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## **Saluting** fallen soldiers

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By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

They were heart-stirring ceremonies Monday morning as the members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee and officials with Trinity Memorial Park presented their annual Memorial Day presentations, remembrances

of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave everything they had to this great nation.

Master of ceremonies for

the Vietnam Memorial Committee event was John Weeks, president and general manager of KBYG radio in Big Spring. Although Weeks has never served in the armed forces, the local man recounted a long list of family members who had answered the call, giving him an excellent view of the honor and ideas veterans hold so dear.

"Without being a veteran, I still understand veterans and what an honor it is for me to be here today, with you, honoring this great country and these proud people," Weeks said.

Guest speaker for both ceremonies was Texas Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, a native of Anson, Texas, and a serving officer of the Texas Army National Guard for more than 30 years.

"They died on hundreds of different battlefields, as well as nameless places on the oceans and in the skies," Spurgin said. "From the American Revolution to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, from the fertile fields of North

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**HERALD** photos/Thomas Jenkins

America to the blue deep of At top, a Memorial Day crowd gathers at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, while above, a wreath is laid during special services. At right, Tarpley plays TAPS at Trinity Memorial



## Search for college trustee to get under way Wednesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College officials will take the first step toward finding a new trustee when a search committee meets Wednesday.

The three-person committee, comprised of trustees John Freeman, Marie



Etheridge and Murray Mur- the college board following phy, will meet at noon in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room to begin the process of replacing District 3 Trustee Larry McLellan, who resigned earlier this month after he was elected Big Spring mayor.

No action will be taken at Wednesday's meeting. A timetable has not been set for naming a replacement, but College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks expects the committee will move "expeditiously" in

finding a new trustee.

the death of longtime District 3 Trustee Harold Davis in 2008 and was elected in his own right in 2010.

Whoever is appointed to the board will serve until the next trustee election in May 2014, at which time they can run for the remainder of McLellan's term, which runs until

District 3 roughly covers the southwest portion of Howard County. Replacements must be 18 or older and be a resident of District 3 as well as a

## Garden City plans for Friday services

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock County Independent

School District officials have announced Austin Hoelscher and Craig Wheeler as the top graduates for the Garden City High School

Class of 2013. Hoelscher, son of Carl and Kara Hoelscher, is class valedic-



During his high school career, he was a member of the National Honor Society for three years and was also

active in Future Farmers of Amer-**Business** Professionals of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Robotics Club. He was a four-

Wheeler year participant in UIL academics competition. In athletics,



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## **Obituaries**

## Sequoia 'Sarah' Vanderbilt

Sequoia "Sarah" Vanderbilt, 9, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 25, 2013, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### Donnie Fox

Donnie Fox, 70, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 25, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Charles R. Poisall

Charles R. Poisall, 93, of Katy, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, May 27, 2013, at his residence in Katy. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- GRADY DOMONIQUE HAWKINS, 30, of 810 Cherry, was arrested Monday on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license – when unli-• MIRANDA SAIZ, 24, of 810 Cherry, was arrested
- Monday on warrants for no driver's license when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear (19 counts), failure to use child safety seat, driving without a seat belt and possession of drug para-
- KEITH ALLEN MYRICK, 25, of 1610 N. Midway Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- MATTHEW DANIEL CANTU, 32, of 1505 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1500 block of
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of N. Gregg Street.
- In the 1200 block of E. 16th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Lark.
- · ASSAULT was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline Road.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this

- NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE, 29, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility – second
- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 24, was booked into the county detention center Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 23, was
- arrested Friday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for failure to appear and driving while license • BETTY JANE MCWILLIAMS, 71, was booked
- into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts), issuance of a bad check and forgery of a financial instrument.
- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 36, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid and an Austin parole warrant for parole violation.
- MIGUEL ANGEL REYES JR., 35, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense. • CHELSEA NICOLE CHAVARRIA, 22, was

booked into the county detention center Saturday

- by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ, 19, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a
- LOUIS EUGENE VELA JR., 31, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-

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- REYMUNDO MARTINEZ, 49, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of sexual abuse of a child – victim less than 14 years (continuous), indecency with a child – sexual contact (two counts) and aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts).
- JAMES MARTON HINKLE, 64, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 47, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- AMY MELISSA VIGUS, 41, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.
- SAUL LUNA CHAVEZ, 35, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated. YOSELIN ELIZABETH PINEDA, 20, was booked
- into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor. • JAMIE RAE NELSON, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for
- possession of a controlled substance (four counts), driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and theft of service - more than \$20 and less than \$500. KEITH ALLEN MYRICK, 25, was arrested
- Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- WALTER MORRIS LOZANO, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- ELIAS TOVAR, 36, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties. MATTHEW CANTU, 32, was arrested Monday

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- phernalia. ROCHELLE JAN MIX, 27, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault - family violence and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

## Fire/EMS

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

Note: BSFD activity records were not available in time for press Tuesday morning.

## Support Groups

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### 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.
- · Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. 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.
  - Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group,

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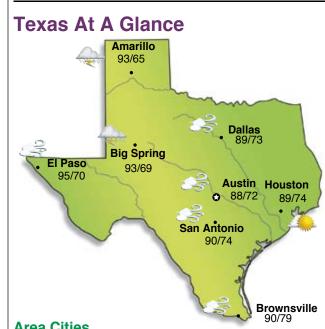
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93/69 Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms possible in the afternoon.	94/68 Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	101/69 Partly cloudy. Highs 99 to 103F and lows ir the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM
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Area Cities	•						
City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	70	windy	Kingsville	91	77	windy
Amarillo	93	65	t-storm	Livingston	90	70	mst sunr
Austin	88	72	windy	Longview	89	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	88	73	mst sunny	Lubbock	94	67	t-storm
Brownsville	90	79	windy	Lufkin	91	72	mst sunr
Brownwood	91	71	windy	Midland	95	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	79	windy	Raymondville	93	76	sunny
Corsicana	87	71	windy	Rosenberg	89	74	windy
Dallas	89	73	windy	San Antonio	90	74	windy
Del Rio	96	76	windy	San Marcos	89	73	windy
El Paso	95	70	windy	Sulphur Springs	88	71	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	96	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	91	69	windy
Gainesville	87	69	windy	Tyler	90	72	pt sunny
Greenville	87	70	windy	Weatherford	88	71	windy
Houston	20	74	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	90	69	windy

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	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
	Atlanta	86	63	pt sunny	Minneapolis	73	58	t-storm
	Boston	73	55	mst sunny	New York	65	61	rain
	Chicago	80	66	t-storm	Phoenix	94	71	sunny
	Dallas	89	73	windy	San Francisco	61	50	pt sunny
	Denver	80	51	windy	Seattle	60	51	rain
	Houston	89	74	mst sunny	St. Louis	88	71	t-storm
	Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	82	68	t-storm
	Miami	83	76	t-storm	0 ,			
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#### **Moon Phases**



meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.



