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Early voting turnout goes well, clerk says

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area voters looking to weigh in on Howard County's municipal and school district elections early will have until 7 p.m. today to do so, as early voting wraps up in the County Elections Administrator's office in preparations for Saturday's contest.

With hot button items on the ballots for the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Independent School District and the city of Coahoma, County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom said this year's turnout has already surpassed early expectations.

"At the close of early voting Friday, we had collected 1,520 ballots," said Bloom. "That's 168 ballots that were mailed in and 1,352 that were cast in-person. Before early voting started, we had hoped to draw at least 2,000 ballots, the number of votes we had in the last mayoral race three years ago. However, it looks like we might beat that number by quite a bit at this point.

"I've looked at the totals in the last several elections, and you generally see 50 to 60 percent of your votes during early voting," she added. "It's hard to predict what

sort of turnout you will have on election day, but it's looking good at this point. It's good to see so many local residents taking an active role in the election."

While early voting polls have closed at 5 p.m. during the majority of the race, Bloom said she hopes the extended hours today — 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — will give working voters a better chance to cast their ballots early.

"The polls are usually open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.," said Bloom. "However, there are a lot of people who have to work during those hours, so there's just no way they can get to the polls and vote early. With these extended hours, we're hoping to give those people the chance to participate in early voting and avoid any long lines we might have on election day."

Howard County residents have plenty of contests to weigh in on this year.

The \$60 million bond issue being offered by BSISD would call for construction of new elementary campuses at the current sites of Washington, Marcy and Goliad schools, as well as the demolition of the existing buildings along with Bauer Elementary. It

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Saundra Bloom, elections administrator

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More arrests expected

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Sunday roundup of alleged drug dealers in the Big Spring and Howard County area that netted 20 people is far from done, according to local law enforcement officials, who say more arrests are likely.

"There are still some outstanding warrants to be served," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, during a press conference Monday afternoon. "I can't tell you how many or who they are, but we are expecting more arrests."

Part of a six-month undercover operation conducted by the BSPD's Narcotics Division, 20 arrests were made throughout the day Sunday with assistance from the BSPD's Criminal Investigation Division, Howard County Sheriff Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Howard County District Attorney's Office and Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE) San Angelo Office, according to Everett.

"All of the arrests went

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, discusses a number of narcotics arrests made Sunday during a press conference Monday afternoon. The bust netted 20 alleged drug dealers, with more arrests

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smoothly. There were no problems or injuries of any kind," said Everett. "This is a six-month investigation the narcotics division has been working on, and Sunday's arrests were the culmination of that investigation. The warrants were issued by

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Big Spring man held on numerous charges

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A 48-year-old Big Spring man arrested in Midland last week had his bond increased to more than \$600,000 after a search of his apartment

turned up child pornography, according to Midland law enforcement officials.

Juan Jose Guerra, 49, of 1 Courtney Place, was arrested Wednesday, April 28, on Idlewild Drive in Midland

Guerra

after law enforcement officials were notified the suspect was acting suspicious.

According to reports, the area in which Guerra was arrested — the 1500 block of Idlewild — is frequented by children, with several dance and gymnastics academies nearby.

Upon his arrest, Guerra was found to be in possession of a number of disturbing items, including a handgun, stun gun, a weighted metal pipe, plastic hand ties similar to the ones used by some police departments in the place of handcuffs, gloves and a condom, according to police reports.

Police officials later confirmed Guerra had a permit for the handgun.

According to officials with the Midland Police Department, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents assisted with the arrest. Guerra was driving a 2005 gray Toyota Camry at the time of his arrest.

Guerra was charged with unlawful use of a criminal instrument for possession of the weighted pipe and pos-

session or promotion of child pornography.

He is currently being held at the Midland County Central Detention Center.

According to court records, Guerra's bond is based on \$500 for possession of a dangerous drug, \$500 for unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$125,000 for unlawful use of a criminal instrument and \$500,000 for possession and promotion of child pornography

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Obituaries

Scott Robertson

Scott Robertson, 50, of Houston died Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Lubbock. No services are planned.

He is survived by his daughter, Joni Robertson of Round Rock; his mother, Vera Mae Robertson of Big Spring; one brother, Mike Robertson and wife Sue of Midland; and two sisters, Patti Robertson of Big Spring and Vicki Martin of Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by his father, Buddy Robertson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care, 1717 Norfolk Ave. Building A, Lubbock 79416.

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

Geraldine Delaney

Geraldine Delaney, 69, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at Stanton Care Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Stevens

Ruby Stevens, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 4, 2010, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of S. Salem. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association will be holding its 56th annual area wide art show May 7 through 15 at the Hall Center for the Arts, Howard College, 2001 Birdwell Lane. Entries will be accepted from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. Categories include Oils/Acrylis, Watercolor, Pastels, Graphics/Mixed Media, Photography and 3D/Sculpture. More than \$ 1,000 in prize money plus ribbons will be awarded. Artists reception and awards ceremony will be Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts. For more information, contact Doris Vieregge at (432) 213-5165 or 267-7961.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

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Police blotter

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

- JUAN VALBUENA, 32, of 705 Aylesford, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, assault – family violence and two warrants from another agency.
- CHARLOTTE JEAN BATEMAN, 47, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 102, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- CHAD EVERETTE WARREN, 30, of 1005 Highway 176, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BETTY LOU DEKEYSER, 48, of 511 Opal Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 2500 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOHN (JUAN) LUIZ VALBUENA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and charges of contempt of child support order, assault – family violence and public intoxication.
- CHARLOTTE JAMES, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of theft of service, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, violation of probation and a Kansas warrant for possession of meth.
- ADRIANA MARIE ENRIQUEZ, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for hindering apprehension or prosecution.
- JOSE ENRIQUE FAZ, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on an indictment for burglary of a building.
- AARON JOE GUZMAN, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than two ounces, less than four ounces.
- CHAD WARREN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TERRY ALAN COLLINS, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.
- BETTY LOU DEKEYSER, 48, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check.
- MARIO ROBERT OVALLE, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- ALVIN GEORG GILLION, 49, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JORDAN ALLEN MCLEOD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and evading arrest or detention.

Support Groups

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- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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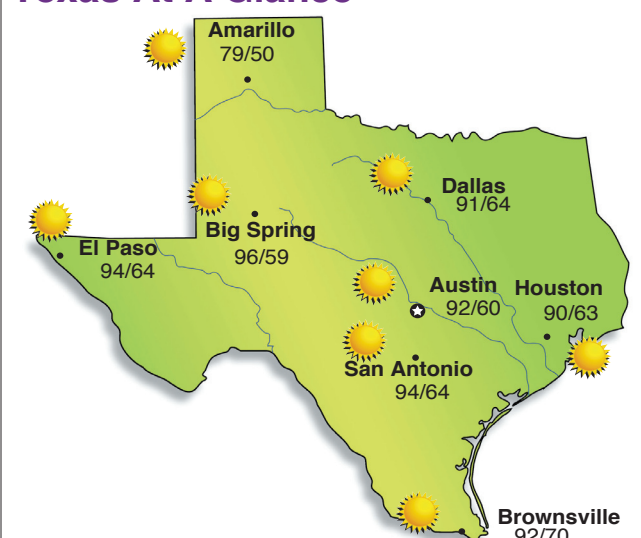


Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6	Fri 5/7	Sat 5/8	Sun 5/9
 96/59 Mainly sunny. Hot. High 96F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.	 100/58 Abundant sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the upper 50s.	 79/50 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	 78/57 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	 89/62 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM

