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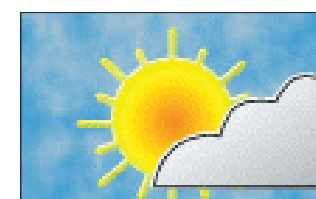
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The 2011 Relay For Life begins Friday evening at Blankenship Field. Above, a group takes part in the 2009 Survivors' Walk.

Ready to Relay?

*Effort to 'Make Cancer
Walk the Plank' begins
Friday evening locally*

By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald

Friday and Saturday, the Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life will once again take the track at Blankenship Field just east of Big Spring High School.

Teams and committee members will begin setting up campsites after school Friday afternoon.

Opening ceremonies are at 8 p.m., followed by the Survivors' and Caregivers' Lap and balloon release. Survivors are treated to a reception and given tickets for meals at the various food booths.

Organizers said the 2011 Relay promises to be an especially entertaining event with its theme of "Make

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Members of the BSISD school board and students took part in the ground breaking ceremony at Marcy Elementary Wednesday morning. The ceremony marked the beginning of the construction phase for the four new elementary schools that are expected to be completed by fall 2012.

Ground broken on 1st of four elementaries

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Never, never give up.

That was the motivation for Big Spring Independent School District Superinten-

dent Steven Saldivar.

Wednesday morning, Saldivar, school board members and students were able to witness the groundbreaking for one of four new elementary schools approved by voters.

Saldivar and school officials have advocated for new school construction for years, but those hopes seemingly had hit a roadblock when a 2008 bond

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Things to do

National Day of Prayer

What: A public, non-denominational event in which time is set aside to pray.

Where: Howard College Cactus Room.

When: 7 p.m. tonight.

Admission: None.

'Broadway Forte' and 'Dark of the Moon'

What: Performances by the Howard College Dance Troupe incorporating ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary

Where: Howard College Hall Center for the Arts Studio Theatre.

When: 7 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday.

Admission: \$3 for students and faculty and \$5 for general admission.

You must reserve tickets by calling 264-5161.

Relay For Life

What: All-night fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

Where: Blankenship Field.

When: A Relay For Life Carnival opens at 6 p.m. Friday. Actual opening ceremonies begin at 8 p.m., followed by the Survivor's Walk. Activities will be held throughout the night with a final lap around the track at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and closing ceremonies at 8.

Admission: None, but of course donations are accepted and vendors will have items for sale.

Leadership Big Spring Cleanup

What: A project by Leadership Big Spring for park cleanup and maintenance. The organization, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, introduces people to all facets of the com-

munity. It is asking the public to assist in one of its projects, a cleanup effort.

Where: Comanche Trail Park

When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission: None.

Master Gardeners Sale

What: Annual plant, pots, potting soil sale held by the Howard County Master Gardeners.

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 810 Gregg St.

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission: None.

Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show

What: Two-day, all-breeds dog show.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

When: Judging of breeds begins at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Admission: None.



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Obituaries

Lurlene F. Gregg



Lurlene F. Gregg, 78, of Odessa died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2011, at the funeral home.

Lurlene was born March 6, 1933, in Stanton to Aubrey Edwin Hogue and Frances Lucille Currie. She married Jessie Gregg on May 6, 1983, in Andrews. She graduated from Stanton High School and then moved to Andrews. She was a phlebotomist and became the head lab tech for Permian General Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Jessie Gregg; three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Richard Hirst, Frances and Gary Collins, and Freddie and Rusty Hess, all of Odessa; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Maydell Kimbrough and Elsie Chavez and husband Raymond; one brother, Wayne Hogue and wife Sylvia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the hospice charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- TRAVIS CLINT HULL, 38, of 2701 Cindy, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 28, of 810 Cherry, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for no safety belt, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 26, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Thursday on warrants for theft and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 28, of 505 S. Young St., was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention.
- LUCAS L. POLACO, 49, of Hondo, N.M., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Blackmon.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1300 block of S. Nolan.
- In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- MARTA PAIGE MATHEWS, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
- KYLE SHALOR SEBER, 22, was arrested

Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated and a Stephens County warrant for insufficient bond order – possession of a controlled substance.

- JOSE TRINADAD VILLARREAL, 55, was arrested Wednesday on a Taylor County warrant for indecency with a child – sexual contact and municipal warrants for no seat belt – driver, no seat belt – passenger and failure to appear.
- TRAVIS CLINT HULL, 38, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on an Austin parole warrant and a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- ROLAND VASQUEZ, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display.
- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrants for no seat belt – passenger and violation of a promise to appear.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention.
- LUCAS LUIS POLACO, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft of property and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

Take Note

• All Coahoma High School alumni are invited to an all-school reunion on July 23. This year's program will focus on CHS music, to include honoring anyone associated with former CHS bands, choirs, musical groups, etc. Please help spread the word by sharing this information with any CHS alumni among your family/friends. The Reunion Planning Committee is meeting every other Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen. Contact Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 432-267-6688 for additional information, or with mailing addresses for CHS alumni. Addresses can also be e-mailed to Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com.

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999. Volunteers are needed in many categories in addition to patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Free training is offered beginning May 10. Hospice training is invaluable for those who have a desire to make a difference to someone in need of a blessing. Training location and schedule: Compass Hospice Team Room, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 10-11 and 13, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. You must attend all three days to become a hospice certified volunteer.

• A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

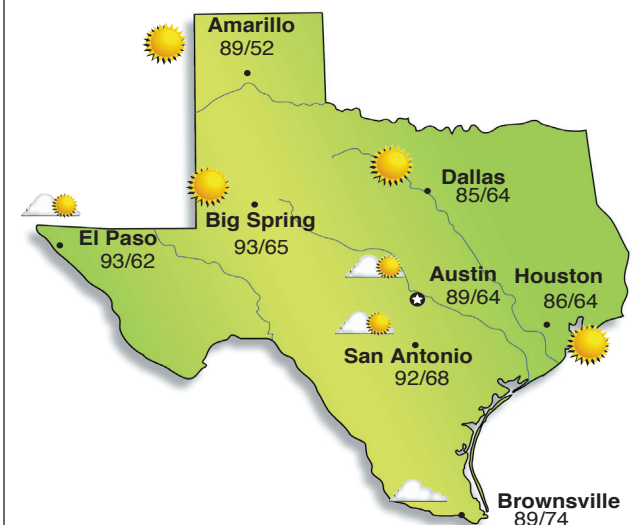
• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 5/6	Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9	Tue 5/10
				
