which is laying out an overdue case for regularizing our counterterrorism strategy itself," said Singer, director of the Brookings Institution's 21st Century Security and Intelligence Center in Washington. "It's both a task in terms of being a communicator, and a task in term of being a decider."

UK emergency response committee meets after man butchered in daylight attack in London

LONDON (AP) — The British government's emergency committee met Thursday after two attackers butchered a man in a daylight attack in London that raised fears terrorism had returned to the capital.

Prime Minister David Cameron says there are strong indications it was an act of terrorism, and his top advisers will be examining the potential security implications of the attack, which took place near a London military barracks.

One of the attackers went on video to explain the crime — shouting political statements, gesturing with bloodied hands and waving a meat cleaver. Police shot and wounded the unidentified assailants and took them into custody.

Authorities did not identify the victim by name, but French President Francois Hollande referred to him as a "soldier" at a news conference in Paris with Cameron, who was visiting. Cameron would not confirm that, but British media say the victim was wearing a shirt in support of troops and Brit-

ain's Ministry of Defense said it was investigating whether a U.K. soldier was involved.

Security has been tightened at military barracks and authorities say they are updating their guidance for military personnel.

Man killed in Fla. by FBI shares similar background to deceased Boston bombing suspect

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Chechen immigrant shot to death in central Florida after an altercation with an FBI agent had several ties to that of one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects who authorities were questioning him about at the time.

Ibragim Todashev's Chechen roots and mixed martial arts background mirror that of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the Boston bombing suspect killed in a shootout with police last month. The two also had lived in the Boston area.

Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was fatally shot by authorities early Wednesday at his Orlando home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Three law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Todashev had lunged at the FBI agent with a knife. However, two of those officials said later in the day it was no longer clear what had happened. The third official had not received any new information.

The FBI gave no details on why it was interested in Todashev except to say that he was being questioned as part of the Boston investigation. However, two officials briefed on the investigation said he had implicated himself as having been involved in a 2011 triple-slaying in a Boston suburb that authorities believe may have been connected to Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the 26-year-old Boston bombing suspect killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 terrorist attack.

As Scouting's leaders vote on allowing gay youth, group faces fraught moment, uncertainty

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America's national leadership will vote Thursday whether to allow openly gay Scouts in its ranks, a critical and emotionally charged moment for one of the nation's oldest youth organizations and its millions of members.

About 1,400 voting members of BSA's national council are to cast ballots Thursday on a resolution that would end a policy that allows youth Scouts to be excluded based only on sexual orientation. The ban on gay adult leaders would remain in place.

The vote is taking place at a resort in Grapevine, Texas, not far from BSA's headquarters, during the national council's three-day annual meeting. While the meeting was closed to the public, it was closely watched by supporters and opponents of a change. Both sides on Wednesday made a final effort to explain their positions. Gay-rights supporters and others who want the policy changed held a summit at a nearby resort, while opponents held signs on the street next to the entrance and a rally nearby.

The results are expected to be announced shortly after 5 p.m. CDT Thursday.

Both sides have waged an effort resembling a political campaign in the months leading up to Thursday's vote. Supporters of allowing gay scouts used a political consulting firm and targeted about 120


local Scouting councils that they thought were the most competitive — the "swing districts" where they thought votes could be won. Opponents cited Texas code to obtain the names and addresses of voting members from BSA officials so they could send out mailings.

Kerry, Netanyahu raise hopes for possible Mideast peace talks restart

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States and Israel raised hopes Thursday for a restart of the Middle East peace process, despite little tangible progress so far from U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's two-month-old effort to get Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

As they met in Jerusalem, Kerry praised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the "seriousness" with which he is looking at ways to revitalize peace hopes.

"I know this region well enough to know there is skepticism, in some quarters there is cynicism and there are reasons for it," Kerry told reporters.



By Steve Becker

When to Abandon the Percentages

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A 9 5 2	♥	Q 6
♦	K 4	♣	K J 8 6 2
WEST			
♠	7 6	♥	A K 8 4
♦	A 8 3 2	♣	7 4 3
EAST			
♠	K	♥	10 9 5 3 2
♦	10 9 7 6 5	♣	9 5
SOUTH			
♠	Q J 10 8 4 3	♥	10 7
♦	Q J	♣	A Q 10

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♣ Pass 4♠
Opening lead — king of hearts.

drop the singleton king behind the ace. What this means is that if you experimented hundreds of times with this combination, the finesse would succeed far more often than the play for the drop.