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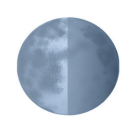
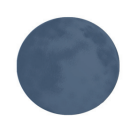
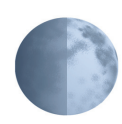
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	61	sunny	Kingsville	94	67	sunny
Amarillo	79	50	sunny	Livingston	92	58	sunny
Austin	92	60	sunny	Longview	90	60	sunny
Beaumont	90	63	sunny	Lubbock	90	54	sunny
Brownsville	92	70	sunny	Lufkin	94	59	sunny
Brownwood	95	62	sunny	Midland	98	65	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	68	sunny	Raymondville	94	68	sunny
Corsicana	90	61	sunny	Rosenberg	91	63	sunny
Dallas	91	64	sunny	San Antonio	94	64	sunny
Del Rio	99	66	sunny	San Marcos	93	60	sunny
El Paso	94	64	sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	63	sunny
Fort Stockton	101	63	sunny	Sweetwater	92	61	sunny
Gainesville	86	60	sunny	Tyler	90	59	sunny
Greenville	88	60	sunny	Weatherford	88	60	sunny
Houston	90	63	sunny	Wichita Falls	83	58	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	61	sunny	Minneapolis	62	42	pt sunny
Boston	78	56	mst sunny	New York	79	61	mst sunny
Chicago	69	47	rain	Phoenix	93	65	sunny
Dallas	91	64	sunny	San Francisco	67	47	mst sunny
Denver	67	45	pt sunny	Seattle	53	40	rain
Houston	90	63	sunny	St. Louis	83	55	mst sunny
Los Angeles	74	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	81	64	sunny
Miami	88	76	pt sunny				

Moon Phases

			
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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-13-27-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-22-35. Bonus Ball: 27.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-8-8-0. Sum It Up: 20

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-6-7. Sum It Up: 18

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State briefs

Officer shoots, kills suspect

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man suspected in a string of daytime burglaries has been shot and killed by a San Antonio police detective trying to arrest him.

Police Chief William McManus says the suspect was shot because he was trying to put his car in gear while revving the engine, which put a sergeant standing in front of the car in danger.

The suspect died at the scene. His name was not immediately released.

The detective was identified as Gary Mucho, a 12-year-veteran. He's been placed on administrative leave per department policy.

Police are investigating the shooting. McManus tells the San Antonio Express-News that the investigation will include looking into whether the sergeant could have moved out of the vehicle's way.

Missing 20-year-old found in Texas

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Franklin County authorities say 20-year-old Khristina Wheeler, who left a court-ordered rehabilitation center in Alabama with her infant son in April, has been found in Texas.

Franklin County officials say Wheeler, who was living in Russellville but is from Haleyville, was arrested during the weekend in Galveston, Texas, after local authorities received a tip.

Authorities say Wheeler's 5-week-old infant and her mother, Mary Susan Camp, also were at the residence in Texas.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office said Wheel-

er is being held in the Galveston City Jail where she awaits extradition. Franklin County officials said Wheeler was arrested in November on methamphetamine charges.

Doctors deem suspect in teacher's death competent

TYLER (AP) — Doctors at a state hospital have deemed a 17-year-old boy competent for court proceedings in the stabbing death of an east Texas special education teacher.

The teen has been under treatment at the Vernon State Hospital in northwest Texas. The Tyler Morning Telegram says Smith County Court-at-Law Judge Floyd Getz has set a May 13 hearing to determine if the teen can be tried as an adult.

The teen is charged as a juvenile with murder in the death last September of Todd Henry, a special education teacher at John Tyler High School in Tyler. The youth was 16 at the time of the standing.

Naked man paces atop billboard

FORT WORTH (AP) — A busy Fort Worth street was closed for four hours while police tried to talk a naked man down from atop a billboard.

Police say the man climbed atop the four-story-tall billboard on West Seventh Street, just west of downtown, and stripped just before noon Monday.

While police negotiators tried to coax him down, he paced back and forth along the top of the billboard. Finally, as a storm closed in, he descended a ladder about 3:30 p.m. and was placed in police

custody.

The man's identity and motive hasn't been released, and it's not clear whether he was jailed or taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Judge dismisses town's water suit

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit that challenged a state law requiring legislative approval before the city of Hugo can sell water to North Texas.

Attorney General Drew Edmondson, whose office defended the lawsuit, said Monday it was filed by the cities of Hugo and Irving, Texas.

Hugo wants to sell Oklahoma water to Irving and claimed in the lawsuit that requiring legislative approval is unconstitutional. Edmondson says the federal judge disagreed.

Edmondson says Oklahoma is blessed with an abundance of water. He says the state should complete its comprehensive water plan so future generations will have access to clean, plentiful water.

Officials say the ruling was handed down by a judge in Wichita, Kan., after federal judges in Muskogee recused themselves.

Insurance agent convicted of fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A south Texas insurance agent has been convicted of mail fraud for his role in stealing more than \$3.8 million from a hospital.

Prosecutors say Michael Swetnam Jr. of Harlingen sold fake insurance policies and added unapproved fees to insurance policies he sold to Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen in 2006 and 2007.

VOTE

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would also add a classroom wing and physical education gym to Moss Elementary, renovate Kentwood Elementary and provide several improvements to the high school, including a new roof and fire suppression system.

District 5 on the Big

Spring Independent School District features three candidates, Jeremy Blount, Chad Wash, and Michelle Hamby, running to fill the seat currently held by longtime trustee Mike Dawson, who decided not to seek another term.

Also on the ballot, but unopposed, are BSISD board incumbents Jeff Brorman (District 6) and Phil Furqueron

(District 7).

Four candidates are vying for the mayor's seat on the Big Spring City Council. Incumbent Russ McEwen is facing off against challengers Tommy Duncan, Shannon Thomason and Oscar Velasco. The race for the District 5 seat on the city council pits incumbent Troy Tompkins, who is finishing his first three-

year term in the seat, against Craig Olson.

While Coahoma residents aren't being asked to fill municipal seats this year, they are deciding on a proposition to adopt a new sales tax. The proposition calls for the adoption of a sales and use tax within the city limits at the rate of one-half on one percent to be used and applied to projects authorized by

section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979. The tax can also be used for the maintenance and operation costs associated with such projects.

Five candidates are seeking to fill two at-large seats on the Coahoma ISD board of trustees. They are Craig Ferguson, Brandon Atkins, Ashley Niblett, Michael Brooks and

Mike Blissard.

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

Election day is Saturday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at locations to be announced.

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ARRESTS

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the courts, and officers from the different agencies all gathered yesterday to serve them. We've been working very closely with the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a lot of cases recently, and the addition of ICE out of San Angelo was a great help to us, as well. It went very smoothly."

In addition to the arrests, Everett said the investigation also netted 14.8 ounces of marijuana, 42.26 grams of crack cocaine, 50.59 grams of powder cocaine and 2.11 grams of methamphetamine. Also, 10 guns were seized and numerous miscellaneous stolen tools were recovered.

"It's hard to say what the value of the drugs are at this time," he said. "Over the past six-month period, a lot of these were smaller amounts. What they are trying to do is arrest the dealers. If you look at most of the charges against these suspects, it is for deliveries. That means these people are allegedly selling drugs, not just possessing them."

Everett said the suspects arrested Sunday are not believed to be part of the same drug network, but said the round-up of suspects

represents a blow to narcotics trafficking in the Big Spring area.

"They probably know each other or have met, but as far as any link between them and their drug activities is concerned, not necessarily," he said. "As far as gang relations are concerned, I'm sure some of them are in gangs, but that wasn't the focus of this investigation. We haven't even begun to touch on that aspect of the case."

"Anytime you go after this many people who are dealing drugs in your community, it's going to have an immediate impact. How serious that impact will be, who knows? A lot of these guys who are dealing will stay underground for a while, afraid they will be next. By the same token, there are still ones out there who are selling, and the narcotics division is going to keep going after them. We're very pleased with the number of arrests we've made of people believed to have delivered narcotics, and we hope to do these as often as we can."