93/65 Sunny skies. Hot. High 93F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	102/66 Plenty of sun. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 60s.	101/65 Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 60s.	100/65 Mainly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 60s.	100/67 Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	89	65	sunny	Kingsville	88	70	pt sunny
Amarillo	89	52	sunny	Livingston	87	59	sunny
Austin	89	64	pt sunny	Longview	85	60	sunny
Beaumont	85	63	sunny	Lubbock	91	56	sunny
Brownsville	89	74	cloudy	Lufkin	88	60	sunny
Brownwood	91	65	sunny	Midland	91	65	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	85	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	89	72	cloudy
Corsicana	83	62	sunny	Rosenberg	86	63	sunny
Dallas	85	64	sunny	San Antonio	92	68	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	89	64	pt sunny
El Paso	93	62	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	61	sunny
Fort Stockton	92	63	pt sunny	Sweetwater	90	64	sunny
Gainesville	82	62	sunny	Tyler	85	59	sunny
Greenville	81	60	sunny	Weatherford	84	62	sunny
Houston	86	64	sunny	Wichita Falls	89	64	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	49	mst sunny	Minneapolis	67	48	mst sunny
Boston	70	50	mst sunny	New York	68	54	pt sunny
Chicago	64	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	96	66	sunny
Dallas	85	64	sunny	San Francisco	66	53	pt sunny
Denver	75	47	cloudy	Seattle	54	47	rain
Houston	86	64	sunny	St. Louis	73	56	sunny
Los Angeles	77	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	69	52	rain
Miami	84	72	t-storm				

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Volunteer search parties dwindling in Dunn case

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Volunteers involved in the ongoing search for missing Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn say efforts to search much of Mitchell County and the outlying areas for clues to the girl's disappearance are still under way, but the response has waned considerably.

A handful of volunteers turned out over the weekend to help search for signs of the girl, a sight that has become commonplace since she was reported missing Dec. 28 by her mother, Billie Dunn.

According to media reports, volunteers continue to meet each Friday and Saturday in the 100 block of Walnut — just blocks from where the 13-year-old is believed to have been last seen. However, the search parties, which numbered in the hundreds in January, have now dwindled to only three or four people at a time, according to volunteers.

Hailey Dunn has been the focus of a region-wide search since her mother reported her missing to the Colorado City Police



Hailey Dunn

Department.

According to Shawn Adkins — former live-in boyfriend of Billie Dunn and the only named suspect in the case — the teen was last seen Dec. 27, when she told him she was going to her father's home nearby and then on to spend the night at a friend's home. According to investigators, the teen did neither. Billie Dunn said she last saw her daughter at home the night of Dec. 26, nearly two days before she was reported missing.

Both Adkins and Billie Dunn have denied having any involvement in the girl's disappearance.

Scrutiny of both Adkins and Billie Dunn has continued throughout the investigation, as search warrants issued in the case revealed law enforcement officials discovered a number of disturbing videos and Internet print-outs dealing with mass murders and serial killers.

Investigators also recovered a computer from Adkins' mother's home in Big Spring and a memory stick from Dunn's Colorado City home containing pornographic imag-

es and videos — including some believed to be child pornography — several weeks ago.

Law enforcement officials say the investigations will eventually be presented to the district attorneys in both Howard and Mitchell counties, who will decide whether it should be presented before a grand jury.

Searches of fields and abandoned structures — led mostly by volunteer groups and most recently including U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Hood in Killeen — have been conducted in Colorado City, as well as numerous nearby communities, including Abilene, Odessa and Big Spring.

More than 100 billboards featuring her picture, information about the case and a law enforcement phone number have been set up along interstates in West Texas and other states. Candlelight vigils have been held and fliers with Hailey's photo have been set up throughout Colorado City and neighboring cities, including Big Spring.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$15,000 is now being offered for information in the case.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

RELAY

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Cancer Walk the Plank." The 20 registered teams came up with the pirate theme. Pirate costume contests and decorations at campsites will add to the light-hearted atmosphere during serious fund-raising in the

battle against cancer.

Entertainment Chair Deven Bowerman has announced the "first ever Relay For Life Carnival" with a dunking booth, photo with a "real" pirate, ring toss, football throw, face painting, food and drinks and more. The carnival will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Luminaria Ser-

vice, when lights are lowered and tribute is paid to those who have lost their fight with cancer and those who have survived, takes place at 10 p.m.

Two Bounce Houses for children will be at the south end of the field.

"We want to make this a family occasion so we're working to have

something to appeal to all ages," Bowerman said.

She promised around-the-clock activities like a 1:30 a.m. Frozen T-shirt Race and a 3:30 a.m. Chocolate and Cafeine Buffet to help all-nighters stay awake. Basket auctions and a silent auction will be held and creative events as "Sumo Wrestler

Ring," "Grow a Beard Contest," and "Musical Chair Scavenger Hunt" should entice people of all ages to come and participate or watch the fun, Bowerman said.

The final lap around the track is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, preceding the closing ceremonies at 8.

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election failed.

"The bond had failed by a large margin, but we began talking to people in the community and got opinions on an even larger bond," Saldivar said. "Last May, the bond was approved and we were able to start our project."

A \$60 million bond was approved in May 2010, allowing the school district to move forward with the massive project, which will result in four new elementary campuses and renovation to other district buildings. The recent demolition of College Heights and Wednesday's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Marcy Elementary campus mark the beginning of the construction

phase.

"We are planning for three of the four schools to be open for the Fall 2012 semester," Saldivar said. "Moss Elementary is still in the planning stages and more information will come out later."

Moss is going to take extra planning because the new building will be built on the site of the current campus, which is still housing classes, according to Saldivar.

The four new schools included in the bond project will be Marcy, Goliad, Washington and Moss.

Saldivar said it has not been an easy endeavor, but has been one that has changed the way he looks at things.

"This has taken many hours of planning and a huge amount of working together with numerous people," Saldivar said. "We are doing this be-

cause the kids deserve a conducive environment to learn in."

Lee Lewis Construction will be the contractor on the project. The Wednesday morning ceremony served as a

culmination of the planning and hard work that has gone on in the past year for Saldivar.

"We look forward to great things there in Big Spring because we are working with the best

kids in the state of Texas," Saldivar said.

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



THANK YOU

The family of Marion Kay Doyle wishes to express its most sincere appreciation for the overwhelming outpour of support during her illness and the days since she passed away on April 23rd.

What a tremendous tribute to our communities to see how they rally when one of their own is in need.

Kay was a wonderful wife, Mom, Big Momma, sister, aunt and friend, and we will miss her more than words can ever say. But we take great comfort in knowing that she now dwells, free of pain, in our heavenly home, and that your friendship will continue to help us through these difficult times.

Thank you again for everything.

The Marion Kay Doyle Family

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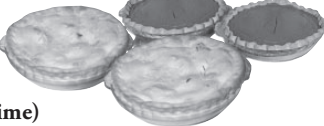
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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Many people have recently prayed for rain. A lot of folks have expressed thanks for the efforts of our military. Millions witnessed the use of scripture in the royal wedding last week. In all likelihood, a lot of people will honor their moms this weekend by accompanying them to worship services.