South was fully familiar with the proper percentage play, but when the moment of truth arrived, he played dummy's ace and felled East's king! However, he had ample reason for rejecting the finesse.

West began by cashing the K-A of hearts and shifted to the deuce of diamonds, hoping his partner had the queen and that declarer would mis-guess which card to play from dummy. But South played dummy's king, which won the trick.

Then, without bothering to enter his hand for a finesse, declarer simply played the ace of trumps, caught East's singleton king and so made the contract with an overtrick. Had he taken a trump finesse, he would have gone down one.

Declarer's decision to reject the percentage play was based on the fact that West couldn't have the king of spades after his first three plays revealed he had the A-K of hearts and ace of diamonds. It was inconceivable that he would have passed originally had he held the king of spades also.

Since East was thus marked with the king of spades, South's only hope was to find the monarch unguarded.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey, left, and BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris talk during a reception for retiring school district employees in the high school library Wednesday.

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ANSWERS

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5	2	3	1	6	7	9	4	8
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News in brief

Burning railroad bridge collapses in Central Texas

SAN SABA, Texas (AP) — A 300-yard wooden railroad bridge in Central Texas has fallen after catching fire in a dramatic collapse captured on cellphone video.

Lometa Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Jamie Smart said Thursday that nobody was hurt in the blaze in rural Lampasas County. Smart shot the video Sunday showing the bridge over some low ground burning and falling.

Smart says volunteer firefighters from San

Saba were also on hand. Smart says he heard someone say "there she goes" and he shot the video.

Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire on the bridge built in 1910 and still used to haul freight. The area is about 100 miles northwest of Austin.

Lawyer gets prison for mail, medical fraud

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas lawyer convicted in a mail and medical fraud scheme has been sentenced to

more than three years in prison.

A federal judge in Tyler on Wednesday also ordered 55-year-old Steven Rushing of Longview to repay more than \$929,000. Rushing in February pleaded guilty to mail fraud.

Investigators say Rushing negotiated settlements in civil cases and told clients he would use part of the insurance money they were due to pay off their medical bills. The funds to settle the cases were sent to the attorney who then paid a portion to his clients.

Prosecutors say Rushing diverted some of the money meant to pay hospital and other medical costs to his personal use in cases since 2011.

Solar plane completes 2nd leg of trip

DALLAS (AP) — A solar-powered plane has landed in Texas, completing the second leg of a trip across the United States.

The Solar Impulse is making the first attempt by a solar airplane capable of flying day and night without fuel to fly across the U.S.

The plane landed early Thursday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport after taking off

Wednesday from Phoenix.

The plane flew its first leg from California in early May. From Dallas, it will fly to Lambert-St. Louis airport, Dulles airport near Washington and New York's John F. Kennedy airport.

Each flight leg takes 20 or so hours, with multi-day stops in each city.

Pilot Andre Borschberg is one of the plane's creators along with Bertrand Piccard.

Texan could get life term over meth ring

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas man faces up to life in prison and a \$5 million fine for his role in running a methamphetamine ring.

Federal prosecutors in Fort Worth on Wednesday announced Jermaine Duane Irvin was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The 41-year-old Arlington man has been in custody since being arrested Feb. 28 at his home.

A federal judge has ordered sentencing in September for Irvin, who's the fifth person prosecuted in the drug case going back to last summer.

Man pleads guilty to stabbing Border Patrol dog

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A man from Guatemala has pleaded guilty in Texas to illegally crossing the U.S.

border and stabbing a Border Patrol dog.

Prosecutors in McAllen say 19-year-old Luis Gilberto Cruz-Solis faces up to a year in prison when he's sentenced next month. Cruz-Solis on Wednesday pleaded guilty to willfully and maliciously harming a police animal and to entering the U.S. illegally.

Cruz-Solis on May 12 fled into an orchard near Mission to try to avoid Border Patrol agents. Officials say he was among about 30 people suspected of crossing the border illegally.