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## Remembered in D.C. World briefs

BSHS grad finds a local tribute

Special to the Herald

Fred Simmons of Pampa, a 1964 graduate of Big Spring High School, was in Washington, D.C. over Memorial Day.

He was accompanied by his wife, Diane, a 1965 graduate of BSHS.

Simmons served in the U.S. Army MSC 1970-72 and was in Saigon 1971-

As they made their way past the Vietnam Memorial, they came upon a wreath honoring Vietnam veterans from the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. Simmons said it was

the only location-specific memorial the couple "We want to thank the

group for their remembrance," Simmons said.



Fred Simmons, a 1964 Big Spring High School graduate, kneels next to a wreath near the Wall in Washington, D.C. which honors Big Spring.

## **GCHS**

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he was a member of the golf team.

Wheeler, son of Andy and Karen Wheeler, is class salutatorian. In high school, he was active in NHS,

student council, band, FFA, FCA and

Like Hoelscher, Wheeler was a fouryear participant in UIL academics, and was a member of the GCHS ten-

Members of the GCHS Class of 2013

are Colton Belew, Michael Correa, Lynette Flores, Brody Halfmann, Casey Hare, Andrew Hicks, Austin Hoelscher, Sarah Hoelscher, Magdaly Huerta, Justin McMaster, Bianca Montes, Mayra Rodriguez, Chapman Royall, Peyton Schaefer, Craig Wheeler, Angelica Zamudio and Jose Zuniga.

GCHS will hold commencement at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Cook Auditorium.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

we have some Vietnam

veterans here today and

I want you to know how

much I appreciate your

service to this country."

Local pastor Randy

Cotton delivered the

invocation and prayer

emony, which was held

at the Big Spring Viet-

nam Memorial, located

near the intersection

of Rackley and Swords,

near the rear entrance

to the SouthWest Col-

legiate Institute for the

A second ceremony

was held later in the

day at Trinity Memo-

rial Park, located south

of Big Spring on U.S.

Highway 87. The event

featured the annual Av-

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than 100 full-size U.S.

flags and hundreds of

smaller flags along the

park's pathways — and

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were provided by the

Howard County Volun-

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## **HONOR**

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the South Pacific, from

the rugged mountains of the Korean Peninsula to flack-filled skies over Germany ... from the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam to the streets of Mogadishu. More than 1.3 million service men and women have gone into battle, preserving our precious freedom and liberating millions from oppression throughout the world."

Spurgin's unit was deployed to Basra, Iraq, in late 2010 for a 10-month tour of duty which included a number of roles, including training and assisting Iraqi security forces — the country's Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, border guards and police units

ations in southern Iraq.

time in Iraq, Spurgin lost 15 soldiers and had more than 80 wounded in operations against insurgent groups.

Spurgin — who is the major general in command of the 36th "Arrowhead" Division headquartered in Austin — said it is important to remember the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect the American way of life.

"I think we're also here today to honor those living veterans and those who have passed away," Spurgin said. "Those who have served proudly and honorably during previous conflicts and those who did not receive the appreciation they should have when

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## **Sudoku Answer on Page 12**

## EU lifts arms embargo on **Syria's outgunned rebels**BRUSSELS (AP) — The European

Union has ended its arms embargo to Syria's outgunned rebels just as top U.S. and Russian diplomats try to persuade Syria's opposition and President Bashar Assad's regime to attend peace talks in Geneva.

The diplomatic moves, accompanied by an unannounced visit by Sen. John McCain to rebel forces in Syria, aim to put more pressure on Assad to seek a negotiated settlement to end Syria's 2-year-old civil war.

The prospect of EU nations being able to send weapons to the rebels while maintaining stiff economic sanctions against Assad's regime also sends a message to Russia. Moscow has unabashedly sent weapons to Assad's regime — and EU arms deliveries could partially re-balance the firepower in the war. Russia's deputy foreign minister,

Sergei Ryabkov, lashed out at the move, saying it undermines the efforts of both Russia and the U.S to mediate peace talks. called the decision

manifestation of double standards."

#### In Colorado, gun control votes followed by recall COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)

A Democratic campaign office here usually would be quiet this time of year, a few weeks after the state's legislature wrapped up work and lawmakers headed off to summer vacations.

But even though it's not an election year, the office is in full campaign mode, with volunteers working the phones and reviewing maps in anticipation of a new front of modern campaigning — the recall phase.

A handful of Democratic state lawmakers in Colorado face recall petition efforts in what looks to be the first wave of fallout over legislative votes to limit gun rights. In an era in which recall efforts are booming, from governor's offices down to town councils and school boards, the

Colorado efforts will serve as the first test of gun-rights groups' ability to punish elected officials who expanded gun control laws after last year's Aurora, Colo., and Newtown, Conn., shooting massacres.

In Colorado, gun-rights activists wasted no time seeking recalls to oust state Senate President John Morse and three other Democratic lawmakers. The targeted lawmakers weren't necessarily the main advocates for ratcheting back gun rights, but all come from districts with enough Republicans to give opponents hope they can boot out the Democrats and replace them with lawmakers friendlier to guns. Colorado is the only state outside the East Coast to have adopted significant statewide gun controls this year.

"Colorado seems to be the testing ground for some of the gun measures, so this has national implications," said Victor Head, of Pueblo.

who is organizing a recall attempt against a Democratic senator.

#### Rescuers pull a newborn boy alive from sewer pipe

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese firefighters have rescued a newborn boy from a sewer pipe below a squat toilet, sawing out an L-shaped section and then delicately dismantling it to free the cocooned baby, who greeted the rescuers with cries.

A tenant heard the baby's sounds in the public restroom of a residential building in Zhejiang province in eastern China on Saturday and notified authorities, according to the state-run news site Zhejiang News. A video of the two-hour rescue that followed was broadcast widely on Chinese news programs and websites late Monday and Tuesday.