Since being created by the Big Spring City Council in October 2007, the narcotics division of the BSPD has made numerous arrests and seizures, a success Everett said he expects to see continue.

"I think this speaks

for itself," said Everett firmly. "They have been very effective. They have made a lot of cases and been very successful, and that's a success I hope to see continue."

Arrests included:

- Jarrel Lamont Williams, 22, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony).
- Danielle Rae Mier, 20, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, two counts).
- Vergelio Garcia, 37, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony), delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Felicia Canales, 21, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (third-degree felony).
- Epifanio Joe Guzman, 22, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony, two counts).
- Cody Spollino, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Ernest Saiz, 18, two Howard County warrants and charges of delivery of a controlled

substance (second-degree felony, two counts).

- Kimberly Rueda Williams, 22, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Daniel Forest Mondier, 25, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, two counts), possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (misdemeanor).
- Jason Paul Bolt, 24, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony) and delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Joshua Valenzuela, 23, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony, two counts).
- Gilbert Junior Perez, 29, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony), delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony), delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Ricky Yanez, 24, delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first-degree felony).
- Holston Banks III, 18, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- Nadia Aguilar, 22, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (misdemeanor).
- Beverly Ortega, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony).
- William Sneed, 35, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jessica Brooks, 22, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony, two counts).
- Kellie Parks, 18, delivery of marijuana (state jail felony).

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OUR VIEW

Remember: Spend some time in prayer Thursday

Thursday during the lunch hour, many people in our community will gather for reflection and prayer in the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall in this community's observance of the National Day of Prayer.

Locally, past observances have been staged both during the noon hour at downtown parks, and during the evening inside facilities, giving individuals in our community a chance to unite their faith and to acknowledge The Lord, thank Him for our many blessings and pray for His continued benevolence in each of our lives, as well as throughout our community and the nation.

Set for 12:10 p.m. until 12:45 p.m., the event will be a “prayer fast,” according to the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of the First United Methodist Church and the local coordinator of this year's National Day of Prayer observance.

The event is simple and non-denominational, designed to bring together people from various walks of life, professions and religious beliefs, all seeking guidance from a single God. Everyone is encouraged to attend and unite in a public expression of thanks as well as to ask for God's guidance for our community.

Be sure to schedule the noon observance in your Thursday schedule if at all possible. There will be plenty of room.

Take a little of your time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope for us all.

And even if you're unable to attend Thursday's gathering, we encourage everyone to take some time that day and spend it in prayer.

There simply is no better investment in your life, the lives of your family members and the life of our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not take criticism too personally, Lord, but turn it around to our benefit.

Amen

A world without borders

My mamma has quoted Bible verses to me all of my life. So, perhaps it's no wonder that regardless of the situation I'm in, a Bible verse comes to mind with some new lesson to teach.

It doesn't even matter what the original context of the verse is or whether or not it makes sense for my current circumstances. In fact, it's sometimes a curious fit, which is why I think the words capture my attention.

As I entered the plane for my journey to Italy, once again scripture came to my thought — “Enlarge the border of thy tent” — to be precise.

Actually, when I checked it later, the correct phrase is “Enlarge the place of thy tent.” (Isaiah 54:2) But there are Biblical references that talk about enlarging one's border as well. These include two phrases, “... the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy border” (Deut. 12:20) and “... that they might enlarge their border.” (Amos 1:13)

As I sat down on the plane, I immediately wrote in my journal: “Enlarge the border of thy tent. I have a feeling I will be learning the meaning of these words.”

Since I was soon to be leaving the “borders” of my country for the first time ever, it's no surprise the word border come to mind. After all, I had not been able to get that fact out of thought for weeks!

Not long after I wrote my journal entry, a beautiful woman in appropriate Islamic attire sat down next to me. I couldn't help but notice the prayer book in her hands that she continued to

reference and clearly pondered prior to the plane's take-off. Her actions reminded me that I should do the same and pray for everyone's safe journey. And so I did.

The flight would be a long one from Boston to Paris — my stop before heading on to Verona, Italy. So, it would be natural to have a conversation with my neighbor. This proved interesting, since my neighbor spoke very little English, and I could not speak any other language but English!

Still, during the course of our flight, I learned quite a bit about her. She was a mother of many children. And one of her children was living with her sister in Boston finishing his high school years with plans to attend an American college, too. I gained respect and compassion for her commitment to the well-being of her children and the separation she was enduring as part of that commitment. Suddenly, I was more aware of what we had in common as mothers than any presumed differences. This was pretty big for me, since there was a time when the sight of her would have brought suspicion and fear.

Prior to my trip, I had reached the conclusion that God was indeed enlarging my border or He was making it possible for me to enlarge my border — whatever that was going to mean. And He wasn't wasting any time helping me find out!

I don't believe in coincidence or luck. I tend to view every situation and circumstance of my life as one to learn from and grow. So actually, I guess this whole idea of enlarging my border is not a new one. I've been aware for a few years now that I had many self-imposed boundaries, limits and confines that needed to be enlarged, widened, broadened and stretched in countless ways.

It wasn't luck that I received an invitation to go to Italy. And it wasn't coincidence that my plane neighbor was this woman.

And it wasn't surprising that my flight was taking place on my dear husband's birthday — an occasion I've never missed in our thirty years together. It's funny because even though I was far away from my husband, it felt like he was with me. This may sound corny, but I think he so fills my heart that it's impossible to feel separated from him. But it seems it required me being away from him to realize this fact!

There is no doubt in my mind that my concept of home has been enlarged by this trip.

This topic may require another column to fully explore it.

I'm in awe at how a person can be in a foreign country and feel at home. But I did!

I'm certain that it had something to do with me realizing that God created the entire world without boundaries — borders we've named “countries.” And it took me leaving the comfort and familiarity of my own small “world” to give any thought to what this meant.

When we're faced with a situation that is forcing us to stretch in some unexpected or unknown way-- perhaps going through uncharted waters — we don't need to be afraid.

With God at the helm of our ship, we can't help but travel through and beyond the confines of limited views and narrow opinions.

And we learn more about a world without borders — the world God created for all of us to share together.

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Playing with financial fire

Republican senators are playing with fire. And Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is perfectly content to pile on the logs.

It's hard to see how you argue against stricter financial regulation of Wall Street risk-taking, at least outside of closed-door sessions with Wall Street leaders — like the one Republican Sens. Mitch McConnell and John Cornyn had earlier this month with about two dozen financial executives.

The purpose of that meeting, at least according to press accounts, was to figure out how to water down the Democratic financial reform bill that Republicans voted unanimously on Monday not even to allow to come to the floor.

In the meantime, the Democrats are making news by holding public hearings to showcase the lengths to which Wall Street went to make sure that while millions of Americans were losing their savings and their jobs, the big banks were making money by playing both sides of the game.

Of course, playing both sides is how investment banks operate. But the rules require that they at least disclose that to their customers, even if most of us would know where to look to find that information.

But this is about politics right now, not financial disclosure.

And frankly, politics is a lot easier to decipher.

The Democrats understand that they have a winning issue right now. Goldman Sachs is making money. Bonuses are back, if they ever went away. The same folks who made obscene amounts of money taking risks that taxpayers ended up covering are still making obscene amounts of money, even as they fight against regulation that would try to prevent another collapse by providing stricter oversight and greater protection for consumers.

You can babble all you want about “big government” being bad and too much regulation squashing free enterprise, but this is not 1980. This is not about higher taxes.

This is not health care.