A Border Patrol dog named Dinie located Cruz-Solis hiding in some brush. Authorities say the suspect had a knife and stabbed the dog in the neck before being taken into custody. The wounded animal survived.

Jury to deliberate man's penalty for killing sons

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors will begin deliberating whether a North Texas man should die for drowning his two young sons.

Closing arguments are scheduled for Thursday on whether Naim Rasool Muhammad should receive the death penalty or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

Muhammad had insisted on testifying in his own defense, defense attorney Paul Johnson persuaded him not to.

The Dallas County jury has found Muhammad guilty of capital

murder in the drowning of 5-year-old Naim and 3-year-old Elijah in a creek in August 2011. Muhammad told police he was mad at the children's mother for breaking up with him.

Ex-DA testifies in own defense in bribery trial

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former South Texas district attorney charged with helping a crooked judge is testifying in his own defense.

Former Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos is to continue his testimony on Thursday. He was called to testify Wednesday after federal prosecutors rested in his corruption trial.

He told a federal jury in Brownsville that he didn't have the close relationship with Abel Limas that the former state district judge testified that they had.

Villalobos is the highest-profile target to stand trial in a FBI investigation into legal corruption involving Limas, who failed in his 2008 re-election bid. Limas has pleaded guilty to racketeering and awaits sentencing.

Texas Senate OKs expanding virtual course network

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Senate has approved a proposal to expand the state's network of virtual school courses online and allow it to include more private courses.

The measure cleared the House earlier this month. It passed the Senate 26-5 late Wednesday night, but with modifications that will send it back to the House.

Supporters say it increases educational opportunities for students, especially those in small school districts who will be able to take courses online that aren't offered in their areas.

Opponents, including some teachers groups, worry the measure is really a voucher bill — funneling public school funding to private interests — because it allows for-profit companies to offer online courses.

But it contains limits on how many online courses students' can take and districts would have to pay for.

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- Submit your story to us by Monday, June 17. email link: newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or walk in.
- Include stories along with photos about your day, the people you encounter, your commute, milestones or even a day's recap of work. We want to know what Howard County does on June 12, and preserve that for future generations.

We're looking for stories that will help form a Snapshot in Time about life in Howard County, so keep in mind that no detail is too small or unimportant.

- Resident's Name:
- City of residence:
- Occupation:
- My day began at (time):
- The first thing I did today was:
- How was the morning?:
- Did anything unusual happen today:
- Who was the most memorable person you met today (name not necessary):
- What was the day's biggest success?:
- What was the day's biggest disappointment (if any):
- How was your drive home?:
- Would you consider today typical?:
- Anything else relevant to your day:

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The Herald staff will also be putting together a By The Number list on June 12 as well as taking photos around the county throughout the period that show what a typical day is like. If you are interested in becoming part of this unique effort, contact us at the newspaper at 263-7331 or via the e-mail link: newsdesk@bigspringherald.com. Be sure to read the June 30 edition to see how June 12 unfolded for your friends and neighbors in Howard County.

Glenn Stifflemire
Publisher, The Big Spring Herald

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Comfortable Parker leads Spurs to 2-0 lead in NBA West finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even if the San Antonio Spurs can't help but feel a touch uneasy about their 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals, Tony Parker is completely comfortable.

For the second straight year, Parker used a sensational Game 2 to give the Spurs a two-game lead to start the conference finals. This time, it was a 15-point, 18-assist masterpiece that featured Parker scoring or assisting on 14 of the Spurs' 18 baskets after halftime.

Asked Wednesday if it was a performance reminiscent of John Stockton, the NBA's career assists leader, Parker said: "No, Tony Parker."

"I don't want to be anybody. I just want to have my own identity," he added. "I always fight with (coach Gregg Popovich) for that because he wanted me to be — no disrespect to Avery Johnson — but like Avery, and then like John. I was like, 'I want to be me.' I want to do both. I

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Photo submitted by Valerie Avery

Among the recipients of awards at Grady High School's sports banquet Tuesday included Elynn Avery, who is shown with her father, Head Basketball Coach Jimmy Avery and Brandon Lucas, pictured with his father, Head Track Coach Brent Lucas. Avery and Lucas were named Best All-Around Female and Male Athletes, respectively. Both athletes were selected to participate in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Basketball All-Star Game. Avery will also appear in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game in July.