The child — named Baby No. 59 from the number of his hospital incubator — was reported safe in a nearby hospital, and news of the rescue prompted an outpouring from strangers who came to the hospital with diapers, baby clothes, powdered milk and offers to adopt the child.

## Coahoma High reunion coming

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The reunion is ex-

pected to last until 2 or

3 p.m. and will include

an auction and draw-

ings to raise money for

college scholarships to

CHS students. Attend-

ees 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. Additional

details will be available

by e-mail, Facebook

(Michael Hinsley) or at

the reunion.

registration desk.

Coahoma High School raiser, and pre-payment will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementa- CHS REUNION, PO Box ry School in Coahoma. 84, Coahoma, TX 79511. during the VMC cer-Registration will begin Include the names; tickat 9:30 a.m. Anyone who attended Coahoma schools or taught or worked in the Coahoma school system is invited to attend.

Rather than a theme this year, the emphasis will be upon visiting with old friends and renewing acquaintances. Individual classes are encouraged to utilize this opportunity for their milestone class reunions (20th, 40th, Invitations will not be mailed this year, so 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 fund-

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#### Daily Prayer

Help us to remember dear Lord, that with your strength, we can do anything.

**Amen** 

## Oklahoma: No shortage of the brave

he world looked upon the tornado-flattened landscape of Moore, Okla.. with awe. The destruction was shocking, as were the personal losses. Many Americans in the audience also felt

and this must be said — some comfort. Here was a country of strong people rolling with some very serious punches. It still exists On CNN, BBC

or wherever, one heard plainspoken voices describing their ordeal with natural stoicism. These were vic-

tims (a word they might not apply to themselves) standing in front of the trash piles that were their houses. Some were bearing the death of loved ones, including nine schoolchildren. They spoke calmly of what happened and what they must do next. In the world of TV coverage,

miles of devastated streetscapes make for arresting visuals. For this viewer, seeing Oklahomans discuss the monstrous funnel's rampage in a straightforward manner, only choking up at the end, was far more moving than a sensational telling drenched in passion.

But did that fit into the prewritten script that TV news follows in a disaster?

The camera does not love quiet forbearance. The script calls for wailing victims. And there must be heroes. In this calamity, there was no

shortage of brave people, putting themselves in danger to save others. Reporters found them easily and asked the stock question: "Do you consider yourself a hero?"

It's rare that anyone will come out and say, "Yes, I'm a hero." But there are ways to imply it. You often hear, sometimes with false modesty, "Anyone would have done what I did." Television likes that. But when the Oklahomans were asked whether they considered themselves heroes, they were more likely to brush off the question or answer in a flat "nope." We glued to screens vividly

recall the memorable moments when CNN's Wolf Blitzer prompted a young mother to describe her close escape.

Standing beside the exposed carpet of her wrecked house, Rebecca Vitsmun related in a matter-of-fact way how, when she saw the tornado heading her way, she grabbed her baby and made a run for it. Vitsmun smiled through the

entire interview, and so did the toddler. No tears. No moaning about how everything her family owned is lost. No mention of irreplaceable heirlooms smashed to bits. Hers was a harrowing story delivered matter-of-factly. Almost in a fit of frustration for drama, Blitzer gives the

woman her cue. "You've gotta thank the Lord, right? Do you thank the Lord for that split-second decision?" The script says that people in the heartland are prone to publicly thank the Lord with great emotion. Showing considerable pa-

tience, the woman answers, "I —

I'm actually an atheist." Taken aback, Blitzer says:

"Oh, you are? All right."

Vitsmun then responds with perfect grace, "We are here, and I don't blame anybody for thank ing the Lord." Tornado alley is a special kind

of danger zone. When flooding is expected, people can move to high ground. There is no obvious place to flee in Tornado Alley. When the warning comes, it's often just a few minutes' worth. And any structure could be a bowling pin about to be knocked down. A tornado is terrifying to look at, its freight-train roar horrify-

ing. Coastal Americans visiting Kansas City take special notice of the "tornado shelter" signs in tall buildings. "We know we live in Tornado Alley," many interviewees said with resignation. And they're staying in Tornado Alley. Most of the world has never

been to Oklahoma. What it knows about Oklahoma may have come from the musical "Oklahoma!" Note the exclamation point in

the title. People in Oklahoma don't talk in exclamation marks and that's all the more reason to keep it. To find out more about Froma

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## Liberty, where have you gone?

sagacious Bible scholar told me how important it was for the Israelites to look back and remember what God had done for them in the past because it gave them the strength

to persevere through difficult times.

Sometimes we need to look back, too, and remember wnat we nave to be grateful for in this country and what it is that is worth preserving.

In the Old Testament book Lamentations, the

Prophet Jeremiah was expressing his overwhelming sorrow at Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem. Jeremiah's grief reached a climax in the very center of the book when he was completely overwhelmed with despair. "My strength has perished, and so has my hope from the Lord.'

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But before he had finally given up, in the process of agonizing over his past suffering, he remembered something that gave him hope. God had been gracious to his people and had not totally consumed them as a result of their sins. God had always been faithful to his promises and his covenant, and therefore Jeremiah could put his hope in God. Thus, in the end, this book is more about hope than it is about despair, and that hope is based on a firm faith and trust in God. What rekindled that faith was Jeremiah's remembrance of God's character and his trustworthiness. Please permit me a secular

application of this lesson which also has spiritual underpinnings, in that our liberty is grounded in biblical principles. Many Americans are experi-

encing despair over what we believe is the destruction of this nation from within. We see a rejection of the moral principles and system of government that have made this the greatest nation in the history of the world. We fear that if we don't soon turn things around, we will lose the America we love.

To that end, we must look back and remember the foundations

and timeless principles upon which this nation was built and recommit ourselves to them before it is too late.

The primary architects of our constitutional republic understood that history teaches essential lessons. They meticulously studied history and comparative political systems in preparation for crafting a system of government likeliest to maximize liberty.

In my late grandfather's bookshelf, I found a 1965 book titled "The Bill of Rights." In the chapter "Textbooks on Tyranny," the author wrote glowingly of the erudition of the Founding Fathers and their "intimate knowledge of the 500-year struggle between tyranny and freedom that had been going on in England.'

He quoted a letter from young William Bradford of Philadelphia (who became George Washington's attorney general) to James Madison, in which Bradford asked Madison's advice on a list of books suitable for a "gentleman's library," with emphasis on books concerning "history and morality" or the British Constitution.