Most Americans were pretty happy with their own health insurance plans and worried that reform could cost them more or give them less.

I haven't met anyone lately who's happy with how their IRA is doing. I haven't heard anyone on Main Street singing the praises of Wall Street, defending reckless packaging of risky investments put together for the sole purpose of ensuring short-term payoffs for the people who sold them.

The Republicans are fighting an uphill battle, politically speaking. Listen carefully, and they'll say that they aren't really against reform legislation; they just want to have some closed-door meetings to change (translate: weaken) the Democratic bill before it comes to the floor. Of

course, they could have an open debate and make those changes publicly. But no, they want a deal first.

Am I the only one who remembers when they were raising all kinds of heck about the Democrats meeting behind closed doors to work out a deal on health care before they brought that bill to the floor? The argument worked, by the way; it was an important piece of their successful public campaign against health care reform. Now anyone who watches Washington carefully knows that consistency is a talking point and not a principle in politics. But it's a pretty good talking point.

The Republicans' unwillingness to even have an open debate about financial reform makes them look like Wall Street really did get its money's worth from them. Sure, the Democrats get money from the bankers, too. (Who else can afford these \$35,000 dinners, after all?) But the big question is not who gave what to whom, but what they got for it.

Reid has made clear that he's going to keep scheduling votes to take up financial reform, daring Republicans to keep voting as a bloc to stop it.

Either one or more Republicans defect, in which case the rest of them look bad, or they all stick together, in which case they all look bad.

With thanks to my brother for correcting me: Heads they lose; tails Democrats win.

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WHAT DO BARBECUE CHEFS
CALL THE SPICES THAT
ARE APPLIED TO FOOD
BEFORE COOKING?

ANSWER: A RUB

BBQ Word Find

Just in time for National Barbecue Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

BARBECUE	FLAVOR	SLOW
BEEF	GRILL	SMOKE
CHICKEN	PORK	TASTY
FIRE	RUB	VEGETABLES

G L A V D K Y S E R B B
D L N E A R L K C B A E
T I N G I O O I P R I E
W R K E W M H V B O H F
U G M T S R M E A N R O
B Y M A F S C B P L R K
A U F B G U E R I F F N
I C R L E O T A S T Y G
O D B E Y G J Y V Z B I
O Q C S N E K C I H C S
E J D B Y E N N V R X F
S U O H M I R H U A C T

Barbecue Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

- Some chefs prefer **R C L H A O A C** grills.
- It's safer to grill **T E D O I U S**.
- Add spicy barbecue **E S C A U** to food.
- Flip burgers with a **T L A S P A U**.

Answers: 1. charcoal 2. outside 3. sauce 4. spatula

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1863: STONEWALL JACKSON IS WOUNDED BY FRIENDLY FIRE, AN ACCIDENT THAT EVENTUALLY LEADS TO HIS DEATH.
- 1946: THE "BATTLE OF ALCATRAZ" OCCURS, ENDING WITH 5 DEAD, INCLUDING TWO GUARDS AND THREE INMATES.
- 2000: PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCES GPS IS NO LONGER FOR MILITARY USE ONLY.



smoking

cooking slowly on
a low temperature
with smoke

How they
say that in...

ENGLISH: Hot

SPANISH: Caliente

ITALIAN: Caldo

FRENCH: Chaud

GERMAN: Heiß

Did You Know?

THE WORD 'BARBECUE' MAY
DERIVE FROM THE WORD
'BARABICU' FROM THE
TAÍNO PEOPLE OF THE
CARIBBEAN, MEANING
'SACRED FIRE PIT'

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what
the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GRILLED BURGER

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS BY BOB WEBER JR.

A massive storm severely damaged the navigational instruments aboard Slylock Fox's jet. Slylock and Max were forced to ditch their aircraft in an unknown location. Max believes they are in Africa, but Slylock Fox disagrees. Why?

Solution --- Among the creatures in the crash area is a tiger. This big cat does not live in Africa. Tigers are found throughout Asia.

HOW TO DRAW a pig

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is John Samuals, age 12, of Springfield, MA

The heaviest pig in history, Big Bill, weighed ...

a) 764 pounds
b) 983 pounds
c) 1,548 pounds
d) 2,552 pounds

Find six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Wing, cat, chimney, bat, bird and pants.

Bird Poop: Case of the flyaway bunting

Looking across the street as the seniors arrived for lunch, the woman saw the blur of color slam into the window. Startled by the impact, she called for help.

"It has to be somewhere in these shrubs," she advised the hastily formed search crew.

Meticulously, on hands and knees, the men scanned the humus underneath the neatly trimmed hedge. From the northern and southern most edges, they worked their way toward the entrance. Nothing.

"Do it again, slowly. Look from the ground up," she directed. At the Senior Center, a group stopped to watch the kneeling men. Heads pressed against the ground, with their posteriors pointing heavenward, the workers were carefully peering into the dense growth that accented the building's exterior.

"I found it," shouted one of the men. "Don't move," said the woman to the others. "Let's see if he can get it."

Lying on his back, the man inched his hand up into the leaves. As more folks gathered across the street to wonder what was happening, it seemed a long time before

the stretching arm stopped.

Withdrawing his hand from the bush, the man slowly maneuvered several feet to his right and tried again. Looking up at the woman who was directing traffic, he asked for another man to approach from the opposite end.

As the second man lay on his back, he worked his way toward the other. With their heads about a foot apart, they both stopped. Once again, hands disappeared up into the foliage.

"It's coming your way," one said to the other. Waiting patiently, the newcomer to this hide-and-seek game suddenly lunged upward. Pride in what he had accomplished was evident on his face as he withdrew his hand from the shrub.

Across the street, the group realized that whatever those men were looking for they must have found. Entering their building, they had no way of seeing the multi-colored bird the individual had caught.

Once inside, the man followed the woman to her office. While trying to place the bird inside the box she provided, he barely opened his hand as the woman held the lid. Enough of an opening gave the captive a chance at freedom.

Before they could close the lid, the bird was loose in her office. Placing the box over the bird, she had the inmate



Courtesy photo

Wearing its bright plumage throughout the year, the male painted bunting is found throughout much of Texas during the summer. In the dense growth along Beals Creek and the established vines and shrubs of neighborhoods, the "painted finch" is a welcome treat with its multi-colors and melodious song.

slide the lid under the box while she held a towel over any opening. After thanking him, she reached for the phone.

"Bright blue head, yellow-green back, red throat, belly and rump," said the excited caller. "Looks like a rain-

bow?" I asked.

"Yes!"

During its brief freedom in her office, the bird had tried to fly. Although it crossed from one wall to another, it could not get higher than a foot or two.

Telling her she had a mature, male painted bunting, I felt it might have suffered a hair-line fracture in a wing upon impacting the window. When she learned I'd be there in five minutes, she said she'd meet me at the entrance.

Once home, after carefully examining both wings, I thought maybe he only had a soft tissue injury, or bruise. After a stay at the wildlife sanctuary in Midland, the bunting could be released. This male had weathered his adolescent years only to have his breeding season interrupted.

For the first two to three years of his life, he had resembled the yellow-green female. Perhaps it was nature's way of protecting the male of the specie. While she would never attain his colorful display, he had been arrayed in the hues of an artist's palette upon reaching maturity. Secretive and often heard

but not seen, the painted bunting had been attracted to the mature, dense growth at both facilities. As a seedeater, he had easily accessed the surrounding area and nearby state park.

As I placed the bunting inside an enclosure with low perches, seeds, a selection of figs, grapes and crickets, his glare of disapproval seemed heightened by the red rings surrounding his deep brown eyes. Known to be aggressive in defending his territory, he was certainly not receptive to my presence.