A first glance, weather and mothers seem as unrelated as military and weddings. However, all of these potentially point us to God and the desire for faith. They combine to remind us that all of life needs to be understood and lived in keeping with scripture, prayer and praise.

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OUR VIEWS

Cinco de Mayo: Why not take the time to celebrate

It's not about celebrating independence as much as it is about celebrating freedom and liberty.

Cinco de Mayo is often confused as Mexican independence day, but it is actually the day that the Mexican army defeated the undefeatable French army and those forces that traded sides at Puebla, Mexico.

The holiday is one that is celebrated by Mexicans and Americans because the act served as a victory for both sides.

The Americans were not involved in the battle of Puebla, but the Mexican victory provided the American army with enough time to build their troops and end with a victory at Gettysburg. This "joint effort" led the way to the end of the Civil War.

With the recent events, Cinco de Mayo just might be the perfect time to celebrate.

As we all know, with the death of bin Laden a huge threat to the American people has been eliminated, but by no means does it mean that all terroristic threats are eliminated.

However that doesn't mean the right to rejoice doesn't exist, in the fact the people are a little safer than they were before.

This is a time for people to celebrate a long awaited conclusion and look forward while keeping in my mind what other dangers may come out.

Cinco de Mayo is a day that is usually celebrated by a huge get-together, barbecues and simply a time of having fun.

This year, Event Under the Tent will be celebrating with the Strength Team, free chili dogs, chili pie and soft drinks.

Event Under the Tent is being put on by the Crossroads Baptist Association. It is an old-fashioned tent revival that includes live music, testimonies, fun and fellowship. It starts nightly at 7 p.m. and is located on South Highway 87 next to Buffalo Fina.

It doesn't matter how you are going to spend the day, whether it be outside enjoying the cooler temperatures that have graced us, at Event Under the Tent or simply just with a group of friends, take the time and be thankful that we have the right to celebrate this holiday.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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Donald Trump for President?

As a political columnist, there's one question many West Texas conservatives and Republicans have been asking me non-stop during the past several months: Is Donald Trump's possible run for the presidency for real?

And while the cynical skeptic in me wants so badly to just chuckle and say no, years and years covering politics have taught me one universal lesson, and that is trying to predict what juries and politicians will do is downright impossible.

From a pragmatic standpoint, Trump's eyeing of the presidency is nothing more than a publicity stunt from a man who has proven, time and time again, to be more in love with himself than Greek mythology's Narcissus.

While it's easy to dismiss Trump's recent rants — not the least of which was his call for President Barack Obama to disclose his birth certificate to the American people — as par for the course for the billionaire, it's still hard to swallow how rampant his ego seems to have run across the political horizon, or the damage it is doing to the GOP and other conservative movements going into the 2012 presidential election.

Trump has already promised to inform the world of his intentions during the season finale of Celebrity Apprentice May 22 — quite possibly one of the best-staked publicity stunts used by a television show in many, many years. And while the question of whether or not Trump could make it all the way to the Oval Office as anything other than a tourist abounds, there's another, more important question that has to be answered first: Can Trump win the Republican nomination for the 2012 contest?

Support from the GOP is probably the only way the 64-year-old Trump — who is currently listed by Forbes as No. 154 in the list of wealthiest Americans with a net worth of \$2.4 billion — even has a shot at the presidency.

However, given with New York resident's propensity for curse-laden tirades aimed at anyone from Obama to actor Robert De Niro, I have a really hard time believing Republicans will take him seriously.

Add to that his flip-flopping on key Republican issues — abortion rights, health care and raising taxes on the wealthy — and it's not hard to see why real GOP hopefuls are dismissing his bid for presidency as merely a publicity stunt.

On the other hand, all isn't necessarily lost with Republicans. Trump recently tugged on his own head of hair in an attempt to prove it's not a man-rug, so he does have that going for himself.

If Trump fails to win the GOP nomination, he has already indicated he would run as an independent candidate, which, believe it or not, could be worse for Republicans than if the billionaire were its poster child for unseating Obama in 2012. Independent candidates have been notorious in the past for splitting the conservative vote and all-but damning GOP efforts.

In 1992, Ross Perot split the Republican vote among himself and incumbent President George Bush, paving the way for Bill Clinton to take the helm of the United States. In 1996, Perot once again one-upped the GOP by splitting the vote between himself and Bob Dole, giving Clinton the keys to the American liquor cabinet for a second election in a row.

In a way, Perot may very well have been the Democrat's biggest supporter in the 1990s, whether or not that was what he intended. And, as Trump continues to eye the GOP nomination and presidency, he could, very well, be stepping into those same shoes.

Could Trump win the presidency? Of course he could. He has the money, he's already a household name and he has no problem twisting the media to his own ends. His attacks on Barack Obama's citizenship and education have so far not hurt Trump with Republicans; he's polling high among putative candidates.

And though the list of liberal entertainment types calling him out is growing — David Letterman most recently joined the ranks of Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart and De Niro — ratings are up from the last Celebrity Apprentice, with an average of more than 8 million viewers.

On the other hand, however, he's a shrewd businessman, and I have a hard time seeing him dump a truckload of money into a venture that is, at best, uncertain. Sure, he could run for a few months and develop his own brand, much like Sarah Palin has done, and enjoy the increased television ratings and notoriety, which is definitely an achilles heel for him.

Is Trump for real? Without a doubt. Unfortunately for the GOP and American people, there's absolutely no way to know if the aging billionaire — and his hair — are really interested in being president. That's a page in history Trump will surely write himself in fine P.T. Barnum style.

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Mother's Day: A chance to speak the words less spoken

This year through the guidance of someone whom I value very much, I am going to take a piece of advice and write my Mother's Day column with a little different view than before.

Mother's Day has been a holiday that has never really held much importance to me.

Don't get me wrong, I have celebrated Mother's Day for my mom, but have never really had the feeling that I get on Father's day.

I'm not sure if Fathers Day means a little more because my dad isn't around anymore or if it's simply just because.

Either way, this year I vow to take a new approach and view it in a way I haven't before.

The job of a mother is never ending and honestly, one day out of the year is not enough recognition.

Then again, mother's don't do the job for this 24 hours of recognition. They do what they do because they love their children and love their families.

The little giggles from their newborns, the toothless grin, the unexpected statement from a five-year-old's mouth and the hug that comes out of nowhere are the little rewards that a mother dwells in. Those are the little thank yous that make the effort worth it.

Of course, those sweet, innocent children don't stay that way long.

Before you know it time has flown by and those toothless grins turn into late nights outs, college trips and soon enough, families of their own.

I know I am barely starting out my mothering career, consider-

ing I am only five years in, but in those five years I have come to understand a little more about the things a mother does and the reasons why.

Growing up it's easy to complain about the things you don't have, the harsh rules and just plain, unorthodox punishments that mother's tend to dish out, but the perspective those things are viewed in tend to come out in a different light as the years go by.

Over the years, I have come to gain a new appreciation for my mother, even if at most times I do not show it.