Madison provided the list, along with this comment: "I am pleased that you are going to converse with the Edwards and Henry and Charles etc etc. who have swayed the British Sceptre though I believe you will find some of them dirty and unprofitable companions unless you will glean instruction from their follies and fall more in love with liberty by beholding such detestable pictures of tyranny and cruelty."

This comment, according to the author, "furnishes clear evidence that Madison thought of English history primarily as a contest between liberty and tyranny, and his thoughts were focused on the periods when tyranny ruled. As the scroll of the centuries unrolled, he beheld a warning against dire examples rather than a model to be followed. It was a one-sided appraisal, but his was a one-sided approach — the side of liberty. "The side of liberty," indeed.

What all of this underscores is that America has abandoned its roots; we have forgotten history

cal struggle between liberty and tyranny, which furnished the spiritual, intellectual and moral backdrop for the formation of this country. See Mark Levin's

"Liberty and Tyranny." We conservatives have been warning for years that the biggovernment ideas of the statist liberal come with a price: the erosion of our liberties. America has forgotten that ordered liberty is the central organizing principle of this nation and trad ed it in for guaranteed security,

which is destroying us. The recent epidemic of Obama scandals, I believe, is symptomatic of Obama's ideology, his idea that government is the be-all and end-all — that all problems can be solved through government and that, in service to that cause, the ends justify

any nefarious means.

The idea of liberty doesn't remotely animate Obama. He obviously doesn't understand it, gives it little thought and attaches minimal importance to it His rhetoric, statist policies and corrupt governance prove it. His focus is on using government to reorder society in his Utopian image; individual liberty necessarily be damned.

As a people, we need to look back and remember what it is that made this nation unique: its commitment to our God-given rights and liberties and the constitutional framework that allowed them to flourish.

Unless we rededicate ourselves to restoring our liberty tradition and educating the uninitiated about the foundational importance of liberty and how our present course is destined to destroy it, we will not save ourselves. I'm hopeful that we will.

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it is gross, but certain kinds of worms think garbage is yummy. Instead of

tossing leftover salad, melon peels and

apple cores into the trash or disposal,

build a worm bin and start raising

worms to eat your garbage.

As earthworms burrow or dig into the ground, they swallow soil. They eat rotting plants and leaves. As this debris passes through the worm's body, it is ground up by tiny stones in the worm's gizzard and leaves the body as waste.

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to discover each Castings are dark and fertile and enrich the soil. Each day an earthworm produces its weight in castings. That's a lot

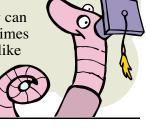
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How strong are earthworms? They can push things up to 3+3+4=their own weight. That would be like you being able to push four refrigerators at one time!

How many different kinds





Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve addition problems

## Amazing Worm Facts

Replace the missing vowels to learn more about earthworms.

B\_by worms \_re not b\_rn, but h\_tch from c\_coons sm\_ller th\_n a gr\_in of r\_ce.

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> Th\_re ar\_ e\_rthw\_rms verywh\_re except d\_s\_rts and p\_les.

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Standards Link: Life Science: Know that all organisms cause changes in their environments and these can be beneficial or detrimental.



## Now You See It

Scientists must be observant, watching things very carefully. Try this game to improve your powers of observation.

- 1. With a partner, pick a newspaper picture. Study it for one minute.
- 2. Cover the picture and write down everything you remember about it. Who can remember the most details?

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an investigation

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#### Scratchy Worms

Do you think you can hear an earthworm move?

If you put an earthworm on a clean, dry sheet of paper and listen very carefully, you will hear a little scratching noise. This noise is made by the eight small bristles an earthworm has on nearly every segment of its body. These bristles help earthworms move.

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow instructions for an



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DIG

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's

Kid Scoop stories and activities. WKOGNORTSN DRSIRBEDRD EAELRGCSEI WDIVAIYETS FOUBODCNSP SERVICEOAO LAWMORRTMS G M W O S G S S R A WORRUBLDSL

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Kid Scoop Together:

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the nine spelling and grammar errors you find. The first one is done for you.

#### Worm Grunting

Worm grunting is done buy driving a stake inta the ground and pulling a flat metal rod across the top. This creates a bullfrog-like grunting sownd. Within minites, hundreds of earthworms crawl out of the ground, where fishermen gather them up for bait.

Why do the worms come up? Researcher, Ken Catania of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN has an explanation. He believes that worm grunting is similar to the vibrations moles make as they digg through the ground. Moles eat wormz, so when the worms feel those vibrations, they scurry to get out of the ground and away from the mole.



Sopchoppy, FL hold a one-day Worm Grunting Festival. In addition to dancing, eating good food, a hula hool contest and other games, the festival includes a Worm Gruntin' Contest and the crowing of a Worm Grunter King and/or Queen.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit work to check for correct spellina.

## Kid Scoop This week's word: **COMPOST**

The noun **compost** means a mixture of decaying leaves, vegetables and other plant products that is used to improve garden soil.

#### Vivien spread the **compost** over her vegetable garden.

Try to use the word **compost** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WORMS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you



**Recycle Poster** 

Look through the newspaper for names and addresses of agencies involved in recycling. Make a poster encouraging students to recycle and list where different items can be recycled. Post this in your school.

**Standards Link:** Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.

RIDDLE RHYMES More at www.facebook.com/RiddleRhymes FARMER'S **HELPS PLANTS DEDICATED** ALL MY **GROW BIGGER!** FRIEND CHEWING DIGGER What am I? ANSWER: An earthworm.

## Write On! **Best Book of** the Summer

Tell other kids about a book you think they should read during the summer.

## Bird Poop: Encounter with a sneaky Scrub-Jay

beneath the towering escarpment on the southern edge of town, the neighborhood, throughout its history of development, had always been frequented with wildlife calling it home. To see a wandering deer cross the front lawn, or the fall migration of mountain and eastern bluebirds, was a common occurrence. His wife calling him

to the kitchen window meant to this homeowner the possibility of another specie of bird she had suddenly noticed. Joining her, he could only detect occasional spots of blue among the junipers clinging to the rocky incline behind their property line.

Later in the day, she encouraged him to hurry toward another window. Outside, crouched beneath a decorative cedar by the driveway, they both saw another movement of blue before it disappeared further under the shrub.

During this last week of May, neither expected to see what normally occurred during fall. Curious, they left the house and started walking toward the area where the faint hint of blue had last been seen.