AP photo

Texas rookie Russ Wolf helped guide the Rangers to a 3-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday in the first big league start of his career.

Rangers edge A's in Wolf's 1st MLB start

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ross Wolf was thinking about retirement while languishing in the minor leagues for a third straight year.

The Texas Rangers right-hander will probably reconsider now.

Wolf pitched five strong innings for his first big league win in his first start in the majors, David Murphy and Adrian Beltré homered in a three-run first inning, and the Rangers avoided a sweep with a 3-1 victory against the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old Wolf came up from Triple-A Round Rock for a spot start after the Rangers scratched rookie Nick Tepesch because of a blister.

He beamed in front of the cameras after said "awesome" a lot after escaping trouble in the fourth and fifth and getting a big boost from Neal Cotts when he was replaced in the sixth.

A year ago, Wolf (1-0) had a pregnant wife on bed rest and a boy who missed him at home while he bounced between Double-A Frisco and Round Rock in the Texas farm system.

He spent 2011 in the Houston organization after refusing a minor league assignment with Oakland at the end of the 2010

season.

"It tests your patience," said Wolf, who was making his first big league appearance since Oct. 1, 2010, as a reliever for the A's. "My wife gave a lot of the credit. She told me to stick with it, and thank God I did."

Cotts, pitching a day after getting three outs on six pitches in his game in the majors since May 25, 2009, struck out the side when he came on for Wolf with two runners on and no outs in the sixth.

The left-hander whose best season came with the Chicago White Sox when they won the World Series in 2005 escaped trouble again in the seventh, getting Adam Rosales on a lineout and Coco Crisp on a foul pop with a runner at third.

"He may have been here in Texas a short time, but he hasn't been at the major league level being successful for a short time," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He's throwing the ball the way I remember him throwing with Chicago."

Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 14th save in 14 chances.

Elvis Andrus snapped an 0-for-10 slump with a leadoff single in the first, and Murphy

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Astros vendor fired after taking snow cones into bathroom

HOUSTON (AP) — A vendor at Houston's Minute Maid Park has been fired after a fan filmed him taking a tray of snow cones into a stadium bathroom and putting it on the floor of the stall while using the facilities.

The fan shared the video with KPRC-TV (<http://bit.ly/10UGkM3>), which aired the report Wednesday night.

New Astros president Reid Ryan says: "The Astros were notified immediately by our partner ARAMARK of the incident involving a vendor on Monday night. We commend the swift reaction displayed by ARAMARK of terminating the employee immediately upon learning of the incident that evening."

ARAMARK, which runs food services at the ballpark, call it an isolated incident and says the vendor's actions were "a clear violation of our food safety practices and are not reflective of our standards."

Griner looming large over WNBA

PHOENIX (AP) — Brittney Griner can dunk.

Not only on breakaways and not those squeeze-it-over-the-rim ones that just don't look right.

One-handed, two-handed, on the move, off a drop step, even on alley-oops, though she hasn't pulled that one off in a game — at least not yet.

Emphatic, too, unlike any woman before her.

Griner's dunking dexterity has made her a celebrity, a regular on the sports highlight shows and a recognizable name even to casual sports fans.

But she is far from a dunking novelty act.

Long, athletic, dominating defensively, offensively gifted, ferocious rebounder, gregari-

ous and honest, the Phoenix Mercury center has the kind of star power that may reach well beyond her 7-foot-4 wingspan.

"Even if people don't know her or know about her game, they've heard about the girl that can dunk," said Minnesota Lynx guard Seimone Augustus, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 WNBA draft. "So they're going to want to see what she can do on this level."

Griner was the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, the top peg on a top-loaded board that also included stars-in-the-making Elena Delle Donne and Skylar Diggins.

Delle Donne figures to help Chicago reach the playoffs after the Sky just missed last season and the Tulsa Shock are hoping

Diggins will team with Candice Wiggins to create an unstoppable-quick backcourt.

The 6-foot-8 Griner faces a much taller order.

Not only is she being counted on to lead the Mercury to a third WNBA title, she's expected to open a gateway from the WNBA to new fans across the U.S. and beyond.