Growing up, I was forced into a life of only having one parent: a mother.

I was forced to miss out on the guidance of having a two parent home, but then again, I was given the opportunity to see just how trying the life of a mother, or a single-mother can be.

There are numerous things that I complained about growing up and still there are numerous things I complain about, but then again I think that comes from being in the role of the child.

Looking back, all the things I have complained about tend to not be as big of a deal as I made them out to be. The complaints are more from my strong willed, hard headedness and independent attitude I acquired more so than simply just having it so bad.

I understand my mother didn't have the easiest life and her situation wasn't one she would have chosen, but she did the best she could with what she was given.

I know at times I may not have made it easy, but overall, I have to say she dealt with me rather well.

I know that she works hard and the love that she has, no matter how much she tries to hide it, is there for me and my

brother.

I know her complaints, nit-picking and arguments are just her way of saying I love you.

The best way I can think of to explain it; she is like the dad from "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"; his references are always involving fishing metaphors and really make no sense, but when broken down he's simply trying to say he loves his son.

The words "I love you" and "I'm proud of you" may seem like easy words to say, but in reality, they can be hard.

Being a parent, it's easy to find all the negative things when it comes to the choices and the actions that your child takes. It's easy to know what you want for your child, but so hard to let your child make the life they want for themselves without being able to tell them how to do it.

Even with my son being five years old, its hard letting him make his own mistakes as little as they may be, and even harder letting him fall. Then I think, if it's that hard for me watching this little boy grow up, how hard must it be for my mom.

I understand a little more, appreciate a little more and have to say:

Mom, I know I haven't made it easy, but I know that through it all you are only trying to give me a better life. I will make mistakes, but it does mean a lot that you care. Even if we don't say it enough...I love you.

Take the time and remind your mother, no matter how far away she may be or how long it may have been since you've spoke, let her know you love her and all she has done matters.

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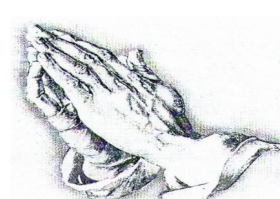
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Texas House approves chewing tobacco tax cut

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members have approved a bill to lower a tax on loose-leaf chewing tobacco like Red Man and others brands despite the health risks.

The bill passed 83 to 53 Wednesday.

Republican Rep. Allan Ritter of Nederland says his bill is a “good thing” for “all of us that chew tobacco.”

Ritter says the measure corrects a weight-based tax the Legislature levied in 2009 that penalized heavier loose-leaf tobacco.

Republican Rep. Jason Isaac of Dripping Springs says the tax cut is wrong because it will encourage people to “use cancer-causing products” and lead to more long-term health costs.

The *Austin American Statesman* reports the bill would drop the tax rate by 33 cents per ounce on some chewing tobacco.

Texas grand jury indicts man in Killeen slaying

KILLEEN (AP) — A Central Texas grand jury has indicted a 39-year-

old man accused of killing a Killeen man earlier this year.

Mario Lamont Lewis was indicted Wednesday in connection with the fatal shooting of Lynn Wilford in Killeen on Feb. 19.

An arrest affidavit states that Wilford was shot twice in the head while lying on the ground.

Witnesses told police the shooting occurred after the two men argued outside a four-plex apartment building.

Lewis, who is also known as “Big G,” fled to Illinois where he eluded authorities for two months.

Police and U.S. Marshals arrested him in Chicago April 18.

Houston police officer charged with theft

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston police officer accused of robbing undocumented immigrants he stopped while on duty has been arrested and charged with theft.

Houston police say they suspended Stefan Riha with pay after he was caught in a Tuesday night sting run by internal affairs. The *Houston Chronicle* reports Thursday that the 29-year-old officer was charged with theft by a public servant.

Ethics reform sponsor may strip immunity clause

AUSTIN (AP) — The sponsor of legislation to require lawmakers to disclose more information about campaign transactions and potential conflicts of interest with lobbyists said he may remove an amendment attached by a fellow House Republican.

That amendment from state Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, could immunize lawmakers from prosecution on official corruption charges if they follow advice given by the Texas Ethics Commission.

The basic legislation sponsored by state Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, won approval Wednesday night in the Texas House. But the Hilderbran amendment says state attorneys “may not prosecute” officials who follow advice given out by the Texas Eth-

ics Commission. Geren said he may remove the provision when lawmakers take up the bill for its final procedural push through the House.

“I’m not sure it’s going to stay on it,” Geren said. “We’re going to get some legal opinions. If we need to strip it off, we will.”

The bill takes aim at double-dipping spending practices by lawmakers that have led to a criminal investigation.

The legislation would clean up shoddy disclosure laws that have allowed lawmakers to pocket taxpayer money for political travel with little oversight or transparency. *The Associated Press* reported extensively on the spending practices, which have drawn scrutiny from Texas prosecutors.

By law, legislators don’t have to detail trans-

actions made between their campaign and their personal accounts. They also don’t have to report when they earn interest or investment dividends, or when they get money back from deposits, rebates or other credits.

Geren’s bill would require disclosure of those transactions, which would make it easier to see if politicians are using their campaign accounts to make money. Lawmakers voted to make the new disclosure requirements apply only to transactions in excess of \$100.

Geren’s legislation also would require registered lobbyists to disclose their paid relationships to politicians. Geren said Texans should be able to know who lobbyists are working for and whether their ties present conflicts of interest.

Texas budget likely headed to conference committee

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The 2012-13 Texas state budget is likely headed for a House-Senate conference committee after Senate Republicans pushed their bill to passage by using a loophole

to bypass Democrats.

The Senate plan would make about \$11 billion in cuts from the present budget, although the cuts are less drastic to those in the House’s austere \$176.5 billion spending plan. The plan next goes back before

the House, which is expected to reject the Senate version and appoint a conference committee to negotiate a compromise.

After a week of delay, Senate leaders used a procedural maneuver to get around a long-held Senate tradition that requires a two-thirds agreement for the chamber to consider any legislation. Senators voted 19-12, along party lines, to approve the plan.

Normally a two-thirds majority is necessary in the Senate to take up any bill, a supermajority that leaders didn’t have for the budget plan. But Republicans bypassed Democratic opposition by using a special rule that allows House bills to be considered on certain days without a two-thirds approval. The Senate’s budget plan originated as a House bill.

Senators have hailed

the two-thirds tradition as a mechanism that nurtures compromise and bipartisanship in the Senate.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, the Senate’s Democratic leader, said she and other Democrats were concerned about the precedent set by the maneuver.

“No longer will any minority party in the Senate have a say in the budget bill,” Van de Putte said.

The GOP has a 19-12 majority in the chamber, but criticism over the budget mounted from both sides of the aisle over the use of about \$3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund.

Republicans argued that \$9.4 billion in the reserve fund should be left untouched, so it would be available during future state emergencies. Democrats said proposed cuts to schools and other programs are inhumane when the reserve fund is sitting idly by.