Bursting forward suddenly as they approached, a bluishgray streak, in its effort

half flew, bounced off the ground, ran, and clumsily escaped into a nearby hedge. "What was that?" both cried

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as they watched it dis-

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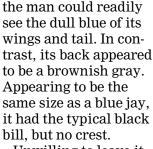
Once inside, and hoping to get a better, longer look at whatever newcomer had chosen their yard, they placed a pair of binoculars on a table midway between the front and back windows. In time, one of them might be able to watch this questionable character.

As his wife served their evening meal, they both relished this time of day. As the sky slowly darkened, their backyard often became active with wildlife having wandered down from the top of the rocky hills.

Halfway through dinner, she saw it. Standing quietly, as if in a daze, the elusive bird was at the edge of a flowerbed. Realizing that a visiting fox or raccoon might find it, her husband grabbed a dishtowel and quietly opened the back door.

With each step toward the bird, he noticed no movement. Finally, he was about a foot away.

Even near dusk,



Unwilling to leave it to the night's discretion, he quickly placed the towel over the bird.

Only then did it move. Struggling against his grip, its raspy voice protested his interfer-

Returning to the kitchen, he noticed his wife had already brought from the garage an old cage. In their early marriage, it had sufficed as a parttime home for a para-

After placing the captive inside, his wife covered the cage with a bath towel for the night. A decision of what to do with the bird could be made the next day.

Whenever the insistent noise of an impatient telephone happened before 8 a.m., it usually meant a bird or critter call. While we could handle the former, the latter was referred to help nearby.

Listening to the man's story indicated that the bird he had in hand had been learning how to fly. To interrupt the survival and hunting skills it would have acquired from a parent



Secretive, the Western Scrub-Jay hides among scrubs and junipers in arid parts of our state. About the size and weight of a blue jay, it also mimics many of its characteristics.

was a difficult decision on everyone's part.

The danger of becoming another animal's evening meal was realistic. Somehow, the generations that had preceded this bird had coped with the perils of daily living.

My first choice was to place the bird back in their yard. If the calling of its parents were in vain, catching it again would be rigorous, probably unsuccessful, and starvation was a possibility.

The second option

was to call the wildlife center in Lubbock. When the manager said they had an adult and two juveniles brought in from further east, immediately, I thought of the canyon lands in the eastern parts of the Panhandle. Juniper scrubs were a mainstay for a Western Scrub-

With her willingness to take this juvenile, we soon had the bird inside our longest, roomiest container. Varying perch heights enabled it to fly from one end to

the other to maintain and improve its muscle

Exhausted from its earlier excursions, the Scrub-Jay ate willingly. Insects, minced mice, a smattering of chicken scratch, and fruit, namely berries, were investigated and devoured.

The few days we had it, we could appreciate that it would develop faint, whitish eyebrows. Those, and its dark eye patches would be its only noticeable markings.

Light gray underneath, it was soon to have a whitish throat lightly streaked with gray. A dim, blue band would accent its breast As an adult, the top of its head would also be

Our scrubby abundance of red juniper, and mature oaks, had attracted a Western Scrub-Jay family. Whether they would continue to return was their decision. As books on birds show changing demographics as far as breeding and migration, we can only hope that our neck of the woods will be blessed again.

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## **Parent's Corner: Comanche!**



By Steve Becker Malfeasance in Office

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A Q J 10 ♦ 10 9 3 WEST **EAST** ↑752 ▼A8 49864**♥**109532 ♦ Q 7 4 **♦**62 **♣**K 10 6 3 2 **♣**Q4 **SOUTH ♠** K 3 **♥**J6 ♦ A K J 8 5

The bidding: West South North East 1 🛊 Pass 1 🛡 1 NT 3 NT Pass Opening lead — three of clubs.

All too often, declarer makes one or two "automatic" plays at the outset and then spends the rest of the hand trying to undo the damage he did to himself at the start.

fourth-best club against South's three-notrump contract. Declarer played the jack from dummy, losing to East's queen, and East returned a club to dummy's ace, establishing

Take this case where West led his

West's clubs. There was now no way South could make the contract, and in practice he went down two after taking a diamond finesse that lost to West's queen. South would have made the con-

tract had he won the first club lead with the ace and led a low heart to his jack, establishing his eighth and ninth tricks. After taking the jack with the ace, West is in a hopeless position whether he leads the king or deuce of clubs next. Either way, the clubs are blocked, thanks to the aceof-clubs play at trick one.

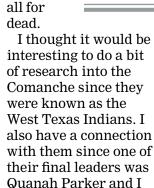
It is not difficult to prove that the club ace is the right play. The only time it can lose is when West holds the K-Q-10 of clubs. But this possibility is very far-fetched, not only mathematically but also because West would almost certainly have led the king of clubs, not the three, had he held the K-Q-10-3(-2).

Playing the club jack on the first trick might seem automatic, but it is a losing play in the long run. The odds that East has the king, queen or ten are overwhelming, and if East has any of these eards, declarer can feel 100 percent certain of making three notrump — whether the clubs are divided 4-3 or 5-2 — by playing the ace at trick one.

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'm sure vou have noticed that there is a new film about the Lone Ranger in which a totally new version of Tonto is portrayed. **Tonto** 

was the Comanche Indian who saved the ranger after a band of outlaws ambushed them and left them all for



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nah's grandson. The name Comanche comes from the Spanish name for empire, Comancheria, and the group was the strongest economic force in this entire area from 1720

once worked with Qua-

until the late 1870s. They originally came from the Wyoming area and were part of the Shoshone Indians. The Comanche language and the Shoshone language are still almost

Before they arrived in West Texas, the Jumano Indians, the Pueblo Indians and some Apache Indians were living here. By the middle 1700s the Comanche occupied the area from Amarillo to the western part of Oklahoma and the eastern part of New Mexico to Kerrville and almost to the Austin area. They moved from an environment of mountain valleys with limited food resources and harsh winters out onto the plains where they hunted buffalo and elk and learned to live like other plains Indians but had to compete with the other Indian tribes who already lived on the plains.

The Comanches were actually organized as bands, not as a tribe. The only time there were leaders over more than one band was when two or three bands joined to fight a common enemy or to go on a very big raid. Then a temporary war chief

would be named to lead the war parties. After the war or raid the chief would quit and each band would go back to its own leaders.

The Comanche got their first horses around 1680 from the Spanish and Pueblo Indians. Once they had horses they learned to use them well and it has been said that the Comanche were the finest light cavalry in the world: the Chevenne were the only Indians who would be a rival. The Comanche used this skill with horses to win many battles and overcome their opponents. They could do things on and with horses that amazed other people. They could ride faster and farther and get more out of a horse than any of their competitors.