No pressure at all for a 22-year-old.

"It's our responsibility (to watch out for her), but it's also our responsibility to help the league," Mercury coach and general manager Corey Gaines said.

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Gemini Energy of Optical Illusion

Gemini is the prevailing energy as we head toward the full moon lunar eclipse at the end of the week: quick, bright, social and endlessly trendy. So much changes as the planets party in Gemini that it's like there's a swirl of energy all around us making it seem like we're moving even when we are standing still.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Working in isolation can produce results that are too narrow in scope. Open yourself up to more influences. It will take diverse views to shed enough light on a problem to see the solution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've shown restraint. You've been disciplined and discerning. Over time, your consistent demeanor has earned trust. You now radiate refinement and wisdom.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An ancient Chinese proverb says: When a bird flies too high, his song is lost. People

Tomorrow's Horoscope

respond to you because you communicate on their level. They can understand you. This talent will be put to excellent use today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Words matter, but they cannot always carry a pursuit forward. Action is necessary. Someone has to put in the physical work. You'll either decide who that someone is, or you'll do it yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you really believe something, you'll put your money and the best of your efforts into it. If someone you know seems reticent to invest in any real way, take it as a lack of belief, and look for a partner who is a better fit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In order to triumph, you have to stay in the game. Those who drop out or take too many breaks or detours won't be able to keep up with the players who consistently show up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You like it when things are going smoothly, but you don't shy away from difficulties, either. People like you are made stronger by challenge. Trials make you sharper. Tribulation gives you the chance to be heroic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're just about finished with a certain

role or frame of mind. It is no longer going to work in your life. A master of transformation, you embrace this chance to reinvent yourself and adventure on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you think about it, all self-improvement is a subtle form of self-rejection. Consider giving it up for the time being so you can focus on discovering and enjoying who you already are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's hard to create fire from scratch. But when you already have a fire burning, spreading it to new locations is as easy as passing a torch. You have a fire burning in your belly now and will easily ignite one in others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The cow in the meadow is as powerful as it is gentle. You'll feel similarly tranquil now, enjoying all you are doing even though you could be doing more if you were so inclined.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may experience deep desires and a strong drive to succeed. Harness these energies judiciously, or they will consume your dreams. A slow burn is better than fireworks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). You'll have moments of heaven on earth. Why keep them a secret? With all you know, you could inspire and motivate others.

Giving back is a major theme for you this year. Next month you'll get the chance to contribute something meaningful to your family. July and August show you building something with friends. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 30, 22, 39 and 2.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gemini folk/pop star Jewel has a rodeo-riding hubby, a baby boy and a burgeoning acting career. Jewel stars in the Lifetime movie "Ring of Fire" as June Carter Cash, a role that has also been played by Reese Witherspoon. A similarity that Jewel shares with Cash is that both were born when Mercury was in Gemini, favoring a witty and lighthearted manner of expression.