Sen. Steve Ogden, the chief Senate budget writer, defended the budget,

arguing his team was able to maintain current services despite a multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall.

“What do you do when the economy is not so healthy? The first thing is, you do no harm to that economy, you do everything you can to get that economy back on its feet,” Ogden, R-Bryan, said shortly before the vote. “This budget ... is a bridge to the future. It does not hurt the economy.”

In response to the eroding support, Ogden offered an amendment Wednesday that stripped the contentious rainy-day money from the budget. The move helped him garner support from conservative Republican senators — but it cost him support from key Democrats.

The plan makes about \$11 billion in cuts, compared with the current budget, though the cuts are much less severe than those in the bare-bones House version. Public schools and Medicaid providers, including nursing homes,

would take the brunt of the cuts.

“This budget treats people as numbers,” Van de Putte said. “We cannot forget those numbers are people and I have heard their voices and I have seen their faces and I cannot ignore their pleas.”

Ogden’s GOP-conceded compromise replaces about \$3 billion in rainy-day money by underfunding Medicaid, pushing those payments to the end of the budget period. Absent increased revenue from an improving economy — which he expects — the budget would then force across-the-board cuts to state agencies other than basic public school operations.

“The promise is that the money is going to be there, and frankly, I dated guys like that,” Van de Putte said, casting doubt on assurances that state coffers would see an uptick in revenue as the economy improves.

Ogden’s plan underfunds public schools by more than \$4 billion. It cuts reimbursement rates to Medicaid providers by 6 percent, compared with more than 10 percent proposed in the House.

“Some seek to distract attention from the draconian cuts by emphasizing that the budget passed by the House of Representatives is significantly worse,” said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Democrat from Laredo. “Unfortunately, while the House budget is horrific, the Senate budget is simply awful.”

She said the Senate plan “blocks or delays access to critical health services for thousands of older Texans, Texans with disabilities and Texans with chronic diseases.”

The state is facing a revenue shortfall of at least \$15 billion. The hole is partially because of the economic downturn, but a structural deficit in the state’s taxing system also has contributed to the gap. Leaders have said for months that the budget would have to take a cuts-only approach, without raising taxes.

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Pakistan warns America not to stage any more raids

CHRIS BRUMMITT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan warned America Thursday of “disastrous consequences” if it carries out any more raids against terrorists like the one that killed Osama bin Laden, and hit back at international allegations it may have been harboring the al-Qaida chief.

But the government in Islamabad stopped short of labeling Monday’s helicopter raid on bin Laden’s compound an illegal operation and insisted relations between Washington and Islamabad remained on course.

With calls from some U.S. lawmakers to cut aid to Pakistan following the raid, the European Union said it would not turn its back on the nuclear-armed nation that is seen by many as key to helping negotiate an end to the war in Afghanistan.

The army and the government have come under criticism domestically for allowing the country’s sovereignty to be violated. Some

critics have expressed doubts about government claims that it was not aware of the raid until after it was over or scolded it for not reacting quickly enough and shooting down the helicopters.

Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir’s remarks seemed to be aimed chiefly at addressing that criticism.

“The Pakistan security forces are neither incompetent nor negligent about their sacred duty to protect Pakistan,” he told reporters. “There shall not be any doubt that any repetition of such an act will have disastrous consequences,” he said.

Bashir repeated Pakistani claims that it did not know anything about the raid until it was too late to stop it. He said the army scrambled two F-16 fighter jets when it was aware that foreign helicopters were hovering over the city of Abbottabad, not far from the capital Islamabad, but they apparently did not get to the choppers on time.

American officials

have said they didn’t inform Pakistan in advance, fearing bin Laden could be tipped off.

Elements of Pakistan’s army and Inter-Services Intelligence agency have long been suspected of maintaining links to Islamist militants, mostly for use as proxies in Afghanistan and Pakistan. While the country has worked with the United States to arrest many al-Qaida operatives since 2001, suspicion lingers it is playing a double game.

The leaders of Britain and France, as well as U.S. officials, have said Pakistan has questions to answer over bin Laden’s location in a large house close to an army academy in a garrison town.

Bashir said it was “absolutely wrong” to blame the ISI. “After all there was information within the U.S. system about those who were ultimately, eventually responsible for the 9/11 (attacks), so it’s not for me to say that the U.S. government or the CIA failed to prevent that,” he said.

While some U.S. lawmakers have taken a tough line, President Barack Obama and other American officials have

been more cautious, realizing that downgrading or severing ties with the country would be risky.

Bashir said perceptions that Pakistan’s ties with Washington were at rock bottom were untrue.

Obama to honor 9/11 victims after bin Laden death

BEN FELLER
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — From the heart of the shocking terror strike on America, President Barack Obama will try to bury the memory of Osama bin Laden by honoring those who died in the fiery Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. In private talks with families and a somber ceremony at ground zero, Obama is out to let New York have its own moment of justice.

Obama heads to New York City on Thursday after sharply rejecting calls for him to release photos of a slain bin Laden so the world could see some proof of death. The president said he would not risk giving propaganda to extremists or gloat by publicizing grotesque photos of

a terrorist leader shot in the head.

To those who keep on doubting, Obama said, “You will not see bin Laden walking on this earth again.”

His government, meanwhile, insisted the shooting of an unarmed bin Laden during a daring raid in Pakistan was lawful and in national self-defense. Officials who were briefed on the operation told The Associated Press that the Navy SEALs who stormed bin Laden’s compound shot and killed him after they saw him appear to lunge for a weapon.

Obama’s New York visit is intended to have a measured tone — not a bookend to President George W. Bush’s bull-horn moment, but more somber and private.

White House spokesman Jay Carney called it a “cathartic moment

for the American people.”

Obama does not even have scheduled remarks during his trip. Yet it is likely Obama will make comments during his time at the 9/11 memorial, where he will lay a wreath.

Obama will visit a bustling construction site that bears little resemblance to the pit that became ground zero in the months after Sept. 11, 2001. The emerging skyscraper informally known as Freedom Tower is more than 60 stories high now. Mammoth fountains and reflecting pools mark the footprints of the fallen twin towers.

Thousands of people climbed street signs and waved flags in celebration after hearing that bin Laden was killed in Pakistan on Monday, which was Sunday night in New York.

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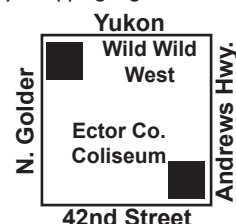
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Betting on their bats

Offense big key to Hawks' chances at regional tourney

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Anyone who has watched the Howard College softball team knows that, to a large degree, the Hawks will go as far as their bats will take them this postseason.

Fueled by one of the most potent offensive attacks in team history, the Hawks finished third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 19-6 mark, and they hope their bats remain hot as they prepare to open play at the Region V Softball Tournament, which begins Thursday at Lubbock Christian University.