Upon receiving the bird, Midge Erskine promised to let us know the outcome. Several weeks passed before she called. Since no fractures had been found, the bunting had begun flying after a brief respite. Eager to be free, it had earned her approval and its departure.

Knowing that the painted bunting would again have the opportunity to display for his intended was heartening news. We could easily image a courtship enhanced by his flattening toward the ground while spreading his wings and tail. Puffing his feathers to impress and entice a female, his actions would be the avian version of a solicitous and gallant overture.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's Corner: Giving the cat a bath

Please allow me to continue some thoughts about the upcoming Big Spring Dog Show. Our community is very fortunate to be able to produce this kind of community affair each year and draw folks into our area where we can show the world just what a great city this is, and we have been successful in this endeavor.



DARRELL
RYAN

I was chatting to some of our "guests" last year and one of them told me the following story. He said, "I was wondering if I could interview a dog, what would it tell me? (Now this doesn't sound like a proper subject to write about for the newspaper but it will provide a bit of humor if you don't take it too seriously.)"

A dog might be happy to give me the following instructions: It is very important to take proper care of your cat. You should bathe him every day. For a complete bath use the following

directions:

Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.

Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and quickly close both lids. You may need to stand on the lid for a while.

The cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.

Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a

"power wash" and rinse."

Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.

Stand behind the toilet as far as you can and quickly lift both lids.

The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom and run outside where he will dry himself off.

Both the commode and the cat will be sparkling and clean.

Now does this exploit humor or foster another Forest Gump comment: Cruel is as

cruel does!

Speaking of dogs, I heard a good comment: If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering someone else's dog around. That'll take the wind out of your sails!

However, to end on a positive note, always remember: No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs at Big Spring Independent School District.

Stargazer: The missing Milky Way

If you go outside soon after dark and look up, you might notice the Milky Way seems to be missing. Fortunately, there's no cause for alarm. The month of May is the one time of year when the most dense part of our galaxy, that breath-taking band of concentrated starlight stretching from horizon to horizon, isn't visible in the early evenings.

Of course, if you live in an urban area (like most of humanity) light pollution made the Milky Way disappear from your night sky long ago. (We'll talk more about light pollution in a future column.) But even from the darkest sky, you won't now see the Milky

Way unless you stay out a few hours.

Our galaxy, a huge swarm of a hundred billion or more stars, is shaped like a pancake with a bulge in the center. Since we're inside the pancake, all we see with our naked eyes, even under the darkest sky, are stars and other objects within our home galaxy. (A couple of faint galaxies can barely be seen with naked eyes, but most require binoculars or telescopes.)

So to be precise, virtually everything we see every night is in our Milky Way galaxy, however when we speak of "seeing the Milky Way," we're referring to the most densely concentrated band of stars along the plane of the pancake.

The part of the Milky Way we seen in the summer, specifically in the direction of Sagittarius and Scorpius, is toward the galaxy's center,

making the summer Milky Way the richest of the year. During the other seasons, when we're looking in other directions along the galaxy's plane, the view isn't as dramatic.

So, why can't we see the Milky Way in the early evenings of May? It's the only time of the year when the galaxy is laying around the horizon, on the same plane with what appears to be the "flat" Earth around us. If you have clear views of the horizon in all directions, you might barely see it hovering just above the horizon, but for all practical purposes, it seems to have temporarily disappeared.

But not to worry — it won't stay hidden long. As the Earth rotates on its axis, in a few hours the Milky Way will gradually reappear as it rises above the eastern horizon — and the part that rises first is the magnificent

Scorpius-Sagittarius central region. So be prepared to be dazzled.

SKY CALENDAR

- May 5 Wednesday morning: The Moon is at third quarter.
- 6 Thursday morning: The Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks, but the 3 a.m. moonrise makes this an unfavorable year for seeing meteors.
- 9 Sunday morning: The crescent Moon is above Jupiter low in the east before dawn.
- 13 Thursday: The Moon is new.
- 15 Saturday evening: The crescent Moon is below Venus low in the west, and then above the brilliant planet the next night.
- 19 Wednesday evening: The Moon is below Mars.
- 20 Thursday: The Moon is at first quarter.

— Naked-eye Planets. (The

Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Venus is low in the west, Mars is high in the west, and Saturn is high in the south-east. Morning: Jupiter rises two hours before sunrise.

— Star Party. The Central Texas Astronomical Society's free monthly star party is Saturday, May 8 at the Lake Waco Wetlands beginning at 8 p.m., weather permitting. For directions see my Web site.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

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Menefield punches ticket to state meet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

At least one area athlete has punched his ticket to the state track meet, with the possibility of more to come today.

Big Spring High School's Mike Menefield qualified for the state meet by finishing second in the long jump at the Region I-4A track meet at Angelo State University Monday.

Menefield's best jump of 23 feet, 8 ½ inches was two inches less than the winning leap

from El Paso Irvin's Miguel Edwards.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the state track meet to be held in Austin this summer.

BSHS Lady Steers' jumpers, however, were not as fortunate as Menefield. Desiree Anderson and Bridget Tuitt, considered strong possibilities for the state meet, failed to qualify by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. In the girls long jump.

Anderson, who owns the

best long jump distance among national high school girls this year, cleared 18-05 ½ on her best jump, while Tuitt jumped 18-03.

Tuitt had better results in the 200 meter run, as her time of 1:42.3 safely placed her in today's final. And she and Anderson teamed with Chanel Cuiello and April Turner to qualify the Lady Steers' 400-meter and 800-meter relays for the finals today at the ASU track.

The BSHS boys have sever-

al athletes competing today, including the relay squads.

Coahoma High School will have a relay and three individuals competing today for a slot at the state meet after Friday's results at the Region I-2A track meet at Abilene Christian University.

Ray Gutierrez qualified for both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdle finals with times of 14.92 and 40.0, respectively, while Lupe Abrego qualified for the 200-meter run finals with a time of 22.6. In addition

to the 200-meter run, Abrego also will compete in the triple jump final today.

Also going today for the Bulldogs will be Justin Coker in the pole vault and the 800-meter relay team, which finished its preliminary heat with a time of 1:31.1.

Coahoma's lone regional qualifier in the girls' events, Jennifer Pittman, was eliminated in Monday's discus and shot put preliminaries.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College pitcher Alexis Beltran hits a home run during the first game of Howard's doubleheader with Clarendon Sunday at Foundation Field.

Sports in brief

Howard softball preps for Region V

The Howard College softball team concluded its regular season Sunday by splitting a doubleheader with Clarendon College at Foundation Field.

The Hawks took the first game of the doubleheader, 6-5, in extra innings. Howard scored the winning run when Jasmine Allen came home on a Clarendon error in the eighth inning.

Catcher Jalisa McCarvell and winning pitcher Alexis Beltran both had home runs for the Hawks.

In the second game, Clarendon took an 8-7 win in extra innings. Beltran took the loss in relief for Howard, which got home runs from Jen Rangel and Kati Smith.

The Hawks ended the regular season with a 30-24 overall record (12-12 in Western Junior College play) and qualified for the Region V tournament, to be held this weekend in Odessa. They open play at 11:30 a.m. Saturday vs. Midland College, which finished the season as WJACAC champions.

The winner of the regional tournament qualifies for the junior college national tournament, to be held in St. George, Utah starting May 20.

"We've just been uneven this year," HC Coach Kelly Raines said. "We'll play good one game and not so good the next."

Regardless, Raines said the Hawks have a realistic chance to qualify for the national tournament.

"We've got a great chance to pull it together this weekend," she said. "When we play the way we're capable of, we can play with anybody."

Steers to face Randall in playoffs

The Big Spring Steers will face Canyon Randall in a best-of-three series to open the Class 4A state baseball playoffs this weekend.