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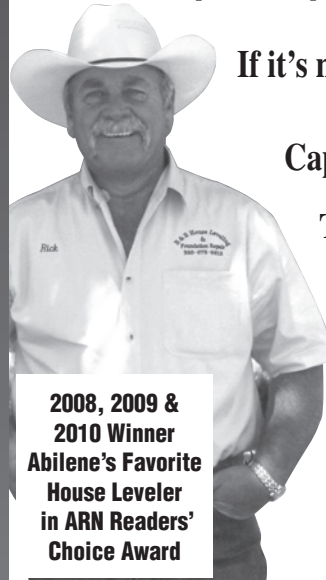
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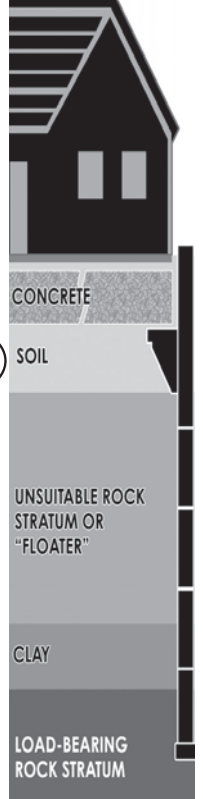
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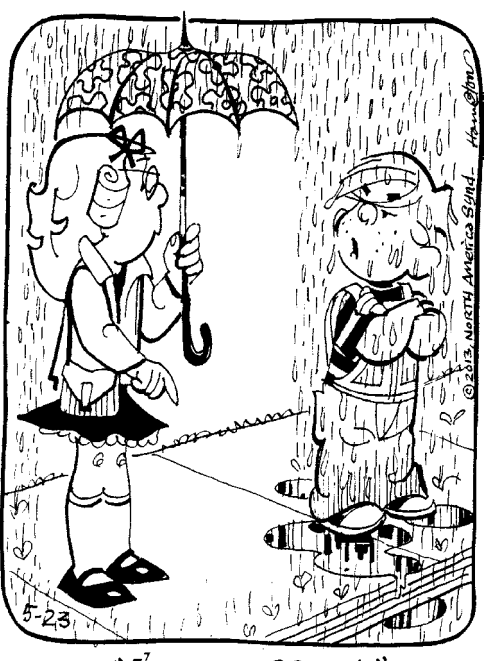
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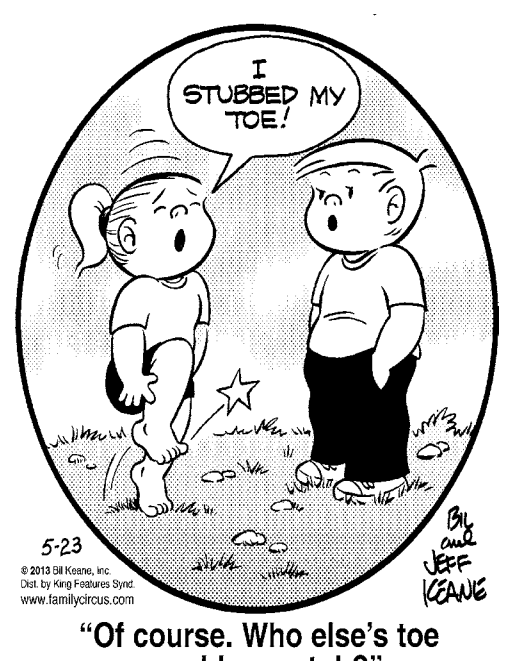
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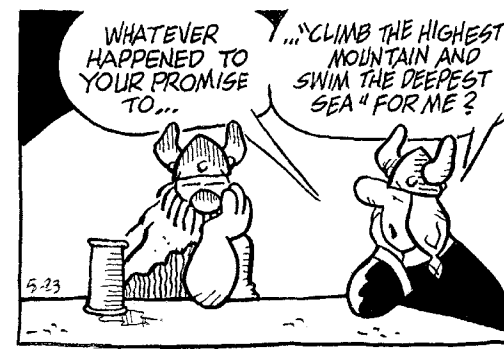
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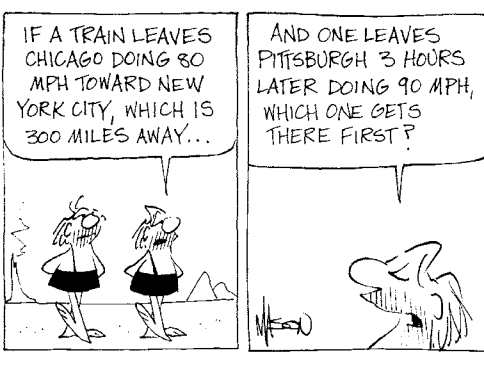
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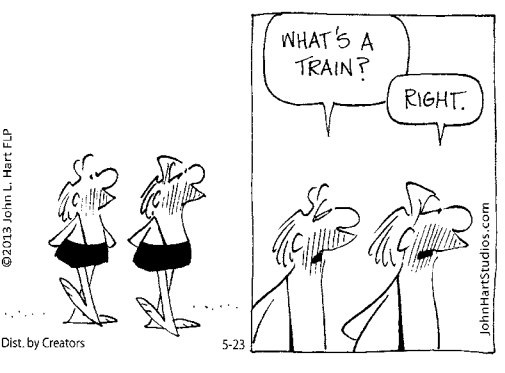
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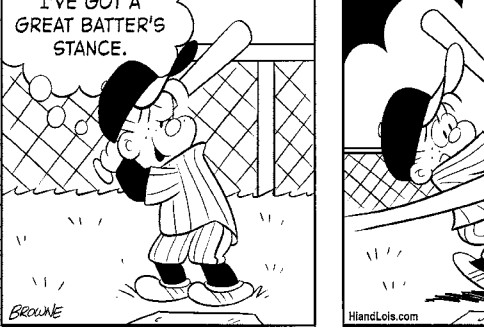
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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1873, Canada's Parliament voted to establish the North West Mounted Police force.