The Hawks will face Frank Phillips College, the sixth seed out of the WJCAC, in a first-round game at noon Thursday. The winner of that contest will take on Midland College later Thursday.

Howard's powerful hitting attack is led by shortstop Olive Naotala, who led the confer-

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File photo

Howard College's Olive Naotala is shown sliding into second base against El Paso Community College earlier this season. Olive leads the Western Junior College Athletic Conference in home runs and RBI and will be a big key for the Hawks when they open Region V softball tournament action today against Frank Phillips.

2nd verse, same as the 1st

FHS state track contingent has familiar appearance

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — As Yogi Berra might say, it's like deja vu all over again.

When the Forsan High School boys' track contingent competes in the upcoming Class 2A state track and field meet in Austin, first-time jitters will not be in abundance.

That's because, for the most part, the same athletes will be competing in the same events on the same stage as they did at this time last year.

Junior Ty Johnson will once again try to claim gold medals in two events — the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints. And, just like last year, Johnson will be part of the 400-meter relay team, along with Elgin Suazo and Brendan Roman. Forsan's only new face at the state track meet will be

Kolten Self, who replaced graduated senior Mike Hill on the relay team.

The relay qualified for this year's state meet by finishing second at the Region I-2A track meet in Odessa Tuesday, while Johnson punched his ticket to Austin by winning the 200-meter run and finishing second in the 100-meter dash.

FHS track coach Gary Huckabee hopes all this familiarity breeds success.

"It should be a big advantage to us," he said. "Anytime you go into a meet with experience and confidence, that's a plus. I think they're excited and they'll be ready to compete with anybody at the state meet."

One thing the Buffaloes are hoping not to repeat are the mistakes that cost them dearly at last year's state meet. A dropped

baton in the relay and false starts on Johnson's part in the individual events led to disqualifications instead of dreamed-of medals.

Huckabee wants his team to remember last year's errors, but not dwell on them.

"We may talk about it a little bit," he said. "In a relay, a dropped baton is something that can happen at anytime, and it happened at the absolute worst time for us ... This year, I just want their focus to be as simple as possible. When they're getting ready to run, I'll just tell them to look at their marks, and hit their marks, and everything else will be automatic."

And Huckabee's not worried about Johnson getting the big-stage jitters again.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan High School track team members Ty Johnson, left, and Brendan Roman practice at the school Thursday.

In brief

Big Spring boosters to meet tonight

The Big Spring Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the annual Spring Sports Banquet.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

FHS sports banquet set for May 16

The Forsan High School All-Sports Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 16, at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the FHS main office. High school athletes will be admitted for free.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, May 12.

For more information, contact the high school at 263-6571, ext. 1.

Women's tourney slated for Big Lake

The Elnora Chamberlain Memorial four-lady scramble Golf Tournament will be held June 18-19 in Big Lake. Cost is \$300 per team.

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Dirk, Dallas blast Lakers again

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Dallas Mavericks have seen this playoff scenario many times before.

The higher-seeded team is reeling after two embarrassing losses, with its tentative play leading to locker-room discord and wholesale fan panic.

It's just that the Mavs are usually living this nightmare, not causing it for somebody else — and certainly not for the two-time defending NBA champion Lakers, who left Staples Center on Wednesday night wondering whether they'll be back this spring.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points, Shawn Marion added 14 and the Mavericks beat Los Angeles 93-81 in Game 2, taking a 2-0 second-round lead with consecutive road wins.

"If you would have told me before that were going to win both games, that would have been hard to believe," Nowitzki said. "But I think we earned it."

Jason Kidd scored 10 points in a balanced scoring effort for the Mavericks, who pushed the Lakers halfway

to playoff elimination with Nowitzki's stellar shooting, steady defense and a decisive 9-0 fourth-quarter rally. Dallas did nothing spectacularly well, yet was significantly better than the cold-shooting Lakers on both ends.

Dallas has endured a decade of playoff disappointment under owner Mark Cuban, including just one playoff series victory in the previous four postseasons since the Mavericks' only NBA finals appearance.

Time and again, Nowitzki and his revolving cast of teammates have flopped in pressure playoff situations — but these taller, tougher Mavs certainly appear primed to change their reputation with two more wins, starting in Game 3 on Friday night in Dallas.

"We talked about it, and this series is far from over," said Nowitzki, who again proved to be nearly unguardable for the Lakers. "I've been around a long time. I've been up 2-0 before and ended up losing the series. I've been down 2-0, lost both home games ... and came back and won in Game 7. We've seen a lot of things happen in this league. We have to stay focused, stay together."

Kobe Bryant scored 23 points for the Lakers, who hadn't lost the first two games of a playoff series since the 2008 NBA finals — also the last series they lost. Only three NBA teams have come back to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first two at home, where dismayed fans sent the Lakers off with boos and jeers.

"Desperate? That's a strong word," Bryant said. "I think when you play desperate, you don't play your best basketball. What we need to do is relax, focus on what we're doing wrong and the mistakes that we're making, and we have plenty to review and lock in on that."

Los Angeles missed its first 15 3-point attempts before Bryant's 3-pointer with 2:43 left. Los Angeles finished 2 for 20 on 3-pointers, but the Lakers also appeared simply exhausted during long stretches of their 75th playoff game in the last four seasons.

Center Andrew Bynum saw another reason for the Lakers' frustrations.

"It's deeply rooted at this point. It's obvious that we have trust issues, individually," said Bynum, who had 18 points and 13 rebounds.

"All 13 of our guys have trust issues right now. I think it's quite obvious to anyone watching the game — hesitation on passes, and defensively we're not being a good teammate because he wasn't there for you before — little things. And unless we come out and discuss them, nothing is going to change."

Bryant wrote off Bynum's comments as concerns about the Lakers' defensive communication.

"I think the trust that he's referring to is being able to help each other on the defensive end of the floor," Bryant said. "You saw a lot of layups. He gets frustrated when he supports a guard coming off the screen-and-roll and nobody supports him."

But Los Angeles also could be without its defensive stopper in Dallas: Ron Artest was ejected with 24.4 seconds left for clotheslining Dallas guard J.J. Barea, possibly leading to a suspension. Even Lakers coach Phil Jackson conceded "there's a good chance" he won't have Artest on Friday.

"It's not a basketball play, so we'll see what happens," Barea said.

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Sports calendar

TODAY

Softball — Howard College vs. Frank Phillips College (Region 5 Tournament), noon, Lubbock Christian University.

FRIDAY

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Littlefield, 7 p.m., Seminole.
Class 2A baseball playoffs — Forsan vs. Tornillo, 5 p.m., Pecos.

SATURDAY

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Littlefield, 3 p.m., (if necessary, second game follows).
Class 2A baseball playoffs — Forsan vs. Tornillo, 1 p.m., Pecos (if necessary, second game follows).