They lived in teepees, like most plains Indians, and they were nomadic. Each band would move around from place to place to hunt and trade. Often, they would cover hundreds of miles in one year. They were a "hunter-gatherer" society, the men fought and hunted, the women gathered the plants and other foods they ate.

The Comanche were fierce warriors but also very adaptable in the trade industry. They would come to trade in organized groups who always had a leader that was very skilled as a trader and diplomat and one Comanche in these groups who could speak Spanish, French, and four or five Indian

languages. Most of what they had to sell or trade were things they had stolen, such as horses and women and children they had kidnapped. They supplied the United States with stolen goods in return for such items as arms and ammunition, blankets, iron cookware and such.

Mules taken from Mexico were one of the main things the Comanche traded, which were used on the cotton plantations in the Deep South. The Comanche lived life as they knew it, excelling in some areas and mastering others; like us, they were just people living their life.

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## Otto steps down as coach

Six-year manager will remain with BSISD as history teacher

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

After being on life support for several years, Big Spring High School's baseball program is back on track. It was an arduous process and it took a dedicated head coach to get the job done.

Now, that head coach — Bert Otto — is stepping down from his post as the manager of the Steers.

But the departure isn't bitter. In fact, it's hard for Otto to even talk about it without getting a little choked up. The only reason he is resigning his post is to spend more time with his family — the one thing more important to him than his baseball career.

There are a lot of things going on at home for Otto. His father is battling cancer. He and his wife, Becky, recently adopted Lora, who is now eight and his son Nolan, 13, is embarking on his own sports career. Becky was also recently promoted to assistant principal at the junior high.

"I can't watch my son play golf if I am a baseball coach," Otto explained. "My wife was promoted, we have our daughter Lora — Becky has sacrificed for me for 18 years, Nolan has sacrificed for me for 13 years — it's time for me to do some sacrificing."

Otto will still be a part of the

Big Spring high school students' lives, however. He doublemajored in history and education with a minor in science and he is working toward completing his administration degree. With his credentials, it should be a seamless transisition to the classroom, where Otto will likely be teaching 11<sup>th</sup> grade history next

Born and raised in Snyder, Otto has been a baseball coach for 18 years. He has worked in Rotan and Dublin and six years ago, landed in Big Spring.

"We were happy in Dublin," Otto said. "Eventually, we knew we wanted to come back this way and God's timing was then. I came down and interviewed—they were looking to hire a guy who had been here before and he recommended me. They wanted to hire my wife pretty bad, too. She was brought on as a teacher, then was campus curriculum coordinator. This is our home now. I can't envision myself anywhere else. We love the school."

During his time as head coach, Otto helped revive a program which had languished for years.

"I think starting out, every head coach wants to have success early," Otto said. "And we started out decent. We were the champions of the Greenwood Tournament. We beat Chickasha, Okla., here — we gave them their only loss. Then, we got to district and didn't win a game.

"So the first year was mainly teaching the fundamentals, teaching them how to play baseball. We worked on the basics - rundowns, pitcher fielding practice (PFP), first base — I'd get frustrated during PFP — I knew it was going to be tough. One kid told me they never worked on those things in practice."

But over time, the athletes under Otto's tutelage started buying into his method of coaching. The turnaround was underway.

Otto's team made back-to back playoff appearances his second and third year at the helm.

"We were very competitive," Otto said. "We were a 4A school back then. We beat Abilene Cooper to put us in the playoffs for the first time in at least 10 years."

The long-awaited postseason berth was just one of the first of many milestones Otto experienced while coaching the Steers.

In 2012, he led Big Spring into another playoff run. This time, the Steers tasted victory after a bidistrict win over Iowa Park — the first postseason win in more than a decade.

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**Bert Otto** 



San Antonio's Manu Ginobli poses with the trophy after the Spurs' sweep of the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday. The win advanced Ginobli and the Spurs to the NBA championship, where they will face the Miami Heat.

## Spurs head to NBA finals

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — It may seem as if the San Antonio Spurs are playing for an NBA title every year. Tim Duncan and Tony Parker know only too well how very long it's been since their last chance.

Now they're back in the Finals with their first chance at a championship since 2007, a really long time for a Spurs team that knows a thing or two — or three — about hoisting trophies.

"Honestly, it feels like it's been forever since we've been to this point," Duncan said Monday night after the Spurs advanced with a 93-86 win over the Memphis Grizzlies.

"We've been on the verge of kind of getting here. We still feel like we were in contention, but we can't get over that hump. To get over that hump and get back in the Finals, it's an amazing feeling, honestly."

Parker scored 37 points to lead the Spurs, who finished their second sweep this postseason for their fifth Western Conference title. The Spurs were just two wins away from a trip to the Finals a year ago before blowing that lead in six games to Oklahoma City.

Parker said he has learned just how tough it is to get there after winning his first NBA title at the age of 21.

"In 2007, we won our third one in five years and you think it's going to keep coming," Parker said. "And I'm 25, and six years goes by and every year it gets tougher and tougher. Every team wants to beat you, and that's why it makes it even more special to go back after all those years playing at a high level with the same coach, with the same big three but changing a couple pieces."

The Spurs now head home to rest and wait for either Miami or Indiana after finishing off the first conference finals sweep since the Nets handled Detroit in 2003. Game 1 of the finals is June

"If we go all the way, it'll definitely be my favorite because it gets harder and harder," Parker said with the Western championship trophy sitting in front of him.

The Spurs now won straight in these playoffs, and they did it by handing two straight losses to a team that had been undefeated on their own court in their best postseason in franchise history.

"We will be back." Grizzlies guard Mike

Conley said. Memphis finished off the best season history

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## Rangers swept by D'backs in doubleheader

In the opener, Arizona's Tyler

Skaggs struck out nine over six

scoreless innings and the Dia-

Brad Ziegler (2-1) faced two bat-

ters, retiring one, to get the vic-

tory. Jason Frasor (0-1) took the

After giving up two runs in the

first, Darvish was in complete

control until Wil Nieves led off

the eighth with a pinch-hit sin-

gle. Cody Ross struck out, then

Gregorius lashed a 2-0 pitch over

the fence in right field to tie it at

"He threw me a low cutter and

I put good wood on it," Gregorius

said, "and it was like a line drive

Darvish had dominated with

"I had to get a strike in there. I

didn't want a 3-0 count," he said.