In 1911, the newly completed New York Public Library was dedicated by President William Howard Taft, Gov. John Alden Dix and Mayor William Jay Gaynor.

In 1937, industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Fla., at age 97.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was established.

In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli ships, an action which precipitated war between Israel and its Arab neighbors the following month.

In 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in non-smokers.

In 1993, a jury in Baton Rouge, La., acquitted Rodney Peairs of manslaughter in the shooting death of Yoshi Hattori, a Japanese exchange student he'd mistaken for an intruder. (Peairs was later found liable in a civil suit brought by Hattori's parents.)

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

1 A bunch of
6 Warm and toasty
10 Put one over on
13 Manner of speaking
14 Creative spark
15 Sensible
16 Lawn moisture
18 Give as a reference
19 Be persistent
20 Put one over on
22 Earl Grey and oolong
24 Residence
25 Nike rival
29 Downright, so to speak
32 Jabbed
33 Banquet stage
34 Gym site
38 Marina
39 Reduce to mush
40 Reduce, with "down"
41 Button below the 7
42 Tattooist's stock
43 Monarchy near Fiji
44 Silicon Valley giant
46 Gotten up
47 Backbone
50 Maltese money
52 Sad-looking
55 Wobbles
60 Whizzed through
61 Money-owned stamp
63 Seized vehicle
64 Choose
65 Rumor, to a rumor mill

DOWN

1 Like a wet noodle
2 Stink
3 Lose interest
4 Some business partners
5 Spielberg mutiny movie of '97
6 Aetna competitor
7 Hard to explain
8 Snorer's sounds
9 Sign of boredom
10 Three-line verse
11 Gets in the game
12 Plow man
15 TV cartoon dog
17 Regretful RSVPs
21 Resistance unit
23 Perform superbly
25 Tablet
26 Encouraging words
27 Build-it-yourself chain
28 Heroic deeds
30 Baloney ingredients
31 Play for a sap
33 Beach formation
35 Ritzy wrap
36 Home for a hamster
37 Economist Greenspan
39 Cherry center
43 Common breakfast order
45 Simpson neighbor
46 Sector
47 Pottery fragment
48 Measured by walking
49 Klutz
51 Out-and-out
53 Goes (for)
54 Hero's opposite
56 Trillion: Prefix
57 Cut and paste
58 Stratagem
59 Places for filming
62 Go slaloming

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RANGERS

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followed with a homer about 10 rows into the lower porch in right field. Two batters later, Beltre hit his 10th of the season halfway up the lawn in center.

Jarrod Parker (2-6) was down 3-0 just four batters into the game, but went seven innings for Oakland. The right-hander retired 11 of the next 12 Rangers after Beltre's homer and allowed six hits with five strikeouts and one walk in seven innings.

Wolf, who had 25 career relief appearances, retired the first nine hitters and gave up one run with three strikeouts and two walks in five-plus innings.

It was the second time

in three days a Texas pitcher has made his first major league start after previous stints as a reliever with other teams.

"For him to come up and pitch against his old team and get his first big league win, it's cool to stay you were a part of it," A.J. Pierzynski said.

The A's scored their only run on a sacrifice fly by Brandon Moss with runners at second and third and one in the fourth against Wolf, who was 1-2 with a 2.02 ERA in Round Rock, including a 1.85 ERA in six starts.

"I think it meant everything to anyone that's in the game of baseball that have a dream," Washington said. "I think he did a great job of going through a hot team."

PARKER

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want to be aggressive, and I just try to find that balance.

"That's the thing through my whole career is to find the happy middle between scoring and passing."