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By Steve Becker

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South got to five hearts doubled on the bidding shown. Probably West doubled hoping to jockey North back

into spades, but North very wisely passed. West led the ace of hearts, which proved to be an exceptionally good lead. Had he led a spade, a diamond or a club, South would have made the contract easily, losing just two trump tricks.

Declarer had the presence of mind to drop his four of hearts on the ace, a play that eventually proved to be crucial. West then shifted to the jack of diamonds, again choosing the best line of defense.

South won with the ace and led the king of hearts. Once again, realizing what might happen to him if he followed low, West made an excellent play by dropping his queen under the king in order to avoid later being thrown back on lead with a trump.

When East showed out, it was not difficult for declarer to diagnose the reason for West's extraordinary play of the trump queen. So South cashed his king of diamonds and then exited with the deuce of hearts!

West had to win the trick with the three and had no choice but to return a spade or a club. This allowed South to dispose of his three diamond losers on dummy's high cards, so he made five hearts doubled.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Wilson, Rangers down Seattle

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Sometime after the fifth inning, Texas pitching coach Mike Maddux walked over to C.J. Wilson and asked how he was feeling.

The response from Wilson was blunt: "I'm finishing this game."

After seeing the Texas bullpen blow two straight games, Wilson wasn't about to leave this one to chance.

Wilson matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in a six-hitter, and Mitch Moreland and Chris Davis hit solo homers off Seattle rookie Michael Pineda as the Rangers beat the Mariners 5-2 on Wednesday night.

"For me it's more surgical. That's the way I try to pitch. That's the way I always try to pitch," Wilson said.

Wilson (4-1) was good early, but was dominant for the final five innings. Wilson retired the final 14 batters and 18 of the last 19. He also managed a pitch-count that in the middle innings was quickly rising toward an early exit.

Wilson ended up throwing a season-high 125 pitches, but only 38 came in the final four innings. He allowed one earned run,

walked one and didn't allow a baserunner after Chone Figgins' single with one out in the fifth.

And just when it looked like Wilson might be done after the eighth, he jogged back out for the ninth.

Manager Ron Washington, having watched his relievers blow the last two games, wasn't considering a pitching change unless the Mariners got a runner on in the ninth.

There wasn't any need to worry. Wilson got Justin Smoak to hit a liner to second, struck out Jack Cust for the third time on the night, and got a grounder from Jack Wilson to close out the fourth complete game of his career.

In seven starts this season, Wilson has 46 strikeouts versus just 13 walks, nearly reversing his trend from a year ago when he walked 93 batters for the year.

"I've seen him throw better games, but we certainly needed him to throw his best tonight," Washington said. "He was very efficient."

Pineda, the AL rookie of the month for April, saw his run of five straight quality starts to begin his career end when Davis hit

a 400-foot shot to nearly the same spot in the park as Moreland's homer two innings earlier.

Moreland jumped on the first pitch of the fifth inning for his fourth homer of the season. It was the only RBI the Rangers got off Pineda (4-2) that came with less than two outs.

"Especially in a game like tonight when runs are going to be tough to come by because you have two guys throwing who are on, RBIs with two outs or key situations that kind of jump starts an offense and kind of gives you a little confidence," Moreland said.

Pineda matched his season high with nine strikeouts and was remarkable efficient, throwing first-pitch strikes to 22 of the 27 batters he faced. Of his 97 pitches, 77 were for strikes.

He allowed seven hits and walked none facing the Rangers for the second time this season.

Texas scored two in the first after the inning almost ended without any damage. With two outs, Adrian Beltre's drive into the right-field corner eluded Ichiro Suzuki, and it went for an RBI double when Elvis Andrus ran through a stop sign at third.

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The Mavericks protected the rim and largely controlled the tempo in Game 2, using their advantages in depth and athleticism to limit the Lakers' offense.

Barea had 12 points and four assists, and he led the Mavs' fourth-quarter rally while Cuban led the cheers behind Dallas' bench.

Even Bryant was powerless to stop it, going scoreless in the fourth until hitting two free throws with 3:11 to play.

Bynum and Pau Gasol haven't been able to control the paint with their usual vehemence against the Mavericks' three 7-footers. Gasol had 13 points and 10 rebounds, but appeared tentative for long stretches while struggling to contain Nowitzki.

Nowitzki came out

firing again in Game 2, scoring 15 points in the first half with the 7-footer's usual array of impossible-to-block fall-away jumpers. The Lakers ran several defenders at him, using Gasol and Lamar Odom before trying Artest in the second quarter.

NOTES: Bryant has 5,246 career playoff points, trailing former teammate Shaquille O'Neal by two points for third place on the NBA's career playoff scoring

list. O'Neal is injured and sitting for the Boston Celtics this spring. ... Dallas is the most recent NBA team to win a series after losing the first two games at home, doing it in 2005 against Houston. ... Fans near courtside included Larry David, directors McG and Brett Ratner, Bridget Moynahan, Eliza Dushku, George Lopez, Dax Shepard, Anthony Anderson, Holly Robinson Peete and Jaime Murray.

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"Ty will give you

everything he's got," Huckabee said. "He's a great athlete, and I'm proud of his performance (at the regional meet). That was nothing

new for Ty, though. He's a great kid who likes to compete."

The state track meet will be held May 12-13 in Austin.

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ence in home runs and RBI and was second in batting average this season. Head Coach Kelly Raines said she is expecting a lot from Naotala and the rest of the offense at the tournament.

"We just seem to perform a lot better when our girls are hitting the

ball," Raines said. "Our pitching and defense seem to play a lot more relaxed. Obviously, Olive is a big key to whether we win or lose."

But the old baseball adage that pitching and defense wins ball games also applies to softball, so the Hawks will have to have quality starts from their pitching triumvirate of Alexis Beltran, Selina Mitchell and Sandra Serna. The good news for Howard is that its pitching staff has come through more often than not this season. The bad news? The group has struggled of late, something Raines is concerned about as the tournament approaches.

"It's just something we have to figure out," Raines said. "Some days, our pitching does really good, and other days, not so good. We just need to get all three of them mentally ready, so they're ready to go, no matter what."

Odessa College and Midland College, which

finished 1-2 in conference play, received first-round byes and are the obvious teams to beat in the tournament. And OC and Midland were responsible for five of the Hawks' six conference losses this season.

However, Raines said her team can't get caught up too much in focusing one who they might play.

"We just need to go out and win every game we play, and that starts with Frank Phillips," she said.

The winner of this tournament advances to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament to be held in St. George, Utah.

All Howard games will be broadcast locally on radio station KBST (1490 AM).

Region V Softball Tournament schedule (all games at PlainsCapital Ballpark, Lubbock Christian University)

Today
Game 1: Western Texas College vs. El Paso Commu-

nity College, 9:30 a.m.

Game 2: Howard College vs. Frank Phillips College, noon.