"I tried to hit the corner but he

his cut fastball and did not hesi-

and it went out. "

tate to use it again.

hit it pretty well."

mondbacks held on to win 5-3.

PHOENIX (AP) — A very long Memorial Day weekend came to an unpleasant end for Yu Darvish and the rest of the Texas Rang-

Darvish dominated Arizona most of Monday night but gave up a tying homer to Didi Gregorius in the eighth inning, then Cliff Pennington singled home the winning run in the ninth as the Diamondbacks beat Texas 5-4 to complete a doubleheader sweep.

The two losses came on the heels of a 4-3 defeat at Seattle in 13 innings Sunday. A five-game road trip that began so well end-

"Yesterday we had a chance to win the game and today we had a chance to win both of those games," Rangers catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "It just wasn't meant to be."

Darvish matched his career best with 14 strikeouts and Texas led 4-2 entering the eighth inning before Gregorius connected for a

two-run shot. Gregorius also had an RBI triple in the first.

Darvish, in just the second nodecision in his 11 starts this season, gave up seven hits but did not walk a batter. All three of his 14-strikeout performances have come this year. He is the first pitcher since Arizona's Randy Johnson in 2004 to have three games with at least 14 strikeouts in one season.

"Baseball's not a competition about getting strikeouts," Darvish said. "It's about winning."

Darvish pitched well, Texas manager Ron Washington said. "It's just unfortunate that one pitch made the difference in the ballgame late."

Miguel Montero led off the ninth with a double against Frasor. With one out, Robbie Ross walked pinch-hitter Martin Prado intentionally. That brought up the usually light-hitting Pennington, who sliced one down the right-field line to score Montero from second and give Arizona the comeback victory.

The Rangers tied it with an unearned run in the fourth. Singles by Lance Berkman and Pierzynski put runners at first and second with one out. Texas took the lead

with two runs in the sixth.

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The top two picks in the draft showcased their unique skills Monday night — even if the game between their teams was surprisingly one-sided.

Delle Donne scored 16 of her 22 points in the first half as the Chicago Sky built a 24-point lead over Griner and easy victory.

the Phoenix Mercury before cruising to an Unlike when she faced constant double and triple teams in college, the 6-foot-5 Delle Donne

saw single coverage.

She hit from all over

Brittney Griner and the court, finishing with the sixth-highest total in a WNBA debut.

While Griner had a little tougher time because of foul trouble, she became the first player in the league's 17-year history to dunk twice in a game.

The two young stars were only part of a strong opening weekend for the league. The defending champion Indiana Fever came away with an easy rout Friday to kick off the season, while Bill Laimbeer and Anne Donovan returned to the sidelines for the first time in a few years Saturday.

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## **Industrious Moon**

Even when you know what you want and the right way to go about it, personal resistance still sometimes makes it harder to get motivated. Today, resistance is low. An industrious morning brings fast-paced developments. This afternoon the Capricorn moon goes void of course for a spell, signaling to check and recheck your

April 19). You have an excellent sense for what matters and what doesn't, but that doesn't always keep you in line. Sometimes you chase down lesser opportunities and time wasters because

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work.

it's just more fun that way. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something very timely in your heart. Don't wait until the right place and moment to express it. You're in the right place, and the expression itself will create the moment.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you do your best, you may not produce the greatest result that ever was in the history of the world, but you'll create the best possible result for the moment, and that's good enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't want to be considered special and therefore treated better than everyone else. You'd rather understand the common experience and bond with people

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

because you really do know how they feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a big difference between academic and practical skill. You absolutely have to "do" to "know" today. The best scenario will be for you to work alongside a friend who has experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are an industrious hummingbird today, buzzing from flower to flower. These blossoms open but once and then lose their petals and become vehicles of legacy. You'll help in this process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are only in the prime of your life once, but how do you know when "once" is upon you? It's not for you to say. Your only job is to keep striving to uphold the virtues you hold dear: patience, love, awareness, mastery, joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You love honesty almost as much as you love privacy. When people mind their own business, it feels like all is right with the world. Too bad people seldom mind their own business for very long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been looking forward to this change, and now you don't have to wait anymore. A pattern that used to repeat on a seemingly endless loop will now be so completely interrupted that it can't continue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Time alone won't heal all wounds. Time plus scar tissue is what heals. You have to have it in you to knit things back together — which you do. But not everyone does, and

that's something to be aware of today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lying isn't an option for you. although you may find yourself trying to get around telling a rather bothersome truth. Saying nothing may very well be the friendliest and kindest thing to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cynicism is no fun. It may be smarter and more accurate, but who cares? It's also lonelier. People who are overly concerned with facts and actualities are rather boring.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 28) You don't want things to come too easily, because you like who you become when you have to earn vour benefits. In many ways, you're smarter and stronger than you've ever been. You'll use your powers to help loved ones. Seize a professional opportunity in August. September sends you on a journey. Libra and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 8, 47, 26 and 11.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Teen heartthrob Cameron Boyce has shown his Gemini versatility by appearing in several different film genres with equal success. Whether in comedy, horror or action movies. Boyce is believable and relatable. His Mars in Libra suggests that working well with others and creating auspicious alliances is a strong suit for Boyce. A magnetically appealing Scorpio

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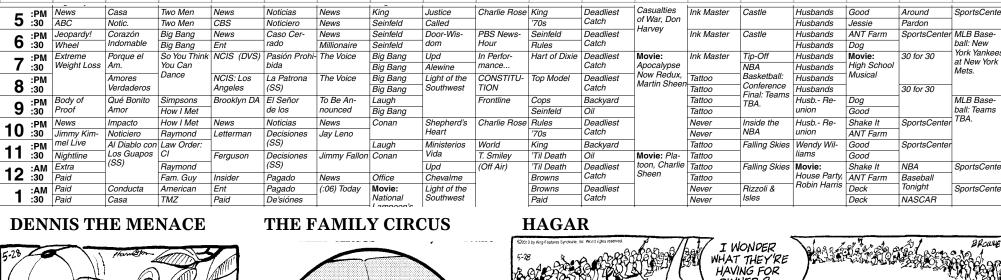
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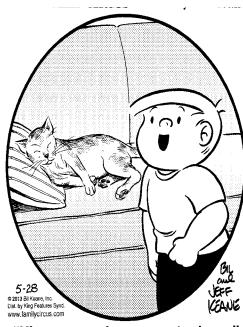
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Today is Tuesday, May 28, the 148th day of 2013. There are 217 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On May 28, 1863, the 54th

Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, made up of freed blacks, left Boston to fight for the Union in the Civil War. On this date: In 1533, the Archbishop of

Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

organized in San Francisco. In 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on

In 1892, the Sierra Club was

the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the onened in New York

In 1934, the Dionne quintuplets — Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne — were born to Elzire Dionne at the family farm in Ontario, Canada. In 1937, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California. Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain. In 1940, during World War II,

the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces. In 1959, the U.S. Army

launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived. 1961, International had its begin-

paper The Observer, Forgotten Prisoners.' In 1977, 165 people were killed when fire raced through the Beverly Hills Supper Club in

nings with the publication of

an article in the British news-

In 1987, to the embarrassment of Soviet officials, Mathias Rust (mah-TEE'-uhs rust), a young West German pilot, landed a private plane in

Southgate, Ky.

Moscow's Red Square without authorization. (Rust was freed by the Soviets the following vear.)

In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live" and "NewsRadio" fame was shot to death at his home in Encino, Calif., by his wife, Brynn, who then killed her-Today's Birthdays:

Rockabilly singer-musician Sonny Burgess is 84. Actress Carroll Baker is 82. Producerdirector Irwin Winkler is 82. Actor John Karlen is 80. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jerry West is 75. Actress Beth Howland is 72. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 69.

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## **Newsday Crossword**

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## **SPURS**

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getting swept by the very same franchise that needed four games to knock them out of

their first playoff appearance in 2004. The Grizzlies got a standing ovation from their fans as the final seconds ticked off.

Parker had his best game this postseason, hitting 15 of 21 shots



and four of his six free throws in the final 29.7 seconds to seal this victory.

"He's been amazing," Duncan said of Parker. "Every year he gets better and better and better. He's been carrying us. You can see tonight he carried us the entire game."

The 37-year-old Duncan finished with 15 points and eight rebounds. Kawhi Leonard added 11 points.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich savored being back in the Finals once again.

"You don't expect that to happen maybe this late in the game with the same group," Popovich said.

"It's tough to do, to maintain something that long. But it just shows the character of those three guys and their ability to play with whoever else is brought in around them. They

deserve a lot of credit for that."

The Spurs took control in the first quarter and answered each time the Grizzlies tried to make a run with either Popovich taking a timeout or Parker hitting another shot.

Memphis got its best break of the first half when officials called a 5-second call on the Spurs inbounding the ball and Jerryd Bayless hit a 3 to pull the Griz-

the Tigers as a coach

zlies within 44-38 at halftime.

"They taught us a lesson how to play at this stage this far into the season, this far into the playoffs," Gasol said of the Spurs. "They taught us a lesson how to execute, how to play, how to read schemes. I think we're going to be better because we played against, to me, one of the greatest teams that's been in the past 15 vears."

son stole second base, then Haegan Rodriguez ripped it into left field and we scored the winning run with two outs. That was a lot of fun. Joseph Morelion gave me the game ball. That was pretty cool. All the

kids signed it for me." Otto — who picked up his 200<sup>th</sup> career win in a bi-district rout of Pecos earlier in the month will be missed by players and staff alike, including Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey.

"He has come in and turned a struggling program around," Ritchey said of Otto's tenure as coach. "The participation is up, the level of play is up — he's done a great job. I wish him well, he's a good man and he will make a good principal someday. We appreciate everything he's done."

And Otto won't be a complete stranger to the diamond. He will likely be spotted in the stands next season, rooting for Big Spring alongside the other fans at Steer Park.

"Coach Ritchey talks to us about regrets," Otto added. "Well, when Nolan and Lora walk across that stage for the last time, I don't want to have any regrets. I don't want to have any "what ifs". I just hope the next coach who comes in loves the kids as much as I do and has as much fun as I have had. I hope they keep the big pic-

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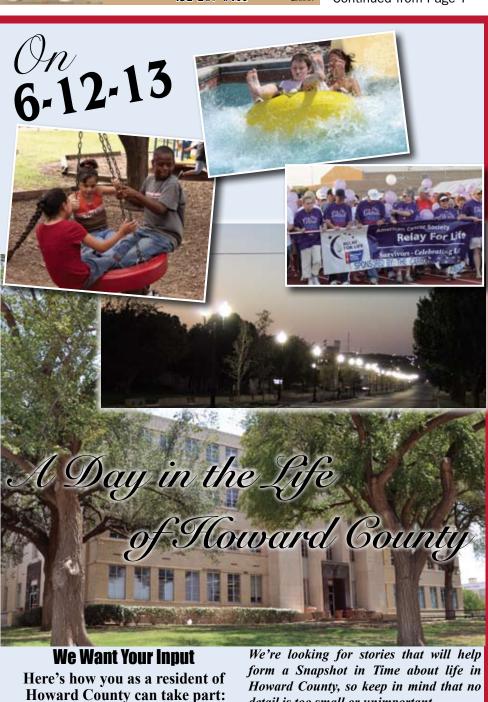


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• In whatever focus you choose, chronicle your activities on June 12 • You can write a first-person essay about your day's events.

You can do it as a group project with your club, team or social circle. Photos encouraged.

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.

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.

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- 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
- How was your drive home?: • Would you consider today typical?:
- Anything else relevant to your day:

This is a brief outline of the kind of stories we are seeking.

This past season, Otto and company notched wins over District 4-3A rival Abilene Wylie, then state-ranked Lubbock Cooper in the area playoff round before the Pirates eliminated the Steers in a hard-fought Game Three. If you ask Otto, howev-

er, sweeping his hometown team of Snyder in 2012 — his first win over

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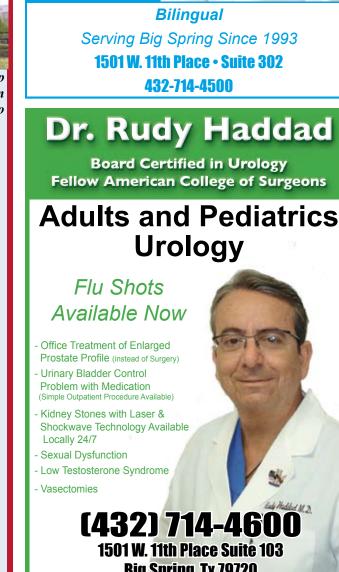
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