Parker has already won three NBA titles with San Antonio and seemed to have the Spurs rolling toward another one last season when he scored 34 points on 16 for 21 shooting — and also dished out eight assists — in a 120-111 victory against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 2 of the West finals.

It was San Antonio's 20th straight win, a streak spanning seven weeks. And then — poof! — the season was over a week later following four straight losses to Oklahoma City.

That history puts this year's strong start to the series in a completely

different perspective.

"We understand that we didn't do anything. We just protected home court and we have a long way to go because we know we're playing a very good team," Parker said. "People who know basketball, they know they are a very good team and you can't take anything for granted."

Parker informed reporters before practice that he plans to use the three-day break before Game 3 on Saturday in Memphis to have an MRI on his troublesome left calf Thursday "just to make sure" he's improving on schedule. He said the knot that developed after he got kicked in the calf during the Golden State series was the biggest he's had in his career, but has been feeling better.

"Slowly and surely, I'm turning the corner and so hopefully, I'll be fine," Parker said, not expecting to miss any time.

Last year's Western

Conference finals turned when the Thunder deployed 6-foot-7 defensive ace Thabo Sefolosha against Parker and began routinely switching screens on defense. Parker's shooting percentage dipped to 39 percent and he had four assists in each of the next three games. Even his 29 points and 12 assists in Game 6 weren't enough to save the Spurs.

Even before Tuesday night's loss, Parker had been the focus of several defensive adjustments by the Grizzlies, and more figure to be on the way.

"On pick-and-rolls, they had such good spacing that it allowed him to manipulate and move the ball different ways, get into the paint and draw and kick," Memphis point guard Mike Conley said.

While Parker presents an entirely different challenge, the Grizzlies found success in the last round by continually decreasing the effective-

ness of three-time NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant.

"We've played against a lot of great players all year long, and you just have to go out and compete against them the best you can and try to limit some things and find a way to win," coach Lionel Hollins said.

Parker said he believes he has become a better passer over the years, and his career-best assist total from Game 2 was also a product of the ball being in his hands more than ever.

He had assists on San Antonio's first seven baskets after halftime, then scored the next two. After coming out for a rest, he returned and hit back-to-back shots to extend the Spurs' lead to 83-70 before he finally went cold and Memphis rallied.

"He goes through his phases. He's to the point now where he can do it both ways. He kind of reads what they're giving him, what he's being asked to do, and you see (Tuesday) night where he just decided that the pass is what was there," Tim Duncan said. "Guys knocked down shots for him, which was great, but he controlled the entire game."

"I think having that much on his shoulders really wore him out towards the end there, but he's the one that got us the lead that we had."

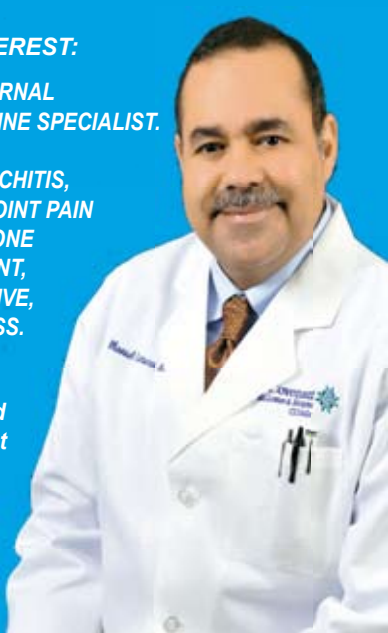
Parker acknowledged he wore down late in regulation, when he missed five straight shots, in part as a residual effect from a long Golden State series and in part because of his heavy load so far in this one.

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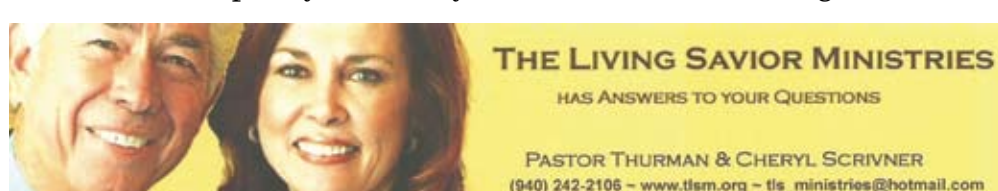
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