Game 3: Odessa College vs. Game 1 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game 4: Midland College vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.

Friday
Elimination bracket

Game 5: Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 9:30 a.m.

Game 6: Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser, noon.

Winner's bracket
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Elimination bracket
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 5 p.m.

Saturday
Elimination game

Game 9: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 10 a.m.

Championship
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 12:30 p.m.

Game 11 (if necessary):
Game 10 winner vs. Game 10 loser, 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 10).

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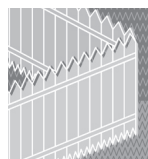
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Savor some hamburger history



Most people know that a hamburger is a juicy patty of cooked ground meat served on a bun with a variety of toppings. What is not as well known is just how this beloved food became as popular as it is today.

Despite illusions to the contrary, a hamburger is not made of ham. In most instances, the term is used to describe a beef patty. Although burg-

ers have been made from turkey, ostrich, bison, and even alligator, very rarely are they made from pork products.

The term “hamburger” is actually a misnomer. The name was derived from Hamburg, Germany, where the food was thought to originate. Just as the frankfurter is a food from Frankfurt.

The hamburger evolved from another

dish that was named the “Hamburg Steak.” Immigrants traveling from Hamburg to New York were treated to the tastes of home on the shores of America with a Hamburg Steak. This was essentially a dish of salted and spiced beef. It bears little resemblance to the hamburger of today. Shredded beef that was seasoned with regional spices — either cooked or served raw — became the Hamburg Steak that Germans enjoyed to reconnect to their homeland.

Eventually the Hamburg Steak caught on and was included as a menu item at many American restaurants in the 19th century. Surprisingly, it was served as a breakfast food.

Dr. James Salisbury invented his own take on the Hamburg Steak at about this time, serving it as a lunch or dinner food with gravy. It was dubbed the Salisbury Steak.

In terms of the first time a Hamburg Steak was placed between bread to form the crude beginnings of a hamburger, the mystery continues. There are several who have laid claim to the burger origins, but none can be validated as the true inventor.

One such person is Charlie Nagreen

of Seymour, Wisconsin, who began selling Hamburg Steaks flattened and between bread at a state fair so that visitors could move freely from booth to booth. There are others who argue that the burger can be traced back to other innovative cooks.

Meat-grinding machines of the 20th century helped propel the burger into a mainstream food. Fast-food chains eventually picked up on the concept of the hamburger and began mass-producing burgers for the public.

Vegetables, like onions and lettuce, were eventually added to give the burger a more “natural” appearance. Ketchup became the condiment of choice, with mayonnaise and mustard also placed on burgers.

It’s hard to argue the popularity of burgers today. They show up in all shapes and sizes at just about any restaurant imaginable. From meager beginnings as a food for the poor and vague history on its origins, the burger is perhaps now as American as a food can get but also an international delight. Millions are consumed every year and likely will continue to be enjoyed for years to come.

Tomorrow’s Horoscope

Happy Cinco de Mayo! The Gemini moon peppers the social mix with exciting topics of conversation — and some not so exciting, but our enthusiasm for connecting with one another will make up for this. The Taurus sun continues to focus us in a financial direction, and many persons on a relationship will cross naturally into business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to feel a reflection of the joy you bring to what you’re doing. You’re not working for the praise, laughter and applause, but when it comes, it lets you know you’re on the right track.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The extremes of work and play, socializing and self-interest, money and art -- balancing these things is not something that always comes naturally. That’s why they call it a balancing “act.” You’ll be adept at this kind of acting.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You’ll act as the wise shaman of your group. You won’t boss people around, and yet you’ll cause them to behave differently. You are influential because you speak your mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have several tasks to tackle, and you will spend about two hours on each one. You will be incredibly productive in these relatively short stints of work, concentrating intensely and doing what needs to be done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will benefit from exploring your interest in the natural world. You have a special connection with rocks, plants, animals and weather. Studying and experiencing nature brings you back to your soul.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’ll add new people to your team. The type of help you want will come from someone who is confident enough to give you a firm handshake while looking you in the eye.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’ll gain the respect of a boss or colleague. It’s not because everything you do is golden. It’s because you have the heart to keep going forward even

when there’s no sign that you’ll find success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your perspective is unique. You’ll mostly keep your opinions and observations to yourself. However, there is one thing you notice, which you should share. Otherwise, everyone will miss out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like who you are, and you like your life. This is reflected in your activities of the day. You say “yes” to only the propositions that look, sound and feel like they are going to be a blast.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don’t ask anyone to be perfect. You just ask them to show up and try. You’ll see the proof in action that someone respects you, and that makes you feel proud.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There’s more for you to do, so some of your usual self-care activities might slip through the cracks. The sacrifices you make will be worth it in the end. You can catch up tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can make a mistake and come back from it. But you much prefer to

avoid the pitfalls in the first place. The research you do today will allow for exactly that.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (May 5). You’ll discover something new that you can do or a different and more effective way of operating with people. You’ll use this skill to bring prosperity to you and yours. July features a pilgrimage. August brings love, laughter and many beautiful nights with good friends. Your special bond with animals drives the action in September. Libra and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 10, 24, 33 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: “I recently moved to a city that has more churches per capita than any place I’ve ever lived. I’m trying to get to know people and find a niche in the community. Often, I’m asked where I go to church, and I’ve been invited many times to the worship place of the person I am talking to. I’m a free thinker and prefer to do my own thing when it comes to religion. I respect all religions and wouldn’t mind going to a single service, but I don’t want to give anyone false hopes that I will join

their church. I’m afraid I’ll be excluded from the community.” — *Free-Spirited Aquarius*”

Considering the large number of different churches in the area, chances are that people are not expecting you to join their church. They are just being friendly and reaching out to you — something a social Aquarius such as yourself can understand well. You will not be ostracized if you don’t join a church. This is a simple matter of semantics. Figure out a response you can say when the subject arises — for instance, “Thank you. That’s so kind! I have my own religious practice, but thank you so much!” — and move quickly to another topic.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winner Adele was born when the sun and lucky Jupiter were both in Taurus, the sign of the voice. However, the predominant energy in this soul singer’s natal chart is Capricorn — where her moon, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune reside. This bodes well for career longevity, as it boasts a stellar work ethic and a knack for making sound business decisions.

Rescued dog escapes at NYC’s JFK, is rescued again

NEW YORK (AP) — A 2-year-old golden retriever mix named Jazz is one lucky dog.

The pooch was rescued from a shelter in Taiwan where he faced certain death because dogs are killed there after seven days. He was flown to New York, but once at JFK Airport he escaped from his crate and bolted.

Jazz spent three days on the run at the airport before a team of Port Authority police officers corralled him Saturday.

Officer Randal Kraft says the dog’s paws were ripped and bleeding. He was taken to a vet for treatment.

Joan Chien of Wilmington, Del. runs a dog rescue organization called Hopeful Hearts and will put Jazz up for adoption.

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