The Steers (9-18, fourth in District 4-4A) and Randall (25-3, first in District 3-4A) will play the first game of their series at 7 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field on the Texas Tech campus. The series then shifts to the Lubbock High School Field on North University — Game 2 will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday and the third game, if necessary, will follow.

Lady Buffs open playoffs vs. Lockney

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes will open defense of their Class 1A softball title when they face Lockney in a one-game playoff Thursday.

Forsan, which finished eighth in the final state poll conducted by the Texas High School Softball Coaches

Association, will face Lockney at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Lubbock Christian University field just off 19th Street in Lubbock.

Former boyfriend held in lacrosse player's death

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Yeardley Love was entering the best time of her life.

The woman from Cockeysville, Md., who said she always dreamed of playing lacrosse at Virginia, was only weeks from earning a degree and she and her teammates were expecting to end their season by winning a national championship.

It ended Monday morning when Love was found dead in her apartment.

Hours later, police took George Huguely, a senior on the Cavaliers men's lacrosse team, into custody, charging him with first-degree murder. They gave no details of how the 22-year-old died, or why, but said the two had been in a relationship at some point.

Huguely, also 22, of Chevy Chase, Md., emerged quickly as the prime suspect in the case, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said, but did not say why.

Huguely was being held in the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail.

Venus Williams advances in Rome

ROME (AP) — Venus Williams has won her first match in a month, defeating Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 6-2, 6-2 at the Italian Open.

A knee problem had sidelined the fourth-seeded Williams since losing the Key Biscayne final.

She was broken by Schnyder on her first service game in each set Tuesday, but then went on to hold serve and break the Swiss veteran six times. She saved three break points before serving out the match at the Foro Italico.

Commish stands behind officer who Tasered teen fan

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's police commissioner says an officer acted appropriately when he used a Taser on a juvenile fan that ran onto the field during a Phillies game.

Philadelphia police Commissioner Charles Ramsey tells KYW-AM that the 17-year-old fan had no business on the field and the officer's use of force was appropriate.

The teen ran on the field in the bottom of the eighth inning of Monday night's game against St. Louis.

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Suns down San Antonio

PHOENIX (AP) — Finally, Phoenix has beaten San Antonio in a Game 1.

Win three more, and maybe those images of playoffs past — Steve Nash's bloodied nose, Robert Horry's hip-check of Nash into the scoring table, Bruce Bowen kicking Nash in the groin, and Tim Duncan's one and only 3-point basket of the 2007-08 season — will fade into history.

After resting his strained right hip for three days, Nash had 33 points and 10 assists, and the Suns fought off third- and fourth-quarter rallies Monday night to win 111-102 in the opener of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Phoenix.

"You can't get too excited," the Suns' Amare Stoudemire said. "They're a team with a great pedigree that knows how to come back in a series."

Any concern that Nash would be slowed by the injury was erased in a hurry. He made his five shots, including an array of twisting, swiveling drives to the hoop, and had 17 points when the first quarter ended.

"He ran it down our throat," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Jason Richardson scored 27 and Stoudemire had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Suns.

Manu Ginobili, tape across his broken nose, scored 27, Tony Parker 26 and Duncan 20 for the Spurs, who had won three straight Game 1s against the Suns, two of them in Phoenix.

Both of those times, in 2005 and 2007, the Spurs went on to win the NBA title.

"We put this one on ourselves," Duncan said. "We didn't react very well and they jumped on us right out of the gates."

Still, the Spurs stayed within striking distance, and the situation seemed ripe for another of those San Antonio daggers to the Suns' heart.

Twice San Antonio rallied from 14 back, with a 12-0 run in the third quarter and a 13-0 burst on Ginobili's Phoenix's lead to 94-93 on Ginobili's 7-foot runner with 4:26 to go in the game. Each time, the Suns didn't crumble.

"That's really frustrating when that happens," Ginobili said, "especially the second time. ... Against these guys, with the level of confidence they're playing at, you just can't blink."

Nash hurt his hip in a shootaround before Game 3 of the first-round series against Portland, and the injury bothered him greatly in the deciding Game 6 on Thursday. The team had Friday off, then he sat out practice Saturday and Sunday.

The rest did wonders.

"You never know what the game is going to present," Nash said. "You have to be willing and aggressive and do whatever you can. For me, I didn't know how I was going to feel physically, but dragging my leg around in Game 6 in Portland wasn't very fun and it was great to get out there and feel like I could do something."

The Spurs had to rely on their veteran big three, without much help, to stay in the game. George Hill managed just nine points on 2-of-9 shooting and struggled defensively. Richard Jefferson had five points and three rebounds in 33 minutes.

The Suns' star duo of Nash and Stoudemire got plenty of help from Rich-

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♣A 7 6 4

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♦K 6 5 4
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EAST

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♣Q J 9 5 3 2

SOUTH

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The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♥	Dble	3♦(!)	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♣

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Good bidding

often finds its reward during the play. Here is an unusual case where East-West cooperated perfectly in both the bidding and play to defeat four spades.

After East opened with one heart, South doubled, West bid two hearts, and North doubled. In the partnership's style, North's double in this sequence was not intended for penalties; rather, it was "responsive," asking his partner to choose a suit.

East thereupon made the key bid of three diamonds. He realized — both from the strong bidding by North-South and from West's two-heart bid denoting a relatively weak hand — that his opponents had the balance of power. East therefore bid three diamonds in an effort to pave the way to the best defense.

One round later, four spades became the final contract. West led a diamond — the suit his partner had bid secondarily — and this proved to be the only way to score four tricks. East ruffed and, mindful of his partner's raise in hearts, underled his A-K-Q in order to put West back on lead. West won with the jack and played a second diamond for East to ruff.

East shifted to the queen of clubs, which did declarer no harm, but South still had to lose a diamond to West's king and so finished down one. It was a bitter pill for North-South to swallow, and it was made all the more so by the knowledge that five diamonds was cold against any defense.

However, what's bad for one side is usually good for the other, and East-West had every right to congratulate themselves on a first-rate performance.

Tomorrow: Threading the needle.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun and Mars square off in an aspect that affects the coming days. Mars is a strongly felt influence — this passionate red planet gets our emotions raging in a way that's hard to ignore. The good news is, even "negative" emotions, such as frustration, jealousy and anger, can have positive results when processed in a healthy way.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19).

You'll point out the thing that everyone is thinking and get a mixed response to it. Some will laugh because they know you speak the truth. Others will pretend they can't relate, and yet your message gets through on some level.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20).

When you bite off more than you can chew, you put yourself at risk of choking. Take small bites today and you'll still get it all done. Cut your tasks into tiny chunks, and savor each one.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21).

Those who enjoy testing the limits will test yours today and have a lot of fun watching your reaction.

Here's an idea: Don't react. Most people eventually stop pushing the button that appears not to be working.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22).

You'll be buoyed by things that are "good for you." Somehow, this comes about in a way that is not boring to you at all. You'll even be strangely satisfied by light meals and healthy foods.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22).

You are fiercely loyal and protective of your domain. Today you'll be on guard against anyone who dares to move in on your relationships, work or ideas. The person who unwittingly crosses into your territory is to be pitied.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

New information is not inherently bad or good. Take all input at face value. Be extra vigilant not to put your own dramatic spin on things. Premature conclusions lead to absurd reasoning.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Your analytical skills are on overdrive, and you're probably getting too much input to process in a rational

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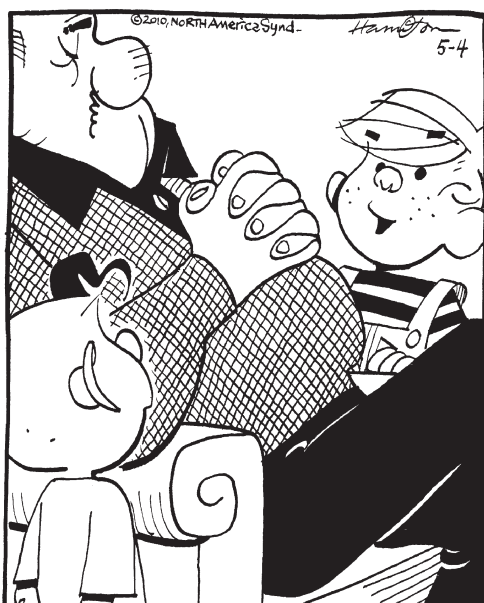
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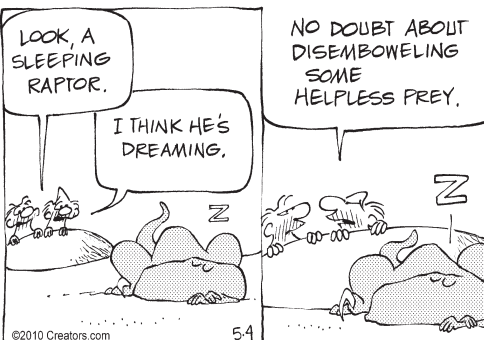
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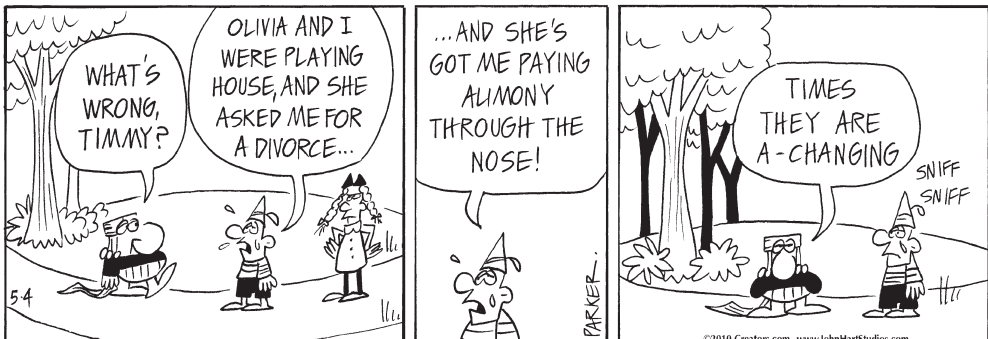


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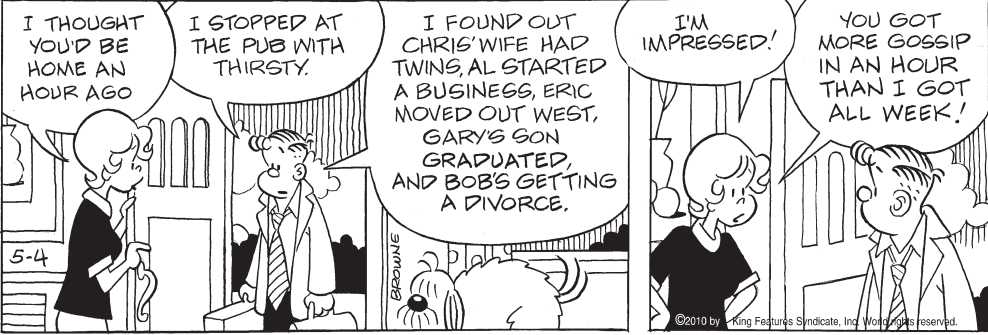
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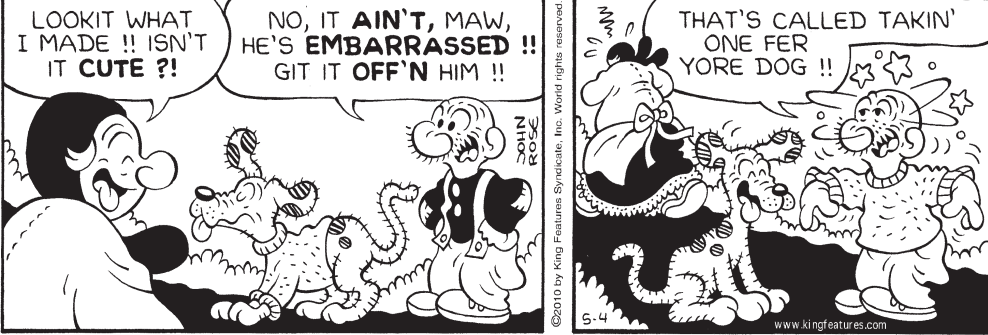
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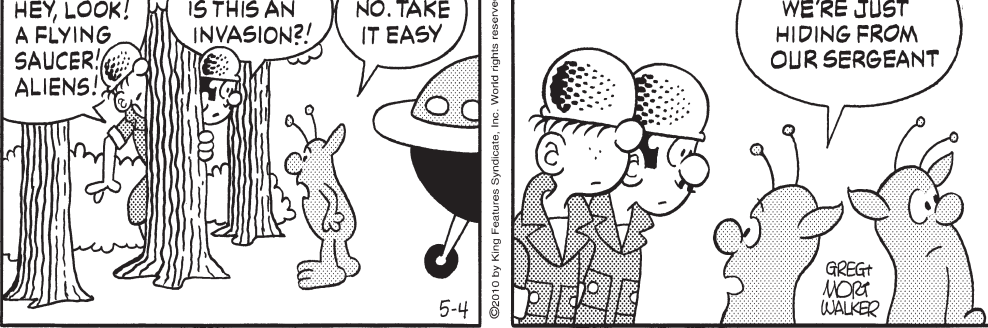
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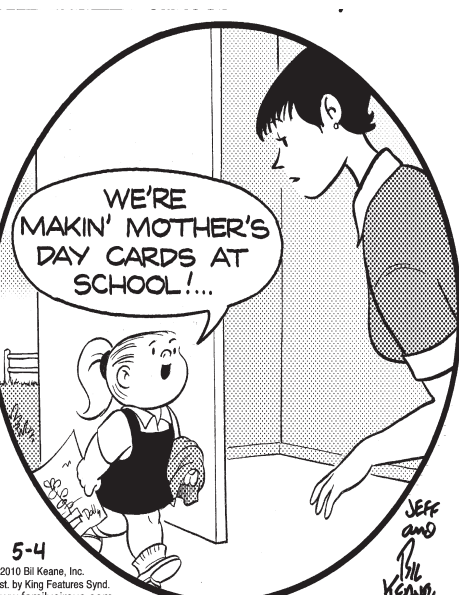
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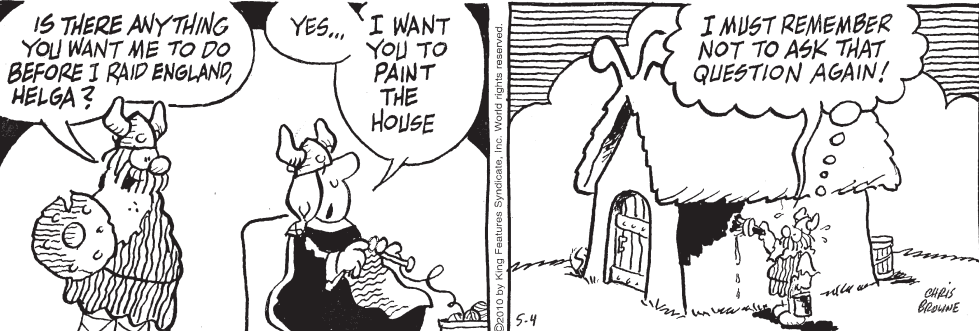


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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 4, the 124th day of 2010. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others. (Two of the students who died, Allison Krause and Jeffrey Miller, had been participating in the demonstration while the other two, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder, were passersby en route to their next classes.)

On this date: In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal.

In 1916, responding to a

demand from President Woodrow Wilson, Germany agreed to limit its submarine warfare. (However, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.)

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

In 1946, a two-day riot at Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay ended, the violence having claimed five lives.

In 1961, a group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C. for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

Today's Birthdays: The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 82. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 80. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 73. Rock musician

Dick Dale is 73. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 68. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 66. Actor Richard Jenkins is 63. Country singer Stella Parton is 61. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 60. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 60. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Oleta Adams is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sharon Jones is 54. Country singer Randy Travis is 51. Actress Mary McDonough is 49. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 43. Actor Will Arnett is 40. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 38. Contemporary Christian singer Chris Tomlin is 38.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS	DOWN		
1 Orbiter with a tail	1 Salon tool	63 Bargain hunter's delight	6 Stopwatch or hourglass
6 Like skyscrapers	2 Whitish gemstone	64 Old-floor sound	7 Hold precious
10 Widespread	3 Prefix for bucks	65 Song for one person	8 Meadowslands
14 Musical drama	4 Ireland nickname	66 Quick haircut	9 Not punctual for
15 Creative thought	5 Bring down on a football field	67 "Me too"	10 Nullify the bank payment
16 Waffle topping		68 Difficult journey	11 Choir members
17 Illusionist's act		69 Stage-show backgrounds	12 Take by force
18 Castle protection		70 Frolics	13 Sound quality
19 Pack ___ (quit)			21 Electrical unit
20 Unrhymed poetry			25 Suffix for major
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26 Amazing thing			29 Dreamy gaze
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31 Thomas ___ Edison			33 Rabbit relative
32 Ten Commandments pronoun			34 Bullfight shout
35 Rosebush sticker			36 Verbal exam
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43 Rein, for one			
44 Fishing-line holder			
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Harden paces Rangers to 4-2 win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rich Harden clocked 96 mph on the radar gun and located his pitches at last, looking like his old self again. He surprised the unexpected Oakland Athletics, all right.

Harden struck out a season-high nine in seven scoreless innings and dominated his former team, leading the first-place Texas Rangers to their season-best fourth straight win with a 4-2 victory over the A's on Monday night.

Harden (2-1), the hard-throwing righty who spent his first 5½ big league seasons in Oakland, didn't allow a hit until Rajai Davis' one-out double down the left-field line in the sixth. He gave up two hits in all and didn't walk a batter for the first time in his six starts.

"It's nice," Harden said. "I haven't been myself lately. This is what I want to continue here on out, this feeling."

Justin Smoak homered, Michael Young had an RBI double, Josh Hamilton singled in a run and Ryan Garko added an RBI groundout in the Rangers' fifth straight road win.

The dismal crowd of 8,874 was the A's lowest since they drew 6,295 against Seattle on April 3, 2003.

Smoak led off the ninth against Jerry Blevins with his second homer of the year, then Kevin Kouzmanoff put the A's on the board with a two-run homer in the bot-

tom of the ninth off Frank Francisco. Neftali Feliz relieved and recorded the final three outs for his sixth save in seven chances.

Until Davis' hit, Eric Chavez was the lone baserunner to reach against Harden — and on a controversial play in the second.

Chavez was initially called out at first even though it looked like Harden missed the base after fielding the grounder and handling the play himself. A's manager Bob Geren rushed out to argue and the call was overturned, prompting Texas manager Ron Washington to come out and argue. He was quickly ejected for the second time this year. Harden was charged with an error.

"It actually helped me. It got me going," Harden said. "I did barely nick the base, but I can see how the umpires didn't see it that way. I should have stepped on the middle of the bag. It was a mistake by me and shouldn't happen. I kind of got mad at myself."

Washington expected a warm reception in his first trip back to Oakland since admitting in March during spring training that he tried cocaine one time last season and failed a Major League Baseball drug test. Washington was the A's beloved third-base coach for 11 years.

"I think the fans love me," he said. They cheered madly, but only after Washington was tossed by crew chief Joe West.

West said the umpires gathered to go over the play and decided Harden had missed first base — and that Washington isn't allowed to argue once the crew has come together for a consultation.

"It showed me a lot by asking and they actually got the play right," Geren said.

Washington wound up watching from his clubhouse office, saying: "It's the hardest thing I've ever had to do as a manager in a ballgame, especially after the second inning. ... You tell me Bobby Geren can argue and I can't come argue? I said something I shouldn't have."

Diamondbacks beat Astros to end 3-game skid

HOUSTON (AP) — After he labored through almost 60 pitches in the first two innings against the Houston Astros on Monday night it was difficult to imagine Cesar Valdez would stick around long enough to earn a win in his major league debut.

But the right-hander settled down after that shaky start to get the victory in the Arizona Diamondbacks' 9-1 rout of the slumping Astros.

Chris Snyder hit a long three-run homer and Chris Young had three hits and drove in three runs for the Diamondbacks, who snapped a three-game skid and sent Houston to its seventh straight defeat.

Valdez (1-0) was called up from Triple-A Reno on Monday and allowed one run in five innings. He gave up five hits and walked three.

"I was impressed how he was able to hold it together, especially those first two innings," Arizona manager A.J. Hinch said.

"They made him work. He threw a lot of pitches in the first, minimized damage with the double play, collected himself and went out and got into trouble again and got through it.

"Keeping us there was probably the best thing he could have done to get his confidence going, get his rhythm going, let him know that he belongs here and he can get some outs."

Hinch was impressed with the work of both Snyder, whose two-out shot in the fourth gave Arizona a 4-1 lead, and Young, who are both from Houston.

"I told (them) both, it's their town," Hinch said. "So they can carry us through this four-game series if they feel up for it.

"Those of us from Oklahoma don't brag too much about Texas, but I like my Texas boys tonight."

Houston starter Felipe Paulino (0-4) yielded five hits and four runs in six innings. He thought he did OK except for the home run by Snyder.

"It was pretty bad location," Paulino said. "It was the only bad mistake I made all night, and they made me pay."

Paulino didn't get much help from his offense. The punchless Astros have scored more than two runs only once during their current losing streak.

"The guys are starting to put better at-bats together, and the hits, those big hits are going to come," manager Brad Mills said.

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ardson, who kept up his torrid playoff pace. Richardson has scored at least 27 in four of seven playoff games this season. Richardson had a 3-pointer to tie it after the Spurs had rallied to

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there was great energy in the building. Our fans deserved it and we've got to look for more of the same next game."

NOTES: The Suns have won three out of four against San Antonio this season, all three wins came in Phoenix. ... Suns C Robin Lopez says he isn't ready yet to return but expects to

placing second in their preliminary heat with a time of 43.55.

Individually, Johnson will compete in both the 100 and 200-meter finals, after qualifying with times of 11.16 and 22.21, respectively, in Friday's

opening heats. His time in the 200 run set a FHS record, Coach Gary Huckabee siad.

Michael Mims, also competing in the 200 run, did not qualify for today's finals.

The Forsan Lady Bufaloes will have several athletes competing in event finals today, including Ambra Hill, who qualified for both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles with times of 15.42 and 47.16, respectively. Her time in the 110 event was a new school record, Coach Robert Hillger said.

Also competing today will be Amanda Longorio in the discus and Shelby Jones in the pole vault.

The 400-meter relay team of Hill, Morgan Forshee, Shelbie Hudgins and Bresha Randle were eliminated in preliminary competition. Also, Hill and Longorio, competing in the long jump and shot put, respectively, fell short of qualifying for state.

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